



Members enjoying Winterfest on Sun Lake.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Note: Not all events are listed on this and other DFCSA calendars. If you are planning an event and wish to check the availability of a specific facility on a certain date, please call Karen Pye (248-926-6219).

St. Urho's Day, 2013

Come one, come all, to the March 16 celebration of the chasing of grasshoppers out of Finland by the legendary St. Urho. We have a *new* menu, *new* games—but the same *great* DJ, Kerry, playing the hits.

The party starts at 8:00 p.m. in the Clubroom, with a \$5 cover charge at the door.

Wear your *purple* and *green* (or risk being penalized)!

Come and join us for the crowning of the new king and queen for 2013! We hope to see you there.



Greg Peltó and Linda Gooden, our St. Urho's king and queen for 2012, at their coronations.

CALENDAR SNAPSHOT

March

- 7—Future Planning Committee, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom
- 9—Recreation Committee, 8:30 p.m., Clubroom
- 10—Forest Management, 10:00 a.m., pole barn
- 13—Sisterhood Committee, 6:30 p.m., Clubroom
- 16—**St. Urho's Party**, 8:00 p.m., Clubroom
- 24—Board meeting, 10:00 a.m., Boardroom, visitors at noon

April

- 21—Photo day, 2:00 p.m., Clubroom
- 28—**Annual Membership Meeting**, registration starts 11:00 a.m., meeting begins at noon, Clubroom

Winterfest 2013

A huge “thank you” to all who helped make Winterfest 2013 a great success. Special thanks go to Jim Santti, the Chili Master. Denise and Mike Neimasz (Meghan and Melissa, too) gave tireless help at the beach and took on the mega job of selling buttons. Thanks to Karl Aro for being the sauna keeper, and to Tammie King, Reino Solin and Erick Leskinen for the awesome buttons. Thank you, Ginger Wing, for selling buttons in the Clubroom, and Robyn Jokinen and Kim Zeigler for handling the raffle ticket sales. A special thanks to the judges and everyone who made generous donations to the raffle.

Let’s not forget the bartenders, Linda Gooden and Joni Sennhenn. And a big “thank you” to the guys who made the hole in the ice. Greg Pelto, Sally Evans, and Marty Boatman helped in the kitchen. Special thanks to the Recreation Committee and Martin B., Jessica B., Alea P., Ethan P., David T. and Raelyn A for the beautiful ice candles. This event could not happen without everyone’s help, and to all who stepped in to help when they saw a need: a huge thank you. More than 200 people attended this Winterfest, and we had over 60 polar dippers.

The winners of the Chili Cook-off were First Place—Pat Alfaiz, Second Place—Jesse and Wyatt Evans, Third Place—Sally Evans. Thanks again to everyone for helping and attending Winterfest 2013.
—Sherry Kurin



These polar dippers, young and old, seem to be having last-minute thoughts before testing the waters of Sun Lake during Winterfest 2013.



A six-pointed evergreen star on Sun Lake.

You can help . . .

. . . us serve you better. Your Newsletter Committee would like to hear from you about possible improvements:

What have we been missing—which subjects have we not been covering, or not as well as we could? For example, could you send in “Member Spotlight” articles? (See the box on page 4.) And our “Blast from the Past” photos have been popular. Could you contribute such a photo and brief captioning? How is the “look and feel” of the newsletter, as far as you are concerned? We changed the way the columns of text flow to make it easier to read. But can you suggest other ways to make the newsletter more readable and attractive?

Are you finding the online edition to be easily accessible? Any improvements we could make?

If you receive the print version, can you suggest any changes, apart from the necessity of printing it in black and white?

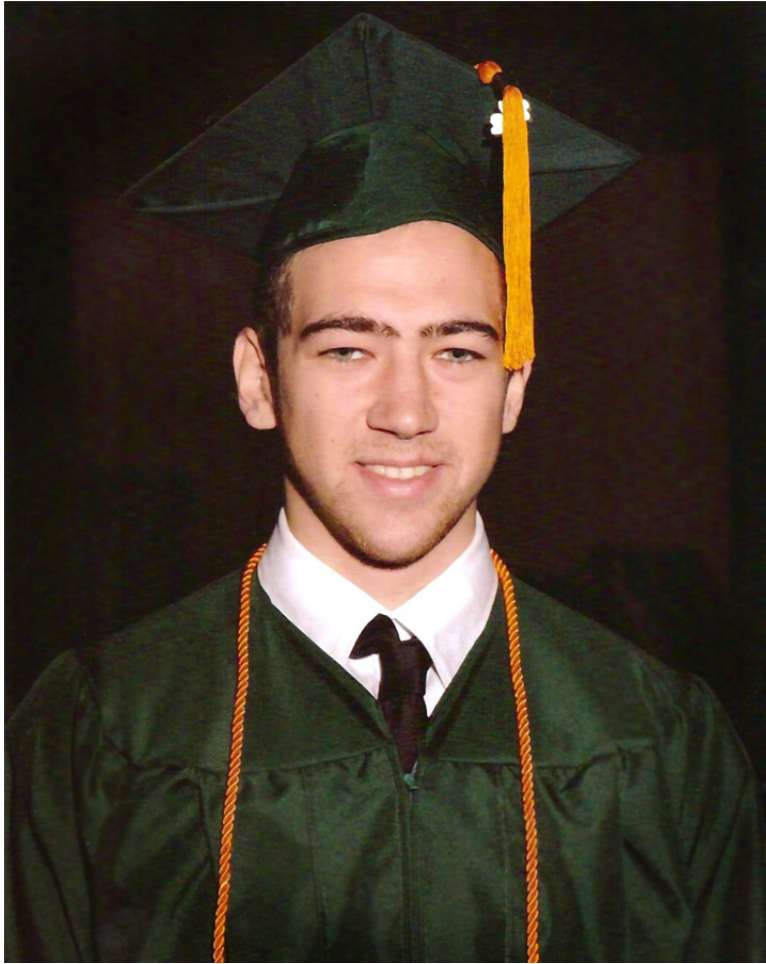
The Newsletter Committee would be happy to hear from you about these or other such items.

Email:

newsletter_editor@finncamp.org

Mail: D.F.C.S.C.A., 2524 Loon Lake Rd., Wixom, MI 48393. Or approach someone on the committee (shaded box, page 5). Thanks for helping!

Scholarship Recipient: Braden (Brady) Linick



I've just graduated, in December, from Northern Michigan University in Marquette. I earned a B.S. degree, cum laude, from the College of Arts & Sciences. My major was electronic journalism, which is a broadcast/writing degree, and I had a minor in music.

My major ranged anywhere from live television and radio broadcasting to audio and video production and on to creative, technical or business writing. I hope to land a job where I can write and be creative, but I've really enjoyed everything I've learned, and working in any of the fields listed above will make me happy.

At NMU, I played in a band that recorded some tracks and performed at most bars in Marquette. Music is my passion.

I greatly appreciate the support I have received from the Finn Camp. I'm constantly trying to stay motivated, and the scholarship really did help—thank you for that.

This is the fifth in a series of seven articles highlighting Finn Camp Scholarship Fund recipients. The Scholarship Committee continues to seek new applicants. See "Board Notes and Reminders" at the end of this newsletter for application information.

There's a Lot in Store for You!



Shop the Finn Camp Store, in the Clubroom, whatever the season! We have t-shirts, hats, hoodies, koozies, and Finnish CDs. For access to the store during off hours, call Patti Leppi, at 248-921-1432, or email her at pleppi@att.net.

Free "CLASSIFIED" Ads

All members are invited to list here any services—for pay or barter—that they would like to advertise. Whether it's a service such as handyman or seamstress or pet care, or seasonal activities like garage sales, we will be listing these in upcoming newsletters. All you have to do is provide—via your business card or information you supply by mail or email to the newsletter editor (see the box on the last page) the following information: The type of service offered; a description of just what you do as the service provider; your price (hourly rate, job rate, to be negotiated, or whatever); your name; and your contact information (preferred method and times: phone, email, etc.). Total length, including spaces, should not exceed 50 words, not counting the headings. (Overlength copy will be edited for fit.) The deadline is the same as the date for newsletter copy: the 15th of each month.

Camp for Sale

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A “Photo Op” Not to Be Missed

Come one, come all, and share your pictures of days gone by. Let's go through those great old photos, slides and movies of Finn Camp activities that we have stashed away. This gathering might also give us a chance to look back and start to put together a memory book that could become a valued keepsake for years to come. We may be able to have a copier on hand to share each other's pictures if we wish. This event would be held at the Clubroom on Sunday, April 21, at 2:00 p.m. and could be turned into a potluck dinner also. If you have suggestions, ideas or might be able to help, please call Kari Aro at 248-624-6183.

Annual Membership Meeting

The annual membership meeting will be held Sunday, April 28, in the Clubroom. Registration begins at 11:00 a.m. and the meeting begins at noon. All members are encouraged to mark this date and plan on attending. Many important Finn Camp issues, such as a review of the Association's bylaws, are discussed and voted on. Your participation is most welcome and encouraged.

More Lore: Saltwater and Freshwater Finns

Carol Melancon recently provided us with an excerpt from Herman Melville's *Omoo: A Narrative of the South Seas* (1847):

“It is a circumstance not generally known, perhaps, that among seamen, Finns are regarded with peculiar superstition. For some reason or other which I could not get at, they are supposed to possess the gift of second sight, and the power to wreak supernatural vengeance upon those who offend them. On this account they have great influence among sailors.”

Whether or not the freshwater Finns who served on the Great Lakes had any special gifts or powers, they had their own influence. A friend in Laurium has told us yarns about shipping out on the freighter *Edmund Fitzgerald* until not long before it foundered in Lake Superior and went down with all 29 hands in November 1975. And Bob Siira, of the Finn Camp founding family the Laitinens, served on a variety of lakes freighters before retiring to his farm south of Hancock.

Attention, Kids:

The Recreation Committee is looking for program ideas for the coming season. We could use your input. What activities would you like to participate in this year?

Last year, the Recreation Committee held a tie-dyeing session, an amazing race, rock painting and a Wii dance party, along with the Children's Weekend and Halloween and Christmas parties.

Possible activities: A campout (in tents, at Loon Lake), horseback riding, a visit to the Howell Nature Center animal exhibit, zipline or rock climbing, a movie night, a science night, arts and crafts, a canoe trip—just to name a few ideas. Please email us with your ideas, to a dedicated address that will soon be set up here (watch for further notice).

Articles Wanted— Member Spotlight

Do you have a favorite memory of growing up in the Finn Camp you'd like to share? Perhaps you have an interesting story of Finn Camp history. Member spotlight articles are especially interesting. Please send a few paragraphs, preferably with a photograph, to: newsletter_editor@finncamp.org

The committee is always seeking fun and interesting stories from members.

Need a Seamstress?

Call Cindi Maddick for all your alterations, custom work and mending at 248-303-7337.

Cords of Firewood for Sale

\$50 for members and nonmembers.
Delivery extra.

Slab Wood for Sale

Slab wood for sale for \$5 each may be found near the pole barn.
Contact Mike Honka, ph. 248-860-5109.

Ideas for fundraising are also welcome. A few years ago, some of the kids held a concert and sold lemonade in the west-side camps. The lemonade, a cooler and the cups were donated by the Bar Committee. If any other committees might be interested in helping out with any such events, please send an email stating your interest. —Recreation Committee

From the Auditors

The Finn Camp Store, Recreation Committee and Sisterhood are required to turn in their financial records for the year to any one of the auditors (Joe Santti, Mary Johnson, Ed Elkhill, Sam Dernberger), or give them to a board member to put on the Boardroom table. We need the inventory from the store and the financial records from both the Sisterhood and the Recreation Committee. We will have them back to you as soon as we can. Please indicate how much money you have in cash. Thank you for your cooperation. —Sam Dernberger

BOARD NOTES AND REMINDERS

The board is accepting applications for the Beach Manager position. Please submit your application in writing to the board if you are interested.

For members who have suggestions, comments or board-related business, please send an email to board@finncamp.org. You may also contact Works Administrators Kevin Homola, Don Matt or Denny Sennhenn at this email address.

The Scholarship Committee is seeking applicants. Scholarship application forms are available at the beach, in the Clubroom and through Millie Packard (248-554-9998) or emailing scholarships@finncamp.org.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Future Planning Committee

Thursday, March 7, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom

Recreation Committee

Saturday, March 9, 8:30 p.m., Clubroom

Forest Management Committee

Sunday, March 10, 10:00 a.m., pole barn

Sisterhood

Wednesday, March 13, 6:30 p.m., Clubroom

Board of Directors

Sunday, March 24, 10:00 a.m., visitors at noon

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