



Ring-billed gull, in winter plumage, over Loon Lake.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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



St. Urho's Day 2013

At the St. Urho's Day party in the Clubroom, on Saturday, March 16, Mike Jokinen was crowned king and Mattie O'Brien queen for 2013. They succeeded Greg Pelto and Linda Gooden. Quite a coup for Mike and Mattie, though it was a peaceful one (except for the party in the background).

CALENDAR SNAPSHOT

April

- 4—Future Planning Committee, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom
- 12—Sisterhood Committee, 7:00 p.m., Clubroom
- 13—Recreation Committee, 8:30 p.m., Clubroom
- 14—Forest Management, 10:00 a.m., pole barn
- 19—Voima Boys' first game, 6:15 p.m., Aho Field; Friday Night Grill open, 6:00 p.m.
- 21—Photo day, 2:00 p.m., Clubroom
- 21—Board meeting, 10:00 a.m., Boardroom. No visitors except applicants for membership.
- 28—**Annual Membership Meeting**, registration starts 11:00 a.m., meeting begins at noon, Clubroom

May

- 2—Future Planning Committee, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom
- 11—Sisterhood Committee, 7:00 p.m., Ravintola
- 11—Recreation Committee, 8:30 p.m., Clubroom
- 18—Sisterhood Breakfast and Market Craft Day, 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m., Clubroom and Dancehall
- Board meeting to be announced.

Play Ball!

Friday, April 19, marks the opener for the Voima Boys softball team (6:15 p.m., the Aho Field) and the Friday Night Grill (6:00 p.m.) Come out and see the queen pitch to the king! Look for the season schedule to come soon via email.

Scholarship Recipient: Gina Parisi



I have many things to be thankful for, and Finn Camp is one of them. Growing up spending every summer at Finn Camp has provided me with lifelong friends, a sense of community and an opportunity to embrace my Finnish heritage. It's a place I can go to escape the stressors from work and school. I am so thankful for the love and support Finn Camp has always provided and I am very grateful for the scholarship.

I studied Communication and Business at Oakland University. After four and a half years, I graduated in December 2011 with my bachelor's degree in Communication. Since January 2012 I have been studying Sign Language Interpreting at Oakland Community College. Next spring, I will be preparing to take my state certification exam to become a certified Sign Language Interpreter. Once I am certified I will have the opportunity to work for interpreting agencies as a freelance interpreter or work for a school district, hospital or any business that desires an on-staff interpreter.

I don't know where I would be today without the support of my family and friends. Thank you, Finn Camp, for everything.

—Gina Parisi, a *future Sign Language Interpreter*

This is the sixth in our series of 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.

You can help . . .

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

What have we been missing—which subjects have we not been covering, or not as well as we could? Could you send in "Member Spotlight" articles? (See page 5.) 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? Can you suggest ways to make the newsletter more readable and attractive?

Are you finding the online edition easily accessible?

If you receive the print version, can you suggest any changes, apart from having to print it in black and white?

Condolences: Please supply the name, approximate date of death and information about how the decedent is a member of the Finn Camp community. A returnable photo would be appreciated.

Email the Newsletter Committee at: newsletter_editor@finncamp.org. Or mail to D.F.C.S.C.A., 2524 Loon Lake Rd., Wixom, MI 48393.

Or approach someone on the committee (see page 6). Thank you.

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 opens at noon. All members are encouraged to mark this date and plan on attending. Many important Finn Camp issues, such as a review of some of the Association's bylaws, are to be discussed and voted on. Your participation is most welcome and encouraged.

FinnFest USA 2013

This year's FinnFest, over June 19–23 in Hancock, will feature art displays throughout the festival area, which is on the campus of Finlandia University. There will be much more, however: interpretive exhibits in the surrounding communities, a lecture series, workshops, demonstrations, numerous musical performances, sporting events, a genealogy focus, a business forum, an education symposium, bonfires, and a wealth of music, food and fun.

Finn Campers who were around two summers ago may remember that in conjunction with the FinnFest held in Sault St. Marie that year we hosted here the eminent Helsinki journalist and photographer Vesa Oja and his wife Päivi. The two have since collaborated on a photo history of North America's Finns called *Finglish*, which is planned for release at this FinnFest. (Aalto ARTS Books/Mjusta Taide will publish it in Finland, and the Finnish Museum of Photography in Helsinki will feature it from May 8 to July 28.) It will be interesting to see if the Finn Camp or any of its members appear in this volume, which is the result of eight years' road trips to North America's Finnish communities. FinnFest housing at Finlandia is already booked up, but local motels and hotels will likely have vacancies. For more information about the festival and to register for it, visit www.finnfestusa2013.org or call 906-370-3110. Because activities are being added as festival time approaches, revisit the website occasionally and make changes or additions to your program as new events are confirmed.

The basic registration cost is \$100. Then costs per event range from \$5 for dances and musical performances to \$20 for many of the local boat and bus tours, on up to \$50 for longer tours and \$75 for the golf tourney. Detailed prices are given at the website.



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.

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The Katrillit Dancers of Lake Worth, Fla., performing March 3 for the spring meeting of the Suncoast Finnish-American Society in Pinellas Park. Among those enjoying the show were Philip Johnson, president of Finlandia University in Hancock, the site of FinnFest USA 2013.

Help Preserve Our Finn Camp Heritage— Photographically

Come to the Clubroom on Sunday, April 21, at 2:00 p.m. 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 could 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 pictures. This event could also be turned into a potluck dinner. If you have suggestions, ideas or might be able to help, please call Kari Aro at 248-624-6183.

More Lore: Finnish Icebreakers



The human form of icebreaker can be seen above as the Wixom fire department practiced ice rescues at Finn Camp's Sun Lake. The mechanical form of icebreaker is the icebreaking ship, some capable of opening up passages through ice nine feet thick. Finland has eight

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icebreakers. “The smallest of its aging fleet, the *Voima*, is the oldest active icebreaker in the world, entering service in 1954” (*Popular Mechanics*, December 2012).

And, finally, an icebreaker for your next party: It’s been said that drinking vodka over ice can cause kidney problems, drinking rum over ice liver problems, whiskey over ice heart problems, gin over ice brain problems. The real problem? Bad ice.

Wixom Household Hazardous Waste Day

In your spring cleaning, are you finding household hazardous waste items like cleaners, paints, herbicides, insecticides and solvents?

You can safely dispose of such materials on Saturday, April 13, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Wixom’s Department of Public Works, 2041 Charms Road, off Wixom Road. Residents from throughout the area may also bring up to 100 pounds of sensitive documents to be shredded on site. For more information on scheduling, go to <http://www.rrrasoc.org/RRRASOC/waste/schedule.html>.

Sisterhood Breakfast and Market Craft Day

The Finn Camp Sisterhood is hosting another delicious Breakfast and Market Craft Day, on Saturday, May 18, in the Clubroom and Dancehall, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. We are looking for vendors to sell homemade crafts and clever treasures. The vendor fee is \$10 for members and \$20 for nonmembers. Please reserve your tables in advance. Contact Tammie at 248-624-6691 for details. Come out and enjoy a day at the Finn Camp!

BOARD NOTES AND REMINDERS

The works administrators are looking for someone to clean the furnace room at the Clubroom. We need to have the room spick-and-span before our annual inspection with the fire department. We are also looking for someone to power wash and scrub the restrooms and showers in camp country prior to the official opening of camps. Please contact any of the works administrators if you are interested in tackling one of these projects.

The board is now accepting applications for the 2013 Beach Manager. There is a locked dropbox located inside the west Clubroom entrance in which to place applications.

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 the committee at scholarships@finncamp.org.

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.

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.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Board of Directors

Sunday, April 21, 10:00 a.m. No visitors except applicants for membership.

Future Planning Committee

Thursday, April 4, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom

Recreation Committee

Saturday, April 13, 8:30 p.m., Clubroom

Forest Management Committee

Sunday, April 14, 10:00 a.m., pole barn

Sisterhood

Friday, April 12, 7:00 p.m., Clubroom

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