



Loon Lake sunset. Photo by Tammie King.

## 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).*

### Annual Harvest Dinner

The Bar Committee-sponsored potluck Harvest Dinner will be held on Saturday, November 2, from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the Clubroom. The committee will provide the turkeys, mashed potatoes and stuffing. Please bring your favorite side dish or dessert to pass.

### Fall Talkoo

The fall *talkoo* is Finn Camp's annual tradition of its members coming together to prepare the grounds for the winter. Please come out for this event, which is a sociable occasion as well as being task oriented. All ages are invited to join in. Free *mojakka* and a complimentary sauna will be provided for the workers. This year's *talkoo* will be held on Sunday, November 3, starting at 10:00 a.m. at the *Kenttä*. Remember to sign in at the Clubroom upon arrival.

### Holiday Extravaganza Gift Sale

You're invited to our holiday bazaar. Do your Christmas shopping early. Come and select from our arts, crafts, holiday gifts and treasures—this is more than a craft show! Our artists will be offering unique *handmade* items: Home

## CALENDAR SNAPSHOT

### November

- 2—Harvest Dinner, 3:00–6:00 p.m., Clubroom
- 3—**Annual Fall Talkoo**, 10:00 a.m., *Kenttä*
- 7—Future Planning Committee, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom
- 10—Forest Management Committee, 10:00 a.m.; meet at pole barn
- 16—Recreation Committee, 8:30 p.m., Clubroom
- 20–21—Holiday Extravaganza Gift Sale
- 24—Board meeting, 10 a.m.: visitors at noon

### December

- 5—Future Planning Committee, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom
- 6—Annual Sisu Sisters (Sisterhood) Spa Night, 7:00 p.m., Sauna
- 8—**Pikku Joul**, “**Little Christmas**” Children's Christmas Party, 1:00–5:00 p.m., Clubroom
- 14—Board meeting, 7:00 p.m., no visitors
- 14—**Adult Christmas Party**, 8:00 p.m., Clubroom
- 15—Forest Management, 10:00 a.m., pole barn
- 21—Recreation Committee, 8:30 p.m., Clubroom
- 31—**New Year's Eve Party**, 9:00 p.m., Clubroom

décor, arrangements, wreaths, wearable art, including beautiful jewelry. You will find many beautifully crafted holiday gift items, wonderful edibles and one-of-a-kind treasures to fit every budget! Join us on Wednesday, November 20, and Thursday the 21<sup>st</sup> from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Clubroom. Call Kari Aro, 248-624-6183, with any questions.

### **Annual Spa Night**

The Sisu Sisters—note the name change from “Sisterhood”—invite all ladies to the Fourth Annual Spa Night: Friday, December 6, from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m., at the sauna. Come relax with a free sauna, games, holiday punch and appetizers! For more information, contact Mary Burck at Mburck@mi.rr.com.

### **Association Christmas Card**

An association Christmas card will again this year be mailed to all members. You can add your name(s) to this card for \$5 per entry. Print your entry as you would like it to appear on the card. (For example, Mr. & Mrs. S. Urho; Joe, Betty, Fred, Carol & Sam S. Isu.) The deadline is December 8 at *Pikku Joulu*. Mail your request with a check in the appropriate amount made out payable to: DFCSCA, 2545 Loon Lake Rd., Wixom, MI 48393. Please write “Christmas card” on the lower left corner of your envelope. Anyone who might like to may submit a drawing of something appropriate for the front of the card. It must be camera-ready, in black and white. Any Finn Camp-associated scene shown decorated for the holidays would be suitable. Use the same deadline and address as above. Thanks to all participants.

—Karen Pype

### ***Pikku Joulu*, “Little Christmas”**

The annual Children’s Christmas celebration will be Sunday, December 8, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the Clubroom. Bring a dish to pass for the potluck lunch, and enjoy traditional *riisi puuro* (rice pudding). New members are asked to bring an unbreakable ornament, labeled with your name(s) and “2013,” to hang on the tree and add to our collection (one per family, please). Join the kids in a sing-along of our favorite holiday carols as we anxiously await a visit from Santa!

Starting Saturday, November 3, children can come to the Clubroom to practice their songs and a play for *Pikku Joulu*. Except for November 6, practices will be held during the month of November on Wednesdays and Saturdays, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. For further information, contact Angie Wendolowski at 248-513-0788 or mawendolowski@att.net.

For your child to participate in Santa’s gift bag, bring a wrapped gift with your child’s name, to be put under the tree. Please limit the cost of your gift to \$10–\$15. For further information or to earn some hours in setup or cleanup, contact Robyn Jokinen at 810-287-4591 or by email at rbjokinen@gmail.com.

—Sponsored by the Recreation Committee

### **Camps for Sale**



#### *Camp 103, West Side*

Charming cottage-style cabin with high-end materials: real stucco exterior, terra-cotta tile, Old World textured walls and ceiling. Under-cabin storage conceals yard tools, larger patio items. Fully decorated/furnished: ceiling fan, vinyl windows, bedside sconces, trundle bed (sleeps 4), all patio furnishings, gas grill, mini-fridge, microwave, electric fireplace, bistro table, 5 storage dressers for dishes, cooking utensils, linens, bedding—everything you need—just pack your clothes and come out for the weekend. For a tour or more information, call Crystal: 248- 421-3975.

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248-804-2886  
Please: No calls from  
nonmembers

### Adult Christmas Party

The adult Christmas Party is scheduled for Saturday, December 14, at 8:00 p.m. in the Clubroom. Please bring a passing dish or dessert and join in the holiday fun. Deli trays, condiments and coffee will be provided. A DJ will play Christmas music during dinner, then kick it up a notch afterward! —Sponsored by the Board

### More Lore: Most Honest City—Helsinki

The *Reader's Digest* recently ran a study to reveal which of certain international cities would have the most honest people. Their reporters “lost” a total of 192 wallets—12 in each of 16 cities—each one containing a name with a cellphone number, a family photo, coupons, and business cards, plus the equivalent of \$50. The wallets were deliberately “dropped” in parks, near shopping malls, and on sidewalks.

In Helsinki, 11 out of 12 wallets were returned, the best rate of all 16 cities studied (New York, the only U.S. city in the study, was fourth). Helsinki businessman Lasse Luomakoski, 27 years old, said when he found a wallet downtown, “Finns are naturally honest. . . . We have little corruption, and we don’t even run red lights.” In the working-class area of Kallio, a couple in their sixties said, “Of course we returned the wallet. Honesty is an inner conviction.”



### New “Light Rail System” Arrives at Finn Camp

An all-new custom-designed aluminum handrail was installed last month along the concrete path leading from the Clubroom entrance up to the Dance Hall. Board President Dan Linick was instrumental in securing the contract, on highly favorable terms. And Elaine Jacobson in particular is to be thanked for providing the bulk of the financing—in the name of her late husband, Jake Jacobson—for this much-needed improvement.

### 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.

### Sewing Lessons

Beginner to Intermediate.  
Clothing/Quilts and Crafts  
Contact Lori Aro for class times:  
248-321-6828

### Sherry's Sweet and Savory Pasties

Beef: \$4 each; Pulla: \$4 per loaf  
Call Sherry Kurin to place order:  
248-535-6022

### Cords of Firewood for Sale

\$50 for members and nonmembers.  
Delivery extra.

Contact Mike Honka,  
ph. 248-860-5109.

### Need a Seamstress?

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



## Lighter, Faster, Cheaper

In October, Finnish five-time world wife-carrying champion Taisto Miettinen and new partner Rita Sairanen won the 14th annual North American contest at Sunday River, Maine, in just over 48 seconds for the 278-yard course. They won Sairanen's weight in beer and five times her weight in cash, for \$445. Last year, Miettinen won the same event in 52.58 seconds, for \$530. This retirement plan, if that's what it is, may still need some tweaking.

## News from the Academic—and Culinary—Fronts



On Saturday, September 28, a well-attended Autumn Fest and *Mojakka* Cook-off served both the scholarship and food interests of Finn Campers. In only her second appearance in the cook-off, Joanie Sennhenn (*above, left*) won both a First Place *and* the People's Choice awards. (In what might be a useful hint to the other participants, Joanie revealed that she had started cooking three days before the contest.) Mary Barie (*center*) won Second Place, and Mattie O'Brien (*right*) took Third.

Millie Packard of the Scholarship Committee, sponsors of this fundraising event, said afterward that "we were very grateful to the *mojakka* entries. All were delicious, as evidenced by the empty crockpots! There were many who helped make the event a success, including Bev Jokinen. We are especially thankful to the musicians. Steve Niemi always puts on a good show."

He was accompanied by scholarship recipient and talented musician Dennis Burck and an accordionist who has played often at Finn Camp, Roger Juntunen Hewlett and his wife name Jonene, on whistle.

Millie continued, "Most importantly, we were pleased with the hungry crowd! We had both some current scholarship recipients and future applicants. The turnout was good and the evening was lots of fun. We really count on members to help the committee help our kids—we're really proud of them!"

Millie noted also that the Autumn Fest and cook-off aren't the only ways to contribute to the Scholarship Committee's funding.

The most recent scholarship recipients are William Allen and Becca Jokinen. Let's let them introduce themselves.

## Beverly Jokinen Graphic Artist

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## You Can Help

What have we been missing—for instance, we've begun asking here for information about new family members and new members (below, in **bold**). What else would you like to hear about?

**New Family Members:** Have you had a birth or adoption in the family since last month's newsletter? Let us know the name and parents' names and supply a photo (optional) so we can welcome the new one.

**New Members:** We'd like to introduce you properly to the rest of the membership. Could you supply us with a photo, and answer a few basic questions:

Are you the first of your family to become a member?

How did you connect with Finn Camp?

What do you hope to find here—children's programs, cultural events, outdoor activities?

Do you have a camp, or are you looking for one?

See below on how to reach us.

**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.

### **William Allen**



“I have been a member of the Finn Camp since 2008 but have been coming to the camps [since] way before that. I have enjoyed my time growing up here at the Finn Camp, and it is an experience I will never forget. I worked hard to get through high school and now attend the University of Michigan–Dearborn and am studying accounting. Thank you.” —William Allen

### **Becca Jokinen**



“I live in the Emmons Dorm at Central Michigan University studying Communication Disorders, specifically Speech Language Pathology. I really want to help people, and helping someone gain the ability to communicate would be especially rewarding. Originally, I wanted to work with deaf people after they receive cochlear implants to help them learn how to talk. Recently, however, my classes have opened my eyes to all of the possibilities available after earning a master’s degree in Speech Language Pathology. I am considering working in a hospital setting rehabilitating stroke patients, or maybe working with kids. Thanks, Scholarship Committee!” —Becca Jokinen

### **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](mailto:pleppi@att.net).

### **Lakes Area Bait Shop**

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LakesArea  
[BaitShop@Yahoo.com](mailto:BaitShop@Yahoo.com)  
Suppliers to the Finn Camp  
Fishing Derby

### **Semiannual Membership Meeting**

On Sunday, October 27, some 49 members (of 24 needed for a quorum) met to discuss the business of the Association. During the meeting, Tina Santti reported that the current membership number is 176.

On the financial front, Norma Dernberger reported for the internal auditors that we have maintained a status quo from the last report and noted separately that our investment program has in fact outperformed all but one of the major indexes. The membership voted to raise the fee for unworked hours, from the old \$15 per hour to \$17 an hour. Wayne Jokinen reported that the Bar Committee netted \$8,200 over the summer. Finn Fest netted \$9,766, despite being \$300 short of last year's income. Juhannus reported a profit of \$413 above last year's event, even with the absence of the car show this time. The Sisu Sisters earned \$400 on the beer tasting they sponsored, and Forest Management made \$475 since April.

The Work Administrators have much to be congratulated for: new gables on the *Kenttä*, the new railing running from the Clubroom up to the Dance Hall (see page 3), reconditioning the powerhouse, west-side bath house sprucing up, a new water heater and refrigerator in the summer kitchen, a farmhouse roof leak fixed, the pole barn cleaning reported in the October newsletter and three chemical treatments to Loon Lake's weeds targeting specific ones, in a program coordinated by Kevin Homola with Loon Lake Woods next door. Immediately noticeable effects included the presence of more fish and a decline in the mosquito population. The membership voted to continue the funding for this program. Further items discussed will be reported later.

### **BOARD NOTES AND REMINDERS**

For members who have suggestions, comments or board-related business, please send an email to [board@finncamp.org](mailto:board@finncamp.org). You may also contact Works Administrators Kevin Homola, Jim Santti or Denny Sennhenn at this email address.

### **BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

#### **Board of Directors**

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

#### **Future Planning Committee**

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

#### **Forest Management Committee**

Sunday, November 10, 10:00 a.m., meet at pole barn. All interested are encouraged to contact Michael Honka. (248-860-5109).

#### **Recreation Committee**

Saturday, November 16, 8:30 p.m., Clubroom

### **Finn Camp Newsletter**

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