



Having the Christmas tree on third saves Santa time on deliveries.

## 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 Pye (248-926-6219).*

### 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 [Mburch@mi.rr.com](mailto:Mburch@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. 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 Pye

## CALENDAR SNAPSHOT

### December

- 5—Future Planning Committee, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom
- 6—Annual Sisu Sisters (Sisterhood) Spa Night, 7:00 p.m., Sauna
- 7—Pikku Joulu practice, 1:00 p.m.
- 8—**Pikku Joulu, “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

### January

- 2—Future Planning, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom
- 5—Board meeting, 10:00 a.m., visitors at noon
- 12—Forest Management, 10:00 a.m., pole barn
- 14—Sisu Sisters, Clubroom, 6:30 p.m., pole barn
- 18—Family Bowling Day, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Langan’s All-Star Lanes, Walled Lake.
- 18—Recreation Committee, 8:30 p.m., Clubroom

### ***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. A main dish (chicken) will be provided, and there will be a hot chocolate bar. Please bring a favorite holiday dish or dessert and cookies. 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! 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, please contact Robyn Jokinen at 810-287-4591 or by email at rbjokinen@gmail.com.

—Sponsored by the Recreation Committee

### **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

### ***Uudenvuodenaatto, New Year's Eve***

Our traditional New Year's Eve party will begin in the Clubroom at 9:00 p.m. on December 31. Please bring a dish to share. This event is open to adults and children. Celebrate the beginning of the year with your fellow Finn Campers!

### **Family Bowling Day**

Saturday, January 18, 1:00-4:00 p.m., at Langan's All Star Lanes, 257 Ladd Rd. (near Pontiac Trail), Walled Lake. Your \$15 admission includes the bowling, shoe rental, pizza and pop.

### **Winterfest 2014**

Winterfest is Saturday, February 1. The festivities will be held at Sun Lake. Details will follow in the January newsletter.

### **Camps for Sale**



#### ***Camp 103, West Side***

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#### ***Camp 106, west side***

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## Spring Landscapes: Symphony No. 2, Jean Sibelius



After our long Michigan winters, the arrival of spring will be most welcome indeed. The Cultural Committee would like to have you join your fellow Finn Campers for a bus trip to the Temple Theatre in Saginaw on April 26 to hear three works guaranteed to warm the heart and soul with their positive, life-affirming messages. John Corigliano's "Gazebo Dances" is a delightful work of good springtime cheer. Samuel Barber's "Violin Concerto" is one of the most gorgeous works for soloist and orchestra ever composed. Guest violinist Angela Fuller returns to the Temple Theatre stage to share its sublime, youthful beauty. And spring comes late to the harsh climes of Scandinavia, but Jean Sibelius's "Second Symphony" is full of warmth and joy throughout. Sibelius went to great lengths to create this work, mirroring the struggles of his fellow countrymen throughout Finland, which was fighting at that time for its independence from Russia. It has since become one of the most beloved symphonies ever composed. The cost is only \$53 per person. You may bring a small cooler with food and beverages—dinner is not included. We will meet in the Clubroom parking lot at 4:30 p.m. and return by about midnight. Further details will be shared later. Meantime, put this on your spring calendar.



Works Administrator Kevin Homola works in both the macro and micro modes. He took the shot above, of Sun Lake, from a helicopter this fall. And he worked on and arranged for the installation of the new sauna building brick pavers that are now in. A sample is provided on page 4.

### 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

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Call Sherry Kurin to place order:  
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Contact Mike Honka,  
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### Wixom Holiday Markt 2013

The City of Wixom invites you to a new magical tradition reminiscent of an authentic European Holiday Market, featuring the sights, sounds and smells of a true Old World “Markt.” The Village Center will be alive with activities for young and old! See the full schedule of events at [www.wixomgov.org](http://www.wixomgov.org). All events will be at Sibley Square Park (the Village Center), on Thursday, December 5, from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m., on Friday, December 6, from 5:00 to 10:00 p.m. and on Saturday, December 7, from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

### More Lore: Happy Holidays, or Beer by Any Other Name

Whether you call it *bisse* or *kalja* or by the name of its most common variety in Finland, *keskiolut*—beer with an alcohol volume of 4.7 percent—beer was the beverage of choice for 46 percent of Finnish buyers in a recent survey. Among the most popular brands in Finland, where the legal drinking age for drinking beer is 18, are Lapin Kulta (Lapland’s Gold), Karhu (Bear) and Karjala (Karelia). But, according to the October *Finnish American Reporter*, a new Finnish creation named *sahti*—made from a variety of malted and unmalted grains—“has seen a recent surge of interest outside Finland. It is a variety traditionally flavored with juniper berries in addition to or instead of hops.” Sounds good: Maybe *sahti* will help Finns raise their score higher than ninth on the international list of top 10 countries of beer consumers.

### Condolences

#### Barbara Ann Laitinen Ahnemiller



Barbara, age 69, died November 5 in her hometown of Clearwater, Fla. Her parents, Uno and Elsie Laitinen, were lifetime Finn Campers, and her paternal grandparents were founding D.F.C.S.C.A. members. She was for many years an officer in the Suncoast Finnish-American Society. Barbara was the sister of Joann Laitinen Hall. Survivors include her husband, James, of Clearwater, three children and five grandchildren as well as Joann and her husband, David.

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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.

Contributions in Barbara's name may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, Florida Gulf Coast Chapter, P.O. Box 96001, Washington, DC 20090-6001.

#### **Barbara Hubbard Matero Ohman**



Barbara was born August 22, 1924, in Plymouth, Mich., and died November 5 at age 89 in Dade City, Fla. Barbara was the wife of Rudolph (Rudy) Matero from 1949 to his death in 1967 and the wife of Oscar Ohman from 1970 to his death in 2003. She was the mother of Marlina (Marilyn) Matero, Russell Matero and Janet Phinney and the grandmother of Lonce and Austin Matero. Her sister, Gretchen Nemzer, age 90, lives in Los Angeles. Barbara is also survived by nieces, nephews and extended family members. She was a member of Finn Camp from 1949 to 1970 and then moved to Zephyrhills, Fla., in 1975.

#### **Lillian A. Leskinen**



Lillian Leskinen was born August 20, 1921, in Trimountain, Mich., to Tapani and Sophia (née Koppari) Laamanen and died November 4 at age 92. She was the wife of 64 years to Arvo Leskinen, the mother of Kenneth Leskinen and Karen Matero, the grandmother of Lonce and Austin Matero and aunt to Erick and Neil Leskinen. She is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, extended family members and friends. Lillian was a former Finn Camp member.

#### **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).

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## **More on the October Semiannual Membership Meeting**

Some corrections and clarifications need to be made to our coverage in the November newsletter of this important meeting. The opening of the second paragraph (page 6) should have read as follows:

“On the financial front, Norma Dernberger reported for the investment committee [not the internal auditors] that we have maintained a status quo from the last report and that our investment program has in fact outperformed all but one of the major indexes.”

Midparagraph, “Finn Fest netted \$9,766” should have said, “Finn Fest netted \$7,966.”

Members should be aware that the figures presented at the semiannual meeting were of necessity preliminary and sometimes incomplete. As just one possible example, bar income after Finn Fest was missing expenses that would have lowered the total. As our bookkeeper, Tina Santti, has noted, “We do not print a financial report at this meeting because it frequently distorts the true picture for a whole fiscal year. The financial Profit and Loss report for the 6 months ending 8/31/13 given by Dick Pype, treasurer, stated that the net LOSS for the period was \$7,236.” Members desiring to see the full financial picture should attend the spring annual meeting or, if they cannot do so, request a written copy of the reports.

## **BOARD NOTES AND REMINDERS**

The board is hosting a food drive to help stock the pantry at Hospitality House. Please bring all nonperishable food items (making sure they are not expired) to the Clubroom any time until the Adult Christmas Party on December 14. If you would like to make a monetary donation, checks can be made payable to Hospitality House and can be dropped in the safe at the Clubroom during bar hours, and of course cash is also acceptable. If you will not be in the area but would like to contribute, you may mail a check to the Finn Camp and we will make sure it gets to Hospitality House. This is a great way to support those in need in our community.

## **BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

### **Board of Directors**

Sunday, December 14, 7:00 p.m., no visitors

### **Future Planning Committee**

Thursday, December 5, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom

### **Forest Management Committee**

Sunday, December 15, 10:00 a.m., meet at pole barn.

### **Recreation Committee**

Saturday, December 21, 8:30 p.m., Clubroom

### **Sisu Sisters**

Next meeting: January 14, Clubroom, 6:30 p.m.

### **Finn Camp Newsletter**

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