



DETROIT FINNISH COOPERATIVE SUMMER CAMP ASSOCIATION

FINN CAMP NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2014



The Sisu Sisters used the earnings from their August beer-tasting event to finish the entrance sign at Loon Lake Road and Lyonia: completed brickwork, a flower planting (not visible now in winter mode) and solar lighting.

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).

Winterfest

Save the date: Saturday, February 1. Come on out to the Finn Camp for a day of fun in the snow! We have a great list of new and old ideas to make this one of our best days ever. Once again, we will start the day with Polar Dip'n and Ice Fish'n, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the sauna. Then from 6:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. join us for the annual Chili Cook-off and dancin' to a DJ in the Clubroom. Buttons are \$6/adult, \$4/child, \$18/member family, with the sauna being extra. The Clubroom bar opens at 2:00 p.m. While the date may still seem far off, we need lots of help to make this work. We need buttons to be made, raffles and door prizes sold, nissua baked and much more. We still need a chili master. We hope to schedule a meeting in January to finalize everything. Get your hours in for the new year! Give me a call at 248-535-6022 if interested.

Thanks to everyone for their help.—Sherry Kurin



Happy New Year!
Hyvää Uutta Vuotta!

CALENDAR

January

- 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.,
- 18—Family Bowling Day, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Langan's All-Star Lanes, Walled Lake.

February

- 1—**Winterfest**, 1:00 p.m., Sun Lake. Chili Cook-off, 6:00 p.m., Clubroom
- 9—Forest Management, 10:00 a.m., pole barn
- 15—Recreation Committee, 8:30 p.m., Clubroom
- 16—Board meeting, 10:00 a.m., visitors at noon

March

- 15—St. Urho's Day

April

- 3—Future Planning Committee, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom
- 8—Sisu Sisters, 6:30 p.m., Clubroom

All material for newsletter articles is due on the 15th of the month.

Winter Sports: Family Bowling Day

Come out for an afternoon of family fun on Saturday, January 18, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Langan's All Star Lanes, 257 Ladd Rd. (near Pontiac Trail), in Walled Lake. Your \$15 admission includes the bowling, shoe rental, pizza and pop.

—Sponsored by the Sisu Sisters

St. Urho's Party

The 2014 St. Urho's party will be held on Saturday, March 15, in the Clubroom starting at 8:00 p.m. There is a \$5 cover. Come enjoy a DJ, prizes, raffles, fun, food and the crowning of the new king and queen. And don't forget to wear your purple and green, so you don't get fined! St.Pat's kin are very welcome too!—Patti Leppi

More Lore: The Finnish Line

As 2013 came to its finish line, here's how Finland stood, according to Markku Ketola in the December *Finnish American Reporter*.

Of some 136 countries assessed in terms of their citizens' access to health and education as well as their political participation and economic equality, Finland was rated first in both education and health and second in political participation.

One survey ranked Finland as the eighth most prosperous country in the world, which sounds impressive but is down four levels from last year, as a result of decreased gross domestic savings and tech exports and an increase in unemployment.

And in gender equality, Finland rated second, behind Iceland but ahead of Norway and Sweden, who were third and fourth, respectively.

Finally, *Travel & Leisure* reports that Finland, with its 5.4 million people, has more than 3 million saunas. The average age at first sauna is 20 weeks.

Association Christmas Card

Karen Pype says, "I want to thank Collette Matero for the lovely drawing for the Christmas Card and apologize to Darlene Lahde for the typo in her name. Darlene, it was my fault, also that of the proofreader (Oh, yeah, that was me, too). We have had some wonderful drawings for this Christmas card in the past and I would certainly like to encourage anyone to submit a drawing for next year." The rest of us would like to thank Karen for unfailingly producing this fine card year after year.

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.

Camp 106, west side

New roof, many extras

Call Tom:

586-770-2156

Camp 137, West Side

\$1,600 or best offer

Call Chris Aho:

248-804-2886

Please: No calls from nonmembers

The Finn Camp Kids' Corner: *Pikku Joulu*



Year after year, memories are made at the Finn Camp. This past *Pikku Joulu* ("Little Christmas"), on December 8, was no exception. Fun was had by all, with plenty of laughter, singing and smiles all around. There was a warm fire and lots of people sharing thoughts for the season and the new year. With his usual fanfare, Santa visited and each child received a much-wanted gift. More than a few cooperated for a nice picture. (From left to right, above: Jessica Boatman, Jackson Pye, Ethan Paukovits.) We had lots of new little ones this year too, proving that the legacy of the Finn Camp will last well into the future.

Wixom Holiday Market



John Solocinski and Lori Aro and their daughter Raelyn joined Cindy Maddick at Kari Aro's booth in the Wixom Holiday Market the first week in December.

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. All you have to do is provide 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

Beverly Jokinen Graphic Artist

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See portfolio: www.bcpreview.com.
Email: Beverly@bcpreview.com
or call 248-207-1850

Scholarship Applications

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.

BOARD NOTES AND REMINDERS

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, Jim Santti or Denny Sennhenn at this email address.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Board of Directors

Sunday, January 5, 10:00 a.m., Boardroom, visitors at noon

Forest Management Committee

Sunday, January 12, 10:00 a.m., meet at pole barn

Future Planning Committee

Thursday, April 3, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom

Recreation Committee

Saturday, February 15, 8:30 p.m., Clubroom

Sisu Sisters

Tuesday, January 14, 6:30 p.m., Clubroom

Newsletter Committee Notice on Calendars

As we enter the new year, we on your Newsletter Committee have decided to drop the full-page calendar that usually appears at the end of each issue, temporarily at least. The augmented calendar on page 1 should now include everything you need to know.

If you would like us to keep the separate one-page calendar, please write to us at our address in the box at right, or contact a member of the committee, within the next two months.

Thank you.

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