



Brave participants take a Polar Dip in Sun Lake during Winterfest on February 1.

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).

Family Bowling Day

The bowling outing was rescheduled from January 18 to Saturday, March 1, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. The cost is \$15 per person for two games of bowling, shoes, ball, two slices of pizza, pop, prizes, a 50/50 raffle and yummy homemade cookies. We are also trying to restock the shelves at Hospitality House. So if you would like to donate several canned goods we will deduct \$2 off your \$15 bowling fee. Please contact Tammie King at 248-624-6691 or Denise Niemasz at 248-640-0481 to make your prepayment and reservation to save your lane. We hope everyone comes out to this family friendly event. This event is at Langan's All Star Lanes, 257 Ladd Rd (near Pontiac Trail), Walled Lake, MI 48390.—Sponsored by the Sisu Sisters

Annual Membership Meeting

The 2014 Annual Meeting is scheduled for April 27 in the Clubroom. Registration begins at 11:00 a.m. and the meeting begins at noon. It is very important that members attend the meeting. Many issues need to be discussed and voted on. The Board is looking to change bylaws and we need 51 percent of members in good standing to participate in the voting. (We plan to hand out "mail ballots" to all members in good

CALENDAR

March

- 1—**Family Bowling Day**, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., Langan's All-Star Lanes, Walled Lake
- 8—Recreation Committee, 8:30 p.m., Clubroom
- 9—Forest Management, 10:00 a.m., pole barn
- 15—**St. Urho's Day**, 8:00 p.m., Clubroom
- 16—Board meeting, 10:00 a.m., visitors at noon

April

- 3—Future Planning Committee, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom
- 8—Sisu Sisters, 6:30 p.m., Clubroom
- 19—Board meeting, 3:00 p.m., no visitors. Deadline for Caretaker and Beach Manager applications
- 26—**Spring Concert Trip**
- 27—**Annual meeting**; registration, 11:00 a.m.; meeting starts at noon

Notable Future Events:

- May 5: Spring Talkoo
- June 21: Juhannus
- August 1–3: Children's Weekend
- August 8–10: Finn Fest

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

standing who are in attendance and will mail ballots to everyone else who is not there, thus saving the association a lot of time and money.) We are offering some incentives for members to show up and we will be raffling off some prizes, which include a hand-blown glass mug donated by Chris Nordin, a \$50 dinner gift certificate donated by Jim Santi, Finn Camp Store merchandise, a Sauna Card, a Friday Night Grill gift certificate and bar coupons. Please come to the meeting and be a part of the decision making of our association. The sauna will be open after the meeting.

Caretaker and Beach Manager Positions Available

The board is accepting applications for the Caretaker and Beach Manager positions. All interested parties should submit their applications by placing them in the drop box in the vestibule of the Clubroom. The decisions will be made at our April 19 Board Meeting.

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! Camps will be open for St. Urho's, weather permitting!—Patti Leppi

Gourmet Breakfast & Craft Bazaar

Save the Date—May 17, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., the Sisu Sisters Gourmet Breakfast & Craft Bazaar, in the Ravintola Café and Dance Hall. We are looking for vendors to sell Crafts, Funky Treasures, Antiques, Garden art, Jewelry and more! Table rental prices: \$10 members, \$20 nonmembers. Call Tammie King at 248-624-6691 to reserve your table in advance.—Sponsored by the Sisu Sisters

Fishing Derby Note

The Fishing Derby will be held June 8. We'll need a new chairperson, though. I'd like to step down and let someone else take over. If interested, contact someone on the Recreation Committee. I will assist in any way I can. Thank you, everybody, for a great run.—Sue Slaughter

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Winterfest 2014



Amber Martin making the most of the Polar Dip'n event. *Underwater picture by Erick Leskinen*

Winterfest 2014 was a huge success, naturally: something like six inches of snow started to fall at midday, just as the lake surface had been painstakingly cleared for the event. No fewer than 78 Finn Campers participated in the Polar Dip'n, including some who really got in to it (see photo above). And in the Clubroom, the chili cook-off was its own big hit. The first-place winner was Carol Santti; second place went to Rachel Pelto and third to Linda Gooden. Special thanks go to Charles Ru for serving ably as the Chili Master. Jim Santti handled the kitchen all day. Sue Slaughter and her daughter, Crystal, prepared the buttons and Crystal, along with Laina Benestad, sold raffle tickets. Many others helped throughout the event. I want to thank all of you very much—those who participated as well as those who helped.—Sherry Kurin

Spring Concert

On Saturday, April 26, you can experience the warmth and joy of Sibelius's Symphony no. 2 at a concert performance by the Saginaw Bay Symphony Orchestra. **The deadline for making your reservation is March 8. We must have at least 42 attendees signed up by then if we are to go.** Details follow: "*Spring Landscapes: Symphony no. 2. Jean Sibelius*" Guest Angela Fuller, violin; Gazebo Dances, John Corigliano, Violin Concerto, Samuel Barber; Symphony no. 2, Jean Sibelius. Saturday, April 26, at 8:00 p.m. Saginaw Symphony Orchestra. **\$53 per person – includes round-trip bus fare from Finn Camp to Saginaw.** Meet in the Finn Camp Clubroom parking lot at 4:30 p.m. and leave at 5:00 p.m. We will return about 12:15 a.m. Dinner not included; however, you may bring a small cooler with food and beverages. **Make your reservation** by sending an email to FinnCulture@yahoo.com or by contacting Carol Melancon at 734-261-3889.

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:
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\$50 for members and
nonmembers.
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Contact Mike Honka,
ph. 248-860-5109

More Lore: Finns in Fiction

Finnish sailors seem to have developed something of a reputation. Here's a conversation that C. S. Forester wrote between his hero, the title character, and the first mate in *Commodore Hornblower* (1945):

"How do you find your Swedish clerk, sir?" asked Bush.

"He's a Finn, not a Swede."

"A Finn? You don't say, sir! It'd be better not to let the men know that."

"Of course," said Hornblower. He tried to keep his face expressionless, to conceal that he had completely left out of account the superstition that prevailed about Finns at sea. In a sailor's mind every Finn was a warlock who could conjure up storms by lifting his finger.

Condolences



David Alan Peltó

David Alan Peltó passed away on February 8 at home in Commerce Township, in the care of his family. He was 50 years old. He was born February 10, 1963, in Palatine, Ill. He was the son of former members Andrew and Marion Peltó (Petrick) and the younger brother of current members Greg and Brian Peltó and former member Kevin Peltó. David graduated from Milford High School in 1981. He then earned a Bachelor's of Science, Mechanical Engineering, degree from Lawrence Technological University in Southfield in 1990. David liked to spend time at the family cottage on Big Wolf Lake in Lewiston and enjoyed winter vacations in Madeira Beach, Florida, with family and friends. David was a foodie and a gourmet cook. He became a pizza connoisseur working in his family's restaurants as a teenager. David is survived by his fiancée, Maureen; her daughter, Kaleigh; his mother, Marion June, and his siblings, Kevin (Bridget), Janene (Glynn) Simmons, Greg (Nancy), Brian (Jill) and Julie. He had thirteen nieces and nephews, four great-nieces and nephews and many others among his extended family and dear friends. David was preceded in death by his father Andrew and one great-niece.

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Dorothy Ellen Santti

Dorothy Ellen Santti, age 83, a many-year resident of Royal Oak and a former Finn Camper, passed away on February 8 at William Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak. She was born on December 7, 1930, in Calumet. She was predeceased by her husband, Into Santti; a son, George Santti; and a daughter-in-law, Christine Santti. Dorothy was the beloved mother of Robert Santti, Ruth (Ron) Kankowski, Sandra (Don) Behringer, John Santti, and the aunt of Finn Camp members Jim and Christopher Santti and Millie Packard. Dorothy was a grandmother of eight children and great-grandmother of six. She was the sister of Ruth (Gary) Cruce. She was retired from the Michigan Employment Security Commission.

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

You Can Help

What have we been missing—for instance, information about new family members and new members. 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 in a brief phone interview?

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 last page).

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, March 16, 10:00 a.m., Boardroom, visitors at noon

Forest Management Committee

Sunday, March 9, 10:00 a.m., meet at pole barn

Future Planning Committee

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

Recreation Committee

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

Sisu Sisters

Tuesday, April 8, 6:30 p.m., Clubroom

Newsletter Committee Notice on Calendars

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, this spring. Thank you.

Correction: Mike Mazur, not Paul Salo, was the one on the far left in the Winterfest 2013 photo on page 1 of the February issue.

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