



Edwin Elkhill, shown here in Sun Lake a few summers ago, isn't the only one looking forward to the ice being out on the lakes. See the interview with Edwin on page 4.

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 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 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 Santti, 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.

Spring Concert

Not enough members committed to the April 26 bus trip to hear the Saginaw Symphony perform at the Spring Landscapes concert, so the Cultural Committee has had to cancel it.

CALENDAR

April

- 3—Future Planning Committee, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom
- 8—Sisu Sisters, 6:30 p.m., Clubroom
- 12—Recreation Committee, 8:30 p.m., Clubroom
- 13—Forest Management, 10:00 a.m., pole barn
- 19—Board meeting, 3:00 p.m., no visitors. Deadline for Caretaker and Beach Manager applications
- 27—**Annual meeting**; registration, 11:00 a.m.; meeting starts at noon

May

- 5—**Spring Talkoo**, 10:00 a.m., meet at Clubroom parking lot
- 13—Sisu Sisters, 6:30 p.m., Clubroom
- 17—Sisu Sisters' **Gourmet Breakfast and Craft Bazaar**, 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m., Ravintola and Dance Hall
- 26—Flag raising, 9:30 a.m., Leppi's Landing

Notable Later Dates

- June** 8—Fishing Derby; 21—Juhannus
- July** 5—Variety Talent Show
- August** 1–3: Children's Weekend; 8–10, Finn Fest

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

St. Urho's, 2014



At the annual St. Urho's Party on March 15, new queen Kim Ziegler and king Dan Linick were elected to serve for 2014. Their first ceremonial appearance (outside the Clubroom, above) will likely be to throw out the first pitch at the opening game of the softball season. Look for a separate announcement of the game date, and a pullout game schedule in the May newsletter to keep handy during the summer.

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 April 19.

Trash Rules.

Dumpsters are for member use only! Do not put in large or long items that may wedge or jam the dumpster when it is being tipped into the truck. No major dumping on festival weekends. No overfilling.

No furniture, appliances, propane tanks, wood, construction materials or other large items are to be left in, by or around the dumpster. Large items can be placed at roadside near the tractor garage on *Tuesdays* for Wednesday pickup.

Finn Camp or member camp construction materials can be placed in the dumpster by the pole barn.

On April 5, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., the Wixom Department of Public Works (2041 Charms Rd. near Wixom Rd.; 248-208-2270) will be open to drop off household hazardous waste items.

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

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. \$8,000 cash, \$10,000 rent-to-own or \$2,000 down with \$2,000 per for 4 years. 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

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Call Chris Aho:

248-804-2886

Please: No calls from nonmembers

Treasures, Antiques, Garden art, Jewelry and more! Table rental prices: \$10 members, \$20 nonmembers. Proceeds go toward installing new partitions in the ladies' sauna. Call Tammie King at 248-624-6691 to reserve your table in advance.—Sponsored by the Sisu Sisters

Variety Talent Show

If variety is indeed the spice of life, then a variety talent show should really be hot stuff! Liven up your Fourth of July weekend by not only attending, but performing in, the first-ever Finn Camp Variety Talent Show fundraiser, on Saturday, July 5, at 7:00 p.m. in the Dance Hall. Anyone can attend, but performers are asked to be eighteen or older. The nominal \$5 entry fee per act will go toward funding a new oak bar for the Clubroom. The deadline to register is *June 1*. If interested, contact Pam Linick at 248-302-3700 or plinick@pjr.com. Let her know the name of your act, the number of persons in it and give her a general description of what type of act it is.

Family Bowling Day Results

Thanks to all the bowlers who took part in a fun afternoon on Saturday, March 1, at the All Star Lanes in Walled Lake. There were lots of winners throughout the day, starting with Eric Solin and newcomer Brett Dauphinais from the Niemasz clan, who tied for high game. Tammie King won the high series. David Hall “won” low game. Martin Boatman, Jr., won the high game and the series for kids. Jessica Boatman won for low game. Lucky lady Caren Boatman won both mystery games. Brett Dauphinais won the 50/50 raffle. We also turned in 23 pounds of food for Hospitality House from this event. Thanks again to all who attended and helped make this a great day.—Sisu Sisters

More Lore: Finnances

When the Finn Camp was founded, in 1925, a dollar was worth \$13.37 in 2014 dollars. A Ford Model T runabout cost \$260. That's the equivalent of \$3,475 today. In 1925, membership shares in the new Finn Camp each cost \$120, or \$1,604 in current dollars. The only way many new members could afford to buy their shares was by agreeing to a monthly payment plan of \$5 or \$10. In 2014, Finn Camp membership shares *still* cost \$120. Even given that we have added a nonrefundable fee of \$100 for new memberships—unless the prospective member is a child of a current member—this is still a terrific bargain. Yes, we have had to add an annual assessment to help pay the bills to keep us going. This is currently \$250, or \$125 if you have been a member for 20 consecutive years and are over the age of 65. There is no annual assessment for members over the age of 80 with 20 years of continuous membership. Other benefits of longtime membership are that work hours are no longer required, beginning the year after you turn age 65 with 20 years of continuous membership. (Also, when you reach 75 with 20 continuous years of membership, you qualify for free saunas.) However, there's no reason seniors can't still work hours; many do. Members' children ages 18 to 25 are required to work 16 hours, if they use the facilities, such as camps, beaches and sauna. New rates are now in effect at \$17 per unworked hour.

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

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Beef: \$5 each; Pulla: \$4 per loaf
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Member Spotlight: Edwin Elkhill



Many of us Finn Campers know Edwin as a long-time member and for his work with the Tax and Audit committees. But perhaps you didn't know the story about Edwin's last name, which doesn't sound very Finnish. Years ago, Edwin's grandfather and great-uncle were in the tombstone-polishing business in Quincy, Massachusetts. Many of their Irish and Italian customers had a hard time pronouncing their Finnish last name, Hirvimäki. So they changed it to Elkhill, which describes this name in English. In Finnish, hirvi means elk and mäki means hill, or Elkhill. Edwin was born in Highland Park, Mich., in 1933 to John ("Toivo") and Hanna Elkhill. His parents were Finn Camp founding members who built camp 118 in the 1940s. Edwin is said by others to speak fluent Finnish, though he doesn't make this claim for himself.

He graduated from Northwest High School in 1952, following which he attended what was then Lawrence Institute of Technology, at Woodward and Puritan in Highland Park, before being drafted into the army in 1956 and serving in the Yukon Command at Eielson Air Force Base in Alaska. After being discharged, he served in the reserves at Fort Wayne, Mich., and continued his studies at Acme School of Design Engineering in Highland Park. Edwin worked for many years in the automotive industry, for Stellar Engineering in Warren and James Tanuery Associates in Troy. These firms worked closely with Fisher Body, then General Motors in their body shops. Edwin's functions included serving as senior checker, writing engineering summaries, performing cost studies, monitoring tooling operations and reviewing and writing specifications for body shop operations in the assembly plants.

Edwin became a Finn Camp member in 1953 and has served on the Tax Committee since 1979, becoming chairman of that committee in 1996. Edwin is also a member of the Audit Committee, on which he has served since 2000.

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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).

Condolences: Ardel (Art) Kisko

Art, 94, an architect and an ardent golfer, was born March 10, 1919, and died February 24, 2014. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary (Piilo). They had five children: Bill, Christine, Tom, Cathie and Ken (deceased). He left many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Art was the youngest Finn Camp member ever to have a share, at the age of eight. At the time, there was no restriction as to the minimum age for membership. He served on the board as treasurer. Art moved south in 1952 and finally settled in Ocala, Fla., at a golfing community. When he passed, he was in an assisted living facility.—Thanks to Rey Mustonen for this notice

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, April 19, 3:00 p.m., Boardroom, no visitors.

Forest Management Committee

Sunday, April 13, 10:00 a.m., meet at pole barn

Future Planning Committee

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

Recreation Committee

Saturday, April 12, 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.. Thank you.

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