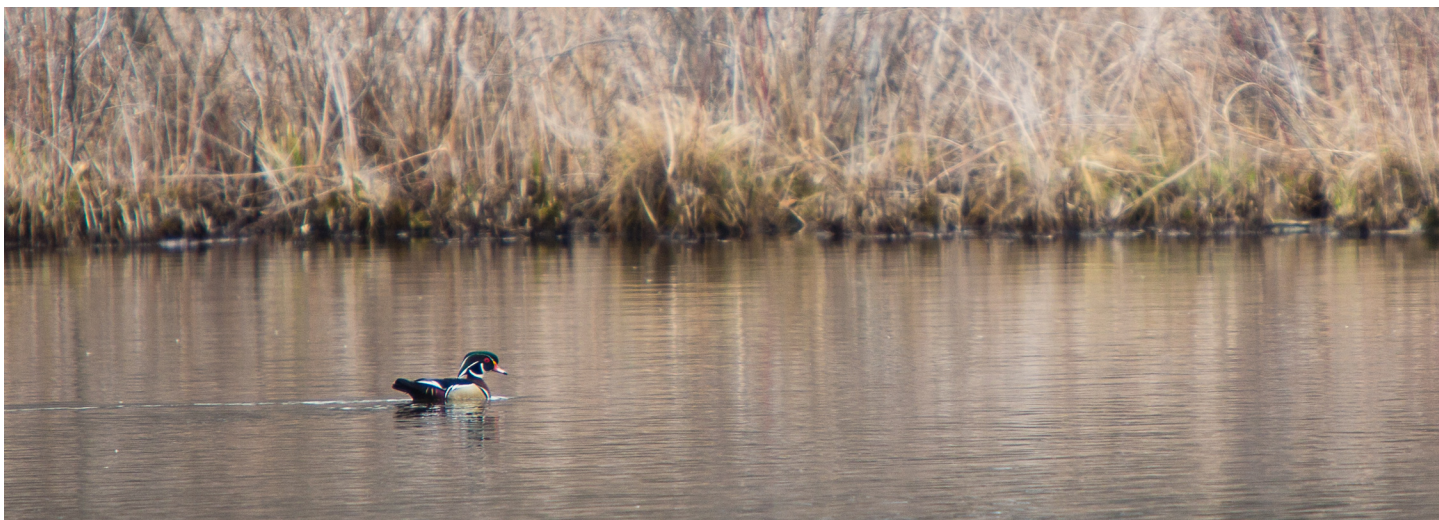




DETROIT FINNISH COOPERATIVE SUMMER CAMP ASSOCIATION

# FINN CAMP NEWSLETTER

MAY 2014



Male wood duck on Sun Lake.

## 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).*

### Spring Talkoo



Come out to the new New York State blue-stone steps of the Dance Hall (below; thank you to Works Administrator Kevin Homola and helpers) on Sunday, May 4, at 10:00 a.m., for the annual spring *talkoo* clean-up. Many workers are required, to spruce up our grounds and ready our facilities for another great season. After the work is done, *mojakka* will be served and saunas offered to all workers. Be sure to register in the Clubroom to qualify for your free lunch and sauna.



## CALENDAR

### May

- 1—Future Planning Committee, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom
- 4—**Spring Talkoo**, 10:00 a.m., meet at Clubroom parking lot
- 7—Clubroom summer hours start: Wed., Fri., Sat., 7:00 p.m. to closing
- 13—Sisu Sisters, 6:30 p.m., Clubroom
- 14—Board meeting 6:00 p.m., visitors at 8:00 p.m.
- 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

### June

- 1—**Men's Spring Golf Outing**, 8:00 a.m.
- 5—Future Planning Committee, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom
- 8—**Fishing Derby**
- 8—Board meeting 10:00 a.m., visitors at noon. Camp inspections
- 10—Sisu Sisters, 6:30 p.m., Clubroom
- 15—**Annual Father's Day Breakfast**, 8:00 a.m.
- 21—**Juhannus**
- 25—Board meeting 6:00 p.m., no visitors

**Also:** July 5—Variety Talent Show  
August 1–3: Children's Weekend;  
8–10: Finn Fest

### **New Beach Managers and Caretakers**

The new Finn Camp caretakers are Karl Aro and Paul Salo. Look for interviews with them in the June newsletter. They will begin June 1.

The 2014 beach managers are Gavin Wing, Dave Shaw and Steve Maki.

*The board is still seeking a swim instructor.* If interested, contact someone on the board (see page 5) or go to [board@finncamp.org](mailto:board@finncamp.org).

### **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. See Crafts, Funky Treasures, Antiques, Garden art, Jewelry and more! 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

### **Father's Day Breakfast**

The Bar Committee is sponsoring a Father's Day Breakfast at the *Kentti* on Sunday, June 15, from 8:00 a.m. to noon. The raffle prize will be a floating lounge (below) that comfortably seats four adults. This premium lounge, by Intex Oasis Island, is made of 20-gauge vinyl for toughness and durability, has a PVC mesh floor that allows some water in for cooling, three valves for faster inflation, an anchor bag that can be filled with sand or some other weight, a ladder, grab ropes on the sides and four cup holders. The total dimensions are 111" × 103" × 25". Raffle tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. Tickets will be available during bar hours.



### **Men's Spring Scramble Golf Outing**

The annual men's spring classic golf outing is on Sunday, June 1, at the Riverbank Golf Course, 24095 Currie Rd., South Lyon (10 Mile and Currie). Registration starts at 8:00 a.m., with tee offs at 9:00. See Dave Niemi for more details.

### **Talent Show**

Hei, all you talented Finn Campers: polish up your act and come and perform in the Bar Committee-sponsored Variety

### **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  
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#### *Camp 137, West Side*

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Please: No calls from  
nonmembers

Show! If you can sing, dance, play a musical instrument or tell a good joke, then register—by June 1—to perform in the variety show July 5 in the Dance Hall. This will be a fun fundraiser!—Sherry Martin, Bar Committee

### **Annual Fishing Derby**

Sunday, June 8, could be your lucky day at our annual fishing derby. (This event is for members and their guests only; others are responsible for any nonderby beach fees.) Registration starts at 9:00 a.m., the fishing begins at ten and lunch is about noon. Fish for hours, enjoy a freshly cooked fish-and-chip lunch—and maybe even win a great prize! Look for details in the June newsletter. This event now needs a coordinator after long service by Sue Slaughter.

### **To All Finn Camp Gardeners or Would-Be Gardeners**

Michael Albert Koski, a new member and recent buyer of a farm on Wixom Road, reports that “I will have some extra greenhouse space available this spring that I would like to make available to adult D.F.C.S.C.A. members who would like to jump start seedlings. Legal veggies and flowers only! I have many empty flats of various sizes. I also have an abundance of horse manure. As a trade-off, I need gardening knowledge. Contact me if you are interested: makoski3121@comcast.net, or see me after sauna.”

### **Annual Meeting for 2014**

The 2014 Annual Meeting was held on Sunday, April 27, in the Clubroom. The new officers are: President, Dan Linick; Vice President, Patti Leppi; Treasurer, Dick Pype; Secretary, Amber Martin; and Works Administrators Kevin Homola, Larry Gooden and Jim Santti. Kevin Homola and Dan Linick were reelected to the board and Larry Gooden and Amber Martin came on for first terms. Dave Niemi, Linda Gooden and Steve Packard were selected as alternates. Separately, Linda Gooden agreed to serve as 2015 Winterfest chairperson. The Association expressed its appreciation to Gavin Wing and his wife, Ginger, for their good service as caretakers over the last eight years.

Martin Boatman is being succeeded by Casey Mack as chair of Children’s Weekend. Dick Pype will again direct the play, which has yet to be announced.

Robyn Jokinen reported a decrease in Finn Fest income for 2013 and made a persuasive presentation on what it takes to produce this event, Finn Camp’s biggest fundraiser. She calculated that 550 worker hours are needed year after year and in 2013 only 335 hours were signed up for ahead of time—meaning that even fewer hours were actually worked. Lengthy discussion of how to close this deficit brought out that if members were charged enough to make up what was earned at Finn Fest, instead of holding the event, the cost would run to some \$50 per member. On the lighter side financially, the Investment Committee reported that our results last year beat those of the Dow and the S&P 500. The Forest Management Committee increased its profit by 43 percent, and the Scholarship Committee earned just under \$700.

### **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: \$5 each; Pulla: \$5 per loaf  
Call Sherry Kurin to place order:  
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### **Cords of Firewood for Sale**

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## Play Ball!



St. Urho's Queen Kim Ziegler threw out the opening pitch to King Dan Linick on April 25 to start the Voima Boys' season. See the schedule at the end of this issue for game times and playing fields. The Friday Night Grill is now open during the softball season every Friday at 6:00 p.m. Enjoy the usual great burgers, dogs, pulled pork, brats and chicken with all the accoutrements while watching the games.

## Condolences: Jack Levoska



Jack Melvin Levoska, 71, died March 11 at Citrus Memorial Hospital in Lecanto, Fla. He was a former Finn Camp member. Jack was a guitar player and singer in a de facto house band ("the Finn Hoppers") at Finn Camp in the 1990s. Jack was the husband of 37 years of Arlene and father of Thomas (Angie), Bryan and Jack (Elizabeth) Levoska. He is survived also by numerous immediate and extended family members, friends and his grand-cat Warlock ("his grayness").

## Beverly Jokinen Graphic Artist

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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](mailto: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

The board would like to welcome new members Gary Delavan and Mike Koski. See page 3 for a special offer to fellow Finn Campers from Mike.

Please do not add anything to the *kokko* pile at Sun Lake. The City of Wixom Fire Department needs to approve the size of the fire pile, and nothing should be added to it.

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 any of the Works Administrators at this email address.

Smokers are advised to stand at least 20 feet outside the entrances of the sauna building, Clubroom and other facilities like the bath houses, in keeping with state law.

Dumpsters are for members' 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. And *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 the roadside near the tractor garage on *Tuesdays* for Wednesday pickup. Association or camp construction materials can be placed in the dumpster by the pole barn.

## BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

### Board of Directors

Wednesday, May 14, 6:00 p.m., Boardroom, visitors at 8:00 p.m.

### Future Planning Committee

Thursday, May 1, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom

### Sisu Sisters

Tuesday, May 13, 6:30 p.m., Clubroom

### Correction

In the April "Member Spotlight" on Edwin Elkhill, the correct name spelling of the Finnish last name should have been Hirvimäki, "which describes this name in English. In Finnish, *hirvi* means elk and *mäki* means hill, or Elkhill."

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