



As always at Finn Camp: many irons in the fire. Here, roasting hot dogs September 13 at the end-of-season campers' picnic.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

*Note: Not all events are listed on this and other DFCSA calendars. If you are planning an event and wish to check the availability of a specific facility on a certain date, please call Karen Pype (248-926-6219).*

#### **Annual Wine Tasting**

The Finn Camp Annual Winetasting, to be held October 4, will feature wines from South America, with complementing appetizers. Please join us in the Clubroom at 7:00 p.m. Bruce Foxworthy will be entertaining us for the evening with piano favorites. The cost is \$25. This is a Bar Committee event with the proceeds designated to go toward the new oak bar. Please contact Joni Sennhenn to make your reservation, as soon as possible, since only a few spots remain: 248-882-4626 or email [jsennhenn@comcast.net](mailto:jsennhenn@comcast.net).

#### **Adult Halloween Party**

It's Haunting Season! Come to the Adult Halloween Party, October 18, at 9:00 p.m. in the Clubroom. Many prizes will be awarded for best costumes: the Funniest, Scariest, Ugliest, Prettiest and Most Original! Dance and howl with music from our DJ, Kerry! Bringing a dish for the food table will keep the evil spirits from haunting your camp and will be most appreciated! This is a Bar Committee function. Be there or be scared!—Sherry Martin

#### CALENDAR

##### October

- 2—Future Planning Committee, 7:00 p.m., meet outside Clubroom
- 4—**Annual Wine Tasting**, 7:00 p.m., Clubroom
- 12—Board meeting, 10 a.m., visitors at noon
- 18—**Adult Halloween Party**, 9:00 p.m., Clubroom
- 25—**Children's Halloween Party**, 5:30 p.m., trick-or-treating on west side
- 26—**Semiannual Members' Meeting**, 12:00 noon, registration begins at 11:00 a.m.
- 31—**Work hours cards due**

##### November

- 2—**Annual Fall Talkoo**, 10:00 a.m., *Kenttä*
- 6—Future Planning Committee, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom
- 8—**Annual Harvest Dinner**, 3:00–6:00 p.m., Clubroom
- 9—Board meeting, 10 a.m., visitors at noon
- 11—Sisu Sisters, 6:30 p.m., Clubroom. Next meeting: March 10

### **Children's Halloween Fun Night**

Children's Halloween is Saturday, October 25, 8:00 to 9:30. Trick or treating in the west-side camp country will start at 5:30 p.m. Bring treats to pass out to all the little ghosts and goblins. Wear a costume if you dare! If you don't own a camp, haunt an empty one . . . just beware! (West-side camps only, please, so the kids do not have to cross Loon Lake Road.)

Volunteers are needed to set up and manage the food table and clean up afterward. And the event manager now has to be out of town that weekend, so someone is needed to oversee the whole evening, which should be easier than usual, because all the decorating is being handled by others. For more information, please contact Kathy Bretschneider: 248-821-6440.—Sponsored by the Recreation Committee

From haunt to Fringe! The Walled Lake Central drama club is creating a PG-13 haunted house at the Finn Camp on October 16, 17 and 18. All proceeds will go to help the students of Central Drama take a play to Scotland for the Fringe Festival in August 2015. This is an invitation-only festival. The Haunt schedule is as follows: Thursday, Oct. 16, 7:00–10:00; Friday, Oct. 17, 7:00–12:00 and Saturday, Oct. 18, 7:00–12:00.

### **Semiannual Membership Meeting October 26**

The fall membership meeting will be held Sunday, October 26, at noon, with registration beginning at 11:00 a.m., in the Clubroom. All members are urged to attend this very key meeting, at which many issues important to all members are decided. Let your voice be heard! A light lunch will be served at the break, for a nominal donation.

### **Annual Fall Talkoo November 2**

The fall *talkoo* is Finn Camp's annual tradition of its members coming together to prepare the grounds for the winter. Please come out for this event, which is a sociable occasion as well as being task oriented. All ages are invited to join in. Free *mojakka* and a complimentary sauna will be provided for the workers. This year's *talkoo* will be held on Sunday, November 2, starting at 10:00 a.m. at the *Kenttä*. Remember to sign in at the Clubroom upon arrival.

### **Annual Harvest Dinner November 8**

Please join the Bar Committee for this annual event on Saturday, November 8, from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. We provide the turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, salad and entertainment. Bring your appetite and a veggie dish or your favorite dessert to pass.



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 [Store@finncamp.org](mailto:Store@finncamp.org).

### Holiday Shopping November 19–20

Last year’s Holiday Extravaganza is back! It will be held the week before Thanksgiving, Wednesday, November 19, from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. and Thursday, November 20, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. More details to follow in next month’s newsletter.

### A Note on Autumn Fest

A lack of participants led to the cancellation of this event, which had been scheduled for Saturday, September 27. The proceeds were to have benefited the Scholarship Committee’s program. However, donations can still be made to help meet this ongoing need. Please note that such donations are **not** tax deductible, as claimed in error previously here.

### More Lore: Why Are More and More People Wanting to Move to Finland?

The *Finnish American Reporter* revealed in September that some “6,103 people applied to become Finnish citizens between January and June this year, representing a 40 percent rise on the corresponding period 12 months earlier.” Russians made up the largest nationality group, followed by Somalis and Iraqis. What’s driving this trend? Could one thing be the longevity being recorded by Finns? Elsewhere in the same issue, the *FAR* reported that “the number of centenarians is growing every year in Finland. Last year . . . there were enough people over age 90 to make up a small town, around 50,000.”

And could another factor be education? On September 11, the *New York Times* summarized the annual report of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development on education in the industrialized nations: “The United States trails [only Austria, Germany and the Czech Republic] when it comes to educational quality. Barely 30 percent of American adults have achieved a higher level of education than their parents did. . . . In Finland more than 50 percent of adults are more educated than their parents.”

### Fall Classic Men’s Golf Scramble Round-up



This annual event was held Sunday, September 21, at the Riverbank Golf Course in South Lyon. The first-place foursome at 10 under par was Rob Johnson (*seated, left*), Casey Johnson, Brian Nedrow (*standing, right*) and Brad Nedrow. Dale Aho won

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the award for being closest to the pin and Brad Nedrow won the longest drive. The first-place kickers recognition went to the foursome of Harry Kansman, Mike Sturr, Mike Wright and Dale Aho. Thanks to Dave Niemi for once again organizing this event.

### **Yooper Dance Party a Big Success**

*Kiitos pahljon* to everyone who came out to support, donate and work at the Yooper Dance Party on August 23.

Described as “arguably the third best Finnish dance band in the whole copper country,” the PasiCats—Pasi Lautala, Bobby Hiltunen, Belinda Mattfolk and Shawn Badanjek—brought their unique style of polkas, tangos, waltzes and rock ‘n’ roll to the Dance Hall. The taste-of-the-U.P. food samples were a hit: Volwerth’s *makarra* and sauna *makarra* cooked to perfection over sauna rocks; *juusto* (squeaky cheese) and hardtack; Sherry Kurin’s delicious minipasties that practically melted in your mouth; Joann’s Mackinac Island fudge in a variety of flavors; and of course that old Finn Camp staple, *mojakka*. Keweenaw Brewing Company beer was served by Yooper natives Pam Linick and Ray Malila, with Pick Axe Blond Ale being the favorite.

*Kiitos* to the following for their door prize donations: Karin Malila for her original, beautifully framed oil painting; t-shirts and stickers from Yooper Shirts (<http://www.yoopershirts.com>); a baseball cap from the Suomi Restaurant (<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Suomi-Restaurant/203042349717213>); a beach towel, insulated mug, tote and *History of Finlandia* from Finlandia University’s North Wind Books (<https://bookstore.finlandia.edu>); a windsock, license plate and mouse pad from Touch of Finland (<http://www.touchoffinland.com>); a gift card for \$49.99 from Stormy Kromer (<http://www.stormykromer.com>); a coffee mug and U.P. bumper sticker from Lac La Belle Lodge (<http://laclabellelodge.com>); thimbleberry jam from The Wood’n Spoon (<http://woodnspoon.com>) and many other prizes donated by the Cultural Committee.

*Kiitos* also to the *Finnish American Reporter* for providing complimentary issues of the *FAR*; to Mary Burck and Eric and Laura Melancon for the use of their camps; Carol and Joe Santti for their help in rounding up door prizes, beer and *makarra* while in the U.P.; and to the Board of Directors for providing Sunday morning breakfast for the band.

—The Cultural Committee

### **New Memorial Garden**

A new memorial garden, situated next to the handrail donated in Elaine Jacobson’s husband’s name, Don “Jake” Jacobson, came to be as a way to remember Elaine. We are covering the grass with newspaper this fall as a natural way

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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).

to kill the grass over the winter. This will make springtime garden prep easier. So far, newspaper covers only about one-third of the garden area, as seen in the accompanying photo.



If you would like to help, we could use your assistance this fall in covering the grass with thick layers of newspaper—newsprint only, no glossy or shiny papers—and weighting it down with sticks picked up from under the surrounding trees. Next spring, we will initially need lots of assistance weeding, digging and planting, but ultimately the intention is to make this area beautiful with little or no maintenance. Please let everyone know not to remove the papers or sticks. Although this garden originated as a memorial to Elaine, we would like to honor all Finn Camp women who have freely given of their time to make our camp more beautiful. Maybe we could name it the Queens Garden, or perhaps someone has another suggestion. If you have questions, please contact Lori Aro: 248-321-6828.

#### **New Finn Camper September 14: Donovan James Rudzki**



## BOARD NOTES AND REMINDERS

Please help us welcome new member Crystal Soli, daughter of Sue Slaughter.

Attention, members with fire pits in camp country: The City of Wixom requires that all recreation fires be no larger than 3 feet in diameter and no higher than 2 feet tall. The law also requires that all fires be fully extinguished when unattended. Please practice fire safety and keep all fires under control.

Work hours cards are due October 31.

All dog owners, please pick up after your dog. The board has received numerous complaints about dog droppings all around Finn Camp. Please respect your fellow members.

All members with pets are reminded of Blue Book regulation 203.1.3: "No animals are permitted on the grounds unless properly leashed or under control, nor are they permitted in public eating areas."

All members: No picture taking or video filming in the sauna or dressing areas, indoor and outdoor.

Members with suggestions, comments or board-related business are asked to e-mail [board@finncamp.org](mailto:board@finncamp.org). Those looking to complete their work hours should email the Works Administrators at [work@finncamp.org](mailto:work@finncamp.org).

Smokers are advised to stand at least 20 feet away from all the entrances of the sauna building, Clubroom and all other facilities, 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. *NO furniture, appliances, propane tanks, wood, construction materials or other large items are to be left in, by or around the Clubroom 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. A motion detector camera has been installed to prevent unauthorized use of the dumpsters.

## BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

### Board of Directors

Sunday, October 12, 10:00 a.m., visitors at noon

### Future Planning Committee

Thursday, October 2, 7:00 p.m., meet outside Clubroom

### Sisu Sisters

November 11, 6:30 p.m., Clubroom

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