



The Clubroom entrance alight for the holidays.

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).

Special Membership Meeting

As discussed at the October semiannual meeting, we are in great need of a new lawnmower. To save money, the mower should be purchased before December 31. Accordingly, the board is asking the membership to attend a special meeting on Sunday, December 28, at 12:00 p.m. to vote on purchasing a new Kubota 60-inch, 26-hp Diesel, zero turn, riding mower. The list price is \$15,900, but we can buy it for \$13,000, including a used snow blade for placing a 12-month ad in our newsletter. Our total cost with tax will be \$13,780. The price would go up 4 percent January 1. A new lawnmower will have to be purchased soon regardless. Without gaining approval for this mower at this special meeting it will cost more next year. At least 20 percent of the membership is required to attend to have a quorum for a vote. **Please make every effort to attend.** If you cannot, you may request an absentee ballot, mailed or emailed, from the board.

Spa Night for Ladies

This event will be held Friday, December 5, from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. There will be a free sauna, appetizers, a raffle and a white elephant gift exchange. Come join the games and fun. Bring an appetizer if you wish. For more information, call Mary Burck at 248-471-0144.

CALENDAR

December

- 4—Future Planning Committee, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom
- 5—Spa Night, 7:00–10:00 p.m., women's sauna
- 7—**Pikku Joul**, "Little Christmas," Children's Christmas Party, 1:00–5:00 p.m., Clubroom. **Christmas card deadline**
- 13—Board meeting, 7:00 p.m., visitors following
- 13—**Adult Christmas Party**, 8:00 p.m., Clubroom
- 14—Forest Management Committee, 10:00 a.m., pole barn
- 28—**Special Membership Meeting**, 12:00 p.m., Clubroom
- 31—**New Year's Eve Party**, 9:00 p.m., Clubroom

January

- 11—Forest Management Committee, 10:00 a.m., pole barn

February

- 7—Winterfest
- Next Sisu Sisters meeting: March 10

Pikku Joulu, “Little Christmas”

The annual Children’s Christmas celebration will be Sunday, December 7, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the Clubroom. Bring a dish to pass for the potluck lunch, and enjoy traditional *riisi puuro* (rice pudding). New members are asked to bring an unbreakable ornament, labeled with your name(s) and “2014,” to hang on the tree and add to our collection (one per family, please). Join the kids in a sing-along of our favorite holiday carols as we anxiously await a visit from Santa! For your child to participate in Santa’s gift bag, bring a wrapped gift with your child’s name, to be put under the tree. Please limit the cost of your gift to \$10–\$15. For further information or to earn hours, contact Robyn Jokinen at 810-287-4591 or by email at rbjokinen@gmail.com.—Sponsored by the Recreation Committee

Association Christmas Card

An association Christmas card will again this year be mailed to all members. You can add your name(s) to this card for \$5 per entry. Print your entry as you would like it to appear on the card. (For example, Mr. & Mrs. S. Urho; Joe, Betty, Fred, Carol & Sam S. Isu.) The deadline is December 7 at *Pikku Joulu*. Mail your request with a check in the appropriate amount made out payable to: DFCSCA, 2524 Loon Lake Rd., Wixom, MI 48393. Please write “Christmas card” on the lower left corner of your envelope. Anyone who might like to may submit a drawing of something appropriate for the front of the card. It must be camera-ready, in black and white. Any Finn Camp–associated scene shown decorated for the holidays would be suitable. Use the same deadline and address as above. Thanks to all participants.—Karen Pype

Adult Christmas Party

The adult Christmas Party is scheduled for Saturday, December 13, at 8:00 p.m. in the Clubroom. Please bring a passing dish or dessert and join in the holiday fun. Deli trays, condiments and coffee will be provided. Please bring some nonperishable goods to be donated to Hospitality House. A DJ will play Christmas music during dinner, then kick it up a notch afterward! —Sponsored by the Board

Uudenvuodenaatto, New Year’s Eve

Our traditional New Year’s Eve party will begin in the Clubroom at 9:00 p.m. on December 31. Please bring a dish to share. This event is open to adults and children. Celebrate the beginning of the year with your fellow Finn Campers!

Winterfest 2015

Winterfest is Saturday, February 7. The festivities will be held at Sun Lake. Details to follow in January. This year’s chairperson is Linda Gooden, gooden_71@hotmail.com, 248-894-0974.



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.

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 and furnished: ceiling fan, vinyl windows, bedside sconces, trundle bed (sleeps 4), all patio furnishings, gas grill, mini-fridge, micro-wave, 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.

Art and About 2



On November 22, the Future Planning Committee held another successful Art and About event! Between new faces and returning artists we ended up with 26 painters. Our wonderful Art and About instructors Pat and Betty once again did an excellent job, this time helping us recreate another of our beloved Finn Camp landmarks, the covered bridge. Many stories about the bridge were shared as we worked through our paintings. Thank you to everyone for attending! Proceeds from this event will again go toward a new generator. Look for information about our next event, tentatively scheduled for January.

Think Gardening, Already

Lori Aro has written us that “I would like to put out a request to the members for gently used Finn Camp T-shirts. I will be making a quilt to be raffled off at some upcoming event in 2015 with the proceeds to go toward the beautification of the memorial garden.”

Condolences: Bridget Anne Moloney-Pelto



Former member Bridget Anne Moloney-Pelto, age 55, passed away peacefully October 28 at home in the care of her family. She was diagnosed with melanoma cancer in 2012. Bridget was born September 8, 1959, in Detroit, the daughter of Perry and

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Dolores (Thurner) Moloney. Bridget married now former member Kevin L. Pelto on September 13, 2000. A celebration of life ceremony service was held at Heeney-Sunquist Funeral Home in Farmington Hills on November 3 and a funeral mass was held at St. Gerald's Catholic Church in Farmington on November 4.

BOARD NOTES AND REMINDERS

Thanks to everyone who came out to help with *talkoo*. And a special thanks to all the members' children who participated.

For two weeks in January (dates to be announced) the women's sauna will be closed for repairs.

The board is currently accepting bids for the Association's log splitter. Any member interested in purchasing the splitter must submit their bid by February 1.

Members with suggestions, comments or board-related business are asked to e-mail board@finncamp.org. Those looking to add to their work hours should email the Works Administrators at work@finncamp.org.

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

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.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Board of Directors

Sunday, December 13, 7:00 p.m., visitors following

Future Planning Committee

Thursday, December 4, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom

Forest Management Committee

Sunday, December 14, 10:00 a.m., meet at pole barn.

Next Sisu Sisters meeting:

Tuesday, March 10

Correction

In the November newsletter, Paul Salo's name as new co-caretaker was misspelled as Soli. Our apologies.

You Can Help

What have we been missing?

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 below).

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