



Kevin Homola polar dipping in last year's Winterfest.

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).

Winterfest 2015

Winterfest 2015 will be held on Saturday, February 7. We will start the day off with the Polar Dip and ice fishing from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. at Sun Lake. The Chili Cook-off will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Clubroom, with music from a DJ to follow. Buttons will be \$6 per adult, \$4 per child or \$18 per member family with the sauna available at an additional charge. The Clubroom bar will open at 4:00 p.m. (3:00 for chili drop-off). If you have any items to donate to the raffle I will gladly accept your donation. Of course, this event will not be a success without your entries for the Chili Cook-off. I look forward to seeing you all there! Thank you.

—Linda Gooden

St. Urho's Party

The 2015 St. Urho's party will be held on Saturday, March 14, in the Clubroom starting at 8:00 p.m. There is a \$6 cover. Come enjoy a DJ, prizes, raffles, fun, food and the crowning

CALENDAR

February

- 7—Winterfest, begins 1:00 p.m.
- 8—Forest Management Committee, 10:00 a.m., pole barn
- 15—Board meeting, 10:00 a.m., visitors at noon

March

- 8—Forest Management Committee, 10:00 a.m., pole barn
- 10—Sisu Sisters meeting, 6:30 p.m., Clubroom
- 14—St. Urho's Party, 8:00 p.m., Clubroom
- 22—Board meeting, 10:00 a.m., visitors at noon

Other:

Next Future Planning meeting: April 2

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! Weather permitting, camp country may be open. —The St. Urho's Committee

New Member Spotlight: Patrick Beaudoin



Finn Camp is happy to welcome Pat Beaudoin, who joined in the fall. Patrick has a camp on the west side. He lives in Farmington Hills with his two sons, Shawn and Patrick, and a husky named Smoky. Patrick was born in the Upper Peninsula, in Keweenaw County, and moved downstate when he was eight. He attended Livonia schools and is employed as a truck driver. Pat likes to ride his motorcycle and is a Red Wings and Tigers fan.



Our new lawn mower is here. John Solocinski is ready for spring. (From 0 to 60 in *how* long, John?!)

Camps for Sale



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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.



Condolences: Marion Pelto

Marion June Pelto, former Finn Camp member and long-time resident of Milford, passed away on Wednesday, January 7. She was 81 years old, born on August 2, 1933, in Marble Falls, Texas. Early on, Marion grew up in Texas, before her family moved back to Michigan. She met her future husband, Andrew Pelto, when they were teenagers. Andrew joined the Marine Corps and served in Korea. Marion waited for her soldier to return and they married on June 20, 1953, in Detroit. When Marion and Andrew were Finn Camp members they used to help make pasties for Finn Fest. She enjoyed family gatherings at their long-time Milford home after church services. She also enjoyed reading on the deck of the family cottage on Big Wolf Lake in Lewiston, Michigan, and taking winter vacations in Madeira Beach, Florida, with family and friends. Marion was preceded in death by Andrew, her loving husband of more than 58 years, her youngest son David (fiancée Maureen) and daughter-in-law, Bridget (Kevin). She is survived by her children Kevin, Janene (Glynn) Simmons, current Finn Camp members Greg (Nancy) and Brian (Jill), Julie (Chris) Dahlin, 13 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. A funeral service was held at Oak Pointe Church of Milford on January 13 and Marion was laid to rest at Oak Grove Cemetery, Milford.

Quotes of the Season (Continued)

“I’ve traveled [to Nebraska] all times of the year with no real weather problems. Of course, I was coming from northern Michigan, beside which any other area’s weather seems easy.” —Author Jim Harrison

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 (Greg Pelto, 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

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BOARD NOTES AND REMINDERS

The board is now accepting applications for the Sun Lake beach manager for the 2015 season. Letters of application will be accepted by mail or email. See the contact information below.

The board is accepting bids for the aluminum Finn Camp paddle boat that has been at Sun Lake. All bids due April 15. The boat must be removed from Finn Camp property.

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. General questions may be answered by visiting www.finncamp.org.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Board of Directors

Sunday, February 15, 10:00 a.m., visitors at noon

Forest Management Committee

Sunday, February 8, 10:00 a.m., meet at pole barn

Next Sisu Sisters meeting

Tuesday, March 10, 6:30 p.m., Clubroom

Next Future Planning Committee meeting

Thursday, April 2, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom

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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