



Richard (Dick) Pype delivers his last report as Finn Camp Treasurer, at the April 26 annual membership meeting.

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 248-926-6219.

Spring Talkoo

Come out on Sunday, May 3, 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.

Annual Membership Meeting

The 2015 Annual Meeting was held on April 26 in the Clubroom, with a comfortable quorum of 57 of the 22 members required. We welcomed new members Sarah Heikkinen Baer, Charles Gariepy and Gina Parisi. Patti Leppi was reelected to the board, and board slots vacated by James Santti and Richard Pype were filled by Linda Gooden and Chris Eilola (*see box on last page*). Dave Niemi, Jim Ziegler and Eric Solin were chosen as alternates. The transfer of membership from Karen Pype (*see "Condolences," page 3*) to her husband Dick Pype was approved. Another application for membership, by a non-Finn, was denied. Joni Sennhenn will fill Karen's role as Social Committee chairperson. The membership approved up to \$4,000 to buy a new women's sauna stove, most of this cost being generously covered by Dick Pype's donation of the amounts given for special projects in Karen's memory.

CALENDAR

May

- 3—*Talkoo*, 10:00 a.m.
- 7—Future Planning meeting, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom
- 8—Sisu Sisters meeting, 6:30 p.m., Clubroom
- 10—Forest Management, 10:00 a.m., pole barn
- 15—Newsletter items due
- 17—Board meeting, 10:00 a.m., visitors at noon
- 25—Memorial Day flag raising, 9:30 a.m., Leppi's Landing

June

- 7—Men's Spring Scramble golf outing, 8:00 a.m.
- 14—Fishing Derby, 9:00 a.m., Sun Lake
- 20—*Juhannus*

Other

August 14–16: **Finn Fest**

The general mood of the meeting was upbeat, with financial gains reported by the Investment Committee, Bar Committee, Forest Management, Winterfest, the store and others. Plans for celebrating the 90th anniversary of Finn Camp and to update the bar area contributed to the sense of progress. Sally Evans and Kayla Jokinen will cochair a new committee, with Erick Leskinen and Liz Holm, to plan for the centennial celebration of the founding of Finn Camp, in 2025. Another such milestone was announced by Norma (Sam) Dernberger: the 100th birthday of her father, Reino (Rey) Mustonen, coming up May 14. A cookout will be held in his honor May 16 at Sun Lake about 1:30 p.m.

Honors Students Recognized

The following Finn Camp students have earned academic honors this year:

- William Allen, Univ. of Mich., Dearborn
- Raelyn Aro, Walled Lake Central High School
- Caroline Barrett, Adrian College
- Samuel Barrett, Walled Lake Central High School
- Dustin Evans, Walled Lake Central High School
- Blake Holm, Walled Lake Northern High School
- Sarah Holm, M.A., VRT (Vision Rehabilitation Therapy), Western Michigan University
- Josh Homola, Walled Lake Western High School
- Drew Pype, Walled Lake Central High School

TACO WEDNESDAYS



Back by popular demand: Taco Wednesdays, sponsored by the Future Planning Committee, will be returning this summer. Please look for information in upcoming newsletters. And don't forget to get in your work hours this year by helping out with Taco Wednesdays!

Sisu Sisters

The Sisu Sisters are offering you a chance to win an elegant Gourmet Raffle Dinner for eight—tickets on sale now!

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.

Camp 106, west side

New roof, many extras
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Camp 128, West Side

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Camp 137, West Side

\$1,600 or best offer
Call Chris Aho:
248-804-2886
Please: No calls from nonmembers



Dinner at the Covered Bridge? At Loon Lake? At the Sun Lake beach? A seven-course meal won by one lucky Finn Camper will include happy hour, an appetizer, soup, salad, an intermezzo, the main entrée, chocolate strawberries, dessert and coffee! The drawing will be held Saturday, August 22, during our first-ever Sisu Sisters Gourmet Breakfast & Flotilla. Tickets are \$5 each or five for \$20. You need not be present to win, and you have one year to redeem your prize. See the flyers around camp country for more info. Proceeds are to benefit the DFCSA butterfly garden, for *Ravintola* screen replacement and other great garden projects. Mark your calendars for our Gourmet Breakfast full of epicurean delights and a sun-filled Flotilla Day at the beach where we latch together our rafts for fun, food and fellowship!

Condolences: Karen H. Pype



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Karen Helen Pype died peacefully at home in Wixom on April 7, surrounded by family. She was 74 years old. Born July 18, 1940, in Detroit, she was the daughter of Arne Matt and Hazel Lillian (Finnila) Santti. Karen grew up summering on Sun Lake—the only one she missed was the summer of 1973, when the family moved from Pittsburgh to Syracuse. She served on the Recreation Committee and in a multitude of other ways.

Karen graduated from Southfield High School in 1958. She met Richard (Dick) Pype at a birthday party in Royal Oak and married him in Allenton, Mich., on July 18, 1961. He became her devoted husband of 53 years. Together they raised four children, for whom Karen was homemaker, chauffeur, Girl Scout leader, short-order cook, band parent and mom; she was active in American Field Service and served as a host mother for the International Student Exchange Program. Karen was a counselor, confidante, general comptroller and an expert organizer whose skills served her family and us well.

Karen Pype lived life to its fullest and was an avid reader who loved long days at the beach with a good book. She enjoyed the theater, travel—to London and Germany, Italy, Morocco and Mexico—and anywhere to visit family and friends. To keep track of them all, she studied genealogy and joined Facebook to stay in touch with friends and family. She was an active member of St. Mary's Church in Milford, where her funeral mass was held April 10.

Karen is survived by her husband Richard, children Robyn (Wayne) Jokinen, Todd Pype, Julie (Jeff) Hoisington and Jeffrey (Justina) Pype; 12 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren; brothers Joe (Carol) Santti, Karl (Carol) Santti; sisters Tina Santti and Sue Andrews; and sisters-in-law Pat (Bill) Cutcher, Charlene Pype and Nanette Pype. Her many nieces, nephews, extended family and dear friends join in mourning the death of a very special person in our lives. Memorial donations may be made to the Finn Camp Special Project Fund.

Season Opener

The summer season began April 24 with the first Friday Night Grill, run once more—and for the last summer (see page 7, “Board Notes”)—by Jim Santti and Dick Pype. St. Urho's 2015 Queen Leah Paukovits threw out the traditional first pitch to King Rob Johnson (next page, below and right). The Voima Boys opened their season in their traditional manner.

Sherry's Sweet and Savory Pasties

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Spring Scramble Golf Outing

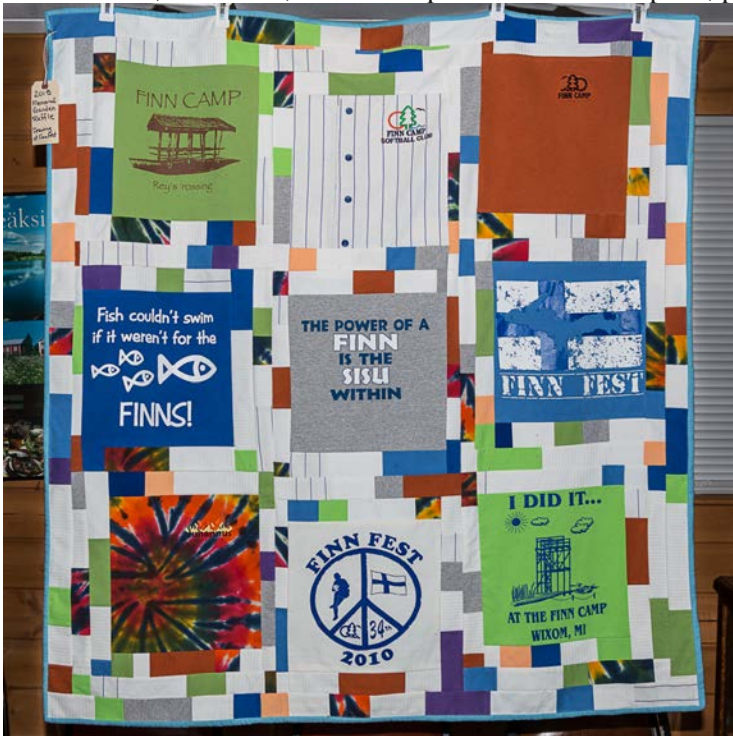
The annual men’s spring classic golf outing is on Sunday, June 7, at the Riverbank Golf Course, 24095 Currie Rd., South Lyon (10 Mile and Currie). Registration starts at 8:00 a.m., with tee-offs at 9:00. See Dave Niemi for more details.



Queen Leah Paukovits and King Rob Johnson in their royal garb.

Memorial Garden and Quilt Raffle

The newspapers from the memorial garden up from the Clubroom entrance have been removed. Now it’s time to donate plants and related items, churn dirt, set landscape cloth and add topsoil, plants



and landscape rocks. If you have time, during the week or on weekends, come help prepare the garden. Contact Lori Aro—248-321-6828—for details.

To raise funds for the memorial garden I made a Finn Camp T-shirt Summer Quilt (above) to be raffled during Finn Fest weekend. The

quilt is now on display in the Clubroom store. Tickets are \$2 each or three for \$5.

New High-Top Clubroom Table



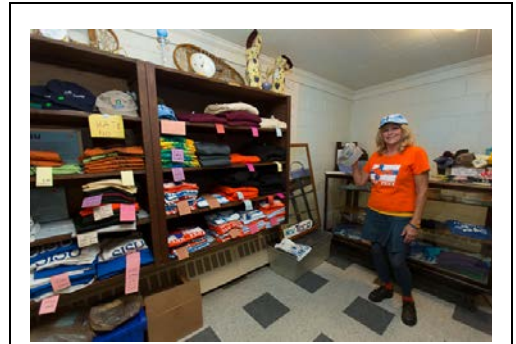
Delle Aro made this gorgeous new high-top Clubroom table. The inlaid ants under the epoxy surface aren't going to bother anyone's indoor picnic.

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.



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.

BOARD NOTES AND REMINDERS

Please join us in welcoming new member Sarah Heikkinen Baer, her husband, Kevin, and daughter, Faith.

The board is accepting bids for the old generator—a Homelite 4,800-watt unit—located at the Clubroom. Bids are due August 1. The generator is pictured at the bottom of the next column.

The Friday Night Grill reopening April 24 marked Jim Santti and Dick Pype's last year with the grill. We are looking for someone to step up and continue this great Friday night tradition that so many have come to enjoy. Please contact Jim or Dick if interested.

Electrician needed—There is some electrical work the board is seeking help with. Please contact one of the Works Administrators (*box, right*) if you have electrical skills. This is a great way to work off your work hours!

Cindy Maddick (248-303-7337) will be serving as camp reservations agent this summer.

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, May 17, 10:00 a.m., visitors at noon

Forest Management Committee

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

Future Planning Committee

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

Sisu Sisters

Wednesday, May 8, 6:30 p.m., Clubroom

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