



The Holiday Extravaganza in the Clubroom, November 18–19.

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 Joni Sennhenn at 248-882-4626.

Finn Camp Christmas Card

An association Christmas card will again this year be mailed to all members. Amber Martin would like to ask for anyone interested in designing the Finn Camp Christmas card to please submit their design by December 6. Cards should be on 8.5" × 11" paper, folded in half. Designs should be mailed to the Finn Camp address (2524 Loon Lake Road, Wixom 48393), attention: Christmas Card. Amber will be taking care of collecting the \$5 per entry for anyone who would like their name in the Christmas card this year. This money is due by December 6 as well. Please let her know if you have any questions: 248-770-9994 or ambersennhenn@gmail.com.

Pikku Joulu, "Little Christmas"

The annual Children's Christmas celebration will be Sunday, December 6, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the Clubroom. Bring a side dish or dessert for the potluck lunch; the main dish will be provided by the Recreation Committee. New members are asked to bring an unbreakable ornament, labeled with your name(s) and "2015," to hang on the tree and add to our growing collection (one per family, please). Join the kids in a sing-along of our favorite 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

CALENDAR

December

- 4—Sisu Sisters **Spa Night**, 7:00–10:00 p.m., Sauna
- 6—**Pikku Joulu**, 1:00–5:00 p.m., Clubroom
- 6—Finland Independence Day (1917)
- 12—**Adult Christmas Party**, 8:00 p.m., Clubroom
- 13—Forest Management Committee, 10:00 a.m., meet at pole barn
- 31—**New Year's Eve Party**, 9:00 p.m., Clubroom

January

- 10— Forest Management Committee, 10:00 a.m., meet at pole barn
- 17—Board Meeting 10:00 a.m. Boardroom. Visitors at noon

Other

Clubroom hours: Fri., Sat., 7:00 p.m. to closing
Sauna hours: Wed., 6:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m. when volunteer available; Sat., 3:00–9:00 p.m.

All material for newsletters is due on the 15th of the previous month.

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

Sisu Sisters' Spa Night

Calling all ladies to Spa Night, Friday, December 4, at the Sauna, from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. Enjoy holiday punch, food, games, massage, a candlelight sauna, music and merriment. Donations accepted to our Secret Santa Finn Camper Project!

Adult Christmas Party

The Adult Christmas Party is scheduled for Saturday, December 12, at 8:00 p.m. in the Clubroom. Please bring a passing dish or dessert and join in the holiday fun. Deli trays and coffee will be provided by the board. Please bring some nonperishable goods to be donated to Hospitality House (cash and check donations are also appreciated). We will enjoy live entertainment.—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 2016

Mark your calendars. Winterfest will be held Saturday, February 6, 2016. The day will start with polar dipping and ice fishing from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. at Sun Lake and a Chili Cook-off beginning at 6:00 p.m., followed by dancing. If you would like to get an early start on your work hours please contact Linda Gooden (that's at gooden_71@Hotmail.com) to sign up to help. I am looking for a button maker, raffle and 50/50 ticket sellers, chili judges, helpers at the beach and Clubroom and a sauna master from 1:00 to 3:00. I would also greatly appreciate any donations of raffle prizes.—Linda Gooden

Sibelius Celebrations

The 150th birthday of Finland's premier composer, Jean Sibelius, on December 8 is being celebrated far and wide. Fittingly, in Helsinki it is the Public Works Department, not a music venue, that is observing Sibelius's birthdate. Nature was his inspiration for delightful piano pieces he composed about five domestic tree species: the spruce, pine, birch, aspen and willow. Accordingly, the DPW is attaching special plaques with QR codes on them to access Sibelius's music in eight Helsinki parks. A cell phone with a QR reader app will be able to open a music file with a song Sibelius wrote for each of the trees mentioned.

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Camp 106, west side

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On December 3 at noon the Finnish Center Association (35200 W. Eight Mile Rd. in Farmington Hills) is sponsoring a free concert—donations appreciated—by Finnish-born chamber musicians Katri Ervamaa and Marja Kaisla. Ervamaa is a cellist who heads the U. of M.'s music program in its Residential College. Kaisla is a pianist who has performed widely in Europe and Russia and is serving as coordinator for the Sibelius 150th anniversary celebration for Finlandia Foundation. The December 3 performance will be repeated December 4 at 7:15 p.m. at Kerrytown Concert Hall in Ann Arbor.

Sauna Rocks Needed

If you are going up north for the holidays and can bring back rocks that would work in our saunas, that would be much appreciated. Call Delle Aro for information: 248-624-6183.

Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Automated External Defibrillator Training



Joni Sennhenn giving CPR to a mannequin of an infant.

On November 22, 12 Finn Camp members took training in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and in the use of Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs). The two AEDs used were donated by Jim Martin. One AED will hang in the Clubroom to the left of the women's bathroom door. The second unit will be in the sauna building. Hopefully, these skills will not be needed, but if one of our members or guests needs medical attention, we now have the equipment and training in case of an emergency.

Home for Sale in Finn Camp Subdivision: 2160 E. Euna

This well-maintained 3-bedroom, 3 full bath, 1,986-square-foot, two-story home is just minutes away from Finn Camp.

It features a sauna, generator, city water and sewer, attached two-car garage with workshop—and the only **heated sidewalk and driveway** in the area.

Recent upgrades total \$82,000, including kitchen updates. For further information and a showing, contact Abe Quassis at ReMax: 734-718-4455 or abeq84@gmail.com.



Condolences:

Katri Pietila



Former Finn Camp member Katri Pietila passed away on October 30. Born April 11, 1921, in Konnevesi, Finland, Katri received her teaching degree from Jyvaskyla University after her studies in dentistry at Helsinki University ended when Helsinki was bombed during World War II. It was during the war that Katri joined the voluntary auxiliary paramilitary organization Lotta Svärd, where she cooked, repaired uniforms and worked in the office where fallen soldiers were sent. Although this work was emotionally draining, Katri was proud to have served as a Finnish Lotta. After the war, Katri went to Sweden to teach war orphans. At 26, she traveled to Michigan with the intention of staying one year. However, that changed when she met and married William Pietila in 1949. Katri was a teacher in the U.S. for 25 years, teaching grades four through six. Katri and Bill were avid travelers, having been to 49 states and a dozen countries. They had two children, Michael and Kristina, and two grandchildren, Ava and Mark.

Ruth Shaw



Ruth M. Shaw, age 92, of Southfield and formerly of Detroit, passed away November 19. She was the daughter of Hilma Kanninen, who was born in Finland and came to the United States as a young child. Her family settled in the UP in Ironwood, and Hilma came down to the Detroit area as a teenager. Her uncle, Andy Jokinen, was one of the founding members of Finn Camp. Although Ruth was never a member of Finn Camp, she loved it dearly and she and her friends and family spent a lot of time at Finn Camp in the 1930s and 1940s. She visited Finn Camp in her later years with her grand-daughters Gina and Melanie. She was often a guest of Elin Nygord, with whom she became friends

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when she was 10 years old. For more than 80 years, they were best friends. Ruth very much enjoyed swimming in Sun Lake with Elin and their group every summer. She also enjoyed reading, was a member of Great Books and loved spending time with her grandkids. She was a very kind woman with a friendly smile and a loving and warm heart. She was fortunate enough to visit Finland in her later years with her son Jeff. Ruth was the beloved wife of Leonard Shaw, with whom she was married for 49 years before he passed away in 1996. She was the loving mother of Jeffrey (Neetu) and Finn Camp member David (Mayela) Shaw and the cherished grandmother of Adam, Angelica, Tristan, Gina and Melanie Shaw. Her funeral took place at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington Hills on Saturday, November 21.



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

The board is accepting bids on camp 121. All bids will be opened at the February board meeting.

Effective immediately, there is to be no smoking in the outdoor sunrooms at the sauna building.

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

The Camp Social Director is Joni Sennhenn. Please contact her at 248-882-4626 if you would like to make a reservation for the beach and sauna area, the *Kenttä*, or the Dance Hall or Clubroom.

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

No board meeting in December

Forest Management Committee

Sunday, December 13, 10:00 a.m., meet at pole barn

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