## DETROIT FINNISH COOPERATIVE SUMMER CAMP ASSOCIATION



# FINN CAMP NEWSLETTER

## **FEBRUARY 2016**



Remi Pype polar dipping at Winterfest 2015, Sun Lake.

## **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.

## Winterfest 2016

Winterfest will be held on Saturday, February 6. 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-offs). If you have any items to donate to the raffle I will gladly accept them. 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 2016 St. Urho's party will be held on Saturday, March 12, 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 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

## **CALENDAR**

# **February**

- 6—Winterfest, 1:00 p.m.
- 14—Forest Management Committee, 10:00 a.m., meet at pole barn
- 21—Board meeting, 10:00 a.m., visitors at noon

# March

- 3—Future Planning Committee meeting, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom
- 9—Sisu Sisters meeting, 6:30 p.m., Clubroom
- 12—**St. Urho's Day**, 8:00 p.m., Clubroom
- 13—Forest Management Committee, 10:00 a.m., meet at pole barn
- 20—Board meeting, 10:00 a.m., visitors at noon

Clubroom hours: Fri., Sat., 7:00 p.m. to closing. Closed February 19–20 for bar restoration

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 15<sup>th</sup> of the previous month.

## Condolences: Rita Honka



Long-term Finn Camp member Rita Laverne Jansen Honka of Wixom died January 6 at the age of 86. She was born May 23, 1929, in Covington, Kentucky, to John and Elizabeth (née Schultz) Jansen, the fourth child of seven. Rita is survived by her brother Bill, 10 of her children, 20 grandchildren, and 6 great-grandchildren. Rita was the wife of member Russel Victor (Mike) Honka, mother of long-time members Phoenix and Michael Honka, grandmother of Leah Honka Paukovits and great-grandmother to Ethan and Aila Paukovits. Rita and Mike welcomed 12 children into their lives: Teri Arbenowske, Phoenix Honka, Michael (Joan) Honka, Steve (Pookie) Honka, Mary (deceased), Thomas (Nancy) Honka, Elizabeth (deceased), Lee (Paul) Turmala, Marie (Chris) Jacobs, Rita Jean, Paul (Lisa) Honka and Diane.

Rita loved art, expressing herself in drawing, painting, photography, poetry, and sculpting, at which she excelled. Among her children and grandchildren are artists, musicians, and designers. She very much loved children, and was a practicing Catholic.

A funeral mass was held January 9 at St. William Catholic Church in Walled Lake and interment was at Great Lakes National Cemetery. A memorial service for Rita was also held, at Finn Camp on January 9. Memorials may be directed to St. William Catholic Church, 531 Common Street, Walled Lake. Condolences may be left at www.LynchFAMILYFuneralDirectors.com, 340 Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake.

## **Temporary Clubroom Closing**

The Bar Committee has announced that the Clubroom will be closed on Friday, February 19, and Saturday, February 20, for bar restoration.

# **Camps for Sale**

Nyt on oikea aika ostaa leirl. Now is the time to buy a camp.



Camp 103, West Side
Charming cottage-style cabin of
high-end materials: real stucco
exterior, terra-cotta tile, Old World
textured walls and ceiling. Undercabin storage conceals yard tools,
larger patio items. Fully decorated.
\$6,000 cash, OBO. For a tour or
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310-990-8509.

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Built in 2006.
Refrigerator, furniture, new locks.
Asking \$5,000. Call Carol Wingert:
248-568-1960



Camp 106, west side New roof, many extras Call Tom: 586-770-2156



## More Lore: Gluten-free Beer

Early this year, Finland's gluten-free beer Kukko (Rooster) should be available in the United States. Kukko's gluten content is less than 20 parts per million, which allows it to be called gluten-free in Europe. But FDA requirements let Kukko advertise itself here only as being "crafted to reduced gluten." It is, however, free of the chemicals that the brewing process typically uses to reduce gluten levels. And it is made completely from malted barley. Our source for this item, Markku Ketola in the January *Finnish American Reporter*, doesn't say so, but perhaps it's best to seek out Kukko from its U.S. distributor, Good Life Imports, rather than to trace it back to its source, the Finnish brewery Laitilan Wirvoitusjuomatehdas, if for no other reason than ease of pronunciation.

#### From the Auditors

The Finn Camp Store, Recreation Committee and Sisu Sisters 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. Before the end of March we need the records through February 29. For the store we just need the inventory on hand. We need the financial records from both the Sisu Sisters and the Recreation Committee. We will have the records back to you as soon as we can. Please indicate how much money you have in cash. Thank you for your cooperation. —Sam Dernberger

## **BOARD NOTES AND REMINDERS**

The Board would like to welcome new member Rochelle Darensbourg and her husband, River.

The Board is now accepting applications for all paid positions, which include Bookkeeper, Caretaker, Beach Manager, Bar Manager and Assistant Bar Manager.

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

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.

## Lakes Area Bait Shop

Live Bait. Reloading.

Supplies for Fishing, including Bowfishing.

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2600 Benstein Rd., Wolverine Lake (south of Glengary Rd.) Ph.: 248-624-3333 LakesAreaBaitShop@ Yahoo.com

Suppliers to the Finn Camp Fishing Derby

### Cords of Firewood for Sale

\$50 for members, \$60 nonmembers.
Delivery extra.

Contact Mike Honka, ph. 248-860-5109

# Need a Seamstress?

Call Cindi Maddick for all your alterations, custom work and mending at

248-303-7337



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.

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 21, 10:00 a.m., Boardroom, visitors at noon

# **Forest Management Committee**

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

## **Finn Camp Newsletter**

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