



The new Clubroom bar, reflecting the work of Delle Aro, Eric Holm, Mike Honka, Eric Solin, and Reino Solin.

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 Joni Sennhenn at 248-882-4626.

Annual Membership Meeting

The 2016 Annual Meeting is scheduled for April 24 in the Clubroom. Registration begins at 11:00 a.m. and the meeting starts at noon. It is very important that members attend the meeting. Many issues need to be discussed and voted on. Please come to the meeting and be a part of the decision making of our association. A free sauna will be available to attendees after the meeting.

Spring Talkoo

Come out on Sunday, May 1, 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.

Welcome Back, Campers: Potluck and Game Night

The fun starts at 7:30 p.m., on Saturday, May 14, in the Clubroom. Please bring a dish for the potluck. The Bar Committee will be supplying sloppy Joes. A euchre tournament will start at 8:00 p.m. sharp. Please bring favorite board and card

CALENDAR

April

- 7—Future Planning Committee meeting, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom
- 10—Forest Management Committee, 10:00 a.m., meet at pole barn
- 13—Sisu Sisters meeting, 6:30 p.m., Clubroom
- 17—Board meeting, 10:00 a.m., visitors at noon
- 22—**Softball** season starts
- 24—**Annual meeting:** registration, 11:00 a.m. Meeting starts at noon

May

- 1—**Spring Talkoo**, 10:00 a.m.
- 5—Future Planning Committee meeting, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom
- 11—Sisu Sisters meeting, 6:30 p.m., Clubroom
- 14—**Family Fun Night**, 7:30 p.m., Clubroom
Board meeting. TBD

Other:

June 18—**Juhannus**

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.

games to share. This is a family-friendly event to kick off the 2016 camping season. See you there!

Yooper Night 2016

Reserve your seat now for this year's Detroit Tigers Yooper Night at Comerica Park on Saturday, August 20, the Tigers vs. the Red Sox at 7:10 p.m. The cost will be about \$54 per person, which includes your game ticket, round-trip motorcoach transportation from Finn Camp to Comerica Park, and a Tigers/Yooper fan t-shirt. Contact Carol Melancon at FinnCulture@Yahoo.com or 734.261.3889. Include your contact information (email and/or phone) and the number of tickets. More information will be in the May newsletter.

Member Spotlight: Ed and Nancy Kangas



Ed and Nancy Kangas joined the Finn Camp in 1979. They attended Mass High School in the Upper Peninsula and Ed continued his education at Heald Engineering College in San Francisco. Ed graduated as a mechanical engineer and went on to work for Chrysler and General Dynamics. Nancy was a homemaker and handled their rental properties. Ed and Nancy were married in 1956 and have six children and five grandchildren. Ed and Nancy lived in Farmington Hills for many years before moving up to Ontonagon in the UP in 1997 to the family farm that Ed's parents and grandparents owned. Ed was a member of the Tax Committee for many years. They have enjoyed swimming at Sun Lake and using the sauna.

FinnFest USA 2017

We'd like to remind you that FinnFest USA is planning to hold its annual festival in the greater Detroit region in 2017, for the first time since 1987. While the actual date and specific location are still under discussion, FinnFest USA is asking Detroit-area people to join together to bring FinnFest USA back to the Detroit region. With the second-largest Finnish population among metro regions in the U.S., Detroit creates an excellent site for the U.S.A.'s national

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celebration of Finland's 100th anniversary.

What better way for Americans to commemorate a Finnish anniversary than to come to Detroit, home of the American automobile industry, where so many Finnish people came to work after their grandparents or parents migrated from Finland. Think Henry Ford Museum, the General Motors campus, Cranbrook (where the Saarinens and others introduced America to Finland's artistic gifts), and of course Finn Camp, one of the few remaining active camps founded by Finns in America. Detroit provides a wonderful place to celebrate the past, the present and the future of Finland and Finnish America. FinnFest USA, the nonprofit corporation that creates the annual national festival, invites you to help create the 2017 festival. We want this festival to be about what Americans might enjoy experiencing about Finland and Finnish America today. We need to learn about your knowledge and interests. Help us define local resources. Hockey players, yes, but what else puts Finland and Finnish Americans on the map? Help us find the Detroit-area resources that only you know and can help make happen. Consider sending an email to FinnFest USA, telling us about your interests and your ideas. Send emails to the president of FinnFest USA, Marianne Wargelin, at kmwargelin@comcast.net.

More Lore: Finns Still Holding Down Real Estate Prices— In Brooklyn

Across all of Brooklyn, New York, the median price for a one-room apartment in the last quarter of 2015 was a healthy \$426,000. But in the formerly Finnish area of Sunset Park, a two-bedroom, one-bath coop apartment was for sale in early March for *only* \$364,000. This particular apartment is in a brick coop building completed in about 1921 by Finnish developers. Among the features of this 725-square-foot unit are an ice box tucked into a wall and cooled only by the outside air. You ask, why didn't such a desirable, spacious apartment sell for more like the going rate for such units in the area: \$550,000? The main problem seems to be that the building's coop association prohibits bank loans. One broker observed that "Finns didn't believe in debt, and the building prefers to keep it this way." Oh, and there is no elevator, either.

Free "Classified" Ads

All members are invited to list here any services—for pay or barter—that they would like to advertise, whether it's a service such as handyman or seamstress or pet care or seasonal activities like garage sales. All you have to do is provide the following information: The type of service offered; a description of just what you do as the service provider; your price (hourly rate, job rate, to be negotiated, or whatever); your name; and your contact information (preferred method and times: phone, email, etc.). Total length, including spaces, should not exceed 50 words, not counting the headings. (Overlength copy will be edited for fit.) The deadline is the same as the date for newsletter copy: the 15th of each month.

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Condolences: Diana Lynn Peltier



Diana Peltier (“PelTEER”), mother of Finn Camp member Walter Peltier (camp 89), died March 3 in East Pointe, Mich. She was not a member, but her mother was a first-generation Finnish American. Diana was a pediatric ventilation nurse, specializing in newborns with breathing problems. Survivors include Walter and his wife, Shannon, and their daughter Serenity and sons Wyatt and Bailey.

**Our New St. Urho’s King and Queen:
Jim Ziegler and Amber Martin**



Photo by Linda Gooden.

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Attention, all Finn Camp members: Trash Rules

Dumpsters are for members 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 the roadside near the tractor garage on Tuesdays for Wednesday pickup. 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.

Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Days

Household hazardous waste days are April 9 for Wixom, April 16 for Southfield (RRRASOC MRF), May 7 for Farmington Hills and May 21 for Milford. The time at all locations is 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The complete 2016 event schedule and additional information can be found at www.RRRASOC.org.

BOARD NOTES AND REMINDERS

We would like to welcome new member Lauren Griffiths, her husband, Benjamin, and their daughter Elodie.

The Finn Camp membership form can be found at www.finncamp.org at the top, right corner of page 1.

The Board is accepting applications for Beach Manager and Caretaker.

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 *Kentta*, Dancehall or Clubroom.

The camp reservation agent is Cindi Maddick. Please contact Cindi at 248.303.7337 if you are renting or loaning out your camp to a nonmember. Nonmembers whose stay exceeds three consecutive days and two consecutive nights in a 30-day period without a member present, or exceeds 10 days and 9 nights in a 30-day period with a member present, must pay a rental fee of \$50 per week.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Board of Directors

Sunday, April 17, 10:00 a.m., Boardroom, visitors at noon

Forest Management Committee

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

Future Planning Committee

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

Sisu Sisters

Wednesday, April 13, 6:30 p.m., Clubroom

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