



Polar dippers at Winterfest.

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 248-926-6219.

St. Urho's Party

The 2017 St. Urho's party will be held on Saturday, March 11 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*

Family Game Night

The Bar Committee is sponsoring the next Game Night on Saturday, March 25. The Clubroom opens at 7:00 p.m. and the euchre tournament will begin at 8:00 p.m. sharp. Please bring board and card games to share and a snack for the food table.

Clubroom News

The clubroom will resume Friday hours beginning March 3.

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, Sam Dernberger), or give them to a board member to put on the Boardroom table. The year's reports should be submitted no later than March 31. We will have them back to you as soon as we can. Thank you for your cooperation.

CALENDAR

March

- 2—Future Planning Committee meeting, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom
- 11—**St. Urho's Day**, 8:00 p.m., Clubroom
- 12—Forest Management Committee, meet at pole barn at 10:00 a.m.
- 19—Board Meeting, 10:00 a.m., visitors at noon
- 25—**Family Game Night**, 7:00 p.m., Clubroom

April

- 6—Future Planning Committee meeting, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom
- 9—Forest Management Committee, meet at pole barn at 10:00 a.m.
- 12—Board Meeting, visitors at 6:30 p.m.
- 23—**Annual meeting**: registration, 11:00 a.m. Meeting starts at noon

Other

June 24 - Juhannus

Clubroom: Open Saturdays, 7:00 p.m. to close. Clubroom open on Friday March 3.

Sauna Hours:

Wed., 6:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.
Sat.—3:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.

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

Current St. Urho's King and Queen: Jim Ziegler and Amber Martin



St. Urho's Day

St. Patrick isn't the only Saint acknowledged each spring. March 16, the day prior to St. Patrick's Day, a Finnish-American hero is celebrated. Notorious in Finnish-American communities, St. Urho was fabricated by Northern Minnesotans in the 1950's. Most influential to the St. Urho legend were Robert Mattison and Dr. Sulo Havumäki of Virginia, Minnesota. Originally, St. Urho was fabled to have



banished "tose Rogs" frogs from ancient Finland. Today, storytellers agree St. Urho cast grasshoppers out, after drinking piimä (sour-milk) and kalakeitto (fish soup) and yelling, "*Heinäsiirikka Heinäsiirikka helvettiin!*" ("Grasshopper, Grasshopper, go to Hell!") Thus, St. Urho saved a Finnish vineyard from ruin with only the power of his loud voice. Nile-green and royal-purple are colors often worn at St. Urho's feasts, representing the grapes and the grasshoppers. - Naomi Petäinen

Camps for Sale

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Finland's Northern Lights

Want to see Finland's Northern lights? Take a trip to Finland's Lapland in March. North of the Arctic Circle, Aurora Borealis appears best in late winter when sunlight is at its least. View the lights from inside the warmth and privacy of your own thermal glass igloo. At the Igloo Village of Kakslauttanen Resort, visitors can rent one of twenty huts and experience the breathtaking northern lights. Watch the vibrant purple and green hues dance over the snowy hills while you sit beside your fireplace or while you enjoy an evening of sledding or skiing. Make sure to pack plenty of warm layered clothing and a sturdy pair of waterproof boots. Check out more information about the Kakslauttanen Resort at www.kakslauttanen.fi/en/

- Naomi Petäinen



Chili master Chuck Rudzki and Chairperson Linda Gooden

Winterfest 2017 a Great Success Thank you to all who helped to make Winterfest 2017 such a great success, beginning with our "ice hole" crew of Keith Maddick, Paul Salo, Larry Gooden, Erick Leskinen and David Taipala. Thanks to Crystal Soli for being our sauna master, to Kayla Jokinen, Mike and Mark Niemasz for selling 50/50 and raffle tickets and Melissa

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.) The deadline is the 15th of each month.

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Baker and and Nancy Kasparschuster for selling buttons. Also thanks to Lindsey, Crystal, David, Laina Benestead and Karina Garland for your help decorating, setting up and making the buttons. Thank you to Chili Master Chuck Rudzki, Greg Pelto and helpers Joan Amos and Will Allen. Thank you to our bartenders Pam Linick and Sherri Martin. We had a day with beautiful weather and a great turnout. There were more than 45 polar dippers, and we had 19 chili entries. Our chili cook-off winners were: First place, Mary Jo Taylor; Second place, Pam Linick; Third place, Belinda Hughes. If you donated chili, please check your crock pot lid to make sure you have the correct lid. Wayne Jokinen and Shelly Mazurek's crock pots were left with the wrong lids, but they weren't each other's lids. If you took home the wrong lid, please get in touch with Linda Gooden so we can make arrangements to get the correct lid back to you. Again, thank you to everyone who helped and supported this fun wintertime event. We apologize if we missed anyone. —*Linda Gooden and Lauri Taipala*

Finland Centennial And The Traveling Sauna Mascot

On December 6, 1917, Finland declared its independence from Russia. It was during this time that the effects of World War I had given rise to the Russian Revolution. The war had wracked Europe, putting economic and social pressure on Finland as well. When Russia ousted and later killed its monarchs, Finns saw an opportunity to end centuries of occupation. Prior to Russia, Sweden had ruled Finland since the 12th Century.

To commemorate this eventful year, the Finnish Prime Minister's Office established a "Finland 100 Years" organization to oversee the official functions for the 2017 celebration. 'Together' was chosen as the centennial theme with the hope that all Finns, Finnish Americans and friends of Finland will participate in the celebration. The Finnish Embassy in Washington, D.C., along with other Finnish-American organizations decided on the Traveling Sauna as its centennial mascot. Finland natives, Risto Sivula and Jouko Sipilä, are behind the Traveling Sauna mascot project. Their Minnesota based company, Ice Cold Marketing, is responsible for designing the sauna and for creating the cross-country route and stops of the sauna. Another Minnesota company, Finnleo, built the sauna. It includes a shower, changing room, front porch and wood burning stove. The sauna's journey started on January 14 and will end on December 6, 2017 at the Finnish Embassy in Washington, D.C.

The Traveling Sauna mascot will be stopping at this year's Finn Fest in August! Cost and scheduling information will be in an upcoming newsletter. In the meantime, you can follow the sauna as it makes its way across the USA:

<http://www.travelingsauna.com/map.html> - Carol Melancon

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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.

BOARD NOTES AND REMINDERS

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 sealed bids on camp 76. Your bid can be mailed or dropped off at the Clubroom. Please write on the outside of the envelope, "Sealed Bid Camp 76." All bids will be opened at the April board meeting.

The Board is accepting sealed bids for **one** of the smoke eaters currently installed in the clubroom. Bids will be opened at the May Board meeting.

Do not drive any vehicles in camp country while the ground is soft as this causes damage and ruts in the roadway. Anyone that does will be assessed a fine to help pay for the repair of the roads. When parking at the sauna building, do not park along side of the building adjacent to the outdoor men's changing area, as this is a fire lane. In case of an incident, an emergency vehicle would need to have access to this area.

For security reasons, anyone wanting to purchase wood must contact Mike Honka. Please do not help yourself to the wood.

If you have an address or phone number change, please email us at bookkeeper@finncamp.org.

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

Future Planning Committee

Thursday, March 2, 7:30 p.m. a.m. Boardroom

Forest Management Committee

Sunday, March 12, 10:00 a.m., pole barn

Board of Directors

Sunday, March, 19, 10:00 a.m., visitors at noon

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Please visit the Finn Camp website at www.finncamp.org.

Attention, Finn Campers:

Trash Rules

Dumpsters are for members' use only.

Do not put in large or long items that might 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 dumpsters. 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.

No dumping of leftover concrete on Finn Camp property. There is a concrete recycling plant on 12 Mile Rd. east of Beck Rd.