



Our new St. Urho's King Jim Martin and Queen Kathleen Zuber Bretschneider.

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.

Camp Opening (correction)

There was some confusion about when the camp area will be open. The camps will NOT be open this weekend, as was announced in the April's newsletter. The Board will meet on April 12 to determine if the weather is right to open the camps.

Annual Membership Meeting

The 2017 Annual Meeting is scheduled for April 23 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 7, 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.

CALENDAR

April

- 6—Future Planning Committee meeting, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom
- 9—Forest Management Committee, meet at pole barn at 10:00 a.m.
- 9—Pannukakku Brunch, Clubroom, 11:00 a.m.
- 12—Board Meeting, visitors at 6:30 p.m.
- 21—**Voima Boys Opening Day** -Finn Camp's Aho Field. Game time TBD Friday Night Grill
- 23—**Annual meeting:** registration, 11:00 a.m. Meeting starts at noon

May

- 4—Future Planning Committee meeting, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom
- 5—Cinco de Mayo
- 7—**Spring Talkoo**, 10:00 a.m.
May Board Meeting time and date TBD

Other

- June 3 – Sisu Sisters Barn and Bake Sale
- June 24 – **Juhannus**
- August 19 – Yooper Day, Tigers vs Dodgers

Clubroom: Open Friday's and Saturdays, 7:00 p.m. to close.

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.

Pannukka Brunch

A new season has begun for the Recreation Committee and we're starting off with a Pannukakku* Brunch in the Clubroom followed by an egg-decorating and cookie-decorating party. Mark your calendars! Sunday, April 9 starting at 11:00 a.m. *Pannukakku: For those unfamiliar with this dish, it is a Finnish baked pancake. However unlike traditional pancakes the main ingredient is eggs and it has more of a custardy center with crispy golden edges.

Pääsiäinen (Easter)

Like Halloween witches? The Pääsiäinen noidat (Easter witches) of Finland appear on the weekend before Pääsiäinen (Easter) or virpominen (Palm Sunday). Virpominen originated in the 1970's and shares both religious and pagan influence. It grew partially out of 19th century FINLAND and Sweden where many believed witches roamed around on Pääsiäinen (Easter). It also spread in Russian Orthodox communities where neighbors exchanged willow branches, representing the palms laid before Jesus on Palm Sunday.



Little Finish Witches

Today, Virpominen continues throughout Finland. Festivities commence with egg decorating, card crafting and enjoying the first signs of spring. Finnish children, dressed as 'good' witches, carry brightly colored willow branches and wander door to door passing along well-wishes to their neighbors. Instead of "trick or treat", they say, "Virvon, varvon, tuoreeks terveeks, tulevaks vuodeks; vitsa sulle, palkka mulle!" ("I wave a twig, for a fresh and healthy year ahead; a twig for you, a reward for me!") In return, children receive candies similar to American Halloween. Bonfires are later set to deplete excess wood, not to scare off witches. --Naomi Petainen



Camps for Sale

Nyt on oikea aika ostaa leiri.
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Camp 99, west side



Everything in the camp goes with it.
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For more information, call
248-941-9412.



Invasive Plant Update

Invasive plants are devastating our Finn Camp. Your help is needed! Bittersweet is an oriental perennial vine, climbing up to sixty feet.

For forty-years Bittersweet has strangled and fallen our trees and smothered our ferns and shrubbery. Bittersweet is the main invasive plant but not the only invasive species. The Huron River Conservation has also identified Phragmites, Knotweed, Russian Olive and invasive cattails. All of these plants pose a severe threat to the Finn Camp ecosystem. We must take action. Efforts to eradicate Bittersweet began eight years ago, spear-headed by Pheonix Honka, Sam Dernberger, and Pat and Brahim AlFaiz. Progress has occurred. Already some native plants are returning. The work is ongoing. Invasive cattails are suffocating Sun Lake by absorbing excessive oxygen and muddying the water. Some members have reported allergic reactions after swimming. Particularly huge, Phragmites and Knotweed are attacking the East side of Loon Lake Road. With serious damage done, the Woods Committee developed an idea. Each family can adopt a patch of forest and work to rid these invasive plants so native species can return in full. Additionally, we can research approaches to eliminate the invasive cattails. Fall and early Spring, before the poison ivy becomes active, are good times to help. Free sauna for those who work four hours. All Finn Camp Co-op members are welcome to attend a Woods Committee meeting held the second Sunday of each month from 10-2. Learn methods of eradicating these invasive plants. Escape into the Spring air. Lend your heart, hands and time to this imperative endeavor. Finn Camp members, please consider donating tools. We need leather gloves, hand pruners, shovels and hand saws. Call, text or email Phoenix at 248-880-6320, phoenixhonka27@gmail.com, or Sam at 248-624-2399. Join us in preserving and restoring the natural beauty of our Finn Camp. - Naomi Petainen

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.

Beverly Jokinen Graphic Artist

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Auto Mechanic

Mechanic for all makes and models of cars. Email make/model/job needed to Matthew Wendolowski at MattWendolowski99@gmail.com to negotiate price. Looking for more small jobs: oil changes, brake repairs like new calipers, headlights, engine light check, etc.

Sisu Sisters Barn and Bake Sale

The Sisu Sisters present a Barn and Bake Sale & Fairy Garden Class on Saturday June 3, 2017 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Call Denise at 248-640-0481 to reserve your table. \$15 for members; \$20 for non-members. Baked Goods will be available for purchase such as cookies, breads, brownies, homemade Pasties and Pies. Receive Free raffle tickets when you donate a baked good toward the Bake Sale. Fairy Garden Class will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Ravintola. Jenni the Fairy Garden Lady will be hosting a fairy garden class. Build a Beautiful garden for your fairies to frolic in. \$10.00 per person includes your class fee as well as the dirt and moss. Fairy garden decor items will be available for purchase to customize your planter. Bring your own planter. Pre-registration required, Please call Denise at 248-640-0481. Bring a container and a friend. Come experience the art of Fairy Garden making and shop for treasures at the Barn Sale! All proceeds to benefit our ongoing commitment to the Monarch Butterfly Garden area and many other special improvement projects at the Finn Camp. Sponsored by the Sisu Sisters

Yoopers Night at Comerica Park

Reserve your seats now for this year's Comerica Park's Yooper Day, Saturday, August 19, Tigers vs Los Angeles Dodgers at 4:05 p.m. The cost will be about \$56 per person and includes game ticket, round trip transportation from Finn Camp to Comerica Park, and a Tigers/Yooper hat. Please contact Carol Melancon at FinnCulture@yahoo.com or 734.261.3889. Include your contact information (email, and/or phone) and the number of tickets you would like to reserve. More information will be in the May newsletter.

New Member Spotlight



The Finn Camp welcomes Glynn and Janene Simmons. They are long time residents of Milford, MI. Glynn and Janene have three children, sons Nathan and Jake, and a daughter, Haley. Glynn is a retired graphic designer and Janene is a professional nanny. They recently acquired camp #106. Janene's brothers, Greg and Brian Pelto are current members. Welcome to Camp Country!

Cords of Firewood for Sale

\$55 for members, \$65
nonmembers.
Delivery extra.

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Condolences



Irene Ina Anthony 1923 – 2017 Irene Ina Anthony, Loving mother of Millie (Stephen) Packard Tracy (Linda), Nancy (Bob) Durham, Michael (Beth) and Steven (Susan) and Beloved wife of the late Michael for 29 years. Cherished Nady of 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. Dear sister of Ingrid (Gary Bityk) Santti. Irene was a member of the Finn Camp. Funeral Service was in March. The Finn Camp would like to express our condolences to Mille's Family.

Condolences



Loarraine A. Rosenberg Pam Linick's mother Lorraine A. Rosenberg, 91, formerly of Hurley, WI, passed away. A Public Prayer Vigil will be held at 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 15, 2017, at Lenmark-Gomsrud-Linn Funeral Home, 814 First Avenue in Eau Claire, WI, with Father Don Meuret presiding. A visitation will be held following the Vigil until 5 p.m. on Saturday. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 27, 2017, at St. Mary's of the Seven Dolors Catholic Church, 401 Iron St., Hurley, WI, with visitation one hour prior to the Mass at the church. Inurnment will take place in the Hurley Cemetery. The Finn Camp would like to express our condolences to Pam's Family.



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.

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.

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 would like to welcome new members Glynn and Janene Simmons.

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, April 6, 7:30 p.m. a.m. Boardroom

Forest Management Committee

Sunday, April 9, 10:00 a.m., pole barn

Board of Directors

Sunday, April 12, 10:00 a.m., visitors at 6:30 p.m.

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

From the Finn Camp Archives

More Finn Camp photos from around 1940's.
Pam Edwards-Hoffmann sent us some photographs.
Pam's mother is Lauha "Thelma" Edwards (née Huhtala and grandparents were Toivo and Sigrid Huhtala, and they were among the first DFC - CA members.



Diving tower and damaged dock, Sun Lake 1940.



Hans Kansman and Lorna Kilponen.



Reino Solin, Joe Yogus, Maybe Imer Santti and Walt Holm.
Gunnar Hemmingway, Bertha Kauranen and Martha Kauranen
at Sun Lake 1940.



Bruno Aro 1940.



Bertha Kauranen (Aro), George Tuorin, Martha Kauranen (Tuorin) at Sun Lake 1940.



Loon Lake, 1940



Martha Kauranen getting a golf lesson. around 1940.



Lauha "Thelma" Edwards (Huhtala) with unknown person around 1940.



Winter 1940. Lorna Kansman (Kilponen) in foreground.



Sven Kansman at the camps, winter 1940