



Detroit Tigers Yooper Night at Comerica Park on August 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 248-882-4626

DFCSCA Annual Golf Tournament

Finn Camp's Annual Labor Day Open Invitational Golf Tournament at Hickory Hill Golf Course is on Saturday, September 2. (Not Sunday this year.) This is a scrambles tournament. Tee times are from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. First come, first served. There will be nominal entry fees plus greens fees and optional cart rental. This event is open to all members. See or call Mary or Rob Johnson for more details and to sign up. 248-624-4568.

Campers' Picnic

Our traditional end-of-season campers' picnic will be Saturday, September 9 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. rain or shine outside the Clubroom. The Association will as usual provide hotdogs, buns and condiments as well as two tickets per membership that can be used for beverages in the bar. Please bring your own roasting sticks. Come out and share a great time with your fellow members!

Autumn Fest and Mojakka Cook-off

Get your stew pots ready for the 2017 Mojakka Cook-off, Saturday, September 16th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Put your skills to the test by entering and enjoying the many varieties of Mojakka, as part of Autumnfest, a benefit for the Finn Camp Scholarship fund held outdoors under the Ravintola (weather-permitting.) This year the judging is People's Choice so it's in your hands, or taste buds, to decide who takes the coveted top spot! There will be raffle prizes and games, as well as the announcement of 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners. The bar will be open and dinner is from 5:00 to 7:00

CALENDAR

September

- 2—Annual Golf Scramble Tournament, Hickory Hill Golf Course, 12:00 noon
- 7—Future Planning meeting, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom
- 9—Campers' Picnic, 7:00–9:00 p.m., outside Clubroom
- 16—Autumn Fest and *Mojakka* Cook-off, 5:00 p.m., Clubroom
- 17—Board meeting, 10:00 a.m., visitors at noon

October

- 1—Fall Classic Men's Scramble, 8:00 a.m., Riverbank Golf Course
- 7—Wine Tasting, 7:00–9:00 p.m., Clubroom
- 15—Board meeting, 10:00 a.m., visitors at noon
- 21—Adults' Halloween Party
- 28—Children's Halloween Party. Need volunteer to manage games
- 29—Semiannual Membership Meeting

Clubroom: Open Fridays, Saturdays, 7:00 p.m. to close

Sauna Hours:

Wed., 6:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m. (when volunteer available) Sat., Sun.—3:00–9:00 p.m.

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

p.m. so come hungry! Mojakka entries should be dropped off between 2:00-4:00 p.m. and the mojakka should be in a crockpot. Our own Dennis Burck, guitarist and former Scholarship Fund recipient, will be back again this year playing during dinner. As an added bonus the lively music of the duo "Vellamo" will entertain us in the dancehall from 7:30pm until 8:30pm. You may recall an earlier visit of this successful duo with the retro style, recalling the likes of Judy Collins, etc. They are currently touring the US and you can check them out

on: <https://www.facebook.com/Vellamoband/> or <https://vellamoband.wordpress.com/>

We are lucky to have many Scholarship applicants so we will share their stories during the cook-off event. We are grateful to honor the memory of longtime Finn Camper Edwin Elkhill who passed away Dec. 19th, 2016. Edwin cared so much about our younger generation that he provided a means to help them achieve their educational goals. Member Dan Linick, as Executor of Edwin's estate has honored his wishes by overseeing a generous donation from Edwin to our Scholarship Fund. Our kids are the direct beneficiaries. So please join us in celebrating our kids and their dreams for higher education! Prepay tickets are available at a reduced price of \$10.00 for all-you-can-eat Mojakka and the performance by the lively duo Vellamo. You can get your tickets from Mary Barie. At the door it is still a bargain-the price is \$12.00 for both or \$6.00 for each event. Children 12 years and under are a flat fee of \$5.00 Come hungry, come to hear the entertainment and come to celebrate our kids! We'll see you Saturday, September 16th!

Finn Camp Scholarship

Calling all Finn Camp Scholarship Applicants. The deadline for applying is fast approaching, the cut-off this year is September 16, 2017. If you are a first time applicant you are required to fill out the scholarship application. Following the completion of your first year students a copy of your transcripts are required. GPA requirements are 3.0 and above. We would also like a photo of your choosing and an update on your past year's activity and/or future plans to share with our fellow members. You can forward your information or questions

to: millie@webcoindustrial.com.

Thank you,
DFCSCA Scholarship Committee
Marie Barie,
Millie Packard



10th Annual Wine Tasting

Join us in the Clubroom to taste deliciously odd wines from around the world. Also serving light appetizers and entertainment by Bruce Foxworthy. This event will be held in the clubroom Saturday, October 7 at 7:00 p.m. Seats are limited so please reserve your space with Joni Sennhenn by October 1. Cost is \$20.00 per person due at the event.

Ph: 248-882-4626 or email @

jsennhenn@comcast.net. Looking forward to another wonderful wine tasting. Hope to see you there!

41st Annual Finn Fest



PasiCats performing on the dancehall front porch stage during Finn Fest



Steve Melancon exits the traveling sauna during Finn Fest



Steve and Kirsti Niemi dancing to the PasiCats

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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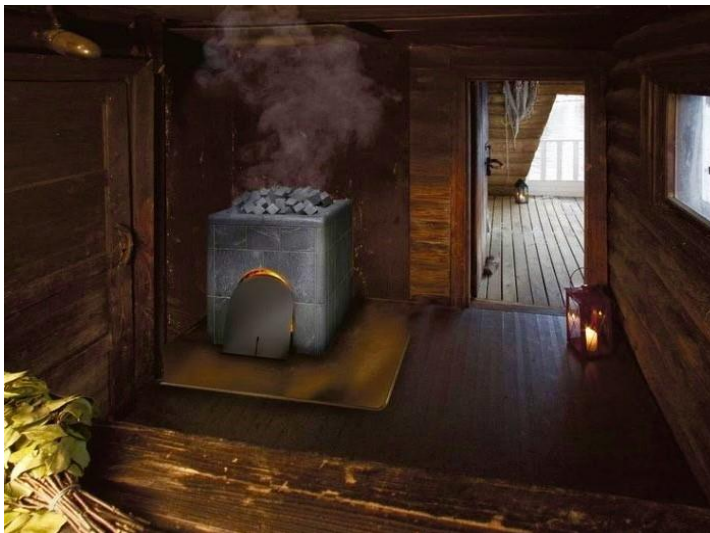
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Sauna Traditions

My husband often says, "sauna is like church." Once inside, one must respect other sauna-goers as well as sauna customs. Relaxation above all else is key. Traditional saunas are dimly lit, full of *löyly* (steam) from throwing water on the *kiuas* (stove), and smell of wood from *vastas* (a bundle of birch twigs) used to whip one's body. Untraditional saunas use soft music, aromatic oils or colored lights, and seem gimmicky. Of course, sauna rules may vary from sauna to sauna. Some may ban talking while others may relish it. Some insist talking indicates the sauna is not hot enough. In any case, one must respect what rules are set in place. Sauna-goers are often clothed in a towel or swimsuit or naked. Nudity does not invite people to have a sexual experience but to have physical and mental cleansing. Once hot enough, one may jump into a cold or icy lake or step into fresh air for a cold drink or a *makkara* (sausage) cooked on the *kiuas* (stove). A typical sauna lasts thirty minutes to two hours and the process of heating and cooling may be repeated as often as one wishes. Finlanders live in, eat, drink, address important matters, and even give birth in the sauna. They consider the sauna a human right; almost every Finnish household has one. Thousands of years ago, Finlanders first built primitive *savusaunas* (smoke saunas), a sauna without a chimney. Because they require much of the day to heat and skill to maintain, wood, electric, and oil saunas have today replaced *savusaunas* (smoke saunas). Many believe each sauna is protected by a *sauna tonttu* (sauna elf). Hosts in the past often left him food and drinks and warned others that he monitors good manners and behaviors. Cursing, for instance, was said to provoke the sauna elf to lose his temper. So remember, upon entering the sauna, as my husband says, "treat it like church."

--Naomi Petäinen



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Recreation News



What a great Children's Weekend! A special thank you to Mattie O'Brien as well as all the performers who made this year's performance of Shakespeare's, *A Midsummer's Night Dream*, a delightful success.

The weather couldn't have been better. We had to take out more chairs than we anticipated for the play and we were still selling baked goods at breakfast on Sunday (Kiitos and kudos to the Dads and Laina). We had 26 kids participate in the Track Meet (more than the previous two years). Thank you Sam Barrett for instructing the swim program again this year! Thank you Mattie and all who helped with the great play this year! And thanks to everyone else who helped prep, work, and clean in the 3 days leading to and through-out the weekend....the key to any successful event. Thank you Jenn Barrett, Kasey Mack and Shawn Baker for all your help throughout the season! More information about all of the summer activities will be presented at the semi-annual meeting in October. In the coming months we will be sponsoring the Kid's Halloween Party in October and Pikku Joulukki ("Little Christmas") in December.

Keep an eye out for more details in future newsletters. A final Kiitos to those whose kids are grown, some may have memories and stories of their own, of being a cooperative and not a resort, thanks mostly to you for your continued support. - *Kris Tury, Robyn Jokinen and Melissa Baker.*

Affinity Promotions

Do you have an upcoming family reunion that you need t-shirts or little gifts? Are you a business that has a trade show coming up and you need booth giveaways or a unique item to hand out to prospective clients? We can help with all of the above and more. Give me a call at 248-640-0481 or visit my website and let me help you with your marketing needs. Denise Niemasz

New Member Spotlight

The Finn camp welcomes Daniel Johnson and family. Stephanie Hovey, Finn John, Niomo Hovey and Stephen Hovey. Dan grew up in Ortonville, MI and heard about the Finn Camp from his uncle Ed Kangas. Dan is a carpenter and enjoys hunting, fishing, traveling and spending time outdoors. Dan's favorite time at Camp Country is being around good people and making new friends.

The Finn camp also welcomes Doug Laurila. Doug grew up in Redford Township and graduated from the Thurston High School Engineering Institute. Doug heard about the Finn Camp all his life but never had an opportunity to visit while growing up. Doug joined Camp Country in June and started cleaning up camp No. 99 the same day. Doug is retired from J & J Snackfoods after thirty years and now started a second career servicing Espresso Coffee, Cappuccino and Tea machines. Doug's hobbies include fishing and baseball. His favorite part of the camp is friendliness, fishing and the sauna.

Semiannual Membership Meeting

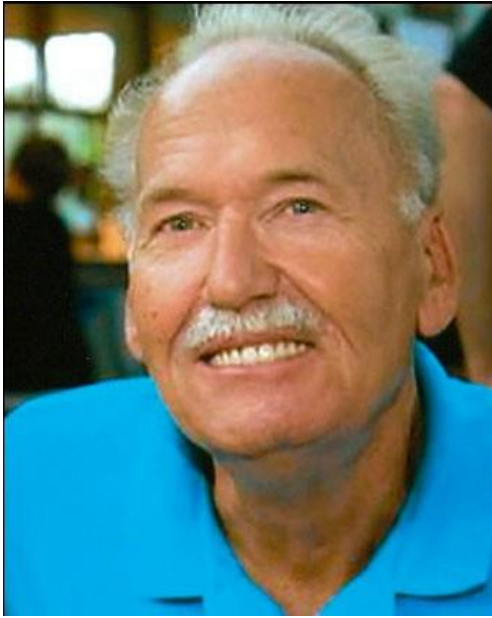
The second and final all-membership meeting of the year will be held on Sunday, October 29, in the Clubroom, starting at 12:00 noon. Registration will begin at 11:00 a.m. This meeting is an opportunity for all standing committees and groups to report on their activities since the April annual meeting. Many important issues are decided at these official gatherings. And this would be an excellent chance to have your work hour's cards signed and submitted.

Looking to express yourself creatively?
Want to talk about something Finnish?
Have writing or technical skills? Come
try out the Newsletter and Web Site
committee.

We are welcoming any Finn Camp
member
to become a part of our team.

For details contact Erick Leskinen,
248-387-9409
erick_leskinen@finncamp.org
or Brian Peltö 734-658-8804

Condolences



Finn camp member Eric Feldt passed away at age seventy-one. Burial and memorial is scheduled for Friday, September 8 at 12:30 p.m. at Great Lakes National Cemetery, 4200 Belford Rd, Holly, MI 48442. When entering the cemetery proceed to the administration building. You will be then directed to burial and memorial site.

Condolences



Ruth was born on December 7, 1927 and passed away on Saturday, August 5, 2017. Ruth was a resident of Fowlerville, Michigan at the time of passing, formerly of Kearsarge and Northville, Ruth was a 1946 graduate of Calumet High School. Ralph and Ruth were Finn Camp members from 1969 to 1995. Ralph played the accordion for many of the dances and Ruth taught Finnish dances to the children. A memorial service in honor and celebration for Ruth was held in August.

Finn Camp Store



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 would like to welcome new members Brian Albertson, Craig and Kate Bowman and their children Jauden, Claire and Michael. The Board also welcomes new (returning) member Rebecca McDonald (Wendela), and Marcia and David Tulkki.

The camp reservation agent is Deidra Larsen. Please contact Deidra at 248-761-2425 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 a week.

Parking can be an issue in Camp Country. Please be courteous to other members and have guests park in designated areas. On the west side guests can park down by the restrooms and on the east side guests can park at the club room and walk over.

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 will need to have access to this area.

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. Note: There is no rental fee for committee sponsored events. You will need to go through the social director however to ensure the venue is available.

Members with suggestions, comments or board-related business are asked to e-mail board@finncamp.org. General questions may be answered by visiting www.finncamp.org.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Board of Directors

Sunday, September 17, 10:00 a.m., visitors at 12:00 noon

Future Planning Committee

Thursday, September 7, 7:30 p.m. a.m. Boardroom

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