



St. Urho 2019 King Steven Niemi and Queen Beverly Jokinen

UPCOMING EVENTS

Note: Not all events are listed on this and other DFCSCA calendars. If you are planning an event check availability of the specific facility on a certain date, please call 248-882-4626

Annual Membership Meeting

The 2019 Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, April 28 in the Clubroom beginning at 12:00 noon. Registration begins at 11:00 a.m. It is very important that members attend the meeting. Many issues will be discussed and voted on. Please attend the meeting and be a part of the decision making process of our association. Lunch will be provided and a free sauna will be available to attendees after the meeting.

CALENDAR

April

- 4—Future Planning meeting, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom
- 13—Recreation Committee meeting, 12:00 noon, clubroom
- 14—Board meeting, 9:00 a.m., visitors At 11:00 a.m.
- 14—Forest Management, 10:00 a.m., meet at the pole barn
- 28—**Annual Membership Meeting**, 12:00 noon, registration begins at 11:00 a.m., clubroom

May

- 2—Future Planning meeting, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom
- 5—**Spring Talkoo**, 10:00 a.m.
- 17—**Kiss My Glass Nightlight Workshop**, 6:00 p.m., clubroom

Clubroom: Open Friday and Saturday, 7:00 p.m. to close

Sauna Hours:

Wednesday - 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Saturday - 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

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



Edwin Elkhill Scholarship Recipient



Gina Shaw

My Finnish heritage is important to me in many ways, I am proud to be Finnish. Having the Finn Camp as another culture within mine is something I have always cherished. My heritage is important to me because of my grandma, Ruth Shaw. She introduced me to my heritage and I found it so beautiful. She would teach me the few words she knew in Finnish, as well as telling stories about her mother and how they traveled far from Finland to come to the United States. I believe that in my heritage, we Finns love to be close to nature, that being the lake, or a cabin in the woods, it brings a sense of connection to us as Finnish people.

The community at the Finn Camp has always been welcoming, and the traditions and experiences that I have been a part of are something to be proud of.

The Finn Camp has taught me many traditions such as Juhannus, marveling at the “kokko”, hot and fun summers with friends, enjoying saunas, and the rush of polar bearing. Being a part of a community that has such a different culture is so refreshing. The Finnish culture is one that is very rare in the United States. When I tell people that I am Finnish they are often confused, but I show them my culture and community and they love the environment as much as I do. The summer is the most entertaining for the Finnish culture because we have so many events at the Finn Camp. I enjoy how our community gets together to make it the best possible event, and I love being a part of that. We keep our traditions close, and keep them year-round, and those traditions and meanings make up our heritage as Finns.

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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New Member Spotlight



The Ulrey Family

A big Welcome to new members, The Ulrey family from White Lake. Parents Andrea and Christopher are keeping busy raising 3 young sons. Ethan, age 4, Corbin, age 2 1/2, and Owen, 10 months. Christopher works in Information Technology at an area hospital. Andrea holds a degree in Social Work and is a Thirty-One Gifts consultant and a stay-at-home Mom. The Ulrey's are excited to have become new members with a new cabin, Camp No. 89.

"We look forward to fishing, swimming and using the beach and sauna." said Andrea. Spending time with family and friends and pursuing outdoor adventures is definitely on their agenda. Andrea is a niece of the Pelto brothers, who are longtime Finn Camp members. Her Maternal grandfather was 100% Finnish. Both her and husband Chris grew up in the area and graduated from Milford High School. We look forward to seeing them and their 3 Poikas on the trails!



Member: Kevin Cline

Job Title: Captain, Delta Airlines

1st Job: Worked at a Heavy Equipment Repair shop during High School.

Secondary Education: Got his private pilot license out of Willow Run in 1999. Has worked for 14 years as a airline pilot. His 4 year degree is from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University.

Advice to the young worker just starting out: Do the best you can in school and pick something you enjoy for your job whenever possible. Work hard & honest!

Do you know a hard working Finn that would like to be profiled in Finns@Work? Let us know at newsletter_editor@finncamp.org. Our goal is to encourage young workers just starting out as well as honor those retired or still in the work force. submitted by Mary Burck

Voima Boys Softball

Finn Camp's softball team the Voima Boys play on Friday evenings during the spring and summer in the Wixom over 35 recreational league. We welcome any Finn Camp members or friends to join the team. Practice will begin when the weather turns spring-like. Players interested in joining can contact Bob O'Brien at 734-994-4401.

Friday Night Grill We need helpers to run Friday Night Grill beginning on April 26. This is the Voima Boys softball season opening night. If you are willing and able to help with shopping, preparing food, collecting payments or grilling please contact Bob O'Brien. This is a great way to start the weekend at Finn Camp and earn some of your work hours.

Camp Country Opening

A tentative opening date for Camp Country is Sunday, April 14 with weather permitting. An e-blast will sent out with an official opening date.

Recreation Committee News

The new season is shortly upon us. If you are interested in running or helping out with any of our regular events please contact us at recreation@finncamp.org. Events include:

Fishing Derby (24 hours), Sunday, June 9

Swim Manager (5 – 10 hours), primarily July 5 through

August 3

Children's Weekend, August 3 and 4, Saturday dinner, Children's Play, Bake Sale, Sunday Dad's Breakfast and Track Meet

Children's Play (24 hours), start anytime now through Aug 3 and Finn Fest, August 10 - 11

We have notes and knowledge and support to help anyone through running these events, so please don't feel daunted! The more hands that are involved, the less work there is all around. And to remind those new members, you get 8 hours just for being on the committee. This is to cover the meetings and planning. You also get the actual hours for the time you put in helping with events.

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

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Create A Sign - PAINT PARTY!

We had so much so much fun making signs we are going to do it again! Come join your Finn Camp friends and get crafty on Friday, April 26, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the clubroom! Create a one-of-a-kind sign for yourself or make it a gift for someone else. All materials will be provided. Cost is \$25.00 for one 4 x 24 inch sign and \$17.00 for one 4 x 12 inch sign. Space is limited so you must pre-register to participate. To pre-register for this event you may comment on the Facebook event or contact Joni at 248-882-4626 (text messages preferred) Pre-registration is first come, first serve so don't wait - this event will fill up fast! See you there!



Kiss My Glass Nightlight Workshop - Spring Flowers

The Bar Committee is sponsoring another nightlight workshop on May 17, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the clubroom. The cost is \$23.00 and the class is limited to 30 people. Please sign up with Linda Gooden if you are interested. You can confirm via Facebook or email sisugoodie@gmail.com.

Sisu Sister's Corner

Mark your calendars for June 29! We will be holding our annual Barn & Bake Sale. As described in the book, The Finnish Way, the Finns call it "Cleaning Day". It will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the dancehall. If you wish to rent a table it is \$15.00 for members; \$20.00 for non-members. See Tammie King or Denise Niemasz with any questions.

We are still gathering recipes for our cookbook. Please email your recipes to Denise_Niemasz@att.net or give them to me or Tammie King when you see us. We will be posting forms for you to use to submit your recipes on, if that would be easier. Look for them soon in the buildings.



Spring Talkoo

Come out to Camp Country on Sunday, May 5, 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

FinnFest USA 2019, September 19 – 22 Update

Independent contractor, Carrie Christoph, is festival administrator; Finnish American violinist and composer, Sara Pajunen, is music curator; and Erika Gueli is volunteer coordinator. Salolampi will conduct four sessions at Finn Camp: One on Thursday for 20 adults; two on Saturday, each with 20-25 children; and one on Sunday for children and parents.

Chef Greg Peltó will prepare traditional Finnish meals of pea soup and *pannukku* on Thursday and *macaroniaatikko* (Finnish macaroni casserole) for Saturday's lunch.

Other Finn Camp activities include: Friday and Saturday evening concerts /dances, with music arranged by Sara Pajunen; pre-concert suppers of pasties and mojakka; registered saunas; and tours and videos.

The Sheraton Detroit Novi will be the site of the popular *tori* (marketplace) on Friday and Saturday.

Finnish Center activities include Thursday's all-day genealogy seminar conducted by the Migration Institute of Finland and

Saturday's evening smorgasbord featuring recipes by chef Soile Anderson. FinnFest USA opening ceremony will be at the Farmington Civic Theatre. Continue checking FinnFest USA's Website for information about the above and other events, workshops, lectures, concerts, etc., at <https://finnfest.us/>. --Finn Camp coordinators, Carol Melancon and Robyn Jokinen.

Sauna Committee Notice

The sauna committee would like to remind members and guests that there are no glass containers allowed in the sauna, changing room or lobby.

City of Wixom Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event

April 6, 2019 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Wixom Dept. of Public Works, 2041 Charms Rd., Wixom. Check the City of Wixom website for more details.

Volunteer for FinnFest USA 2019

Volunteer to work before, during and after FinnFest USA 2019 to receive discounts off registration and events at <https://finnfest.us/>

A volunteer who:

- Serves on a planning/administration committee receives complimentary registration and discounts on ticketed events; name in program; and an invitation to FinnFest USA reception.
- Works two full days in the two weeks before start of festival receives \$60 off registration fee.
- Works one full day before the festival starts receives a 20% off registration fee.
- Works four hours during and/or after one festival day receives free registration for the rest of that day.
- Ushers at a concert receives a free seat at the concert.
- Works one full, festival day receives a 20% discount on registration fee for the other two festival days.

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BOARD NOTES AND REMINDERS

The target date for camp opening will be Sunday, April 14, 2019 (weather permitting). Stay tuned to your e-blasts and/or the Members only Facebook page for any updates.

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.

The Board is accepting applications for all paid positions; caretaker, Bookkeeper, Bar Manager, Assistant Bar Manager, Beach Manager.

Attention all committees: The Board would like for you to communicate with us regarding projects and fundraisers you are planning. We would like to support your endeavors and projects and would like to make sure that multiple committees are not planning on tackling the same area to prevent overlapping, or we can connect those committees so they can work together.

The board would like to remind members that Michigan law prohibits anyone under the age of 21 to consume **alcohol** and to have any amount of **alcohol** in their body. The **law** prohibits the attempt to possess or consume **alcohol** by an **underage** person as well. It is not permitted for anyone under the age of 21 to sell, use, possess, attempt to possess, deliver, or be under any degree of influence (legal intoxication not required) of any alcoholic beverages on DFCSCA grounds.

As a reminder, Smoking is not allowed within 25-feet of any building entrance.

As a member with a child or children between the ages of 19 and 25, it is your responsibility to ensure that they work 16 hours or pay guest rates at the beach and sauna. They also are required to pay guest rates if they stay at a camp. See blue book for rates.

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.

Non-members whose stay in a camp 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. Please see the Board Treasurer to sign a contract and provide payment.

Finn Camp Store



Come shop at the Finn Camp store. Lots of new tee shirts, mugs, hats and back packs. For access to the store during off hours, call Patti Leppi, Ph: 248-921-1432, or email, Store@finncamp.org.

Tax Preparations Services

The tax cuts and jobs act went in effect on January 1, 2018 and may impact the amount you owe for taxes. For assistance in preparing 2018 tax returns please contact William Allen. (Fees may vary based on tax status) Non-member referrals are welcome!
Ph: 248-872-8890
Email: allenhw@umich.edu

Cords of Firewood For sale

\$55 for members, \$65 for non-members. Delivery is extra. Call or text Mike Honka at 248-860-5109 to schedule loading and pick up. Please do not help yourself to the firewood.

Trash Rules: Dumpsters are for members use only! Do not put in large or long items that may wedge or jam the dumpster when being tipped into the garbage truck. No major dumping on festival weekends. No overfilling. No furniture, 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 roadside near the tractor garage on Tuesdays for Wednesday pickup. Finn Camp or member construction materials can be placed in the dumpster by the pole barn.

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.

The Finn Camp has a member's only group on Facebook. If you are not a member of the group and would like to be added contact Linda Gooden at gooden_71@hotmail.com with your email address and she will add you to the group. This group will include private members only events. Work projects can be another form of communication to our members.

You can now pay your Finn Camp bill online with PayPal by using treasurer@finncamp.org. You must select "Transfer to friends & family" and pay directly from your PayPal or bank account to avoid a fee. All fees incurred by Finn Camp will be charged to that member's account. Fees will be charged if paying with a credit card or selecting "transfer for goods or services."

The camp social director is Joni Sennhenn. Please contact Joni at 248-882-4626 to make a reservations 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.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Board of Directors

Sunday, April 14, at 9:00 a.m., visitors at 11:00 a.m.

Future Planning

Thursday, April 4, at 7:30 p.m., boardroom

Forest Management

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

Recreation Committee

Saturday, April 13, at 12:00 noon, clubroom.

Screenwriting Consulting

Have you ever wanted to learn screenwriting? One hour consults-everything you need to know to begin your story. If you enjoy it and want to continue, we can add more hours. 15 years and 17 screenplays of experience along with former consulting experience for a production company. Could be scheduled on sauna days or done online. Connie - cclynny@aol.com
1-313-492-8862

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