



# FINN CAMP NEWSLETTER JULY 2020



Juhannus Kokko 2020. Photo by Erick Leskinen

## UPCOMING EVENTS;

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## Covid-19 Update

Dear DFCSCA members and families,  
The Finn Camp is open but we are still following the executive order. With that in mind please continue to practice social distancing on the grounds and in the clubroom. Due to member interest the sauna will now be open on Saturdays and Sundays from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. for members 65 years of age and older and for those who are at high risk. Please be considerate of all members as we continue to navigate this pandemic.

## Annual Membership Meeting

The annual meeting will be held July 12 outside at the clubroom, weather permitting. In order to expedite the meeting committee chairs will not be giving oral reports. Copies of reports will be available. There will be no food at this year's meeting but sauna will be open and free for those that attend. Face masks are highly recommended. 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.

## CALENDAR

### July

- 2—Future Planning Committee, 6:30 p.m., boardroom
- 12—**Annual Membership Meeting**, 12:00 noon, outside Clubroom, Registration begins at 11:00 a.m.
- 26—**Board Meeting**, 9:00 a.m., visitors at 11:00 a.m.

### August

- 6—Future Planning Committee, 6:30 p.m., boardroom
- 9—**Board Meeting**, 9:00 a.m., visitors at 11:00 a.m.
- 30—**Board Meeting**, no visitors

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

### Sauna Hours:

Wednesday, Saturday, Sunday - 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for all members

Saturday, Sunday – 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. for 65 years and older at high risk

**All newsletter material is due on the 15<sup>th</sup> of the previous month.**

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## Juhannus

This year's Juhannus celebration was different than planned but was still a success! The games, food, music, dancing & the performance by Ismo were cancelled but the people gathered and the Kokko burned big & hot! Ismo has been rescheduled for next year's celebration which will take place Saturday, June 19, 2021. More details to follow. Thank you everyone for coming out to celebrate and help support our amazing community. Enjoy the summer!

– *Amber Martin*

## Thanks to Amber Martin!

Despite the cancelation of most Juhannus activities this year, the "KOKKO WILL BURN" declaration on June 18 was welcome news for Finn Campers eager to participate in our unique Bonfire tradition at Sun Lake. Due to the executive orders currently in place due to Covid-19, the event held June 20 was limited and only 250 were permitted to attend with buttons needed for all attendees. The Kokko was also for membership only this year with guests limited to one per membership. Donations were appreciated and accepted gratefully as many fundraising opportunities appear to be somewhat minimal this year. Although there was a leaner crowd at this year's event, due to dry conditions the days leading up to the Kokko the bonfire was a crackling success with many proclaiming it the best fire ever, with 100 foot flames to delight young and old. A Father's Day Breakfast the following morning was hosted in compliance with the new kitchen guidelines and was another great way to reconnect with members and get to know each other again after the long winter break. Fresh Pulla sent down especially for Juhannus from Petoskey Member Alisa Santti was a hot commodity, reminding us, "Let's all Pulla Together & make this a Safe and Fun Summer!" – *Mary Burck*

## 44th Annual FINN FEST - August 14-16, 2020

After many weeks of consideration and discussion among Finn Fest committee members, Bar committee members, and Board of Directors, **Finn Fest** has been *cancelled* for this year. The health and safety of our members is our primary concern and responsibility and with no change to the current executive orders from the governor, it is next to impossible to monitor or manage the number of people that attend this event. I appreciate all the support from our members and friends over the years and, as with everything else Covid-19 related, we will see what will happen next year!? In the meantime, please watch for e-mail blast updates and the August newsletter as Finn Fest and Recreation committees join forces to plan a combined Children's weekend and Finn Fest event to be held for members and guests August 14-16.

–*Robyn Jokinen, Finn Fest Chairman*

### 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.

### Camp For Sale

Camp No. 77 is for sale. It's located on the Westside High End district. No crime, close to attractions, bathrooms, showers, fire pit and lake.

\$3,000 Call 248-672-6185

## Recreation Committee News

July 19, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, Pancake breakfast, (ravintola)

July 19, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Crafts at the Rav

### Swim Program

Well if we can pull this off our Swim Manager this year is Jordyn Hoisington (who also joined our committee...Yay and Thank You!). She can be reached at 248-807-3091 or [jojohoisington@outlook.com](mailto:jojohoisington@outlook.com). **PLEASE** keep reading...as this is not going to work as it has in the past.

We are targeting on starting sessions on Monday, July 13 running through August 13.

**NOTE:** We are tossing around the idea of offering late-afternoon classes (Mon-Thur after 5:00 p.m.), so if this works into your schedule, whether for hosting swim sessions or enrolling for lessons, let us know.

***We are on the look-out for members or members children to get some or all of their hours in by hosting swim sessions.*** Swim sessions will be purchased by the family for the number of children they would like to enroll. Families with 1 – 2 children enrolled will have ½ hour sessions, 3-4 children would have 45 minute sessions. Sessions can include working on their breathing technique, strokes, kicks, holding their breath, and for the youngest, blowing bubbles and putting their face in the water. We can even provide a list of things that can be worked on if that would help you. If you can help our kids be more comfortable in the water and improve their swim skills, then you are qualified. Please contact Jordyn with your availability if you are interested (we need the hosts before we can commit to any lessons).

For those interested in lessons, sessions can be daily Mon-Thur, 2x/week or even 1x/week depending on your family's availability. Cost is going to be \$10.00 / session for 1-2 kids, \$15.00 /session for 3-4 kids.

For example:

Family Finn has 2 kiddos and they can do Mondays and Tuesdays.

-2 kids = \$10.00 /day (1 session)

-2 days/week = \$20.00 /week

If you are interested in lessons please contact Jordyn with the number of children, the days you are looking for and your contact information. We still anticipate having a registration to complete the forms and payment, so watch for email blasts and Facebook for further information.

### **Family Movie Night (Dancehall)**

We are hoping to have movie nights again this year. We are working on whether or not we can move the equipment outdoors. Please stay tuned.

### **Children's Play**

Calling kids of all ages...We can still make this happen!!

### **Sun Lake Fishing Update**



Kemmy Swanson Shaheen proudly displays a 5.2 lb. largemouth Bass caught at Sun Lake this week.





### **Scholarship Committee - Quotes from Student Scholarship Applications 2019 / 2020**

“Thanks to the Edwin Ekhill Scholarship, I have been able to continue to grow and learn more with each year that comes. This scholarship has helped me connect to my Finnish heritage as well. 16 hours of work at the Finn Camp is a requirement, which has pushed me to sign up for events and jobs that are surrounded with Finnish culture and other Finnish members.”

“I have continued to connect with my Finnish heritage by meeting a wide range of people from different and similar backgrounds. It has been a great way to share my heritage with others while also learning about new ones.”

“...allowing me to gain a stronger passion and connection to my Finish heritage. As the scholarship requires 16 hours of work at the camp, this allows me to work aside both people whom I have not yet met, as well as distant relatives in which I can have the opportunity to become closer with.”

“...benefit me to continue to connect with my Finnish heritage through community.”

“What I have learned from the Finn Camp is that the Finnish community is always there for each other and are always willing to help one another to make something work. This example of community and strength will allow me to use social work to help others, due to the strength of the Finnish people.”

#### **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



### **Sisu Sisters Corner**

Finn Campers,

We had big plans for this year. After much consideration, we have decided to put our Fundraiser, Breakfast, Flotilla & major project on hold. We are still trying to accomplish a few low budget creations. Thankfully we have been blessed with some very nice donations.

With a combined effort from Finn Camp members & Committees we have been working on the following projects:

We refurbished & painted four Adirondack Chairs, Ottomans & tables. Their new home on Loon Lake is set up for everyone to enjoy.

We also cleaned up, painted & topped off with cedar shingles a three compartment Birdhouse that is now sitting in front of the Dancehall. Waiting for some new tenants.

New Fold Down Tables will be installed to the outside Sauna dressing areas soon. The wood for this project has been milled from Finn Camp property & donated by the Woods Committee.

Super excited to announce that Ellen Rentola & Cindi Maddick are organizing a Christmas in July Giveaway. With donations being accepted for our Butterfly Garden. Please stop by 2474 Lyonia, Wixom, on Saturday July 25 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Thank you so much for your efforts & generosity! Hopefully we can build up some funds & get back on track soon.

The Giving Herb Garden is really starting to grow. Currently there is lots of Parsley. Please Help Yourself!

Play it Safe, Stay Healthy & Enjoy your Summer Everyone!

## Condolences



*Shirley with her boys; Gary, Dennis, Mike and Wayne.*

**Shirley Mae Jokinen**, May 21, 1931 – May 14, 2020. Shirley Jokinen was received into the loving arms of Jesus and her loving husband, Reino, on May 14; she was 88 years of age, just one week shy of her 89<sup>th</sup> birthday. Shirley Korvela was born in Norway, Michigan and was married to Reino Jokinen in 1950. They resided in Rock, Michigan before moving down-state to Fraser in 1955 where Shirley worked in the Fraser Public Schools Food Programs for 30 years. She was a dedicated member of Bethany Lutheran Church and loved participating in the church activities. She was especially known for her “lunch room” at their bi-annual rummage sales! She enjoyed her trips to the casinos and playing cards with her friends and family, loved working on her lawn and garden and was thrilled when she got her tractor!! Shirley was a life-time member at the Finnish Center Association in Farmington Hills but spent most of her time at the Finn Camp after becoming a member in December 1983. She really enjoyed spending weekends in her camp and attended many Finn Camp events.

Shirley especially liked helping with the Harvest Dinner and Pikku Joulu. Most of all, she cherished her time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Known for her loving and friendly attitude and willingness to help others, we will miss her dearly. Shirley is survived by her loving children, Gary (Debbie), Dennis, Michael (Beverly), and Wayne (Robyn); her adoring grandchildren, Michelle, Rae-Ann (Wesley), Jacob, Joleah (Jim), EJ, Matthew, Kayla, Tony, and Rebecca; and great-grandchildren, Catileena, Tyler, Kyleigh, Madison, Sophia, Mason, Evan, and Kimmie. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

### Tax Preparations Services

For assistance in preparing 2019 tax returns please contact William Allen. \$75.00 for members, \$125.00 for non-members. Ph: 248-872-8890  
Email: [allenhw@umich.edu](mailto:allenhw@umich.edu)

### Automotive Repair

If you are looking for a great mechanic and want a fair price look no more. I am a certified automotive technician. If you are in need of light auto repairs please give me a call!

Rob Zewatsky 248-877-0601 Estimates will be provided with every request!

## BOARD NOTES AND REMINDERS

The Board of Directors would like to thank everyone who came out for Talkoo on June 12 and 13. We had a record number of workers and our grounds look great. Kiitos!!

This year's beach managers are Kasey Hill, Sherry McKeever and Aila Paukovits. When entering the beach please stop at the window so that the beach manager can sign you and any guests in. Please do not leave the window until the beach manager says that you are all set. The building closes at 7:00 p.m. on non-sauna days. If you decide to stay at the beach after 7:00 p.m. you must have a gate key to lock the walking and the driving gate.

There has been a large increase with non-members riding bikes, walking their dogs and running through Finn Camp. If you see people who do not look familiar please address them politely and ask them to leave.

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.

The Board would like to remind all members that the use of heavy equipment must only be done with approval of the mechanical committee. If you have any questions please contact Kevin Mack.

Members with suggestions, comments or board-related business are asked to e-mail [board@finncamp.org](mailto:board@finncamp.org). General questions may be answered by visiting [www.finncamp.org](http://www.finncamp.org)

**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. [www.finncamp.org](http://www.finncamp.org).

Board of Directors statement regarding cannabis:  
It is illegal to consume cannabis in a public place. Michigan law permits cannabis to be consumed in a home or private place. At the DFCSCA this would include a member's cabin and is the only place where cannabis may be consumed on DFCSCA grounds.

### 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](mailto:Store@finncamp.org).

### Need a Seamstress?

Call Cindi Maddick for all your alterations, custom work and mending at 248-303-7337

### 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.

New work hour cards are now located at the sauna building and the clubroom.

It is not permitted for anyone under the age of 21 to sell, use, possess, and attempt to possess, deliver, or be under any degree of influence (legal intoxication not required) of any alcoholic beverages on DFCSCA grounds.

**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.

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](mailto: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](mailto: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 *Kenttö*, 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, July 26, 9:00 a.m., visitors at 11:00 a.m.

### **Future Planning**

Thursday, July 2, 6:30 p.m., boardroom

### **Finn Camp Newsletter**

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