



FINN CAMP NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2020



Treasurer Amber Martin at Annual membership Meeting on July 12 held outside of the dancehall.

Covid-19 Update

Dear DFCSA members and families, The Finn Camp is open but we are still following the executive order. Please continue to practice social distancing on the grounds and in the clubroom. Due to member interest the sauna will now be open on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday 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.

44th Annual FINN FEST - Cancelled

The Finn Fest has been cancelled for August 14-16, 2020 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. We 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.

CALENDAR

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

September

- 3—Future Planning Committee, 6:30 p.m., boardroom

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

Sauna Hours:

Wednesday, Saturday, Sunday - 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. for members 65 years old older at high risk. 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. for all members.

UPCOMING EVENTS;

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

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

Scholarship Committee News

Just a reminder that the deadline to submit a scholarship application is September 1. The application can be found on the Finn Camp website, along with the list of required documentation. www.finncamp.org

As in the past, please include a transcript for the school year 2019-2020, including fall grades. Minimum GPA is 3.0. Email the Board of Officers or the Works Administrator if you are looking for more work hours.

See photos below from the Scholarship Committee annual breakfast held on Sunday, July 26.



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.

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Annual Membership Meeting

The annual meeting was held Sunday, July 12 outside at the dancehall. Fifty-eight members registered and were in attendance. The current board members include:

President: Brad O'Neill

Vice President; Dedra Larsen

Secretary: Leah Paulovits

Treasurer: Amber Martin Treasurer

Works Administrators: Chris Nordin, Kevin Homola, Mike Niemaz

Labor Day Golf Scramble - Canceled

Rob and Mary Johnson will be not running the Labor Day golf scramble this year at Hickory Hills golf course. This annual event is open for another member to organize and run.

Eastern Bluebird



An Eastern Bluebird has been sighted at Loon Lake. To welcome our new neighbors, a Bluebird house has been placed along the tree line. Hopefully we will attract more Bluebirds next year.

If anyone would be interested in building three more Bluebird houses please let us know. We will provide the Red Cedar Wood & Screws. – Tammie King



Eastern Bluebird Facts

- Bluebird eggs are pale blue most of the time. Occasionally a bird will lay a white one.
- Nests are made of grass, pine needles, fur, and twigs.
- Bluebirds are family oriented birds.
- Bluebirds have faced competition with invasive sparrows and starlings for nesting spaces.
- Bluebirds can reach speeds up to 17 miles per hour in flight.
- Bluebirds are only found, and are native to, North America.
- Bluebirds are not strong enough to make holes inside of trees to build their nests. They will often take up abandoned nest cavities of other birds, such as woodpeckers.
- Bluebirds will eat shelled sunflower chips, but otherwise they rarely eat commercial birdseed.

Source: American Expedition

Congratulations!



Congratulations to Joe and Gina Weidman on the birth of their baby boy, Joseph Dean. The proud grandparents are Dennis and Kemmy Shaheen.

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.

Sun Lake Fishing Update



Northern Pike (*Esox lucius*) caught by Tim Martin caught at Sun Lake. *Photo by Amber Martin.*

Movie Night at Camp Country



Movie night at the Finn Camp on Saturday, July 25. *Photo by Dave Grogan*

Condolences



Alan Olsen, with two of his nieces - Carol Tuorin Santti (L) and Marie Tuorin Fogle (R)

Alan E. Olsen died peacefully at Samaritas Senior Living in Williamsburg, MI on October 17, 2019. He was 96. Born July 14, 1923 to George and Lottie (Jarvey) Olsen in Hancock, MI, he grew up learning to make-do with what they had. His playgrounds were the streams nearby, outlying areas of the copper mines and the electric streetcar park. He graduated from Hancock Central High School in 1941 and signed up for a short stint in the Civilian Conservation Corps at Camp Paulding. Alan often said this was his best preparation for his eventual enlistment in the U.S. Army. High test scores early in basic training placed him in the Army Specialized Training Program, an accelerated study of college-level engineering. He completed his first year of college at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, prior to departing for Europe. During his military service, Alan was a combat infantry soldier in the 84th Infantry Division, European Theater of Operations with active involvement in the Battle of the Bulge and the Rhineland, Ardennes and Central Europe Campaigns.

At the end of the war, he remained in Germany for six months as a depot manager, working with displaced persons.

Upon his discharge from the Army in 1946, he enrolled at Michigan Technological University, receiving a B.S. degree in Chemical Engineering in 1949. Following other Copper Country natives to the Woodrow Wilson area of Detroit, he first found work at Cadillac Motors and then at Udylyte Corporation, an electroplating company where he spent the majority of his career in technical service, sales and marketing. Business travel took him throughout the U.S. and abroad, fueling his natural curiosity. Through mutual friends, Alan met Dorothy Kauranen in Detroit and they wed in 1957. Initially residing in Livonia, the couple moved to Atlanta, GA for four years as Alan developed and provided technical service to electroplaters in the Southeast region, prior to returning to the Livonia home. They had two children, Colin and Christine, and he was the go-to for homework help.

Alan liked his pasties with ketchup, aimless drives around the Keweenaw Peninsula, cold beer, coffee and korppu in the Finnish tradition, his three lovely granddaughters and all of his granddogs. He was an avid golfer, playing until he was 92. It was a passion that was shared with his two children and his Saturday golfing foursome of more than 40 years, along with the Jolly Boys and the yearly outing with Finn Campers to McGuire's. Alan was intelligent, well-travelled, a storyteller, a jokester, a writer, a reader (especially espionage), enjoyed bowling, playing bridge, tinkering on the piano and his ukulele, and in his later years, was a big flirt. His written memories of WWII and other mementos will become part of the collection at Michigan Technological University Archives.

Alan is survived by son, Colin, of Howell and daughter, Christine, of Williamsburg; granddaughters Callie (Ryan) Ebright, Mikaila Olsen, Annika Olsen; great-grandkids Connor and Riley Ebright and numerous nieces and nephews. Alan was preceded in death by his parents, sister Jeanne, brother Donald, and his wife, Dorothy (May 2019). A graveside service and military rites will be held on Saturday, September 19, 2020, at 11:00 a.m. at Lakeside Cemetery in Hancock, MI. Following the service, family and friends are invited to celebrate Alan's life at Gino's Restaurant in Hancock (one of his favorite hometown watering holes), where a luncheon will be provided.

BOARD NOTES AND REMINDERS

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. General questions may be answered by visiting 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.

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.

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

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.

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!

Need a Seamstress?

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

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 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, August 9, 9:00 a.m., visitors at 11:00 a.m.
Sunday, August 30, 9:00 a.m., no visitors

Future Planning

Thursday, August 6, 6:30 p.m., boardroom

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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