



# FINN CAMP NEWSLETTER

November  
2021

## Harvest Dinner



The Bar committee is organizing our  
Annual Harvest Dinner

*Saturday, November 6th from 4-6PM  
in the clubroom.*

This annual event is sponsored by the Bar Committee  
who provides turkey dinner with all the trimmings.

*Bring a side dish or dessert to pass.*

Thank you, Wayne Jokinen.



November 12<sup>th</sup>

Euchre tournament starting at 7pm  
sharp

**\$5 entry per person.**

Other games available: pool table, darts, corn  
hole, plastic cups/ping pong balls

*Please bring your own board games!*

Taco bar will be available for purchase  
Clubroom will open at 6:30, so you have time  
to eat and get a drink before the Euchre tour-  
nament begins!

This event Sponsored by the Bar Committee

### CALENDAR

#### November

- 6—Harvest Dinner, 4PM, Clubroom
- 7—Fall Talkoo, 10AM—2PM
- 10—Future Planning Committee, 6:30PM
- 12—Family Game Night, 6:30PM
- 14—Board Meeting, 9AM, Visitors at 11:00
- 17-18—Holiday Extravaganza, 5-8PM

#### December

- 1—Future Planning Committee, 6:30PM
- 4—Adult Christmas Party, 7:00PM Clubroom
- 5—Pikku Joulu, 1:00PM Clubroom
- 12—Formal Christmas Dinner, 4:00PM Clubroom
- 29—Future Planning Committee, 6:30PM
- 31—New Year's Party

*The Clubroom is now open  
to Members & Guests*

Friday & Saturday Nights, 7:00 PM - 11:00 PM

#### • Sauna Hours •

#### Saturdays & Sundays:

1-3pm for Seniors & High Health Risk  
Individuals. 3-9pm is open for anyone.

**Wednesdays:** 6pm-9pm for anyone  
(there are no senior hours on Wednesdays)

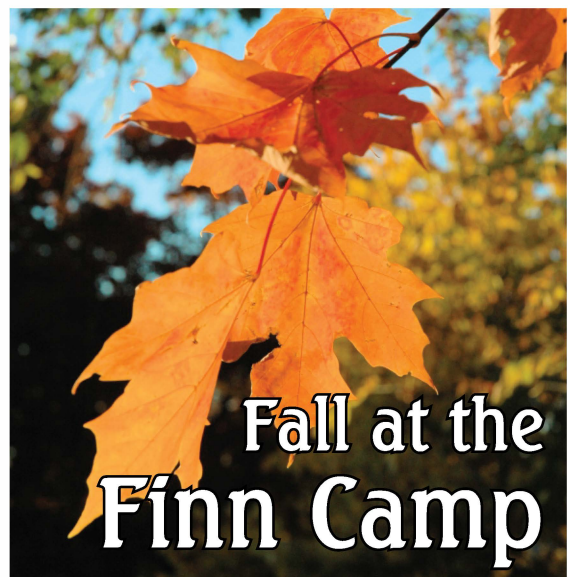
#### UPCOMING EVENTS;

*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*

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

## Finn Camp Christmas Gift Ideas

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The Finn Camp hosted the Finlandia Foundation National on Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup>. The Finlandia Foundation National is a non-profit philanthropic, Finnish - American organization based out of Pasadena, CA. The Finlandia Foundation National (FFN) has 58 affiliated chapters across the U.S. The board members flew in from all over the United States for the event. A few Finn Center members attended the event as well. A camp tour was given to our visitors. The group also toured the grounds, sauna, Sun Lake, the clubroom and the dance hall. The Finn Hoppers performed, as well as a classically trained group called the Bowery Trio. Dinner was served in the



**The Bowery Trio.**

dance hall of mojakka and pasties. Awards were given to Dave Maki and Jim Kurtti of the Finnish-American Reporter. Our visitors were not only impressed with the Finn Camp grounds, but with synergy of Finn Camp. They have visited many Finnish organizations, but our organization has a vibrancy that other Finnish organizations do not have. We were gracious hosts, and it was an exceptional event. A good time was had by all. We had some very happy guests

by the end of the night. Special thanks to the board of directors for hosting the event.



**David Maki, Anne-Mari Paster, & Jim Kurtti**

## Formal Christmas Dinner



**December 12, 4pm to 8pm, clubroom**

\$25 a plate. Appetizers, a salad, 2 sides and a main dish. You can leave an envelope with cash or check with your selections in the drop box at the clubroom or send a PayPal payment with your order to:

[treasurer@finncamp.org](mailto:treasurer@finncamp.org)

*Cut off for orders is December 7th.*

### MENU:

Appetizers & Dessert: TBD

Salads: Beetroot Salad or Garden Salad

Sides: Carrot Casserole (Porkkanalaatikko)

Potato Bake(Janssonin Kiusaus)

Mashed Potatoes & Sweet corn

Main Dishes: Prime Rib or Ham (Kinkku)

## Holiday Card

Deadline is Sunday, December 5.

Cost is \$5 per family

Cash, Venmo or checks accepted

Venmo@KaylaJokinen

Checks to DFCSA, mailed to:

2524 Loon Lake Road, Wixom, MI 48393

Be sure to indicate this is for the

Holiday Card

also, include how you would like

your names listed on the card.

Thank You, Kayla



# Semi-Annual Membership Meeting

Notes by Bob O'Brien

## Report from the board:

New members: Remi Pype, Matt Kujala, Avery Calnen, Sandra Seabrook, James Lahde, Melissa Clarke, Lindsey Taipala

Turned in memberships in good standing:

Jouni Vertamo

Former members returned to good standing:  
Kevin Mack

The Board thanks Greg Pelto for many years of service as kitchen manager, and welcomes Remi Pype as the new kitchen manager.

Board thanks Carol Melancon for many years of service as cultural committee chair, and welcomes Kayla Jokinen as the new cultural committee chair.

Committee reports - written reports were distributed to attendees.

Finn Fest is planned for August 12,13,14, 2022. A meeting is expected to be called in March to plan for next years' event.

St. Urho's party will be moved to May next year, after camps are open. The tentative date is May 14th.

Nominating Committee to recommend new board members - Amber Martin, Carol Melancon, Will Allen.

## There were several motions discussed and voted on.

The membership voted to fund a special project to install natural gas for the water heaters in the east and west side bathrooms, and to fund another special project to replace the sauna building roof.

Votes to increase compensation for bar captains and the bookkeeper also passed.

A motion was proposed for Finn Camp to become an affiliated chapter of the Finlandia Foundation (FF). FF has 58 chapters including 5 in Michigan and distributes funds for scholarships and grants for cultural activity. Cost is \$1/member/year. A motion to table the motion until the April meeting was approved. This motion will be reconsidered at the Annual meeting in April 2022.

Members are encouraged to research FF to get more information.

A motion to form a 100th anniversary committee chaired by Sally Evans passed.

Full minutes of the semi-annual membership meeting will be available at the Annual Membership meeting in April 2022.

Photo by Dave Grogan



Voting at the semiannual meeting on October 24, 2021.



Our Annual Children's Christmas Celebration will be  
**Sunday, December 5th, from 1:00-5:00pm  
in the Clubroom.**

NEW members are asked to bring an unbreakable ornament, labeled with your family name(s) and "2021", to hang on the tree and add to our collection (one per family, please).

There will be light snacks and holiday punch served, along with traditional Riisi Puuro (rice pudding). We will be decorating cookies, making ornaments & holiday crafts to take home, and will join the kids in a sing-a-long of our favorite holiday carols as we anxiously await a visit from Santa!!

For your child to participate in Santa's gift bag, bring a wrapped gift with your child's name to be put under the tree.

Please limit the cost of your gift to \$10-15. For further information or to get some hours in with set-up or clean-up, contact

Robyn Jokinen by text to 810-287-4591  
or by e-mail at: [rbjokinen@gmail.com](mailto:rbjokinen@gmail.com)

Sponsored by the Recreation Committee.

Thank you - Robyn



Hei Finn Campers,

We are looking forward to 2022. Hopefully we be able to have all our events and fundraiser.

We are planning another Sisu Sisters donation sale next year the first weekend of June.

We will make arrangements for you to drop off the donation items closer to the date of sale. All the proceeds will benefit the Butterfly Gardens area and our upcoming projects of 2022. We truly appreciate all your generosity over the years.

We are currently working on putting a gift basket together for a retired librarian that lives in the Finn Camp neighborhood. Susan Wiebel has been walking Loon Lake Rd. with her daughter. Quietly she has been picking up litter along the road for over 5 years, We reached out to M Dot for an adopt a road sign in her honor. There is liability involved, which I personally didn't want to take on. We also contacted the City of Wixom to honor her before a summer concert. They responded if they did that for her, they would have to honor everyone that picks up litter. Which I think would be a good thing. So we have been collecting donations from the Finn Camp, Sisu Sisters, VFW Veterans and Ladies Auxiliary, Ellen Rentola, Dave Grogan, and other area businesses. We will be dropping it off to her on Thanksgiving. Letting her know we are thankful and appreciate her efforts.

If anyone would like to add to the donations, please contact [tammie@tammieking.com](mailto:tammie@tammieking.com) or call 248-624-6691.

Happy Holidays / Hyvaa vappua everyone

# Hyvää Nimipäivä

A name isn't just a name in Finland. Because names hold such importance, Finnish babies can wait up to two months before parents name them. From the moment a name is given, it takes on a special meaning. Maybe that's why many Finnish names are celebrated with their own holiday.

Name day, Nimipäivä, originated in Medieval times, yet has deep Finnish ties. Finlanders of the past raised decorated name-day yard poles, doled out presents under name-day trees, and gave special attention to names associated to significant international events and religions. Today, Finlanders order cakes and coffee for Nimipäivä, much like a birthday without the presents. Currently 834 names exist in the Finnish name day calendar with an updated yearly list from Helsinki University. For inclusion, a name must be used five-hundred times. If you want to see if your name made the list, check out the calendar or the site below.

<https://www.namedaycalendar.com/finland/october>

## Hyvää Nimipäivä!



| Sunday             | Monday                            | Tuesday                        | Wednesday                        | Thursday                                 | Friday                            | Saturday                  |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
|                    | 1<br><b>Lyly Pyry</b>             | 2<br><b>Topi Topias</b>        | 3<br><b>Terho</b>                | 4<br><b>Hertta</b>                       | 5<br><b>Reima Janett</b>          | 6<br>All Saints' Day      |
| 7<br><b>Taisto</b> | 8<br><b>Aatos</b>                 | 9<br><b>Teuvo</b>              | 10<br><b>Martti</b>              | 11<br><b>Panu</b>                        | 12<br><b>Virpi</b>                | 13<br><b>Ano Kristian</b> |
| 14<br><b>Iiris</b> | 15<br><b>Janika Janina Janita</b> | 16<br><b>Aarne Aarni Aarno</b> | 17<br><b>Einari Eino</b>         | 18<br><b>Tenho Jousia</b>                | 19<br><b>Elisa Elisabet Liisa</b> | 20<br><b>Jalmari Jari</b> |
| 21<br><b>Hilma</b> | 22<br><b>Selja Silja</b>          | 23<br><b>Ismo</b>              | 24<br><b>Lemmikki Lempi Sivi</b> | 25<br><b>Kaarina Kaisa Katarina Kati</b> | 26<br><b>Sisko</b>                | 27<br><b>Hilkka</b>       |
| 28<br><b>Heini</b> | 29<br><b>Aimo</b>                 | 30<br><b>Antero Antti Atte</b> |                                  |  |                                   |                           |

~ by Naomi Petäinen





## BOARD NOTES & REMINDERS

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

The Board would like to remind all members that the use of heavy equipment must only be done with approval of the mechanical committee. Rob Zewatsky is the mechanical committee chair. Contact Rob or the board for permission to use the equipment.

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 events, projects and fund-raises 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 social director should also be contacted prior to scheduling events to prevent conflicts with other events or activities.

**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. The dumpster at Sun Lake is for Finn Camp projects only. No personal or camp debris is allowed.

**Facility Reservations:** Any member interested in renting the clubroom, dancehall, ravintola, or beach should contact the social director, Joni Sennhenn, at 248-882-4626. Also, all committees should verify venue availability with the social director prior to scheduling events as private rentals may conflict.

**Camp rentals** are handled through the Board of Directors. Any member looking to rent their camp

should complete a camp rental form and submit it to the Board prior to the rental date.

Email [board@finncamp.org](mailto:board@finncamp.org).

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."

## Work Administrators Update



There are still plenty of projects for work hours. Work hour inquiries can be directed to any of the work administrators: Tony Koski 616-813-5656, Mike Niemasz 248-240-0480 and Becky Wendela 248-762-7282. We are actively trying to increase transparency of projects and project status. Until then please do not hesitate to reach out.

Need tools or supplies? We often have supplies available. If not, we will purchase them or can help to approve costs so you can get what you need to complete the projects. If you see something around the property that needs to be done or you have specialized skills and willing to help with special projects please let us know.

Property Work Needs:

- The bricks of the outdoor dressing room at sun lake need to be cleaned and painted both outside and inside.
- Prepping and painting the indoor sauna dressing room ceiling on the men's side due to paint chipping
- The grills at sun lake need to be cleaned and painted. One grill is broken and we are working on a fix for this grill.
- Sun lake and sauna - outdoor dressing rooms need weed whacking as well as overall

## The Sauna will be Open for Normal Operation after Labor Day

On Saturdays and Sundays from 1pm-9pm (Seniors and high risk only from 1pm-3pm) and on Wednesdays from 6pm-9pm (no senior hours).

**Sunday Saunas will be open only if we have a volunteer to run it.** Do not attend sauna if you are sick, have any COVID-19 symptoms, or have had close contact (within 6ft for 15 minutes) within 14 days of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. If you test positive for COVID-19 and were recently on Finn Camp property, please inform the Board of Directors at [board@finncamp.org](mailto:board@finncamp.org) so we can take the necessary precautions. It is the responsibility of each member to make good choices to help keep everyone safe. You can sign up to run the sauna for work hours using the links below.

### Wednesday Sauna Work Hours:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508094BADA728ABF58-wednesday>

### Sunday Sauna Work Hours:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508094BADA728ABF58-sunday20>

**Thank you for your help and cooperation.**

## Work Administrators Update

Continued

grounds clean-up such as weeding around the tress and areas that are overgrown.

- Scrapping off algæ that has accumulated on the ladders and platform at Sun Lake.
- Outside the rav and around the grounds needs weed whacking
- Outside the rav ball field bleachers weed whacking and weed control on both home and visitor sides as well as dugouts and around fence behind home base
- There is some caulking work that needs to be done around the inside entrance to clubroom on the main entry side
- Steps outside dance hall need to be power washed and safety treads need to be placed on the steps to avoid slipping.
- Many picnic tables and benches need to be scrapped and new varnish applied. Small fixes to many are also needed. It would be great to complete this before we put them away for winter storage.
- The clubroom kitchen can be cleaned and organized as well as the back hall in back of the kitchen by the board room
- The vestibules entering the clubroom can also be cleaned.

The woods committee meets regularly and always needs extra people. Contact Mike Honka for special projects relating to woods committee. Thank you to everyone who keeps this place running all year long!



This is Finn Camp's annual tradition of its members coming together to prepare the grounds for winter. There is a lot to be done (see list below). Work hours are not given for this event but beverages will be provided, along with lunch (Mojakka & bread) and a free sauna for all who come out to help. All ages are encouraged to come be social and get things done! Please sign-in at the clubroom upon arrival.

- Mulch leaves on kentta grounds (leave leafs in garden beds around the clubroom)
- Pick up branches, throw into swamp areas (to aid the mowers)
- Put outdoor furniture under roof or in the dancehall (collect from Sun Lake & Loon Lake & around clubroom/dancehall) ~We need some strong people to help lift and move~
- Clean dancehall & porch
- Collect flower pots (around clubroom & westside bathrooms), pull out flowers (leave dirt in) & put them under the roof near the ravintola.
- Clean clubroom kitchen, empty refrigerator of old items
- Dust surfaces in clubroom
- Clean clubroom windows in and out
- Remove heating vent covers & vacuum from underneath - clubroom
- Pick up garbage along Loon Lake Road and Lyonia
- Put chairs, boats & grills away at Sun Lake
- Sweep stairways in clubroom
- Clean gutters - sauna building



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## Holiday Extravaganza

Save the date for our annual Holiday Extravaganza Wed Nov 17 & Thur Nov 18 from 5-8 pm.

Hand made items from over 20 local vendors. Items including Finnish baked goods, hot and frozen pasties, piirakka, pulla, doterra essential oils, candles, soaps, jewelry, upcycled mittens, artificial wreaths, garlands, floral arrangements for inside and out plus other various crafts.

Questions call Kari Aro 248-217-5467



## Finn Camp Store

### Great Ideas for Christmas

**Lots of new items  
tee shirts, mugs, hats & backpacks,  
and many new zip hoodies available**

For access to the store during off hours call  
Patti Leppi, Ph: 248-921-1432,  
or email, [Store@finncamp.org](mailto:Store@finncamp.org).



Baseball Cap  
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## I'm Looking for a Handy-Person



*I'd like some help with  
a few projects on my camp*

Contact Connie for details: 313-492-8862

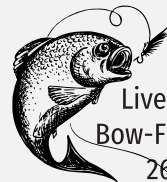
or e-mail at: [cclynny@aol.com](mailto:cclynny@aol.com)

It's camp #154, Thank You.

### Cords of Firewood For sale \$55 for members.

*Delivery is extra  
to schedule loading and pick up.  
Call or text Mike Honka at  
248-860-5109*

*Please do not help yourself to the  
firewood.*



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## BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

### Future Planning

Wednesday, November 10th, 6:30 PM, Sun Lake

Wednesday, December 1st, 6:30 PM, Sun Lake

Monday, December 29th, 6:30 PM, Sun Lake

### Board of Directors

Sunday, November 14th, 9:00 AM, Visitors at 11:00

## In Finland



Finland, has a  
**'National Sleepy Head Day'**  
where the last person in a family to wake  
up is thrown into a lake or the sea,  
by the rest of the family.

### Your Classified Ad could be here

If you're a member it's free to run a Classified Ad  
*See the last page of this newsletter for details*

### Need a Seamstress?

For All Your Alterations  
Custom Work & Mending

**Call Cindi Maddick at 248-303-7337**



### 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.).
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- The deadline is the same as the date for newsletter copy: the 15th of each month.



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