



FINN CAMP NEWSLETTER

March
2022



Kittos to all that helped make Winterfest 2022 a great success

It was a beautiful day.
We had approximately 40 polar dippers
and 23 chili entries.

Cook-off winners were:

- 1st Place Shelly Mazurek
- 2nd Place Andrea Swanson
- 3rd Place Rachel Estelle.

We appreciate all of the hard work put into this event by the volunteers.

We are looking for someone to take over as chairperson to run Winterfest. Please contact the Board if interested.

Thank you, Lauri Taipala & Linda Gooden

CALENDAR

March

- 1—Member Invoices for Annual Assessment, Electricity, and Work Hours Due
- 5—Committee Lead Town Hall, 5:30PM, Clubroom
- 9—Forest Management Committee, 10:00AM Pole Barn
- 20—Board Meeting, 9:00AM, Visitors at 11:00
- TBD—Future Planning Committee, 6:30PM

April

- 10—Board Meeting, 9:00AM, Visitors at 11:00
- 16—Carol Santti Memorial, 3:00PM, Clubroom
- 24—Annual Meeting, 12:00 Registration 11:00AM

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 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 each month.**



From the Editor

In this issue of the Finn Camp Newsletter there are two articles about the Finlandia Foundation (FFN). At the Semi-Annual meeting last fall, Dan Linick proposed that Finn Camp should become a FFN chapter; after some discussion the motion was tabled to the Annual Meeting to be held in April. I asked Naomi Petainen, who has done fine work on the newsletter, to write a story about FFN, and with her husband Kai's help she generated an informative review. Her article is just a fact-based review of the FFN, it does not take any position on whether Finn Camp should become a chapter. I also suggested to Dan Linick that he could write an article advocating FFN membership, and it is also included. I hope these two articles can help Finn Camp members decide how they feel about the issue.

The newsletter has not, in my admittedly short experience, been used to advocate on issues that are decided in our membership meetings, but I would like to encourage our members to do so. If you are planning to propose a motion at the April meeting, consider writing up an article for the April newsletter advocating your position. The act of writing will help to organize and clarify your proposal, and you will inform the membership of what to expect at the meeting. You may even convince more members to attend the meeting, which would be healthy for the association. If you wish to write such an article, be aware that it should be submitted by the 15th of the month prior to its publication, in this case March 15th.

Bob O'Brien

FINLANDIA FOUNDATION NATIONAL

by Dan Linick

Over the past 100 years we have been slowly losing Finnish culture. Very few members are directly from Finland or speak Finnish. Finn Camp's knowledge of Finnish composers, performers, current events, consulate, etc is almost non-existent. Does anyone in our membership know who Sibelius was? He was Finland's greatest composer and he is credited with helping Finland develop a national identity during its struggle for independence from Russia.

His birthday is celebrated in Finland and his picture has been on the Finnish currency. I had no idea who Sibelius was until Finlandia Foundation brought a classic trio to the Dance hall to perform Finnish works by Finnish composers other than Sibelius.

The FFN has online meetings with different chapters discussing which projects have been successful and unsuccessful. Interactions with other Finnish organizations will improve Finn Camp's long term viability.

We have kept up with the times by building a larger sauna, forming a Future Planning Committee to keep place with issues that arose as subdivisions were built around Finn Camp. We out-sourced tree removal when the magnitude of the tree removal project became too great for us to handle internally. Becoming an affiliated chapter of FFN, is Finn Camp keeping up with the times.

The Fall Newsletter, which is similar to a magazine, had an interview with John Koskinen who is the former head of the I.R.S. In the article Mr. Koskinen gives advice to young people.

FFN sponsors the Soiva International Music camp, which is part of Concordia College in Minnesota. Kids 11-19 can take a summertime music program. FFN sponsors the Salolampe Language camp in Minnesota. Kids can take summer programs and learn the Finnish language and culture.

FFN names a performer and lecturer of the year and provides travel expenses for the lecturer or performer to travel to affiliated chapters. FFN provides grants for projects and events at Finn Camp and scholarships for our kids at Finn Camp. I have talked to members of the Finnish Center in Farmington, and the Finnish Theme Committee of Hancock, and performers of the year and all have had good things to say about FFN. I have met several of the members of FFN and found them to be good-hearted, professional with a mission to spread the Finnish culture in the U.S. The FFN raises money for grants and scholarships. There is truly no negative connotation associated with this giving organization.



Want to connect with more Finnish-Americans? Check out the Finlandia Foundation National.

In 1953, the Finlandia Foundation National (FFN) was established by nine first generation Finnish-Americans who immigrated to Southern California. After Field Secretary, Yrjö A. Paloheimo, garnered financing from several Finnish-American communities, he collaborated to rebuild postwar Finland. Next, he and his colleagues concentrated on uniting all Finnish-Americans with “A cultural handshake across the sea”.

Their mission continues today as the FFN works to sustain and support Finnish culture. Now, there are fifty-eight chapters in twenty-five states representing almost all areas of the United States. Run by donations as a private philanthropic organization, the FFN networks with local chapters, rallies multi-generational Finnish-Americans, outreaches to recent Finnish immigrants, and raises scholarships for Finnish cultural programs, relief funds, Finnish-

American artists, and Finnish-American youth.

Once a year, FFN offers \$5,000 grants for high-quality projects involving Finnish-American preservation of history, art or culture. Along with grants, FFN awards yearly \$1,000-3,000 academic, music and art scholarships to university freshman who attend an accredited college, maintain a 3.0 GPA and can prove their Finnish ancestry. In 2018, they gifted \$105,223 total to thirty-seven scholarships, funded thirty organizations amounting to \$85,325 and spent \$67,176 on activities. Some of their recent contributions went to Eero Saarinen’s 2021 documentary, “The Architect Who Saw the Future”, and the National Nordic Museum of Seattle’s exhibition, “Among Forests and Lakes”. Some of the activities they sponsor include an international youth music camp called “Sovia”, a few special music programs, a covid relief fund, and a memorial ski march commemorating Finland’s Winter War of 1940.

A young leaders’ board was formed in 2021 to inspire younger Finnish-Americans to get involved in their heritage. Last year, a Finnposium was held over FFN YouTube consisting of webinars, programs, lectures, chats, and musical presentations. This new virtual platform allows FFN to publicize and promote all activities. It also has connected Finnish-Americans more than any other time, building a fantastic benefit for the next generation of Finnish-Americans.

If interested in FFN’s operations, scholarships, history or current and future programs, see the website below.

<https://finlandiafoundation.org/>

~Naomi Petäinen

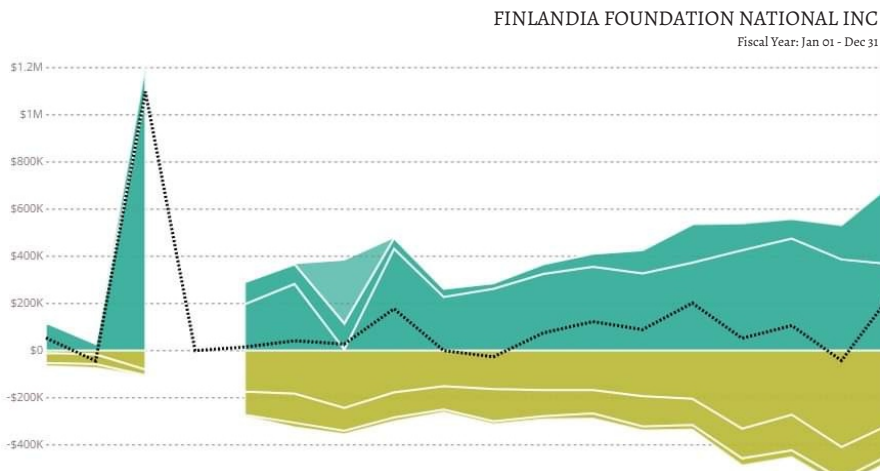
Revenue vs. expenses: 2018 breakdown

SOURCE: IRS Form 990

NET GAIN/LOSS: \$238,168 in 2018

Total revenue:	\$703,558
Contributions:	\$367,129
Gov't grants:	\$0
Program services:	\$0
Investments:	\$336,429
Special events:	\$0
Sales:	\$0
Other:	\$0

Total expenses:	\$465,390
Program services:	\$310,054
Administration:	\$128,915
Fundraising:	\$26,421



Note: When component data are not available, the graph displays the total

What are the organization's current programs, how do they measure success, and who do the programs serve?

Program 1

TO AWARD SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS TO FINNISH-AMERICANS (37 INDIVIDUALS SERVED) Expenses \$105,223

Program 2

DONATE TO OTHER ORGANIZATIONS PROMOTING FINNISH CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES (30 ORGANIZATIONS SERVED) Expenses \$85,325

Program 3

ACTIVITIES ARE COORDINATED THROUGH PRINTING AND DISTRIBUTION OF A NEWSLETTER, MAINTAINING A VVEBSITE, AND OTHER INFORMATIONAL MEDIA THROUGH VARIOUS BOARD ACTIVITIES. Expenses \$67,176



Boats & Personal watercraft registration will be required by all members.

Per Bluebook rule-203.3.5

- Non-members shall not be allowed to launch boats or ice fishing facilities from our lakeshore property. Members shall identify their boats with their membership number and register their boats with the Board of Directors.

In accordance with this rule there is now a form on the Finn Camp website so that members may register their boats/personal watercraft. They will then receive their membership# sticker for adherence to their boat/personal watercraft and the registration will stay on file with the BOD. Any boat/personal watercraft that is not registered by June 1st, 2022 will then be held to Blue Book rule-105.3.1- Property other than real estate may be sold provided a notice is given in the newsletter by the Board of Directors for 3 consecutive months. If the acceptable bid is not received from a member, then the property may be disposed of at the discretion of the Board.

In Memory of Carol (Tuorin) Santti



A celebration of life will be held at the Finn Camp Clubroom on April 16th from 3:00 to 5:00. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

HELLO COMMITTEE LEADERS!

Winter is almost over and as we look towards Spring we wanted to gather all of you at a town hall on Saturday March 5th at 5:30pm. As you know the Future Planning committee has been focusing on putting their ideas to work and the work administrations are gathering ideas on how to best support our community – what better place to start then with all of you. We would like to discuss how we can grow our beautiful community while engaging as many workers and helpers as we can! We appreciate all the hours you serve year-round and we hope to work together to increase participation and support.

We wanted to invite you to stay for pizza and a complimentary drink after the meeting.

PLEASE RESPOND by Wednesday March 2nd if you plan to attend or are having a representative from your committee attend for you. This email went to all the currently listed committee leaders - if this has changed please send me those updates as well. We hope to see you there!

~Future planning & Works Administrators

RESERVE YOUR TICKETS NOW!



The Comedy of ISMO

Juhannus is June 25th and we are excited to say that Ismo will finally be making his Finn Camp debut!

Ismo is a famous Finnish comedian who is known around the world. You can see him on TV and on YouTube. Seating for this event will be limited and tickets are \$30 per person. It will begin at 7pm.

Please reserve your tickets by texting Amber Martin at 248-770-9994. Money will be due by May 1st. Checks can be mailed to Finn Camp (made payable to DFCSA) or by using PayPal - send money to:

treasurer@finncamp.org



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.

General questions may be answered by visiting 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.

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."



If you've ever had a Finnish friend –as I have—who irons shoelaces and pillowcases, then you know that Marie Kondo, the Japanese woman famous for her tips on order and decluttering, has nothing on her Finnish counterpart, Mari Kontonen!

Finland, the country where for four consecutive years citizens have been named the happiest people in the world by the UN World Happiness Report, is considered safe and trustworthy. But one shouldn't overlook the happiness that comes from a clean and tidy home environment.

Here at Finn Camp everyone loves the sauna and the feeling of joy that comes from being steam cleaned. The Sisu Sisters want your happiness to extend beyond the sauna to the order in your home and camp. With less stuff, you will see and appreciate your favorite things more and it will give you peace of mind. Just think of the rag rugs that mummo and tāti (grandma and aunt) used to make: wasn't that a great Finnish example of how to rid closets of old clothes and turn them into something useful, even beautiful?

Now's the time to start your spring cleaning and help the Sisu Sisters get ready to celebrate Mari Kontonen Day! Donate your vanha tavara (castoffs) to Finn Camp for our garage sale. It will make you one of the happiest people in the world!

Mari Kontonen Day Garage Sale !

June 4, 2022 9 am to 3 pm

Finn Camp Dance Hall

Please drop off donations at the Dance Hall on June 3rd from 5pm to 9 pm or by prior arrangement during the previous week with Tammie King at 248 624 6691 or tammie@tammieking.com.

All proceeds from donations will be used for beautification projects at Finn Camp

Work Administrators Update



Thank you for a wonderful 2021. We look forward to supporting you throughout 2022!

Work hours are available throughout the winter months! Keep your eye out for email blasts and Facebook posts listing sauna hours and other special projects.

Work hour inquiries can be emailed to:

work@finncamp.org

or directly to any of the works administrators

Tony Koski 616-813-5656

Mike Niemasz 248-240-0480

Becky Wendela 248-762-7282

*Thank you to everyone
who keeps this place running all year long!*

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 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.

Nominating — Committee —

The Nominating Committee is seeking prospective candidates, including three alternates, for election to the Board of Directors at the 2022 Annual Membership Meeting. Terms of service are two years for directors and one year for alternates. To be an eligible candidate, a member or member's spouse must be in good standing and have been a member for at least two years by the annual meeting. Information about the requirements and duties of directors and alternates can be found in the Blue Book, Section 102. Board of Directors.

You can submit your name as a prospective candidate by contacting one of the Nominating Committee members:

Carol Melancon finnculture@yahoo.com or 734.620.7811

William Allen 248 872 8890

Amber Martin 248 770 9994



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For access to the store during off hours,
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or email, Store@finncamp.org.



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Finn Camp
Diving Tower
Shirt - \$20

Forest Management Committee

Meets every 2nd Sunday of the Month
10:00 am - 2:00 pm, at the Pole Barn
(November-April)

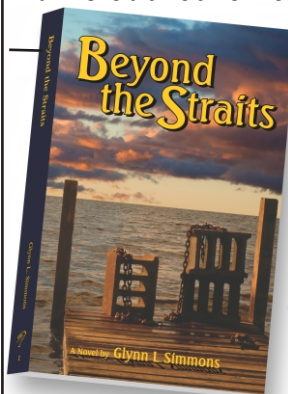
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New Book by Finn Camp Member Glynn L Simmons, Available Now

Turns out retirement is where the action is



use your
phone to
find out more



also see Glynn's 1st book 'Jersey Smith'

**A 1956 Summer Vacation
to Michigan's Upper Peninsula Turns Deadly**

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

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.*

BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Upcoming Board meetings

February 27th, 9am, visitors 11:00

March 20th, 9am, visitors 11:00

April 10th, 9am, visitors 11:00

Annual Meeting April 24th, 12 noon,
registration at 11:00

In Finland



**We've covered the Competition of
'Wife-Carrying'**
*Here are a few more interesting
Finnish Sports:*

- Mosquito hunting competition
- Mobile phone throwing
- Swamp Football
- Air Guitar

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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. (Over 50 word copy will be edited to fit.)
- The deadline is the same as the date for newsletter copy: the 15th of each month.



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