



**The day begins at 1:00pm at Sun Lake
on Saturday, February 3rd.**

• 1:00pm to 5:30pm Broomball, Polar dipping and ice fishing at Sun Lake. Hot dogs, hot cocoa bar, and entertainment will be provided.

• 6:00pm Chili cook-off, raffles, dancing and tomfoolery in the clubroom. Outdoor entertainment includes a bonfire and s'mores station, photo-booth camper, and a lighted winter trail.

Buttons will be \$5 per person which includes:

Hot Dogs & Cocoa at the lake, Chili Dinner, S'mores and Entertainment.

Chili makers please bring your crockpot of chili to the clubroom anytime between 1:00pm and 5:00pm. Chili judging will begin at 5:15pm.

• Prizes awarded to the top 3 chili cook-off winners •

-Want to help? Donations and workers needed! If you would like to get a start on your work hours there is a sign-up link posted on the Facebook page. Emails will also be sent with the link. There are other ways to help this event as well; this year we are accepting salad bar, chili toppings, and s'mores station donations. Another sign-up genius link will be sent with the work hours sign-up.

Received a Christmas gift you don't want? Consider donating it to the raffle prize table. Drop off anytime after 1pm at the clubroom.

Gina & Crystal

Work hours signup:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10COD49A4AC28A7F4C16-42250469-winterfest>

Food donations signup:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10COD49A4AC28A7F4C16-45704078-winterfest>

CALENDAR

December

31—**New Year's Eve Party** 8pm, Clubroom

31—**Christmas Light Walk** 8pm Clubroom

January

2—**Sauna private rental**

4—**Sauna private rental**

11—**Sauna private rental**

12—**Sauna private rental**

13—**Kalevala book club** 12pm, sauna lobby

14—**Board Meeting** 9am, Visitors 11am, Board room

14—**Forest Management Committee** 10am-2pm, pole barn

14—**Centennial Committee** noon, clubroom

18—**Sauna private rental**

19—**Sauna private rental**

20—**Formal Dinner** 5pm Clubroom

25—**Sauna private rental**

27—**Kalevala book club** 12pm, sauna lobby

February

3—**Winterfest** 1pm, Sun Lake

11—**Board Meeting** 9am, Visitors 11am, Board room

11—**Centennial Committee** noon, clubroom

10—**Kalevala book club** 12pm, sauna lobby

12—**Sauna shower room renovation begins**

• The Clubroom Hours •

Friday & Saturday - 7:00pm to Close
(The Clubroom Bar maintains regular business hours open to the membership during rentals)

• Off-Season Sauna Hours •

Wednesday 6pm-9pm - All members & guests
(run by volunteer)

Saturday 1pm-3pm Seniors & high risk
3pm-9pm All members & guests welcome

Sunday 3pm-8pm - All members & guests
(run by volunteer)

Private sauna rental is available.

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
by the 15th of each month**



Winterfest Broomball

This year, we'll be doing a 3 on 3
 Broomball Tournament
 starting at noon.

Think of hockey but with a broom and a ball.

Played on your feet, no skates.

to register

Please contact Gavin at

248-722-0516

Winterfest
2024
 February 3rd



Steak or Chicken Dinner

\$10 a plate

In the clubroom 4 to 6

Euchre Tournament to follow

Bring a teammate and try to run the table.

Winning team splits \$50 to Finn Camp Store.



FORMAL DINNER
 Jan 20th

Clubroom opens at 5pm
 dinner is served at 5:30
 \$25 a plate and will consist
 of your choice of
Prime Rib
Chicken Breast
Christmas Ham
 (JOULUKINKKU)
 Choices of side Dishes
 also bread & dessert.

Leave cash or check in the
 Clubroom drop box with
 entree choice
 or note your choice in your
 Paypal payment to:
 treasurer@finncamp.org
 Must include an additional
 3% if paying with paypal.

Cut off for Formal Dinner orders is
 January 14th



Upcoming meetings

January 14th @ noon in the clubroom

February 11th @ noon in the clubroom

March 10th @ noon in the clubroom

We would like more pictures with family and events

Please bring up to 10 photos showing life in the Finn

Camp during the past 100 years

(i.e. daily activities, at the beach, plays, special events, etc.)

Please consider attending one of the meetings to participate in scanning at the conclusion of the meeting. The meeting should end by 1:30 if you would like to come and scan pictures.

Committee chairs, we would like to have a group photo of your committee and a small history to add to our information.

We look forward to a very busy 2024!

Centennial Committee



Kalevala Book Club is starting

January 13th at 12pm, in the sauna lobby.

Then the plan is to meet every 2 weeks from there.

Finnish made coffee will be provided.

Please contact me at 248-722-0516

or

gavinwings3@gmail.com



Erick Leskinen and Delle Aro removed the old Clubroom flag poles. They reused them for LED lights by the pole barn and sauna entrance.

Sauna Shower Room Renovation

February 12th – March 1st 2024

We will be closing both sides of the sauna starting February 12th, 2024, with an estimated reopening March 1st, 2024!

We are currently operating very close to the proposed budget approved at the 2023 semi-annual meeting.

Membership support and participation will be essential to success in project completion. We are seeking all members that have labor skills and are willing to give time for this project.

We are also seeking those willing to provide snacks/lunch for the workers, replace sauna shower benches /shower slats, and do a deep clean after the project is done.

Please contact:

Eric Solin - 248-499-2326,

Dave Niemi - 248-310-7227,

Rebecca Wendela - 248-762-7282

for more information.

Keep an eye out for project updates and

sign-up via email blasts

also face book and sauna info board.

Darlene Joyce Lahde



July 19, 1938 – November 21, 2023

Darlene Joyce (Riekki) Lahde formerly of Walled Lake passed away peacefully on Nov. 21, 2023 at the Woodland Hospice House in Mt. Pleasant with her children and family by her side.

She was 85-years old.

Darlene was born on July 19, 1938 in Negaunee and raised in nearby Palmer, the first child of Elmer and Iria (Hokkanen) Riekki. She graduated from Negaunee High School in 1956 and moved to Milwaukee for a year with her girlfriends before returning home and marrying James A. Lahde Sr. on April 4, 1959 at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Negaunee.

The couple relocated to Oakland County in the summer of 1962 and raised their three children in Wixom.

Darlene worked many jobs during her lifetime. She was a secretary for the City of Wixom in the mid-1960s before taking a job as a librarian at Walled Lake Western High School upon its opening in 1969. She also spent 27 years as a baker at Awrey Bakery in Livonia before retiring in the mid-2000s.

Darlene's passions in life were three-fold.

She loved her family first and foremost.

She also loved the Detroit Finnish Co-Operative Summer Camp Association (Finn Camp) and she loved to shop for bargains and treasures.

Darlene was a proud member of the Finn Camp for decades and it was her social circle for decades. In particular she loved the sauna and the beach. She was one of the 'sauna girls' for over 50-plus years as it was her favorite home

away from home. All three of her children are sauna-enthusiasts as well.

When she wasn't working or at the Finn Camp Darlene was probably out shopping. She loved garage sales, yard sales, estate sales and pretty much any kind of sale that someone was selling. This trait too she passed on to her children. Her oldest-daughter Lori followed mom's lead as she opened a soon-to-be legendary second-hand vintage store in Kalamazoo called 'La-De-Da's' in the 1980s and ran it through the early-2000s.

Over the past four years of her life Darlene battled numerous ailments, yet she managed to keep her independence up through the summer of 2023.

Darlene is survived by her three children in Lori Cousino of Kalamazoo; Cindy O'Neill of East Lansing and James Lahde Jr. of Mt. Pleasant. She is also survived by her grandson Henri Cousino of Kalamazoo and brother Gerald Riekki of Summerfield, Florida.

She is preceded in death by her father Elmer and mother Iria.

A mid-summer 'Celebration of Life' is being planned for Darlene Joyce Lahde next summer at the Finn Camp in Wixom.



HAPPY NEW YEAR FINN CAMPERS

from the

SISU Sisters

The Sisu Sisters are planning another Spring Rummage Sale in the Dancehall
Date of event and drop-off details to be announced in the upcoming months.

We were blown away by all the wonderful donations, so we thought we would do it again.
All the proceeds go towards beautification of the Finn Camp property.

Thanks, Everyone



Sauna Workers Needed

We need volunteers to run the sauna on Wednesdays and Sundays to keep the sauna open. If we don't have volunteers for Wednesday and Sunday we will not be able to run the sauna on those days. Please use the link below to sign-up or text Becky Wendela 248-762-7282 - if you are able to run it. You will receive 4 hours per Wednesday and 6 hours per Sunday.



Or use the QR Code

•Use the links below to sign up to run the sauna•

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E49ADAA2DA6F8CE9-offseason#/>

Our Traditional New Year's Eve Party

2024
THIS WEEKEND
2024

HAPPY NEW YEARS

Recent Work Projects



The sewer pipes were replaced at the caretaker house and a section at the clubroom. Also, The tree in the middle of the parking lot was removed.



Future Finn Camp Events

- December 31 New Years Eve Party
- January 20 Formal Dinner
- February 3 Winterfest

The Club Room Bar is open to the membership normal business hours during Rentals



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.

There are plenty of projects for those members that are looking to work their hours. Please contact Ralph Heikkinen at 313-610-5478.

As the new disc golf course is being utilized, the Board wants to remind everyone that the trails are mixed-use now. Walkers please beware of disc golfers, and disc golfers please beware of walkers.

The Board would like to welcome new member Barbara Squire. Barb was sponsored by Joan Sennhenn and Amber Martin.

Attention all committees:

The Board would like for you to communicate with us regarding events, 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 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. **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.

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.

Members are billed every February and August with bills due March 1st and September 1st. You can pay your Finn camp bill by mailing to 2524 Loon Lake Rd, Wixom MI 48393 or PayPal, Using PayPal will incur a 2.99% fee that will be added to your account. treasurer@finncamp.org

Changes to Paypal Terms

Paypal has changed their terms and conditions and all businesses will now be required to pay a 2.9% fee for every transaction. If you are paying your Finn Camp bill through PayPal, you will be responsible for the 2.9% fee that will be added to your account during the next billing cycle. Payments can still be mailed to 2524 Loon Lake Rd, Wixom MI 48393 to avoid fees. Please direct any questions to:

board@finncamp.org

Camps up for Bids

-All bids are due January 1st 2024-

The board is now accepting bids on camps 137 & 52. If you would like to submit a bid please put it in a sealed envelope either in the drop box outside the clubroom or mail to:

2524 Loon Lake Rd, Wixom, MI 48393

The outside of the envelope must say "Camp Bid" and inside the envelope please include which camp you will be bidding on and the amount.

All bids are sealed until opened at the January board meeting at which time the winner of the big will be notified. *All bids are due January by 1st*



Finn Camp Store

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

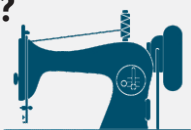


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— BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS —

Jan 14 - **Board Meeting** 9am, visitors 11am, boardroom

Jan 14 - **Centennial Committee** noon, clubroom

Feb 11 - **Board Meeting** 9am, visitors 11am, boardroom

Feb 11 - **Centennial Committee** noon, clubroom

In Finland

Wise Finnish Sayings About Life

- **Hätä keinot keksii** - "Needs invents the measures." Things tend to work out in the end. Issues will probably get solved at the last minute, so don't stress too much.
- **Joka vanhoja muistelee, sitä tikulla silmään** - People who dwell in the past get poked in the eye. Don't hold pointless grudges or remember the bad stuff.
- **Tyvestä puuhun nousta** - This one is the Finnish version of the saying "you must learn to walk before learning to run." But the direct translation means "a tree is climbed from the base."
- **Ei ole koiraa karvoihin katsominen** - "Don't judge a book by its cover" This saying carries the same message but translates to "don't choose a dog by its hair."
- **Kell' onni on se onnen kätkeköön** - It's about staying humble. For example, if you're driving a brand-new car, don't brag about it to someone who's catching the bus. It's really annoying.
- **Ei se pelaa, joka pelkää** - "The one who fears won't play" is all about not letting fear hold you back from exciting opportunities. Sometimes you just have to take a risk and go for it and see what happens.
- **Oppia ikä kaikki** - "All the years are full of learning," which is the same as the saying "You live and learn."

See more at 'Very Finnish Problems Store'
<https://veryfinnishproblems.com/>

click here



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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