



UPCOMING EVENTS

Pikku Joulu “Little Christmas” (Children’s Christmas Party)

Sponsored by the Recreation Committee

Sunday, December 6, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the Clubroom. Come enjoy a wonderful afternoon with family and friends. All new members, or if this is your first time at the party, please bring an unbreakable ornament—one per family—to hang on the tree and add to our collection. Please put your name and the year, 2009, on your ornament. Bring a dish to pass for our potluck lunch. Enjoy our traditional *riisi puuro*. Join the kids in a singalong of our favorite Christmas carols as we anxiously await a visit from Santa. To participate in the kids’ grab bag, bring a wrapped gift labeled with your child’s name, to be put under the tree. Please limit your gift to \$10 to \$15. Anyone interested in helping with setup, decorating or cleanup, please contact Robyn Jokinen at 810-287-4591, or email: rbjokinen@gmail.com.

Annual Camp Christmas Party

The board-sponsored annual adult Christmas party is Saturday, December 12, in the Clubroom. The party begins at 8 p.m. The board will supply deli trays, bread and condiments. Please bring a dish to pass. Join us for a Christmas season celebration at the Finn Camp!

Sisterhood Second Annual Christmas Party

The Sisterhood will hold its Second Annual Fun Christmas Party Night on Wednesday, December 16, at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Sherry Kurin in Wixom. Please bring an “Absolutely, Positively White Elephant Gift” for a fun and exciting game. Bring a snack for the buffet table. Any questions? Call Sherry at 248-535-6022 or email: shekur228@aol.com.

Celebrate New Year’s Eve in the Clubroom

The Clubroom will be open for New Year’s Eve beginning at 8 p.m. Come join us on Thursday night, December 31, to ring in the new year.

Finntalia Dinner

Save a spot on your calendar in January for the Finntalia Dinner. This dinner is scheduled for Saturday, January 16. Additional details will follow in the January newsletter. Come out to the camp out for a great dinner on a cold winter evening.

Association Christmas Card

An association Christmas card will be mailed to all members. You can add your name(s) to the card for \$5 per entry. Print your entry as you would like it to appear on the card. (For example, Karen & Dick Pype; Mr. & Mrs. S. Urho; Joe, Betty, Fred, Carol, & Sam Soandso). The deadline is December 6, at Pikku Joulu. Mail to, and include your check made payable to:

DFCSCA
2524 Loon Lake Rd.
Wixom, MI 48393.

Please write “Christmas Card” on the lower left corner of your envelope.

Anyone who might like to may submit a drawing of something appropriate for the front of the card. It must be camera-ready, meaning drawn cleanly on a 5½ x 8½ sheet of paper, in black and white. Any Finn Camp-associated scene shown decorated for the holidays would be suitable. Use the same deadline and address as above.

Thanks to all who participate. —Karen Pype



Condolences

Elsa Wendela (89), a long-time member, passed away on Friday, November 13, in Lake Worth, Fla. She is survived by two sons, Brian and Glenn. Brian and his wife, Sue, have two children, Ken and Rebecca. Glenn and his wife, Linda, have daughters Kirsten (Dan) Konar and Ashley. Elsa was predeceased by her husband, Henry (Hank) in April 2002.

2010 Finn Camp Calendar



The 2010 Finn Camp calendars are now available to order. The calendars are \$15 each. Shipping and handling is \$2.50 extra.

Please send your check to:
DFCSCA Sisterhood
c/o Tammie King
1826 Bruce St.
Wixom, MI 48393

Please call with any questions: 248-313-9334.
Thanks for your support. —Finn Camp Sisterhood

Firewood for Sale

Cord of wood: \$50 for members, \$75 for nonmembers. Contact Mike Honka for more info: Ph: 248-860-5109.

Sauna Renovation Update

The men's sauna renovation was completed in November. We had a great member turn out for the renovation.



*Eric Solin, Don Matt and Reino Solin pictured.
Photos by Erick Leskinen*



The existing wood walls and ceiling were removed and replaced with new cedar. The existing benches were removed and new benches constructed and installed. Guys, come out and enjoy the newly renovated sauna. The women's sauna is scheduled to be renovated in a matter of weeks.



BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Board of Directors

Saturday, December 12, at 7 p.m. No visitors at this meeting. New members can visit at any meeting.

President: Greg Pelto
Vice President: Patti Leppi
Treasurer: Dick Pype
Secretary: Millie Packard
Works Administrators: Ralph Heikkinen,
Don Matt, Steve Melancon

Future Planning Committee

Thursday, December 3, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom

Forest Management (Woods) Committee

This committee meets every second Sunday of the month at 10:00 a.m. at the pole barn.

Finn Camp Crossword Puzzle—page 5

All terms here have appeared in Finn Camp newsletters from January 2009 through November. If you wish to participate please mail a completed puzzle to:

Newsletter Editor
c/o DFCSCA
2524 Loon Lake Rd.
Wixom, MI 48393-1654

The answers will be published in next month's newsletter. The first-postmarked correct reply will be recognized in the January newsletter. The winner will receive a \$20 credit at the Clubroom store, compliments of the Newsletter Committee.

FROM THE NEWSLETTER EDITORS

Get Your Newsletter by Email

To sign up to receive newsletters via email *only*, send us an email giving your first and last names, saying "Subscribe to Newsletters" in the subject line, to: newsletter_editor@finncamp.org. The emailed version is now the only way to see your

newsletter in color.

Newsletter Committee members are: Kathy Bretschneider, David Hall, Sherry Kurin, Erick Leskinen, Brian Pelto and Millie Packard (ex officio).

Articles Wanted

Do you have a favorite memory of growing up at the Finn Camp you wish to share? Or perhaps an interesting story of Finn Camp history? Feel free to type up a couple of paragraphs and send them to newsletter_editor@finncamp.org. The Newsletter Committee is seeking fun and interesting stories from members to be published in future newsletters.

Newsletter Items

Finn Camp members are welcome to submit items of news to be published in the newsletter. Calendar items should include a brief description of the particular upcoming event or meeting and full contact information. Items for the next newsletter are due by December 15. Email copy to: newsletter_editor@finncamp.org.

Or mail it to:

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Or place items in the Clubroom mailbox.

Memorials and Condolences

Please send condolences of present or former Finn Camp members who have passed away for recognition to the editor at: newsletter_editor@finncamp.org). If you can furnish a photo, that would be much appreciated. If the photo is not recent, adding the approximate year of it would help.

**SERVICES OFFERED****Free “Services Offered” Section**

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, we will be listing these in upcoming newsletters. All you have to do is provide—via your business card or information you supply by mail or email to the newsletter editor (see “Newsletter Items,” above) 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 fifteenth of each month.

Erick Leskinen—Photographer

Would you like a portrait of your family, photograph of your children at the beach or playing ball? I am up to the challenge of getting photographs you will cherish for a lifetime. Email: erick@ErickLeskinen.com or call 248-624-6188.

Affordable Windows and Siding Corporation

Where quality product, installation and service make the difference. Eric Feldt, owner.
7005 Jackson Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48103
734-662-5551, www.affordablewindow.net.

Beverly Jokinen—Graphic Artist

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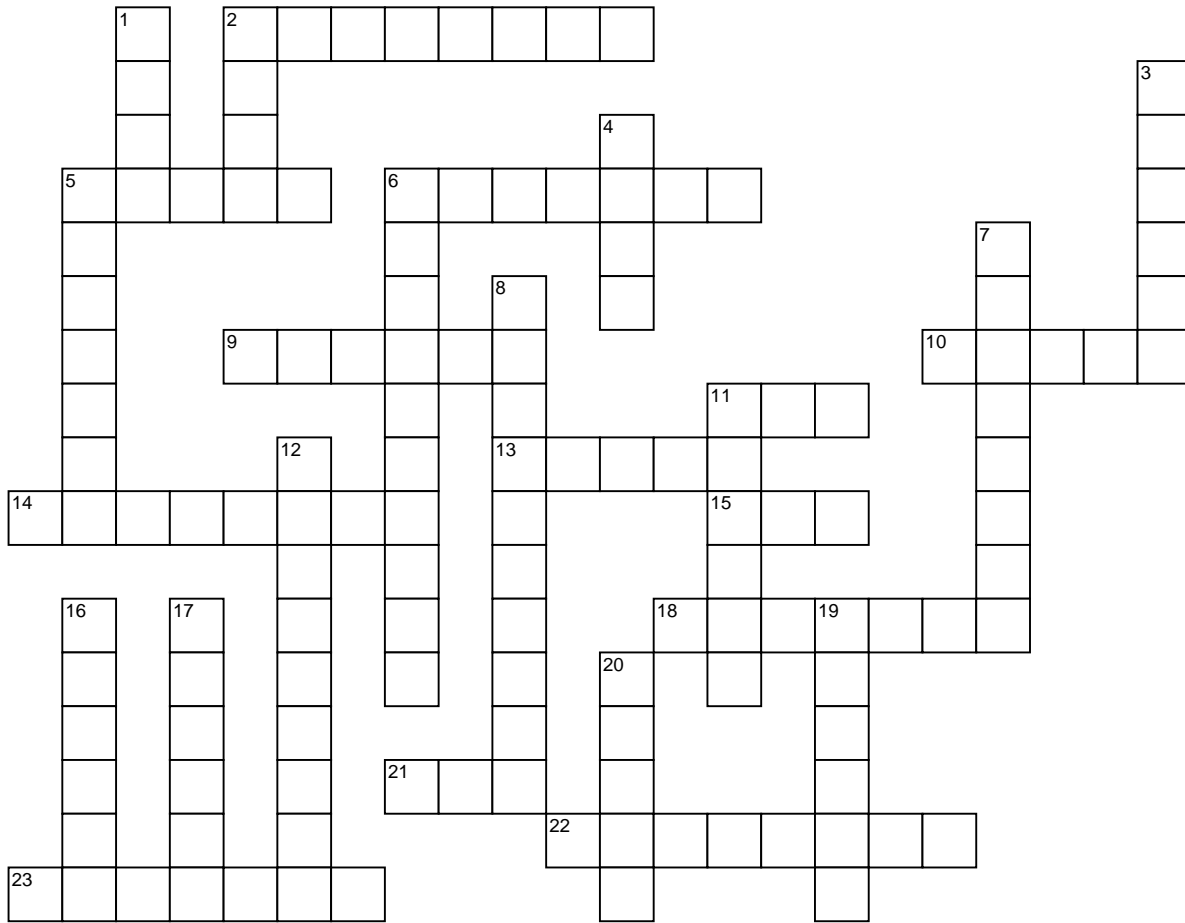
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ACROSS

- 2 This year the fire felt good
- 5 The sound of (X3), by the kids
- 6 Noon to 2:00 p.m.
- 9 Former library
- 10 Now Forest Management
- 11 The other ballfield
- 13 We had to be grandfathered in to get away with this
- 14 You don't have to be hero here but it helps
- 15 Opposite of "little"
- 18 Spring and fall
- 21 Best lake in Oakland Co.
- 22 Where to find job requirements
- 23 As old as the Kalevala

DOWN

- 1 Where Finns go to limbo
- 2 Queen
- 3 Recently renovated
- 4 Leskinen
- 5 Favorite at Winterfest
- 6 William Henry Harrison and typical Sun Lake watercraft
- 7 The feeling after a two-hour sauna
- 8 Good sledding today
- 11 Softball players
- 12 Big year for this old favorite
- 16 Not the Democratic or Republican one
- 17 Ethnic--maybe epic--dance
- 19 Thank you
- 20 Upscale version enjoyed at Lent