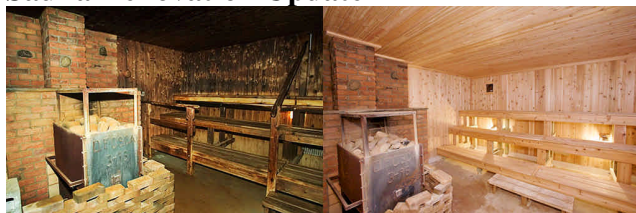


**CALENDAR SNAPSHOT****January**

- 7 – Future Planning Committee, 7:30 p.m.
- 8 – Recreation Committee Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 10 – Board Meeting, 10 a.m.
- 10 – Forest Management Committee, 10 a.m.
- 16 – Finntalia Dinner, 6 p.m.

February

- 6 – Winterfest, 1 p.m.
- 6 – Bar Committee Meeting, 5 p.m.
- 6 – Chili Cook-off and Entertainment, 6 p.m.
- 14 – Forest Management Committee, 10 a.m.

Sauna Renovation Update

Before

After

The men's sauna renovation was completed in November. The women's sauna renovation was finished in December. Come out to the camp to inspect the great renovation work done by our talented Finn Camp members. The existing wood walls and ceilings were removed and replaced with new wood. The existing benches were removed and new benches were constructed and installed.

Journey out to camp country in the wintertime and enjoy a relaxing sauna. What a great way to break up the weekend and fight off those winter blues. The sauna is open from 3 to 9:00 p.m. on Saturdays throughout the winter. The sauna is also open on Wednesdays from 6 to 9:00 p.m., if a volunteer runs it. If you want to volunteer, a sign-up sheet is posted on the sauna bulletin board.

Condolences

Long-time Finn Camp member Hazel Santti passed away quietly on Saturday, Nov. 28, at age 91. Hazel was seven years old when the DFCSA was founded in 1925, and her parents were among the founding members.

Hazel Finnila and Arne Santti were married in June, 1939. Camp #122 was built by Arne's father, Eli, and was ready for them when they returned from their honeymoon. Hazel was always involved in activities at the Finn Camp. She was one of the founding members of and served several years with the Recreation Committee. Hazel served several times on the Board of Directors. She was first elected in 1963, serving as secretary. She was elected again in 1973, serving as vice-president until Hazel broke her ankle in early 1975. She was replaced by her son, Karl. Her last term on the board was from 1978 to 1980, at which time she was president.

Hazel was also the first president of the Loon Lake Ladies Auxiliary which was organized in April of 1966. Her term ran until 1970. Hazel was instrumental in the preparation of the 50th Anniversary book, was a continuing participant in the Loon Lake ladies bowling and golf leagues, the Loon Lake Blood bank in the late 1960's and early 1970's, and the Loon Lake singers.

Hazel is survived by five children - Karen (Dick) Pye, Joe (Carol), Tina, Karl (Carol) and Sue Andrews; 11 grandchildren - Robyn (Wayne) Jokinen, Todd Pye, Julie (Jeff) Hoisington, Jeff Pye, Russ (April) Santti, Tim Santti, Sally (Jason) Evans, Tracey (Bryan) Calnen, Alisa (Chris) Premo, Mike (Staci) Andrews and Kristine (Josh) Davidsen; nineteen great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson. Hazel was proud that four of her five children and eight of her eleven grandchildren are current members.

**Hello, I'm Kathy Bretschneider**

a member of the DFCSCA for two years. My great-grandparents Magno and Aino Sorvari were two of the original founding members of Finn Camp. [*Editor's note:* Magno Sorvari was shareholder 114 of 250 on a list of members dated February 17, 1928.] They built a home on Bruce Street, the second on the left, which still exists. My family used to visit my great-grandma often. I had the pleasure of spending one summer in the family rented camp while we waited for our own house to be built, off Glengary Road. That summer, the one before kindergarten, I was able to participate in the swim meet, track meet and even had a part in the Finn Camp play. I have fond memories of visiting Finn Camp, jumping off the tower, enjoying the sauna—and of course the food!! Now I am a mother of three: Colton, 14; Berkley, 11; and Keegan, 9.

This was our first summer in our new camp [started by John Laitinen, another founding member. —*Ed. note*], and we had a blast!

I have now taken on the daunting task of filling Jennifer Barrett's shoes running the Recreation Committee. I would like to thank her for all her hard work and dedication to our children for so many years. As Jennifer can tell you, this position is not a one-person job: it takes a village to raise a child, and we have many wonderful resources that we need to take advantage of. So I am asking for everyone's help, whether or not you have children or grandchildren—come out and get involved!

The first meeting of the Recreation Committee of the year will be January 8 at 6:00 p.m. in the Clubroom. Some of the ideas we would like to

introduce to our kids are cross-country skiing, canoeing, kayaking and teaching them to bake some of our traditional foods. In addition, we are thinking of starting a kids' activity afternoon during the summer. We will also be doing some fundraising. So please come out and support us! If you have program ideas or want to help share your talents with our kids, we would love to have you. Contact me at Kathleenbret@msn.com or 248-625-3094. We are looking forward to a fun-filled year! —Kathy Bretschneider, Rec. Committee

December's Pikku Joulu "Little Christmas" (Children's Christmas Party)

This annual children's party that is sponsored by the recreation committee was a great success. The Pikku Joulu was held on Sunday December 6 in the clubroom.



Photos by Erick Leskinen



Bruce Foxworthy plays Christmas songs.

No Christmas party would be complete without a sing-along of all your favorite Christmas carols.



UPCOMING EVENTS



The Sisterhood proudly presents **Finn-talia Night**, January 16 – 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. All you can eat Spaghetti & Meatballs, salad & garlic bread. Adults: \$6, children: \$3.

Bon Appetite



Proceeds to sponsor the Hazel Santti Memorial Bench

Winterfest – February 6, 2010

Come join us for the annual Finn Camp Winter fest. This mid winter event will be held on Saturday, February 6. Admission Buttons: \$5 for Adults, \$3 for 5-17year old, and for Seniors over sixty-five, and \$15 for a Family Pass (Parents & Dependant Children only). There is an extra charge for the sauna. Festivities start at the Sauna/Beach at 1pm. Activities include: Polar Dipping, Fishing, Lasso Golf, and Human Sled Pull. Of course, a Bonfire, Hot Beverages, and Hot Dogs/Brats will be provided. Fun Continues at the Clubroom at 6pm with the Chili Cook-off and Entertainment. 50/50 and Raffle Tickets will be sold all day. Many people are needed to help for everything to run smoothly. Get some work

hours in or just lend a helping hand. Donations for Raffle: The more we have the better. Maybe you, your committee, your workplace, your friends, and the businesses you like to go to would like to make a donation. It would all be appreciated. For ideas, questions, workers, donations, etc. please call Jody at 248-819-8964.

Finish Holiday - Ystavanpaiva

The Finn Camp will partake in the Finnish Holiday; Ystavanpaiva, or Friend's Day. The way we'll celebrate this Finnish holiday is with a food drive for canned food and nonperishable items. We'll hold our Ystavanpaiva on Saturday, February 6 during Winter Fest and again Saturday, February 13 from 2:30 p.m. to 9:00pm. You can drop off your donations in the Club Room. All proceeds are to benefit Hospitality House Food Pantry. It's a nice way bring a flavor of the Finnish spirit to our neighbors less fortunate than us.

2010 Finn Camp Calendar

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

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

Please call with any questions at 248-313-9334

Firewood for Sale

Cord of wood: \$50 for members, \$75 for non-members. Contact Mike Honka for more information. Phone: 248-860-5109

Technical Assistance Request

Help is requested for the Clubroom home theatre and audio system. Anyone with technical know how in this area please contact Dave Niemi.



BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Board of Directors

Sunday, January 10 at 10 a.m. Visitors at noon.
Visitors must sign in at the Clubroom at noon.
New members can visit at any meeting.

Board of Directors:

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, January 7, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom

Recreation Committee

Friday January 8, 6 p.m, Clubroom

Sisterhood Committee

The next meeting is in February. .

Bar Committee Meeting

February 6, 5 p.m., Clubroom

Forest Management Committee

The woods committee meets every second
Sunday of the month at 10 a.m. at the pole barn.

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 and Brian Pelto

Articles Wanted / Member Spotlight

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? Do you have a great story about a member and wish to spotlight them? Feel free to type up a couple paragraphs and send with or without photo(s) to: newsletter_editor@finncamp.org The committee is seeking fun and interesting stories from members to be published..

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 November 15. Email copy to: newsletter_editor@finncamp.org.

Or mail it to:

Newsletter Editor

c/o DFCSA

2524 Loon Lake Rd.

Wixom, MI 48393-1654

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: (newsletter_editor@finncamp.org.) If you can furnish a photo that would be much appreciated. If not recent, adding the approximate year of the photo 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. (Over length copy will be edited for fit.) The deadline is the same as the date for newsletter copy: the fifteenth of each month.

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