



UPCOMING EVENTS

Note: Not all events are listed on this and other DFCSA calendars. If you are planning an event and wish to check the availability of a specific facility on a certain date, please check with Karen Pye (248-926-6219).

Winterfest: It's All About the People



The place to be on Saturday, February 4, from 1:00 p.m. on, will be the sauna at the Finn Camp for the kickoff of this year's Winterfest—fun for all and all for fun, with the theme being "It's All About the People." We hope all of you will come out for the festivities: Polar Dip'n and Ice Fish'n (weather permitting) from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the sauna, then from 6:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. in the Clubroom for the annual Chili Cookoff and dancin' to Kerry the DJ. Buttons are \$5/adult, \$3/child, \$15/member family, with the sauna being extra. Contact Linda Gooden (248-894-0974) for

CALENDAR SNAPSHOT

February

- 2—Future Planning Committee, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom
- 4—**Winterfest**
1 p.m., Sun Lake:
Chili Cook-off, 6:00 p.m., Clubroom
- 4—Bar Committee, 6:30 p.m., Clubroom
- 12—Forest Management, 10:00 a.m., pole barn
- 15—Calendar and newsletter items due
- 19—Board meeting, 10:00 a.m., Boardroom, visitors at noon

March

- 1—Future Planning Committee, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom
- 4—Board meeting, 10:00 a.m., Boardroom.
- 11—Forest Management, 10:00 a.m., pole barn
- 14—Sisterhood, 6:30 p.m., Clubroom
- 15—Calendar and newsletter items due
- 17—**St. Urho's Party**, 8:00 p.m., Clubroom

“Blast from the Past” Series



Here are the 1964 adult players at the annual Finn Camp summer drama. As best we can determine, they are (left to right) Ernie Edwards, Sandy Vaisanen Glasby, Sharon Eklund Junnola, Donna Duletsky, Lois Mustonen Brooks, Beverly Cobb Aaltonen, Dick Pype and Valma Duletsky. *Photo supplied by Russ Matero.*

information about the Chili Cookoff; she would like all entries to be at the Clubroom by 3:00 p.m. Please call her and let her know if you will be participating. Weather permitting, we will be building real snowmen; if no snow, fake snowmen from whatever you can come up with, on the ballfield at 3:00 p.m. Also needed: pictures from past Winterfests to be displayed in the Clubroom during the festivities. Printed black-and-white photos would be awesome. Needed: some volunteer raffle sellers. A few other volunteer jobs are still available—get your hours in early. We hope to see everyone there. Contact Sherry Kurin at 248-535-6022 with questions.

St. Urho’s Party

The 2012 St. Urho’s party will be held on Saturday, March 17, starting at 8:00 p.m. There is a \$5 cover. Come enjoy a DJ, prizes, raffles, fun, food and the crowning of the new king and queen. And don’t forget to wear your purple and green, so you don’t get fined! St. Pat’s kin are very welcome too! —Patti Leppi

Finns Can’t Predict Political Trends Either

Last fall, Tuomas Koskeniemi (29) and his brother Johannes (27), in Washington, D.C., began building a website, VotingAid.com, to help U.S. voters pick the politician they wanted. They thought, perhaps naïvely, that just because half the voting population of Finland uses electoral websites to match up voters with politicians whose views most closely meet their own, they could use the same techniques to pin down the Republican presidential contenders’ positions on matters such as climate change and tax policy. They had hoped to rank each candidate from 0 to 100 on their agreement with 21 specific policy statements. For example, after reviewing Newt Gingrich’s positions from the mid-1990s on, they finally decided in December to go with his most recent statement that he didn’t know if global

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, 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 the box on the last page) 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 15th of each month.

warming was scientific fact. And Mitt Romney has both praised and criticized the flat tax. But sometimes the brothers had to throw up their hands and seemingly admit defeat. As the *Wall Street Journal* reported on January 14, Tuomas said, “At the end of the day, you just end up voting for someone you like.”

Robert “The Nordic Nightmare” Helenius



In a split decision recently, Robert Helenius, a Finn, won the European heavyweight boxing championship. Helenius, nicknamed the Nordic Nightmare, won the decision over Dereck Chisora of Britain. This was the first-ever European heavyweight championship for a Finn. For the 28-year-old Helenius, this was his seventeenth win without a loss as a professional.

Conversation Starters and Finnishers

Here are a few basic terms to help build your vocabulary of Finnish words and phrases.

Welcome (to greet someone): *Tervetuloa!*

How are you? *Mitesmenee?*

Hello, friend! *Hei! Kaveri!*

Thank you. *Kiitos.*

More on Piano Repair

We have two more months to reach our goal of raising the \$2,000 needed to renovate the Clubroom’s 1920s’ vintage upright piano. The total that now must be raised is down to something less than \$500, thanks partly to a recent generous commitment from the Sisterhood. There are several ways you can make your own contribution toward maintaining this important and entertaining Finn Camp tradition. One is to place your donation in the Clubroom’s Piano Appeal box and add your name to those on the cards above the bar of people who have already given. Or send your check, made out to the D.F.C.S.C.A., to the Association at 2524 Loon Lake Road, Wixom, MI 48393. *Kiitos!*

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2446) or Sue Foster (248-
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Cords of Firewood for Sale

\$50 for members and
nonmembers.
Delivery extra. Contact Mike
Honka,
ph. 248-860-5109.

Note from the Auditors

By the end of February, we need to look at the books of the Sisterhood and the Recreation Committee. Please leave your financial records in the boardroom or contact Sam Dernberger, Joe Santti, Edwin Elkhill or Mary Johnson to arrange for pickup. We will have them back to you as soon as we can. Thank you very much.

Winter Clubroom Opening Hours

The winter opening hours for the Clubroom bar are now 8:00 p.m., on Friday and Saturday.

BOARD NOTES AND REMINDERS**Annual Assessment**

The board would like to remind members once again that the annual assessment will become \$250, starting this February, as passed during last April's annual meeting.

Indoor Kitchen Renovation

Starting after Winterfest, indoor kitchen renovations will begin. Ralph Heikkinen, Works Administrator and project manager, needs volunteers. The project is slated to begin on February 11 and possibly run through March 15. Most of the work will be done on Saturdays. Workers are need for demolition and construction. You don't have to have a particular set of skills to participate, but if you do, please contact Ralph at 313-610-5478 and be a part of transforming the kitchen into a beautiful workspace!

Applications Being Accepted

Applications are now being accepted by the board for the Beach Manager and Caretaker positions. Applications should be mailed or delivered to the boardroom.

To Committee and Events Chairs

Help make your events more successful by submitting the dates of those events to the Newsletter Committee now. We will post them on the online calendar for the year. Remember to submit a write-up describing the event at least two months before the event. This will help us promote the event and let members plan their schedules around those dates.

**Articles Wanted—
Member Spotlight**

Do you have a favorite memory of growing up in the Finn Camp you'd like to share? Perhaps you have an interesting story of Finn Camp history. Member spotlight articles are especially interesting. Please send a few paragraphs, preferably with a photograph, to: newsletter_editor@finncamp.org

The committee is always seeking fun and interesting stories from members.

New Sauna Rates

After studying the past ten years of costs associated with the sauna, the board has had to make a difficult decision to raise rates to help offset some of the costs. Effective January 1, the new sauna rates are as follows:

Beach and Sauna Admission Rates	Beach	Sauna
Members:	Free	\$3
Eligible members over 75 years of age:	Free	Free
Member/Jr. Associate Card:	Free	\$15
Member's child under 12 years of age:	Free	Free
Member's dependent child, 12–25 years of age:	Free	\$1
Guests and renters over 18 years of age:	\$6	\$6
Guests and renters under 18:	\$3	\$3
Guests over 60 years of age:	Free	\$3

BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Bar Committee

Saturday, February 4, 6:30, Boardroom.

Future Planning Committee

Thursday, February 2, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom.

Forest Management Committee

Sunday, February 12, 10:00 a.m. at the pole barn.

Board of Directors

Sunday, February 19, 10:00 a.m., Boardroom. Visitors at noon.

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