



Members view Fourth of July fireworks on the Loon Lake shoreline.

## 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 call Karen Pype (248-926-6219).*

### **37<sup>th</sup> Annual Finn Fest: August 8, 9 and 10**

Save the dates! It's time to talk FESTIVAL! Mark your calendars and come out to support this major fundraising event. Get some work hours in, visit with fellow members and friends and cheer on your favorite softball team!

**Friday** kicks off the festival weekend with the kitchen and beer truck opening at 5:00 p.m., followed by the Home Run Derby, beginning about 6:30 p.m. Come see the big hitters knock 'em into the woods! We will continue into the evening with music and dancing in the Clubroom.

**Saturday** the kitchen will open for breakfast at 8:00 a.m. with food available all day in the *Ravintola* and food tent.

The softball tournament also begins at 8:00 a.m. with games on our "A" field and at Gilbert Willis Park's two fields.

Flagraising ceremonies will be at 11 a.m. There will be music and entertainment from the Dance Hall porch plus a 50/50 raffle, the pitching booth, horseshoes and other games, face painting and the sale of Finn Camp and Finn Fest items throughout the day. Save some energy for dancing Saturday night, as our DJ will be playing favorites in the Dance Hall.

**Sunday**, FUNday, we will do it all over again! The kitchen

## CALENDAR

### August

2–3—**Children's Weekend**

5—Sisu Sisters, 6:30 p.m., Clubroom

6—Board meeting, 7:00 p.m., no visitors.

7—Future Planning Committee, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom

8–10—**Finn Fest**

17—Future Planning Breakfast, 8:00–11:00 a.m.

17—Board meeting, 10:00 a.m., visitors at noon

23—Flotilla, Sun Lake, noon

23—**PasiCats** performance, 7:30 p.m., Dance Hall

24—Board-sponsored breakfast, 8:30–11:30

31—Annual **Golf Tournament**

### September

4—Future Planning Committee, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom

13—Campers' Picnic, 7:00 p.m., gather outside Clubroom

27—Autumn Fest and *Mojakka* Cookoff

Clubroom summer hours: Wed., Fri., Sat., 7:00 p.m. to closing

Sauna summer hours: Wed., Sat., Sun., 3:00–9:00 p.m.

will open for breakfast at 8:00 a.m., with food available all day. Softball will continue on all three fields, with the championship game on the Finn Camp's George Aho Memorial Field in the late afternoon or early evening, followed immediately by trophy presentation. Music, raffles, horseshoes and other activities will continue as well.

Many members are needed to work in all areas throughout the weekend, especially in the security and kitchen areas. As a member of a cooperative association, please participate by giving a few hours of your time to pitch in and help make our festival successful! Every hour counts, and no task is too small—**WE NEED YOUR HELP! Work-hour sign-up sheets are posted at Sun Lake Beach, or contact Robyn directly for other available options for hours.** For further information or if you have any questions, contact Robyn Jokinen, Finn Fest Chairman, by email at [rbjokinen@gmail.com](mailto:rbjokinen@gmail.com) or by cell phone at 810-287-4591.

### **Children's Weekend: August 2–3**

#### **Saturday, August 2:**

1:00 p.m.: Swim meet at the Sun Lake beach.

5–7:00 p.m.: Dinner—hamburgers, hot dogs, grilled chicken sandwiches and salad for sale at the *Ravintola*.

8:00 p.m.: Children's Program/Play, by Elaine Eklund, "Take a Dream Vacation," in the Dance Hall.

Bake Sale/Desserts: Immediately following the program.

#### **Sunday, August 3:**

8–11:00 a.m.: Breakfast at the *Ravintola*, cooked by the dads.

11:30 a.m.: Track meet sign-up at George Aho Field. Meet is at noon there.

Many volunteers are needed on Children's Weekend to make it a success! Kitchen help in particular is needed for the Saturday night dinner and Sunday morning breakfast. Parents, please remember that your donations are necessary to make our bake sale a success!

### **Yooper Dance Party!**



On Saturday, August 23, it's a Yooper Dance Party! Join the PasiCats Trio and members of Finn Folk for Copper-Country-style Finnish jam-band music, ranging from traditional Finnish to rock 'n' roll! The fun begins in the Dance Hall at 7:30 p.m. There will be door prizes donated by U.P. stores, taste-of-the-U.P. food samples and Copper Country brewed beer! All ages are welcome: \$5 per adult, free for children ages 17 and under.—Sponsored by the Cultural Committee



Shop the Finn Camp Store, in the Clubroom, whatever the season! We have t-shirts, hats, hoodies, koozies, and Finnish CDs. For access to the store during off hours, call Patti Leppi, at 248-921-1432, or email her at [pleppi@att.net](mailto:pleppi@att.net).

**Flotilla Time**

Come to Flotilla on Saturday, August 23, at noon—a fun time for all, when we will latch our rafts together and enjoy some Sun Lake time!—Sponsored by the Sisu Sisters

**DFCSCA Annual Golf Tournament**

Finn Camp’s Annual Labor Day Open Invitational Golf Tournament at Hickory Hill Golf Course on Sunday, August 31, will be a scrambles tournament. Tee times are from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m.: first come, first served. Nominal entry fees plus greens fees and optional cart rental. Open to all members. See or call Mary or Rob Johnson for more details and to sign up: 248-624-4568.

**Cinco de Taco Wednesdays**

In an effort to raise money for a new generator for the Clubroom, the Future Planning Committee will be serving up hard and/or soft tacos and nachos every Wednesday during July and August, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the *Kenttä*. Please join us for the fiesta.—Caren Boatman

**Scholarship News**

The Scholarship Committee is pleased to have some repeat candidates (more about them in future newsletters) and one new one, Caroline Barrett.

**Caroline Barrett**



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*Camp 137, West Side*

\$1,600 or best offer  
Call Chris Aho:  
248-804-2886  
Please: No calls from  
nonmembers

My name is Caroline Barrett and I was recently awarded a Finn Camp Scholarship. I will be attending Adrian College this fall to study exercise science and minor in Spanish. My dream is to become a bilingual physical therapist. I also plan on continuing to play my trumpet in college and take some music classes. I will be participating in Adrian's marching band and their cross-country and track teams. I recently returned from a month-long trip to France, Germany and Holland with Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp, playing music and visiting amazing places. It was the experience of a lifetime. Thank you so much.

**Member Spotlight: Eero Toivonen**



Eero was born in Finland in 1931 in the city of Sonero, near Helsinki. He moved to the United States with his wife and three children in 1966 and became a Finn Camp member on Juhannus in 1967. Eero was a member of the Bar Committee and worked behind the bar for 25 years. Eero retired in 1997, but in his working years he was a tool and die and mold maker. Eero enjoys woodworking, golf and bowling and speaks fluent Finnish. Eero has two grandchildren and was married to his wife Sinikka, now deceased, for 42 years. Eero lives in Wixom, Michigan.

**New Member Profile: Michelle Ebel**

Michelle Ebel and her son Declan became members in April. Michelle and her family were members in the 1970s. As a young girl, Michelle remembers taking swimming lessons, eating at the *Ravintola* every weekend and spending time with her mother and father, Mike and Midge O'Neill. Even though her family turned in their membership in the early 1980s, Michelle never forgot growing up in camp 11 and all of the friendships she made. Michelle became reconnected with Finn Camp about six years ago when she ran into Kari Aro at a local craft show. Michelle and Kari reminisced about their childhood at Finn Camp and Michelle decided April was a good time to join.

**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. (Overlength copy will be edited for fit.) The deadline is the same as the date for newsletter copy: the 15th of each month.

**Sewing Lessons**  
 Beginner to Intermediate.  
 Clothing/Quilts and Crafts  
 Contact Lori Aro for class times:  
 248-321-6828

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 Suppliers to the Finn Camp Fishing  
 Derby



Michelle Ebel and her son Declan

Although Michelle lives in Milford, she would eventually like to buy a camp. As a member, she is looking forward to creating additional friendships and more memories for years to come.

**Lighten Up: “Grumpy People More Prone to Dementia”\***

“Cynics are three times more likely to develop dementia than those who have faith in humanity, a study has shown. . . .

“Those attempting to guard against dementia should put down the crossword and go for a jog. . . .

[According to an eight-year study released in June from the University of Pittsburgh], “Instead of the brain shrinking—as it normally does at a rate of about 1 percent a year—it grew by about 2 percent in those who took a brisk 40-minute walk three times a week. Among those aged between 55 and 80, exercise increased the size of the hippocampus—the brain’s memory hub—knocking almost two years off its biological age.”

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**You Can Help**

What have we been missing—for instance, information about new family members and new members. What else would you like to hear about?

**New Family Members:** Have you had a birth or adoption in the family since last month’s newsletter? Let us know the name and parents’ names and supply a photo (optional) so we can welcome the new one.

**New Members:** We’d like to introduce you properly to the rest of the membership. Could you supply us with a photo, and answer a few basic questions in a brief phone interview?

**Condolences:** Please supply the name, approximate date of death and information about how the decedent is a member of the Finn Camp community. A returnable photo would be appreciated.

Email the Newsletter Committee at:

**[newsletter\\_editor@finncamp.org](mailto:newsletter_editor@finncamp.org).**

**Or mail to D.F.C.S.C.A., 2524 Loon Lake Rd., Wixom, MI 48393.**

Or approach someone on the committee (see last page).

## BOARD NOTES AND REMINDERS

Please join us in welcoming new members Bradley O’Neill, his wife, Sandra, and children Colin and Gina. Brad’s sister Michelle joined in April and is interviewed in this issue (see page 4).

Attention, all members: Please—no picture taking or video filming in the sauna or dressing areas, indoor and outdoor. Members who have suggestions, comments or board-related business are asked to e-mail [board@finncamp.org](mailto:board@finncamp.org). Those who are looking to complete their work hours should email the Works Administrators at [work@finncamp.org](mailto:work@finncamp.org).

All members with pets are reminded of Blue Book regulation 203.1.3: “No animals are permitted on the grounds unless properly leashed or under control, nor are they permitted in public eating areas.”

Smokers are advised to stand at least 20 feet away from all the entrances of the sauna building, Clubroom and all other facilities, in keeping with state law.

Dumpsters are for members’ use only! Do not put in large or long items that may wedge or jam the dumpster when it is being tipped into the truck. No major dumping on festival weekends. No overfilling. *NO furniture, appliances, propane tanks, wood, construction materials or other large items are to be left in, by or around the Clubroom dumpster.* Large items can be placed at the roadside near the tractor garage on *Tuesdays* for Wednesday pickup. Association or camp construction materials can be placed in the dumpster by the pole barn. A motion detector camera has been installed to prevent unauthorized use of the dumpsters.

## BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

### Board of Directors

Wednesday, August 6, 7:00 p.m., no visitors  
Sunday, August 17, 10:00 a.m., visitors at noon

### Future Planning Committee

Thursday, August 7, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom

### Sisu Sisters

Tuesday, August 5, 6:30 p.m., Clubroom

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