



Kemmy Parisi and Dennis Shaheen head off for an evening of fishing on Loon Lake.

#### 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 248-926-6219.*

#### Special Issue to Be Voted on at Semiannual Meeting

The Semiannual Meeting of the membership that is to be held Sunday, October 25, at noon (registration begins at 11:00) will take up one item that is of particular concern to all members. Because this proposal requires an expenditure of 5 percent or more of the monies available from the special projects account, it requires approval of 20 percent or more by members eligible to vote. Attendance is thus important. The issue to be voted on is hazardous tree removal. In one recent event, a heavy branch fell on the swing set at Loon Lake, which could have injured or killed a child. And there are more dead branches ready to fall on that swing set. Last year, a large oak fell and damaged the west side bathhouse, in a high-traffic area. Also last year, large dead branches fell and severely damaged Linda Gooden's and Paul Getzen's vehicles parked at their camps. Recently, a large dead tree fell close to Karina Garland and could have injured her. Some of these very old trees were marked years ago for removal but not yet taken down. A large tree fell on the ballfield during Finn Fest. Very large branches fell in the children's play area near the Clubroom. Finally, a very large dead tree seems ready to fall on Steve Niemi's camp, with another one in the same condition over Chris Eilola's camp. These and other such hazardous trees—a total of 14 now identified—have been flagged with caution tape. The many trees that only need branches removed have been similarly flagged.

#### CALENDAR

##### October

- 1—Future Planning Committee, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom
- 2—**Wine Tasting**, 7:30 p.m., Clubroom
- 13—Sisu Sisters meeting, 6:30 p.m., Clubroom
- 18—Board meeting, 10:00 a.m., visitors at noon
- 24—**Children's Halloween Party**, 5:30 p.m., Clubroom
- 25—**Semiannual Members' Meeting**, registration 11:00 a.m., meeting starts at noon
- 31—**Adult Halloween Party**, 9:00 p.m., Clubroom

##### November

- 1—Annual **Fall Talkoo**, 10:00 a.m., meet in Clubroom
- 7—**Harvest Dinner**, 3:00 p.m.
- 8—Board meeting, 10:00 a.m., visitors at noon
- 10—Sisu Sisters meeting, 6:30 p.m., Clubroom

##### Other

Clubroom hours: Wed., Fri., Sat., 7:00 p.m. to closing  
Sauna hours: Wed., 6:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m. when volunteer available; Sat., 3:00—9:00 p.m.

**All material for newsletters is due on the 15<sup>th</sup> of the previous month.**

Due to the severity of the problem, the board strongly feels that bringing in an outside tree removal firm with the expertise and equipment for a project of this size is necessary. However willing our Forest Management Committee clearly is to deal with these hazardous tree removals themselves, for their own safety as well as in the interest of expediting a project of this magnitude the board is asking for members' approval of special funding to hire an outside firm.

Our legal counsel has reviewed the situation and responded, saying, "It appears that the dangers posed by the trees is well-known and of long duration. Accordingly, a significant injury caused by falling trees will almost certainly result in a claim or lawsuit by the injured party. . . . Most important, on a personal level, it would simply be an awful circumstance to face knowing the injury was both foreseeable and avoidable. I therefore strongly advocate taking early action to limit the dangers from unhealthy trees." Further arguments in favor of hiring an outside tree removal firm center around not only the matter of injury or liability at present but also in the future. As long as we hire a competent company with appropriate equipment and sufficient experience, we will have shown ourselves to have used reasonable care if future damages occur. The legal review ends by saying, "The bottom line is that, unless the expense is too great to manage, the importance of this project strongly suggests using an outside company."

We are exploring quotes from several tree removal companies. No one should be afraid to stay in their camp—the safety of our members is paramount.

### **Finn Camp to Be Featured by Wixom Historical Society**

On Monday, October 19, the society (in the library) will be featuring Finn Camp in a free program of light refreshments and a display of Finnish traditional items in a secure library display case. The event is open to the public but would be of special interest to all with a Finnish heritage. Please contact Nancy Dingeldej for more information: 248-624-3950 or [ndingeldej@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ndingeldej@sbcglobal.net).

### **Children's Halloween Fun Night**

Children's Halloween is Saturday, October 24.

Trick or Treating in the west-side camp country will start at 5:30 p.m. Bring treats to pass out to all the little ghosts and goblins. Wear a costume if you dare! If you don't own a camp, haunt an empty one . . . just beware! (West-side camps only, please, so the kids do not have to cross Loon Lake Road.) Meet at the Clubroom at 7:00 for some ghoulish food. We will also be having a hot dog roast outside the Clubroom. Please also bring a dish to pass, including desserts. If you are bringing guests please make sure they also provide a dish to pass. Music and games will haunt the Dance Hall after we eat!! So please join in the fun!

Volunteers are needed to help run the games up in the Dance Hall. For more information, please contact Kathy Bretschneider at 248-821-6440 or [kathleenbret@msn.com](mailto:kathleenbret@msn.com).

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### **Adult Halloween Party**

The Adult Halloween Party will be Saturday, October 31, in the Clubroom starting at 9:00 p.m. 🎃 Prizes will be awarded for the best costumes as well as the scariest, ugliest, funniest, prettiest and most original costumes. 😬 Please bring a dish for the buffet table to help feed the zombies and keep our brains safe. 🧠 Haunting season is here! 😈 —Sponsored by the evil spirits of the Bar Committee

### **Fall Talkoo November 1**

The fall *talkoo* is Finn Camp's annual tradition of its members coming together to prepare the grounds for the winter. Please come out for this event, which is a sociable occasion as well as being task oriented. All ages are invited to join in. Free *mojakka* and a complimentary sauna will be provided for the workers. This year's *talkoo* will be held on Sunday, November 1, starting at 10:00 a.m. Sign in at the Clubroom upon arrival.

### **Annual Harvest Dinner November 7**

Please join the Bar Committee for this annual event on Saturday, November 7, from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. We provide the turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing and salad. Bring your appetite and a veggie dish or your favorite dessert to pass.

### **Save the Date—Fourth Annual Holiday Extravaganza**

November 18, Wednesday, 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
November 19, Thursday, 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. More details to follow in next month's newsletter. Limited space available. Members get priority. Please contact Kari Aro (248-217-5467).

### **Condolences: Ruth Yogus**



Ruth L. Yogus, age 89, of Commerce Township and formerly of Howell, passed away September 17. Born on September 3, 1926, in Detroit, she was the daughter of Neil and Edythe (Kotila) Lund. Ruth had been a member of the Detroit Finnish Cooperative Summer Camp Association (D.F.C.S.C.A.) in Wixom since 1952 and had served on its Recreation Committee and in the Ladies' Auxiliary. She had also been active in the Arabian Horse Association of Michigan, which she served as secretary. Ruth was the beloved wife of the late Joseph W. Yogus (April 8, 1992) whom she had married in Detroit on

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June 17, 1949. She was the loving mother of Joyce (David) Chichila of Commerce Township, Joseph W. (Nancy) Yogus, Jr., of Three Rivers, Ronn L. (Heidi) Yogus of Waterford and Nancy E. Kasparschuster of Fenton. Grandmother of nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren, she is survived by her brothers, Robert N. Lund of Boynton Beach, Fla., and Ronald B. Lund of Paradise, Mich. A memorial celebration in honor of Ruth's life will be held on Saturday, October 10, at 12 noon at the D.F.C.S.C.A., 2524 Loon Lake Rd., Wixom, MI 48393. In lieu of flowers, contributions to the D.F.C.S.C.A. are suggested. Please sign the family's online guestbook at [www.macdonaldsfuneralhome.com](http://www.macdonaldsfuneralhome.com). Dessert donations will be greatly appreciated at the memorial celebration.

### Finn Fest 2015

The 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Finn Fest was a good time with good friends, good food and new memories! While the threat of severe weather cut the Home Run Derby short on Friday night, many of our members and friends were here throughout the weekend to enjoy the traditional festival foods, music from the Dance Hall porch, shop in the Finn Camp Store, play horseshoe and corn-hole games, test their pitching arms, dance into the night and cheer on some great softball teams! Congrats to the 2015 tournament winners: Repeat champions: Korody Softball; runner-up Dabco Tool, with third place going to DO All Stars!

As always, *kiitos* to our members, their children and friends who came out to work their hours at the festival or who simply pitched in when needed. So much work is done to pull this event together and make it successful. Every bit of help and effort is important and is *so* appreciated! While I don't usually list the names of all who contributed their time, this year a special nod is going to those who stepped up to work in the kitchen and food tent. It is always a struggle to get workers, especially in the kitchen. It is busy— and *hot*—in that kitchen! As the weekend began, there were many blank spots on the sign-up sheets, which had been posted for an entire month. But we made it, and here's why. A **huge thanks** goes out to Matt Jokinen, Remi Pype and Todd Pype, who, with Chris and Lisa Santti, managed the kitchen and the food tent for the entire weekend. Thank you to those who signed up to work hours in the kitchen: Cindi Maddick, Dave Grogan, Daryl Nelson, Vicki Stephenson, Pam Linick, Darlene Lahde, Mary Burck, Gavin Wing, Michelle Ebel, Crystal Soli, Laina Benestad, and Gina Parisi! Thank you, Matt Paukovits, Mike Sturr, Robert Taipala, and Gary Mustonen for filling in the empty spots—your help was invaluable! Lisa extends special thanks to William Gooden and Amy Harper, who saw we were short-handed and stepped up to cover the food tent on Saturday, and to Brad and Sandy O'Neill for signing

### Home for Sale in Finn Camp Subdivision: 2160 E. Euna

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up for food tent hours on Sunday. Also to Chris and Joshua Santti and Gary Mustonen for picking up grill duties so Lisa could cover the tent on Sunday afternoon.

Finally, thanks to the rest of my team: Wayne Jokinen, Denny Sennhenn, Bar Committee members and beer tent workers for keeping our glasses full; to Dick Pype for singing our national anthem and managing the ticket sales and cashiers; to Amber Martin and Tina Santti for assists with financial and bookkeeping details; to Steve Niemi for singing the Finnish national anthem, providing sound across the grounds and, with friends, entertaining us with their musical talents. Thanks to the O'Brien family at the pitching booth, Patti Leppi for curating our Finn Camp merchandise, Jon Foss for taking charge of the kids' inflatable and Kim Ziegler for providing some craft activities for the kids too! Thanks to Jeff Pype for another successful softball tournament and to Paul Salo, Todd Pype, Eric Solin, Kevin Mack and Ted Orman for field maintenance, and Mark (Mac) MacDonald for donating the HR derby prizes. To Larry Gooden and his crew for security and the parking detail, and another shout out to our young teen members, who are stepping up and helping. Cooperative—the next generation! Lastly, to Karl Aro and Paul Salo for picking up after all of us—all weekend! Finn Fest remains a grand tradition and our largest fundraiser. We need members to come out to work and continue to support this event! Please plan to give some of your time next year. I look forward to seeing you then, to celebrate our 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Finn Fest: August 12–14, 2016.—Robyn Jokinen, Finn Fest Chairman

### **Yooper Night at Comerica Park**

The Detroit Tigers' 5 to 3 loss to the Texas Rangers didn't stop 56 Finn Campers from enjoying perfect weather, awesome seats and spectacular fireworks at Comerica Park on August 22. Bus games and a raffle kept everyone entertained while our Indian Trails' driver, Tom, got us safely to the game in plenty of time to pick up our Yooper tee-shirts and then back to the Clubroom for some after-game drinks.

### **Vellamo**

*Kiitos* to the more than 70 people who came out to enjoy the music of Vellamo—Pia Leinonen and Joni Tiala—in the Dance Hall on September 4. The coffeehouse atmosphere made for a relaxing evening of Finnish-style folk music. Pia's storytelling was especially useful for conveying the meaning of each song, many being original compositions by Pia and Joni.

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### **Nordic Folk Dance Workshop**

The Finnish Center is inviting Finn Campers ages 6 to 100 to join them in learning folk dances from the Nordic countries of Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden. These lessons—free—are on Sunday, October 11, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Finn Center, located at 35200 W. 8 Mile Rd. in Farmington Hills.

### **The Golf Scene**

On a beautiful but *hot* Labor Day Sunday, another Finn Camp Scramble Golf Tournament was held, at Hickory Hill Golf Course, with over 50 golfers participating! Winners of the event were the team of Gary and Debbie Jokinen, and Mike and Erin Sturr—shooting a score of 5 under par 30! They were awarded the coveted trophy (a trash can), which they will retain until the next Labor Day Tournament. Other winners for the day included Long Drive Darryl Webb, Mike Sturr, Patti Leppi and Patty Fox. Also winners, for closest to the pin, were Darryl Webb and Debbie Jokinen. The donated prizes were golf balls, from Steve and Carol Melancon, and a tee-shirt and cozy donated by Patti Leppi and the Finn Camp Store. Thanks to Wayne Jokinen for getting our grill started! A good time was had by all, ending with a barbeque at Sun Lake. See you all next year!—Rob and Mary Johnson

On Sunday, May 20, the annual Men's Scramble was held, at Riverbank Golf Course in South Lyon. The team of Gary Mustonen, Mike Kujala, Delle Aro and Matt Kujala took the award for the lowest score, 9 under. Casey Johnson won the closest to the pin contest. The longest drive was achieved by Mike Kujala. First place in the "kickers" contest of picking a number midway between two others went to Greg Pelto and his team. Rob Johnson's team took second, Gary Mustonen's group won third and Harry Kansman, David Niemi, Dale Aho and Eric Holm came in fourth. The next Men's Scramble will be June 5, 2016. Text Dave Niemi (248-310-7227) to enter your team for that event.

### **Autumn Fest and Mojakka Cook-off**

In this year's traditional fall food fest Kathy Bretschneider—in her first *mojakka* contest—took first place! Joni Sennhenn was second, Carol Melancon third. Some 60 guests came, but there was plenty of good *mojakka* for all. Kemmy Parisi even made a fish *kalamojakka* from a catch of the day for her. Steve Niemi and friends supplied appropriate background music.

The proceeds from this event support the Scholarship Committees' seven students this year, and the need is only going to grow. Next year we'll have an even dozen scholarship recipients.

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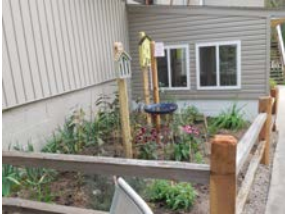
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### ***Kiitos from the Sisu Sisters***



The Sisu Sisters would like to give a heartfelt thank you to everyone who bought raffle tickets for our Dinner for 8 as well as attended our Gourmet Breakfast. (We announced the winners last month.)

All of the proceeds have been used on improvements to Finn Camp grounds. We first replaced the screens on the serving side of the *Kentta*, then created a butterfly garden (*above*) to attract and encourage Monarch butterflies like the one below. We were also able to build a new retaining wall for the upper garden area, install a motion detector lantern above the garden, and purchase and install three butterfly houses and a split-rail fence. We also recycled a patio table, chairs and a bench for prime viewing.

Many hours of planning and work went into this project, and we could not have done it without the funds from your support. A big “thank you” to the board for agreeing to refurbish the exterior of the enclosure on the west side of the Clubroom. It has added nicely to the view. Also, thank you to those who provided labor, material or kind words as progress was made. You have helped make this dream a reality.

Please take some time to enjoy the garden, sit for a spell and marvel at the wonder of nature. Our work is not finished yet—there is still much to be done alongside the building. Stay tuned!

### **The Scholarship Program: Rebecca Jokinen**



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 [Store@finncamp.org](mailto:Store@finncamp.org).

Rebecca wrote us recently: “The semester [has barely begun] yet, but last year I figured out that I want to be a Social Psychologist. I plan to obtain my Board Certified Behavioral Analysis license as well, which is something that I’m starting to work on this year. I’m excited to be able to understand people and their behavior a little better, and to use this knowledge to help them overcome any social anxieties or any other psychological problems that they may face.” This is Rebecca’s third year to receive a Finn Camp scholarship.

## **BOARD NOTES AND REMINDERS**

The board is now accepting applications for the Caretaker position.

Effective immediately, there is to be no smoking in the outdoor sunrooms at the sauna building.

Electrician needed—There is some electrical work the board is seeking help with. Please contact one of the Works Administrators if you have electrical skills. This is a great way to work off your work hours!

The Camp Rental Agent is Cindi Maddick. Please contact Cindi at 248-303-7337 if you are renting out or loaning your camp to a nonmember. Nonmembers whose stays exceed three consecutive days and two consecutive nights in a 30-day period without a member present or exceed 10 days and 9 nights in a 30-day period with a member present must pay a rental fee of \$50 per week.

The Camp Social Director is Joni Sennhenn. Please contact her at 248-882-4626 if you would like to make a reservation for the beach and sauna area, the *Kenttä*, or the Dance Hall or Clubroom.

Members with suggestions, comments or board-related business are asked to e-mail [board@finncamp.org](mailto:board@finncamp.org). Those looking to add to their work hours should email the Works Administrators at [work@finncamp.org](mailto:work@finncamp.org). General questions may be answered by visiting [www.finncamp.org](http://www.finncamp.org).

## **BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

### **Board of Directors**

Sunday, October 18, 10:00 a.m., visitors at noon

### **Future Planning Committee**

Thursday, October 1, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom

### **Sisu Sisters meeting**

Tuesday, October 13, 6:30 p.m., Clubroom

## **Finn Camp Newsletter**

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