



Uudenavuodenaatto
 — NEW YEAR EVE PARTY —

**Our Traditional
 New Year's Eve Party**
*will have a **Roaring 20's Theme***

In The Clubroom
7:00 pm to close • December 31

- Please bring a dish to share -

***This Event is Open to
 Adults & Children***

**Celebrate the beginning of the year
 with your fellow Finn Campers!**

01/01 — THE BAR COMMITTEE — 2026

HAIR OF THE DOG

**NEW YEARS DAY
 BREAKFAST**

10:00AM TO 1:00

Bar Committee Breakfast
 January 1st • 10am to 1pm

Omelets to order • Biscuits and Gravy • Waffles
 and all the fixings Also Bar Specials

CALENDAR

December
 31—**New Years Party** 7pm, to close, clubroom

January
 1—**New Years Breakfast** 10am, clubroom
 10—**Formal Joulu Dinner** 5pm, clubroom
 11—**Board Meeting** 8am, board room, visitors at 11am
 16—**Hockey Night at Finn Camp** 5pm, clubroom

February
 7—**Winterfest** 1pm, Sun Lake
 15—**Board Meeting** 8am, board room, visitors at 11am

March
 21—**St. Urho's Party**

• The Winter Clubroom Hours •
Starting December 1st

Friday - Closed
 Saturday - 7:00 pm to Close
 Wednesday - Closed
*(Lions games and any other special events will be announced through the Finn Camp email blast)
 (The Clubroom Bar maintains regular business hours open to the membership during rentals)*

• Off-Season Sauna Hours •

Wednesday:
 6pm-9pm - All members & guests (run by volunteer)

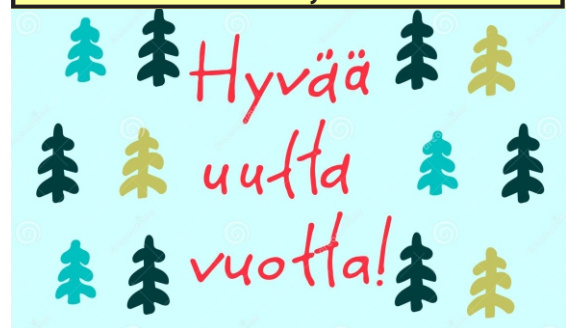
Saturday's:
 1pm-3pm Seniors & High Risk
 3pm-9pm All Members & Guests Welcome

Sunday's:
 3pm-8pm - All members & guests (run by volunteer)

-Private sauna rental is available-

UPCOMING EVENTS;
Note: Not all events are listed on this and other DFCSA calendars. If you are planning an event, check availability of the specific facility on a certain date, please call 248-882-4626

All newsletter material due by the 15th of each month





Doors Open at 5pm
 Appetizers at 5:15
 Dinner Served at 5:45.

\$25 a Plate *Will consist of:*
 Prime Rib, Chicken or Vegetarian Option TBD
 with appetizers, bread, salad
 Along with Various American and Finnish
 Vegetable side dishes.

You can prepay by dropping off money in
 the Clubroom drop box. Please note your
 preference of Prime Rib, Chicken or
 Vegetarian.

Presentation will start at 7pm, which
 covers the traditions of Joulu and how
 they've evolved through history.



Bar opens at 6:30, puck drops at 7:08
The Red Wings
 will be taking on
The San Jose Sharks
 Menu: Beef Sliders & Buffalo Wings
 Spinach Dip, Fries & Popcorn

Future Finn Camp Events	
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Saturday February 7th

It's that time of year when we embrace the
 cold and celebrate Winterfest!

The day begins at 1:00pm at Sun Lake
 • 1:00pm to 5:00pm Polar dipping and ice
 fishing at Sun Lake. Hot dogs, mojakka,
 coffee and hot cocoa will be provided.

• 6:00pm Chili Cook-off, raffles, dancing
 and tomfoolery in the clubroom.
 Buttons will be \$6 per person and include
 hot dogs, a bowl of mojakka, coffee and
 cocoa at the lake, chili dinner, and
 entertainment.

Chili makers please bring your crockpot
 of chili to the clubroom anytime between
 1:00pm and 5:00pm. Chili judging will begin
 at 5:15pm.

Chili judges are needed! If you would like
 to be a judge please see Gina Weidman at
 Sun Lake before 5pm to volunteer.

Prizes will be awarded to the top three
 chili cook-off winners.



Happy Holidays!
from the Sisu Sisters

We regroup on Saturday Jan. 10 at 2
 in the Clubroom to plan our activities
 for 2026. Join us!

Mary Burck

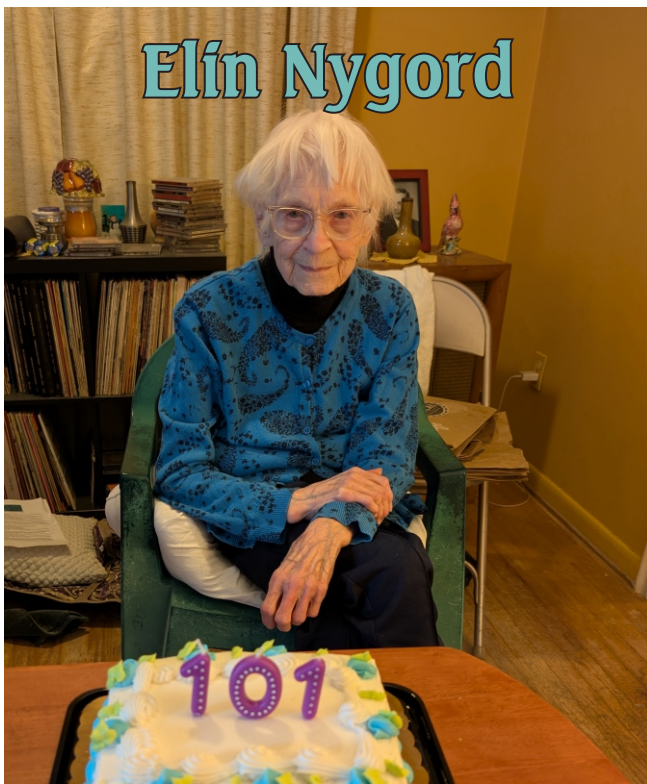
**FINN CAMP
 SAUNA**

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Elin Nygord, 101, of Redford, Michigan passed away peacefully on October 11th, 2025 surrounded by her loving family. Elin was born in Detroit, Michigan on May 20th, 1924 to the late Albert Holma and Ellen Holma (nee Nilsson).

Elin graduated from Commerce High School in Detroit, in December 1941, and later earned a Bachelor of Arts from Wayne University in 1948. Elin married her beloved husband, Albert Nygord, on January 31st, 1948. They shared 60 years together before his death in 2008.

Elin was an avid reader, and for over 50 years was a member of a Great Books club.

Elin was an excellent bridge player and played for years in Redford and Livonia.

Elin was also the historian of the family and had an encyclopedic memory for so much information about family, friends and Finn Camp members birthdays and anniversaries, etc. She was always telling me "do you know what day today is"?!

Elin was a lifelong member of the Finn Camp in Wixom, Michigan and was very proud of

her Finnish and Swedish heritage. Elin would swim around Sun Lake with her friends Kirsti Niemi, Ruth Yogus, and Virve Soderblom, and she had a knack of never getting her hair wet!

Elin was an inspiration to so many people. She was humble and unpretentious. She lived life by example, and always had a kind word to say about someone.

Elin is survived by her sons Eric, Richard, and Jim (Lana), and granddaughters Annaliese and Elena. She was preceded in death by her parents Albert and Ellen Holma, and her husband Albert Nygord. Elin's life will be celebrated at a time TBD. Elin will be interred at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, Michigan.



Elizabeth "Betsy" Woodruff Wister
 Born Nov. 15, 1960, Died Sep 22, 2025 (64)
 Betsy is from Gladwyne, Pennsylvania, and attended Harriton High School.
 Betsy had a deep love for animals, especially cats, and even traveled to Africa to see lions and tigers. She also cherished marine life, often visiting the ocean.
 Paul Salo and Betsy shared a 33-year relationship, and she often spent time at Finn Camp with Paul. We will always remember Betsy's smile and humor.



If you have an address or phone number change, please email your change to:

bookkeeper@finncamp.org

New work hour cards are located at the sauna building and the clubroom. Please remember that it is your responsibility to have your hours signed off and for you to

Submit Your Card to the Board by 10/31/26

The Finn Camp has a member's only group on Facebook. If you are not a member of the group and would like to be added you can search DFCSA Members Only and request to be added.

We will only add current members

Members are billed every February and August with bills due March 1st and September 1st. You can pay your Finn camp bill by mailing to 2524 Loon Lake Rd, Wixom MI 48393 or PayPal, Using PayPal will incur a 2.99% fee that will be added to your account

Cash payments from members should only be made in person to either the bookkeeper or Treasurer. The drop box should only be used if paying by check or money order.

There are plenty of projects for those members that are looking to work their hours. Please email work@finncamp.org or board@finncamp.org and a works administrator will contact you

We are currently looking for help with the sauna interior ceiling fixes that have been damaged by the roof and skylight leaks.

Please contact: board@finncamp.org
or reach out to our work administrators:
Ray Miller, Drew Pype and Eric Solin

Reminders:

- Members are responsible for their guests when on association property, at all times.
- Only members who have been qualified and approved by the mechanical committee may operate heavy equipment. The Mechanical committee chair is Rob Zewatsky. Contact Rob or the board for permission to use the equipment. Per bluebook (203.1.23)
- Members and their guests must have their dogs on a leash on Association property unless in designated areas only. Owners are responsible for their pets. Per bluebook (203.1.3)
- Members are not to have guest staying at their camp unless they have made a reservation (202.1.2) and made a payment (205.4) per bluebook rule.

Happy Holidays, Finn Camp members!

Wishing you a joyful season and a bright, wonderful New Year. Thank you for being part of our amazing association—here's to a great 2026!

Hyvää joulua ja onnellista uutta vuotta!

The Board of Directors



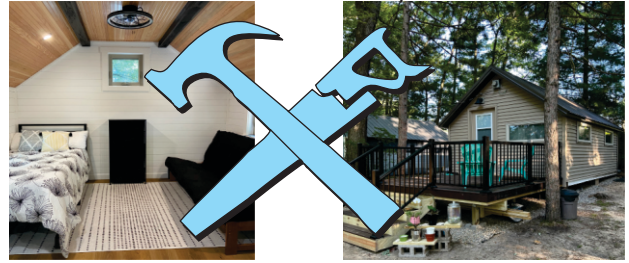
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Check our work at Camp #126

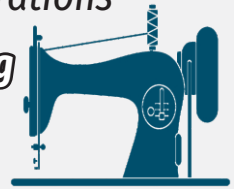


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Delivery is extra
 to schedule loading and pick up.

Call or text Mike Honka

at 248-860-5109

Do not help yourself to the firewood.



BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Jan 11—**Board Meeting** 9am board room, visitors at 11am
 Feb 15—**Board Meeting** 9am board room, visitors at 11am

In Finland

Helsinki Christmas Market Breaks Record as one of Finland's most visited public events. Over 650,000 people visited the Helsinki Christmas Market, setting a new attendance record. Attracted both residents and international tourists despite consistently rainy weather.



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- 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 50 word copy will be edited to fit.)
- The deadline is the same as the date for newsletter copy: the 15th of each month.



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