



Sun Lake beach on November 22, 2015.

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.

Pikku Joulu, "Little Christmas"

The Pikku Joulu rehearsal will be Saturday, December 3, at 5:00 p.m. in the Clubroom. This annual Children's Christmas celebration will be held Sunday, December 4, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the Clubroom. Bring a side dish or dessert for the potluck lunch; the main dish will be provided by the Recreation Committee. New members are asked to bring an unbreakable ornament, labeled with your name(s) and "2016," to hang on the tree and add to our growing collection (one per family, please). Join the kids in a sing-along of our favorite carols as we anxiously await a visit from Santa! For your child to participate in Santa's gift bag, bring a wrapped gift with your child's name, to be put under the tree. Please limit the cost of your gift to \$10-\$15. For further information or to earn hours, contact Martin Boatman (248-224-4741) or Robyn Jokinen at email rbjokinen@gmail.com.

Finn Camp Christmas Card

An association Christmas card will again this year be mailed to all members. Amber Martin would like to ask for anyone interested in designing the Finn Camp Christmas card to please submit their design by December 4. Cards should be on 8.5" x 11" paper, folded in half. Designs should be mailed to the Finn Camp address (2524 Loon Lake Road, Wixom, MI 48393), attention: Christmas Card. Amber will be taking care of collecting the \$5 per entry for anyone who would like their name in the Christmas card this year. This

CALENDAR

December

- 1—Future Planning meeting, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom
- 3—Pikku Joulu rehearsal, 5:00 p.m., Clubroom
- 4—**Pikku Joulu**, 1:00–5:00 p.m., Clubroom
- 6—Finland Independence Day (1917)
- 9—**Sisu Sisters Spa Night**, 7:00–10:00 p.m., Sauna
- 10—**Bar Committee Meeting**, 7:00 p.m., Clubroom
- 10—**Adult Christmas Party**, 7:00 p.m., Clubroom
- 11—Forest Management Committee, meet at pole barn at 10:00 a.m.
- 24—Sauna closed
- 31—**New Year's Eve Party**, 9:00 p.m., Clubroom

January

- 8—Forest Management Committee, meet at pole barn at 10:00 a.m.
- 15—Board Meeting, 10:00 a.m., visitors at noon

Clubroom: Open Fridays, Saturdays, 7:00 p.m. to close

Sauna Hours:

Wed., 6:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m. (when volunteer available)

Sat.—3:00–9:00 p.m.

All newsletter material is due on the 15th of the previous month.

money is due by December 4 as well. Please let her know if you have any questions: 248-770-9994 or treasurer@finncamp.org.

Spa Night Holiday Party

Celebrate the holidays with your Sisu Sisters! Come join us for some holiday cheer on Friday, December 9, from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. Enjoy a sauna, massage, snacks and beverage by a toasty fire. Please bring a fun white elephant gift to share and a dish to pass if you like. This is our way of saying “thank you” for your help and support throughout the year.

—The Sisu Sisters

Adult Christmas Party

The adult Christmas party is scheduled for Saturday, December 10, at 7:00 p.m. in the Clubroom. Please bring a passing dish or dessert and join in the holiday fun. Deli trays and coffee will be provided by the Board. Please bring some nonperishable food to be donated to Hospitality House. Please make sure all food items are not out of date. Cash and check donations are also appreciated. We will be listening to music from an iPod playlist.

Uudenvuodenaatto, New Year’s Eve

Our traditional New Year’s Eve party will begin in the Clubroom at 9:00 p.m. on December 31. Please bring a dish to share. This event is open to adults and children. Celebrate the beginning of the year with your fellow Finn Campers!

Semiannual Meeting

The semiannual meeting was held on Sunday, October 30, in the Clubroom. Sixty-six members were in attendance. Many items were discussed. The saunas will now be open to all members on the Forest Management Committee’s work Sundays, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. Saunas will be free to members who work a minimum of four hours for the committee on that day. Members working on eradicating bittersweet will be considered to be working for the committee and will be included for a free sauna. Check with Mike Honka when arriving for work, to record your hours.

More Lore: Way to Go

In September, Helsinki became one of the first cities to experiment with self-driving electric buses. No driver, no steering wheel, no brake, no accelerator—just sensors and software, and for now an operator on board for safety. The buses are designed to run at about 15 m.p.h. Eventually, by transporting many passengers on what could become quite flexible routes, driverless buses could help reduce the number of cars clogging city streets. The notable thing about this \$1.2 million two-year experiment is that it’s not in a controlled setting like a college campus or an industrial park. The testing, on standard city streets with no dedicated lanes for the buses, expanded in October to a more complex route in Espoo, on the outskirts, and has since begun operating in Tampere farther north. Adapted from Henry Fountain, *The New York Times*, November 8, 2016, page D1.

Camps for Sale

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248-941-9412.

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.) The deadline is the 15th of each month.

Finnish Word of the Month

Kaukokaipuu: A Finnish term for homesickness felt for a place one has never been. From *The Book of Human Emotions*, by Tiffany Watt Smith (Little, Brown).

Condolences: Maryann Solin



Maryann (“Sam”) Solin, née Granfors, age 86, of Wixom, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on November 3. Born and raised in northwest Detroit, Maryann graduated from Cooley High and married Reynold Solin shortly after. They were married until his passing in 1996. Together they raised their four children at home and in Finn Camp. Maryann found her professional calling in 1971 as the front desk person in a Detroit doctor’s office, where she earned the nickname Sam. She held this position for more than 45 years, until a few weeks before her passing. She enjoyed spending time at the library and in book clubs and will be remembered as the decisive matriarch she was. Sam was the mother of Reino (Tammie King) Solin, Kris (the late Fred) Lewerenz, Eric Solin and the late Karen Lee Solin; grandmother of Freddy Lewerenz, Jimmy Lewerenz, Greg Lewerenz, Sasha (Chris) Mueller and Joseph Solin; great-grandmother of Freddie, Logan, Kilia, Kegan, Keilani, Ross and Shea; best friend of Norma Bean; and second mother to Darlene Arnot, Tanya Lehman and Oksana Strelets. A memorial was held November 19 in the Clubroom. Finn Camp would like to express our condolences to the Solin family.

BOARD NOTES AND REMINDERS

The Board is accepting sealed bids on camp 76. Your bid can be mailed or dropped off at the Clubroom. Please write on the outside of the envelope “Sealed Bid Camp 76.” All bids will be opened at the February Board meeting.

If you have an address or phone number change, please email us at bookkeeper@finncamp.org.

If you notice any dangerous trees or limbs on the property, please contact the board.

Beverly Jokinen Graphic Artist

Websites and Print Graphics—

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Need a Seamstress?

Call Cindi Maddick for all your alterations, custom work and mending at
248-303-7337

Auto Mechanic

Mechanic for all makes and models of cars. Email make/model/job needed to Matthew Wendolowski at MattWendolowski99@gmail.com to negotiate price. Looking for more small jobs: oil changes, brake repairs like new calipers, headlights, engine light check, etc.

Cords of Firewood for Sale

\$50 for members, \$60 nonmembers.
Delivery extra.

Contact Mike Honka,
ph. 248-860-5109
*Buy now—prices going up
in January!*

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The Finn Camp membership form can be found at www.finncamp.org at the top, right corner of page 1. 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*, Dance Hall or Clubroom.

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

BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Board of Directors

Sunday, January 15, 10:00 a.m., visitors at noon

Bar Committee

Saturday, December 10, 7:00 p.m., Clubroom

Future Planning Committee

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

Forest Management Committee

Sunday, December 11, 10:00 a.m., pole barn



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.

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