



FCA News

FOR MEMBERS OF THE FINNISH CENTER ASSOCIATION

June/July, 2006

CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

EXPOSURE, EXPOSURE, EXPOSURE

Our Caterers, Armitage Catering, represented the Finnish Cultural Center at "Taste of The Town" at Burton Manor in Livonia on Thursday, May 11th. They were a SMASHING SUCCESS and were invited to attend the Livonia Spree on June 22nd. Many good contacts were made on behalf of the FCA. Thank you Linda and Laura – Good Job!!

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As we move into the summer months, we have so many activities for you to take part in. The Multicultural Jamboree is shaping up to a great event. Be sure to come Friday night for the Novi Concert Band performance, a staple event. Then join us Saturday from noon to 6 for music, dance and drama from around the world, as well as good ol' country music and bluegrass in the tent. Sunday morning we are blessed to have Pastor Elmer Liimatta lead us in worship, followed by a delicious pancake breakfast. A full, enriching weekend! We are continuing the tradition of Summer Sunday Open Houses in July and August. The Finnish Center will be open from 1-4 with refreshments and opportunities to learn about our different clubs and activities. The schedule is:

July 9, Membership, Trips, Women's Club and Gift Shop

July 16, Cultural, Stamp Club and Weavers

July 23, Finnish American Singers

July 30, FCA Board of Trustees

August 6, Education, Book Club and Computer Club

August 13, Soittoniekat

August 20, Garden Club and Nikkarintalo (Woodshop)

Come have a cup of coffee, join friends, and enjoy our beautiful center.

I was honored to be a part of the Volunteer's Dinner a few weeks ago. It was wonderful to be able to do a little something for the people who keep our Center going. We literally would go under without the generous donation of time from these dedicated members. We want to show you just how much is done by volunteers. When you come to volunteer, you're going to be asked to sign in and out, so we can keep track of the number of volunteer hours and publish that figure in the newsletter. This is actually a necessity for us to keep our non-profit cultural status, so please take a few seconds and sign the sheet that will be on the credenza.

Don't forget to send me your email addresses at kreinerk@charter.net, and make sure the Finnish Center has it too.

Have a great summer, and I look forward to seeing you around the Finnish Center!

Kristen Kreiner

CALENDAR

JUNE

- 2-3-4 SPRINGFEST and
MULTICULTURAL
JAMBOREE
- Fri Buffet 5-7 pm
Novi Concert Band 7 pm
- Sat Cultural Performers and
Dancing
- Sun Pancake Breakfast
- 5 Mon Crafters 9am
FAS Rehearsal 7 pm
- 6 Tue Board Meeting 6:30 pm
- 12 Mon Crafters 9am
FAS Rehearsal 7 pm
- 14 Wed Blood Pressure Readings
11am-2 pm
- 15 Thu Garden Club 6:30-9:30 pm

- 16 Fri Buffet 6-8 pm
- 19 Mon Crafters 9am
FAS Rehearsal 7 pm
- 21 Wed Senior Luncheon
12:30 pm
- 26 Mon Crafters 9am
FAS Rehearsal 7 pm
- 28 Wed Blood Pressure Readings
11am-2 pm

JULY and AUGUST

Committees will hold Open House on
each Sunday

Friday Night Buffet will return on
September 8, 2006

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A SAUNA STORY

Herb Piilo tells of an Unusual Sauna Experience

A number of years ago I had an unusual experience at my summer cottage in northern Michigan. My wife and I had taken our seventh foreign exchange student to show her our lovely summer place. Of great interest to this Finnish girl was the fact that we had a sauna on our premises. She had only been in the United States for a week and had previously told us that she did not want Finnish spoken to her. She was interested in learning English.

I was in the process of explaining to her that the sauna was not ready for her as it needed further warming, being heated by a wood burning stove. I left the dressing room to get additional kindling wood.

Upon my return with the wood, I did not see her where I had left her. So I entered the sauna room to put the kindling into the stove. Suddenly I realized that I was not alone and that she was already sitting in the bleachers in the buff. I hurriedly backed out and later told her that it was not my fault but that in view of the fact that she had insisted on English only being spoken, she had not understood fully, my directions. If I had given the directions in Finnish she would have understood.

Much later, this lovely, Finnish girl became a justice in Finland's Supreme Court, providing me with the opportunity to tell the story and to ask my listeners, "How many of you have had the privilege of seeing a Supreme Court Justice in the nude?"

CULTURAL

We need to learn, revive, and restore Finnish culture here at the FCA.

We're still working on plans and a date for the weekend **KANTELE WORKSHOP**. There will be a \$50 charge plus the cost of a kantele if you don't have one.

CULTURAL DAY

A cultural day is being planned in the fall. Displays of Finnish artifacts! Demonstrations! Information! For sure, some Finnish foods,

WEAVERS

Meet on the second Saturday of the month from 9 am to noon. We have an antique Barn Loom warped to weave Rag Rugs. Also have a table loom warped and ready to weave Karelian Red Pick placemats or table runners. You may weave on either, please make arrangements with the Weavers. Don't know how? NO problem, we can show you. Learn something new, it's good for your

brain! Plus, we are learning to make lovely tapestry woven beaded necklaces. These are fun and creative. No expensive loom or supplies to buy, mostly your own imagination and creativity. Please visit us to see, try, do and have a cup of coffee and camaraderie.

DANCE – DANCE – DANCE

When? On Friday Buffet nights. Get out of that chair, get your feet moving, hold a partner, and get some exercise. Remember??? We will teach! NO experience necessary! Come learn to waltz, schottische, Finnish square dance and who knows, maybe the hambo. ALL left feet welcome!!

The **STAMP CLUB** meets the last Sunday of the month from 2 to 4 pm. You are welcome to come and learn about stamps with us.

Ruth Mannisto

CALLING KIDS

Planning is underway to have a one day **SUMMER FUN/LEARNING SESSION** for elementary age children at the Center. The participants will be involved in games, gardening, music, stories, cooking their lunch, and as many other activities for which there is time. A \$10 fee will be collected for snacks, lunch, and materials. At the end of the day it is hoped that each child will have a greater knowledge of and appreciation for his or her heritage.

If parents have some ideas for activities, please call Nancy at 734 425-6531. Please call the Center if you would like to have your children participate and if you would want to help in any way.

The session would be from 10:00 am to 3:30 pm on August 3, 2006.

GOING PLACES

Daniel O'Donnell

One (1) day Tuesday, June 6, \$149, includes show at Orchestra Hall and dinner. Performance at 7 pm, seats are in first 15 rows. There will be two pick-up points and we must know ahead of time which one you prefer. Departure times will be either 3:15 or 3:45 pm.

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FROM THE FCA LIBRARY

In an earlier issue we reviewed books that dealt with the trials and tribulations of immigrant families. Here are a few more in that category:

In the Way, by Barbara J. Davis. Kaisa and Onni Virtanen were drawn to Kaleva, Michigan by an ad in a Finnish language newspaper that read "Land obtainable cheap in Kaleva..." They obtained the land and had three children, Helmi, Alfred and Martti. When Kaisa died and Onni married anew, Helmi's troubles began. Cinderella's stepmother was an angel compared to Stepmother Riika, who took out her meanness on Helmi, always out of her husband's sight, however. Helmi didn't dare tattle, for she knew the abuse would only worsen if she did. She was always made to feel that she was "in the way", hence the title of the book.

The author writes that the material for the book is gathered from family history, but that the characters are each melds of many people. I found the book a page-turner, always wondering how Helmi was going to survive. Since

the book is semi-fictional, it is in the fiction section, call number FDa.

The Finn in Me, by Sinikka Gronberg Garcia. Sinikka's autobiography begins when she is eight years old in Finnish Karelia during the Winter War. The Gronberg family had to leave their home and resettle in Helsinki. Later they were forced to leave Helsinki also when their lives were threatened by fighting and bombing. In her teens Sinikka became involved in work camps which took her to Lapland, Germany and finally Mexico, where she met the love of her life, Chico Garcia. They married and settled in Arizona where they have lived for thirty years. Sinikka is active in many Finnish groups and has appeared at many FinnFests. You'll find her book in Biography, call number B Ga.

Grave E. Devnich wrote Ox-sana's Journey as a tribute to her mother-in-law, Oxsana Devnich, who as an 18-year-old orphan escaped Czarist Russia in the early 1900's. She came from a family of serfs who were told "You are all a bunch of dumb animals." Al-

though not Finnish, her immigrant experience was similar to that of our forefathers who came from Finland. She didn't know any English when she arrived, but with spunk and guts she survived in North Dakota, where she applied for a homestead. She married and lived in an entirely Russian village where most of the immigrants never learned English. Church services were held in their native Russian. How very like our Finnish grandparents! However, our grandparents in Michigan never experienced winters like they did in North Dakota. During heavy blizzards they had to position a rope from the house to the outbuildings as a guide so as not to get lost. Very Interesting reading! You will find the book in biography, call number B De.

Lillian Lehto, Librarian



OVERDUE BOOKS

<i>Borrower</i>	<i>Title of Borrowed Book</i>	<i>Date Borrowed</i>
Nancy Delphia	Auno and Tauno: A Story of Finland	March 18,2005
Nancy Elliott	Tales of the Old UP: A Second Northwoods Reader	July 19, 2003
Hilkka Ketola	Lapin Malleja, Punomaan ja Neulomaan	November 24, 1999
Paul Miller	Kalevala: A Prose Translation from the Finnish	October 10, 2005
Henry Naasko	Song of Finland	May 19,1992
Dorothy Olsen	Tuhansien Laulujen Maa Lapinmaa	April 10, 2003
Dorothy Olsen	Lapponia	April 1 0, 2003
Dorothy Olsen	Reindeer Boy	April 1 0, 2003
Dorothy Olsen	The Way of the Four Winds	April 1 0, 2003
Herb Piilo	Finns in America	March 13, 2005
Mark Salminen	Storm over the Land	April 2005
Sarah Wiidenmaa	Seitseman Veljesta	June 25, 2002

If you have lost a book, please call the librarian at 248-642-1437

FCA GARDEN NEWS



Our vegetable garden is beginning to show the fruits of our

labors. Come and see our efforts behind the woodshop. Thanks go to the garden crew for all their efforts, and to Matt Haarala for his rototilling of our vegetable garden. We are always in need of appropriate plants which you may wish to donate. These will be integrated into our landscape. As the gardens develop, we will have starts of many plants as well. Let us know your interests. Be sure to walk around the outside of the center to see our differ-

ent garden areas. We seek additional garden assistants and we can find an activity that is appropriate for your interests and abilities whenever you are available.

David Sharpe
Garden Coordinator



Thanks

We would like to extend our appreciation to the Anderson Paint Company, a local business, for their kindness in donating a gallon of stain and brushes to our center. Anderson has a number of centers in southeastern Michigan. Our local store is at 33523 W. Eight Mile Rd.



40TH ANNIVERSARY of the FCA

Please reserve this date for our celebration. A committee of Gene Belattari Marku Ketola, Nancy Sannar, Pearl Wanttaja, and Ilene Yankee have met to begin planning this milestone event. Others of you that are interested in planning are invited to call any of the committee members.

We are considering serving appetizers preceding dinner. Our caterers, Armitage, will present a sit down dinner to be served at 2:00 pm.

Entertainment will be by

Cantate, a marvelous 167-voice acapella mixed chorus directed by our member, Gene Branstrom. Many of these singers are highly accomplished in music and you will love hearing them. Gene was delighted to be invited and said he will teach his chorus two Finnish songs.

Marku is contacting dignitaries in Finland and the US to ask for letters of congratulations. On the FCA's 20th anniversary, A fine booklet of our history was published. We want to do

another booklet to commemorate our 40 years. Any of you with talent in this area are asked to help with this publication. Those of you who wish to help finance the booklet may send donations labeled "BOOKLET" to the FCA.

Most importantly, plan to attend our 40th anniversary celebration.

NOTES FROM THE SINGERS

The biggest news around the Finnish Center is the up & coming SPRINGFEST & MULTICULTURAL JAMBOREE for June 2, 3, 4. The Singers will be participating in the Jamboree in the Saturday events. This years' Jamboree will have several different nationalities represented. Some groups will be playing instruments, some singing, some dancing, and others maybe all three. An international flavor of music and sounds is in the offering. With lots of good food for sale it will be a fun weekend. I hope many of you will be able to attend.

In July, a number of our singers will be going to GrandFinnfest in Oregon. Looking back into the records, our Chorus of Finnish American Singers has gone to thirteen FinnFests' in the past. There is always something different to see and hear at these events.

I would be looking for the "worlds largest sauna". I wonder if they have enough room in that super large sauna for dancing.

Keep your eye on the water pitcher for more "loyly".

Ei mitaan muuta
Frank Gottberg

ROSTER UPDATE

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Mohawk, MI 49950-0348

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GIFT SHOP NEWS

The gift shop is getting ready for our Jam-boree.

Stop in and see our beautiful spectrolite pendants set in silver. Spectrolite is a stone in the labradorite family found ONLY in Finland!

Also available is the book Algonquin Elegy, written by our own FCA member Neil J. Lehto! The book is about the mysterious death of Canadian artist Tom Thomson in 1917.

A 2 CD collection of almost 300 beautiful photographs from the Vappu celebration is available for \$20.00. Glenn Kujansuu photographed the guests so beautifully. The

CD contains a slide show of the event and any or all of the photos can be printed. Printing can be done at home or by any store that does digital photos..

We also have a new inventory of the Iittala birds by Toikka. Kiitos to Fritz for making the displays for the birds.

Toivo & Eino's pasty sauce is now available.

If there is anything you would like to see in the gift shop, please let us know.

FINLAND TODAY

The Nordic Countries' first, and perhaps the first complete hydrogen powered power plant in the world has been built in Joutseno, Finland, and is currently in the testing phase. The plant is owned and operated by the Finnish Chemicals Oy and the Leppakosken Sahko.

All the electrical power and steam energy produced by the power plant will be used by the Finnish Chemicals plant, but it will produce enough energy to supply the equivalent of 2,000 residential homes.

Hydrogen power may be the power source of the future. It is clean and is the best for environment of any currently used energy sources.

According to Pertti Leppanen, CEO of Leppakosken Sahko, "The hydrogen powered power plant will produce electrical energy that is extremely competitive with other energy sources. The investment in the plant will pay for itself in 10 years." This plant will be a working model for the hydrogen powered power plants of the future.

Did you know that the average age at which a Finnish woman gives birth to her first child is at the age of 28?

Here are some more statistics from Finland. Last year there were a total of 57,745 children born, and there were 47,928 deaths.

Also last year there were 29,283 weddings, and 13,383 divorces. There 200 people who registered as same sex couples, 100 men, and

100 women.

Last year 21,355 people moved to Finland and 12,369 people moved away.

The Finnish Aker Yards in Helsinki has delivered to the Russian Norilsk Nickel company an Arctic freighter ship. The ship is capable of breaking through ice as thick as 5 feet. It will transport metallurgical goods from Dudinka on the Yenisey River to Murmansk all year long without assistance of ice-breakers.

The Finnish metals company, Outokumpu has signed a deal to design and build a sulphuric acid factory for the Saudi Arabian Mining Company, Ma'aden. The complex will be built in Ras Az Zawar. It will have a capacity of 13,500 tons a day, making it the largest capacity in the world. The sulphuric acid will be used to make fertilizer.

Outokumpu, the world's second largest stainless steel maker, has built 600 similar plants worldwide.

The Finnish Rapid Response Force will be ready by the end of this year. The Finnish forces will serve with the forces from Holland and Germany. Finland's share of the force is 160 people, of which 6 are women.

There are many Finnish hockey players in the NHL, but I don't know of any professional football players, until now. A Finnish offensive lineman, Seppo Evwaraye has signed a NFL contract with the Carolina Panthers.

Finnish tennis player, Jarkko

Nieminen continues to move up on the world tennis rankings. According to the current ranking, he is number 16.

What's the best place to live in Finland? According to a recent poll, it's Tampere. Next were Jyväskylä, Turku, and Oulu.

What's the best place to eat in Finland? A poll conducted among restaurant professionals, says that the number one restaurant in Finland is the Chez Dominique in Helsinki. Second was Demo, and in third place is the G.W. Sundmans, both also in Helsinki.

And finally, Heikki and Eino have been sitting in a boat all day, fishing and sipping beer. All of sudden Heikki says, "I think I'm going to divorce my wife, she hasn't spoken to me in over six months." Eino sips his beer and finally says, "You better think it over, women like that are hard to find."

Markku Ketola
marketola@yahoo.com

HAPPINESS FUND

Happiness is attending my twin granddaughters' college graduation. Kelli and Kerri Bessonon will graduate with honors from Michigan Technological University. The Mayo Clinic in Clinical Laboratory Science will soon employ them.

Eva Bessonon

(Our sincere apologies for the oversight in not getting this in the May newsletter).

SPECIAL THANKS

A special THANK YOU to Ray Benson and Carl Aebersold for setting up and taking down the tables and chairs, cleaning the floors, etc., etc. for **each** event. They certainly could use some help!! It would be impossible to rent or have a function without these two very special men.

Armitage Catering did a fantastic presentation of the Mother's Day Brunch! It was well received!!!
THANK YOU, THANK YOU –
You made the FCA look good!!

THANKS to our Flea Market work-

ers, Ruth Mannisto, Christine, Jurgensen, Dee Aebersold and Arliss Verleye. Kay Simo donated the chicken soup.

AFTER VAPPU

Would you be interested in having a dinner and seeing the photos taken at VappuJuhla?

HELP WANTED

It takes people to maintain the FCA, we need:
Couples to open and/or close the building.

Cashiers for most functions.
Etc., Etc., Etc.

NEW CD IN THE GIFT SHOP

"Papu and Towhead"

Don and Carol are brother and sister who grew up in Detroit, Michigan. All four of their grandparents emigrated from Finland in the early 1900's to Upper Michigan and Northern Wisconsin. Don and Carol started playing accordion as young teenagers after their interest was sparked by their parents' listening and dancing to Finnish music in their home. After hearing Carol try to play some of Viola Turpeinen's tunes by ear on the organ, their father Eli bought a small used accordion. As Don and Carol's interest quickly grew, Eli signed them up for accordion lessons from Ralph Mannisto. Both Don and Carol also joined the Finnish dance group, Hoijakat, which was accompanied by Ralph. It was the dance group that gave long and lanky Carol her nickname "Papu", which means "string bean" in Finnish.

In later years, Don acquired the nickname "Towhead" from a non-Finn who found out

Don's hair was snow white as a child. After college, Papu moved to Vermont where she played many dances for the Finnish American Heritage Society of Maine in the 80s and early 90s. Don continues to live in the Detroit area and has played actively on his own and with various groups, such as Sisu Orkesteri, Pelimannit, Spelmanslag, and Soittoniekat.

Don and Papu still meet at least once a year to play accordion together at the 'Jammin Salmon' party held at Don's farm and at the Aura Jamboree in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. On a recent trip to the U.P. they drove through Sundell, Michigan and down Pohjala Road, home of their mother Aune Pohjala. The woods there inspired the name of the CD, Pohjalat Metsässä, which translates to 'Pohala's woods' or 'a clearing in the woods'. The music is inspired by Ralph Mannisto, Art Moilanen, Viola Turpeinen, and Veikko Ahvenainen.

MEMORIAL FUND

When making a memorial donation you may direct it toward a specific fund.

The funds available are: FCA General Fund, Library, Scholarship, Hoijakat Folk Dancers, Drama Club, Finn-Weavers, Garden Club, Finnish-American Singers and Soittoniekat Folk Musicians.

If a donation is undesignated it goes to the General Fund.

The family of the deceased may direct undesignated donations toward a specific fund (up to one year after date of death.)

Please make your check payable to the Finnish Center Association and send donation to:

Pearl Wanttaja
28235 Townley
Madison Hts., MI 48071

Please do not send any cash through the mail.

You may also direct your donation toward the Elder's Housing, but then your check must be made out to FCA Senior Housing Corp.

Please include full name (with middle initial), address, and dates of death and birth of the deceased; also the name and address of next of kin to whom the acknowledgement card is to be mailed.

If you know of a member, parent or child of a member who has passed away, please call me at 248-541-0054.

Thank you,
Pearl Wanttaja, Chair

Since the last newsletter and up to May 10 donations to the Memorial Fund are as follows:

In memory of FCA life member **Francis Dahl** (12-29-05) donations have been made by his wife Phyllis, Arthur & Mildred Lenonen and the FCA.

In memory of **Eino Kainlauri** (1-10-06) of Ames, Iowa,

a donation has been made by his cousin-in-law Victor Williams. Eino was the architect of the Finnish Cultural Center.

In memory of FCA life member **Angelo Bessolo** (3-7-06) donations have been made by Shiela Tikkanen Siem and the FCA.

In memory of FCA life member **James Hill** (3-20-06) donations have been made by his wife Mary Ellen, Millie Harju and the FCA.

In memory of FCA life member **Helmi Kotila Fidler** (4-14-06) donations have been made by Fred and Anne Liimatta, Frank and Libby Liimatta, Arthur Liimatta, Linda and Walt Hart, Lila and Terry Ball, Shirley Ekola and the FCA.

In memory of Brunch Workers **Dorothy Fosness Gumerus** (4-16-06) donations have been made by her brother Harold and Connie Fosness, Betty and Leonard Holmbo, Pearl and Ray Wanttaja, Betty Jane Jurva and the FCA.

In memory of **Lorna Jurva** (5-7-06) of Farmington Hills, a donation has been made by Pearl and Ray Wanttaja. Lorna was the twin sister of member Annabelle Kyllonen and the sister of member Roy Jurva.

In memory of FCA life member **Delores Hella Moyle** (1-24-06) donations have been made by Lil Heikkinen, Bob and Marge Salo, Herb Piilo, Sylvia Saarinen, Millie Harju and Helvi Wertheimer.

In memory of **Gerald Makimaa** (1-30-06) of Mass City, a donation has been made by Elmer Hanninen, Gerry was the brother of member Shirley Burke.

In memory of FCA life member **Lillie Pantsari Isotalo** (2-18-06) donations have been made by Don and Maria McGhee and Kirsti Niemi.

In memory of FCA member **Harley Gould** (3-9-06) a donation has been made by Blanche Maki.

In memory of FCA life member **Hubert Niemisto** (3-

MEMORIAL FUND *(cont'd)*

11-06) donations have been made by Herb Piilo and Sylvia Saarinen.

In memory of FCA life member **Erma Johnson Manley** (3-15-06) donations have been made by Dave and Chris Yezback, Sally Stewart, Russ Coleman and John and Pam Stokes.

In memory of **Richard Burke** (12-9-05) of Nisula, a donation has been made by Elmer Hanninen. Richie was the brother of member Al Burke.

In memory of FCA life member **Ruth Pike Kurtti** (12-20-04) a donation has been made by Ingrid Markul.

In memory of FCA life member **Clarence Peterson** (4-2-06) donations have been made by Jim and Marne Olli, Albert and Gerladine Kuzma Family, Harold and Connie Fosness, Lil Heikinen, Herb Piilo, Sylvia Saarinen, Shirley Ekola and Millie Harju.

ROSTER UPDATE

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Rutila, Amelia
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Dahl, Phyllis
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AREA CODE CHANGE

Mosher, Larry and Robin
269-665-4409

GOING PLACES *(cont'd from page 3)*

Point Edward Casino, Sarnia
One (1) day, Thursday, June 22, \$17 includes a \$10 incentive package. Be at the FCA by 9:45 am for a 10 am departure. Return about 6:15 pm. Don't forget proper ID.

Three Men and A Tenor
At the Ford Community and Performing Arts, one (1) day Saturday, July 29. \$84. This is a matinee performance. Pick up at 11 am at Ford Field, Farmington Road and Lyndon, Livonia. Return about 4:45 pm.

Philadelphia and Atlantic City
Four (4) days, beginning Wednesday, August 16, \$599. Includes three (3) hour guided tour of Philadelphia, the new

National Constitution Center, Lights of Liberty show and QVC Studio Tour. This is a guided walking tour of this state-of-the-art broadcasting facility. We may get to see an actual show being broadcast. Trip also includes an afternoon at Atlantic City and two (2) dinners, one at the renowned City Tavern. Please see flyer for more in-depth information. Deposit \$20 now to hold your space. Balance due July 14.

Stratford, Canada

One (1) day, Tuesday, September 26, \$103 includes ticket to "South Pacific" at the Avon Theatre and lunch at The Queen's Inn. Don't forget proper ID. Be at the FCA by 7

am for 7:15 am departure. Return approximately 8:30 pm.

Branson, Missouri

Six (6) days beginning Wednesday, November 1, \$859. Includes five (5) shows including Shoji Tabuchi and Dick Clark's American Bandstand. Also includes five (5) breakfasts, four (4) dinners and sightseeing in the area. Deposit \$20 to hold your space. Balance due October 2.

FCA Membership Form

- NEW FCA MEMBERSHIP
- RENEWAL FCA MEMBERSHIP

Today's Date: _____ Renewal Month _____

Please type or print clearly name(s) (Include first name and, if applicable, maiden name)

Applicant: Mr/Ms/Miss _____

Applicant (spouse) Mr/Ms/Mrs: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Signature: _____

- Annual individual membership: \$25.00 for one member (one vote)
- Annual family membership: \$35.00 for applicant spouse and children under 18 (one vote)
- Life membership: *\$250.00 (one vote)
- Life membership: *\$300.00 (two votes)

*Life membership requires that applicant has been a member in good standing for minimum of one year.

Are you of Finnish decent? _____ Is second applicant of Finnish Decent? _____

Please make check payable to FCA and Sent to :

Finnish Center Association, Membership, 35200 W. Eight Mile Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48335-5108

Two signatures are required for new applications only:

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To join or renew your FCA membership simply fill out and detach the above form and mail to: Finnish Center Association, Membership, 35200 W. Eight Mile Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48335-5108

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