



# TEX - FINN NEWS



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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Dear Tex-Finns and Friends,

Our president, Teemu, is returning to Finland. In fact, by the time you receive this newsletter, he will already be in Tampere.

The TexFinns want to wish Teemu good luck on his decision to move back to Finland. We also want to send him off with a heartfelt 'Thank You!' for serving as the TexFinn president. He will be missed. He has assured us that he will stay in contact and write a column from Tampere where his home is. It was not an easy choice for him. He has many ties to the United States. Teemu, we wish you all of the very best.

Teddy, Editor, TexFinn News

**PAIJON ONNEA  
TEEMU!!! BEST OF  
EVERYTHING TEEMU.  
GOOD WISHES FROM  
ALL OF US  
TEXFINNS!!!**

## THE TEN BEST!!

TIME has chosen the year's top books from Europe, Africa and the Middle East. Among the books chosen is Tove Jansson's *Moomin: The Complete Tove Jansson Comic Strip*.

Jansson began writing the Moomin books in 1946. The Moomin's first appearance in English, however, was as a comic strip what ran in the London *Evening News* from 1953 and 1958. It was syndicated at that time, but has not been published again until now. In the comic strip the Moomin family travels far from Moominvalley. The Moomin's adventures include having to kill and roast a wild pig when they are hungry. It is a saga which shows Jansson's ideas of the world, that fear, loneliness and insecurity are banished by love and the force of the imagination. *(summarized from a review by Michael Brunton of TIME)*

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

It is time to renew our membership in the TexFinns. Enclosed are the membership renewal forms with instructions on where to send the form and the payment. An address label is enclosed for your convenience. It would be great if you come to the January meeting and pay your dues in person. We would also like to hear your ideas on how to make the Finnish American Society work for you. Please check your address, telephone number and email address so that we will be able to stay in touch with you. The Finnish American Society of Dallas/Ft. Worth is not only for Finnish people. Anyone with an interest in things Finnish is welcome to join the Society.

**ONNELISTTA UUTTA VUOTTA!!!**

**TEXFINN MEETING: TAMMIKUUN KOKOUS**

**January 18th, 2007**

**KING OF GLORY LUTHERAN CHURCH 7:30 PM**

(North frontage of 635 between Preston and Hillcrest)

**Help the TexFinns start the new year right!**

**Come join the fun!!**

**HOCKEY GAME GROUP IS A GO**

I hope you had a good holiday.  
 Report from Jeremy Martin  
 Right now I know we have 10 of the 20 need tickets covered.  
 Here are the details of the game. That leaves 10 tickets available.  
 The minimum number for a group is 20. We're half way there.  
**Who:** Dallas Stars vs San Jose Sharks  
**When:** Sunday, March 4, 2007 @ 2:30 PM  
**Where:** American Airlines Center in downtown Dallas  
**Cost:** \$22 per ticket (savings of \$3)  
**Contact:** Jeremy Martin  
 jeremy.martin3@verizon.net  
 940-380-1969 (Home)  
 972-740-6686 (Cell) - just in case people do not want to  
 call our Denton Home number.  
 If you have any questions you can call or email me.  
 Jeremy

**FINNISH LUTHERAN CHURCH OF NORTH TEXAS**

At Rejoice Lutheran Church, 532 E. Sandy Lake Rd.,  
 Coppell, TX 75019  
 Rev. Päivö Tarjamo, cell # 972 795 5158  
[paivo@finnishlutheran.org](mailto:paivo@finnishlutheran.org)  
 Worship services are in Finnish with English inserts. Services  
 are partly bilingual. Coffee is served after services. There is a  
 link on the website for a map with directions to the church.  
 Spring schedule of services is forthcoming.

**Salolampi Summer Youth Programs**

When are the summer camps happening?  
 Camp for ages 1-18, family camp- June 11-16, 2007  
 Camp for ages 7-14, one week session, June 18-23, 2007  
 Two-week camp for ages 11-18, June 25-July 7, 2007  
 Two-week camp for ages 8-13, July 9-21, 2007  
 An application may be downloaded from the Salolampi  
 website. The application must be printed and returned. You  
 may also request to have an application mailed to you by e-  
 mailing us at [info@salolampi.org](mailto:info@salolampi.org)  
 e-mail us at [info@salolampi.org](mailto:info@salolampi.org) Also visit  
[www.concordialanguagevillages.org](http://www.concordialanguagevillages.org)  
**SALOLAMPI KUTSUU!!!**

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

In January the Membership Renewal forms will be inserted  
 into the **TexFinn News**. The current return address will be  
 printed on the forms. It is the same one given on the  
 December newsletter. TexFinn News, P.O. Box 832065,  
 Richardson, TX 75083

We will be asking a few question about how we can better  
 serve the members of the Finnish American Society of  
 Dallas/Fort Worth. We will appreciate receiving everyone's  
 ideas. You are important to the Society

**YUST FER FUN!!!!**

(Written in dialect - which one? I have no idea-editor's comment)

Ok, all you Minnesotans, ve are please to announce Lutran Air is  
 now operating from Dulut Airport. Ya sure, you betcha! Dis is  
 da latest air service to sprout up in Minnesota. Also, servicing  
 Wisconsin, Nort and Sout Dakota.

If you are travelin' soon, consider Lutran Air, da no-frills  
 airline. You're all in da same boat on Lutran Air, where flyin' is  
 a upliftin'experience. Dere is no first class on any Lutran Air  
 flight. All meals are potluck.

- Rows 1-6, bring rolls;
- Rows 7-15, bring a salad;
- Rows 16-21, bring a hotdish, and
- Rows 22-30, bring a dessert.

Basses and tenors please sit in da rear of the da aircraft.  
 Everyone is responsible for his or her own baggage.  
 All fares are by free will offering and da plane will not land til  
 da budget is met.

Pay attention now to your flight attendant, who will acquaint  
 you wit da safety system aboard dis Lutran Air 599.  
 "Okay den, listen up you guys. I'm only gonna say dis vunce.  
 In da event of a sudden loss of cabin pressure, I am frankly goin'  
 to be real surprised and so vill Captain Olson, because we fly  
 right around two thousand feet, so loss of cabin pressure would  
 probably mean the Second Coming or sumthin' of dat nature, and  
 I wouldn't bodar with doze liddle masks on da rubber tubes.  
 You're gonna have bigger tings to worry about den dat.

Yust stuff doze back up in dair liddle holes. Probably da masks  
 fell out because of turbulence which, to be honest wit ya, we're  
 goin' to have quite a bit of at two thousand feet, sort of like  
 driving across a plowed field, but after a while ya get used to it.

In da event of a water landing, I'd say forget it. Start sayin' da  
 Lord's Prayer and yust hope ya get to da part about forgive us  
 our sins as we forgive doze who sin against us, which some  
 people say, "trespass against us", which ain't right, but vut can  
 ya do?

Da use of cell phones on da plane is strictly forbidden. Not  
 because day may confuse da plane's navigation system, which is  
 strictly seat of da pants all the way anyway. No, its because cell  
 phones are a pain in the wazoo, and if God meant ya to use a  
 cell phone, He would've put your mout on da side of your head.

Ve start lunch right around noon and its buffet style wit da  
 coffee pot up front. Den we'll have the hymn sing; hymnals are  
 in da seat pocket in front of you. Don't take yours wit ya when ya  
 go or I am gonna be real upset and I am not kidding!  
 Right, now I'll say Grace:  
 Come Lord Jesus, be our guest  
 and let deze gifts to us be blessed.  
 Fadar, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
 may we land in Dulut or pretty close. Amen.

**FINLAND TODAY**

(Contributed by John Laine)

First, Finland's Parliament voted to ratify the proposed European Constitution. Finland will become the 16th country to ratify the Constitution. In order for the Constitution to take effect, all the EU countries must ratify it. But so far two countries, France and the Netherlands have rejected it and several other countries have not yet voted.

The Finnish Parliament also voted to approve Finnish Armed Forces to take part in EU mandated operations. Finland would serve with German and Dutch forces.

In another vote, the Parliament agreed that Finland would take part in NATO armed forces training sessions, but not in actual operations.

Finnish Armed Forces have also reached a milestone. It's been 50 years since it first took part in a peace keeping operation. In 1956--57, Finnish forces took part in the Sinai peace keeping operations.

The most beautiful train station in the world? The United Kingdom's Guardian newspaper has named the 6 most beautiful train stations in the world. In no particular order, the six are the Grand Central Terminal, New York; Lahore Railway Station, Pakistan; Union Station, Washington DC; Union Station, Los Angeles; Atocha Train Station, Madrid; and the Helsinki Central in Finland.

The Helsinki station opened in 1919, and was mainly designed by Eliel Saarinen. About 200,000 people use the station daily.

Did you know that Valmet Automotive in Uusikaupunki, Finland produces two Porsche car models at its plant? They are the Boxster and the new Cayman. The plant currently employs about 1,600 people. The Valmet plant in Finland is the only plant outside of Germany that builds Porsches.

Radio Suomi took a poll among its listeners for the "All time greatest Finnish hit songs."

Here's the top ten list, with the singer.

1. Hopeinen Kuu -- Olavi Virta
2. Satuma -- Reijo Taipale
3. Paratiisi -- Rauli "Badding" Somerjoki
4. Yo Kerran Unhoa -- Olavi Virta
5. Satulinna -- Jari Sillanpaa
6. Sakkijarven Polkka -- Viljo Vesterinen & Dallape  
Orkesteri
7. Albatrossi -- Juha Vainio
8. Akselin ja Elinan Haavalsii -- Aaltoillan Orkesteri
9. Iltatuulen Viesti -- Aikamiehet
10. Taysikuu -- Olavi Virta

And finally, all his life Heikki had heard stories of an amazing family tradition. It seems that his father, grandfather, and great grandfather had all been able to walk on water on their 21st birthday.

On that day, they would walk across Lake Gogebic and go to Mike's Bar for their first legal drink. So when Heikki turned 21, he took his pal Matti on a boat to the middle of the lake. Heikki stepped out of the boat and nearly drowned. Matti pulled him

out just in time.

Furious and confused, Heikki went to see his grandmother Hilma. "Grandma Hilma, it's my 21st birthday, so why can't I walk across the lake like my father, his father, and his father before him?"

Grandma Hilma looked into Heikki's eyes and said; "Because they were born in February, and you dummy, were born in July."

**PERFORMER OF THE YEAR 2007**

Maria Männistö has been chosen the Finlandia Foundation Performer of the Year for 2007. She is a soprano with a versatile range in styles from classical music to jazz. She is also accomplished in piano and organ and choir director.

Maria is from Bellevue, Washington. She earned her Bachelor of Music from the University of Washington and is currently studying for her Master's degree.

**FINNFEST 2007**

FinnFest 2007 is going to be held in Ashtabula, Ohio from July 26-28. Two weeks preceding the FinnFest there will be a sailboat regatta serving as a fundraiser for FinnFest.

Most activities will take place at the Ashtabula campus of Kent State University. Harbor tours, visits to local wineries, local museums, covered bridges are some of the highlights beginning the FinnFest.

Other attractions will include art exhibits, Story Weavers, Finnish Dancers, a Finnish choir, lectures, movies and other presentations are among the choices for attendees. The three days of FinnFest promise to be full of activities and information about the Finns in Northeastern Ohio and the Lake Erie region.

Make plans to attend. FinnFests are always fun!!!


  
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**TEXFINN MEETING DATES  
King of Glory Lutheran Church**

on the north frontage of LBJ Freeway between Hillcrest and Preston Road These are the meeting dates for the remainder of 2006.

If you wish more information, email the address listed above.

January 18, 2007

**COME TO THE TEXFINN MEETING:**

How does one say 'open sesame' in Finnish. It's just 'open sesame' of course! The King of Glory Church has a security system and the TexFinns have a special code number which is only good for the TexFinn meeting. It will not work at any other time. We put a note on the door with the cell phone number of one of the members who is attending. Also, until about 8:00pm someone goes up to the door about every 10 or 15 minutes to check whether anyone is waiting. If you do not have the number, email TXFINN@prodigy.net and the number will be sent to you. We would like to have you come to our meetings.

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