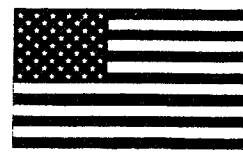


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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

We never were able to get a copy of "Keisarikunta" for our March meeting but we did get a copy of "Mother of Mine". During the Finnish-Russian War (1939-1944) more than 70,000 children were evacuated from Finland to Sweden. Mother of Mine is a story about an eight year old child named Eero and his journey to a new mother in an unknown land. He has two mothers and two homes but still feels he has no home. Everybody loved the movie and found it very moving and entertaining.

We also had guests that night, Dr. Donald Levene and Ilene Johnson. Thanks for coming out and hope to see you again soon!

For our April meeting the Krekula's plan to finish a dvd of David Krekula actually cooking Finnish food. Most of it (it is hoped) will be at the meeting. I was told that he would bring the usual fare and some pasties (if you don't know what that is that's another reason to come and find out :) Kirsi Stickler of the Finnish Lutheran Church will also be attending selling Karelian rice pastries and other freshly baked Finnish goods so please don't forget to bring your cash and checkbook. The proceeds will go to the Finnish church.

KP Wilska, former CEO of Nokia USA is still on the agenda for May. Hope to see you in April for some good eats!

Karl J. Morris, Tex-Finn President

April 17 - Finnish food night

May 15 - KP Wilska - Former CEO Nokia USA

MEMBERSHIP DUES—member invoices were enclosed in the February newsletter. If you have not renewed your membership, there's still time. Bring the membership form to the meeting or mail it to: FAS/DFW, PO Box 832933, Richardson, TX 75083. If you are not a member and would like to join the TexFinns, email karljm@bigplanet.com

PLAN AHEAD TO HEAR FINNISH METAL

The Finnish metal band Nightwish (lead singer is Swedish) is coming to Dallas on September 16, 2008. Their concert will be at The Palladium. This will be the band's second time to play at The Palladium. Their first show was back on November 11, 2007. It looks like tickets are about \$24 for the concert.

Nightwish was found in Finland 12 years ago. They have won many music awards in Finland and across Europe. Unlike many metal bands that are from Finland, the singers can sing and you can understand their lyrics. I have downloaded their last three CDs ("Dark Passion Play", "Once", the live CD "End of an Era") off of iTunes. All three CDs are very good in my opinion. This is a band for the younger listeners and those who love metal bands.

More information on the band and the concert can be found at the following websites:

Nightwish's Official Website: <http://www.nightwish.com>
(samples of their music and music videos are found here too)

The Palladium's Website: <http://thepalladiumballroom.com/>

The Vault: <http://www.enterthevault.com/artist.php?id=43> (place to by Tickets for the Dallas show list on the Nightwish's website)

TEXFINN MEETING

Thursday, April 17th, 2008

KING OF GLORY LUTHERAN CHURCH 7:00 PM

(North frontage of 635 between Preston and Hillcrest)

Program: Finnish Foods: David Krekula will present a program on how some of the pastries and pastys are made—Salmon in crust and others.

Come and bring a friend. Food samples will be available.

FINNISH LUTHERAN CHURCH OF NORTH TEXAS

Services are partly bilingual (in Finnish, with English inserts).
Coffee is served after services.

Dates and times for service are on the church website.

Rejoice Lutheran Church
532 E Sandy Lake Road,
Coppell, TX 75019

Address: 532 East Sandy Lake Road
Coppell TX 75019

The church website has links to other Finnish groups such as the Finnish Language School of North Texas and the Women's club. The website also has an English portion.

FINNISH CITIZENSHIP - ACT BEFORE MAY 31ST 2008

Opportunity for Finnish citizenship - act before May 31st 2008

Under the new Nationality Act, which came into effect on June 1, 2003, former Finnish citizens and their descendants may now regain Finnish citizenship through a declaration procedure.

Former Finnish citizens have the opportunity to re-acquire Finnish citizenship by declaration, if they have lost it when acquiring the citizenship of another country, for example. Descendants of former and current Finnish citizens may also acquire Finnish citizenship by declaration, even if they have never had citizenship.

Please note: The declaration must be received by the Consulates General or the Embassy of Finland on 31 May, 2008, at the latest.

There is a processing fee charged for the declaration. You can verify the current fee from the Services section of this website or by calling one of the Finnish missions in the US.

You can download the declaration forms from the webpage of the Directorate of Immigration at Finland. Also, the Consulates General or the Embassy of Finland can send it to you by request. Return the completed form to the Consulates General or the Embassy of Finland in person or by mail; do not return the form to authorities in Finland if you are only visiting the country.

Thank you,

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25TH FINNFEST-COME CELEBRATE

Duluth, MN, July 23-27, 2008

Calling all Finns, Finnish Americans and friends of Finnish culture nationwide is the invitation from Jeanne Doty and Diane Fay Skomars, co-chairs of FinnFest 2008. "We want to welcome everyone. It is open to everyone."

For further information about the 2008 FinnFest, please contact: Ira Turunen, Chair, Publicity Committee
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New Internet exchange point established in Oulu, Finland

Finland's Internet more robust than ever.

The infrastructure supporting the Internet in Finland's will be strengthened by a new Internet exchange point and root name server located in Oulu. Currently the Internet has 13 root name servers, only three of which are located outside the United States.

The new Internet exchange point will be operated by FICIX, the Finnish Communication and Internet Exchange ry. According to FICIX, Oulu's Internet exchange point will improve the quality and usability of the Internet especially in northern Finland, while also improving the serviceability of the country's Internet infrastructure as a whole.

FICIX is a non-profit registered association and already operates two other Internet exchange points, which are located in Otaniemi in Espoo and Pasila in Helsinki. According to FICIX, Finland's Internet traffic has almost doubled every year since the organization was established in 1993.

FINNISH HUMOR

According to Scott Hendrikson, the Finnish sense of humor is clever, subtle and witty. But not everyone "gets it" as Finns tend to deliver their jokes with a straight face and no warning. One must pay attention; Finns use humor in places where it isn't expected. For those that can catch it, however, it can be very entertaining.

For example, Anssi Vanjoki, a senior executive at Nokia, was demonstrating one of the company's newest phones. He changed the sound of its ring to the hum of a speeding motorbike followed by police sirens. This is only funny if you had heard the story about the highest speeding ticket fine ever. Anssi was fined \$103,000 for going 46 in a 30 mph zone -- ouch. In Finland, your speeding fine is a percentage of your yearly income.

FINNISH WORDS

Is it a coincidence that Moose(Hirvi), Awful(Hirveä) and Monster(Hirviö) are so similar? Or could it be that centuries ago, Finns looked out their window only to see a huge moose staring back at them?

Longest Finnish Word The longest acceptable Finnish word is lentokonesuihkuturbiinimoottoriapumekaanikkoaliupseerioppilas (according to the Finnish edition of Guinness Book of Records) which has 61 characters and translates approximately to technical warrant officer trainee specialized in aircraft jet engines. This word has actually been in use in the Finnish Air Force.

here is another long one...

KOLMIVAIHEVAIHTOVIRTAKILOWATTITUNTIMITTARI
and another...

EPAJARJESTELMALLISTYTTAMATTOMYYDELLENSAKAANKO
[Sorry about the small font - it's the only way the long words would fit on the column.]

It's your turn. You figure out what they mean!

FINLAND'S DNA PROJECT - OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE

<http://fidna.info/pmw/>

Welcome—

The Finland DNA Project will collect DNA data for persons who live in Finland, whose ancestors emigrated from Finland, or can trace a direct-line paternal or maternal ancestry to Finland. The data will be analyzed and reported for mutual access. Membership in the Finland DNA Project is free of charge, and the administrators are doing their job on a volunteer basis, with no financial connection to familyTreeDNA.

From this link order the DNA test kit sent to your home . You can access the results via the internet, password-protected. In the Finland DNA Project you will also participate in the comparison of the birth places of the ancestors of DNA relatives. Test result from another lab? Join The Finland DNA project by ordering at special pricing a test result at The FamilytreeDNA.

http://www.familytreedna.com/pdf/promo_gap.pdf

For complete information go to the the website

<http://fidna.info/pmw/> □

It is an opportunity to go beyond the church books to trace you family roots.

More about: SALOLAMPI -

The website has information on housing, activities, pictures of events and classes in order to give applicants as full an understanding as possible of what the Salolampi experience will be like. Take a tour through the website. Who knows, you might even discover that there is a Salolampi language camp week just suited for you—whatever age or background you have. www.salolampi.org

10 steps to working and living in Finland

1. Find out about jobs on offer and the requirements for them. Visit the [labour administration website](#) and the [EURES portal](#), for example. Firms specializing in job recruitment can be found on the Internet, and Finnish newspapers and their websites have job advertisements, e.g. www.oikotie.fi (though this is only in Finnish).

2. Find out what permits you will need to live and work in Finland, for example at the website of the [Directorate of Immigration](#).

3. Do you need recognition of your educational qualifications? Ask for an application from recognition@oph.fi. For the healthcare sector, applications should be addressed to the National Authority for [Medicolegal Affairs](#).

4. To find a place to live and to open a bank account, go first to your employer, who will be able to guide you to the local services. Regarding integration and language matters, children's schooling, healthcare and social security, turn to the local authorities in your new home municipality. Every Finnish municipality has its own website, so start at the [general municipal website](#). Social security is managed by the [Social](#)

[Insurance Institution](#) (KELA).

5. What should you bring and what are you allowed to bring with you into Finland? See the [Customs website](#).

6. Anyone staying in Finland for at least a year must register in the Finnish population data system. See the [local register offices' website](#).

7. Is your driving licence valid in Finland? Ask the [police](#) for information or the [Finnish Vehicle Administration](#).

8. Does an immigrant have to pay tax, and how is that done? Find out at the [tax administration website](#).

9. Will you need further vocational training? Study the options at the [education portal](#).

10. What is life like in Finland? [Virtual Finland](#) offers some basic information, but you might also try www.suomi.fi or www.infopankki.fi. (Published December 2007, written by Salla Korpela.)

Finns Use Mobiles To Pay For Coke, Juke-box

HELSINKI (Reuters) - Technology-crazed Finns can now play their favorite tune on a juke-box or buy a bottle of coke from a vending machine using mobile phones instead of coins.

Telecom Finland, launching the service on Wednesday, said one of Helsinki's restaurants had already fitted a juke-box with the connection.

AND—

On highway 1 in western Finland on the way to Turku travelers must now use codes in order to access roadside toilets. Because of vandalism, the facilities are locked. There is a free code which travelers may use to call the highway administration who will then unlock the doors so that one can go in and use the toilet. This unlocking service has no charge.

GET YOUR TONGUE AROUND THESE! FINNISH TONGUE TWISTERS

Vesihisikö se sihisi hississä.

Appilan pappilan apupapin papupata penkilla pankolla kiehuu ja kuohuu.

Appilan pappilan apupapin paksuposkipiski pisti poskeensa paksun papupurkin.

Kokoo kokoon koko kokko! Koko kokkoko? Koko kokko.

Alavilla mailla hallan vaaraa

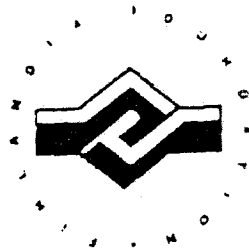
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