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TEXFINN MEETING: THURSDAY, March 19th, 2009

What: March 2009 Finnish-American Society of D/FW Meeting
When: Thursday, March 19, 2009
7:30 PM to about 10 PM
Where **King of Glory Lutheran Church**
6411 LBJ Freeway (I-635)
Dallas, Texas 75240
(North frontage of 635 (LBJ Freeway-- between Preston and Hillcrest)
Subject: "Floating City" from Discovery Channel's television show "Build It Bigger". The show's host Danny Forster travels to Turku, Finland to show how some of the world's largest cruise ships are built. Ship building is one of Finland biggest industries.
Coffee, food, and conversation before the meeting.

PRESIDENT'S ARTICLE

Is it March already? It is hard to believe that we are one quarter of the way thru 2009 now. This year is just flying by. It is nice to see that some of the trees are starting to bud, the flowers are coming to life, and the grass is starting to green back up in North Texas. Summer will be here before you know it.

If you missed the February meeting, you miss a great meeting. Carl Anderson came to talk about his book on Scandinavian mythology and how he got into this topic. He also read a couple of his poems before the meeting ended. I want to thank Carl for taking an evening to come to talk to the group.

Our next meeting is on March 19, 2009 at 7:30 PM. I will be showing an episode call "Floating City" from Discovery Channel's television show "Build It Bigger". The shows host Danny Forster travels to Turku, Finland to show how some of the world's largest cruise ships are built. Ship building is one of Finland biggest industries.

I also want to remind those members that have not paid their dues to please pay them as soon as possible. Your dues help to cover the small costs the society has every year. Your dues is also your way to get the quarterly newsletter for the Finlandia Foundation.

I hope to see everybody at this month's meeting. **Happy St. Patrick's Day and St. Urho's Day,**

Jeremy Martin
TexFinn President

SALOLAMPI - IT'S TIME TO THINK ABOUT THE SUMMER CAMPS!!

www.salolampi.org Check it out. There are camps for every age group, every interest area. It is total immersion language learning. If you want a head start on Finnish, go to Salolampi. Scholarships and grants are available to help pay for tuition. Application forms and complete information can be downloaded from the website. Join in this year if you have never experienced the language camp. There are early bird discounts if you register before February 28. The earliest camp is the adult camp which begins on May 10th. There are youth weeks, family weeks, high school credit programs and the Soiva music camp. Go to www.salolampi.org for complete information and schedules. You may also write to Concordia Language Villages; 901 8th St S; Moorhead, MN 56562 or call (800) 222-4750.

Finnish Lutheran Church of North Texas

Evangelical Lutheran Finnish Lutheran Church of North Texas is a worshipping community within the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

Services are conducted mainly in Finnish. Coffee is served after services.

Dates and times for Spring 2009 worship services:

Sunday Mar. 22 at 5 pm. African Gospel Mass

Sunday Apr. 12 at 3 pm. Easter Family Mass

Sunday May. 10 at 3 pm. Confirmation Mass, Confirmation School Party and Finnish Mothers Day

Sunday May. 31 at 5 pm. Spring Mass

Saturday May 2 at 12 - 2 pm. Finnish-Community Picnic-Party and Vappu-Event and Finnish Language School Closing. In Backyard Rejoice Church. Music, eating, drinks...

All worship services take place at Rejoice Lutheran Church, 532 E Sandy Lake Road, Coppell, TX 75019. (The website for the Finnish Lutheran Church of North Texas is www.finnishlutheran.org)

Nordlek 2009 Folkdance Festival Work Shop

Here is something to do if you are going to be in Finland between June 30 and July 5, 2009.

Hello to all

The Nordlek 2009 Folkdance Festival will be held in Lahti, Finland during the week of June 30th thru July 5th 2009. If you know of any organized Nordic Folkdance group or a folk music performer specializing in Nordic music, including Iceland, Greenland, Åland Islands, Faroe Islands, also, Norway, Denmark, Sweden and Finland, please notify them and have them check out the following web site. Registration deadline to participate is coming to an end. www.nordlek.fi It is in English, Finnish and Swedish languages. Hi-lite INFO, and go from there. Previous festivals were held in Sweden In 2006, with approximately 4,000 dancers and musicians attending. In 2003 the festival was held in Denmark and in 2000 it was held in Norway.

June 30th opening ceremonies are for the general public viewing, and also July 5th the closing ceremonies are open to the public. These events will be held on the Soccer Fields, directly under the famous 3 ski jumps in Lahti. Lahti is about 1 hour north of Helsinki with transportation every half hour either by bus or train.

See you in Lahti, I will be working at the Information and registration Booth.

Dennis Harrington

Hello,

I am the local area representative with STS Foundation, a high school foreign exchange program. We are currently looking for host families for the 2009-2010 school year. There are many students from Finland available who need families. You can view their files at the STS website, www.stsfoundation.org. The login is stsfamily and the password is host

If you could get the word out, I would really appreciate it. I would love to grow the program in the DFW area. Most schools have limits of 4 students per school so the earlier we find families the better.

Thanks and if you have any questions please call or email me,
Ellen Guse
STS Area Representative
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SEE THE DALLAS STARS This will be a good night to go out and if there is somebody that would like to drive with me let me know. Make your reservation and go and have a great time. Mogens

The date Thursday, March 26th vs. the Los Angeles Kings at 7:30 pm. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time and I'll be glad to help! Thanks so much!

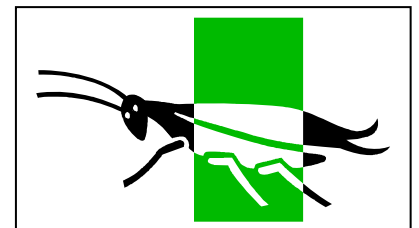
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ADDITIONS TO OUR LIBRARY

Gwen from the Wooden Spoon has her eyes open all the time looking out for us TexFinns and the other Nordic societies. She has received some Finnish Bibles and was planning to add to her library when she thought, 'Aha, I'll bet the Finns would like these!' So she has donated two New Testaments, a Bible study guide and a larger two volume set comprised of the Old Testament and the New Testament. Thank you, Gwen for keeping the TexFinns in mind when you come across Finnish type items.

ST. URHO'S DAY-CELEBRATE IT

Don't forget the brave St. Urho who wouldn't let a grasshopper best him. He lashed at them with his magic pitchfork, put the fear of Hiisi in them. The mad munching insects were no match and to save themselves they flew Southward to the warmer climates, no more northern grapes to crunch on (The grapes were bitter anyway). So Urho then became a legend from the land Across the sea - Finland knew not St. Urho until Minnesotans discovered his brave deeds .



FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THE SOCIETY, WRITE OR EMAIL:

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**WANT TO BECOME A MEMBER? ARE YOU
A FORMER MEMBER WHO WANTS TO
REJOIN? OR JUST FORGOT TO PAY YOUR
DUES? IT'S NOT TOO LATE.**

Anyone of Finnish heritage or interested in things Finnish may join the Finnish American Society of Dallas/Fort Worth. Go to the website or write to the above address and we will be happy to give you more information.

**TERVETULOA! COME JOIN THE
TEXFINNS!**



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