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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

We had a lot of forces working against us at April's meeting like tornado warnings, hail, high winds and a Star's playoff game, but we still managed to have a meeting. We also had a challenge getting the AV equipment to work without Jeremy, our technical guru.....but shortly after 8pm we were able to do it.

April's meeting was all about Finnish food, and David Krekula was the star of the night in his own homemade Finnish food video. Camerawoman Teddy Krekula did quite a job herself with nice camera angles and clear shots. He showed us how to make a few dishes such as fish in a crust (Kalakuko) and even brought the usual food and a few new recipes that were on the video. The Krekula's were even nice enough to type up an eight-page recipe summary of pasties and pastries. Most of these recipes were from The Finnish Cookbook by Beatrice Ojakangas (Crown Publishers 1964).

Kirsi Stickler and another member of the Fundraising Committee of the Finnish Lutheran Church in Coppell showed up with lots of Finnish pulla, Karelian rice pastries and more. I couldn't pass up the blueberry pie. And though we had a lighter crowd than usual we still managed to buy up nearly half of their food stockings.

Speaking of half, we only had half our library available

last meeting but we hope to have all the books out in May. It would be a good time to check out a few books over the summer to read while indoors trying to stay cool. Another note, we'll be meeting in room LL17, which I was told is near the dining room hall. It supposed to be a bit bigger than our usual room so it should work out just fine.

We'll start our May meeting around 7:30 and will socialize until we start the program around 8pm. Mr. KP Wilska, former CEO of Nokia USA, will be speaking. He'll be giving us some background on himself (general background, when he came to the US, his experiences with Nokia, etc.). We'll also have a question and answer period afterwards. So, if you ever wanted to meet a former CEO of a very successful corporation (and Finnish at that) you should come out.

We'll be checking the front door up until 8P. Feel free to enter the code 7980 2132. If you are late or having trouble with the code please call or text me (214-507-4098).

Look forward to seeing everyone before the summer gets here. Perhaps we'll see a few of you at Finnfest 2008 in Duluth, MN - July 23-27.

Karl J. Morris  
President

## TEXFINN MEETING

Thursday, May 15th, 2008

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

(North frontage of 635 between Preston and Hillcrest)

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Different meeting room for May—  
Room LL17 - Near the dining hall.  
— Bring a snack. Bring a friends.

**FINLANDIA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE**

The Finlandia Foundation National has a wonderful opportunity available now but we will need a response by May 15th to activate this opportunity.

**Pertti Lindfors Legal Scholarship**

The FFN is the largest source of funding for Finnish and Finnish American cultural efforts in the United States. We currently have a \$3500 scholarship available for an American law student of Finnish extraction currently enrolled in a law school (must have completed at least one year of study) either in the United States or in Finland.

Additionally, a Finnish student studying in the United States would be eligible with the same guidelines. The funding is for the 2008-2009 academic year.

To make application the student would need to go to our website at [www.finlandiafoundation.org](http://www.finlandiafoundation.org) and go to the Scholarship page. The deadline for this particular scholarship application is May 15th, 2008 so any references to February 1st as a deadline within the website do not apply to this scholarship.

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**SALOLAMPI— Don't forget about the Concordia language camps. Check out all the options on line. There is still time to get in on at least one camp. Don't forget about the adult camps in the fall.**

**FINNFEST 2008 DULUTH, MINNESOTA**

There are lots of Finns in Duluth. That makes FinnFest even more special. Plan to attend in July — 23-27. You can register on line at [www.finnfest2008.com](http://www.finnfest2008.com)

It is even possible to shop for your memorabilia on line early!

**FinnFest is always fun. This year's theme is "sharing the spirit of finland"**

**EDITORIAL May 2008**

A big 'THANK YOU' to all of those who have sent in their memberships. We appreciate you support.

We have gained some new members. Many of you we haven't seen for a while. We will be having a summer break and will reconvene again in the fall. Look for an announcement about the first meeting of 2008-2009.

Here is a little lightheartedness to end this newsletter year:

At a hospital somewhere in Finland—  
 The caretakers at the hospitals are always careful to make sure that patients are accorded every courtesy and are delivered to their family with all due care. Generally the patients are wheeled to their waiting friends or relatives in a wheelchair.

Heikki was sitting on the side of the hospital bed fully clothed, his feet on his suitcase, already packed, and he had even straightened the covers on the bed and cleared off the bed table. When they approached him about wheeling him out in a wheelchair he refused and said that he surely was able to walk out by himself and even carry the suitcase with no trouble. After much coaxing he finally agreed to let them wheel him out in the wheelchair. When they asked him if his wife was waiting for him in the car, he replied, "I don't think so. She is still in the bathroom upstairs taking off her hospital gown."

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