



FINLANDIA FOUNDATION FLORIDA CHAPTER

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FINLANDIA FOUNDATION 2010 PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

February 1, 2010 Finlandia Foundation scholarship application deadline



Finlandia Foundation Florida Chapter and FF National scholarship funds are available to qualified applicants. Finnish and/or US citizenship and 3.0 GPA or better are required. For more information, see website <http://www.finlandiafoundation.org/templates/System/details.asp?id=39706&PID=471788>

Thursday, February 11th, 2010, 7:30 P.M. Eino Grön Concert



Eino Grön is perhaps the best known Finnish singer of our generation. He has been performing for over 50 years and has recorded 620 songs, including three CD's in Argentina. He will be accompanied by the world-class *Marian Petrescu Trio*. Marian has also performed world-wide, not only as a highly rated jazz pianist, but is equally skilled in other fields of music, from classical to contemporary.

The Eino Grön concert will take place at the Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Avenue, Lake Worth. The ticket prices range from \$25 - \$35

The program includes: Popular Finnish and American songs, the World's Best Tangos, and a Tribute to Oscar Peterson.

Tickets will go on sale shortly. You may reserve yours by visiting the box office. Box Office Hours are Mon - Sat 10am - 4pm. You may also call the Playhouse box office at (561) 586-6410 or online through <https://lakeworthplayhouse.ticketleap.com/>

February 13-14, 2010 Finlandia Days - volunteer at the FF Florida Chapter booth

We need volunteers to take turns manning the FFFC booth at American Finnish Community Club. Please let Dr. Kaarina Langeland, Tel. 561 752 1066, E-mail: plangeland@bellsouth.net know if we can count on you to spend a few hours at our booth distributing FF information to the public..

February 15th, 2010, Deadline for Salolampi Language Camp enrollment



The Florida FF Chapter is offering a full one week scholarship to a Florida youth, 7-18 years of age, to attend Salolampi Language School in Bemidji, Minnesota.

The program will take place in June-July 2010. The application form can be found at Salolampi's web site:

<http://www.salolampi.org/village/youthscholarships.html>

Please send the application not later than February 15 to

Dr. Kaarina Langeland
300 NE 26th Avenue, Bldg 10, #303
Boynton Beach, FL 33435

Tel (561) 752-1066 e-mail: plangeland@bellsouth.net

Chapter members are encouraged to nominate children for this unique opportunity to learn about Finland and the Finnish language.

Friday, February 5th, 2010, 5 P.M. Professor Alanen Lecture



Arnold Alanen, Professor Emeritus of at the University of Wisconsin at Madison is the Finlandia Foundation Lecturer of the Year. His lecture will pull together the insights of a long career into the Finnish immigrant story and the world the immigrants built in North America. "From Finland to North America: Buildings, Landscapes, and Cultural Change" is the title of his lecture.

How did the sauna change when it crossed the Atlantic Ocean? What ideas about wilderness, clearings, farmsteads, trees and wetlands did the immigrants bring with them? What did they discover about making places in North America? Wherever possible,

Professor Alanen will arrive early to research and include actual local Finnish buildings into his lecture.

This event will take place at the Finland House, 301 West Central Boulevard, Lantana, FL

February 28th, 2010, Registration and tuition deadline for Soiva Camp



Like no other camp in the world, Soiva brings together Finnish and American music teachers with students aged 11-17. The 2010 camp dates are June 14-20. Violin, piano, clarinet, flute and composition instruction are offered. Campers also enjoy a very Finnish environment, complete with sauna, lake and log cabins. Finlandia Foundation has plans to accommodate 47 students this year. For more information, see the Soiva web site:

<http://www.salolampi.org/village/soiva.html>

Friday March 19st, 2010, 12:30 PM A chapter of WW2 History: The Jews in Finland



Turku, Finland Synagogue

During the time of the Holocaust when most nations in Europe could not save its Jews from destruction and often aided the Nazis in sending Jews to death camps. Lee Alperin, Finlandia Foundation New York Chapter, will present his research into how Finland was able to save all its Finnish Jews despite being pressured to surrender them into German hands. The story of this aspect of the Holocaust has remained little known and generated virtually no publicity.

Since this subject should be of great interest to the Florida Jewish community as well, we decided to schedule the program to take place at Jewish Community Center, 8500 Jog Road, Boynton Beach.

Finland and Germany were co-belligerent against the Soviets, but Finland was not part of the “axis” powers. Many Americans believe Finland was allied with the Nazis. Few know that Finland had to fight both the Soviet Union and, later the Germans. For the benefit of members of the Jewish Community Center, we will add a preface to the Alperin presentation, to explain how Finland was drawn into the war.

Finlandia Foundation Members and friends are invited to attend this interesting presentation. Members of the JCC have also been invited to attend. Please note that when you arrive at the above address, the meeting room is located in the building on the left (north side), not the building on the right.

Thursday, April 15, 2010, Annual Meeting, Finland House 6 P.M.

Refreshments will be served. Program to be announced later. Member input to future program plans will be solicited. 2011 slate of Board members will be presented and elected.

Friday, November 19, 2010, 6 PM Gala Dinner at Benvenuto Restaurant

This year’s Gala will be bigger, better and more elegant than ever. We have reserved the main room and courtyard in the restaurant. The champagne reception will be in the courtyard, and we will enjoy a choice of the best that the master chefs at Benvenuto’s can create.



Our entertainment will be announced at a later time.

February 28th, 2011 at 6 PM Enjoy the music of the famous Finn Hall Band from Minneapolis, MN



Finlandia Foundation, Florida Chapter, proudly presents the Finn Hall Band from Minneapolis, MN at the American Finnish Community Club in Lake Worth, FL. We are inviting all Florida Finnish- Americans listen to and to dance to the traditional Finn Hall music this remarkable group has to offer.

Finn Hall is a group of musicians dedicated to preserving and performing the feel and sounds of the old Finn Halls. Their performance remains true to the original tunes – music of earlier generations – and also includes dance numbers of the mid 20th century, such as tangos and humppas. Dance music of other Nordic cultures is in their extensive repertoire, too.

Finn Hall has gone back to the "old country" to learn traditional and contemporary dance music, at the same time deepening their personal connections with living musicians and the places from which band members trace their heritage.

Finn Hall core members are: Al Reko – accordion and vocals, Dennis Halme – accordion, Cheryl Paschke – violin and nyckelharpa, and Ralph Tuttila – mandolin.

Finn Hall friends, who regularly perform with the group, are Gordon Oswald – bass, and Kip Peltoniemi – guitar. Also when available, Johanna Doty joins on violin.

Finn Hall has been together as a band for over ten years. Frequent performers at FinnFests and Grand Fests in US and Canada, they have toured in Finland and performed at the Kaustinen International Folk Music Festival several times. Most recently, Finn Hall was featured at the FinnFest 09 cruise to Alaska.

All year 2010, visit the Finnish Library sponsored by FFFC at the Palm Beach Community College

You will be surprised and pleased to find a great selection and wide range of Finnish fiction and non-fiction, all properly cataloged (computerized) and organized, both in Finnish and in English. This is an important resource for book-lovers.

For more information on any of these events and programs, please call Juha Makipaa at (561) 547-8948, or any of our Chapter Board members.

ANNUAL DUES REMINDER

Please remit membership dues as detailed below. Dues are required to underwrite mailing and other operating expenses. Also please consider making an additional donation in support of our Florida Finlandia Foundation Chapter.

Please send the form below to:

Bea Haapanen, Secretary
 FF Florida Chapter
 2960 Cynthia Lane Apt. 109
 Lake Worth, FL 33461-5849



Attached is my check for \$_____, made out to FFFC.
 (Check one or more boxes)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | 2010 individual membership (\$10)..... | \$ | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 2010 family membership (\$18)..... | \$ | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 2010 student membership (\$ 5)..... | \$ | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Life membership (\$150)..... | \$ | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | An additional donation | \$ | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Unpaid dues from last year, if any | \$ | _____ |
| | TOTAL | \$ | _____ |

(Family dues includes all members of your household)

Name(s): _____

Address: (if not printed on check)

Telephone: _____ **E-mail:** _____