



# Uutiset

## NEWSLETTER OF THE FINNISH AMERICAN CULTURAL ACTIVITIES, INC.

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### Annual Laskiainen Celebration!

Join us on Friday, February 15, for FACA's annual *Laskiainen* celebration. We will enjoy our traditional pea soup dinner, announce the winner of the 2012 Sauna Bucket Award, and enjoy a game or two of Finnish Jeopardy.

The dinner: FACA Board members will supply *hernekeitto* (pea soup) and, of course, plenty of *hyvää kaunia*.

Please bring a dish to share:

If your last name begins with A-F, please bring a salad.

If your last name begins with G-K, please bring a dessert.

If your last name begins with L-R, please bring some bread.

If your last name begins with S-Z, please bring an appetizer or side dish to accompany the soup.

The award: After dinner, the winner of the 2012 Sauna Bucket Award will be announced. This award honors a FACA member who has contributed to FACA and the Twin Cities Finnish community in an exceptional way.

The game: Instead of the traditional *Laskiainen* recreation of sledding, we will opt for warm feet and noses and instead enjoy rousing games of team Finnish Jeopardy. Find out how much Finnish and Finnish-American lore you know and learn some more! If you are competitive, you may want to start studying now to hone your skills. Subjects such as Famous Finns, Finnish words, history, and customs may be covered.

See you at 7:30!

#### Program In Brief

##### **Laskiainen Celebration**

**Feb. 15, 7:30 p.m.**  
**International Institute**  
**1694 Como Ave., St. Paul**  
*If you need transportation, call*

*Marianne Wargelin*  
*(612) 374-2718*

Read about Shovetide traditions and recipes at Nordic Archive:

<http://www.dlc.fi/~marianna/gourmet/season3a.htm>

You'll find recipes for traditional *Laskiainen* foods, such as pea soup, *laskiaispulla* (*Laskiainen* coffeebread), *pannukakku* (baked pancakes) and even Runeberg's cupcakes!!

Looking for a *laskiaispulla* recipe?

Nordic Archive:

[http://www.dlc.fi/~marianna/gourmet/15\\_2.htm](http://www.dlc.fi/~marianna/gourmet/15_2.htm)

The Nordic Archive has converters for deciliters, etc.

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## President's Message

By *Bud Berry*

Kara Middleton presented a very interesting January program of Finns who migrated in the 1930s from the US and Canada to Soviet Karelia. The 1993 video documentary of Finns who stayed in Soviet Karelia was also worthy of note. Detailed information of the program can be found on page 6.

Junelle Bernard spoke to the members regarding participation this year at the Festival of Nations. This year's theme will be *Children: Our Present and Our Future*. Junelle and Stuart Bernard, (763) 434-5399, and Urho and Pam Rahkola, (651) 429-3319, have been managing the event for many years and replacement staff is needed. Please contact the above or me, (651) 777-6704, for more information or to volunteer at this successful project.

The Red Bull Crashed Ice sporting event was held in St. Paul recently. This event, with international competitors included five Finns. The Finnish athletes and Finnish-American fans had an opportunity meet and greet at a social on the first day of the event. Finland's Arttu Pihlainen was the 2011 champion. A NBC broadcast of the 2013 St. Paul competition will be aired February 16, at 4 p.m.

Are you a hockey fan? Then you should consider attending the Minnesota Wild vs. Anaheim Ducks game on March 12. The Wild roster, include three Finns, Mikko Koivu, Niklas Backstrom and rookie Mikail Gradlund. The visiting Anaheim Ducks have two Finnish players, Teemu Selanne and Saku Koivu, Mikko's brother. There will be a social hour before the game beginning at 5:00 p.m. This will be a great opportunity to meet and greet Finns and Finnish-Americans followed by the drop of the puck at 7:00 p.m. For more information, please contact Jouko Sipala at jsipila8@gmail.com or call (952) 941-6627.

The next program at the International Institute will be February 15. This will be our annual *Laskianien* program. Remember, all FACA programs are open to the public.

## Historical Church Tours

Free docent-led public tours of Christ Church Lutheran are offered on the first Sunday of the month at 11:00 a.m., following the 9:30 worship service. Private and group tours may be arranged for other times by emailing [reservations@christchurchluth.com](mailto:reservations@christchurchluth.com). The \$10 per person fee includes a \$5 souvenir booklet about the building. Tour fees go to preserving this National Historic Landmark.



## Board Notes

By Harlan Stoehr



Left to right: Richard Harju, Harlan Stoehr, Glen Bay, Bud Berry, Edith Boos, Kara Middleton

Directors met January 16 at Perkins Restaurant, Roseville. Berry, Boos, Harju, Middleton, and Stoehr were there; Bay didn't make it.

The secretary reported attendance of 82 at the November program. Minutes of the November meeting were approved, and the treasurer's report, showing a December 31 balance of \$6,300.80, was received.

Vice President/Program Chair Middleton reported plans for the February and March programs. We received the usual annual request from the Red River Finns (RRF) for a one-year FACA gift membership to offer in the RRF fundraiser silent auction. A motion to grant the RRF request carried.

Middleton reported attending the January 15 meeting of the joint *Joulu* Festival committee, which estimated that about 400 attended the event. A benefactor covered the modest shortfall in overall revenue, resulting in no financial cost to FACA or other participating organizations. The event will be held again in 2013, with Dan Salin as chair.

Completion of the promotion card project under budget was noted and the development committee of Berry, Jarvis, Middleton, Rahkola, and Stoehr was dissolved with thanks for service. The potential for use of a tabletop display was discussed; Harju will investigate the feasibility and cost of obtaining such a display and make a recommendation at a future meeting.

Middleton presented the theme for the 2013 Festival of Nations exhibits as *Children: Our Present and Our Future* and recommended basing the FACA exhibit on Finnish WWII-era war children, which the board supports. Directors authorized purchase of the liability insurance rider offered by the Festival.

The board reviewed criteria for awarding The Order of the Sauna Bucket published by the Minnesota Finnish American Historical Society, St. Paul, Chapter 23, pre-

decessor to FACA, in the years following introduction of the Award in 1980, reviewed nominations for the 2012 award, and voted by ballot to select a recipient. The February *Laskiainen* Celebration was discussed. Directors will, as usual, provide the pea soup, and the 2012 Order of the Sauna Bucket will be presented that night.

The board accepted, with regret and appreciation for long service, the resignation of Mary Belanger, *Unti-set* editor, effective with publication of the June 2013 issue. President Berry appointed Director Harju to establish a committee to search for and secure a successor.

The next board meeting will be at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 13, 2013, at Perkins Restaurant, Roseville.

## History Behind Heikinpäivä

Our Finnish cousins in Hancock, Michigan celebrate Heikinpäivä but a fast survey of Finnish cousins and friends claim it's all ancient history.

St. Henrik, a bishop in Finland back in the mid-1100s, has his name day, a mini-birthday, on January 19. *Heikinpäivä* had historically marked the halfway point of the winter. Farmers checked to make sure that their stock of hay, grains and other commodities were only half gone and would last for the rest of the winter. On this day, as well as most other Finnish name days, there are some folk sayings associated with *Heikinpäivä*.

Three that are still rather popular are: *Karhu kääntää kylkeä* (The bear rolls over to the other side, meaning winter is half over), *Talven selkä taittuu* (Winter's back breaks), and *Heikki heinää jakaa* (Heikki divides the hay).

Extracted from an article by Brianne Graham, Michigan Tech University Lode, published on FinnishFriends.com

## FACA Membership

A one-year membership provides you with eight issues of this newsletter, plus other benefits, for \$25. To subscribe or renew, complete this form and mail with your check to FACA, P.O. Box 580708, Minneapolis, MN 55458-0708. (Check mailing label for membership expiration date.)

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## Finnish Films to be featured as part of the Nordic Lights Festival

The Nordic Lights Film Festival attracts filmgoers of all ages captivated by the longstanding filmmaking traditions of the North. It also provides an opportunity to share the richness and diversity of the Nordic cultures through the lens of film. Hosted by The Film Society on Screen 3 at St. Anthony Main Theatre in Minneapolis Feb. 8–14, the festival will include a variety of feature-length and short films. The festival will also provide opportunities to mingle and interact, helping to connect our local Nordic community with fellow film enthusiasts.

Ticket Info: \$8.50 general admission; \$6.00 seniors/students; \$5.00 Film Society members. Complete information on all films, or to purchase tickets: [mspfilmsociety.org](http://mspfilmsociety.org)



*Hiljaisuus* (The Silence), Feb 10-11, 5:15 p.m., Feb 13, 7:15 p.m. Finnish w/English subtitles • Narrative • 2011 • NR • 35mm • Directed by Sakari Kirjavainen

In a casualty evacuation center behind the frontline of the battlefield between Finland and Russia, fallen soldiers of the Second World War are gathered to be sent home. The continuous ritual of thawing, tidying, and dressing the deceased isolates the group of four men and three women running the center from the surrounding reality. The dead are whispering; they are guided to the netherworld, and visions are granted to those who know how to look.

*Suomi, koulun ihmemaa* (The Finland Phenomenon: Inside the World's Most Surprising School System) Feb 9, 1:45 p.m., Feb 11, 4:00 p.m. USA • 60 min • English & Finnish w/English subtitles • Documentary • 2011 • NR • Digital • Directed by Bob Compton • Panel Discussion on Saturday, Feb 9

Through classroom visits and interviews with students, teachers, parents, administrators, and government officials, this 60-minute documentary takes viewers inside the world's finest secondary education that lies within an otherwise quiet, humble country: Finland. Dr. Wagner, an educator and author of the best-selling book, "The Global Achievement Gap," explores and explains Finland's success and reveals the surprising factors that contribute to Finland's #1 rank.

### Tervetuloa!

Greetings from Michigan's Copper Country—the "Finnish American nesting place." More than 30 percent of us claim Finnish descent, and we're all ready to celebrate our heritage with you—at FinnFest USA 2013!

On Midsummer's Eve 1865, some thirty Finns and Sámi landed on the shores of the Portage Canal in Hancock and began work in the copper mines the next day.

Though much has changed since then, we have maintained many of the traditions these people brought with them, forming our own unique Finnish-American culture that reflects our roots and our continued ties to Finns worldwide. From Suomi College (now Finlandia University), to the tumultuous 1913 Copper Strike, to the *Heikinpäivä* Midwinter Festival, Hancock remains a pivotal center of Finnish American culture.

So join us at Midsummer. Our legendary winter snows will have melted away, revealing stunning surroundings to immerse yourself in. We are ready to provide you with an unforgettable FinnFest experience, done in

true Copper Country style — copper over gold, sauna over spa, and pasty over pâté. We'll have our coffee brewing, our saunas warming, and our communities ready to welcome both new and longtime friends. See for yourself why FinnFest should be your Midsummer destination in 2013!

This year's FinnFest is Wednesday, June 19, 8:00 a.m.-Sunday, June 23, 3:00 p.m. (Eastern Time) More information can be found at: [finnfestusa2013.org/](http://finnfestusa2013.org/)

### Happy Trails To Finnfest

Happy Trails Tours, "Taking you places you've only dreamed of and beyond," for 30 years, will conduct a bus tour to Finnfest USA 2013 in Upper Michigan Copper Country June 20–23.

While Happy Trails, based in Forbes, Minnesota, boards in NE Minnesota only, Twin Cities travelers can join the tour in Duluth or Ashland, Wisconsin. If there are enough Twin Cities passengers, Happy Trails can arrange shuttle service to Duluth or Ashland.

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## Jeanne Swope to Edit *Uutiset* This Fall

*Richard Harju, Board Member*

Upon learning of Mary Belanger's intention to retire after the June 2013 issue, Jeanne Swope contacted the Board to say she was willing to take on this responsibility. Jeanne is well-qualified as she has worked in this area and has also worked with our graphic designer, Beth Jarvis. Prior to retirement, Jeanne worked as a course materials editor and as a developer of online courses for the College of Continuing Education at the University of Minnesota. We are particularly impressed that she came to the Board and the Board did not have to do any "arm twisting" (just a little encouragement) to get a replacement for Mary. It should be a seamless transition.

We owe a big Thank You to Mary for her many years of outstanding dedication in providing us a timely professional newsletter. Mary's efforts are really appreciated by FACA and the Finnish community. Keeping the Finnish culture going is important to us Finns, and the *Uutiset* has a big part in doing that. The Board really appreciated the long notice that Mary gave us of her intention to retire. Happy retirement Mary, but don't go away.

The Board assigned the responsibility to Richard Harju to find a new *Uutiset* editor. He thanks all that offered ideas and to help with the search. Of course his biggest thanks go to Jeanne for making this a most enjoyable, short, and easy assignment.

A big part of the editor's job is to solicit articles and to hound folks to get their articles in by the deadline. So, FACA members if you have something to say, don't wait to be asked: submit your article to the editor, at [facaeditor@gmail.com](mailto:facaeditor@gmail.com).

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### Happy Trails, *cont. from pg. 4*

The tour will arrive at Finnfest in time for late afternoon activities Thursday and leave after lunch Sunday.

Cost is \$629/person double, with lower rates for triple and quad and a higher rate for single lodging. The rate includes luggage handling, lodging at the Best Western Lakeside Inn-Baraga, breakfasts, Finnfest admission Thursday-Sunday, and shuttle service to Finnfest events.

To learn more, visit the Happy Trails tours website at [www.happytrails.com](http://www.happytrails.com), call (800) 635-7779, or email [happy\\_trails\\_tours@yahoo.com](mailto:happy_trails_tours@yahoo.com).

For Finnfest 2013 information, go to [finnfestusa2013.org](http://finnfestusa2013.org), call (906) 487-7205, or email [info@finnfestusa.org](mailto:info@finnfestusa.org).

## Portable Passport Machine Available in Minneapolis

Finnish citizens can once again renew their passports or apply for their first passports without having to travel to New York, Washington, Los Angeles, or Finland. The Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland has an operational portable passport system, and this system will travel to Minneapolis for appointments made for Thursday, March 14, 2013 through Saturday March 16, 2013.

All applicants who wish to take advantage of this opportunity must make an appointment with the Honorary Consulate in Minneapolis: Telephone: (612) 374-2718 or email [kmwargelin@comcast.net](mailto:kmwargelin@comcast.net) until February 28, 2013. Passport appointments will occur at the Honorary Consulate of Finland, 2429 Girard Avenue S., Minneapolis, MN 55405.

The application process is virtually the same as at the Consulate General of Finland in New York.

A passport application form is no longer in use. The passport system generates the application; and with the portable system, the photo will be taken as part of the application process (this is different from the process at the Consulate General in New York, where the applicant provides a photograph). The applicant signs on a special pad, and a fingerprint scan is taken. As the fee is set in euros, it may change with exchange rate fluctuation. Valid fees are posted in the Services section of the Consulate General's website (158 USD in January 2013 – please check the fee for March 2013).

A passport application can only be processed if the applicant's personal data (name, date and place of birth and citizenship) in the Finnish population register is up-to-date (further information: [www.maistraatti.fi](http://www.maistraatti.fi)). For example, name changes due to a marriage or divorce cannot be processed in the passport system. These have to be updated in the population register ahead of time. Also, children born outside of Finland cannot be issued a Finnish passport until their birth and citizenship details are entered into the Finnish population register.

More information regarding passport instructions can be found at the Consulate General's web site: [www.finland.org](http://www.finland.org) –Services for Finns–Passport

For further information about the Minneapolis visit of the portable passport system, please contact the Honorary Consulate of Finland: Honorary Consul Marianne Wargelin, (612) 374-2718, email: [kmwargelin@comcast.net](mailto:kmwargelin@comcast.net)

## January Program Recap

At the first program of 2013, FACA board member Kara Middleton presented a video documentary, *The Survivors: North American Finns in Stalin's Russia*. Produced by her mother, Anita Middleton, the video captures the recollections of about twenty Finnish Americans and Finnish Canadians who moved to Soviet Karelia during the early 1930s. They were recruited by agents of the Soviet government to help build a new socialist society.

Brave and optimistic, they worked hard and dreamed of a better future, only to have their dreams destroyed within just a few years in Stalin's Great Terror, when many were arrested and shot or sent to slave labor camps, from which few returned.

Kara Middleton opened the program by explaining her family's connection to the story. Anita Middleton is the daughter of Lawrence and Sylvia Hokkanen, Finnish Americans from Michigan, who moved to Karelia as newlyweds in 1934. After witnessing oppression by the Soviet government and the disappearance of many friends, they managed to escape in 1941.

Back home in Detroit, they did their best to resume a normal life and told almost no one about their seven years in the Soviet Union. Anita, born shortly after they returned home, was in her late teens before she learned of this chapter of her parents' lives. Lawrence and Sylvia were still afraid to talk about it.

During the 1980s, however, at the urging of their daughter, they decided to tell their story. In 1991, they published a book, *Karelia: A Finnish American Couple in Stalin's Russia* (North Star Press, St. Cloud, MN). In 1993, Anita travelled to Russia with her husband, Len, and Dr. Alexis Pogorelskin, a Russian historian from the University of Minnesota, and conducted the interviews which later became the subject of the documentary.

The speakers in the film, still living in Russia and at the time of the interviews in their seventies and eighties, recall both the optimism and adventure of the earlier years and the terror of the later years. They feel that the contributions they made to Russian society have been all but forgotten.

When asked if they were glad that they came to Karelia so many years ago, almost all replied that they regretted it. Still, a determined optimism pervades their manner in the interviews. Even after witnessing so much cruelty and experiencing so much loss, they are very much alive and able to smile and laugh. This, as Dr. Pogorelskin points out in the video, is indicative of

true Finnish *sisu*.

Marianne Wargelin, Finland's Honorary Consul for the Twin Cities and a friend of the Middletons, closed the evening with some remarks that underscored the power that the Karelian Fever narrative has had over the Finnish American community. At first, the power was so strong and the narrative so painful that people avoided discussing the Karelian experience, either privately or publicly, she said. Not until the last decade of the 20th century did people dare to talk or to ask. Wargelin added that, today the narrative's power has become a way for the entire Finnish American community to know itself better. In the telling and the talking comes understanding and healing.

About 90 people attended the program and mingled afterward over coffee and treats provided by Jane Olson, Judy Mikkola, and Betsey Norgard.



Family who attended to hear Kara's talk included her niece Abby Middleton, nephew Josh Middleton, and sister-in-law Nyla Middleton.

## Ode to Saint Urho

By Gene McCavic and Richard Mattson  
Virginia, Minnesota

*Ooksi kooksi coolama vee  
Santia Urho is ta poy for me!  
He sase out ta hoppers as pig as pirds.  
Neffor peefer haff I hurd tose words!  
He reely tolt tose pugs of kreen  
Braffest Finn I effer seen  
Some celebrate for St. Pat unt hiss nakes  
Putt Urho poyka kot what it takes.  
He kot tall and trong from feelia sour  
Unt ate kala moyakka effery hour.  
Tat's why tat key could sase toes peetles  
What krew as thick as chack bine neetles.  
So let's give a cheer in hower pest vay  
On Sixteenth of March, St. Urho's Tay.*

There will be a St. Urho Celebration in Menahga, March 15 and 16. For more information: [Menahga.com](http://Menahga.com)

## Egg coffee, just what is this?

By Mary Belanger

When I was growing up, my grandmother and her friends made egg coffee. I had all but forgotten about this when I received a request for the recipe from a reader. Yes, egg coffee is made with eggs and is known to many as Scandinavian coffee, Lutheran church basement coffee, Swedish coffee, Finnish coffee. Egg coffee is a light, clear brew with absolutely no bitterness or acidity.

The idea behind egg coffee is that the egg clarifies the coffee, creating a perfect separation between the grounds and the water used to extract them. In some versions of the recipe the crushed shells and a little pinch of salt are added.

I forwarded the request to Urho Rahkola who graciously took over. If you have never tried it, give yourself a break from your standard Starbucks Grande Skinny Mocha and see what you think!

Urho wrote: To make egg coffee, to me it is best to have a pot you can heat on a stove that holds about two quarts of water with some air space to the top rim. Bring the water to a boil.

In a bowl with about 1/2 cup of coffee (more or less as preferred), mix in one egg without the shell. The coffee grounds and egg should make sort of a sticky mixture. Scoop the mixture into the boiling water and let the water come to a boil for a minute or two. Be careful that it does not boil over.

Shut off the stove and let the coffee sit for a few minutes. It is now ready to pour. Ideally, the grounds would all sink to the bottom and you should be able to pour clear coffee from the pot. You could try to pour just a little cold water into the pot to see if the grounds settle better. You could also use a filter when you pour the coffee to make sure no grounds are included in a cup. When you are close to the bottom of the pot, you may want to use a filter to ensure a clean cup of coffee. You then just need to remove the grounds to clean your pot.

I am not sure how it would work to use a smaller pot or less water. I suppose you could use less grounds and a partial egg but I have not tried it. At the Festival of Nations, we use about a 1 gallon pot with about 1 cup of grounds and still just one egg. I hope you are able to make and enjoy some egg coffee.

## Pieniä Paloja

- Servers at our January program were Betsey Nordgard, Judy Mikkola, Jane Olson, and Dick Harju. *Kiitos!*
- According to columnist and journalist David Brown, the top five best things about Finland are: low crime, education, politeness, change, and values.
- Russian Railways (RZD) has begun operating a new international service between Petrozavodsk, the capital of the Republic of Karelia, and Finland.
- Bruce Oreck, (yes, his father is David Oreck, vacuum cleaner manufacturer), the US ambassador to Finland, is a well-known ex-bodybuilder. In Finland, the media have been fascinated with his past life, putting him on the cover of magazines — one time without a shirt. US diplomacy in Finland has never been stronger, literally.
- “A Finn often demonstrates interest by listening, while an American asks and interrupts,” comments docent Michael Berry, who has studied Finnish culture and silence. He is the author of *That's Not Me: Learning to Cope with Sensitive Cultural Issues*, 2009.
- Nokia announced the launch of its Music+ service, an enhanced version of its free Mix Radio service. Nokia Music+ will be available for a monthly subscription fee.
- Finland's statistical agency, Statistics Finland, registered a record number of immigrants entering the country in 2012, helping to push the population up to 5.4 million.

### Additional Calendar Items from page 8

**May 2-5** Festival of Nations, St. Paul RiverCentre.

**May 10-12** Salolampi Spring Work Weekend. For more information, salolampi.org

**June 19-23** FinnFest USA 2013 will be held in Upper Michigan's Copper Country. For more information, finnfestusa2013.org

### Conversational Finnish Class

Tuesdays, 4:00-5:25 p.m.

St. Anthony Library

Corner of Como and Carter Ave.

St. Paul

Everyone is welcome.

For more information, please call  
Urho Rahkola at ( 651) 429-3319



**Finnish American Cultural Activities, Inc.**  
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## **FACA**

Finnish American Cultural Activities, Inc.  
is an organization dedicated to preserving and  
promoting the cross-cultural heritage of  
Americans with Finnish ancestry.  
Information: (612) 374-2718, [www.finnfaca.org](http://www.finnfaca.org)

**Every Thursday** Kisarit-Finnish-American Folk dancers meet at the International Institute on Como Ave., across from the state fairgrounds, 7:00 p.m. New members welcome. Call Dan (763) 544-1441.

**Feb 8-14** Nordic Lights Film Festival, St Anthony Main Theatre (*See page 4.*)

**Feb 10** Finnish Culture Through Movies group, 6:00 p.m., Christ Church Lutheran, 3244 34th Ave South, Minneapolis. Äideistä parhain <http://finnish.imdb.com/title/tt0343221/plotsummary> More information: Movie group page or (651) 428-3155.

**Feb 15-18** Salolampi Family Fun Weekend Family Fun Weekends provide the entire family—parents, children and grandparents—a language and cultural immersion experience together. Pack your bags and join us for all the excitement that Family Fun Weekends have in store! For more information: [salolampi.org](http://salolampi.org)

**Feb 13** FACA Board meeting, 7 p.m. Perkins, Roseville.

**Feb 15** FACA program, *Laskiainen* celebration

**Feb 16** Nordic Gala at the Sons of Norway, Fargo, 7:00-10:00 p.m. Food, entertainment and silent auction to support the Scandinavian Hjemkomst Festival in Moorhead June 28- 29. Information: (701) 281-9303.

**Feb 22** *Untiset* deadline. [facaeditor@gmail.com](mailto:facaeditor@gmail.com)

**Feb 23** Finnish Genealogy Group of Minnesota, 9:30 a.m. Plymouth Apostolic Church. Software Tools. Learn what various software programs are and how

you might use them. Elaine Barton will coordinate.

**Mar 10** Finnish Culture Through Movies group, Members choice, 6:00 p.m., Christ Church Lutheran, 3244 34th Ave South, Minneapolis. More information: Movie group page or (651) 428-3155.

**Mar 11** FACA Salolampi scholarship deadline.

**Mar 12** Mn. Wild vs Anaheim Ducks 5:00 p.m. social, 7:00 p.m. hockey game. Group tickets, contact Jouko Sipala at [jsipila8@gmail.com](mailto:jsipila8@gmail.com) or call (952) 941-6627.

**Mar 14-16** Passport machine in Minneapolis Please schedule an appointment: (612) 374-2718, Email: [kmwargelin@comcast.net](mailto:kmwargelin@comcast.net) Honorary Consul for the Republic of Finland, 2429 Girard Avenue S. Minneapolis, MN 55405 (*See page 5.*)

**Mar 15** FACA Program

**Mar 16** Finn Hall, St Urho's party at Kramarcuk's [www.kramarczuk.com](http://www.kramarczuk.com) music and dancing , great food, family friendly event, no cover charge! 215 East Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis, (612) 379-3018

**Mar 22** *Untiset* deadline [facaeditor@gmail.com](mailto:facaeditor@gmail.com)

**April 14** Finnish Culture Through Movies group, 6:00 p.m., Hella W <http://www.ses.fi/en/film.asp?id=1015> Christ Church Lutheran, 3244 34th Ave South, Minneapolis. More information: Movie group page or (651) 428- 3155.

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