



FINLANDIA FOUNDATION NATIONAL CAPITAL CHAPTER

NEWSLETTER - September 2013

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Message from the President



Welcome back to a new FFNCC season! The changing of the seasons also brings about several changes to our 2013-2014 board.

Many thanks to our president of the past 3 years, Leila Takala, for all of her hard work and dedication. She made our events delicious and so much fun. We are grateful she will remain on the board as a member-at-large.

Thanks also to Bob Cavanaugh for his years of service on the board. Tabitha Takala, our website coordinator and a familiar face behind both the camera lens and the scenes at many of our events is our newest member of the board.

And finally we wish board member, Jenna Reilly, a fond farewell. Jenna is moving to Finland next month to marry her Finnish fiancée. She has been a valuable member of the board and will be greatly missed!

Some of you may already know of my connections to FFNCC. My parents, Donald and Irja Frenzen, were two of the original co-founders of our chapter in 1959. My mother served in various board positions before becoming president in the early 80's. My father was the legal consultant way back when. (Fortunately, we haven't needed that position for a long time.)

So 30 some years after my mother's tenure ended, I've agreed to become president. Partly because Leila made the job look so much easier than it really is and also because our board is so active and fun to work with.

Our first gathering will be our annual fall picnic on Saturday, September 21st. We hope you can join us for an afternoon of good food, fun games and fellowship.

On Saturday, October 26th we are co-sponsoring a piano concert and reception with the Baltimore chapter and Finlandia Foundation National. The FFN 2013 Performer of the Year, Marja Kaisla, will perform music by various Finnish composers. Look for more information in this newsletter.

Mark your calendars for Sauna night on Friday, November 22nd. It is the only sauna night we are able to host this season so don't miss out.

The next newsletter will come out in mid-November. We hope to see many of you at the picnic – rain or shine!

Kirsti Frenzen Noring

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**Finlandia Foundation
National Capital Chapter's**

FALL PICNIC

Saturday, September 21, 2013

1 - 4 pm

Olney Park, Falls Church, VA

Soft drinks, grilled sausages and dessert provided by FFNCC! Please bring a side dish large enough to serve your group + two

Finlandia Foundation members welcome ... along with family and friends!

Fee: \$10 per adult - collected @ entrance (children 0 - 12 free)

Please respond by September 19 to Susanna Andersson at finlandiafoundationncc@gmail.com - with number attending - including children!

Olney Park, 1840 Olney Rd. Falls Church, VA 22043

Directions via Beltway I-495s from Virginia/inner loop

Merge onto VA-123/Dolly Madison Boulevard via exit 46B toward Chain Bridge Road/McLean

Turn right onto Great Falls Street/VA-694

Turn right onto Magarity Road Take first left onto Olney Road

Directions from Beltway I-495 from Maryland/outer loop

Take left exit 45B toward I-66 Merge onto VA-123/Dolly Madison Boulevard via exit 19B toward McLean

Turn right onto Great Falls Street/VA-694

Turn right onto Magarity Road Take first left onto Olney Road





LISTEN TO THE
**LANDSCAPE
OF FINLAND**

You can hear the melancholy and loneliness of the Finnish landscape in their music.

MARJA KAISLA

**PIANO MUSIC FROM
FOUR FINNISH COMPOSERS:**

SIBELIUS / MADETOJA / PALMGREN / ENGLUND

featuring Finlandia Foundation
Performer of the Year

**MARJA
KAISLA**

Born in Helsinki, Finland Marja Kaisla began piano studies at age three. As a chamber musician, recitalist, and concerto soloist, she has performed in Europe, the former Soviet Union and the United States.



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26TH AT 6 PM
PAINT BRANCH UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST
CHURCH
3215 POWDER MILL ROAD
ADELPHI, MD 20783

TICKETS: \$25 AT FINLANDIADC.ORG
RECEPTION WITH FOOD AND WINE BEFORE
CONCERT

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Spotlight on our FFN Performer of the Year Pianist Marja Kaisla

Marja Kaisla received her education in piano performance at the Sibelius Academy in Helsinki, Finland, at the St. Petersburg Conservatory in Russia, with György Sebök in Switzerland and with Susan Starr in Philadelphia.

Since moving to the US in 1987 she has enjoyed an active career on stage, radio, television and in major motion pictures while advocating for the importance of music education.

Earlier this year Marja Kaisla was the key organizer of numerous events for the celebration of the 375th Anniversary of the Finns' and Swedes' settlement of the Delaware Valley in 1638. She was recently awarded the Commemorative Medal of the Centennial of the Parliament of Finland for her work promoting Finnish and Nordic culture.

The concert will be held together with the FFN Baltimore chapter on Saturday, October 26th at 6 pm at Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church located at 3215 Powder Mill Road in Adelphi, MD, a mile outside of the beltway and less than 2 miles from I-95.

We will serve light hors d'oeuvres and wine at a reception before the concert - weather permitting - on the tree-lined panoramic deck surrounding the church. This will be a lovely, lovely event. Please come and join us.

Tickets are \$25. Please send a check payable to FFNCC with names of people attending payable to FFNCC by October 24th, to Mikko Mäkäräinen, FFNCC Treasurer, 2100 – 11th Street, NW, #307, Washington, DC 20001.

OR REGISTER ONLINE at www.finlandiadc.org.



Marja Kaisla, New Sweden Alliance vice president, receives honors from Finnish Speaker of the parliament Eero Heinäluoma.

Source: <http://www.finlandiafoundation.org/Photos>



Marja Kaisla at a concert

Source: <http://marjakaisla.wordpress.com/>

Finlandia Foundation National celebrates its 60th anniversary

Finlandia Foundation National's 60th Anniversary Gala dinner and concert was held in Pasadena on March 23rd. The program included many speakers, among them trustees, recipients representing FFN grants and scholarship programs and two graduates from the Soiva Music and Salolampi Language camps.

The concert following the dinner showcased the talents of soprano, Maria Mannisto, (FFN POY 2007) and concert pianist, Marja Kaisla, (FFN POY 2013).

Glenda Dawn Goss, FFN LOY 2012, presented her lecture on "Sibelius and National Awakening" the night before the Gala at the Pasadena Museum of History – the birthplace of FFN in 1953.

FFN President Ossi Rahkonen, said "the 60th Anniversary celebration in Pasadena was a resounding success based" on the feedback from the events.

The keynote speaker at the gala, H.E. Ambassador Ritva Koukku-Ronde encouraged us to work together in fostering common goals in making Finland better known in the United States.

Mr. Ville Itälä, Chairman of Suomi-Seura/Finland Society, FFN's counterpart organization in Finland and the (then) Speaker of the Finnish Expatriate Parliament, brought greetings from Finland and outlined initiatives of importance to the Finnish American community.

Source for pictures on this page:
Finn Times by Tomi Hinkkanen
<http://finntimes.com/?p=4309>



Her Excellency Ambassador Ritva Koukku-Ronde praised the foundation's work and achievements throughout the years.



Former FFN President, Anita Häkkinen Smiley and the new FFN President, Ossi Rahkonen were very pleased with the event.



Nadia Lin, the representative of Salolampi Camp students, captivated the audience with her wit and charm.

375th Anniversary Celebration of the First Finns and Swedes in America Continues

The New Sweden Alliance hosted an all-day celebration at Penn's Landing In Philadelphia on June 15th. Karelian folk group, Sattuma, and the Abba tribute band, Abba Girlz, performed among others.

Vendors sold Scandinavian food and gifts. A replica of the Kalmar Nyckel, the first ship that brought the Finnish and Swedish settlers to the Delaware Valley in 1638, was on view. The crew offered tours to the public.

A Gala Symphony Concert at the Independence Seaport Museum followed the daytime festivities. The concert featured musicians from Philadelphia and Finland – including the Delaware Symphony and FFN POY, Marja Kaisla, who was instrumental in planning the day, as well as the Jubilee events in May.

The evening ended with a reception and the lighting of a tradition bonfire along the Delaware River.



A replica of the Kalmar Nyckel, the first ship that brought the Finnish and Swedish settlers to the Delaware in 1638. Photo credit: Leila Takala



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NEW YORK FINISH LUTHERAN CONGREGATION



83 Christopher Street, New York, NY 10014, USA



Welcome to the Finnish Church Service every month's 3rd Sunday at Resurrection Evangelical Lutheran Church, 6201 Washington BLVD, Arlington, VA 22205

Next Service is on Sunday, October 20th.

Delicious coffee afterwards!

Seurakuntamme toimii myös DC:n alueella!

DC:n alueen seuraava messu 20. lokakuuta 2013

MESSU kuukauden 3. sunnuntai klo 2pm.
Messun jälkeen kokoonnumme kirkkokahveille seurustelemaan.

Resurrection Evangelical Lutheran Church
6201 Washington Blvd
Arlington VA 22205

Kirkko on vajaan kilometrin päässä East Falls Church metroasemalta.

RAAMATTUPIIRI

Raamattupiiri kokoontuu kodeissa.
Lisätietoja saat Mirjalta (mirja.clement@finnchurch.org) ja Raililta (raili.niskanen-maultsby@finnchurch.org).

Join the Choir at Finnish Church

We are always looking for more singers for the choir at Finnish Church, which is third Sundays of the month at Resurrection Lutheran Church at 2:00pm.

This is not a high-commitment organization. We sing very easy anthems and hymns as well as the service music for a Lutheran Eucharist/communion service in Finnish. You can show up once or twice, or every month if you are available. No pressure. It does wonders for your Finnish pronunciation and helps build your vocabulary. You do not have to read music, as the hymn tunes are easy and very catchy.

We will begin the season with a rehearsal at 1:30pm in the downstairs chapel before the service at 2:00pm. Our first service of the season will be Sunday, September 15. It usually lasts about an hour, and there is a delicious coffee hour afterwards.

Please contact Scott at sacooper@acc.edu and he will forward you the music beforehand. Or just show up half an hour before the service at 1:30 pm on the third Saturday of the month. Next Service is on Sunday, October 20th.

Save the Date!
This is our only Saunailta this winter.



SAUNAILTA AT THE FINNISH EMBASSY

3301 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington D.C., Friday, Nov. 22nd

Doors will open at 5:45 p.m. and the event will start at 6:00 p.m. Sauna will be open for women for an hour starting at 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. and for men starting at 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.

Don't forget to bring your towel, "seat cover", soap, shampoo etc.

We ask you to bring some type of vegetable or potato casserole in a disposable container, large enough to serve your group and two other people. FFNCC will supply the sauna sausage, hot mustard, dessert, beer and soft drinks.

\$15 for members and **\$20** for non-members and guests.

You can respond through the FFNCC web page www.finlandiadc.org by using PayPal or sending your check, made out to FFNCC, and names of the members of your group to: **Mikko Mäkäräinen, 2100 11th St, NW #307, Washington, DC 20001.**

Payments due by Nov. 20th!

Useful links:

- Finlandia Foundation National Capital Chapter - www.finlandiadc.org
- Finnish Children's School - www.suomikouludc.org
- Finnish Language School Association, USA - www.finnschool.org
- Finn Spark, Inc (Kipinä-Kerho) - <http://finnspark.homestead.com>
- Finnish Lutheran Congregation - www.finnchurch.org
- Embassy of Finland, Washington, DC - www.finland.org/Public/Default.aspx

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