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February/Helmikuu 2011

Laskiainen Celebration

Program and Dinner

This February, while we enjoy some traditional *Laskiainen* fare, we will view a 30 minute film regarding the *Kalevala*. The FACA board will provide pea soup and coffee. Here is what you need to bring:

- Last name beginning with A–F: bread
- Last name beginning with G–K: appetizer
- Last name beginning with L–R: salad
- Last name beginning with S–Z: dessert

Laskiainen Origins

Laskiainen is usually thought of as a winter sliding festival somehow associated with Shrove Tuesday and pea soup. It actually dates back to the pre-Christian era; in those times the ancient Scandinavian calendar mandated when certain tasks should be started and when they should be completed. Many of these tasks were critical to survival and had to be done during the appropriate season, month, or week, sort of like “making hay when the sun shines.”

Kalevala

Helina Pakola has arranged for the showing of a 30 minute film on the *Kalevala*. In the 19th century, Elias Lönnrot compiled this work of epic poetry from Finnish and Karelian oral folklore and mythology. Regarded by many as the national epic of Finland and it is one of the most significant works of Finnish literature. The *Kalevala* is thought to have played an instrumental role in the development of the Finnish national identity, and the growing sense of nationality that ultimately led to Finland's independence from Russia in 1917. (February 28 is Kalevala Day in Finland.)



Gallen-Kallela's "Defense of the Sampo"

Program In Brief

Laskiainen
Friday, February 18
7:30 p.m.
International Institute
1694 Como Ave., St. Paul
If you need transportation, call
Marianne Wargelin
at (612) 374-2718

Come to the February program to enjoy quintessential Finnish culture and friends!



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President's Message

By Kara Middleton

Thanks to all of you who were able to join us for the January program this past month. It was a great time! Tiina and Ed Watts, Larry Saukko, and Gil Kinnunen provided us with a window into a day in the life at *Salolampi*. Tiina played guitar and led us with her lovely voice in some of the Finnish songs the campers sing. Larry's teaching skills were very evident as he coached us in our pronunciation of many words. And Gil gave us a visual tour of the camp and described the various programs. By the end of the program I almost felt as though I was at camp, and I only longed for a bonfire to complete the picture. We so appreciate Tiina, Ed and family, Larry and Gil for putting this evening together for us. *Kiitos!*



We were also finally able to honor our 2010 Sauna Bucket Award winner at the program. This year the sauna bucket was awarded to Junelle Bernard for her tireless work in running the Finnish Café at the Festival of Nations. Junelle will be shouldering this responsibility again this year, which we appreciate immensely. I know that one day Junelle will need to pass the torch to someone else.

The Finnish Culture Through Movies group will be showing an especially interesting documentary on Sunday, February 20th. It is called, *Katastrofin ainekasia*, or "Recipes for Disaster". The film is described as a sobering-but-humorous look at climate change, the world's oil addiction and one family's attempt to live its convictions about personal responsibility for the environment. I am thinking that perhaps the way the story is told (in a dark, serious and funny manner) may be as informative of Finnish culture as the story itself is about its subject. Please join us if you are free that evening. More details are at: http://www.millenniumfilm.fi/tbr_recipes.html.

I hope that some of you are able to attend the Beethoven and Sibelius concert at Orchestra Hall on February 23-25. This is the annual preview of their Carnegie Hall performance. Last year, the New Yorker magazine called the Minnesota Orchestra "the greatest orchestra in the world," after this performance. We really are very lucky to have such fine interpretations of Sibelius here in the Twin Cities.

Believe it or not, the Festival of Nations (May 5th - 8th) is rapidly approaching. The theme for this year's exhibit is "Marketplaces of the World". We are in need of creative minds to help design and assemble our exhibit, as well as volunteers to staff it. If you are interested in helping in either capacity, please contact me.

I am also really looking forward to our *Laskiainen* celebration on February 18. Please know that you are welcome to come even if you are unable to bring a side-dish. As usual, your Board will be preparing the pea soup. I imagine many of us have memories of pea soup made by our mothers and grandmothers, as do I. I will enjoy sharing it once again with all of you.

Nähdään siellä!

Board Notes

By *Jeanne Swope*



L-R Kara Middleton, Glen Bay, Jane Olson, Jeanne Swope, Edith Boos, Ray Piirainen

President Kara Middleton called the meeting to order at 7:30 at the home of Ray Piirainen; all members were present. Minutes of the November meeting and the Treasurer's report were reviewed and approved. Vice President Ray Piirainen updated us on the upcoming program—presentation about Salolampi.

Ray will be unable to attend the meeting. Jeanne Swope agreed to introduce the speakers. Kara will introduce the winner of the Sauna Bucket, Junelle Bernard.

Andreas Ostenso, previous treasurer, attended the meeting to help with a discussion of the FACA budget.

Kara Middleton reported on her recent meeting with the Festival of Nations planning committee. The theme of the exhibit will be the Marketplaces of the World. If we are going to have an exhibit booth, we must find volunteers. Junelle Bernard will organize the Cafe again this year. Irene's Favorite Things will have a booth to sell Finnish articles under our sponsorship.

The next FACA board meeting will be at the home of Kara Middleton on Wednesday, February 16, 2011, at 7:30 p.m.

Conversational Finnish Class

Tuesdays, 4:30 to 6:00 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

A Big Thank You from the *Salolampi* Foundation!

By *Ruthann Rintala Swanson, Phonathon Co-chair*

Even though the economy is struggling, there is commitment to sustaining Finnish language and culture as evidenced by the successful Phonathon for *Salolampi* scholarships. Volunteer callers reached out to over 1400 households between October 26 and 28, 2010 bringing in more than \$36,000. A warm thank you to all of the donors.

Thank you Lutheran Community Foundation! This wonderful organization again generously allowed us to use their phones for three evenings of calling free of charge. This enabled 35 volunteers to call across the United States and Canada. In addition, there were 23 people who called from their own homes in many parts of the country.

Thank you, thank you, volunteers!

On-site callers: Carole Bachman, Sara Ahlgren Bogie, Edith Boos, Ken Daniels. Linda Warpula Davis, Evelyn Eskeli, Sharon Lund Filiatrault, John Hanson, Richard Harju, Susan Harstad, Curt Jackson, Bob Katvala, Gil and Dawn Kinnunen, Lila Koivisto, David Klauson, Michelle and Jim Kultala, Aili Kultala, Risto Kultala, Theresa Lund, Dixie Luoma, Wayne Mikkola, Carol and Ray Pesola, Pam and Urho Rahkola, Seija Rahkola, Bette Ruskanen, Delores and Dan Salin, Ruthann and Adrian Swanson, Jeanne Swope, and Tiina Watts.

Off-site callers: Rosann Wulff Angeli, Ironwood, MI; Elaine and Michael Anuta, White Bear Lake; Stella Arola, Crystal; Junelle Bernard, Cedar; Joanne Bergman, Angora; Clare Carlson, Minneapolis; Evelyn Eskeli, Minneapolis; Mary Ann Goms, Hibbing; Fran and Ken Lahti, Eveleth; Karen Kakela Michael, Sun Lake, AZ; Beatrice Myers, Holiday, FL; Marvin Nevala, Amery, WI; Floyd Niskanen, Minneapolis; Ruth Ollila, Fridley; Mildred Prince, Rochester; Jack Rajala, Big Fork; Vergene Ollila Routh, Shoreview; Helen Steffen, Webster, WI; Arlene Putikka Tucker, Hermantown; Julie Wood, Chicago, IL; Luella Zibell, St. Paul.

The annual *Salolampi* Foundation Phonathon is for the sole purpose of raising funds for scholarships to enable children and adults to experience the unique and special place that is *Salolampi* Language Village. If you haven't yet experienced yourself, now is the year to give it a try.

Readers who would like to contribute to the scholarship fund can send gifts to: *Salolampi* Foundation, P.O. Box 14480, Minneapolis, MN 55414-0480. Or if doing it on-line is easier for you, donations are accepted at the secure website, www.salolampi.org

“Skylarks on a Stone: Women Voices of the *Kalevala*”— a benefit for Ancestral Fires Kalevala Day--Sunday, Feb. 27, 2 p.m.

“Skylarks on a Stone: Women Voices of the *Kalevala*”—readings and music by:
Diane Jarvi, singer, songwriter, poet, and teacher (photograph at right)
Sheila Packa, Finnish-American poet laureate of Duluth
Kirsten Dierking, Finnish-American poet and instructor, Anoka Ramsey Community College
Kathy McTavish, cello

Who were the women of the *Kalevala*? They were strong, they were mothers and daughters, some had hefty powers, some were powerless, some were abused, others were hard workers or overworked. So, in essence, not a lot different from women today.

These three dynamic poets will look at their literary foremothers and respond with their own contemporary work in song, words, and video. How do these poets continue this legacy, carry this poetic thread on from hundreds of years ago to today? Is it in their DNA—this tradition, this singing of songs? Join them as they gather their voices and make new song.

Finlandia Foundation-Twin Cities Chapter presents this *Kalevala* Day program as a benefit for “Ancestral Fires: Songs and Stories of Finland and Finnish America,”

an extended residency in Cokato, directed by Diane Jarvi, exploring Finnish and Finnish-American music and customs.

Through the New Bohemian Arts Cooperative, Jarvi received one of five Minnesota State Arts Board Folk and Traditional Arts grants. Since September, she has offered classes, demonstrations, workshops, and kantele lessons to community members. The project culminates on May 15 with a “Finn Hall” type of event with stories, songs, poetry, and dancing.

The Minnesota state grant provides 80% of project costs; this program seeks to raise the remaining 20% of costs.

2:00 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 27—Open Eye Theater, 506 E. 24th St., Minneapolis (parking in Lutheran Social Services lot on 24th and Portland) Cost: \$10 at the door. For information: e-mail norgard@winternet.com.



Festival of Nations Café 2011

By Junelle Bernard

The 2011 Festival of Nations at RiverCentre in St. Paul will be held May 5–8. We are beginning to make plans for the Finnish Café and will be asking for volunteers to help staff the booth. The menu will be the same as last year; *piirakka*, pickled herring on FinnCrisp (plain and in sour cream/lingonberry sauce,) reindeer sausage and Finnish havarti cheese on rye bread, , strawberry shortcake, lemon cookies, lingonberry cocktail and egg coffee. The festival is open during the days on May 5 and 6 for students. Public hours are:

Friday, May 6: 4:00 p.m.–10:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 7: 10:00 a.m.–10:00 p.m.
Sunday, May 8: 10:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

Workers in the cafes are required to wear a costume representative of their ethnic background. We have aprons and scarves for the ladies and ask men to wear dark slacks, white shirts and a fisherman-type hat if you have one. Suspenders are a nice touch and we have a few pair available. If you have worked in the café in previous years, you will likely receive a call

from me to see if you are available again. Thank you to those who have already requested shifts. Jane Olson is helping me this year and we will have more information and schedules at the next three programs.

Baking Day will be on April 30 at the White Bear Lake High School kitchen where it has been held for many years. We will be there from 7:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m., and need workers for that event also. This is the day we bake the cakes, cookies, *pulla* and *piirakka* for the Café.

If you have questions about either of these events before the next meeting, call me at (763) 434-5399 or email at SJBL2@msn.com.

Celebrate the life and music of Viola Turpeinen

For more than 30 years, the music of Viola Turpeinen, "The Accordion Princess," and her band filled Finn halls across the Upper Midwest on warm summer evenings. Often programs began with a concert of varied music, but soon the polkas, *jenkkas*, *valssit*, and tangos took over and memories were made.



This beautiful and talented musician from Champion, Michigan, sang and played her way into the hearts of Finnish-Americans, continuing to be fondly remembered two and three generations later.

On Saturday evening, March 12, Viola Turpeinen's life and music will come alive again in the Twin Cities. Carl Rahkonen, music librarian, professor, and Finlandia Foundation Lecturer of the Year, will present "A Century of Viola Turpeinen," including the research he has carried out about her life and music. Following this lecture, the Finn Hall Band will play the same captivating music for dancing that Viola played in the Finn Halls of yesteryear.

Your memories are needed to help document Viola Turpeinen's legacy! Please bring whatever memories you have about Viola Turpeinen or the memories you heard from your parents and grandparents. Join others at an informal supper beforehand and share your memories or mementos to include in a celebration of her music, co-sponsored by Finlandia Foundation-Twin Cities Chapter and FACA. Or, you can send in your memories to norgard@winternet.com.

"A Century of Viola Turpeinen," co-sponsored by Finlandia Foundation-Twin Cities Chapter and FACA will take place on Saturday, March 12, at Christ Church Lutheran Gym, 3244 34th Ave., Minneapolis.:

- 5:30 p.m.: informal supper, sharing stories and memories presented or sent in
- 7:00 p.m.: lecture by Carl Rahkonen Finlandia Foundation Lecturer of the Year
- 8:30 p.m.: dance, featuring Finn Hall

Carl Rahkonen has documented Viola Turpeinen's legacy, not only that of a beloved Finnish-American musician, but also as trained, professional musician who played a wide variety of music. He is traveling this year as Lecturer of the Year, presenting programs on the Finnish-American musical journey.

As Performers of the Year 2010, the Finn Hall band has played many of the same venues that Viola Tur-

peinen played and continue to engage audiences of all ages in the dance hall tradition.

For more information, go to www.minnesotafinnish.org and click left on Finlandia Foundation-Twin Cities. To RSVP for the supper, or to send in your stories, e-mail Betsey Norgard at norgard@winternet.com or call (651) 786-5988. Tickets at the door: \$5 supper (RSVP requested); \$10 for the lecture and \$10 for the dance, or \$15 for both.



"Elämä ilman saunaa tuntuu minusta mahdottomalta."
("Life without sauna seems to me impossible.")

—Urho Kekkonen, former Prime Minister and longest-serving President of Finland. Awarded the Lenin Peace Prize in 1979 (comparable to the Nobel Peace Prize).

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

FACA needs your ideas and your helping hand. If you can help with any of the committees or events, please return this form. Thanks!

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next program.

January Program Recap

By Jeanne Swope

For our January program, we “visited” *Salolampi*, the Finnish Language Village of Concordia Language Villages, with splendid help from Tiina Watts who organized the presentation (*Salolampi* teacher and *Salolampi* Board member), Gil Kinnunen (*Salolampi* Board President), and Larry Saukko, Village dean. They brought music, language, pictures, history, and games to our gathering. We were students as well as listeners during the evening.

Salolampi is important for passing on Finnish heritage to a new generation and for learning about and enjoying our own cultural backgrounds and connections. FACA donates to the *Salolampi* scholarship fund each year. A number of FACA members have helped build cabins, served on the *Salolampi* Board, assisted with or contributed to the annual Phone-a-thon, sent children or grandchildren to the camp, or attended Adult Week ourselves.

Gil Kinnunen began with the 38-year history of the camp, located just north of Bemidji on Turtle River Lake. Tiina Watts started us off singing and learning Finnish. We learned to introduce ourselves in Finnish, *Salolampi* style. “*Minä olen Tiina, kuka sinä olet?*” (“I am Tiina, who are you?”) She tossed the inflated blue beachball-globe, and a FACA member replied, “*Minä olen Evelyn, kuka sinä olet?*” and tossed the ball to someone else. Many of us were shy, but we quickly learned to understand these exchanges.

We went on to more advanced matters, and learned the sauna song and the potato song. Tiina provided music, and Dean Lauri Saukko drew us into an illustrated language lesson. With simple pictures and broad gestures, we learned:

“*Aamulla, herätys, sängysta pois*” (“Morning, wake up, out of bed!”)

And on into the sauna:

“*Sauna kun menään löyly on kuuma*” (“When I go to sauna the steam is hot”)

“*Järvi kun menään vesi on kylmä*” (“When I go to the lake the water is cold”)

And the chorus:

“*Löyhyä lissää! löyhyä lissää!*” (“More löyly! More löyly!”)

“*Vibtani on missä?*” (“Where is my birch switch?”)

Purists among you will tell me that “*lissää*” should be “*lissää*” with one “s.” Dean Lauri explained that the extra “s” makes that phrase stronger (and, we may add, also rhymes with “*missä*”).

We learned in the potato song that:

“*Peruna on pyöreä, peruna on soikea, peruna on ruoka*” (“the potato is round, the potato is oval, the potato is food”)

And we also learned that the potato is happiest in our stomach (“*vatsassa*”).

We saw pictures and learned many interesting facts about *Salolampi*, which you can best learn by attending:

If you are a child or teenager, one or two-week sessions
If you are a musical child or teenager, *Soiva* music camp,
If you are in high school, 4-week credit camp
If you are a family, Family Week in February,
If you are a family that wishes to vacation in the Bemidji area, Adventure Week day camps are a great place for your children during the day,
And if you are a grown-up of any age, Spring Adult Week starts May 8 (after the popular Work Weekend)—and there’s another Adult Week in September!

Salolampi is proud to have the most scholarship support of any Language Village, Larry Saukko told us, and with this assistance, many young people can attend and enjoy. The scholarships are crucial to the success of the camp.

Keely and Jens Watts demonstrated *mölkeky*, a game with large wooden pegs that can be roughly described as a cross between bowling and pick-up sticks. The best way for you to learn to play *mölkeky*, speak some (more) Finnish, enjoy authentic Finnish foods, and relax in the beautiful buildings, forest, sauna, and lake is to go to *Salolampi*, and we hope you will do just that.

For more information about attending *Salolampi*, please write or call:

Concordia Language Villages
Concordia College
901 8th Street South
Moorhead, MN 56562
1-800-222-4750 or (218)299-4544
<http://www.concordialanguagevillages.org>

To reach the *Salolampi* Foundation,
Salolampi Foundation
P.O. Box 14480
Minneapolis, MN 55414-0480
<http://www.salolampi.org>

To receive a copy of the *Salolammen Sanomat*, a newsletter about *Salolampi* and published by the *Salolampi* Foundation, e-mail via the website (click “contact us” at the bottom of the homepage) or drop a card to the *Salolampi* Foundation.

Bernard Wins Sauna Bucket Award

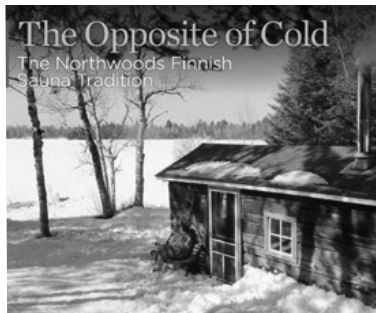
Junelle Bernard, recipient of the 2010 Sauna Bucket Award, paused for a photo with Kara Middleton after the January program.

Bernard served for years on the FACA Board and has headed the Festival Of Nations Cafe and the Baking Day for the Cafe.



Pieniä Paloja

- “*Pikku pikkujoulu* treats,” at our January program were coordinated by Jane Olson. Jane, Bette Ruskanen, and board members helped with the serving and cleaning. *Kiitos!*
- The Finnish Ministry for Foreign Affairs is sending a plane to Cairo, to evacuate about 100 Finns from the Egyptian capital. About 200 Finns live in Cairo on a permanent basis.
- Kathryn Knuttila, of Detroit Lakes, represented Minnesota at the Miss America Pageant last month.
- Mushers in the John Beargrease Sled Dog Marathon had the opportunity to warm up in a portable sauna at the Finland, Minnesota check point this year. The special edition barrel sauna included the Beargrease logo, dog paws and signatures of the mushers. Additional information about Sisu Saunas can be found at: sisu-saunas.com
- Public debate on the Swedish-speaking minority living in Finland appears to focus almost exclusively on the issue of mandatory Swedish in Finnish schools, says political scientist Pasi Saukkonen. When asked what it is in the Swedish-language culture that many Finns find so annoying, Saukkonen found that public debate is very polarized. The status of Swedish is either defended or opposed with great passion.
- Finland's most popular and most highly-valued sport in 2010 was ice hockey. Figure skating, climbed into 2nd place with help from Laura Lepistö, who took a silver medal at the European Championships, a bronze at the World Championships, and finished 6th at the Vancouver Olympics. Future "ones to watch" on their way up include snowboarding, floorball, and freestyle skiing, while one of the Finns' traditional sporting staples—Nordic cross-country skiing—does not feature any longer in the top ten. The survey was answered by over 3,000 Finns between the ages of 15–79.
- *The Opposite of Cold* is one of four finalists for a Minnesota Book Award in the general nonfiction category. Winners will be announced at the Minnesota Book Awards Gala on Saturday, April 16, in St. Paul. All Minnesotans are invited to take part in voting for the Readers' Choice Award. During the month of March, readers can visit TwinCities.com to choose one of the Minnesota Book Award finalists from all eight categories. The finalist with the most votes will be awarded the Readers' Choice Award at the Gala. The award is sponsored by the Pioneer Press and TwinCities.com.



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Mar. 12 Finn Hall plays at Finnish Dance: Christ Church Lutheran 3244 34th Ave S # 1, Minneapolis. Details later.

Mar 26 Sourcing and Corrections. How to source information and correct errors. 9:30 a.m., Coordinated by Joan Dwyer and Cathie Reasoner, Finnish Genealogy Group of Minnesota. Meetings at the Plymouth Apostolic Church 11015 Old County Road 15.

Apr 23 Duane Wiita—topic to be determined. 9:30a.m., Finnish Genealogy Group of Minnesota, Meetings at the Plymouth Apostolic Church 11015 Old County Road 15, Plymouth.

Apr 30 Festival of Nations Baking Day, White Bear Lake High School kitchen, 7:00 a.m–3:00 p.m. Contact Junelle at (763) 434-5399 or email SJBL2@msn.com.

May 5–8 Festival of Nations, “Marketplaces of the World” St. Paul

May 28 Elections and open discussion of summer plans. 9:30 a.m., Finnish Genealogy Group of Minnesota, Meetings at the Plymouth Apostolic Church 11015 Old County Road 15, Plymouth.

Meat and Potato Stew

Libakeitto

- 1 pound stewing beef
- 1 tablespoon bacon drippings or other shortening
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 4 cups boiling water
- 5 whole allspice
- 2 chopped onions
- 5 medium carrots, peeled and cut into 1 ½ inch chunks
- 5 medium potatoes, peeled and cut in chunks.

Brown the beef in the fat until all sides are rich brown in color. Add the salt, boiling water, and the allspice and simmer slowly for at least 1 hour or until the meat is tender. Add the onions, carrots, and potatoes, and cook on low heat for 1 hour longer. Add more water if necessary. Serve hot. Serves about 4.

From the *Finnish Cookbook*, Beatrice Ojakangas

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Information: (612) 374-2718, www.finnfaca.org

Feb 12 Finn Hall will play 6:30 - 8:45 p.m. at Kramarczuk's Deli and Sausage Co. Bring the children; this is a family-friendly place. 215 E. Hennepin Ave., Minneapolis. (612) 379-3018) Great food, beer and wine available, and of course dance space! \$3 cover charge.

Feb 13 Traditional *Laskiainen* Celebration, 2:00 p.m., Como Park Ski Chalet (651) 488-9673. Sledding, cross country and downhill skiing, and some 'lumibandy' (snow hockey), pea soup and *laskiaispulla*. 1431 N. Lexington Pkwy, Saint Paul .Map: <http://tinyurl.com/2dbfqq>

Feb 16 FACA Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m., at the home of Kara Middleton

Feb 18 FACA Program *Laskiainen* Celebration (See page 1 for more info).

Feb 18–21 Family Weekend *Salolampi* Finnish Language Village For more info: www.salolampi.org

Feb 20 Finnish Culture Through Movies Group, *Katastrofinaineksia* or *Recipes for Disaster*. Christ Church Lutheran, 3244 34th Ave South, Minneapolis. More details at: www.millenniumfilm.fi/tbr_recipes.html

Feb 23–25 *A Carnegie Hall Preview: Beethoven and Sibelius Every Season*, Carnegie Hall asks the Minnesota Orchestra to perform for New Yorkers—and here's your chance to experience the program Manhattan is waiting for. Osmo Vänskä is known the world over for his Sibelius interpretations, music that is the Orchestra's strong suit as well. When the astonishing violinist Lisa Batiashvili joins in to perform Beethoven's only violin

concerto, it's a case of success upon success—a high point of the season! Contact the Minnesota Orchestra for times and prices. www.minnesotaorchestra.org

Feb 26 Important Events in Finnish History. How events in Finland impacted emigration from Finland. Coordinated by Richard Tormanen. Finnish Genealogy Group of Minnesota 9:30 a.m., Meetings at the Plymouth Apostolic Church 11015 Old County Road 15.

Feb 27 "Skylarks on a Stone: Women Voices of the Kalevala"—a benefit for Ancestral Fires, 2:00 p.m., Open Eye Theatre, Minneapolis. (See page 4 for more info).

Feb 27 Nordic Contemplative Evening Prayer. Markings. Guests: Saana Ensemble. Evening Prayer liturgy has been the usual prayer of the early Christian church. 6:51 p.m., 1935 St. Clair Avenue., St. Paul (651) 699-6886, pilgrim@pilgrmistpaul.org

Mar 1 Application deadline for FACA scholarships to *Salolampi*; \$100 and \$200 available for relatives of a FACA member. Contact Kathleen Jackson at (651)739-3102 for information and application.

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