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New Board of Directors

A new Board of Directors was elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Finlandia Association of Thunder Bay. A huge 'thank you' to the outgoing board members, and a 'welcome' to the new board!

President – Bruce Krupp

Vice President – Michel Beaulieu

Treasurer – Eila McLean

Secretary – Donna Gardiner

President, The Hoito – Cindy Salo

Vice President , The Hoito – Paula Haapanen

Past President – Ray Wataja

Mauri Ahokas

Pirjo Einola

Anja Erwin

Nathan Hatton

Eric Riekko

All of us have been busy since the election reviewing financial statements, understanding the restaurant operations, getting up to speed on important issues and getting to know each other. There are many important issues that are facing the members of the FATB, and we would like your feedback on the priority items.

Issues we face include:

Financial Stability

Membership Growth

Revenue Sources

Building & Capital Improvements

Tapiola Park

Cultural Awareness & Heritage

We will be announcing a Member Appreciation Evening sometime in October where we can meet and discuss concerns.

Hoito Menu Update

Cindy, Paula and Eila have been busy analyzing The Hoito's financial results and performance indicators, and have made a decision to modernize the menu.

You will notice a new menu that highlights the traditional Finnish foods we so much enjoy.



Tourists often have The Hoito on their 'must see' list, as important as a visit to Kakabeka Falls or the Sleeping Giant. The new menu will tempt them with other Finnish delicacies, such as Finnish pancakes with strawberries, open-faced saltfish sandwiches, beet and herring salad, and meatballs with lingonberry sauce. The dinner menu will change daily, offering a variety to diners and to the staff.

Our goal is to have more local and seasonal items on the menu—plump tomatoes, new potatoes and just-dug vegetables.

Please let us know what you think!

Finn Fest 2016

The 2016 Finnish Canadian Grand Festival will begin on Friday, June 24th at 4pm at the historic Finnish Labour Temple, known internationally for The Hoito restaurant.

In the opening ceremonies, local Canadian performers will be joined by the Kivajat Finnish American Dance Group. Throughout the weekend, festival goers will enjoy a variety of activities at the Finlandia Hall, Tapiola Park, Waverly Resource Library, Prince Arthur Waterfront Hotel and the Lakehead Unitarian Fellowship Church.

Evening dances will be held, with performances by Pelimanni Orchestra, 21 Gun Fun, Quest and Conga Se Menne. Activities explore several aspects of Finnish culture, including dance and musical performances, fashion shows, films and lectures, arts and crafts exhibits, Finnish games and a Nordic walk.

A special dinner with the Finnish Ambassador is planned for Saturday evening at the Prince Arthur Waterfront Hotel. Tickets are \$60 each, and available by contacting anybody on the Finn Fest 2016 committee.

On Sunday, the activities continue at Tapiola Park, featuring family friendly activities, on-stage entertainment and even a wife-carrying contest!



Registration for the entire weekend is \$15, although other charges may apply to some events.

For a complete list of Finn Fest 2016 events, please visit:

www.finnfestival2016.com

We look forward to seeing you there!

Website Changes

One of the comments we have struggled with is the disappearance of The Finlandia and The Hoito websites. To that end, we are making progress on a new website, web page and update our email addresses to ensure consistency in our online presence and messaging.

Please bear with us while we get this sorted out!

We hope you enjoy the changes that are in the works, and we hope to meet you at the General Meeting in July!

Sincerely,

the Board of Directors