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Director Update

We are sorry to report that three of our Board members have resigned. Michel Beaulieu, Ron Harpell and Nathan Hatton, have decided to pursue other activities. We wish them well in the future, and thank them for their contributions.

Pirjo Einola has graciously accepted the position of Vice President.

The Board will continue to operate with the remaining 10 members.

President – Bruce Krupp

Vice President – Pirjo Einola

Treasurer – Eila MacLean

Secretary – Donna Gardiner

Past President – Ray Wataja

President, The Hoito – Cindy Salo

Vice President , The Hoito – Paula Haapanen

Mauri Ahokas

Anja Erwin

Erik Riekko

New Website

We have a new website www.thefinlandia.com thanks to the hard work and computer know-how of Kalle Kauranen! This site will be updated regularly with information on upcoming events, goings-on at the hall, and general information for our members. Please send us photos you would like be added to the gallery.

All board members, the Hoito Manager and Tapiola Park each have a new email address, so feel free to contact them directly with questions or concerns. To contact a board member, their email address will be their first name (lower case), then the email address @thefinlandia.com For example, Bruce Krupp is bruce@thefinlandia.com.

Tapiola Park tapiolapark@thefinlandia.com

Hoito Manager hoito@thefinlandia.com

Hoito Menu Update

The new menu was introduced at the Hoito Restaurant earlier this month, and we are receiving very positive feedback from customers. There are still issues to resolve with the menu but we are working hard to get things on track.

You can preview the new menu on the website but please stop by and check it out!

Customer survey cards have been distributed in the restaurant for the past month, and results are being tabulated now. There were many more breakfast results than lunch or dinner, so we have asked the servers to distribute the surveys to the afternoon and evening guests so we have a balanced representation.

And, a new 4' x 4' chalk board will soon be hung on the Algoma Street wall so the daily specials and menu options will be easy to read.

We thank you for your continued patronage during this transition period.

Finn Fest 2016

Finn Fest 2016 was a great success, and many, many thanks go to the organizing committee for their hard work. It takes much hard work and many hours to organize such a big event, so please give the organizing committee and the volunteers a round of applause!

Mother Nature put on a great show Saturday so many activities were moved indoors, but she brought the sunshine on Sunday to Tapiola Park.

We thank everybody for attending.

Friends of the Finlandia

There are many events throughout the year that cannot take place without the help of volunteers. We thought of setting up a group where members of the community, the neighbourhood and partner and affiliate groups could sign up as "Friends of the Finlandia" to find information on when and where they could volunteer. Our current mailing list is fairly short, but we know there are so many more of you who would enjoy lending a hand and joining in on.

Pirjo and Kalle will be setting up links on Facebook and on www.thefinlandia.com for those of you who would like to sign up.

Murillo Country Fair

We have a fundraising opportunity this month to showcase the Hoito's great Finnish pancakes! On August 18, 19 and 20th, in partnership with Bay Meats Butcher Shop, we will be serving up our delicious Finnish pancakes, breakfast sausages and ham to hungry campers, rodeo participants and fair guests from 7am to 11am. If we have lots of volunteers, we can extend our hours to later in the day as well.

Volunteers are needed on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evening to cook pancakes at the Hoito, and on Friday, Saturday and Sunday mornings to serve food and do cleanup duties. It's a great chance for us to generate some funds, and it's a great chance for you to check out all of the rodeo activities.

Please contact any board member if you can help.

Upcoming Events

August 3 – Meeting of the Board of Directors

August 4 – Tapiola Ski Memberships available for sale

August 17 – Meeting of the Board of Directors

August 18 – Finnish Friendship & War Veterans Picnic at Tapiola Park

October 2 – Thunder Bay's 7th Annual Culture Days with local Finnish entertainers, a Mojakka Cook Off and other activities

October 10 – Ora Choir from Finland

October 19 – Member Appreciation Evening

October 28 to 30 – Haunted Forest at Tapiola Park