

## **Finnish Room Committee/Finlandia Foundation Pittsburgh Chapter**

November 28, 2005

Dear Members and Friends,

December has started and our Christmas Party is on the way. **The Finnish Christmas Party will be at the University of Pittsburgh in Room 1228, the Cathedral of Learning, on Sunday, December 18, starting at 3 PM.** We have had our party there some times before. It is a nice room and there is a kitchen with several ovens to heat our casseroles. As before, you need to make reservations so we know how many are coming and how much kinkku (ham) we need. We must buy some items, and for that we need money. So the price is still \$8 per person and \$4 for a child under 16, and children 6 and under are free. If you have not paid your dues you can add the amount of the dues, \$10, to your check. You need to bring your Christmas dish and a present for your child. We provide a kinkku and coffee. The party starts at 3 PM and we will be out by 6 or 7. A school day is following and there is no need to stay up late.

**Sunday, December 4, from noon to 4 PM, is the International Classrooms' Open House in the Cathedral.** We will be selling our baked goods there in the Commons Room. Anyone is welcome to watch the programs and to help at the sales table. Please make some cookies or any other of your favorite recipes that we can sell on our table. We can also sell tree decorations, candles, and any other small items. They should be Finnish, however anything you make yourself may also be used. All items will be donated and if any are left they can be taken back.

**The Room Project** has taken a large step forward. We need your donations and cooperation now more than ever. Professor Architect Anna-Maija Ylimaula visited us in September. Two classrooms were chosen as candidates for the Finnish Heritage Classroom. The rooms are numbers 306 and 329 on the third floor of the Cathedral. These rooms, which are different in size and character, will be featured in a design competition that Prof Ylimaula has arranged for Finnish architectural students. All three architecture schools in Finland are taking part in this competition and participation will be credited as course work. The creator of the winning design will be awarded a trip to Frank Lloyd Wright's Fallingwater in Mill Run, Pennsylvania. The winning design from the competition should be ready by March, and then we are expecting Anna-Maija Ylimaula to visit us again. Architect John Sadar from Philadelphia, who has studied architecture in Helsinki, is assisting Prof Ylimaula with this competition.

Architect Laura Welsh in Pittsburgh is interested in implementing the winning design in the Cathedral of Learning, in room number 306 or 329, as appropriate. Laura works at the same architectural firm as the Danish Room architect, Ostergaard, and was recommended by Sally Morton.

**Please send you reservations for the Christmas Party to Sally Morton, 5532 Wilkins Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15217-1210, by December 12 and let her know how you can help in our fundraising.**

Wishing you all a Very Joyous Christmas Season,

Seija Cohen

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Christmas Party:

Adults (\$8 /each): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Children under 16 (\$4 /each): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Children under 6 are free.

Total for party: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Dues (\$10/person): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Contribution to Finnish Room: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total payment: \$ \_\_\_\_\_