

Finnish Room Committee / Finlandia Foundation Pittsburgh Chapter

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Dear Finnish Committee members and all Finns alike,

Now we can all come together to create our project, the **Finnish Nationality Classroom** at the University of Pittsburgh. The beginning of next week will be very interesting. **Anna-Maija Ylimaula, professor of architecture at Oulu University** in Finland, is coming to Pittsburgh to view the Nationality Rooms and meet the University architects. She arrives Saturday evening, September 24, and will be here all day on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. On Sunday morning she will tour the Cathedral of Learning and select a suitable classroom for the Finnish room. Monday and Tuesday mornings are reserved for meetings at the University. I will host a Pot Luck **Open House on Sunday in Monroeville from 3 to 6 PM** for committee members to meet Professor Ylimaula, who will be the Finnish Designer for our room.

Anyone interested in meeting her on Monday or Tuesday or attending the meeting at the University, should please call Sally at 412-422-9709 or me at 412-372-6876 for the time and place. On Monday, John Sadar from Philadelphia, who has studied architecture in Helsinki University, will be joining Anna-Maija Ylimaula in Pittsburgh.

You are also invited to the **Scandinavian Society October Dinner on October 8**. This is an interesting occasion for us since the entertainer at the dinner is no one else but **Richard Koski, the Finlandia Foundation Performer of Year 2005**. As you already know, he was nominated by the *Finlandia Foundation Pittsburgh Chapter* and was the unanimous winner of this award. Richard Koski has performed with Carl Rahkonen, which was a factor in his nomination. The Finger Lake Finns, of which Richard Koski is a member, are now joining the Finlandia Foundation by becoming a chapter. Please come to hear Richard Koski. He is a living proof that Finnish culture is alive in this country.

We have revised our flyer and it is available from our website. Please make copies of it and distribute it to your friends. Also remember to include it in your Christmas mailings.

It is also time to send your dues. (You should have just received the Finlandia Foundation newsletter.) The dues are still **\$10** and this will include membership of both the Finlandia Foundation and Finnish Room Committee. Please make your check payable to **Sally Morton** and mail it to her at **5532 Wilkins Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15217**. Also do not forget to contribute to the Finnish Room Project. You can add your contribution to the membership check or write a separate check to the University of Pittsburgh (Memo: 'Finnish Room Committee'). You can always go to our web: www.pittsburghfinns.org and find information in our flyer on how to contribute directly.

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