

New Year, New Opportunities!

The Annual Meeting is getting close, and you will have an opportunity to tell us what you liked and what you didn't like. You will also get an opportunity to enjoy a nice dinner in good company and see and hear performances that will lift your spirits.

Looking back to FFPC activities during the term of the current Board I feel that both the Board and the members have learned to know each other better than before. We started low, but the energy that the Board and some of the members have put into the events has made us more visible and more known to you, our member Finns and Friends of Finland. We will continue on a similar path going forward.

FFPC is for the members and the members have an opportunity to make us a better chapter of Finlandia Foundation. The Board has commitment and capacity, and we need members to step in and offer your energy, time and skills to the activities that make us want to come to the meetings and events. We exist to offer culture and arts, but we also exist as a social group, where the members feel good about meeting each other. Everybody has talent and skills, and I urge you to offer your help in making things happen.

I believe last year gave you all opportunities to get at least something from FFPC. Please support your chapter in 2011 by renewing your membership or by joining FFPC, if you are not a member yet. We will make the year worth your membership fee, and I want to remind you that your donations to our non-profit organization are tax deductible. FFPC gets a benefit, you get a benefit.

Best regards, see you in the Annual Meeting, at the Mannerheim Dinner and other coming events!



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