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Reunion 2008!

Finlandia University Welcomes Alumni June 27-29

HANCOCK – An all-school, all-class Finlandia University and Suomi College alumni reunion takes place next week, June 27-29, on the Finlandia campus. More than 150 alumni and friends are expected for the three-day event.

The reunion gives special recognition to the Suomi College Class of 1958, and all graduates of the Suomi Theological Seminary, which merged with the Chicago Lutheran Seminary in 1958.

The official festivities start at 8:00 a.m., Friday, June 27, with registration at Finlandia Hall, and breakfast in the Mannerheim cafeteria. A kick-off welcome dinner is Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. at Finlandia Hall, when several alumni awards will be presented.

Also scheduled on Friday, June 27, are a golf outing in Calumet, a Red Jacket Trolley tour guided by retired national parks superintendent Frank Fiala, and gatherings for the classes of 1953-1954 and 1940-1950.

Saturday, June 28, begins in Finlandia Hall from 7:00 to 9:00 a.m. with breakfast and a “met and married” get-together for couples who met at Suomi College or Finlandia University.

Also Saturday, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Finnish American Heritage Center, several presentations about the history of the college and seminary are featured, and Finlandia English professor and author Lauri Anderson will conduct a book reading and signing.

Lunch on campus Saturday features the Copper Country pasty, followed by alumni basketball and hockey games at 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m., respectively. The classes of 1960-1962 and 1957-58 will also gather Saturday afternoon.

Saturday evening starting at 7:00 p.m. reunion-goers have the option of a Keweenaw Star Lake Superior boat cruise or a mixer/barbecue at the Waterfront Restaurant at the Ramada Inn, Hancock.

The reunion concludes Sunday morning at 9:00 with a church service at Finlandia’s Chapel of St. Matthew. The service includes a performance by an alumni choir and special recognition of the Class of 1958 and Suomi Seminary graduates.

In conjunction with the reunion, a meeting of the ELCA Suomi Special Interest Conference takes place on campus the afternoon of Thursday, June 26.

To commemorate the event Suomi College souvenir tee-shirts are available for purchase at North Wind Books.

Registration for most Reunion 2008 events is still open. For information, please visit www.finlandia.edu, or contact Christina Mayworm, director of alumni relations, at 906-487-7205 or christina.mayworm@finlandia.edu.