

FinnFest USA – Villanova University, Philadelphia, July 26–29, 2001

The central theme this year was "Finnish-American Odyssey 1638 to 21st Century". The New Swede colony in Delaware valley from 1638 had numerous Finnish members among the pioneers.

A spectrum of the Finnish-American culture spread out in the activ-

ities and the lectures held by the participants of the conference. Director *Olavi Koivukangas* gave a lecture of the Finnish sauna in different parts of the world, and of the planned Emigrant Museum in Finland. Senior Researcher *Jouni Korhiosaari* (the Institute of Migration)

rended Emigration Register service to those Finnish-Americans who were curious of their roots in Finland. The next FinnFest will be in Minneapolis, Minnesota, in 2002.



At the FinnFest Tori the folklore hats were tried on by (from left) Mr. and Mrs. Jouni Kellokoski (President of the Kellam Knives Co. FL), Timothy Laitila Vincent (Director of the Family Sleuths. Salt Lake City, UT), Maryan Egan-Baker (Family Sleuths. Salt Lake City, UT).

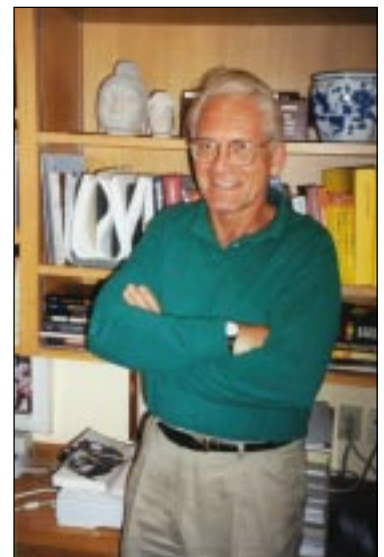


Hans Myrskog and Leena Kataja from Toronto at the banquet.

Professor John Tenhula (right), Director of the Balch Institute, Philadelphia. The Institute collects data of the emigrants arrived in the USA.



Jens Holm from Vaasa gave a lecture of emigrants music in the USA. He suggested that Vaasa, Finland would arrange FinnFest 2006 when Vaasa city celebrates her 400 years anniversary.





Honorary Consul Carl Pellonpaa (Editor, the host of Finland Calling, Ishpeming, MI) with Aimo Tervakoski (Owner of the Memories of Finland, MD).



Jouni Korkiasaari on board the "Kalmar Nyckel", replica of the historic Swedish ship that brought emigrants to Delaware in 1600's.



Floyd and Irene Harvala (Owners of Irene's Favorite Things. MN).

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