

A flurry of activity . . .

One of the joys of my involvement with **SANOMA MAUKONEN** has been having contact with **Maukonens** and those related. The beginning of 1999 has been particularly active both with maintaining existing connections and becoming acquainted with new people. On this page we describe the new contacts in the first five months of 1999. On page 2, you'll find some photos of young family members. As well, there is a supplement about Neil Maukonen, Sr.



From Ohio

by Lois Graff
(Conneaut, OH)

"Dear Bret, Thank you so much for your recent newsletter (*that is . . . Vol 3, No. 2*). I am Arne **Maukonen's** daughter and the youngest sister of Larry **Maukonen** (Oregon). I am a multi-handicap teacher, mother of two sons and an adorable granddaughter (now 2 years old)."

Lois also provided the addresses for her son, Denny, who lives in Florida and for her sister, Linda. My contact with Denny resulted in an exchange of e-mail and he sent a family tree of the Ohio Maukonens that he has been working on with information provided by Gertrude Maukonen (Conneaut, OH).



From Finland

Lauri Vuorinen & family
(Espoo, Suomi)

Early in January, I received an e-mail message from Lauri Vuorinen of Espoo, Finland. He is married to Riitta (née **Maukonen**). Their daughter, Henrika, is studying English at Tampere University. Lauri indicated that his brother-in-law, Jyrki, had been doing some research about the **Maukonens**. He also identified himself as a ship's captain on the motor tanker "Tervi" with the Finnish company Neste Oy and that sparked quite an exchange of e-mail in which we discussed conditions on the ships. In one of his e-mail messages, Lauri mentioned the 150th anniversary of **Kalevala**. There is a short description of this piece of Finnish literature in the sidebar on page 3.



From Finland

Jyrki Maukonen & family
(Espoo, Suomi)

Jyrki **Maukonen** e-mailed me shortly after initial contact with Lauri and there has also been an active exchange of e-mail with his family as well as two "chat" sessions on ICQ. I have been getting to know about Jyrki and his wife, Hannele, and their two daughters, Sari and Mirka who also live in Espoo. They shared information which I have permission to convey in **SANOMA MAUKONEN**.

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Adam (son of Laura-Jeanne and Michael McMullen) of Barrie, Ontario had his "baby" picture shown in Vol. 2, No. 2. Adam was "youngest" person at the 1997 **Maukonen Get Together**. Here he's showing his Christmas delight as a 1½-year old.



Marilyn Rhinehalt of Olmstead Falls, Ohio sent along this picture of her twin granddaughters, Madeline and Macie Petrich. Marilyn's initial greeting was included in Vol. 2, No. 3 of **Sanoma Maukonen**.

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The Year 2000 for *Maukonens*

What plans do you have for celebrating the beginning question of all *Maukonens* in North America and Finland.

After three annual **Get Togethers** in Orillia, Ontario, we took a "pass" on 1999 and are planning a special one for September of the year 2000. The event will be for a whole weekend and the suggested location is Stanton House Lodge on Sparrow Lake. All meals and accommodation can be cared for in that location and so, everybody attending will have more time for socializing. Further details will follow about our Canadian event.

Please tell us if your family or cluster is planning anything special. We'd like to include it here and ... by the way ... are we invited?



Wayne Maukonen

Oct. 28, 1940 - May 6, 1999

We extend our sympathies to the family of Wayne *Maukonen* who passed away on May 6, 1999 in Peterborough, Ontario.

Wayne was the son of Eric and Jean (both deceased). He is survived by two sisters, Shirley-Jean and Linda, and by his two sons, Eric and David, and a daughter, Laurie.

150th Anniversary of *The Kalevala*

"The Kalevala marked an important turning-point for Finnish-language culture and caused a stir abroad as well. It brought a small, unknown people to the attention of other Europeans, and bolstered the Finns' self-confidence and faith in the possibilities of a Finnish language and culture. The Kalevala began to be called the Finnish national epic."

More information about the Kalevala and other features of Finnish culture may be obtained at the website:

<http://virtual.finland.fi>

Jane M. Maukonen (*nee Pizzi*)

March 15, 1936 - Feb. 11, 1999

Jane passed from this life on February 11, 1999 in Conneaut, Ohio. She is survived by her mother and sister; Darrell her husband of 42 years; daughters, Mary and Donna; sons, Anthony and Joseph; and five grandchildren.

A number of the family members indicated how helpful and involved Jane was in their lives. On behalf of *Maukonens*, we wish to express our sympathy to Jane's family upon her passing.

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Jyrki is Managing Director of Solotop Oy (Helsinki) a company which manufactures, exports, and imports scale systems and distributes queue systems, safety products, and air tube transport systems mostly for supermarkets. (If you're on the Internet, you might visit the company's website at www.solotop.fi and they have an English version) He has interest in local politics, reading, and cooking.

Hannele is an accountant in a firm that provides accountancy services for small companies. Her hobbies include many handcrafts (knitting, making clothes, lace-making, Tiffany glasswork, felt-making), photography, and making videos for personal use.

Sari *Maukonen* turned 18 in April and is a second-year student at The English School of Helsinki. She enjoys working with different languages and exchanges e-mail with foreign people. Along with Hannele, she does Tiffany glasswork and felt-making.

Mirka will be 14 in June. She enjoys reading (Finnish and English books), painting, photography, and journalling. In the winter, she follows ice hockey and, in the summer, Finnish baseball (pesäpallo).

Jyrki's family sent me a file showing their *Maukonen* lineage and relatives and Hannele directed me to the *Genealogical Society of Finland* website which has an on-line genealogical search (The address is www.genealogia.fi). As well, Hannele sent an e-mail with information about a *Maukonen Family Society* which I have included below.

Subject: The Maukonen Family Society
From: "Maukonen" <jyrki.maukonen@dlc.fi>

Date: Thu, 4 Mar 1999 23:15:40 +0200
To: <maukonen@itcanada.com>

Hello Bret, Thanks for your e-mail.

I've had a very successful day today concerning our genealogy. Today I called a couple of congregations and the last one gave me the number of the chairman of the Maukonen Family Society, Olli Maukonen. I talked with him and he gave me a few names to contact if some problems occur during the research. He will send me some information about his branch of the Maukonen family tree. It is very close to our branch. I will also send him our two family trees, which we had done earlier.

He told me also that in the summer of 2000 here in Finland (Rautalampi?) there will be the next family meeting. There is one person who is going to collect all the family trees together for that meeting. The Maukonen Family Society is going to make its own family coat-of-arms, too.

In 1979, Jyrki and I participated in the Maukonen family meeting and that was the year it was established. We have registered today as members of the Maukonen Family Society and now we can get all the information they will produce in the future. We can tell you all the news you might want to have.

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