

*News from the Finnish Room Committee, Member of the Finnish Expatriate Parliament/  
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Hello Everyone,

Happy New Year!

2018 has already started and is going fast. What is coming on the Finnish Room front--perhaps that is the question you have been asking and wondering if all has stopped. Not so. We are searching venues to publicize our project now more than ever. Time is of the essence for us to get the room built and running during this coming summer, 2018. Our newly founded music group will be giving concerts during the coming months; the first one is already on the way:

**A Concert of Finnish Folk Songs, Jazz Tunes, Waltzes, and Tangos on Saturday, February 3, at 7:30**

A concert of Finnish folk songs, jazz tunes, waltzes, and tangos will be performed by the Pittsburgh Finns in honor of the future Finnish Room. The concert will take place at the Unitarian Church, 605 Morewood Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15213, the same place where we had our Christmas Party. A reception will follow. The concert is free.

We hope you can attend.

You may have received the Suomi-Seura (Finland Society) newsletter. If not, you can look for it at [info@Suomi-Seura.fi](mailto:info@Suomi-Seura.fi). It is also attached. The Finnish Room Committee is now a member of the Expatriate Parliament in Finland. We expect to get support with this membership. Once we get our project known to larger audiences we will have a better chance for support not only from individuals but also from foundations, although we will continue to rely the most on your personal support and active drive for this project. Do not be shy of using our ad and other material to take the project forwards wherever you see possibilities. This is a great project to introduce anywhere. The ideal place to have a Finnish Nationality Room displaying the Finnish culture is in the Cathedral of Learning Nationality Rooms Program at the University of Pittsburgh. It is the only place in the world where 30 different ethnic cultures are viewed in one tour. Therefore, let your friends and especially other Finns, those of Finnish descent and also abroad to know about this opportunity to continue the celebration of Finnish culture even after the official festivities come to an end.

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