

SANOMA MAUKONEN

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Born in December 2006!



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"Joose" was born to Henrika (*née* Vuorinen) on December 19, 2006 weighing 3380 grams (about 7 lbs. 7 oz.). Proud grandparents are Lauri and Riitta (*née* **Maukonen**) Vuorinen.

5 km run in Barrie, Ontario

On September 30th, Laura-Jeanne (*née* **Maukonen**) and Mikayla McMullen participated together as a mother-daughter team in a fundraising run. They raised \$350 for breast cancer research.

"Mikayla and I shared a very special time together. We both didn't realize how far 5 km really is...but we did it! I was really moved and inspired by the many people we saw and met today. With the strength we witnessed today, we truly believe that breast cancer can be cured."



25th Wedding Anniversary

Family and friends of Kirk & Linda **Maukonen** gathered in Orillia, Ontario on the evening of September 30th to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary. Daughters Michelle and Stephanie (*shown at the left preparing and serving food*) did a fine job of organizing the surprise party. Siblings Kirk, Terry, and Sheryl and their mother, Mary, were together for the festivities.

More insights into Canadian Maukonen Heritage

In Vol. 11 No. 1 of **SANOMA MAUKONEN**, we provided an account of a Finnish family that had migrated to the United States in 1906. Here, we will share some heritage information discovered about Canadian **Maukonens**. The following is selected text from a number of e-mail sent to Bret **Maukonen** by Shirley-Jean Lokun, daughter of Eric **Maukonen** and Jean (*née* **Rail**). As you will read, Shirley-Jean has been doing some research about the background on both sides of her family (*the **Rail** information is in italics*).

For a very long time now, I have been intensely searching my family tree on my mother's side (*née* **Rail**). Whenever I am looking in Ontario genealogy sites, I always enter **Maukonen** as well just in case something comes up.

I think that I've struck pay dirt for our grandparents. I found their marriage information in Toronto on September 9, 1903. Do the names Topiss Mankonen or **Maukonen** plus Maria Luptior or Luption mean anything to you? I have found a record of Kalle, Edla, and Henry on a passenger list from Finland to Canada on March 16, 1910.

Expressing gratitude

This edition of **Sanoma Maukonen** has been supported by a gift from Linda and Terry **Maukonen** (Orillia, Ontario). On behalf of all who will receive this newsletter, our thanks go out to Linda and Terry.

I am so excited to think I've perhaps made a documented discovery to contribute to our **Maukonen** family tree. It is one of my dearest wishes to be able to leave as complete a family tree on both my mother's and my father's side as I can leave as a legacy for my grandchildren and others.

I've been continuing in my quest to find out more about our grandparents. I stumbled onto a family tree that starts with Kalle Maukonen

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(d.o.b. April 4, 1879) s/o Tobias **Maukonen** (d.o.b. June 28, 1846) + Maria Lustig; married to Edla Rautanen and Emma (Erricson) Halme. Tobias (our great grandpa) was the s/o Elias **Maukonen** + Maria Savolainen.

My mom (Jean) and dad (Eric) were very close friends with a Helen Savolainen when I was young. I called her "Aunt" Helen. She lived with her brother Eric. Helen was personal secretary to the Vice President of Sears. She worked on the top floor of the Sears catalogue warehouse on Mutual Street [Toronto]. Whenever my mom wanted something from the catalogue, I would go there on the streetcar and Aunt Helen would order it for me with her employee discount. She also always took her coffee break with me and took me to the staff cafeteria for a piece of cake and Coca Cola (a real rare treat for me). Of course, I really liked her. Not just for the treats but because she treated me like a grown up (although I was only about 10 years old). I remember her very fondly. If she and her brother were descended from Maria Savolainen (our great-great grandmother) then we were actually related.

A little over a year ago, while researching my mom's family [Rail], I miraculously found a cousin (by marriage) on the Internet. Her father-in-law was my grandmother's brother. She didn't know he had any siblings. I thought my grandmother was an only child. We were amazed that they (her father-in-law and my grandmother) had five more siblings. We teamed up together and have jointly researched these ancestors since then. We have become friends since then. She went to Mattawa (where a lot of our ancestors came from) for a few days last fall to try and research them more and insisted on taking me with her. We discovered a lot of neat things. We found that our great grandfather (born in Quebec in 1844) is buried there in a family plot along with my grandfather, two of my uncles, and a few others.

I may have told you in a previous message that I have been actively looking for our grandparents in the 1911 Canadian census to see where they lived. So far, I haven't been successful but the actual census sheets haven't all been transcribed yet and I haven't found them yet. Of course I expect the spelling of **Maukonen** to be altered so I always look for any other possible translated spellings.

*In my research of my mom's side, I have just discovered a French Canadian cousin (4th or 5th removed). He has helped me route out my grandfather's line back to St. Malo, France in 1568. This has been exciting for me. He also told me about a book he owns published in 2001 by another distant cousin chronicalling our Rehel-Rail line all the way back. He told me it also includes my mom's marriage info. He told me the book said she married Erick Mausomline s/o Carl **Maukonen** and Ida Alquilst in Sudbury. I know when Grandma Edla died, he lived with his "cousins" Mary, Salli, Signe and John Alquist until he was 12 and was brought up (until then) by their mother "Mama Alquist" but, still, it surprised me that, at the age of 23 he considered Mama Alquist to be his mother on his marriage license rather than his stepmother Emma. I guess this will be just one more of our family mysteries.*

The other mystery I am curious about is that I was told, when I was very young, that Grandma Edla died when my dad [Eric] was born. I don't know if that means she died giving birth to him or not. When I find Edla's date of death, this mystery will be solved.

I keep in touch regularly with Aunt Daisy by phone. She has always been like a second mother to me since I was a very young child and I love her very much. We usually end up reminiscing about earlier years. I enjoy it when she talks about the "old days." In a recent conversation, she told me she actually knew Grandpa **Maukonen** before she had even met Uncle Norman [eventually to become her husband]. I must remember to ask her next time I phone her about how she met Uncle Norman and if it was Grandpa [Kalle] **Maukonen** who introduced them to each other.

90th Birthday Celebration

On March 3, 2007, Agnes **Maukonen** (a.k.a Aunt Daisy; see article above) celebrated her 90th birthday in Orillia, Ontario. Agnes is the last surviving spouse among those who were married to the five Maukonen "boys," sons of Kalle and Edla **Maukonen**.

It seems, when she was a single young woman, she was working in a coffee shop near the tailor shop where Grandpa worked (either near to or on Bay Street in Toronto) and he used to come in for his coffee break every day. She told me he was a "very nice man." It was nice to hear that so I thought I would share it with you.

This is the only edition of **SANOMA MAUKONEN** for 2007. I had received some bits of information late in 2006 and earlier this year but, unfortunately, not enough to produce a newsletter until now. Take note of my new e-mail address > maukonen@gmail.com. Please send along your pictures and family news with permission to reprint the information in this newsletter. With more pictures and news, I can generate more editions!

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