



ScandiNews

Scandinavian Club of Columbus

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April 2008

2007-2008 Events

Danish Night	Apr. 19
Norwegian Night **NEW DATE	** May 10
Midsommar	June 21

The April Meeting will be held at the Covenant Presbyterian Church in Upper Arlington. Social hour is at 6:00, dinner at 7:00, and the program begins at 8:00. Adults: \$10 for members, \$15 for guest adults. Children's prices are: Ages 0-6 free, ages 7-16 members \$3 and guests \$5, ages 17-21 and students \$6.

The Skandi-Kaffe Group will meet on Thursday, Apr. 24 at La Chatelaine, 627 High Street in Worthington from 9:30 am to 11:00 am. Come join us!

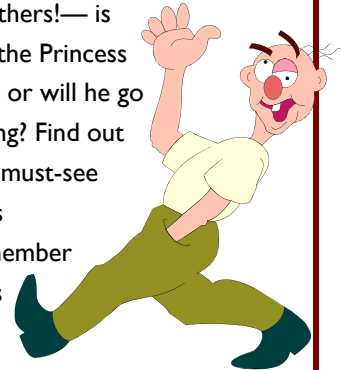


Hans Christian Andersen's Tale: Jack the Dullard

To celebrate Danish night this year, a play will be performed based on Hans Christian Andersen's tale "Jack the Dullard." (See right. Unfortunately, this is the best picture we could find of Jack!) This year, the cast is made up of young international actors, some of whom you've already met at previous meetings! The tale has been adapted for our stage by member Adam Carl, currently a sophomore at Upper Arlington High School.

In this classic story, Jack the Dullard hears of a

contest to marry a Princess, but the competition—his brothers!—is fierce. Will he marry the Princess and become the King, or will he go back to a life of farming? Find out in this one-time only, must-see performance, which is appropriate for any member of the club, regardless of age.



Other News

The Swedish-American Chamber of Commerce will kick-off its Columbus-area chapter on April 23rd with a reception and networking event at the New Albany Country Club. Speakers will present on development opportunities for Swedish-based companies in our region. Our club president, Bob Holm, plans to attend. If you are interested in going along, feel free to call Bob at 841-3514. For more information, and to RSVP, please call 614-441-8972 or go to <http://www.sacc-ohio.org/about.html>

The Ashville Viking Festival will be held on April 26 and 27 in Ashville, Ohio. Visitors are welcome to come see the Norseman, a replica of a real Viking longship, on Friday, April 25th. The festival on Saturday and Sunday is an assembly of Viking arts, crafts, and re-enactments. For more information, go to www.ashvillevikingfest.com.

The flag of the Kingdom of Norway will be raised and flown over the Ohio Statehouse in honor of Syttende Mai – Norway's Constitution Day. Come and attend the flag raising ceremony, hosted by the Governor's Office on Friday, May 16, 2008. (Meet at 11:30 on the West plaza of the Capitol.) For details, contact Esther Charlton of the Sons of Norway at 513-923-3798

The Nordic Tenors will once again be performing in Sarnia, Canada. They are also bringing 2 sopranos this year. The visit is sponsored by United Way so we want as many Danes in Ontario surrounding states to know about this. More information will follow but save the date — June 26th. This is a great chance to hear some Danish songs along with an international program. The Danish Sisterhood is also planning a pre-show get-together. For more information, contact Jonna Easterby at 519-542-1737 (Canada) or agerso@hotmail.com.



Message from the Dinner Chair

Time is really flying. The first quarter of 2008 is already behind us and there are only two more dinners and the midsummer picnic left before the end of this club year.

I would like to express a huge THANK YOU to Steinn and Kristin Jonson for being in charge of last month's Icelandic Dinner. The leg of lamb was wonderful and a nice change. We had a hard working committee and everything ran smoothly. Many thanks to:

March 15, 2008 Iceland

Steinn and Laura Jonsson (Captains)

Elizabeth Firth
Paul Holmberg
Anna Kimly
Steven Long and Volunteer Guest: Grace Murphy
Alan and Sigrid Lubell
Warren and Sandy Powell

Young Kristine Jonsson and Tomas Kimly were also a great help. It is so much fun when the children can get involved and it's amazing what kinds of little jobs we can find for them to do - and I think they truly loved it.

I'm going to list the people who are on the remaining three committees. **Please note that the May dinner has been changed from the 17th to the 10th.**

I'm looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at next month's dinner. Debbie and Kevin Skarsten always do a great job and it looks like they have a wonderful committee.

Grete Davidsen-Kidwell,
Dinner Chair

April 19, 2008 Denmark

Debbie and Kevin Skarsten (Captains)

Sine-Marie and John Ayres
Charles and Harriet Carlson
James and Inger Gilbert
Lynne Hlavin
Ken and Wilma Johnsen
Bob and Lorraine Jurgensen
Don and Karen Larson
Helen McBride
Latonya Poindexter
Trygve and Ruth Skarsten

May 10, 2008 Norway** NEW DATE

Jim and Reidun Villella (Captains)

Morten and Kristine Haugland
Blaine and Anne Marie Hoalst
Roy Lovendahl
Ernest and Ardyce Park
Marilyn Paulsen
Lyle and Arma Schmidt
Benjamin and Shannon Stenberg
Gail Svendsen

June 21, 2008 Picnic at Highbanks Park

Ed Kidwell and Grete Davidsen-Kidwell (Captains)

Timothy and Pia Cahill
Timothy Dickey and Jennifer Hambrick
Johanna DeStefano
Glenn Kranking
Michael Lindner

Sad News for the Scandinavian Club



CARLSON Randy Carlson left us on March 30, 2008, at Mt. Carmel West Hospital. He was born July 17, 1922, in Menominee, Michigan, and was only 11 days shy of the 60 year anniversary of his marriage to his beloved wife, E. J. Carlson. He served 4 years in the US Army during World War II. Randy was well known within the Columbus Real Estate Community where he spent most of his career at the Holzer Wollam Company. He will be greatly missed by many friends, and in particular will create a void within the Scandinavian Club of Columbus. He was also active with the Worthington Shrine Club. Friends are welcome between 2 and 4 p.m. on April 10 at Dance Reach, 10516 Sawmill Rd., Powell 614-766-1359. The family requests that donations be made to the Danish Immigrant Museum at Box 178, Elk Horn, IA 51531.

Letter from the President — April 2008

Just as I was preparing to write my April President's letter I learned of the passing of Randy Carlson. I know I speak for all of the Scandinavian Club members in expressing appreciation for Randy's life and for his many decades of service to the Club, and we extend our sympathies to EJ for her loss.

Our April 19 dinner will be Danish Night, which will be a fitting tribute to Randy for his Danish heritage, as well as EJ's. Note that the Danish flag is flying in the background of my photo, taken by Mary this past summer, as our overnight ferry from Oslo arrived in Copenhagen. We had a wonderful day in Copenhagen, including seeing the home of Hans Christian Andersen once again. Our program for April will feature a Hans Christian Andersen production, organized by Adam Carl, son of our ScandiNews Editor. It should be lots of fun!

Also, please be sure to note the new date for our Norwegian Dinner — **May 10th.**



In closing, I want to express special thanks to Ed and Carol Savolaine and Harry Wickstrom who have volunteered to stand for election to the Board.

We will be having the election at our April 19 meeting.

Sincerely yours,
Bob Holm, President 2007-08

Brand New Member!

Scandinavian Club Members: Pia and Tim Cahill of Worthington had a daughter 2/27/08 named Kiersten Brit Cahill.

She joins brothers Patrick and Teddy. Pia is daughter of Steen and Veslemoy Bech-Nielsen (former members) who now live in Denmark.



Board members are still needed for the next term. Please contact any current Board

member to discuss roles and responsibilities. The Club needs your help to continue its long-standing tradition of honoring Scandinavian culture and heritage!

Congratulations to the Cahill Family on its newest member!

Please call Carol Wickstrom at 614-263-9392 with any updates or corrections to the roster.





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Scandinavian Club Board Minutes From March

DATE: Sunday March 16 at the home of Bob Holm

Members Present: Bob Holm, Grete Davidsen-Kidwell, Ed Kidwell, Tammy Carl, Carol Wickstrom, Arvo Pikkarainen, Caitlin Kilkka and Katy Rasor.

President Bob Holm called the meeting to order. The minutes were approved.

REPORTS:

Secretary reported cards were sent to Sven Lundstedt and Marge Stevenson.

TREASURER: Ed Kidwell reported 87 people attended the meeting. There were 11 no shows and late cancellations while 16 people with no reservations came. The club had a loss of \$246.33 for the dinner. The Treasury balance is \$12,556.24. The club will investigate reinstatement of general liability insurance.

PROGRAM: Program ideas for the April meeting were discussed.

MEMBERSHIP: There were no new members. Carol shared newsletters from other Scandinavian clubs.

DINNER CHAIR: Grete thanked her committee for preparing and serving an outstanding meal. **The May meeting, Norwegian Night, has been changed to May 10.** The church has scheduled an event of their own for our previously scheduled date.

CALLING COMMITTEE: No report

PROPERTY: Arvo asked that he be notified a month in ahead of the meeting if audio video equipment is needed for the program.

SCANDINEWS: 85 newsletters were mailed and 36 were e-mailed.

NEW BUSINESS: The Board is preparing nominations for election in April. Carol Savolaine and Ed Savolaine and Harry Wickstrom have volunteered to run for the board.

OLD BUSINESS: None

The next meeting will be at the home of Caitlin Kilkka on April 20 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Katy Rasor