

April 2009

SCANDINEWS

The Scandinavian Club of Columbus, P.O.Box 14296, Columbus, OH 43214. www.netwalk.com/~scandiclub/

*OUR Club year ends June 30th
Remaining meetings are:

May 16 Church 5 pm
Norwegian Night

June 21 North Shelter
Highbanks Metro Park
Midsummer Picnic

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Club Activities will resume on  
September 19, 2009  
with our  
**Scandinavian  
Breakfast Picnic**  
at Antrim Park Shelter House

## Club Library

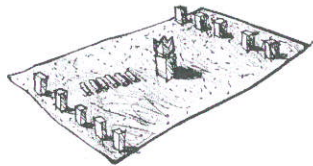
Our Club Library is stored at  
the Church - a few books  
are put out whenever we meet...

\* A few books are missing...

Please check to see if you have  
returned all materials.

Donations  
with a Scandinavian  
interest are always appreciated!

## KUBB Practice



**Everyone Welcome!**

2:30-4 pm, Sat. April 11<sup>th</sup>

2:30-4 pm, Sat. May 2<sup>nd</sup>

Whetstone Park of Roses  
in Clintonville  
(down by the river)

\*Bring your own set  
or play with one of ours.

## Danish Night - April 18, 2009

Covenant Presbyterian Church, Upper Arlington

Social Hour 5 pm - Dinner Served 6 pm

Adult Members \$10 Adult Guests \$15 Students 17+ \$6  
Child Member 7-16 \$3, Child Guest \$5, All children under 6 yr. Free



This will be an evening you won't want to miss! Both young and old will enjoy this animated video. The young will enjoy the animation; the "adults" will enjoy the sometimes *not so subtle* cultural nuances of the Danes and the Norwegians...a most charming way to get some insight into the close bonds between Denmark and Norway.

Why..... many Norwegians don't even realize they are actually Danish!

Come.....get a glimpse of how closely related these two countries really are.



**Ashville Viking Festival** - This year's Festival will be held Saturday April 25 & Sunday April 26 at Ohio Village Park in Ashville, OH. The Festival hours are 10 am to 5 pm both days. The festival celebrates the age of the Vikings from 1000 yrs. ago. You will see Viking re-enactors encamped in living history area doing period arts & crafts, stages featuring performing folk bands, storytelling and magicians...over 40 vendors selling FOOD, period arts & crafts, including the Kubb game (pictured at left).

**ADMISSION IS FREE** but visitors are asked to donate a food item to the Ashville Food Bank. *Volunteers are needed to man our Scand.Club booth for 1-hour shifts.* Please contact **Michael Lindner** to show your support.

**Big News: Saturday night, 7 pm, in the big tent at the Festival:** an English language premier of "**RAGNARÖK**"- **Myths & Sagas of the North**, a cross between a Scandinavian travelogue & storytelling around the campfire, as the narrator tells the story of the Viking Sagas & Viking religion - professionally produced by an Austrian documentary film company and likely the only public viewing in the USA. Movie is 1 ½ hours. Admission is \$5.00. DVD's will be sold for approx. \$40.

**Festival Directions:** take Rt. 23 south of Columbus, to South Bloomfield, turn Left on Rt.316, go into town, through 2 lights and left on Park St. - once in Ashville look for **Viking Ship signs**.

\*See related article at bottom of Page 2 - to sail on a Viking ship!

## April 2009 President's Message – Grete Davidsen-Kidwell

We had a great March Dinner and the dinner committee outdid themselves. Thank-you to Ed Kidwell, for taking the time to go onto the Icelandic Embassy's web-site and finding an authentic Icelandic Dinner Menu. For those of you that did not come, you really missed a delicious dinner and a good program.

The First Annual Presidential Spring Forward Event was held on March 29<sup>th</sup>. We had a good turnout where many topics and issues were discussed regarding the Club's future. There are truly many of you that care about its future and are willing to put in an effort to make sure our culture is preserved. We need to make changes to reflect on today's needs and in order to attract adults of all ages, as well as children. We would like to see more families with children among our membership.



Loralye, Grete and Addison

It's going to be an interesting process, new committees will need to be formed and we will need as many members as possible to help in order to make it work.

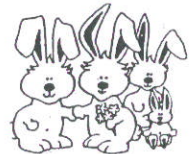
Looking ahead: this month is Dansk Aften (Danish Night). Kevin and Debbie Skarsten are in charge of this dinner, so we know it'll be great. Inger Gilbert will be hosting the program. You just have to come to experience it all. I promise you'll be glad you came.

I would like to thank Keith Gilbertson, who has graciously volunteered for nomination to one of the three positions open this year on the Board. This is Keith's first year in the Club, and this would give him ample opportunities to learn to know not only the membership, but also what it takes on the leadership level to "make the club tick"☺ Keith has a vast experience with computers, and computer programming and has helped with the updating of the Club's web-site. Please join me in thanking Keith for his interest in our Club and its continued growth.

Ladies and Gentlemen, it is now getting down to "crunch time". We still need at least two more nominees for the Board and I need for you to come forward and volunteer. You can reach me at home in the evenings between 6:30 PM – 10 PM. My phone number is 614/882-8391. You will need some basic computer skills, a positive attitude and a willingness to help lead the Club forward in the right direction. If not you, who? If not now, when?

Before I close, I want to encourage those of you who have a Danish Folk Costume to wear it to our meeting on April 18<sup>th</sup> as we celebrate Denmark.

Hilsen,  
**GRETE**



**HAPPY EASTER!**



### MORE VIKING FESTIVAL NEWS

**WHO wants to sail on the Scioto River aboard a VIKING SHIP??** This is all part of the Ashville Viking Festival. The ship will be sailing on Friday, April 24, north of Dublin and the Zoo, from the boat ramp on the Scioto River (7690 Riverside Drive, just south of Home Road) between 8 AM - 4 PM. Usually the ship goes out for 1 hour, every hour and a half all day. Our members are invited to take a sail...just go to [www.ashvillevikingfest.com](http://www.ashvillevikingfest.com) and you can fill out the preregistration in the sailing section...or take your camera and just go view the Viking Ship, not something you will see everyday in Columbus!

**RAGNARÖK"- Myths & Sagas of the North** - Movie shown at 7 pm Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at the Viking Festival. This is the English language premier of a cross between a Scandinavian travelogue and storytelling around the campfire, as the narrator tells the story of the Viking Sagas and Viking religion. This is professionally produced by an Austrian documentary film company and likely will be the only public viewing in the USA. The movie is approx. 90 minutes long. It will be shown in the big tent. Admission is \$5.00. DVD's will be sold for approx. \$40. Food will be available during the showing.

April 2009 Message From the Dinner Chair – Ed Kidwell 614/882-8391 email: ed.kidwell@iglide.net

\*There seems to be a lingering problem in making reservations for dinners, when pre-paid reservations are not required, so let me go over the procedure again:

- You will receive your Scandinews approximately 10 days before that month's meeting
- Your caller will try to reach you shortly after you've received the Scandinews
- Please let your caller know of your status by the Sunday night before the dinner
- I do not know how to prepare a "maybe" dinner, so if you are not sure, do not make a reservation - call myself or the Treasurer (Harry Wickstrom 614-885-9392) if you find out later that you can attend
- If you have not contacted your caller by the Sunday night before the dinner, or if you need to change your status after the list has been called in, please call me or the Treasurer directly

Thank you for the many compliments I received at last month's dinner. Although we had to cut-back on the social hour expenditures, I thought our Committee did a great job, with a small budget, in producing an Icelandic themed dinner and they are the ones truly deserving your compliments: Michael Babin & Kit Kilen, Ann Beal, Elizabeth Firth, Dolores & Richard Grulkowski, Marilyn (Molly) Hood, Marilyn Flor Smith Johnson, Caitlin Kilkka, Patricia Larson and Joe & Susan Rutter Wagner. Many of you had also requested the recipes for the Salmon Caesar Salad and Rice Pudding, so I will add them to the back of this message.

April 18th is Danish Night and I am sure it will be a great dinner meeting that none of you would want to miss. Please help us stay nearer to budget by **trying to get the count as accurate as possible**. Thank you.

Here are the Dinner Committee assignments for the rest of the year:

**Danish Night, Saturday 5pm - 10pm, April 18, 2009 - Covenant Presb. Church**

**Dinner Captains:** Debbie & Kevin Skarsten

**Program Narrator:** Inger Gilbert

Frank & Birgit Andersen  
Sine-Marie & John Ayres  
Betty Bryan  
Blaine & Anne Marie Hoalst

Ken & Wilma Johnsen  
Bob & Lorraine Jurgensen  
Bette Madsen  
Helen McBride

Ed & Carol Savolaine  
Trygve & Ruth Skarsten  
Dale & Gail Svendsen

**Norwegian Night, Saturday 5pm - 10pm, May 16, 2009, Covenant Presb. Church**

**Dinner Captains:** Steinn & Laura Kristin Jónsson

Rita Ayre  
Tom & Connie Grimstad  
Morten & Kristine Haugland  
Lynn & Dave Kantner

Alan & Sigrid Lubell  
Charles & Kathleen Nelson  
Marilyn Paulsen  
Warren & Sandra Powell

Katy Rasor  
Randy Treer  
Jim & Reidun Villella  
Johnerik & Susan Wenar

**Picnic at Highbanks Park, Sunday Noon - 9pm, June 21, 2009**

**Dinner Captain:** Ed Kidwell

Gail Anderson  
Paul & Vicky Crane  
Elissa Ernst

Wendy Flores  
Niels & Constance Hansen  
Bryan Noton

Jan Staats  
Michele Kuhn-Warren & Erik Warren



**Skandi-Kaffee Group** meets 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays, La Chatelaine, 627 High St. in downtown Worthington

Next coffee:  
April 23

9:30 to 11am - ALL are welcome. For an email reminder, contact  
Karen Freudenreich, (614)457-6274 or [bfreuden@columbus.rr.com](mailto:bfreuden@columbus.rr.com)



**Elwin (El) and Pat Rasmussen, 95 Crandall Drive, Worthington, OH 43085**

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El's grandparents all came to the USA from Norway and Pat's great grandparents also came from Norway. In fact, her great-aunt was born on the ship enroute to the U.S.!!