



ScandiNews

Scandinavian Club of Columbus

PO BOX 14296

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April 2007

2006-2007 Events

Danish Night April 21
Social Hour 6:00
Dinner 7:00, Program 8:00

Cost is \$10 for member adults, \$15 for guest adults, \$6 students and guest children, and \$4 member children ages 6-16. Under 5 years old are free.

Norwegian Night

May 19

Midsommar

June 16

The Club is now seeking new Board Members — please see page 4 for details!

The Skandi-Kaffe Group will meet on Thursday, April 26 at La Chatelaine, 627 High Street in Worthington from 9:30 am to 11:00 am. Come join us!



April Program — Danishness in the United States

It is with anticipated delight that The Scandinavian Club welcomes Thomas Hansen of the Danish Immigrant Museum in Elk Horn, Iowa back to Columbus as our special guest and speaker on **April 21st**. Some of you may remember Mr. Hansen from his trip to Columbus in 2005 in conjunction with the US tour of the Hans Christian Andersen Parade. Mr. Hansen will speak about “Danishness in the United States” and the history and future of The Danish Immigrant Museum. The social hour, beginning at 6:00 pm, will feature a slide presentation of the Odense players group.

The Danish Immigrant Museum was founded in 1983 to preserve the history of Danish immigration to America. In 1994 the first phase building, reminiscent of Danish architecture was completed, housing significant artifacts important to the interpretation of the Danish immigration story.

The museum's artifact collection is diverse and wide ranging. There are family heirlooms brought from Denmark, remarkable examples of needlework, tools of early immigrant tradesmen and memorabilia from Danish-American clubs and organizations. Many of the items on display are treasures which have been passed down through the generations in Danish families.

Please join us on April 21st for this very special program. We are glad to receive Mr. Hansen in Columbus once again!



Iceland President Visits The Ohio State University

Iceland President Ólafur Ragnar Grímsson visited Ohio State's campus April 2 to foster a relationship between his country and the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences. The goal is to conduct research that uses carbon to restore soil fertility while offsetting carbon emissions, as well as create political awareness of the seriousness of land degradation in the face of human misuse and natural activity. Iceland has roughly the same size land area as Ohio, with a total population of about one-third of that of the city of Columbus, but its contributions to the environment in the way of renewable energy resources is enormous.

Grímsson launched his visit with Ohio State President Karen

Holbrook signing a Memorandum of Understanding intended to foster student exchanges, visiting professors, graduate student research, collaborative research and coordination of activities between Ohio State and Iceland's three chief universities: the University of Iceland, the Agricultural University of Iceland, and Akureyri University.

Grímsson rounded out his visit to campus with a lecture at the Wexner Center for the Arts, where he addressed nearly 300 participants on the environmental issues surrounding Iceland and how his country and universities, like Ohio State, can partner to solve environmental problems associated with climate change.

“The issue of climate change is our biggest threat of the 21st century. Human activity is leading the world to the brink and if we do not take action in due course, we will be in deep trouble -- and not 200 years from now, but during our own lifetime,” said Grímsson. “If my country, very poor when it first became a republic in 1944, can move from coal and petroleum to renewable energy use, it can be done in other countries as well, even the United States. But no matter how rich or powerful a country is, no one nation will solve these problems on its own. I invite you to become partners with us in finding solutions and use my country to transform those efforts into a symbol of what we can do together.”

Letter from the President — Bob Holm



My Scandinavian celebration for March was in Florida with my mother, Solveig, pictured with me, as we celebrated her 90th birthday! Among the 21 family members present were her brother, my sister, and her daughter, our oldest son, several of my Mom's great-

grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren. Solveig's father, Anton Blom, immigrated to the U.S. from Haugesund, Norway, in 1904. Her mother, Thora Nielsen came from Oslo in 1905. They each settled in Brooklyn, New York, where they met and were married in 1911.

Although Mary and I were away on March 17th, I am sure I can say with confidence that our dinner committee for Finnish Night did a great job. Thanks to all on the committee for your hard work and to Arvo Pikkarainen for the program. When we return, we hope to hear about the "Journey of Tango from Buenos Aires to Finland!"

We are anxiously looking forward to welcoming guest Thomas Hansen and hearing the Danish program on "The History and Future of The Danish Immigrant Museum, Elk Horn, Iowa."

Warm greetings from our beautiful campsite at Fort DeSoto Park in Tierra Verde, Florida!

Sincerely yours,
Bob Holm, President 2006-07

News

The Ashville Viking Festival will be held on April 28 and 29 in Ashville, Ohio. Visitors are welcome to come see the Norseman, a replica of a real Viking longship, on Friday, April 27th. The festival on Saturday and Sunday is an assembly of Viking arts, crafts, and re-enactments. For more information, go to www.ashvillevikingfest.com.



Finn Fest 2007 celebrates the Finnish community in Ashtabula and Northeast Ohio. The first Finn arrived in Ashtabula in 1872, with many more to follow. Finn Fest 2007 will take place July 26-28. See www.finnfest2007.com for details.

The Columbus Museum of Art features Harri Kallio - Dodo and Mauritius Island — Imaginary Encounters — January 26 - May 27, 2007. Finnish photographer Harri Kallio brings the famed, extinct Dodo back to life in this exhibition of some thirty large-scale color works. Prior to extinction in the seventeenth century, the Dodo thrived in its unspoiled, Edenic home on the island of Mauritius. With a deft hand and high-tech wizardry, Kallio creates the illusion that these fascinating, comical creatures still roam the world.

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 18, 2007. Meet at 11:30 in the West end of the Capitol rotunda. After the ceremony, we will all go to lunch together. For any questions, contact Marilyn Smith.

New Members!

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And another brand new member...

David and Elizabeth Firth welcomed **Edward Michael Firth**, born January 31, 2007!

Message from the Dinner Chair

WOW what an effort the March Dinner Committee put on, cooking the dinner and "running their feet off" serving family style. This is very hard and demanding on those serving. A big thank-you to the Dinner Captains Jeff and Merja Hollenbach and Anna Pikkarainen (Arvo had his hands full with the program) and their dynamic crew.

For the love of Finland our Membership Chair, Paivi Rajala-Schultz served on this committee along with JJ Schultz. Thanks to them for going above and beyond the call of duty. The salmon served on a cedar board was one of the best I ever ate, and the mashed potatoes were made from scratch.

Next month we celebrate Denmark. With a Norwegian and an Italian in charge, we are to expect something really special. We would like to see as many of you as possible at this dinner. See you there.

Thank-you,
Grete Davidsen-Kidwell
Dinner Chair

March 17, 2006 - Finland Covenant Presbyterian Church

A Big THANK YOU to:

DeStefano, Johanna
Hollenbach, Merja & Jeff
(Co-Capt.)

Jurgensen, Bob & Lorraine
Neader, Don & Mary Jo
James Lama

Petman, Risto & Karen Sobul
Pikkarainen, Arvo & Anna
(Co-Capt.)

Savolaine, Edward & Carol
Rajala-Schultz, Paivi & Schultz, J.J.

April 21, 2006 - Denmark Covenant Presbyterian Church

Ayres, Sine-Marie & John
Carlson, Charles & Harriet
Johnsen, Ken & Wilma
Larson, Donald & Karen
Mobeck, L Renee
Tuovinen, Olli & Manel
Villella, Jim & Reidun (Cpts.)
Wagner, Joe & Susan Rutter
Wasserman, Michael & Iben

May 19, 2006 - Norway Covenant Presbyterian Church

Adison, Karsten & Dorothy
Carlson, John & Doris
Firth, Elizabeth & David
Fitzgerald, Sean
Grimstad, Thomas & Constance
Kimly, Bo & Anna
Lovendahl, Roy
Paulsen, Marilyn
Powell, Warren & Sandra
Stevenson, Bob & Marj (Cpts.)
Wenar, Johnerik

June 16, 2007 - Picnic Down on the Farm, Mt. Sterling, Ohio

Björkman, Brent & Ann Ferrell
Danielsson, Robert & Sara (Cpts.)
DiLuzio, Kimberly
Haugland, Morten & Kristine
Haugland, Svein B. & Cara
Waters, Carol
*New members that join after
January 1st will most likely
be assigned to this committee.*

Swedish Corner

The Swedish Government has announced a change in the procedures used regarding the issuance of new passports. The result will be a more complete and technically superior informational document for each person. However, because of incorporating certain data in the passport and the need for specialized equipment to verify the issuance of the passport to the right person, application procedures changed beginning March 1, 2007. More complete information about the application changes may be found at www.swedennewyork.com/passport.



IKEA is Coming to OHIO!!

The Scandinavian Society of Cincinnati has been invited to join in the groundbreaking ceremony in April 2007 – the formal opening of the West Chester IKEA will be in 2008. We in Central Ohio can hardly wait for the Scandinavian SuperStore in the Cincinnati area – so much closer than the trek to Pittsburgh!

A little TRIVIA about IKEA: The founder, Ingvar Kamrad, was born in Småland, in the south of Sweden in 1926. He took his initials, plus the first letters of his farm and the village where he grew up, Elmtard and Agunnaryd...hence IKEA.

For updates and a cool video, check out this site:

<http://www.verybigdesign.com/ikea/>
(Thanks to Carol Wickstrom for giving us the heads up on this story!)



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Board Meeting Minutes

Scandinavian Club Minutes Home of Paivi Rajala-Schultz

March 18, 2007

Members present: Marilyn Smith, Grete Davidsen-Kidwell and Ed Kidwell, Tammy Carl, Randy Carlson, Paivi Rajala-Schultz, and Dianne Clark.

PRESIDENT: Bob Holm is out of town.

VICE PRESIDENT: Marilyn Smith opened the meeting at 7:00 PM. The minutes of February 18, 2007 were approved. An e-mail was sent to Tom Hansen of the Danish Immigrant Museum in Elk Horn, Iowa. The museum is not charging a fee but a donation is suggested. Randy Carlson motioned that a donation of \$450.00 be made to the Museum. Tammy Carl seconded and the motion was passed.

SECRETARY : Cards were sent to Ingrid Cox, John Carlson, and Randy Carlson.

TREASURER: Ed said that we had had 115 reservations for the March dinner and there were 113 people who attended. The Dinner Income was \$1,162.00 and expenses were \$1,155.12 for a net gain of \$6.88. There was no expense for the program. The balance effective 28 February is \$13,714.71. Payment was received for 2 family memberships at the 1/2 year rate and one individual Renewal for 07/08. The club balance as of 28 February 07 is \$13,714.71

DINNER CHAIR: Everything is set for the April Danish Night dinner. Jim and Reidun Villella are the Dinner Chairs.

MEMBERSHIP: There are 2 new member families; Kathy and Hella Ojala, and Jennifer Hambrick and Tim Dickey, There is also new member Neal S. Tostenson. Paivi motioned to accept these new members, Randy seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

CALLING CHAIR: No Report.

PROPERTY CHAIR : No Report.

OLD BUSINESS: The participation in the International Festival will go on this year. Norma Johnson and Inger Gilbert have graciously agreed to do one more year. Ed motioned and Dianne seconded that Norma and Inger be invited to the June Board Meeting .

There are 2 people to be nominated to the Board and we are still seeking 2 members to fill the positions that will be vacated this year. The new board election nominations are in April 07 and elections in May 07.

NEW BUSINESS: Discussion was held concerning a new member social, to be given by the board members to meet and welcome our new members that joined this year. This will be held Friday, May 11th at 7:00 PM at a location to be determined.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40. Next meeting will be held at the home of Ake Hellstrom, 5714 Brinkley Court, Columbus Ohio 43235, Phone 457-2984 at 7:00 PM on 22 April 07.

Respectfully submitted

Dianne Jatko Clark, Secretary

Join the Board!

It's that time of year again — your own Scandinavian Club is seeking to fill the posts of exiting Board Members. Please consider joining the board and help direct the future of this wonderful organization. We just celebrated our 70th year — help keep The Scandinavian Club of Columbus going strong for the next 70! Please call President Bob Holm if you are interested.