



ScandiNews

Scandinavian Club of Columbus

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December 2006

2006-2007 Events

LuciaFest	Dec. 16
Icelandic Night	Jan. 20
Club Birthday Party	Feb. 17
Finnish Night	Mar. 17
Danish Night	Apr. 21
Norwegian Night	May 19
Midsommar	June 16

We need a Piano Player to assist with Christmas Carols at the Luciafest this year! If you are able to help out, please contact Marilyn Smith at 875-4566!

The Skandi-Kaffe Group will meet on Thursday, Dec. 21 at La Chatelaine, 627 High Street in Worthington from 9:30 am to 11:00 am. Come join us!



Santa Lucia — December 16, 2006

Many of us look forward all year to the Scandinavian Club's Luciafest! This will be special as always, and great fun for the kids and grown-ups alike! This year's Lucia will be **Sofie Kimly**, daughter of Bo and Anna Kimly. Sofie is 14 years old and was born in Sweden. We are also expecting a visit from two very special guests dressed in red suits who will be sure to delight the children!

We do not require prepayment for this dinner, however it is one of our most popular events, so it is very important to have your

accurate reservation. Please be sure to let your caller know how many people will be attending. If you have not heard from your caller by 12/13, please call Grete Davidsen-Kidwell at 882-8391.

Important: Santa Needs Your Help! If you are bringing member children under the age of 13, please let us know the child's name, age, and a gift suggestion to help out Santa! *(Please provide a small, wrapped gift for guest children so they can be included.)* You can give your caller this information, or call Marilyn Smith directly at 875-4566.

Please don't forget to bring cookies for Lucia and the rest of the girls and boys to pass out. And wear your National Dress if you have it — the colorful costumes add so much to the festive atmosphere!

Prices: \$10 for member adults, \$15 for guest adults, \$6 students and guest children, and \$4 member children. Under 4 years old are free.

Social Hour starts at 6:00pm, with dinner at 7:00.

Danish Air Force Compensates Santa Claus

(AFP)
Updated: 2005-09-30 08:32

The Danish Air Force said Thursday it paid 31,175 kroner (\$5,032) in compensation to a part-time Santa Claus whose reindeer died of heart failure when two fighter jets roared over his farm.

The animal, named Rudolf, was grazing peacefully at the central Denmark farm of Olavi Nikkanoff, when the screaming F-16 jets passed overhead at low altitude in February.

The reindeer collapsed and died, leaving Nikkanoff with the prospect of only one animal pulling his sleigh next Christmas. He complained to the air force, which agreed to compensate him for the cost of the reindeer and veterinary expenses.

"We got a letter from Santa complaining about his reindeer's death and looked into it seriously," said air force spokesman, Capt. Morten Jensen.

The air force checked flight data and veterinary reports and concluded the planes likely caused the animal's death.

"We're more than happy to pay if it means that children around the world will get their presents," Jensen said.

Nikkanoff said he was satisfied with the compensation and would use it to buy a new reindeer before Christmas.



http://www.chinadaily.cn/english/doc/2005-09/30/content_482076.htm

Message from the Dinner Chair

Many thanks to our November Dinner Committee:

Paul Holmberg (Capt.)
Blaine & Anne Marie Hoalst
Gro & Lars Karlsøen
Caitlin Kilkka
Alan & Sigrid Lubell
Sven & Jean Lundstedt
Charles & Kathleen Nelson
Arlene Flor Snider
Glenn & Desyl Thornbloom



They all did a wonderful job for such a small crew and a last minute scramble to find replacements. A wonderful Thanksgiving Meal in the best of American traditions. Thank-you!

I would also like to take this time to remind our members about the importance of serving on their assigned Dinner Committee:

- Having our own members prepare our meals helps to keep down our dinner cost
- It's a great way to meet other members
- It allows us to serve Scandinavian recipes

- It's one of our duties we agreed to when we joined the Club unless you have received an exemption due to health or having served on another Club Committee

Please remember that if you cannot serve on your assigned Dinner Committee it is your job to find a replacement or trade with someone else and then to let me know so that I can update my records.

Yours truly,
Grete Davidsen-Kidwell
Dinner Committee Chair

Swedish Culture and Language Courses

One of our members would like to pass along the following information about a great offer for Christmas!

My name is Per Svangren and I'm CEO at Learnsweden. We offer Swedish Language and Culture online courses. These were particularly designed with American Swedish people in mind. Our courses focus on Swedish cultural traditions and famous Swedes, like Alfred Nobel, Astrid Lindgren, Dag Hammarskjöld and Jenny Lind, to name a few. We also offer a beginner's Swedish language course.

These courses would all be unique Christmas presents for dear friends or relatives of yours. Do call me, send a message via cell phone or email, or click the link below to learn more about our Christmas offers with up to 40% off standard course fees.

Website:
<http://www.learnsweden.com>

Also, read more about Learnsweden at [Swedish Council of America](#)

Best regards and wishes for a great Holiday season,

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Ohio House Staffers Go To Norway

Columbus Dispatch, 11/21/06

Four Ohio legislative staffers will serve as delegates at the U.S.-Scandinavian Transatlantic Dialogue on a Common Future, where they will participate in a weeklong discussion on political, social, cultural and business issues of common interest between the United States and Scandinavia.

Heather Mann and Karen Tabor, who serve as policy adviser and communications director, respectively, for the House majority caucus, and Molly Parsons and Ian Weir, a legislative aide and deputy communications director for the House minority caucus, will join 29 other government staffers from around

the country at the December conference in Oslo, Norway.

Topics for the program include American and Scandinavian social models, current global challenges and the role of the international media.

Letter from the President — Bob Holm

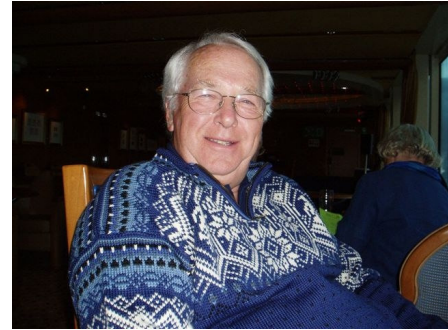
Kudos to Paul Holmberg and his committee for the wonderful turkey dinner at our November 18 American dinner. It was like a home cooked meal! With four TVs available, including one in the kitchen, many of us enjoyed sharing the excitement of the OSU-Michigan game. After dinner, the choir from the Grove City Senior Center provided a most enjoyable program.

Next up is our very special Santa Lucia Festival, which will feature Sofie Kimly as Lucia and the wonderful procession of children in costume. The procession ends with the distribution of cookies by the youngsters.

Please do bring a dozen or two of cookies and be sure to bring children or grandchildren! The evening will end with a visit by Santa and Mrs. Santa, with gifts for the children.

The Dale sweater I am wearing in my photo was purchased in Dale, Norway, where it was made. While in Dale in 2005 we discovered and visited with a distant cousin, John Dale, who told us that in the mid 19th century our family had sold the land where the sweaters are made to the Dale Sweater Company.

I'll be wearing my sweater at the Santa Lucia dinner. I invite those who have bunads or folk costumes to wear them, and for others who have



Scandinavian sweaters to wear them. It will be a wonderful festive evening. I'm looking forward to seeing you there!

Best wishes to all for a wonderful holiday season!


Sincerely yours,

Bob Holm


President, 2006-07

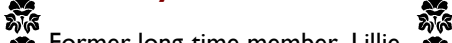
The November meeting was a lot of fun, from watching our Buckeyes beat Michigan, to listening to the very talented choir from the Grove City Senior Center!

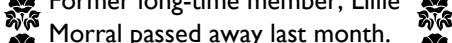


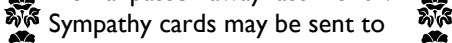


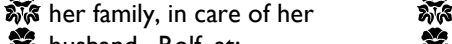
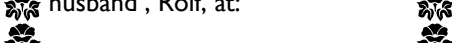

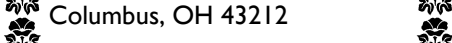
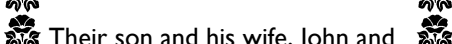
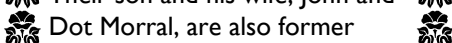
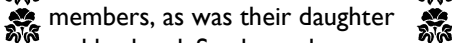
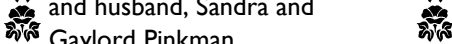
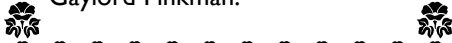

Obituary for Lillie Morral


Former long-time member, Lillie Morral passed away last month. Sympathy cards may be sent to her family, in care of her husband, Rolf, at:


1867 Bedford Road


Columbus, OH 43212


Their son and his wife, John and Dot Morral, are also former members, as was their daughter and husband, Sandra and Gaylord Pinkman.

The Club Welcomes New Members

Two new members were approved at the November board meeting:

Johanna DeStefano
3511 Rue de Fleur
Columbus, OH 43221
614-457-7145

Stephen Long
1789 Kings Court #C
Windgate Village
Columbus, OH 43212
614-481-8825
slong@capital.edu

We are also pleased to announce the renewal of a former member:

LaTonya Poindexter
1022 East 14th Avenue
Columbus, OH 43211





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Board Meeting Minutes

2006-2007 Board

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841-3514

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Marilyn Flor Smith
875-4566

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Ed Kidwell
882-8391

Secretary

Dianne Jatko Clark
939-0031

Calling Chair

Randy Carlson
885-2421

Dinner Chair

Grete Davidsen-Kidwell
882-8391

Membership

Paivi Rajala-Schultz
825-4498

Property Chair

Ake Hellstrom
457-2984

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Tammy Carl
459-2226

Sunday November 19, 2006 @ 7 PM

Place: Home of Marilyn Smith

Members present: Bob Holm, Ake Hellstrom, Randy Carlson, Grete Davidsen-Kidwell, Ed Kidwell, Paivi Rajala-Schultz, Tammy Carl, guest Inger Gilbert, Marilyn Smith

Meeting opened by Bob Holm.

Vice President Marilyn: Sofie Kimly, age 14, will be our Lucia. Discussion held re gifts, helpers, child care, Christmas Tree. Rental equipment for Midsommar discussed. We will rent from J. & K. Rentals, Sabina Ohio,

20x40 tent @ 265.00	\$ 265.00
6, 8 ft. tables @ \$6.00 ea = \$ 36.00	36.00
2 portable toilets @ \$ 75.00 ea = \$150.00	150.00
Sink with holding tank of water @ \$ 50.00	50.00
	\$591.00 total

Set up and tear down included with set up probably Friday, June 15, 2007

Secretary Dianne Clark, excused but reported cards sent to Brigit Andersen, Enar Anderson, Randy Carlson, Helga Davidsen and a sympathy note to the family of long time member Lillie Morral.

Treasurer Ed Kidwell : 70 attended the November meeting and all enjoyed the fine turkey dinner and the last quarter of the game! October attendance was 74 and expenses for both meeting are not complete yet. Ohio State tax will be addressed soon and the books are ready for the Audit committee. Noted that funds for November 2006 are \$12,031.62 as compared to November 2005 \$7,188.69. This comparison was greeted with delight! We seem to have stopped our downward slide.

International Festival : Inger Gilbert :Total bills etc are not available . Inger discussed the future of International Festival. Food vendors were down (19 less)and most of our profit will be from the sale of our Chowder. We did receive donations of \$130.00 from three members which were greatly appreciated. Committee for 2007 will need/require some new younger strong workers as about 2 1/2 days of labor are needed along with all the prep work done before. The present workers need help for next year. The Club truly appreciates the many hours of work from the past Committees.

Paivi will collect the unsold gift items and have them on sale at the December meeting and the balance will be put in our Auction in February.

Brief talk re the need for new Board members for 2007-2008.

Membership Paivi Rajala-Schultz : two applications for membership. Stephen Long who is the Curator of the Nordic Music in the Music Library of OSU. Johanna DeStefano also is applying for membership. The Board voted unanimously on both.

Calling chair Randy : trying to reach all members for reservations and it was suggested again that if you are not reached by the caller, phone in your reservation

Property chair Ake: no report

Scandinnews Editor Tammy: mailed 82. Twenty have elected to get the Scandinevs from the Internet. Concern re the listing of new members addresses in the Scandinevs . No action taken. News for next issue should be in by the first of December.

Next Board Meeting at home of Dianne Jatko Clark Sunday December 17, 2006

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn Flor Smith, Pro tem Secretary