



ScandiNews

Scandinavian Club of Columbus

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February 2008

2007-2008 Events

Club Birthday Party	Feb. 16
Icelandic Night	Mar. 15
Danish Night	Apr. 19
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Midsommar	June 21

Scandinavian Club of Columbus Celebrates its 71st Year!

The club is celebrating its 71st birthday this year! The dinner at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Upper Arlington will be in honor of this milestone. The program reflects a spirit of adventure and travel.

For two years, Walter and Gail Lundstrom of Westerville and their three young children lived their dream of traveling around the world by boat. Their 100-hp diesel engine floating home sailed over ten thousand miles around the globe, visiting the Caribbean and Mediterranean Seas and dozens of ports in various countries. Walter, who is a native of Sweden, christened the ship

Linnea, after his grandmother. The five Lundstroms will be attending the February dinner to present a slide show of their adventures. Please be sure to join us and share in the excitement of their discoveries!

There will be a slight change in dinner prices starting with the February Dinner. We would like to encourage people to bring children, as they are the future of our club! Adult prices will remain the same, but children's prices will be as follows: Ages 0-6 free, ages 7-16 members \$3 and guests \$5, ages 17-21 and students \$6.

♥♥♥♥♥♥♥ Valentine's Day in Scandinavia ♥♥♥♥♥♥♥

Scandinavia also celebrates Valentine's Day. Although the truth behind the Valentine's Day legends is mysterious, the countless stories about Valentine certainly emphasize his appeal as a romantic figure. It's no surprise that Valentine was one of the most popular saints in Europe.

In Norway, according to the legends, the sight of birds mating is a sure sign of spring and love. So Norwegians tend to look for birds especially on February 14. Spring celebrations and Valentine's Day celebrations have become interlinked over the years.

After cautiously warming to the trend, Denmark has begun to embrace Valentine's Day traditions. One of the popular Valentine's Day customs in Denmark is sending of white flowers called "Snowdrops." Also on this day, young couples swap funny little poems or love notes, known as "gaekkebrev." The sender of a gaekkebrev writes a rhyme for his beloved, though he signs the message with dots, not a name. If the recipient guesses the name correctly, she receives an egg at Easter!

Back in the 1960s, flower-sellers in Sweden – inspired by their American counterparts – began to promote Valentine's Day. Today, huge amounts of roses, jelly hearts and pastries are sold and exchanged by lovers. The young Swedes in particular have adopted the custom. Sweden's idea behind Valentine's Day is to show your love and appreciation of another.

Iceland sees a generous use of flowers. Sending flowers to the beloved is a very common custom and several types of bouquets are available. Glorious rose bouquets are available all over the country, starting from neighborhood shops to specialist florist shops. Another noticeable feature of Valentine's Day in Iceland is the festive food. Remember, in Iceland's dark winter, you can have both dinner and breakfast by candlelight...

Celebrating Valentine's Day in Finland is a very young, but also very popular tradition. Despite the fact that Finland has celebrated Valentine's Day only since the 1980s, it's now a beloved annual event. There are dedicated dances and events. Finns call Valentine's Day "Ystävänpäivä," literally meaning "Day of Friendship."



Denmark's Crown Prince Frederik & Crown Princess Mary
Andreas Rentz/Getty Images

<http://goscandinavia.about.com/od/knowledgesafety/pl/valentinesday.htm>

The Skandi-Kaffe Group will meet on Thursday, Feb. 28 at La Chatelaine, 627 High Street in Worthington from 9:30 am to 11:00 am. Come join us!



Message from the Dinner Chair

The Finnish Dinner was a great hit. The food was, as usual, authentic and very good. I want to especially thank our Captains J.J. Schultz, Paivi Rajala-Schultz and Kathy Ojala for planning the dinner. A special thanks goes to Kathy's sister, Ann Marie Ojala, who was visiting from out of state and volunteered to work on the committee. The rest of the committee did a great job and had everything ready to go in record time. Thank you all:

January 19, 2008 Finland

J. J. Schultz & Päivi Rajala-Schultz (Co-Capts.)
 Kathy Ojala (Co-Capts.)
 Marilyn (Molly) Hood
 Kit Kilen & Michael Babin
 Don & Mary Jo Neader
 Hella Ojala and Ann Marie Ojala
 Ray & Carol Olson
 Karen Sobul & Risto Petman
 Arvo & Anna Pikkarainen
 Edward & Carol Savolaine
 Neal Tostenson (absent)
 Michele Kuhn-Warren & Erik Warren

For February we celebrate the Club's 71st Birthday. This is an especially small committee, but they are also quite skilled and I am sure we can expect another successful dinner meeting. Wish us luck and we'll see you on the 16th.

February 16, 2008 Club Anniversary

Carl & Linda Eriksson (Co-Capts.)
 Ron & Norma Johnson (Co-Capts.)
 Katy Rasor (Co-Capt.)
 Caitlin Kilkka
 Robert & Sara Danielsson
 Svein & Cara Haugland
 John & Brenda Jensen
 Sven & Jean Lundstedt
 Joe & Susan Rutter Wagner

Grete Davidsen-Kidwell,
 Dinner Chair

And the Oscar goes to...

In honor of this month's Academy Awards, here is a list of Scandinavian films from the following website: http://worldfilm.about.com/od/scandinavianfilm/Scandinavian_Films.htm. Check Netflix, your local Blockbuster, or library for these films.

[The Seventh Seal](#)

Widely considered to be one of Ingmar Bergman's best films, "The Seventh Seal" (1957) tells the journey of a medieval knight (Max von Sydow) across a plague-ridden landscape, where he is challenged by Death to a game of chess.

[After the Wedding](#)

Susanne Bier's Oscar-nominated film tells the story of a Jacob, a Danish man who after a twenty year absence, returns home to receive funds for the orphanage in India he runs. Many secrets await him. Wonderful, rich, human performances by Mads Mikkelsen ("Casino Royale"), Rolf Lassgård and Sidse Babett Knudsen.

[Breaking the Waves](#)

Written and directed by Lars Von Trier. Academy award nominated Emily Watson was amazing in this film.

[Dancer in the Dark](#)

Lars Von Trier's musical starring Iceland's Bjork won the prestigious Palme d'Or at Cannes 2000.

[Insomnia](#)

This Norwegian film stars Stellan Skarsgård and is directed by Erik Skjoldbjærg.

[Kitchen Stories](#)

Inspired by a 1950s study in Sweden about the daily lives of housewives, Bent Hamer's Danish comedy focuses on a fictional analysis of single men, in which scientists attempt to watch their subjects without interacting with them.

[The Man Without a Past](#)

Aki Kaurismäki delivers a marvelously droll film that's as quiet as it is touching, funny, and sweet.

[My Life As A Dog](#)

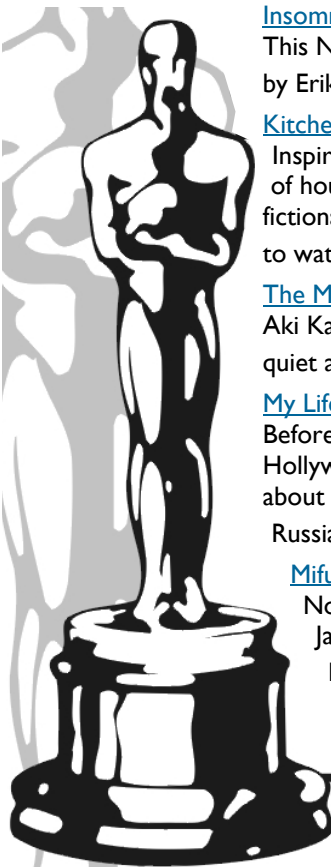
Before Swedish director Lasse Hallström got lost in Hollywood, he struck a true chord with the 1986 classic about a sensitive boy who likes to compare himself to Russian space dog Laika.

[Mifune](#)

Norwegian director/screenwriter Soren Kragh-Jacobsen uses the natural filmmaking method to make Dogme's first comedy.

[Together](#)

Restore your faith in humanity with "Together," a wonderfully warm and colorful look at a Swedish hippie commune.



Letter from the President — Bob Holm

Another highlight of our trip to Norway and Sweden this past summer was a two day boat trip with my second cousin Einar, in his boat, along the coast of Western Norway, from Haugesund to Valestrandfossen on the island of Osteroy. What a beautiful trip! I'm pictured here at the back of the boat, enjoying our journey. In May, Mary and I and Sara and Andy Garnes will be presenting a program, including a video, about another special boat trip, the Norwegian Coastal Voyage (Hurtigruten) which we both enjoyed in 2005 on separate ships.

At the dinner on February 16 the Scandinavian Club of Columbus will be celebrating the 71st birthday of our club. How special for us to enjoy our membership today, knowing that we benefit from the

hard work and devotion of members for the past 71 years. Year after year members have presented programs, worked on dinner committees, served on the Board and helped in countless other ways, including peeling carrots and potatoes for our special salmon chowder sold at the International Festival!

In the coming weeks we will be seeking members to fill Board vacancies for three year terms to begin on July 1, 2008. Once again, I want to urge members who are interested and willing to serve on the Board to let me know of your interest. And if you are nominated to serve, I hope very much that you will accept.



In closing, I did want to comment that the program for February, as described elsewhere in the ScandiNews, sounds especially interesting. I hope we can count on a good turnout for this program, for a good meal, and for an evening of fellowship as we celebrate our ScandiClub birthday!

Sincerely yours,
Bob Holm, President 2007-08

New Members

Ahlqvist, Ola (S*) & Åsa (S*)

Mathias(S*) 11/2/90

Jakob(S*) 1/28/93 (pronounced Yak-ob)

Isak (S*) 8/15/95 (pronounced E-sak)

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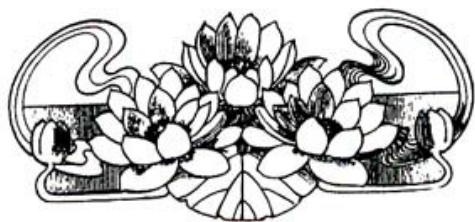
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All were born in Sweden. The moved to the U.S. in 2002. The Ahlqvists lived 3 years in State College, PA before coming to Columbus. Ola is a professor at OSU.

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



Scandinavian Interests on the Web

We are working on a project to collect everyone's favorite Scandinavian websites on a links page on the club's own website.

If there's a favorite site you use to order Scandinavian foods, book special travel deals to Scandinavia, research genealogy, news sites from Scandinavian countries, or any and all other subjects that may be of interest to our Nordic club members, please forward these links to our webmaster, Risto Petman, at suomi416@yahoo.com. The club's website is:

<http://www.netwalk.com/~scandiclub/>

Our deepest sympathies go to Linda Eriksson, whose mother, Naomi Clark Cox Pickert, passed away in December. Naomi's life revolved around her family. She made friends wherever she was.



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Scandinavian Club Board Minutes From January

DATE: Saturday Jan. 26, 2008 at the home of Ed and Grete Davidsen-Kidwell.

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

President: Bob Holm called the meeting to order. The minutes for Dec. 16 were approved.

REPORTS

Secretary reported cards had been sent to Carl and Linda Eriksson, Karen Freudenreich, Jenny Blair, Don Larson, Ingrid Cox and Bob Holm.

TREASURER: Ed Kidwell amended the Dec. report to read a loss of \$314.00 from the Lucia dinner. Additional expenses had not been reported to him by the time of the Dec. board meeting. The Club realized a profit of \$102.99 on the Jan. dinner. \$100.00 profit was made by the sale of the calendars.

PROGRAM: The Summer Camps presentation at the January meeting was interesting and well received. Feb. is the Club's Birthday celebration. The program will be presented by the family who sailed around the world.

MEMBERSHIP: The Club welcomes Ola and Asa Ahlquist and their family all of whom were born in Sweden. The family moved to the US in 2002 and lived in State College PA for three years. They have moved to Columbus Where Ola is a professor at OSU.

DINNER CHAIR: Grete thanked her hard-working committee for their deliciously prepared Finnish Dinner. She also noted the meal was economical.

CALLING COMMITTEE: Randy said good results were obtained by the callers.

PROPERTY: Arvo commented that there is some discrepancy using American made products on European equipment as evidenced during the January program.

SCANDINEWS: Tammy thanked Board members who offered to help her with the newsletter as she had to go out of town unexpectedly.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: The Board discussed putting some links on our web site offering information to other organizations. The club's webmaster is Risto Petman.

The next meeting will be at the home of Katy Rasor at 7:00 P.M., Feb. 17.

Respectfully submitted
Katy Rasor, Secretary