

February 2009

# SCANDINEWS

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

## 2009 Events

March 21 Church 5 pm  
Iceland Night

April 18 Church 5 pm  
Danish Night

May 16 Church 5 pm  
Norwegian Night

June 21 North Shelter  
Highbanks Metro Park  
Midsummer Picnic

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Come to the

Skandi-Kaffe

9:30 am to 11 am

Everyone Welcome!

Thursday, January 22

at

LaChatelaine, 627 High St.  
in downtown Worthington  
(parking in rear)

## February Zoo Event is Cancelled

Due to difficulties encountered - may be re-planned in the future.

### Come...to a BOWLING Party!!

And

### Celebrate the 72<sup>nd</sup> Birthday of the founding of our SCANDINAVIAN CLUB of Columbus



Saturday, February 21, 12:30 pm to 4 pm  
At Sequoia Bowling Alley  
5501 Sandalwood Blvd., Columbus  
(directions below)

Lanes are reserved - more can be added if necessary. However, it is *essential* we know HOW MANY BOWLERS will come so enough lanes are reserved. All ages are encouraged to bowl, from 6 to 99 yrs. If you have never bowled.....COME.....give it a try...it's fun!

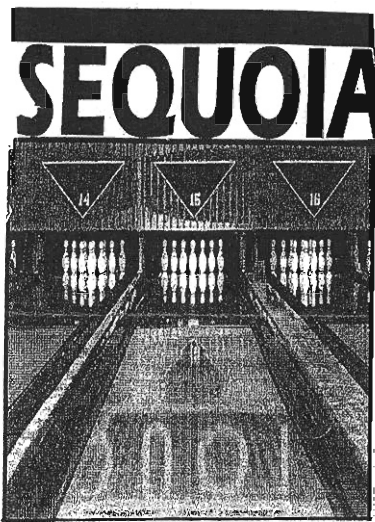
**Adults (age 15 to 99 yrs.)** \$8.00 includes 2 games of bowling, bowling shoes (wear socks), and Birthday Cake.



**Children (age 6 to 14 yrs.)** \$4.00 includes 2 games of bowling, bowling shoes (wear socks), and Birthday Cake.

\*No prepayment but a **RESERVATION** is required **FOR BOWLERS** NO CHARGE for the "cheering section" - but we must know "how many" bowlers AND spectators by Tuesday, FEBRUARY 17<sup>th</sup> so enough CAKE and BOWLING LANES are reserved!

\***DIRECTIONS:** Sequoia Lanes is located between Morse Rd. & #161, off Karl Road. Turn **WEST** from Karl Rd. (traffic light) onto Sandalwood Blvd. at entrance of Forest Park. Follow Sandalwood for several blocks until you see (on your left) a parking lot and commercial buildings. The entrance is in the back with lots of parking space. Sequoia Lanes, 5501 Sandalwood Blvd.



**A Bit of History:** The 1<sup>st</sup> official meeting of The Scandinavian Club was held February 16, 1937 with 93 present.

### Farewell address from Victor Frederiksen, the 1<sup>st</sup> President, as he was ending his year as President in 1938:

"I wish to say that my past year in the Scandinavian Club has been the most interesting undertaking in my experience of organization work. I have felt the happy vibrations of the heart strings rejoicing in the making of new friendships, and I have watched the thrills that come from making contacts with those who can talk one's mother tongue; in these things and in your loyal display of appreciation, I have had more than ample reward for my efforts. My sincere wishes go out to all the Scandinavians who are now in Columbus and to those who may come here in the future, that in **THE SCANDINAVIAN CLUB OF COLUMBUS** they may always find a **HOME** with a hearty welcome and atmosphere of sincere and genuine **FRIENDSHIP.**"

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

Ed and I had a wonderful trip to Norway over the Holidays. I'm pleased to share with you that my family is doing well, including my mother.

January's Dinner was a huge success. The food and the company couldn't have been better. The Maennerchor gave us a singing performance which was outstanding and I think everyone that was there would agree with me when I say: "we could have spent the entire evening just listening to them sing". But that would have been too passive for all of our Finns, so in addition to a live accordion player we also had our own Risto Petman, Finnish Disc Jockey, to keep the music going and give everyone an excuse to get up and dance.



Trondenes Kirke, Harstad, Norway - Built circa 1175  
(Ed and I were married here on February 9<sup>th</sup>, 1980)

The Maennerchor is hosting a Mardi Gras on Feb. 21st from 7:30 to 11 PM and many of our members are planning to attend. This will be an evening of family fun with costume judging, raffles, food and Bill Antoniak's polka music. The cost is \$8 Adult and \$5 Child (12 and under).

Of course that is very same day we are going to have our first Scandinavian Club bowling get-together, but that is an afternoon event. Please refer to the front page for more details. The decision to hold these types of activities, in lieu of our "Regular" monthly dinner meetings, is based upon some of the feedback we received from the surveys. I had never bowled until a couple of weeks ago, and I did very poorly but on the other hand I had lots of fun. In addition to the food and beverages available for purchase at the bowling alley we will be having a cake to celebrate the club's 72<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary. I am encouraging all of you to come as bowlers or spectators, to have some fun and also share our anniversary cake.

Finally, it is that time of the year to start looking for new Board Members. For the life and the future of our beloved club I need your help in order to make us better and keep the club going. In today's modern world where almost everything is being done on computers, we do need people with some basic computer skills in addition to the willingness to enhance the club. Yes, it does take some of your time, like giving up watching television a couple of hours a month. This is my second term on the Board, and the experiences I have gained are priceless. Not only do you learn to know the membership, but you find qualities within yourself you had no idea you had. I dare say that being on the Board helps you to grow as a person and I hope you will give it every consideration.

I'll see you on February 21<sup>st</sup>

Hilsen, *Grete*



Many Scandinavian Club members visited 2008's **Ashville Viking Festival** held in Ashville OH Village Park, last weekend of April. The festival celebrates the age of the Vikings from 1000 A.D.

**Admission is free.** Festival Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, April 25-26, 2009  
More information to come. [www.ashvillevikingfest.com](http://www.ashvillevikingfest.com)

This year the Scandinavian Club of Columbus will have a booth at the festival. The objective is to raise awareness of our club and provide a base for us to enjoy the festival. We need volunteers to help attend the booth for multi-hour shifts. Please contact Michael Lindner to show your support.

- \* Viking re-enactors encamped in a living history area, demonstrating period arts and crafts, including combat.
- \* Multiple stages featuring performing folk bands, magicians, story telling, and other entertainment.
- \* Over 40 vendors with items for sale, period arts and crafts, including Viking period games like Kubb.
- \* Period dress is encouraged, but not required.



## Victor Borge Centennial Year

On January 10, 2009 Danish Ambassador Friis Arne Petersen and his wife opened their home in Washington D.C. to the family & friends of Victor Borge, launching the very special 100 years since his birth. Borge was one of the first Danish artists to become a household word here in America. Those events can be viewed at: [www.ambwashington.um.dk/en](http://www.ambwashington.um.dk/en)

The centennial exhibition is now at **Scandinavia House, New York City** until May 2, then moves to the **The Danish Immigrant Museum in Elk Horn, IA** May 22, 2009 to March 10, 2010. A "traveling kiosk" will travel the country, to Danish-American communities, celebrating the life of this great and funny man who emigrated to the USA in 1938. **The Danish Immigrant Museum**, is proud to be a partner in the design & planning of the exhibition – the Museum houses his first piano which he bought in the late 1920's and donated to the Museum in 1994. It is currently being restored with the generous donation of Borge's daughter, Janet & Jim Crowie, and Consul Lowell & Marilyn Kramme of Des Moines, IA.

**\*A personal note from your Editor:** One summer (as a teenager) I spent a week Toronto while my Dad was attending a convention. Growing up in the St. Louis, it was my 1<sup>st</sup> trip outside the USA - that alone was exciting! We attended the Royal Canadian Exposition. Held outdoors, on a huge stage, the headline entertainer was **Victor Borge** (unknown to us). He drove a **tractor onto the stage, pulling his piano!** He kept everyone laughing non-stop. Ending his performance, **he pulled his piano off the stage RIDING A BICYCLE!!** The crowd roared! Those wonderful memories are as vivid now some 50+ years later, as they were that warm summer evening... how could one ever forget such a talented and funny Dane... and if you are ever in Iowa, I highly recommend a visit to The Danish Immigrant Museum in Elk Horn, Iowa. In that same small town is a large authentic Danish windmill, imported brick by brick from Denmark! It's worth a visit!

**A Memorial Donation to the Scandinavian Club** has been made by LaVerne Bachinski in memory of his late wife, **Dorothy Bachinski**. Dorothy died November 16, 2008. She was buried in Manistee, Michigan, her birthplace. She was very proud of her Danish heritage. The Scandinavian Club was important to her. She & Vern enjoyed working in the Club's food booth at the International Festival (cooking/serving Salmon Chowder). She was also a volunteer at First Community Village and for the Arthritis Assoc. She and Vern were married 56 years.. Our Sympathy to Vern, their four children and their families.



### A Grieg's Piano Concerto Concert

7 pm, Sunday March 15, 2009 Central Presbyterian Church, 132 S. Third Street, Columbus

The Metropolitan Chamber Orchestra will perform Grieg's Piano Concerto. Mariko Kaneda, a faculty member at Ohio Wesleyan University, will be the soloist, with Luis Biava conducting. Edvard Grieg is Norway's best known composer. This is a chance to hear his concerto in a live performance. **Club member, Sara Garnes, plays violin in the orchestra.** **The Concert is FREE, but donations are accepted.**

#### WELCOME



Gail Anderson 986 Augusta Glen Dr., Cols, OH 43235, 614-457-2802, [GKBAnderson@aol.com](mailto:GKBAnderson@aol.com)

Gail's grandmother came from the Hunter Station area of Lillhammer, Norway in the early 1900's. Her maiden name was Amundson.

LaVerne Bachinski, 1535 Sandringham Ct., Columbus, OH 43220, 614-457-9904. Vern was a long time member with his wife, the late Dorothy Bachinski. Welcome back, Vern!

Wendy Flores 1479 Kirkley Rd., Columbus, OH 43221, 614-488-9802, [flores.18@osu.edu](mailto:flores.18@osu.edu)  
Wendy was first introduced to Swedish culture through her best friend, Katarina, an exchange student at Grandview High School in 1983. She visited Katarina in Sweden twice, one visit lasting 6 months while attending invändare skolan.

Please ADD these names addresses, phone, email, to your 2008-2009 Roster

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Born in U.K., exchange student to Sweden, summer 1950 at Aeronautical Research Institute, returned 1951 accepted research position in Stockholm, in 1960 became Technical Assistant to the Director. In 1963 he was invited to Univ. of VA, in 1967 to Stanford University as Visiting Assoc. Professor and Visiting Professor of Aircraft Design. Bryan spent 17 years with Battelle and retired as Research Leader.

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**January 25, 2009 Board Minutes – Home of Katy Rasor**

**PRESENT:** Grete Davidsen-Kidwell, Ed Kidwell, Michael Lindner, Marlene Kinsey, Carol & Harry Wickstrom, Katy Rasor.

**NOT PRESENT:** Päivi Rajala-Schultz, Carol Savolaine

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Grete said the meeting was well received by all those present. The Maennerchoir performance, the music played throughout the evening and the opportunity to dance made for a super evening.

**SECRETARY:** Minutes approved as read. A card was sent to Marian Clover.

**VICE –PRESIDENT:** Marlene reported the Feb. meeting will be a bowling party on Feb. 21. The time will be 12:30 – 4:00 pm at Sequoia Lanes, 5501 Sandalwood Blvd. The bowling party will celebrate the 72<sup>nd</sup> birthday of the Club. The March 21 meeting will be back at the church and will honor Iceland. A film on Iceland will be shown.

**TREASURER:** Harry reported the current balance is \$13,332.00. There was a loss of \$129.08 for the dinner. There were 70 people in attendance. The Board discussed the financial status of the club.

**DINNER CHAIR:** Ed said the Maennerchor meeting was a financial success as the club's subsidy for the night was extremely low.

**MEMBERSHIP:** The club welcomes Gail Anderson whose grandmother came from Lillehammer, Norway.

**CALLING CHAIR:** No report

**PROPERTY CHAIR:** Michael will explore indoor/outdoor storage options.

**SCANDINEWS EDITOR:** Scandinews deadline is Feb. 4.

**OLD BUSINESS:** There was discussion of our web site maintenance.

**NEW BUSINESS:** The organization of the Executive Board was discussed at length - 4 Board Members are needed by July 1<sup>st</sup>. (2 of the current Board have served an extra year, 4 years instead of a 3 year term, for lack of volunteer).

Next Board meeting will be March 1, held at Church to review library books.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Katy Rasor, Secretary

**ROSTER CORRECTIONS**

**\*Correct STREET NUMBER for:** ELISSA ERNST. 2455 Spring Row Ln., Hilliard, OH 43026

**\*New Address, phone, email for:** ANNA KIMLY. 3741 Heatherglenn Dr, Columbus, OH 43221  
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Take a **VIRTUAL TOUR** of Columbus AND The Ohio State University Campus!! A *new* virtual tour was created by OSU students under the direction of **Assistant Professor Ola Ahlqvist** (*Ola is a member of our Scandinavian Club*). Featured in the Lantern of December 4, 2008. It begins on campus at Derby Hall, the same starting point as the 1956 Tour and follows the same 76 mile jaunt through campus, downtown, and suburbs. Think how Columbus has changed since the 1956 Hunker Tour - this updated tour has dizzying aerial panoramic views and numerous links to photos, videos, sound clips, and related web sites. Learn more: [www.geography.osu.edu/get-connected/hunker](http://www.geography.osu.edu/get-connected/hunker)