

January 2009

SCANDINEWS

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

2009 Events

January 24 5pm to 11 pm
(1 wk later than usual)
Finnish evening at the
Columbus Maennerchor

February 21 - Zoo event is probably canceled - a substitute plan is in the works for an afternoon activity that day, for all ages including a **72nd Birthday celebration** of our Club. Details to be finalized by the January 24 meeting and will be in Feb. Scandinews.

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

*Come to the
Skandi-Kaffe*

9:30 am to 11 am
Everyone Welcome!

Thursday, January 22
at

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



Come! Celebrate Finland!!!

at the

Columbus Maennerchor

966 S. High Street, Columbus

Saturday, January 24th

**this is 1 week later than our usual meeting night*

5 PM COCKTAIL HOUR (Cash Bar)

6 PM DINNER SERVED

MENU - enjoy an authentic German meal of:

Salad, Wiener Schnitzel, Potatoes, Vegetables,

Dessert of Chocolate Mousse

Rolls & Butter, Tea & Coffee

The Columbus Maennerchor is ideal, an "old world" atmosphere with a fine reputation for superb food. Their world-traveled men's choir will serenade us with a couple short numbers...there will be an accordion player, AND a Finnish Disc Jockey to play music for listening or dancing. Join the fun!

This is a departure from our traditional Scandinavian-style meal, cooked by our members, at the Church. Recent Survey results have indicated many would like to have a catered dinner at a restaurant where everyone can enjoy the meal and evening.... and leave the kitchen duties to others.

Don't miss this delightful evening!

This is a prepaid dinner with no last minute reservations.

**Reservation form and Map enclosed with this newsletter.*

Deadline for paid reservations is January 16



Additional Roster Corrections:

Rita Ayre, Add:
Son George birth 9/4/96

Jan Staats (new member) add zip:
43229, correct email address:
jstaats@mailhaven

"Lost Book" of the Dinner Committee...missing for several years

This was the "Bible" the Dinner Chair followed each month for amounts to cook (according to # of reservations), recipes, helpful hints for cooking in bulk, suggestions for menu, etc. It was passed down year-to-year. *Can it be located?? If you know WHERE it is, please call a Board Member!! Pronto!!*

A Message from President Grete Davidsen-Kidwell

I'm sitting here in the middle of December writing the January message. I'm so looking forward to my trip to Norway in a couple of days and find it difficult focusing on anything else. On the other hand the Christmas dinner meeting is still very fresh in my mind - "my goodness" what a lovely evening it was. We spent lots of time planning for this event to make it "just right". And the result was just spectacular.

We were able to get into the church Friday evening to set up the hall with special lighting, decorate the tree and set up the tables. Again we are so lucky to have talents like Michael Lindner and Åke Hellström to make sure the right "mood" was created. This was the best attended Christmas event in years (209 members and guests!). I want to thank everyone who attended and it would be nice to see you more often.

Looking ahead, we are anticipating Finnish Night which is a catered event held at the Maennerchor on January 24th. There will be a cash bar, entertainment, and lots of music and dancing. February's meeting will also be an activity away from the church. These two events are based upon feedback we received from the surveys and we hope as many as possibly will take advantage of these events. Please read details elsewhere in this newsletter.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year and I'm looking forward seeing you in 2009.

Hilsen, *Grete*

February Meeting Update

Details are still being worked out for the February 21st meeting due to no ice-skating available at the Zoo ☹. Alternate venues are being explored to allow more members of all ages to participate. Most likely this will be an indoor *afternoon* event to also celebrate the 72nd Birthday for The Scandinavian Club of Columbus. Details to be announced at the January 24th dinner at the Maennerchor *and in the February Scandinews*.

Our sympathy to Susan Swenson Jurgensmeier, on the death of her husband, Bill Jurgensmeier, in December 2008 at their home in Colorado. They formerly lived in Logan and Buckeye Lake. Susan was an active member of our Club, serving on the Executive Board and was a member of The Scandinavian Folk Group of Columbus. Bill and Susan hosted many gatherings of the dance group at their home at Buckeye Lake.



See more pictures on the Web
www.netwalk.com/~scandiclub/

From your Dinner Chairman - Ed Kidwell

My apologies to those who had to wait in the long line at the Appetizer Table, and to those who did not get to sample the pork roast during the Lucia Dinner. I did not anticipate 209 of you were showing up. Åke & Ingrid Hellstrom and Anne DeVoe provided such a fantastic "spread" that many of the early arrivals were going back for a 2nd or 3rd helpings while late arrivals were still coming in the door.

Nor did I realize Andy & Sara's pork loin recipe was so good almost nobody passed it up. Andy asked about preparing for 220 servings - I told him I didn't think everyone would eat pork as there were meatballs for those who did not like pork. There were 182 reservations by the deadline but 27 people calling with "last minute" reservations or *showed up at the door without reservations*. Since it was Christmas we didn't want to turn anyone away. I apologize if you did not get pork.

Unfortunately, we cannot accept reservations past the due date **or** "show up at the door" for January 24th Finnish evening at the Columbus Maennerchor. This is a catered event & we have to submit our final count a week in advance. It should be a very entertaining evening and I hope all 209 (that attended Lucia!) will attend.

Finally, thank you to all, our December Dinner Committee members, listed below, for their fine efforts - a job well done! Thank you to Michael Lindner, Property Chair, and everyone involved with the Lucia Program who came Friday night to practice and help set up the dining hall for Saturday. Our President, Grete Davidsen-Kidwell, helped out both Friday night and Saturday afternoon. She looked strikingly beautiful in her Norwegian bunad but I'm going to have to talk to Santa about what she was doing sitting on his lap. You ALL really made for a memorable evening, one of best Christmas/Lucia Dinner Meetings I have seen in the 25+ years I have been a member of The Scandinavian Club of Columbus.

Well done and Thank You, Ed Kidwell

2008 Christmas/Lucia Dinner Committee: **Co-Captains: Sara & Andreas Garnes and Åke & Ingrid Hellstrom**

Erik & Pam Cole

Keith & Anne DeVoe

Lynne Hlavin

Johanna Ojala DeStefano

Roger & Linda Krogwold

James Lama & Berit Nilsson

Stephen Long

Brad & Gerd McGwire

Ray & Carol Olson

Gratitude to those making the **2008 Lucia** the "most special event" of the Year... **Takk!**

Baking Lucia buns & Pepparkakor: Ola & Åsa Ahlqvist, Anna Kimly, Gerd McGwire, Anne-Louise DeVoe

Lucia Preparations: Karen Freudenreich, Marlene/Bill Kinsey, Åsa Ahlqvist, Birgit Andersen, Ann-Louise DeVoe, Andy Garnes, Inger Gilbert, Keith Gilbertson, Åke Hellstrom, Steinn Jónsson, Päivi Rajala-Schultz, and "our" Master Designer, Michael Lindner

Santa Claus and Presents: Marlene Kinsey, Caitlin Kilkka, Ed & Carol Savolaine

Lucia Procession: All the children and the "young-at-heart" who participated.

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Iceland

Who would like to go??

Carol & Norma are talking about a short tour...they need a "Nordic fix" – it has been 3 yrs since leading their last Norway/Sweden tour. They both have been to Iceland and were awed by the nature - they even went swimming in the Blue Lagoon...**in February** and have photos to prove it!!

Board Minutes From December 14, 2008 – Wickstrom's home

Present: Grete-Davidsen-Kidwell, Ed Kidwell, Marlene Kinsey, Katy Rasor, Michael Lindner, Päivi Rajala-Schultz, Carol Savolaine, Carol & Harry Wickstrom,

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Grete commented on the outstanding Lucia dinner and program. The attractive table set-up and the soft lighting added greatly to the appearance of the church hall. A special thank you to the Swedish women for making the Lucia more authentic than ever before, with their planning, singing, and baking of the Lucia buns. It was an overflow of members/guests. The arrival of Santa & Mrs. Claus was welcomed by all, especially the children.

SECRETARY: Minutes were approved as read.

VICE-PRESIDENT: Marlene went over the upcoming programs, especially the January meeting to be held at the Maennerchor. Activities are planned throughout the evening. In March (Iceland night) a film will show the splendors of Iceland. A program on Norse mythology is scheduled for May.

TREASURER: 209 people attended the December meeting. Bank account estimate is \$15,000 for end of calendar year 2008.

DINNER CHAIR: Ed thanked the Dinner Committee for the outstanding meal they prepared and served to an overflowing crowd. He suggested and moved the Club give the dishwashers a bonus for all the extra work they did that evening. Motion seconded and was approved. Ed discussed pricing and times for the January dinner meeting at Columbus Maennerchor - a catered dinner with musical entertainment, dancing, and a cash bar. ~~February will be a Brunch at the Columbus Zoo. Price will include brunch, parking and zoo admission (many buildings & exhibits open all day). The ice skating rink will also be open and Skates can be rented for \$3.00.~~

*Changes at Zoo occurred while Ed & Grete were in Norway. The board had an emergency meeting and final details are pending Ed & Grete's return.

MEMBERSHIP: No report.

CALLING CHAIR: No report.

PROPERTY CHAIR: Michael was well satisfied with the effect of the special lighting at Lucia which transformed the church hall.

SCANDINEWS EDITOR: Carol announced the mailing for January will be larger than normal as a newsletter, membership application, and introduction letter from Päivi will be sent to 26 people of Scandinavian heritage who signed our book at the Int'l Festival. Add other prospectives (14) referred by members or made contact through our website will make the January mailing of Scandinews (132 member families) much larger than normal.

OLD BUSINESS: Discussion of Survey and ideas for future meetings, including the January and February 2009 meetings which will be a departure from the normal meeting (dinner and program) at the Church.

NEW BUSINESS: Next Board Meeting: 2 pm, Sunday Jan.25 at home of Katy Rasor.

Respectfully submitted,
Katy Rasor, Secretary