

### 2010 Dinner Meetings:

Feb. 27 Denmark 5pm Church

Mar.20 Viking Night Church

April 17 Sweden 5pm Church

May 15<sup>22</sup> Norway 5pm Church

June 19 Midsummer Picnic  
at Highbanks Park

Meetings Jan–May will be at:  
Covenant Presbyterian Church  
2070 Ridgecliff Road

\*Dinner Reservations required  
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### Scandinavian Press

Published quarterly all in English  
March, July, Sept., December  
News of all 5 Nordic Countries

#### Anders Neumuller, Editor

has sent sample copies of each to  
be available at our January 16th  
meeting. I have subscribed to both  
for many years, as do several of  
our members. Try a sample copy!

**Carol Wickstrom – Editor**



### Come to the Skandi-Kaffe

9:30 am to 11 am  
Everyone Welcome!  
Thursday Jan. 21.....

9:30-11 am  
LaChatelaine, 627 High St.  
in Worthington

# ICELAND NIGHT



## Saturday, January 16 – 5 PM

This January meeting will be hosted by  
Iceland's 13 Christmas Lads, called Jólásveinar  
(some of which illustrate this page!)

An "AUCTION" is the Program  
All in FUN...with proceeds to go to local charities!



Items can be brand-new or used....they need not be  
Scandinavian.....maybe a Christmas gift you don't  
need or want....BUT a *treasure* to another....  
It could be a "service"...or a "talent" too!

### Some Suggestions:

a coupon for a pie or cake...to be baked later,  
or it could even be a complete meal!...movie  
or theatre tickets, babysitting, washing windows...

\*and don't forget items for children too!

Anything.....be creative!!!



It would be wonderful if EVERYONE attending  
would donate at least one item!...and, of course, bid wildly  
and take home a "newly acquired treasure" for yourself!!

This will be an entertaining evening – all in fun!  
with proceeds going to a good cause.

So...bring your cash and go home with Treasures!!

Do you want a "say" in selecting the Charity?? Give us IDEAS!!!



**Covenant Presbyterian Church, 2070 Ridgecliff Rd., Upper Arlington**

Reservations are required – if you do not receive a call for your  
reservation, it is up to YOU to call the  
Treasurer(614-885-9392) by Wednesday, January 13

Member Adults	\$10	Guest Adults	\$15
" age 7-12 yrs.	\$ 3	" age 7-12	\$ 6
" age 13-18 yrs.	\$ 6	" age 13-18	\$12

\*All children 6 years and under are Free

## President's Message - January 2010 - Grete Davidsen-Kidwell

Hi Everybody and Happy New Year. I wish you all good health and prosperity for the New Year 2010!!

Our JuleFest (Christmas celebration) was a wonderful time. First of all, I want to “take my hat off” to the Dinner Committee. They went above and beyond all expectations. Almost everything was homemade and the Christmas Smörgåsbord they had set was not only tasty, but a “work of art” as well. My apologies for not introducing them at the meeting - please see the message from our Dinner Chair, Trygve Skarsten, elsewhere in this newsletter - they worked so hard and did a great job.

I want to thank Rachael Crane for being our Lucia, and all of the children that participated in the Lucia Procession to help make this a memorable and special event. Special thanks to Ed and Carol Savolaine for arranging our visit from Santa.

It was great seeing so many children at this meeting. I would like to extend a special invitation to all of them and their families to make more appearances at our monthly meetings and perhaps joining our membership.

Very special “thank you” to members Anne DeVoe, Jessika Ferm and IKEA. Because of their generous donations members only had to pay regular dinner prices for this extravagant meal and “old world setting”.

And finally, our Vice-President, Michael Lindner has added a special touch to all our meetings and he made the Julefest another spectacular event, in spite of some technical difficulties with the microphone. We are truly blessed to have someone as hardworking, talented, and dedicated as Michael on our Board.

Looking ahead to the rest of the year we still have some interesting and fun events planned. Please read the Member Roster and future ScandiNews for more information.

I look forward to celebrating the Icelandic Evening with you on January 16<sup>th</sup>. We'll be there rain or snow.....

*“because we are Vikings!”*

Med vennlig hilsen, *Grete*

\*\*\*NEW Address for Ingrid Cox: 60 River Front Drive #229, Manchester, NH 03102. Ingrid now lives in a retirement complex close to her daughter, Carolyn – she would be happy to hear from Club friends.

**WELCOME New Members: Phillip & Charlotte Hall**, 3847 Lakedale Dr., Hilliard, OH 43026, 614-219-1195  
Phillip's grandparents emigrated from Sweden 1900, settling in Brooklyn, NY. Their name was Swenson –  
*Ellis Island Immigration changed it to Seablom because they had too many Swenson's that day!* Great story!

**Iceland President Olafur Ragnar Grimsson** returned to Ohio December 9–13 to strengthen bonds he created with Ohio State Univ. faculty and staff when he visited campus in 2007. He continues to foster the relationship between his country and Ohio State's College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences. His visits focus on fostering climate change research and raising awareness of the impacts of land degradation caused by human misuse and natural activity. Iceland, a European island in the middle of the northern Atlantic, is a small nation with roughly the same land area as Ohio *but with a total population of about 1/3 of the city of Columbus*. Its contributions to the environment in the way of renewable energy resources is enormous. In its short 63 yrs of independence, Iceland has shifted its energy dependence from coal & petroleum to renewable energy sources. Today 70% of the country's total energy needs, & 100% of its electricity are harnessed from geothermal springs & glacier-fed lakes and rivers. Iceland is also a leader in hydrogen power, which fuels the nation's buses and automobiles.

\*\*\*ATTENTION: Michael Lindner, VP, requests photos of the Lucia for the web/archives

## Julefest Report from Dinner Chairman, Trygve Skarsten

"*Never in the history of the Scandinavian Club*" has there been a more difficult dinner to prepare than last month's Julefest. Because of a scheduling conflict at the Church, we met at the Maennerchor on South High Street. That meant that just about everything needed for the dinner had to be transported from Covenant Presbyterian Church in Upper Arlington to German Village. On top of that, we did not have use of the Maennerchor ovens to prepare a regular dinner nor the church's china. The Dinner Committee improvised under the leadership of Chairpersons Karen & Ben Freudenreich and Åke & Ingrid Hellstrom and turned the Julefest into a classic Swedish Julbord...or an Americans might say, "Christmas Cold Table." In Sweden, hotels and restaurants compete with each other in offering 30-50 cold dishes for Christmas. The Norwegians would call that a "super-Smögåsbord!", and it turned out, indeed, to be "SUPER." The large beautiful red and green plastic plates added a festive Christmas touch as well. (It would have been nice though, to have had the teenagers from Maple Grove Methodist Church to wash the dishes...but then we wouldn't have had red and green plates. I guess you can't have everything!) We had lots of food, thanks to the Dinner Committee who brought the various dishes from their homes. People went up many times to the Julbord to help themselves. I guess we could have used more open-face sandwiches. They went like hotcakes! But after making several hundred that Saturday morning, the ladies just ran out of time and people started coming, to try out the first Julbord in Scandinavian Club of Columbus history. Their (your) reaction has been overwhelmingly positive and we thank you for it. It is much appreciated. So many things could have gone wrong but fortunately they didn't. The Dinner Committee deserves a tremendous "thank you" for a job well done. They worked hard.

Besides the co-captains, **Karen & Ben Freudenreich** and **Åke & Ingrid Hellstrom**, other members of the Dinner Committee included: **Andreas & Sara Garnes** (who drove to Cincinnati, as well, to pick up food supplies from IKEA), **Roger & Linda Krogwold**, **Marilyn Paulsen**, **Trygve Skarsten**, **Grete Davidsen-Kidwell**, **Keith & Ann Devoe**, **Blaine & AnneMarie Hoalst**, and **Jim & Reidun Villella**." What a super job they did, feeding 188 people!

**CONCORDIA LANGUAGE VILLAGES** - 50 years ago a small German Language Camp in Minnesota began. In **Summer 2010 almost 5,000 campers and 1,100 staff will teach children to "learn the world"**. Youths age 7-18 experience the excitement & fun of an International adventure & cultural total immersion program...**learning the language, music, games and sports – choosing from 15 different languages and cultures.**

I (Editor Carol Wickstrom) am particularly interested in *encouraging our members* to consider sending *your child or grandchild* to experience the culture of one of the Scandinavian countries. Our youngest son, Tim (11yr), attended the Swedish Camp in Minnesota in 1984. The next summer he returned to Sweden for a 4 week visit and felt very much "at home" in the language. We have sent a granddaughter also. Age **11-12 yrs. and up is ideal age for a minimum of a 2 week camp experience.** There are even 4 wk. intensive programs to earn a year's high school credit. Scandinavian camps to choose from are **Danish, Finnish, Norwegian & Swedish.** I am willing to tell you more about the camps, if interested. **Complete program details at www.concordialanguagevillages.org** or to request a catalog: **1-800-222-4750**

**Research Says That ALL Scandinavians Are Immigrants** – According to Swedish researchers at Uppsala Univ., all Scandinavians are descendents of immigrants who were believed to have first arrived in the region somewhere between 4,000 & 6,000 years ago. DNA samples are being studied from ancient grave sites dating to the Stone Age and have been recovered from 19 different subjects, part of a hunter-gatherer culture that existed until some 4,000 years ago. DNA from these graves has also been measured against current common regional inhabitants' DNA with interesting conclusions.

After 4,000 BC the appearance of farmers began in Scandinavia & samples of their DNA did show up in comparison with modern Scandinavians. The new immigrants presumably came from the south, although exactly where is next challenge. (Excerpt from SCAN **American-Scandinavian Foundation, Scandinavian House, 58 Park Ave, New York, NY 10016.** **ASF serves as the leading cultural and educational link between the USA and Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden. It is a publicly supported, non-profit organization providing a forum for the exchange of ideas and cultural understanding and has an extensive program of fellowships, grants, intern/trainee placement, publishing, membership offerings, and cultural activities.)** **www.amscan.org** or **www.scandinaviahouse.org**

The Scandinavian Club of Columbus...wishes you all a most Happy New Year 2010!!!

\*Please mark your Calendars NOW for February ~~20th~~ <sup>27th</sup> when we celebrate the Danish Fastelavn, the Danish Mardi Gras – it's a great meeting to bring the children! More on that next month!

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## December 13, 2009, Board Meeting, held at Home of Wickstroms

**PRESENT:** Grete Davidsen-Kidwell, Michael Lindner, Katy Rasor, Marilyn Paulsen, Trygve Skarsten, Päivi Rajala-Schultz, Keith Gilbertson, Harry and Carol Wickstrom. Meeting was brief, spouses joined for a "pot luck dinner".

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Grete had glowing praise for the Dinner Committee and ALL having a part in making our Julefest so very special.

**VICE-PRESIDENT:** Michael spoke of the advantages and disadvantages of the Julefest at the Maennerchor location. The overall space was greater but the kitchen was not as workable as at our normal meeting place at the church. Michael has planned an auction for the January meeting with proceeds to be donated to a local charity to be decided. Suggestions are welcome.

**SECRETARY:** Cards were sent to Marilyn Smith Johnson, thanking her for her donation and Get Well thoughts to Amy Erickson.

**TREASURER:** Treasurer's report was amended after the Bd. Meeting when a final bill was received. Net loss for the Julefest was \$136 from the 188 paid attendance. However, the Club did not have a loss due to generous donations mentioned in Grete's President's Message.

**DINNER CHAIR:** Trygve praised the Dinner Committee and spoke of the difficulty using the Maennerchor facility. He announced Norma Johnson and Grete Davidsen-Kidwell will Captain the the January Icelandic dinner Jan. 16.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Päivi announced an application was received for membership from Phillip & Charlotte Hall. Phillip's grandparents came from Sweden. The Board is happy to welcome to our Club.

**CALLING CHAIR:** Marilyn has efficient Callers for reservations, & has encouraged them to report member news, sickness, etc. when they make calls.

**PROPERTY CHAIR:** Keith reported the Icelandic video shown at Julefest will be on the Club's website.

**SCANDINEWS:** deadline for January Scandinews is December 28<sup>th</sup>.

**January 17th Board Meeting** will be held at Michael Lindner's office, 7 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Katy Rasor, Secretary



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