



ScandiNews

Scandinavian Club of Columbus

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January 2007

2006-2007 Events

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

Celebrate Iceland at the January Meeting!

Please help the Scandinavian Club welcome our January speaker, Stephen C. Veltri, Professor of Law at Ohio Northern University. Dr. Veltri will speak on the topic of "Iceland's Ancient Legal Tradition" as well as the Icelandic Student Exchange Program at Ohio Northern.

Prices: \$10 for member adults, \$15 for guest adults, \$6 students and guest children, and \$4 member children ages 6-16. Under 5 years old are free. Social Hour starts at 6:00pm, with dinner at 7:00.



This is the site, the Althing (Thingvellir), were chieftains gathered together from around Iceland once a year to conduct parliamentary sessions. Established in 930 AD, it is the oldest parliament in the world.

(<http://taavisitam.tripod.com/taavisnordictour/id21.html>)

The Skandi-Kaffe Group will meet on Thursday, Jan. 25 at La Chatelaine, 627 High Street in Worthington from 9:30 am to 11:00 am. Come join us!



**Santa
Lucia
2006**

Message from the Dinner Chair

A big thank-you to the December Dinner Committee for their outstanding job. A special thank you to Andreas, Sara and Sylvia for their leadership and expertise in making this dinner an easier task. Our own Property Chair, Åke and Ingrid Hellström, deserve a huge recognition for putting on their magnificent herring spread.

THANKS TO OUR DECEMBER COMMITTEE:

Andersen, Frank & Birgit
Casas, Sylvia (Co-Capt.)
Erickson, Amy M
Freudenreich, Ben & Karen
**Garnes, Andreas & Sara
(Co-Capt.)**
Hellström, Åke & Ingrid
Hlavin, Lynne
Jensen, John & Brenda
Nordstrom, Bruce
Nordstrom, Stanley & Martha

January 20 — Icelandic Night

Beal, Ann
Carlson, Charles & Harriet
Cox, Paul & Ingrid
Grulkowski, Richard & Dolores
Halverson, Bill & Marolyn
Hood, Molly
**Jonsson, Steinn (Stan)
& Laura Kristin (Cpts.)**
Olson, Ray & Carol
**Skarsten, Kevin & Debbie
(Co-Cpts.)**
Skarsten, Trygve & Ruth
Warren, Erik & Michele Kuhn
Weldon, Edith & Roger

Please note that you are responsible for finding someone to change committees with if you cannot work on the one you have been assigned to. If a change is made please call me so that I can update my records.

Thank-you,
Grete Davidsen-Kidwell
Dinner Chair

February 17, 2006 — Anniversary

Bachinski, Vern & Dorothy
**Eriksson, Carl & Linda
(Co-Capt.)**
Long, Steven
Malek, Maureen & Edwin
Park, Ernest & Ardyce
Pettersson, Krister & Barbara
Pierson
Poindexter, Latonya
Schmidt, Lyle & Arma
**Svendsen, Dale & Gail
(Co-Capt.)**



The desertification of Iceland



Iceland was once a prosperous land, but through many Nordic settlements and harvesting, it became a desert-like landscape.

Despite its former glory, and current beauty, the land still remains stripped of its resources, leaving only rock and infertile soil. Less than two thirds of the land is able to be used, but 60% has remained unaffected by the sea's erosion. "...soil erosion and denudation [has] degraded the

landscape [and] doesn't look much different than sub-Saharan Africa," says Rattan Lal, a high status soil scientist with Ohio State's Agricultural Research and Development Center.

Some visitors notice that on the half hour drive from the airport to Reykjavik almost no vegetation can be viewed. Lal is one of many people recruited to help restore Iceland's fertility, and this is planned to be accomplished by a process called sequestration. This process takes carbon from the atmosphere and inserts it into plants and soil in an attempt to offset carbon dioxide.

Though these issues many seem distant, the world is becoming more connected. Our decisions in Ohio impact every part of the globe in some

way, and in that relationship Iceland is directly our problem, likewise helping Iceland will help the world for many reasons. Climate change in any part of the world is a worldly issue.

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Photos from www.goiceland.org



Letter from the President — Bob Holm

Pictured with me are granddaughters Daryl and Allie Holm, who were among five of our grandchildren at the Santa Lucia event. What a treat for us to have so many of our family among the 148 people at this December dinner!

Special thanks to all who made this such a special evening, including Grete Davidsen-Kidwell, her dinner chairs, Sara and Andy Garnes, Sylvia Casas and their committee, Marilyn Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Santa, Bruce Nordstrom and Anne Marie Hoalst. Thanks too to Ake and Ingrid Hellstrom for all of their work in setting up and taking down, for the great variety of herring, and for Ake's photographs.

Mary and I will be missing the Icelandic Night dinner on January 20. We will be in Barbados that day, as part of a two week Caribbean cruise!

An interesting program is planned for Icelandic Night, with Stephen Veltri, Professor of Law at Ohio Northern University, speaking on Early Icelandic Ancient Legal Traditions and on Ohio Northern's Student Exchange Program.

Looking ahead another month to the February Birthday Dinner, our program will be an auction. Please be looking for treasures you can bring to include as auction items, and be ready to bid on other members' treasures!



Best wishes for a great New Year!

Sincerely yours,
Bob Holm
President, 2006-07

Lost Vikings Hoard Open House — January 27, 2007

The Lost Vikings Hoard will be holding their annual open house on January 27th 2007, from 10 A.M. to 5 P. M. in the Elementary school cafeteria next to the Ashville Community Park.

The event is open to the public. Crewmembers of the Lost Vikings will be in attendance wearing authentic period style clothing, along with many members in Fantasy Viking Garb.

Authentic Viking artifacts will be on display. Weather permitting, Viking fighting techniques will be demonstrated and taught. There will be displays of Armor, Weapons, Crafts, and Craft demonstrations.

This open house will be used to make plans for the 4th annual Viking Festival held April 28-29.
<http://www.ashvillevikingfest.com>

If you or your group would like to be involved in the festival this is an ideal opportunity to get information.

<http://www.lostvikingshoard.com/>

Happy Birthday, Roy Lovendahl!

Longtime Scandinavian Club member Roy Lovendahl celebrated his 90th birthday on December 17th. He celebrated the occasion in Atlanta with his two daughters.



February Auction

Start looking for auction items for February. If you can't bring them to the February meeting or will not be there, please call Marilyn Smith (875-4566) to arrange for a pick up. All items left after the auction will be sent home with the original owners.



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Board Meeting Minutes

2006-2007 Board

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Bob Holm
841-3514

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Marilyn Flor Smith
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882-8391

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Dianne Jatko Clark
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Grete Davidsen-Kidwell
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Membership

Paivi Rajala-Schultz
825-4498

Property Chair

Ake Hellstrom
457-2984

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Tammy Carl
459-2226

Sunday December 17, 2006 @ 7 PM

Place: Home of Dianne Jatko Clark

The meeting was opened by President Bob Holm at 7:05 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Holm, Ed Kidwell, Grete Davidsen-Kidwell, Randy Carlson, Marilyn Smith, Tammy Carl, Ake Hellstrom and Dianne Clark

REPORTS

Program: Marilyn said that the toys and gifts at the St. Lucia Night were well received. It was noted that Santa does need a new hat. Randy motioned and Tammy seconded that we buy a new hat for Santa. Motion approved unanimously. The program for Icelandic Night in January will be Stephen C. Veltri, Professor of Law at Ohio Northern University speaking on Early Icelandic Ancient Legal Traditions and on Ohio Northern University's Student Exchange Program. It was also noted that there will be no baby sitter for the January dinner. We need to start looking for items for our February Birthday Auction. Norma Johnson and Terry and Sharon Carlson are organizing the auction. Ordered for Midsommer are a 20 x 40 ft tent, six 8 foot tables and 2 regular Port-Johns @ 75\$ each. Cost for the above is \$464.00 total. Set up will be done the day before the picnic by the rental company and they will remove the items the day after the picnic.

Secretary's Report: No cards were sent in November but have several so far to send in December. Many Thanks to Marilyn Smith who produced and submitted the Minutes for November 06.

Treasurers Report: Ed Kidwell reported that we had 151 reservations with 148 attending the December dinner. The net gain for this dinner was \$225.87. Kudos to Sara and Andreas Garnes and Sylvia Casas for an excellent dinner at a very reasonable cost. For the November dinner there were 75 reservations and 70 attending. There was a net loss of \$340.21 for this dinner. For the October dinner there were 75 reservations and 74 people attending. There was a loss of \$236 at this dinner. The International Festival net gain was \$1,350.49. The current club balance is \$13,375.32 less a tax liability of \$762.58 for the sale of gifts resulting in a net of \$12,612.74. The Treasurer will be filing for a tax credit.

Membership: Paivi received an application for membership from Harriet D. Young. Her Mother and Father were born in Sweden. Ed moved, Marilyn seconded and the nomination for membership was unanimously approved. J.J. Schultz had passed out additional Rosters at the December dinner.

Dinner Chair: The December dinner was wonderful and went smoothly. The dining room looked very 'Christmasy'. Next month (Jan.), Steinn and Kristin Jonsson and Debbie and Kevin Skarsten are co-Captains.

Calling Chair: Randy Carlson stated that all callers were doing their jobs very well.

Property: Ake said that the worn cardboard boxes used for storage need to be replaced. He will look around for some plastic boxes.

ScandiNews: Tammy said that the second month was mailed to the International Festival People. We obtained 2 new members from the festival. The ScandiNews was mailed to 90 members and 6 clubs. 20 people are on the e-mail list.

New Business We discussed placing notice of our meetings in the neighborhood papers. We are also going to prepare a survey in January for the February ScandiNews for suggestions on how we can make our club even better next year. We also need to start thinking of new Board members to replace those leaving at the end of this year.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 P.M. The next board meeting will be Sunday, January 21st, 7:00 P.M. at Ed and Grete's home, 7327 Africa Road, Galena, Ohio 43021.

Welcome, New Member!

A new member was approved at the December board meeting:

Harriet D. Young
1150 Wittmer Road
Mansfield, OH 44903
419-884-2505