

JUNE 2009

SCANDINEWS

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

This is your LAST Scandinews until September...but
*Mark your calendars NOW:
for the
September 19
Scandinavian Breakfast
Buffet

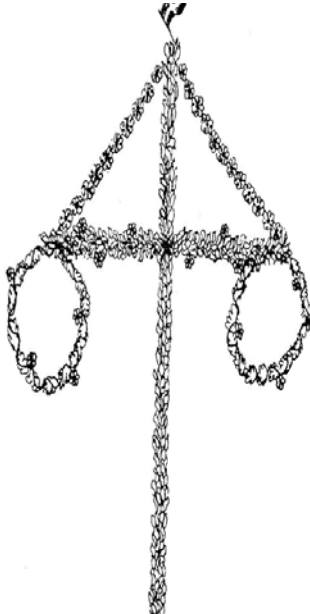
9 AM to 11:30 AM
Antrim Park

All DETAILS in the
September 2009 issue

Midsommar at Highbanks Park

Picnic Sunday, June 21

Dress Maypole 1 pm
EVENT begins 2 pm
Food served 3 pm
Park closes 10 pm



Northern Shelter
Directions from:
I-270 North & Rt. 23
(north of Worthington)
Drive approx. 3.5 miles
north on Rt. 23 to
Park entrance on left
shortly before Powell Rd.

Pass the Nature Center
and turn right at sign for
Northern Shelter
Look for the Club Sign!!

There is lots of shade
and large grassy areas

Bring greenery and flowers to decorate the maypole

Dinner Prices:	Adult Members	\$ 8.00
	Adult Guests	\$10.00
	Students Age 17+	\$ 8.00
	Age 7-16	\$ 5.00
	Children Age 0-6:	FREE

Per our tradition, the Midsommar Picnic is a POTLUCK!!

The Club provides:

hot dogs, brats, buns, condiments, chips, salsa, and beverages

***NOTE: alcoholic beverages are prohibited in this public park**

According to your last name initial, please bring:

A thru K - Dessert for 13

L thru Z - Salad or Side Dish for 13

***** in addition, bring**

paper plates, napkins & eating utensils for your group
servicing spoon for your covered dish
lawn chairs and games

Come ...rain or shine—it's a covered shelter

See you there !!

Sept.09 - June 2010

Meeting dates:

- Sept. 18 Breakfast Buffet
- Oct.. 17 Celebrate Finland
- Nov. 14 American night
- Dec. 12 Yuletide/ Lucia
- Jan. 23 Celebrate Iceland
- Feb. 20 Celebrate Denmark
- Mar.20 Viking night
- April 17 Celebrate Sweden
- May 15 Celebrate Norway
- June Midsommar Picnic

Member Ads for Roster

Advertise your business or service to the membership. Place an ad in the 2009-2010 Club Roster to be printed in the Fall. Member ads Help defray printing expenses.

- Full page \$30**
- Half page \$15**
- Business card \$10**

Membership Renewal Form is being updated and will be mailed later in June. Names will not be printed in Roster unless dues are paid by September 1st

President's Message June 2009 - Grete Davidsen-Kidwell

The May Dinner Meeting was a huge success. Both the dinner and program were superb and it really looked like everybody enjoyed themselves. The Dinner Committee prepared food for 120, they fed 102 and there were very little leftovers. As a Norwegian, I can attest that the fish was delicious and apparently, most of you agreed.

At our Business Meeting, just before the Dinner, I was happy to find a majority did agree that it is necessary to increase our yearly Membership Fees. Due to the short notice, however, Membership Fees will not increase for the for the upcoming year. This will need to be done the following year in order to make sure we can meet our annual expenses. Please feel free to make a special donation towards the membership this year if you like.

I also want to encourage all of you to do what I have done for years: when the Club's calendar is printed in the fall, I mark my personal calendar and day-planner. This way I know which dates I'm to be with my friends at the Scandinavian Club and I don't plan other events on this date. If most of us did the same - we would be able to increase our attendance, keep our prices reasonable and still get superb meals.

There is a great sadness in my heart as I write this message. My mother, Helga Davidsen, lost her battle with cancer and passed away May 25, 2009. She was 86 years old. I am preparing to leave for Norway to attend her funeral and celebrate her life with my father, brothers and the rest of my wonderful family. It has to be a short stay, so I will be back in time for the Picnic and see you then.



Med vennlig hilsen, *Grete*

From Your Dinner Chair, June 2009 - Ed Kidwell

As this Club year comes to a close and we get ready for the June Picnic, I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you who supported our Club by serving on the Dinner Committees. I especially want to thank those who were Dinner Captains and Co-Captains, those who served on more than one Dinner Committee and the Board Members who helped out at meetings, and especially the very special, non-members - who went a step beyond what was expected of "a guest" by serving on a Dinner Committees

The Dinner Committee for the June Picnic will consist of this year's new members (who have not already served on another Committee) and those unable to serve on their assigned month. If you have any questions by the time you receive this issue, please call or email me. I must know the number of committee members I can count on.

Finally, I want to thank a very special member, who has not only worked on practically every Dinner Committee this year, but was also your Dinner Chair (and therefore had worked on every one of those Dinner Committees) the previous two years: **Grete!** I get kind of jealous, now and then, in sharing so much of her time with this Club, but I know how much you and the Club means to her.

Her mother's loss, although not unexpected, is still devastating. Now is the time for each of you to support her in showing that you care about this Club as much as she does. The best way of doing this is to get your renewal applications in early, volunteer for the various committees or leadership positions and to go all-out and make this the best Picnic ever!



Let's break the previous attendance records, decorate the Maypole with lots of flowers, have tons of fun and put a little extra into whatever dish you bring. Her mother always liked a good party and Grete loves most of you as if you were family, which in a way, you are.

The Midsummer Pole or Maypole is the centerpiece of all Midsummer gatherings in Sweden. Decorated with flowers and greenery, it represents the renewal of life. The tradition came to Sweden from Germany where it has been part of Mayday celebrations since the 13th century. When Germans were moving to Sweden they found few flowers in May and postponed their celebration until Midsummer. Each community's maypole may vary, in size and design. It is dressed on the ground and then raised in a ceremony of cheers, music, and finally, all dancing around the pole. In Norway & Denmark it is traditional to have a large bonfire on Midsummer.

A new Maypole will greet you at Midsommar, higher & more portable, thanks to Michael Lindner & Ola Ahlqvist!

A special *"thank you"* to our Callers this year. They call each member each month, leaving messages or email, to get a reservations for our dinners. If you are *not* home it would make the Callers job easier if you called them back to report!
If you do not receive a call, PLEASE call in your own reservation to Treasurer Harry Wickstrom (614-885-9392).

Anna Marie Hoalst	Terry Carlson	Jean Elhard	Marge Stevenson	Wilma Johnsen
Cheri Fitzgerald	Mary Holm	Norma Johnson	Svein Haugland	Karen Freudenrich
				Carol Wickstrom

Skandi Kaffee Group continues during the summer in a private room at **LaChatelaine, 627 High St, in Worthington**. Mark your calendars now: **9:30 AM on June 18, July 23, August 20, September 24**. All are welcome!

Prospective Members of Scandinavian Heritage or those having a passion for the Nordic countries: If you know of someone interested in our Club, please give their name/address to Membership: Paivi **Rajala-Schultz**. (614)825-4498. The Club sends 2 complimentary copies of Scandinevs and an invitation to join our Club.

***Changes proposed to the Club Constitution – please read carefully**

The Board is recommending the following changes to the Club Constitution and By-Laws regarding membership. Only those sections of the constitution and by-laws where any changes are proposed are presented below. The new proposed text is underlined. The full original text can be found in the 2008-2009 Member Roster on pages 15-17.
Please, be prepared to vote on this at the Midsummer meeting.

CONSTITUTION*

ARTICLE II : Membership - Active membership in this organization shall be open to individuals and their immediate family who are of Scandinavian birth or ancestry and to those who are committed to maintaining the cultural heritage of Scandinavia.

Confirmation to active membership shall be by the majority vote of the Board of Directors.

BY-LAWS

SECTION 1: Membership -Confirmation to membership is decided by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

Each member is expected to serve on committees as needed, at the direction of the Board, to support the activities of the Club.

SECTION II: Membership fees

The annual membership fee levels of this Club shall be determined by the Board of Directors and published annually.

The membership renewal statement will be mailed to the membership in June and the fees are due upon receipt. Any member failing to pay the renewal fee by July 31st shall be notified prior to the publication of the annual Member Roster. Until individuals have paid the renewal fees, they will pay guest prices for the dinner meetings.

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May 19, 2009 Board Minutes, held at Michael Lindner's

Present: Grete Davidsen/Ed Kidwell, Michael Lindner, Paivi Rajala-Schultz, Carol Savolaine, Katy Rasor, Harry/Carol Wickstrom, Marilyn Paulsen

President Report: Grete welcomed Marilyn Paulsen to the Board. Marlene Kinsey, Keith Gilbertson, Trygve Skarsten were unable attend.

Vice President: In Marlene's absence, Midsommar plans were finalized regarding time, menu, pricing for the June event at Highbanks Metro Park.

Secretary: Minutes of previous meeting were approved.

Treasurer: Harry reported a current balance of \$12,607. Attendance at May dinner was 102 with 6 no-shows and 8 without a reservation.

Dinner Chair: Ed will give assistance to the new Dinner Chair and hopes to have Captains for all dinners for the new year by September.

Membership: Paivi is updating Membership and Renewal Membership forms. Discussion of improved changes was held.

Calling Chair: It is difficult to get an accurate count for dinners. A continuing problem is some members do not return phone calls or email messages.

Property Chair: The sound system was improved/tweaked with the help of Karl Freudenreich.

Scandinews: Deadline for June 2009 issue is June 1st.

Old Business: A committee (Grete, Carol, Michael, Paivi) met to review the Constitution/By-Laws referring to membership & committee expectations. Decision made to **not change member fees for new year beginning July 1st**. Proposed changes to be in June Scandinews with vote taken at Midsommar.

New Business: meeting dates & Officer/Board Members for 2009-2010:

President - Grete Davidsen-Kidwell	Dinner Chair - Trygve Skarsten
Vice-Pres - Michael Lindner	Membership - Paivi Rajala-Schultz
Secretary - Katy Rasor	Property Ch. - Keith Gilbertson
Treasurer- Harry Wickstrom	Calling Chair - Marilyn Paulsen
	Scandinews Ed. Carol Wickstrom

**June Board Meeting will be held at Ed & Grete's home June 28 at 4 PM.
Respectfully Submitted,**

Katy Rasor, Secretary

Have a wonderful time at

Midsommar!

**Harry and I will be
celebrating
My Mother's 99th birthday!!**

Next Scandinews in Sept.

Carol Wickstrom, Editor