



# ScandiNews

Scandinavian Club of Columbus

PO BOX 14296

Columbus, Ohio 43214

March 2008

## 2007-2008 Events

Icelandic Night	Mar. 15
Danish Night	Apr. 19
Norwegian Night	May 17
Midsommar	June 21

The March Meeting will be held at the Covenant Presbyterian Church in Upper Arlington. Social hour is at 6:00, dinner at 7:00, and the program begins at 8:00. Adults: \$10 for members, \$15 for guest adults. Children's prices are: Ages 0-6 free, ages 7-16 members \$3 and guests \$5, ages 17-21 and students \$6.

The Skandi-Kaffe Group will meet on Thursday, Mar. 27 at La Chatelaine, 627 High Street in Worthington from 9:30 am to 11:00 am. Come join us!



## Celebrate the Spirit of Exchange!

What better way to experience another culture than through exchange? Charlotte, Sanne and Nils can all attest to the ups and downs of spending a school year abroad with a new family, making new friends and adjusting to a new school.



Nils and Charlotte

Last year, 16-year old Charlotte graduated from the only school she had ever attended -- a combined primary and junior high school in Dragør, Denmark. As an exchange student at Hilliard Davidson High School, she has had the chance to play on the school's soccer

team, go to the homecoming dance, and even catch a football game or two!

Nils (18-years old) grew up in Everberg, Belgium with his parents and younger siblings. He first came across the idea of being an exchange student a few years ago when he read an article in his school newspaper. Besides attending Grove City

High School, Nils has seen Niagara Falls, been to Cedar Point, and visited New Jersey with his host family!

Sanne (17-years old) is an exchange student from Vissenbjerg, Denmark. Outgoing and artistic, she has especially enjoyed the fine arts program at Dublin Jerome High School. Most recently, she acted in the school's production of "Our Town."

On March 15th, Charlotte, Nils and Sanne will be speaking at the Scandinavian Club's monthly dinner. Additionally, Lynn Morgan, a staff field director from Youth For Understanding (YFU) Exchange Organization, will tell about the nuts-and-bolts of sending exchange students abroad and recruiting American host families. More information on YFU is available by calling 1-800-TEENAGE or by visiting [www.yfu.org](http://www.yfu.org).



Sanne and Charlotte



**The Scandinavian Club is in desperate need of new Board Members.** We will

have four positions open for the next term. Every year, it seems to be more and more of a struggle to find people willing to serve as board members. The club cannot continue without proper representation, and people with good organizational skills are required. It really doesn't take that much time, and the board meetings once a month are fun social get-togethers. The Scandinavian Club of Columbus has been around for 71 years—let's keep it going strong for another 71 at least!

Please feel free to contact any board member (listed on the back page of your ScandiNews) to enquire about specific positions and duties. We would each be happy to talk to you!

## SAVE THE DATE!

**The flag of the Kingdom of Norway** will be raised and flown over the Ohio Statehouse in honor of Syttende Mai – Norway's Constitution Day. Come and attend the flag raising ceremony, hosted by the Governor's Office on Friday, May 16, 2008. (Meet at 11:30 on the West plaza of the Capitol.) For details, contact Esther Charlton of the Sons of Norway at 513-923-3798

## Message from the Dinner Chair

The celebration of our club's 71st Birthday Dinner was a big hit. The food was delicious and we received several compliments. I want to give a special thanks to our small and hardworking committee:

**Carl and Linda Eriksson (Capt.)**

**Ron and Norma Johnson (Capt.)**

**Katy Rasor (Capt.)**

Ben and Karen Freudenreich

Svein and Cara Haugland

Caitlin Kilkka

Ryan Kilkka (Caitlin's hardworking visiting brother)

John Jensen

Again, there were a few members that knew well in advance that they would not be able to work on this committee. Please, do not wait until the last minute to call me with this. It's hard enough setting up these committees and impossible to make changes at the last minute. If you have a condition that makes you unable to work, let me know and I will add you to the disabled list.

I can't stress enough that the success of our dinners depends upon all of our members, who are physically able, to step up to the "plate" and work on their assigned committee. Once a year - it is really not too much to ask.

If you cannot work on your assigned committee, check with somebody on a committee that has not worked yet and trade with them. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

## March Dinner Committee

**Steinn and Kristin Jonsson (Captains)**

David and Elizabeth Firth

Paul Holmberg

Bo and Anna Kimly

Don and Karen Larson

Steven Long

Alan and Sigrid Lubell

Warren and Sandy Powell

Andrew and Meghan Strader

Again, I look forward seeing you all at this dinner.

**Grete Davidsen-Kidwell,**

Dinner Chair

## Swedish Chamber Orchestra

The Swedish Chamber Orchestra will give a performance at Cleveland's Severance Hall on April 2, 2008. Conductor Thomas Dausgaard and his 38 musicians are renowned for their dynamic interpretations of traditional chamber orchestra classics as well as repertoire that is normally considered more within the realm of a full-size symphony orchestra.

Polish-Hungarian pianist Piotr Anderszewski joins the Swedish Chamber Orchestra in an all-Beethoven program. Widely regarded as one of the most exciting pianists of his generation, Anderszewski has won major prizes and made award-winning recordings.

Swedish Chamber Orchestra/Thomas Dausgaard

Dates: Wednesday 02 April 2008

Location: Cleveland, OH, USA

Severance Hall

11001 Euclid Avenue

Cleveland, OH 44106

Call 1-888-CMA-0033 or 216-421-7350

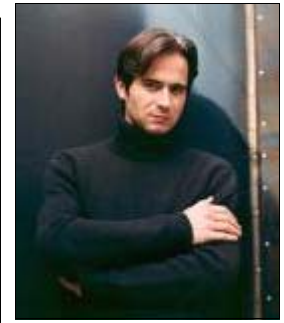
Repertoire:

Beethoven: Piano Concerto No 1 in C major, op 15

Organiser: Cleveland Museum of Art

Links: <http://www.swedishchamberorchestra.org/>

<http://www.clevelandart.org/educef/viva2007/html/Severance.html>



**Did you know Paul Cox AND Jenny Blair EACH have a birthday March 28 and EACH will be 95 years!!**

## Letter from the President

Mary and I have never visited Iceland, but we were in a fascinating Ice Bar in Stockholm this past summer. The Ice Bar was made completely of ice, as were the drinking glasses. Note the warm clothing and gloves in the accompanying photo of Mary and me, and our Swedish friends in the middle, Bertil and Kerstin Ohlsson.

Columbus, Ohio has also had the flavor of an Iceland many times this winter too. Let's hope that the weather is good when we celebrate Icelandic night on Saturday, March 15!

Recently we added Power Point to our computer, which enabled me to see at home for the first time a history of the Scandinavian Club, which was prepared in our 69th anniversary year two years ago. Looking at more than 90 images, it was clear to me time and again how much our club has thrived because of the participation of volunteers.

For instance, from the very beginning there was the plan of 10 different people in charge of the dinners each year, one each month. The only difference was back then it was assumed there would be ten women! Seventy-one years later, our dinners depend on the same concept of volunteering, by women and men.

We are now at a critical point in the history of our Scandinavian Club. Thus far no one has come forward to volunteer to serve on our Board and all of the persons who have been asked so far have declined. We expect to have four (4) positions to fill on our nine (9) person Board. Ed Kidwell, Tammy Carl, Caitlin Kilkka and I will be leaving the Board, and continuing will be Carol Wickstrom, Katy Razor, Arvo Pikkarainen, Randy Carlson, and Grete Davidsen-Kidwell.



With this background, I do hope that we will have a groundswell of volunteers and be able to present a full slate to the Club when we have elections in April.

Thanks so much to all of you who have worked so hard on behalf of our Club, including during my two years as President. I hope that in the days ahead we will put together a Board that will enable the Scandinavian Club to continue to thrive.

Sincerely yours,  
**Bob Holm, President 2007-08**

## New Members

### Lundstrom, Walter and Gail

children: Tatiana 2/11/94, Drake 7/12/95,  
Rex 8/6/97  
1218 E. Walnut St.  
Westerville, OH 43081  
614-818-3418  
Linneasail@hotmail.com

Walter was born in Bureå, Sweden and moved to the US in May, 1989. His wife, Gail, is originally from Nashville, TN and lived in Sweden 1987 to 1989.

New email address for Carol Wickstrom —  
carolwick@gmail.com

Please call Carol Wickstrom at 614-263-9392 with any updates or corrections to the roster.

## Cleveland Vasa Celebrates 100th!

Plans are shaping up for the 100th Anniversary Celebration of the founding of Nobel Lodge #130. Our Gala will be held Sat., April 19, 2008 at the Cleveland-East Holiday Inn in Wickliffe. Tickets will be \$50/pp.

A cash bar cocktail hour begins at 5:30pm. Dinner, to follow at 6:30pm, will be your choice of London Broil, Grilled Salmon, or Chicken Wellington. The program will feature excellent entertainment drawing on our Swedish heritage. There will also be a display of historical items on view throughout the evening.

The hotel is offering special room rates for out-of-town guests attending this event. Send names and addresses to Sharen Tizzano, 2250 Par Lane, #1217, Willoughby Hills, OH 44094 or to Karen Chilcote, 1062 Argonne Road, South Euclid, OH 44121.



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## 2007-2008 Board

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Bob Holm  
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Caitlin Kilkka  
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Tammy Carl  
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## Scandinavian Club Board Minutes From February

DATE: Sunday Feb. 7, 2008 at the home of Katy Rasor

Members Present: Bob Holm, Grete-Davidsen Kidwell, Ed Kidwell, Randy Carlson, Tammy Carl, Carol Wickstrom and Katy Rasor.

President: Bob Holm called the meeting to order. The minutes for Jan.26 were corrected, as the secretary had not included Dinner Price adjustment for children in the minutes. Ages 6 and under-free; ages 7-16 members \$3.00 and guests \$5.00, ages 17-21 and students \$6.00. Minutes were then approved.

### REPORTS

Secretary reported a card was sent to Susan Rutter Wagner.

TREASURER: Ed Kidwell reported 84 people attended the Feb. meeting. Eleven people with reservations did not attend while eleven people without reservations did attend. The club experienced a loss of -\$189.09. The balance of the Treasury is \$12,944.07.

PROGRAM: The program for the March meeting will be exchange students from the "Youth for Understanding" group for which Caitlin Kilkka is a volunteer. The students will be talking about their experiences. One of the students is from Denmark.

MEMBERSHIP: The club welcomes Betty Bryan whose father was from Copenhagen and whose mother's parents came to the USA from Arhus Denmark. The club also welcomes Walter and Gail Lundstrom and their family. Walter is a native of Bureå, Sweden and came to the US in 1989. Gail is originally from Nashville TN and lived in Sweden from 1987 to 1989. Walter presented the Feb. program.

DINNER CHAIR: The menu was well received and Grete thanked her hard working committee.

CALLING COMMITTEE: The new members will be added to the calling list.

PROPERTY: No report.

SCANDINEWS: No report.

OLD BUSINESS: Information in the Roster will be reviewed before the roster for 2008 is printed.

NEW BUSINESS: The April election of new board members was discussed.

The next meeting will be at the home of Randy Carlson at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted  
Katy Rasor, Secretary