

March 2009

SCANDINEWS

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

2009 Events

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, March 26

at

LaChatelaine, 627 High St.
in downtown Worthington

(parking in rear)

A Wedding!

**Johnerik Wenar
married**

**Susan Maxwell
December 27, 2008**

Johnerik is a long time member of
Scandinavian Club - we wish them
both many years of happiness.

Congratulations!!

Happy 96th Birthday!

Two Long-time Members:

**Jenny Blair
And
Paul Cox**

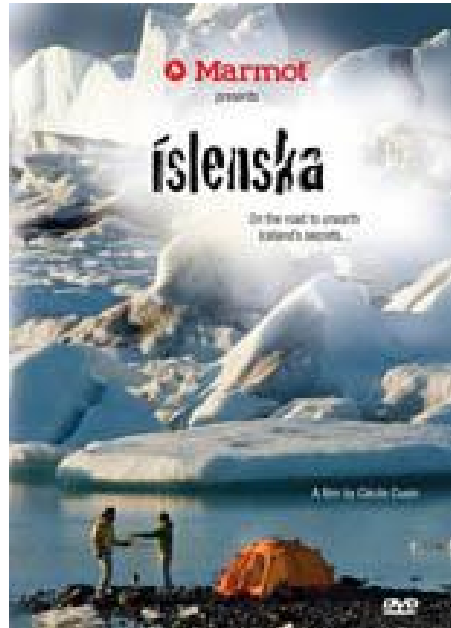
**each are celebrating 96 years
on March 28th**

Come....Celebrate ICELAND!!

Saturday, March 21

Covenant Presbyterian Church, Upper Arlington

Social Hour 5 pm - Dinner Served 6 pm



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Lured by timeless volcanoes,
sweeping glaciers,
crashing ocean waves
and medieval-like landscapes,

This film celebrates Iceland's
remarkable people
and natural beauty
and one team's vision
of what is

“Icelandic.”

**Come...
Don't miss this!**

“Top” NORDIC ISLANDS - A number of Nordic islands have made it on to the *National Geographic's Traveler* magazine's list of the best island destinations, with the **Faroe Islands ranking highest at #1**. “Superb glaciated landscape with improbably steep slopes. Little flat land. Local society unified & resolutely Faroese, not Danish, with own language, etc. Built heritage, down to the grass roofs, reasonably protected, certainly cherished. Most tourists are adventurous and well-informed,” reads the citation.

Iceland ranks #9 While this island nation is described as “impeccable and awe inspiring,” National Geographic cautions that “the ongoing development of new smelters and hydroelectric projects may affect environmental values as well as image and attractiveness as a destination.”

Norway Lofoten Islands ranks #3 “deep, placid fjords, jagged, rocky peaks, a historic & geologic masterpiece”.

Denmark's Bornholm ranks #76 – described as “low-key, quiet destination ...pleasant but not outstanding landscape...high sustainability but unexciting.”
(above information is from **Scandinavian Press, Winter 2009 issue**)

***Your Editor** adds **Gotland, Sweden** (in the middle of the Baltic Sea). It is a **very very special place!**...I do not understand how it missed being on the list.

March 2009 President's Message – Grete Davidsen-Kidwell

This year is really flying by. It's been two months since we had our last meeting at Covenant Presbyterian Church and the planning for the Icelandic Dinner is in full swing. I'm looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at this meeting.

The February Bowling Event was a big hit among us who attended. Families with small children, teenagers we do not see very often at the dinner meetings, and adults of all ages showed up. You have never heard so much laughing and yelling along with those speaking in their native tongue as well as just plain American. There have already been requests to repeat this event next year.

However, there have been some comments reaching my attention that we are a Scandinavian Club and Bowling is not part of our heritage. It's impossible to please everybody even though we are trying very hard. For those who have a problem with the way we select our events, I welcome you to join the Board for this coming year (we have several openings) to help us set the club events to your liking. I also do want to add that this was an activity suggested by members through the surveys.



Ed Kidwell picks up his spare at the Bowling Party

On behalf of the Club I would like to thank Päivi Rajala-Schultz, our Membership Chair, who originally agreed to stay on the Board for 1 year has now volunteered to serve 2 more years to fill out the 3-year term in her position. Päivi is a very busy lady. She is an Associate Professor of Veterinary Epidemiology, travels a lot in her job and still finds time to be a very active member on the Board

I would very much like to have some of you come talk to me at the March Meeting regarding joining the Board. When we were singing the Birthday Song at the Bowling Alley for the Club's 72nd Anniversary, the Swedes were singing something about "must you live for another 100 years". Ladies and Gentlemen if this is going to happen for the Scandinavian Club of Columbus, we need people to be willing to serve on the Board.

The Board did have the February Meeting at the Church where we sorted through the Club's Library. We divided the books by languages, sorted the American books by story, travel and crafts. We do have some nice books and many children's books in Swedish if anybody is interested.

Hilsen, *Grete*

North House Folk School - Grand Marais, Minnesota

From mushrooming and rosemary to birch bark, basket weaving & kick sled construction, the North House Folk School in Grand Marais, MN offers more than 600 courses each year. It all started with a 2-week Inuit-style kayak building class in 1997. Today North House is a veritable Scandinavian folk School *folkehøjskole* where learning is valued for its own sake. The classes "promote & preserve knowledge, skills, and crafts of the past & present" in a student-centered learning environment that really inspires the hands, the heart and the mind. Almost all the very "Nordic" courses are for beginners. Located on the north shore of Lake Superior, it is a charming artistic town with plenty of colorful restaurants, art galleries and good lodging options adjacent to the North House Folk School campus. (*from Scandinavian Press, Winter 2009*)

Concordia Language Villages, Bemidji, Minnesota

Concordia College, Moorhead, MN runs a wonderful program on Turtle Lake in Bemidji, Minnesota, a total immersion program for children ages 7-18 years of age. The 10 camps include Danish, Finnish, Norwegian, & Swedish camps, all located on Turtle Lake. High school students can earn a year's language credit in an intensive 4 week program. The Wickstrom's sent their son Tim for 2 weeks at 12 yrs. of age and were amazed at the progress he made in Swedish. The following summer he went to Sweden and *nearly* forgot his English! Our granddaughter went for 1 week when she was 8 yrs. She had a good time, enjoyed the culture, music, & crafts but made little progress in Swedish. However, maybe it *whet* appetite for languages – she majored in Languages at Miami U. and now teaches middle school French & Spanish.

For more information: www.concordialanguagevillages.com

March 2009 Message From the Dinner Chair – Ed Kidwell Ph: 614/882-8391 email: ed.kidwell@iglide.net

My thanks to J.J.Schultz & Päivi Rajala-Schultz for their wonderful work as Dinner Captains in January in organizing our night at the Maennerchor. I also want to thank Norma & Ron Johnson and Carol & Harry Wickstrom for arranging our Feb. meeting at Sequoia Lanes when plans for the Columbus Zoo had to be changed. I had a lot of fun at both events and it was a welcome change from our regular meetings, especially after 207 of you & your guests showed up for in Dec.!!

*Here are the latest updates for the rest of this year's Dinner Committees. Changes from the Listing published last Oct. are highlighted in ***Bold Italic type***. As mentioned in Oct, ***new members*** are being assigned to the June Midsummer Picnic.

Icelandic Night, Saturday 5pm - March 21, 2009 - Covenant Presbyterian Church

Dinner Captain: Ed Kidwell

Special Guest representing Iceland: Halldór Guðmundsson

Ann Beal

Kit Kilen/Michael Babin

Walter and Gail Lundstrom

Elizabeth Firth

Caitlin Kilkka

Latonya Poindexter

Marilyn (Molly) Hood

Patricia Larson-Volunteer

Joe & Susan Rutter Wagner

Gary Gudmundson-From Dec 09

Marilyn Flor Smith Johnson

Dolores/Richard Grulkowski -from Dec 09

Danish Night, Saturday 5pm - April 18, 2009 - Covenant Presbyterian Church

Dinner Captains: Debbie & Kevin Skarsten **Program Narrator: Inger Gilbert**

Frank & Birgit Andersen

Ken & Wilma Johnsen

Trygve & Ruth Skarsten

Sine-Marie & John Ayres

Bob & Lorraine Jurgensen

Dale & Gail Svendsen

Betty Bryan

Helen McBride

Blaine & Anne Marie Hoalst

Edward & Carol Savolaine From Mar 09

Norwegian Night, Saturday 5pm - May 16, 2009, Covenant Presbyterian Church

Dinner Captains: Steinn & Laura Kristin Jónsson – from Mar 09

Rita Ayre

Randy Treer

Morten & Kristine Haugland

Marilyn Paulsen

Dale & Gail Svendsen-2nd Committee

Lynn & Dave Kantner

Warren & Sandra Powell

Jim & Reidun Villella

Alan & Sigrid Lubell

Katy Razor

Johnerik & Susan Wenar

Tom & Connie Grimstad-From Nov 08

Charles & Kathleen Nelson-From Nov 08

MIDSUMMER PICNIC at Highbanks Metro Park – North Shelter

Sunday, June 20, 2009

Dinner Captain: Ed Kidwell

***Gail Anderson**

Elissa Ernst

***Bryan Noton**

Erik/Michele Warren

***Paul & Vicky Crane**

***Wendy Flores**

***Jan Staats**

***Niels & Constance Hansen**



Swedish Lenten buns, Semlor - The McGwire, Ahlqvist, and Lindner families got together last month to bake the traditional Lenten pastries also known as ***fastlagsbulle***, in Denmark they are known as ***fastelavnsbolle***, and in Norway ***fastelavensbolle***. In Finnish it is known as ***laskiaispulla***. The semla was originally eaten only on Shrove Tuesday, as the last festive food before Lent. Today, the semla consists of a cardamon-spiced wheat bun which has its top cut off and insides scooped out, and is then filled with a mix of vanilla, milk, almond paste,

and topped with whipped cream. The cut-off top serves as a lid and is dusted with powdered sugar. Many eat it in a bowl of warm milk. In Swedish this is known as ***hetvägg***.

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March 1, 2009 Board Minutes – held at Covenant Presbyterian Church

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

PRESIDENT’S REPORT: Grete reported the bowling party was successful and members of various ages enjoyed the activity. There was board discussion regarding whether the bowling served the purpose of the club. The general opinion was to schedule this event again next year, or something similar.

SECRETARY: Minutes were approved as corrected. Katy reported a get well card had been sent to Dee Erickson.

VICE –PRESIDENT: Marlene reported the country featured in March is Iceland. A movie of Iceland will be shown, showing the wonders of that unique country. There will be brochures about Iceland available for distribution. April is devoted to Denmark; Inger Gilbert will introduce the program. May is Norwegian night. Eric Evensen will present a program on Norse Mythology.

TREASURER: Harry reported the current balance of the treasury is \$13,148. There were 47 members who bowled and 8 who did not. The club lost \$227.98 due to the club’s subsidizing of this event.

DINNER CHAIR: Ed confirmed the remaining Dinner Committee members as to membership. Those unable to serve in month assigned will be rescheduled another month.

MEMBERSHIP: The board approved membership for Wendy Flores.

CALLING CHAIR: Carol **Savolaine** will distribute Calling Com. list to Bd members.

PROPERTY CHAIR: Michael thanked the board for assisting in sorting the club’s library & audiovisual inventory. Responsibilities for the Website needs to be discussed at a future meeting as to which Board position it will belong.

SCANDINEWS EDITOR: Deadline for board reports for the next newsletter is March 5.

OLD BUSINESS: The Board is looking into ways to help cultivate continued leadership. Three new board members are needed. The inventory of club books and other items was conducted by the board. The books were sorted and stored according to language & subject matter. Purging & protection of items was discussed; further discussion needed as to what to do with all/some of the collection.

NEW BUSINESS: The March board meeting will be held on March 22 at 6:00pm at Michael Lindner’s office.

Memorial Service
in Logan, Ohio for
Bill Juergensmeier

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Thurs. April 9, 2009 1 pm  
Oak Grove Cemetary  
Reception follows at  
Bowen House, Logan

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Jan. Scandinev reported
Bill’s death in Colorado.
He & Susan (Swenson)
were former members
of Scandinavian Club

The World’s coolest Hostel just opened right at the entrance of Arlanda airport outside Stockholm.



Jumbo Hostel (jumbohostel.com), a Boeing 747 out of commission, is the world’s 1st Airplane hotel. It has 25 rooms, each 65 square feet with 2 or 3 beds each (*from SEK 1200 with toilets and showers in the corridor*). Rooms are spartanly furnished w/bunk beds, overhead luggage compartments & flat-screen TV. You can also stay in the cockpit wedding suite (*SEK 3300*) that has a champagne cooler, your own bathroom and even the the opportunity to get married on one of the enormous wings. **Jumbo Hotel** has space for 74 guests. The staff dresses in airline uniforms and keeps a cafeteria going through the day under one of the wings. The Boeing, built in 1975, first saw service with Singapore Airlines. It was later sold to Pan Am and was eventually sold to a Swedish leasing company.

(from Swedish Press, February 2009 issue)