



# ScandiNews

Scandinavian Club of Columbus

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May 2008

## 2007-2008 Events

Norwegian Night	May 10
Midsommar	June 21

The May 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. **Special Mother's Day Pricing—All Member Fees!** Adults: \$10; Children Ages 0-6 free, ages 7-16 \$3; ages 17-21 and students \$6.

The Skandi-Kaffe Group will meet on Thursday, May 22 at La Chatelaine, 627 High Street in Worthington from 9:30 am to 11:00 am. Come join us!



## Norwegian Night — Dance the Night Away!



Whether it's a Norwegian springdans, Finnish humppa, Swedish slängpolska, a typical Danish folkedans, or what may seem to the Icelandic to be a hrúnadans, dancing is an integral part of the Nordic cultures. At next month's meeting, there will be a dance demonstration followed by instruction and plenty of good music. For those who forget their dancing shoes, we'll have coffee, cookies and conversation -- a perfect (seated) social hour for flat-footed friends!

Come join us on **May 10th** as we celebrate Norwegian Constitution Day, honor Mothers' Day, and dance the night away!

## News

**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

**The Nordic Tenors will once again be performing in Sarnia, Canada.** They are also bringing 2 sopranos this year. The visit is sponsored by United Way so we want as many Danes in Ontario surrounding states to know about this. More information will follow but save the date — June 26th. This is a great chance to hear some Danish songs along with an international program. The Danish Sisterhood is also planning a pre-show get-together. For more information, contact Jonna Easterby at 519-542-1737 (Canada) or agerso@hotmail.com.

## Scandinavian Art at The Roberts Gallery.

For decades, Scandinavia has been identified with the modern aesthetic in art and design. The Roberts Gallery in Bexley is pleased to present an exhibition of Scandinavian paintings that will span the range of French-influenced post impressionist works for the 1930's to mid-century modern works of the 1940's and 50's. The exhibit will run through May 31st. Gallery hours are Tues-Fri 11 to 5, and Sat 11-4. The Roberts Gallery is located at 539 South Drexel Avenue. 614-236-1245.

[www.robertsgallery.com](http://www.robertsgallery.com)



## Message from the Dinner Chair

At the May Dinner and the June Picnic I will have a sign-up sheet for next year's Dinner Committees. I will also be seeking volunteers to be Captains at the dinners. If you are not going to attend either of these two meetings, you may call me at home 614/882-8391. Leave a message during the daytime or call after 7 PM to talk to me. I really appreciate your help in this. It will save me many hours of work in setting up the committees. I can not guarantee that you will be able to work on the committee of your choice, but I will try my best. I need to make sure that we have enough people for each Dinner Committee.

The Danish Night Dinner for April was a huge success thanks to a great Committee:

Kevin and Debbie Skarsten (Captains)  
 Emily, Haley, Matthew, Logan and Zachary Skarsten  
 Trygve and Ruth Skarsten  
 Helen McBride  
 Don and Karen Larson  
 Ken and Wilma Johnson  
 Lynn Hlavin  
 James and Inger Gilbert  
 Chuck and Harriet Carlson  
 Sine-Marie and John Ayres

Did you know that all of the Frikadeller (400 +) were made by Kevin Skarsten and the Sand Kager were made by Debbie Skarsten? It took them about 8 hours and a day off from work to accomplish this. If this isn't dedication for the club, I don't know what is. Inger Gilbert and Sine-Marie Ayres made the cucumber salad and the rest of the crew did whatever was needed to put a successful dinner together. Thank you again for a wonderful job and a great Dinner.



Here are the Dinner Committees for the final two meetings of this club year:

### **May 10, 2008 Norwegian Dinner**

Jim and Reidun Villella (Captains)  
 Morten and Kristine Haugland  
 Blaine and Anne Marie Hoalst  
 Bette Madsen  
 Ernest and Ardyce Park  
 Marilyn Paulsen  
 Eldon and Carolyn Peterson  
 Lyle and Arma Schmidt  
 Gail Svendsen  
 Benjamin and Shannon Stenberg

### **June 21, 2008 Picnic at Highbanks Park**

Grete Davidsen-Kidwell and Ed Kidwell (Captains)  
 Timothy and Pia Cahill  
 Jennifer Hambrick and Timothy Dickey  
 Johanna DeStefano  
 Glenn Kranking  
 Michael Lindner

***Grete Davidsen-Kidwell,***  
 Dinner Chair



### Scenes from "Jack the Dullard" — April's Danish Night Program

Thanks to member Glenn Kranking for the photos!



## Letter from the President

This past week has been filled with many opportunities to connect with our Scandinavian heritage. Most recently Mary and I spent an enjoyable afternoon at the Ashville Viking Festival, where I was photographed with some of our Viking "cousins." Earlier in the week I had lunch with a delightful group of five Swedish Rotary exchange persons, and the next day I attended a Swedish-American Chamber of Commerce event at the New Albany Country Club. I had no idea when I became President that I would have so many opportunities to connect with other Scandinavians in Central Ohio, beyond our Club meetings.

Coming up next will be our Norwegian dinner on May 10 and the raising of the Norwegian flag at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, May 16 at the State House. You are all invited to attend this event and the lunch afterwards.

I do want to express a special word of appreciation to Adam Carl for creating and starring in the Hans Christian Andersen production of "Jack the Dullard" at our April meeting. Thanks very much, Adam, to you, and to our cast of exchange students — Charlotte, Sanne, and Tatiana. Thanks also to

Karin, Caitlin, Tammy, Michael, and Glenn for helping out with the production! It was a fun evening!

During the past couple of years I have been attending the ScandiKaffe at La Chatelaine in Worthington at 9:30 am on the fourth Thursday, September through June, where we have coffee, other refreshments and lots of good conversation. The driving force behind this monthly event was Randy Carlson. With Randy's passing, I hope that this activity will continue for the enjoyment of all who attend. If one of the regulars would volunteer to send an email reminder each month, please do let me know.

Finally, and of special importance, Ed and Carol Savolaine and Harry Wickstrom have been elected to the Board for three year terms and I have appointed Ed Kidwell for one more year to fill Randy's remaining year on the Board. And I am very pleased to announce that Marlene Kinsey has agreed to serve on the Board, to fill



the one remaining spot. Special thanks to Ed, Carol, Harry, Ed and Marlene!

**DON'T FORGET! Our Norwegian Dinner will be on May 10, one week earlier than usual.**

See you then!  
Bob Holm  
President 2007-08

## New Members

**GUDMUNDSON, Gary (I)**  
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Gary grew up in Minnesota and is 100% Icelandic heritage. He is in Public Relations with the Ohio Dept. of Taxation.

**KROGWOLD, Roger (N), Linda**  
5849 Connolly Court  
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Roger is Norwegian descent on both maternal/paternal sides. He is a Veterinarian with U.S. Dept. of Agriculture. Linda is a substitute teacher with Dublin City Schools.

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



## SCANDINAVIAN CLUB OF COLUMBUS

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### Scandinavian Club Board Minutes From April 20, 2008

Place: Home of Caitlin Kilkka

Members Present: Bob Holm, Caitlin Kilkka, Grete Davidsen-Kidwell, Ed Kidwell, Tammy Carl, Arvo Pikkarainen.

Minutes from March 2008 were approved with the following addition: A motion was made at the March meeting to have a Mother's Day special charging all member prices for the May dinner. The motion was approved.

**Calling Report:** (Ed Kidwell, Appointed Chair) Ed commended the callers who continued to make their calls even while out of state.

**Treasurer's Report:** For the April dinner, there were 129 reservations. There were 20 no-shows and 2 walk-ins, for a total attendance of 111 people. Concern for the number of no-shows was expressed. The April dinner brought a profit of \$178.68. The balance of club accounts is \$12,931. Ed is working on a review of the club's finances/activities from the past 6 years.

**Program Report:** The May program will be an evening of dancing. Caitlin will check with Scandinavian and Salsa dance instructors to confirm. The June program will be outdoors at Highbanks Park. The club will consider having coffee available for an after-program social time.

**Dinner Report:** Grete commended the Skarstens for doing a great job! Next month's (May's) captains will be Jim and Reidun Villella. This year everyone has done a good job of keeping the costs down while still making tasty dinners.

**Membership Report:** Two new members signed up. Carol will email the information to the board members.

**Property Report:** Everyone involved in the June picnic program should let Arvo know of their AV/Property needs. Since this will be held away from the church, he needs to know what to bring ahead of time. Arvo will work on getting all of the national anthems on a CD so they can be played at the dinners before grace.

**ScandiNews Report:** Nothing to report.

**Old Business:** Ed and Carol Savolaine and Harry Wickstrom were elected as new board members. Welcome aboard, new board members! President Bob Holm appointed Ed Kidwell to fill the Calling Chair position for one year. Thank you Ed for continuing your commitment to the Scandinavian Club.

**New Business:** The club financial audit will take place between mid-July and August 31<sup>st</sup> of 2008. The new club president will select 2 club members to do the audit with the assistance of the new club treasurer. Board positions for the 2008-2009 year will be discussed at the May board meeting.

The next board meeting will be held on May 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 at the home of Bob and Mary Holm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tammy Carl (substituting for Katy Rasor)