



# ScandiNews

Scandinavian Club of Columbus

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**November 2007**

## 2007-2008 Events

OSU Tailgate Party	Nov. 17
LuciaFest	Dec. 15
Finnish Night	Jan. 19
Club Birthday Party	Feb. 16
Icelandic Night	Mar. 15
Danish Night	Apr. 19
Norwegian Night	May 17
Midsommar	June 21

## Come and Celebrate Another Season of Buckeye Football!

This year, the November meeting will be a Tailgate Party Potluck at the church. The game starts at noon, so come on over after the game to — dare I say it? — celebrate a Buckeye victory over Michigan! Be sure to wear your best and brightest Buckeye gear and bring a tasty dish to share. Please bring something in the following categories according to your last name:



### A-I: Entrée/Main Dish

(Hot Dogs, Brats, and Drinks will be provided by the Club.)

### J-R: Salad or Dessert

### S-Z: Appetizer or Side Dish



The dinner will be held at the usual time: Social Hour at 6:00; Dinner at 7:00; board games and cards starting after dinner around 8:00. This event will be at our usual place, the Covenant Presbyterian Church in Upper Arlington. Cost will be \$5.00 for adult members, \$7.50 for adult guests, \$3.00 college students and guest kids, and \$2.00 for member kids (5 and under are free).



After dinner, it's Game Night! **Please bring a favorite board game that you think others will enjoy.** We'll have Scandinavian music — feel free to dance! A game night is something that has been suggested many times in the past, and it sounds like a lot of fun.

**GO BUCKS!!**

## Recipes from the October Dinner

Here are the recipes for two of the delicious dishes from the October Dinner, both courtesy of Cheri Fitzgerald!

**Wildie's Swedish Cream**  
(Danish, Norwegian, Finnish, Icelandic...)  
Serves: 6 – large or 10 - ½ cup

- 1 envelope unflavored gelatin
- ¼ C cold water
- 2 ½ C heavy cream (whipping cream)
- 1 C sugar
- 2 C sour cream

In a sauce pan :

- Dissolve the gelatin in the water.
- Heat gelatin, cream and sugar until dissolved (do not boil).
- Cool mixture to room temperature.
- Gently whisk in the sour cream and vanilla until smooth in texture.
- Pour into mold or glasses you want for presentation.
- Cover with plastic and chill until firm (approx. 3-4 hrs.)

- Serve with whole blackberries or any berries you like (frozen) cooked with sugar to taste
- Chill – Spoon over cream – YUM !

**Nana Greenwood's Homemade Applesauce**  
Makes 1 quart

- Wash, quarter and core 3 pounds of apples of your choice.
- Place into 5 quart saucepan with 1/2 C of water.
- Gently cook (watch for scorching) and smash apples until they are soft.
- Add water as needed if too thick and blobby.
- Place food mill over bowl and mill the apple mixture (removing skins when needed)
- Place the milled applesauce back in the saucepan and add sugar to taste and stir until the sugar is dissolved.
- Cool and eat

The Skandi-Kaffe Group will meet on Thursday, Nov. 15 at La Chatelaine, 627 High Street in Worthington from 9:30 am to 11:00 am. Come join us!



## Message from the Dinner Chair

The October Dinner was our first Dinner at the Church for the new club year and I really enjoyed working with this great committee. Thank-you for a wonderful job:

### October 20, 2007 Sweden

Bob & Marj Stevenson (Co-Capts.)  
 Dan & Cheri Fitzgerald (Co-Capts.)  
 Sylvia Casas  
 John Dalmas  
 Amy M. Erickson  
 Sean Fitzgerald  
 James Lama & Berit Nilsson  
 Charles & Kathleen Nelson

The November Dinner was to be a "Tailgate Party", thinking that the Ohio State and Michigan game wouldn't start until 4 p.m. - just like last year's game. With this year's game now scheduled to start at noon, we had to reschedule the Dinner to our normal 6 p.m. start time, but we're still going to have an organized pot-luck, we'll just call it a post game party!

### November 17, 2007 OSU Post-Game Party

Ed Kidwell & Grete Davidsen-Kidwell (Capts.)  
 Thomas & Constance Grimstad  
 Bob & Mary Holm  
 Tammy Carl

Please see the cover page of this newsletter to see what dish you are supposed to bring. The club will provide table service, drinks and brats. G.B.B.M!

Thanks for all your help!  
 Grete Davidsen-Kidwell, Dinner Chair 07-08

### For Sale by Club:

2008 CALENDARS with beautiful photos of each country. Denmark, Finland, Norway, or Sweden. Each is \$12.00.

Photo Notecards from all 5 countries, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden. Cost \$2.50 each.

They will be on display at the Nov. 17 meeting or call: Carol Wickstrom, 614-263-9392

## Welcome New Member!

### Elizabeth A. (Bette) Madsen

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Bette is a professor and consultant. Her paternal great-grandparents were born in Denmark.

### Additional Membership News:

The 2007-08 Rosters are printed and will be available at the November 17 or December 15 meetings. If your listing has errors, please contact Membership Chair Carol Wickstrom at 614-263-9392. Also, please make a correction to Arlene Snider's listing in the roster. Her new phone number is: 614-771-8821

We are pleased to welcome **Katy Rasor** as the new club secretary! Thank you so much for stepping up and helping your Scandinavian Club. Katy's correct email address is nordiclass2@aol.com. Please contact her if you know of a club member who should receive a get-well or sympathy card.

## Scandinavian Club Helps Those in Need



At the October meeting, Scandinavian Club members generously brought in enough food to fill the entire food drive bin at the Church! Way to go!

We received a thank you letter from Gerlinde Lott of the Covenant Presbyterian Church, which says in part:

"Our pantry serves a special function: we deliver directly to a client's residence and cover the near east side, near west side as well as north and northwest side of the Columbus area. First Link, a social agency, provides us with a client's food request. We make between 15 and 20 deliveries a month. If anyone from your group would like to volunteer with this mission, please have that person contact me (486-8607). Our volunteers usually accept a run once a month which takes them about an hour and a half to complete. My sincere thanks again for your thoughtfulness."

Since this food drive was such a big success, the Scandinavian Club has decided to continue it at the November and December meetings. Please bring any food items you can and help us fill up the bin once again!

## Letter from the President — Bob Holm

Among the highlights of our five week Scandinavian trip this past summer was a four day Gota Canal trip, from Goteborg to Stockholm. Our boat was named Juno and was built in 1874. It carried 55 passengers and traversed 58 locks and several lakes during our journey. We were told it is the oldest active passenger vessel in the world, carrying passengers at night. Note that the photo accompanying my message was taken on the Juno as the canal passed over a highway! This was a relaxing and enjoyable trip, which we highly recommend.

I am writing to you the day before the International Festival. My fingers are still stained from cutting carrots at our

“chopping party.” I want to say in advance a special thanks to Norma Johnson, Inger Gilbert and Grete Davidsen-Kidwell for their leadership, and to all who made our participation in this year’s International Festival what I know will be a great success!

Our November 17 dinner has been scheduled for the regular 6 pm time, due to the OSU-Michigan game starting at noon. Enjoy the GAME at home or wherever, and then come to the Covenant Presbyterian Church at the regular 6 pm time for our potluck dinner and a GAME NIGHT, with your favorite table games. For non-game players, continued conversation at the tables is encouraged. Do feel free to



bring your favorite game, so we will have enough games to choose from at our GAME NIGHT.

See you all on November 17, I hope!

Sincerely yours,  
Bob Holm, President 2007-08

## International Festival Committee Thanks You!

The Scandinavian Club was a huge success this year again. We received the most coveted prize, **Honorable Mention in All Categories**, said the UN representative, when I accepted the white ribbon at the ceremony. We also received a \$50 certificate toward our booth next year.

Our success was accomplished by the hard work of our booth designers. Michael Lindner built a Stave Church above our booths, a very impressive structure towering high above us, and the entire history of the Nobel Peace Prize as our background. The UN theme this year was **Peace Through Understanding**. We absolutely embodied that concept, as I think we have done every year. Åke Hellström and his wife Ingrid also helped with the Stave Church besides the video, which ran continuously with pictures of the club and its many members laughing and showing how much fun they have when they get together. (Åke showed only members at their very best.)

The Blue Ribbon Salmon Chowder could not have materialized without the arduous, year-round work of Norma Johnson and her kitchen crew at the Chopping Party. They are: Cheri Fitzgerald, Katy Rasor, Ken & Wilma Johnsen, Marilyn Smith, Helen McBride, Inger Gilbert, Andy

Garnes, Bob Holm, Bill & Marlene Kinsey, Ingrid Hellström, Bette Madsen, and Karen Freudenreich.

All the workers at the booth showed up with their most amicable smiles on their faces; it happens every time they work together. They are: Katy Rasor, Carol & Harry Wickstrom, Marilyn Smith, Glenn Kranking (who also put many hours in on the Stave Church), Michael Lindner, Caitlin Kilkka, her exchange student from Denmark, Charlotte and her Danish friend Sanne, Birgit & Frank Andersen, Bill & Marlene Kinsey, Bette Madsen, Bob & Mary Holm, Tammy Carl, Don & Karen Larsen, Päivi Rajala-Schultz (who had just returned from Finland the day before and was still groggy from jetlag), Debbie and Kevin Skarsten & family came down to walk in the Parade of Nation and help with the teardown of booths, as did all the workers of the Sunday late shift.

Ken & Wilma Johnsen stepped up to serve, although they were not scheduled to work, when we ran short of workers due to illness. (It happens, so substitute volunteers are always welcome.)

Andy Garnes volunteers every year with the set-up and teardown. This year he ended up with a load of festival stuff to take

home for safekeeping! Sara Garnes showed us how handy she is with a screwdriver at the teardown.

I baked 480 Æbleskiver at the demonstration, and Grete demonstrated and baked Lefse, and James Gilbert sold everyone of them. We couldn't have done this festival without him.

We also want to thank Ron Johnson and Ed Kidwell for lugging things to and from the festival; that's part of being married to hardworking women like Norma and Grete.

Thank you to all who brought or sent cookies and contributions to the festival: Sandy Powell, Katy Rasor, Bill & Marlene Kinsey, Cheri Fitzgerald, Marilyn Smith, and Sara Garnes.

Four of us worked all hours both days. We are: Norma Johnson, Grete Davidsen-Kidwell, and James & Inger Gilbert.

~Inger Gilbert  
Festival Chair



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### Scandinavian Club Board Minutes from October Meeting

Date: Sun. Oct. 20 2007. Home of Randy Carlson.

**Members Present:** Bob Holm, Randy Carlson, Ed Kidwell, Grete Davidsen-Kidwell, Arvo Pikkarainen, Tammy Carl and Katy Rasor.

President Bob Holm called the meeting to order. Minutes of Sept. 23 were approved. Bob announced Katy Rasor accepted the secretary's position replacing Sven Lundstedt. Bob reported get well cards had been sent to Renee Mobeck, Sylvia Casas and Ardyce Park.

#### REPORTS

Treasurer; Ed Kidwell said the Club funds balance is \$11,188.37. There were 96 people in attendance at Oct. 19 meeting at the church. Following are Expenses:

Dinner	\$99.27	Net Loss
Int. Festival	1307.94	
Roster	119.77	
Income, Sales Tax Return	\$1484.75	

**MEMBERSHIP:** Membership is 161 persons. Board passed a motion to offer the option of paying an extra dollar for postage to receive roster by mail beginning in 2008. The club welcomes Bette Madson whose paternal grandparents were born in Denmark.

**PROGRAM:** Glenn Kranking, doctoral student at OSU presented an extremely interesting program on the Swedish Minority in Estonia. Glenn answered many questions from club members.

**DINNER COMMITTEE:** Grete reported everything went smoothly; the meal was delicious and the committee worked very hard. Since the OSU/MI game (Nov) is scheduled at noon, our dinner will return to normal 6:00 p.m. schedule. It will still be a potluck with hotdogs, brats, drinks provided. Prices; \$5.00 member adults; \$7.50 non-member adults, \$2.00 member children and \$3.00 non-member children. Members are asked to bring board games for entertainment.

**PROPERTY:** Arvo asked if flags are needed to be taken to the Festival and was told yes. He also arranged to give disposable items to Grete for serving food.

**SCANDINEWS:** Tammy said she is changing printing companies from STAPLES to ADVANCE GRAPHICS because Advance Graphics will deliver to her office and the cost is slightly cheaper.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Reservations have been made for next September's Breakfast at Antrim Park and for Midsommar picnic at Highbanks.

Randy announced the food drive was successful and the Board decided to ask members to bring food each month to place in box at church's entrance. The church will then distribute it.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Lucia Dinner will start at 5:00 p.m. In addition to celebrating Lucia, the club will be congratulating Finland on its 90th year of Independence.

The next board meeting will be hosted by Arvo Pikkarainen at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted  
Katy Rasor, Secretary