



# ScandiNews

Scandinavian Club of Columbus

PO BOX 14296

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October 2007

## 2007-2008 Events

Swedish Night	Oct. 20
International Festival	Nov. 3-4
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

## The Swedish Minority in Estonia



Photos courtesy of Svenska Odlingens Vänner, Stockholm

OSU Doctoral Candidate Glenn Kranking will speak on October 20 at the Scandinavian Club about his research on the Swedish minority in Estonia. The Swedes, a group of approximately 8,000 farmers and fishermen, lived in relative isolation on islands and along the coast of Estonia for hundreds of years before reconnecting with the church, organizations, and individuals in Sweden in the late 1800s. An Estonian-Swedish movement sought to improve the language, education, and cultural development of the group as the region passed through various governments: Tsarist Russia, independent Estonia, Soviet occupation, and Nazi German occupation. During the Second World War, the majority of the Estonian-Swedes fled the region, resettling in Sweden. During this period, they developed increased connections with Sweden, established cultural and political organizations, founded schools, and regularly published newspapers and calendars.

Glenn's presentation will focus on the development of the Estonian-Swedish community from the 1870s until 1944, the challenges and successes they faced, and the larger pan Swedish movement from the beginning of the 20th century.

Glenn is a Doctoral Candidate in the History Department at OSU. He spent last year conducting research on this topic in Stockholm, Sweden, making shorter research trips to Estonia and Russia. Glenn received a Master of Arts degree from the University of Tartu in Estonia, where he lived for three years studying the Estonian-Swedish community. He also has a Master of Arts degree in Scandinavian Area Studies from the University of Washington, and did his undergraduate work at Gustavus Adolphus College in Minnesota. He has presented his research at conferences in the US, Sweden, Estonia, and Finland, and published articles in two books.



The Skandi-Kaffe Group will meet on Thursday, Oct. 25 at La Chatelaine, 627 High Street in Worthington from 9:30 am to 11:00 am. Come join us!



## Scandinavian Club to Help Those in Need

The Scandinavian Club of Columbus is making a commitment to helping the less fortunate in our area. Starting with the October meeting, we will be collecting food for the poor and homeless. Please bring as much non-perishable food as you can — we'd love to see a shopping bag full from each family! — to the dinner on October 20th. Randy Carlson will have his van parked at the entrance to the church, so you don't even have to bring the food inside. **Our goal is to fill the entire van! We hope to have an entire van full of food to donate to those in need!** In addition to canned goods, don't forget about things like peanut butter, macaroni & cheese, and boxed dinners. *Please be sure to check expiration dates if you are cleaning out your pantry.*



## Message from the Dinner Chair

Thank you so much to our committee for once again being in charge of the September Breakfast. I heard that you really did a great job and had a big turn-out.

### September 15, 2007 Breakfast at Antrim Park

Harry & Carol Wickstrom (Co-Capts.)  
Terry & Sharon Carlson (Co-Capts.)  
Ben, Peggy & Kim Kaster

The October Dinner is our first Dinner at the Church for the new club year and I'm looking forward seeing as many of you as possible. (Yes, Marj the dishwashers will be there.)

### October 20, 2007 Sweden

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

This year I've spent hours checking your renewal forms and calling almost every member in the Club to see which committee was best for them to serve on. Some of you I could not reach, and I was forced to put you on a committee where you were needed. I do realize that things come up that might make it difficult for you to serve on your assigned committee. If this is the case, please call someone on another committee and trade with them. After you have done so, please let me know so I can change my records.

I beg of you to help me out this year. Like many of you, I have very little spare time and I need your cooperation so that our dinners will run smoothly and not be short-staffed.

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



## In Memoriam

We are sorry to report the death of Glenn Thornbloom on September 8. He was a Past-President of Scandinavian Club 1980-81, and was also Director of the Scandinavian Folk Dance Group of Columbus for many years. His wife, Desyl, is presently recovering from a fall and hip surgery. She is in rehab at Friendship Village East until the end of October.

Member Karl Pettersson also passed away after a long illness. You may remember him and his wife Barbara Pierson from some of our dinners. Karl was born in Sweden and is survived by his children, who still live there.



## November's Meeting will be a Tailgate Party

Come cheer on the Buckeyes with your Scandinavian friends! This year, the November meeting will be a Tailgate Party Potluck at the church. We will be watching the game on the big screen in front of the stage. (Thanks to Ed Kidwell and Arvo Pikkarainen for figuring out how to do it!)

Be sure to wear your best and brightest Buckeye gear and bring a tasty dish to share. The exact time of the dinner will depend on the time of the game, which as not yet been announced. More details will follow in the next ScandiNews.

## Letter from the President — Bob Holm

When Mary and I were in Karlshamn, Sweden, this past June, we were deeply moved by the imagery of the sculpture of an emigrant couple, with the husband looking forward to the new world and the wife looking back over her shoulder at their homeland. I wonder how many of you or our ancestors felt some of the same feelings as you or they journeyed to America.

We were sorry to miss the September breakfast meeting at Antrim Park, when we had been called to Florida because of my mother's illness. After two weeks in the hospital she was released, and seems to be doing better in a nursing and rehab facility. Thanks so much to all who expressed your concern during my Mom's illness. We were so pleased to hear from Carol Wickstrom and others that our

breakfast went so well. Special thanks to Carol and Harry, Ben and Peggy Kaster and Sharon and Terry Carlson for all of their work in planning and hosting the event, and for volunteering to serve again next year!

I continue to be pleased and impressed by the enthusiastic spirit and hard work of so many in serving our Club! I hope and trust that we can count on a continuation of this tradition in the year ahead.

Also, last year we were fortunate to have 17 new members join our Scandinavian Club. A cordial welcome to all of you! I hope we can do as well this year. Please do be alert to potential new members and be sure to invite them as guests to our meetings!

Next up is Swedish Night on Saturday, October 20, with Glenn Kranking



from OSU presenting a program on the Swedish minority in Estonia. Hope to see you then!

Sincerely yours,  
Bob Holm, President 2007-08

## New Club Secretary Desperately Needed!

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Board is in need of a new member. The position of Secretary is now open, and we would like to see one of our club members step up and take over this important role. The Secretary position mainly includes taking the minutes at the monthly board meetings, sending cards as needed, and completing any correspondence for the club. Please call President Bob Holm if you are interested — we really need you!

## New Members, and a little bit about them...

Welcome, New Members:

**Anne Anderson (SN)**  
182 E. Pacemont Rd.  
Columbus, OH 43202  
216-408-5221

**Michael Lindner**  
2244 N. 4th Street  
Columbus, OH 43201  
614-204-9872  
lindner6@hotmail.com

**Bill & Marlene (D) Kinsey**  
420 Springs Dr.  
Columbus, OH 43214  
614-267-1956

Anne is First Impressions Coordinator employed by The Columbus Crew. Her heritage is Swedish and Norwegian.

Michael is an Interior Architect with Design Collective, Inc. He was an international exchange student in Sweden for one year, and was also a summer camp counselor at a Swedish camp. He speaks Swedish and loves to travel there!

Marlene's Lauritson grandparents came to America from Denmark in 1892.

### Place Your Advertisement in the 2007-2008 Member Roster!

Rosters will be coming out soon, but it's still not too late to add your business' information for all to see! Advertisement costs are \$30 for a full-page ad, \$15 for a half page, and \$10 for business card size.

Please contact Carol Wickstrom at 263-9392 to place your ad **as soon as possible. The deadline is October 10th!**



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## 2007-2008 Board

### President

Bob Holm  
841-3514

### Vice-President

Caitlin Kilkka  
248-770-3735

### Treasurer

Ed Kidwell  
882-8391

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Randy Carlson  
885-2421

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Carol Wickstrom  
263-9392

### Property Chair

Arvo Pikkarainen  
740-964-3581

### ScandiNews

Tammy Carl  
459-2226

## Scandinavian Club Board Minutes from September Meeting

Date: Sunday, Sept. 23, 2007, Home of Bob and Mary Holm.

Members Present: Bob Holm, Tammy Carl, Randy Carlson, Ed Kidwell, Grete Davidsen-Kidwell, Caitlin Kilkka, Arvo Pikkarainen, and Carol Wickstrom.

President Bob Holm called the meeting to order. Carol Wickstrom moved to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2007 meeting and Grete Davidsen-Kidwell seconded. Minutes were approved. Bob announced that Sven Lundstedt had resigned from the Board, so we have an opening for a member who will serve as secretary this year. Bob also reported that get well cards had been sent to Sven, Carl Eriksson and Desyl Thornbloom. Sympathies were also expressed to Desyl for the loss of Glenn.

### REPORTS

**Treasurer:** Ed Kidwell reported that the Club funds balance is \$13,156.48, and that there were 75 people at the Breakfast event at Antrim Park. Ed has had one meeting with the Ohio Tax Department regarding the sales tax issue and will be meeting with them again on September 26.

**Membership:** Carol Wickstrom said that we have 93 paid memberships thus far. She reviewed the names of persons who were not renewing. Three new applications for new membership were presented by Carol. Randy moved and Arvo seconded approving the following for membership: Anne Anderson, Michael Lindner and Marlene and Bill Kinsey. Motion passed. She expects the "2007-2008 Member Roster" to be ready by the October meeting. Carol expressed her pleasure about this year's Breakfast meeting which she and Harry, Ben and Peggy Kaster, and Sharon and Terry Carlson organized and served. Special thanks to them and for volunteering to be responsible for the event in September 2008. Bob Holm agreed to obtain the contract for Antrim Park for next year.

**Program:** Caitlin Kilkka has arranged for the October program. Glenn Kranking, a doctoral student at Ohio State, will present a program on the Swedish minority in Estonia. Several suggestions were made by Board members for future programs.

**Dinner Committee:** Grete reported that the dinner committees are all set. Most members got to select their preference for the dinner committee they will serve on. Grete still needs to get confirmation from the dishwashers that they will work for us this year.

**Property:** Arvo will bring a projector to the October meeting for the speaker to use. Ed will bring the audio equipment which had been used years ago for the Scandinavian Club dancing group.

**ScandiNews:** Tammy Carl will be updating her data base for mailing and emailing the ScandiNews.

### OLD BUSINESS

Carol asked about ads for the new Member Roster. Renewals of ads were discussed. For persons interested in purchasing an ad, the cost is \$30 for a full page and \$15 for a half page.

Carol also showed us the sample calendars for Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Finland which we will sell for \$12 each. Orders can be made at the October and November meetings.

At Carol's suggestion and the agreement of Board members, Ed will check with the Kimba Credit Union to see if we can get a better interest rate on our funds.

### NEW BUSINESS

Randy suggested that the Club support a worthwhile community project, such as bringing food for a local food bank. The Board approved the idea and agreed that we publicize the plan in the October ScandiNews. Randy agrees to explore specific organizations which would receive the food gifts.

The next Board meeting will be hosted by Tammy Carl at 7 pm on Sunday October 21 at a location to be announced later.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bob Holm, President and Acting Secretary

## International Festival — November 3-4, 2007

This year we celebrate the International Festival's 52<sup>nd</sup> anniversary. The theme is "**Peace Through Understanding**." The Scandinavian Club can demonstrate that better than any other organization, five peaceful countries sharing one booth! Be proud of your heritage. Be a part of our involvement in the International Festival.

We will have to chop more vegetables for our Blue Ribbon Salmon Chowder, our major fundraiser for the year, since it continues to outsell each year before.

The ScandiClub has been involved in the International Festival for over 43 years. We have a great reputation to hold up... we need your help to succeed again; we need 100% participation from our membership.

### The following are some of the ways that you can help out:

- Sign up for the Chopping Party, Thursday November 1<sup>st</sup> at Liberty Presbyterian Church, 7080 Olentangy River Rd., Delaware, OH.
- Sign up for the Set-Up Friday Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> from 5: p.m.-9: p.m.
- Bake cookies, cakes, or breads.
- Make a monetary donation to defray cost of booth.
- Demonstrate a Scandinavian specialty, such as aebleskiver, krumkaker, lefse, waffles, etc.
- Working in the booth.
- Wear your national dress/costume at the Parade of Nations 3: P.M Saturday and/or Sunday, or when you work your shift in the booth.

### Your contact people are:

**Inger Gilbert**, International Festival Coordinator  
614-837-0971

**Norma Johnson**, Chopping Party,  
704-548-6789

**Åke Helström**, Festival Booth Designer  
614-457-2984

**Salmon Chowder:** Just some information about the enormous work involved in making our Cordon Bleu Salmon Chowder, and things needed to sell it:

130 lbs. Potatoes  
65 lbs. Carrots  
15 large green peppers  
15 large onions  
13 lbs. Butter  
65 cans of salmon  
65 cans of diced tomatoes  
65 cans of cream of celery soup  
15 gallons of milk  
spices

To serve the chowder:

1000 – 10 oz. Cups  
1000 – spoons  
1000 – napkins

*This could be an underestimation since we increase our sales each year!*

**Dress of festival workers:** If you have a national dress/costume, please wear it; it will look so impressive in our booth. Otherwise, wear your Scandinavian sweater, ScandiClub logo shirt, or a white shirt and dark pants/skirt. Aprons are provided.

**Schedules:** Workers will be scheduled to work a four-hour shift, so plan on doing your touring of the Festival before or after you shift. Breaks can always be negotiated, of course.

**Why should you volunteer?** Because it's fun to be a participant! You get to know each other so much better when you work together.

There's a reason for calling the Chopping Party a *party*; it's because it really is a **PARTY!** Just bring your own large, chopping board and sharp, chef's knife. Remember, a dull knife is a dangerous knife, so have yours sharpened!

**You can't be a participant?** No problem, you can make a monetary donation to help defray the cost of the Scandinavian Club's efforts in promoting your heritage, and recruiting new and interesting members.

You can also bake cookies, cakes, or breads and have someone else deliver it for you, should your schedule prevent you from coming to the Festival. (The contact people can tell you where you can deliver your goods.)

Finally, I want to encourage all of you to come down to the International Festival to show your support, see our booth, taste the chowder, and collect the recipe.

~ Inger Gilbert

52nd Annual

2007



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- Bridge to Peace Ceremony
- Global Children's Activities
- Parade of Nations
- Global Marketplace - Unique Crafts & Gifts
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Contact our office for  
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[www.Columbus-InternationalFestival.org](http://www.Columbus-InternationalFestival.org)  
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# Nov. 3-4

Sat.: 10am-10pm

Sun.: 11am-6pm

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