

September 2010

SCANDINEWS

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

2010 Meeting Dates:

*Due to scheduling problems at Covenant Presbyterian Ch. we were unable to get dates for October 16 & April 16.

Those meetings will be held:
Gethsemane Lutheran Church
35 E.Stanton Ave.
In Clintonville

ALL 2011 meeting dates will be announced in next issue.

Oct.16 - Danish Night
Gethsemane Lutheran Ch.
(Directions Oct. ScandineWS)

November 6-7 - NO formal meeting. Come celebrate and support our Club's event at 2010 International Festival, Vets Memorial, Nov.6-7

December 12 - Julefest
Covenant Presbyterian Ch.

ROSTER ADS

The yearly Member Roster will be available at October 16th Danish meeting. Members and non-members alike are invited to place an ad, to tell others of their business or hobby. Cost is minimal and helps the Club with printing costs. Full page ad 8½ X 5½ is just \$30, ½ page ad is \$15. Send ad copy-ready ASAP or by September 18 Breakfast meeting.

SCANDINAVIAN CLUB
P.O. Box 14296
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Our NEW Club Year "begins" with the popular

SCANDINAVIAN BREAKFAST BUFFET

with Special Entertainment at 10 AM
"The Hard Packers"
singing Sea Shanties: "old Music from the Sea"

Saturday morning, September 18
9 AM to 11:30 AM

Antrim Park Shelter House

Prices for Scandinavian Breakfast Buffet:
Adult Members \$8, Adult Guests \$10
Children age 6-10 \$4, age 11-17 \$6, Under 6 Free

Location: on EAST side Olentangy River Rd. between Bethel Road & #161 (Dublin-Granville Road) - Entering the Park it is 1st driveway on right - parking available.

Antrim Park Shelter House is an indoor air-condition facility with indoor toilet facilities, a small playground for young children and a large field for games - bring Kubb and/or Corn Hole, and lawn chairs, if you wish to sit outside. Parents must monitor their children when outdoors.

RESERVATIONS required - if you do NOT receive a call for your reservation by Thurs. Sept.16, call.614-885-9392

*Special "thanks" for the Entertainment
donated by Ed and Carol Savolaine

ARE YOUR DUES PAID?? The Breakfast Picnic is deadline to be listed in the 2010-2011 Scand. Club ROSTER or mail dues to Post Office address listed at top of this page. Please return membership form to verify all information is correct.

Single Member \$20 Family membership \$35

President's Message September 2010 – Paivi Rajala-Schultz

Hope you all had a wonderful summer! It was a particularly hot one, not only in Columbus, but also elsewhere in the world: Finland, for example, broke all-time records this summer with temperatures rising to +37.2 C. (99 degrees Fahrenheit!).....can you imagine 99 F, in Finland?!



I am honored and excited to be writing my first message as the new Club President.

First of all, I would like to thank the previous president, Grete Davidsen-Kidwell and the entire Board for their hard work during the past year. I feel very comfortable starting this club year, as I am surrounded with a group of talented, dedicated & motivated individuals in the Board. Even though the club was taking a break during the summer, the Board was active. The old and new Board had a combined meeting in July and the new Board met the end of August to start preparing for the new year. Just as a reminder, in case you haven't renewed your membership – the September meeting is the deadline to do so if you want your name to be included in the membership roster.

We can expect an exciting year ahead - last year's board decided to follow a common theme in all programs for a year and the theme for this year will be "The Scandinavian impact on modern culture". I look forward to very educational programs throughout the year as we travel through all the Nordic countries and learn how they each have contributed to our modern world.

This reminds me of something else we can be proud of: Some of you may have read the Aug.2010 issue of Newsweek which ranked the best countries of the world based on quality of life, economic dynamism, education and health. Denmark, Finland, Norway & Sweden all ranked within the top 10, and the best country in the world is...Finland!! Clearly, we can proudly promote our home countries and heritage and educate our fellow citizens about them.

A good opportunity for sharing Scandinavia is in November, when the club will again participate at The Columbus International Festival. Please mark you calendars for November 6 and 7 and sign up to work at the club booth that weekend. The board has decided to re-introduce our famous Salmon Chowder as we were able to find a commercial kitchen where we can prepare it. However, in order to accomplish this, we will need volunteers to participate in the chopping party to prepare the chowder for the Festival. We would love to have you sign up to help.

So let's get started! Our first event is Saturday, September 18th with the Scandinavian Breakfast Buffet at Antrim Park. We will have a special treat for entertainment that morning (see the front page for details) – so be sure to attend! I look forward to seeing you there as well as throughout the year.

Terveisin, Päivi

***Finnish Summer Houses** – A summer home holds a special place in Nordic culture - a link to the countryside and a connection to nature are treasured. Summer 2010 the American Swedish Institute in Minneapolis featured an inspiring display of Finnish summer architecture, photographs & scale models of the homes of 20 Finnish architects, including Lars Sonck, Eliel Saarinen, Alvar Aalto, & Juhani Pallasmaa. (from Scandinavian Summer 2010)

Welcome New Members:

Julie Clemens, 131 W. Dunedin Rd., Columbus, OH 43214, 614-447-0788, clemensjulie@hotmail.com
She was a Rotary Youth Exchange student in Borås, Sweden 1988-89. She still speaks Swedish & hopes to have chance to speak Swedish with Club contacts. She & her husband, Randy Schweller, are OSU professors.

Mette Prætorius Ibba, 3175 Tremont Rd.#413, Columbus, OH 43232, 614-580-7386, ibba.2@osu.edu Patrick 09/12/97, Daniel 03/08/2000. Mette is Research Assistant Prof. at OSU, is born in Denmark. Denmark, moved to Ohio in 2001.

Marianna Kerppola, 925 N. Front St.#611, Columbus, OH 43215. (773-988-9724) mkerppola@gmail.com She is a Financial Analyst with Nationwide. Both parents born in Finland. Marianna speaks fluent Finnish.

Susanne Steffensen, 9373 Haaf Farm Dr., Pickerington, OH43147 (740-919-0408) steffensenross@aol.com, her husband, Donal Ross is a U.S. Naval Officer. Children: Daniel 03/8/03, Anna 09/19/05.

*SYMPATHY to family of Ken Hagen who died June 21. A member for 2 yrs, he enjoyed the Club immensely.

The Wickstrom's visit Family/Friends in Sweden and Denmark!!

Harry had a wish to visit his 13 Swedish FIRST cousins "one more time". We flew to Copenhagen July 14 and spent the first couple of days with dear friends & former Scandinavian Club members, Steen & Veslemøy Bech-Nielsen. They are former active members of our Club. They have had a very busy small animal practice in northern Zealand. Now they are retiring & look forward to having more time to spend with their daughters and their families in the USA. Pia lives in Worthington with her husband Tim and their 3 children. Lotte and her husband Eric have twins and live in Cincinnati. Two more daughters live in Denmark: Anna-Britt married in Copenhagen in August, and Gunilla, is a recent graduate Veterinarian. All four girls were active in our children's Scandinavian Dance Group in the 1980's.

We crossed by ferry from Denmark to Helsingborg, Sweden with our rented car and began our pilgrimage around Sweden. For the next 3 wks. we visited cousins in Helsingborg (Skåne), Kil (Varmland) with Nils/Astrid Wikström - they spoke no English - that was a challenge! Harry had a work-out with his "rusty" Swedish and I, of course, speak Swedish in only "one-word sentences"! Surprisingly, we got along just fine and had a good time with them and lots of laughs! Continuing north to Dalarna - many cousins there: in Siljansnäs, Leksand, Bjursås, Falun, Gagnef, Borlänge, Grängesberg. Our headquarters in Dalarna was in Bjursås for 6 days with Birger/Gunilla Roos. Then to Stockholm (Danderyd) with the Finn cousins. We spent one night on the island Vätö at their summer place and saw all their families. In Småland, just north of Växjö we spent 4 days with Margareta/Lennart Finn at their "paradise" in the middle of the forest. Continuing south to Almhult,, to Hassleholm and Helsingborg. Our goal was reached - seeing all Harry's 13 Swedish 1st cousins, 9 on his father's side, 4 on his Mother's side.

Aug.11 we returned to Denmark - to Odense on the island of Funen. Five years ago The Hans Christian Andersen Players visited Columbus and gave a public performance plus school visits. We had sisters, ages 11 and 13, Ilya and Celina Andreas, stayed at our house. Columbus is a Sister City to Odense, Denmark. We were invited to visit their family in Odense - what a pleasure that was! Their grandparents came for dinner and insisted we visit them in Nyborg for lunch and a tour of their city the next day, on our way to the Copenhagen Airport. We had such a lovely visit with these new Danish friends!

We put 2800 km (1750 miles) on our rental car in 27 days - spent the last night near the Copenhagen Airport and had an uneventful flight home. There was little time for shopping but 3 unique wooden horses were added to the Wickstrom Stable - one is a commemorative horse in honor of Princess Victoria's wedding.

Carol Wickstrom

**Note: NEW Board Members
for 2010-2011**

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Minutes of August 2010 Bd. Meetings Päivi Rajala-Schultz, Ann-Louise DeVoe, Michael Lindner, Grete Davidsen-Kidwell, Roger Krogwold, Åke Hellstrom, Marilyn Paulsen, Carol Wickstrom. Absent: Trygve Skarsten

PRESIDENT REPORT: October & April meetings confirmed, to be held at **Gethsemane Lutheran Church (between Graceland & Worthington)**. Covenant Presbyterian not available those dates - map will be enclosed with Scandinews those months. Nice site, good kitchen, large parking lot, etc.

VICE-PRESIDENT: Titanic night at COSI, Aug.21 was very successful. Scandinavians were the primary ethnic group on the Titanic. Club members had a booth with information.

SECRETARY: Minutes of July/August Board Minutes combined here.

TREASURER: Ed Kidwell & Randy Treer, were auditors, of the Club books.

DINNER CHAIR: Trygve, with Grete's assistance, is working on dinner committees for 2010-2011. Dinners will not be rushed to allow more "social" time before program begins.

MEMBERSHIP: Grete, will accept dues at Breakfast. **Only those with paid dues will be printed in 2010 Roster, available at the October 16th meeting.**

CALLING CHAIR: Marilyn Paulsen is finalizing Calling Lists. *It is difficult to finalize number coming to meetings when talking to answering machines.*

***Members:** Please respond back with your dinner reservations ASAP to your caller or Calling Chair Marilyn Paulsen (614-457-9221) by Tuesday before meeting. For last minute reservations and/or cancellations call: Treasurer: **Ann-Louise DeVoe**, 614-580-7893.

PROPERTY CHAIR: Audio equipment is being updated.

SCANDINEWS EDITOR: Please give **change of address** when necessary for mailing of Scandinews. If you know of prospective members, call Editor (614-885-9392) with name/address - 2 copies will be sent with information of the Club and an invitation to join.

NEW BUSINESS: International Festival, November 6th and 7th at Vets Memorial. The Club will have 2 booths. We have the use of a licensed kitchen and will again be able to make and sell our famous SALMON CHOWDER.

*** Dana College, Blair, Nebraska CLOSES after 127 years**

The College has housed **The Danish American Archive and Library** & has been moved to temporary storage. **The Danish Immigrant Museum in Elk Horn, Iowa** has taken *temporary custody* of historical artifacts including the entire Lauritz Melchior Collection (world famous tenor) and numerous paintings until ownership is resolved. **The Danish Immigrant Museum in Elk Horn, Iowa** requests *tax-deductible donations* to assist the **Danish-American Archive/Library** during the interim until it is organized as a separate **not-for-profit-corporation with 501.c3 status** - very necessary as the Archive lost its entire endowment of nearly \$300,000 and its operating funds. Funds are desperately needed ASAP for storage costs, rent & utilities in a new location. Checks can be sent to:

*The Danish Immigrant Museum "for Archive Support",
Elk Horn, Iowa 51531, telephone:(712)764-7001*

SKANDI KAFFEE group
Thurs. Sept 24 9:30 - 11am at
LaChatelaine, 527 High St. in
Worthington. Parking in rear.
ALL ARE WELCOME!!

News of the Nordic Countries

(most excerpts from Scandinavian Press and Swedish Press)

DENMARK Queen Margrethe II of Denmark celebrated her 70th birthday. April 16, 2010. The day was filled with festivities, including a carriage ride through Copenhagen, a reception and lunch at City Hall, and dinner and dancing at Fredensborg Palace. Many illustrious guests attended including King Harald, Queen Sonja, Crown Prince Haakon, Crown Princess Mette-Marit of Norway, King Carl XVI Gustaf, Queen Silvia, Crown Princess Victoria and Mr. Daniel Westling, and Prince Carl Philip of Sweden, as well as numerous other monarchs and heads of state. The Danish Post is to phase out the existing postage stamp of the Queen and replace it with a new one.

FINLAND's national epic, "The Kalevala" turns 175 years old this year! This major work compiled by Elias Lönnrot has had a strong influence on Finnish culture and national identity. Kalevala Day is celebrated in Finland on February 28th. The Kalevala became the emblem of the nation's past, its nationality, language, & culture; the foundation on which national identity was to be built. The publication of the Kalevala drew interest from abroad & brought the small and little-known Finnish people to the awareness of other Europeans. It is the most translated Finnish work of all time, translated into 61 languages. The Kalevala is considered an epic comparable to Homer's *Iliad* & *Odyssey*.

ICELAND'S Volcano draws Tourists to the long-dormant Eyjafjallajökull. Thousands of people have made the trip (75 miles east of Reykjavik) since the eruption began March 20 to get a closer view of the lava flows & volcanic plumes. Icelandic tour companies have tours by bus, snowmobile, "superjeeps" and helicopter, even an online shop *nammi.is* is selling Eyjafjallajökull volcano ash to support the search and rescue team. All proceeds go to the national rescue team **ICE-SAR** manned by volunteers, helping farmers rescue their livestock and pastures and to clean the farm sites of ash fall. The ash is not cheap, \$30 a jar/

NORWAY - Best Country in the World to bring up their children, according to 11th annual 2010 Save the Children Index. Norway comes first followed by Australia, Iceland, Sweden, Denmark, New Zealand, Finland, the Netherlands, Belgium and Germany rounding out the top 20. Norway gets top rating for the most generous maternity leave policies in the world.

* Sweden was #1 on a Children's Index ranking, making it the best place in the world to grow up.

NORWAY- Aug. 2010 marked the 100th anniversary of Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen's expedition to the South Pole. Beginning Aug. 9, 1910, the journey took Amundsen and his crew aboard the FRAM 18 months to reach the Bay of Whales on January 14, 1911 where the crew wintered. Amundsen set off with 97 Greenland dogs, a hut, provisions for 2 years in the Antarctic, and 5 of his crew members in mid-Oct. 1911. They climbed mountains, crossed glacial fields, and severe snow-covered terrain to reach the South Pole on December 14, 1911 and achieved their goal just one month before Robert Scott of England and his crew.

SWEDEN - Crown Princess Victoria, daughter of Sweden's King Carl XVI Gustaf & Queen Silvia, married Daniel Westling, a commoner, on June 19, 2010. This was the first wedding of a female successor to the throne of Swedish Monarchs. Following the ceremony at Stockholm Cathedral, the bridal couple traveled by carriage through central Stockholm, followed by a journey across Stockholm Bay on the Royal Barge 'Vasaorden', a salute from Kastellholmen, salutes from foreign warships, military parades, and musical tributes. The King and Queen hosted the wedding banquet at the Royal Palace. Sweden's postal service, Posten, and Sweden's Riksbank, unveiled a new stamp and coins commemorating the royal wedding.

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A MOST HISTORIC ROYAL WEDDING



The wedding between Crown Princess Victoria and Daniel Westling on June 19, 2010, was a unique event. This was the first wedding of a female successor to the throne of Swedish monarchs. It was also a historic event because Sweden got a new prince. Westling, who entered the church as a common man, left as His Royal Highness Prince Daniel, Duke of Västergötland.

Crown Princess Victoria decided to dispense with adult bridesmaids. She was attended by 10 young pages and flower girls as shown in picture above. Of particular note are royal children destined to be Rulers of their countries in the future.

2nd from left: Princess Catharina-Amalia (6 years old) of Holland, the future Queen of Holland

3rd from left: Princess Ingrid Alexandra (6 years old) of Norway, future Queen of Norway

Far right, standing: Prince Christian of Denmark (4½ years), future King of Denmark