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Chance of Snow 60% chance of precipitation	Mostly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy

coming soon

January
Alternate Activity
Troll Hunter

February 18
Fastelavn



Thank You to the volunteers
at the **International Festival!**

An in-depth article is in the works for the January issue. Until then, thank you again for your great work!

ScandiKaffe
Thursday Dec. 15th
at **La Chatelaine**,
627 High Street in
Worthington
9:30am to 11am.
Enjoy this pre-holiday social occasion with us!

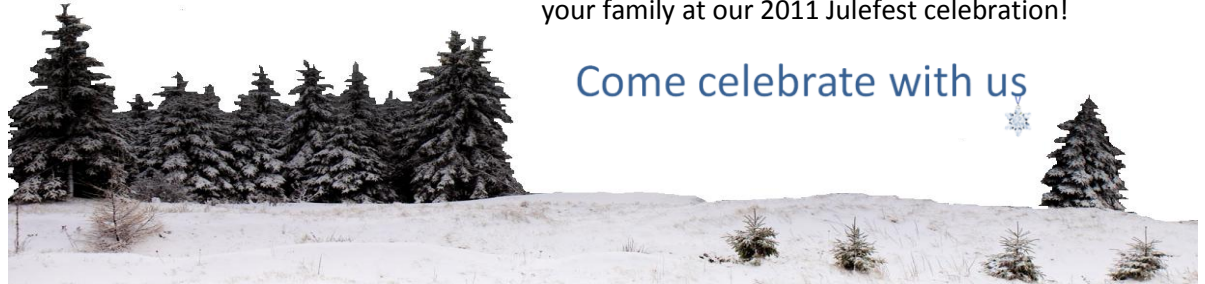


this month **Julefest**

Julefest is upon us! The very word itself brings associations of a snow-clad landscape, church choir hymns, lingering aroma of cookies just out of the oven, and that heavenly smell of a freshly cut fir tree. Children waiting in anticipation - eyes filled with excitement as the house slowly transforms with that special Christmas spirit!



Our common Scandinavian heritage has brought us special memories about what this holiday means to each of us individually, our families, our friends, and our club. We are excited about starting the Christmas season by sharing past memories - and creating new ones - with you and your family at our 2011 Julefest celebration!



Come celebrate with us

local event | Remember Mama

Remember Mama is a play by John Van Druten based on the fictionalized memoir *Mama's Bank Account* by Kathryn Forbes, which focuses on the Hanson family - a loving family of Norwegian immigrants living on Steiner Street (identified as Larkin Street in the 1948 film) in San Francisco in the 1910s.

TWHS proudly presents this adaptation play in the **Cardinal Theatre** at Thomas Worthington High School
Friday December 9th
Saturday December 10th
Friday December 16th
Saturday December 17th
at 8pm.

\$8 general admission.
For reservations call
(614) 450-6321.
Tickets also available at the door.



Program

3pm - **Social hour**
3:45pm - **Dinner**
followed by - **Lucia procession**
(Julianna & Justina Theado)
Scandinavian Cookies

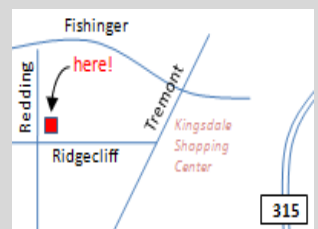


What to bring **Cookies!**

Each family is asked to bring 1 dz. homemade Christmas cookies, preferably *Scandinavian*, to be served by the Lucia participants.

when: Saturday December 10th **3pm**
where: Covenant Presbyterian Church
2070 Ridgecliff Rd Columbus OH

Members:
Adults **\$10**
Teens 13-18 **\$6**
Children 7-12 **\$3**
Family **\$25**
Non-Members:
Adults **\$15**
Teens 13-18 **\$8**
Children 7-12 **\$3**
Children **free**



Message from the President



Juletide is a special time for us all, no matter your ancestry. Much of our current Christmas traditions have their roots in the Nordic world. If someone in the past had not continued those traditions, we would not have them today. We have many, both big and small that deserve our thanks.

For 75 years, the Scandinavian Club of Columbus has provided a means for hundreds of our members and guests to gather together, enjoy each other's kinship, and create cherished memories. Where else in Columbus would you be able to witness solemn and honored tradition of the procession of candle-crowned Lucia, her angelic maidens and regal star boys? Where else can you hear dozens of voices joining together in the familiar Scandinavian Christmas carols that truly make the season for us? *Honored*

As our family *tradition* continues to grow, the Scandinavian *of Lucia* Club of Columbus celebrates together the Yuletide traditions and keeps them alive by passing them on to the next generations. That has been the mission of this club. And each of us is the *elf, tomte, nisse, tonttu, jólasveinar, julemand* that appear when needed and do our magic to create the lasting memories we all can enjoy.

God Jul!

Michael Chudman



Nordic House (Norræna húsið)

The **Nordic House** in Reykjavík is a cultural institution opened in 1968 and operated by the Nordic Council of Ministers. Its goal is to foster and support cultural connections between Iceland and the other Nordic countries. NCM organizes a diverse program of cultural events and exhibitions, such as the *Reykjavík International Film Festival* and *Literary Festivals, Iceland Airwaves* and *The Nordic Fashion Biennale*—launched by the Nordic House, now on its way to the runways of *Copenhagen* and *New York*.

The house maintains a library and the *Nordic Region in Focus* information service. In addition, there is a shop for Nordic design and food products, exhibition space and auditoriums. The house also features an acclaimed restaurant serving modern Nordic food. Restaurant Dill is run by chef Gunnar Karl Gíslason, captain of the *Icelandic Culinary Team*, and Ólafur Örn Olafsson, president of the *Icelandic Sommelier Association*.

The Nordic House is designed by acclaimed Finnish modernist architect *Alvar Aalto* (1898-1976). The house is one of his later works, a hidden gem among the better known masterpieces, and features most of Aalto's signature traits.

These traits are emphasized in the ultramarine blue ceramic rooftop that takes its organic shape from the mountain row in the background, the central well in the library and the familiar extensive use of white, tile and wood throughout the building.



Skandinavia, OH

Unbeknownst to many of us, there are snippets of Scandinavia sprinkled around the state of Ohio. Did you know that there are two places called **Denmark** in Ohio?!!

When we look beyond our daily commutes, we discover *places, streets, or churches* with roots or inspiration back to our immigrating Scandinavian ancestors. What better way to enjoy a Sunday afternoon than taking in Ohio's December landscape by visiting a few of these familiar names.

Finland Middle School (Franklin Twnshp)
Denmark Township (near Ashtabula)
Finland Avenue (Franklin Township)
Stockholm Road (Shaker Heights)
Swedenborgian church (Urbana)
Copenhagen Drive (Westerville)
Norway Avenue (Cleveland)
Oslo Drive (Westerville)
Denmark (by Marion)



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Email: Nordiska@aol.com
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<http://www.copenhagenbakery.net>
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Korner

Danish Christmas Julemanden

The Santa Claus tradition is an interesting mix of religion and old customs. In Scandinavia, we believe in a elf that is a kind of a house spirit. He was around all year, but he was especially active at Christmas time, when people would leave a bowl of porridge out for him to thank him for his help taking care of the farm animals.

This elf was later partially combined with the Catholic saint, *Saint Nikolas*, who was the patron saint of children - bringing gifts to good children in December.

In today's folklore, *Julemanden* has many elves who help him getting all the presents ready for Christmas Eve.



TV Christmas Calendar


Danish children look forward to each *advent* season's special TV program crafted as a daily calendar (December 1-24) children's show.

The 24-part story is often based on folklore figures or people during their holiday adventures while getting ready for the big day - *julaften* (Christmas Eve).

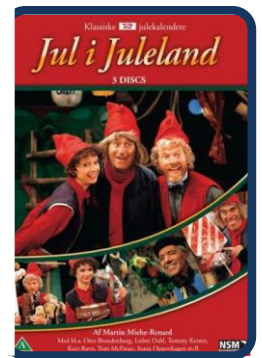
The individual series are available on DVD for purchase online:

<http://www.cdboden.dk/shop/jul-i-juleland-632p.html>

Win a Christmas Prize!!!!

Go to the computer and help your parents/grandparents find all the website links found in the e-format ScandiNews - seen by your cursor displaying a . Send your response to ScandiNewsEditor@gmail.com.

The winner will be drawn at the **Julefest** dinner (you do *not* have to be present to win).



Cirkeline (Eng: *Circleen*) is a sweet elf-like cartoon girl who goes on many adventures with her two best mouse friends, *Frederik* and *Ingolf*. There are 19 Cirkeline-films and books available.



Board Business Brief

President/Vice-President - The booth at the Int'l Festival went very well. Michael will ask Kaitlin Kilka to provide a list of all volunteers for proper thank you.

New Business - A motion and seconded was made to reduce dinner prices of regular dinners for the rest of the membership year. A careful review of dinner expenses/income will be done after the February Fastelavn dinner and the Board will again consider prices for future dinner meetings. **Motion passed.**

A motion to approve the \$1010 raised at the October Auction to be used to cover 75th Anniversary Celebration expenses. Further fundraising activities such as a raffle at a club meeting *may* also be used to support the Anniversary Celebration. However, any additional costs must be covered by the cost of the ticket. **Motion passed.**

Members in attendance at the September 17th Breakfast Meeting approved a motion that the Club provide \$2500 to subsidize the 75th Anniversary in order to keep prices reasonable. This had not previously been officially communicated in the Board minutes or in written form to the entire membership.

The full minutes are available upon request. Please contact dalesvendsen@hotmail.com

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On the *Lighter* Side



Realizations of marketing challenges becomes evident to enterprising Scandinavians.

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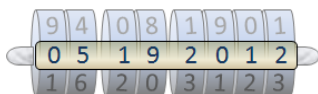
The advent season is here

Join us for **Julefest**

December 10th

Details inside

Take Notice!



173 days 'til 75

Welcome new member

Ben Caplan

Ben is a professor at OSU and has a longtime interest in Scandinavia. He has visited Denmark, Norway, Sweden several times, and is currently seeking a position in Uppsala.

Julefest registration form deadline is December 3rd!

Library Committee Update

The committee members have started to journalize the current book inventory, and have completed about 1/3 of the current stock. The effort will continue during the first part of 2012, and a searchable lending list will be made available.

The committee is also working on an approach to modernize the library with additional up-to-date media, as well as making the library function more available to the members.

