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May 2015

coming soon

Jun 21 5pm SUN

Midsommer
Sailing Club

Sept TBD

HostFest
Location TBD



Syforeningen
Tues May 19 @7pm

Svensden residence
1826 Marblecliff
Crossing Court



ScandiKaffe

Thu May 28 @9:30am

La Chatelaine
627 High Street
Worthington



Scantini

Wed June 3rd @6pm

The Boathouse

679 West Spring St
Columbus, OH 43214
Please RSVP
to
Nicole Papa
nicolepapa@gmail.com

this month Norway Constitution Day



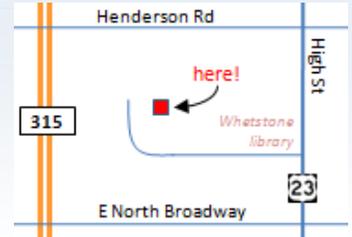
Come down and join us for the 'syttende mai' festivity our family-friendly celebration! Norwegians and their friends around the world are getting ready for the party of Norway's Independence. We will have entertainment for all to enjoy!

**Wear your
bunad
or other
national
costume!**



- **People's Parade with Band**
- **Band Concert**
by The Capital Pride Band
- **Exquisite Norwegian Food & Dessert**
Pølse w/lompe
- **Traditional Children's Games**
- **Gift Basket Raffle with Nordic Delicacies**

Saturday May 16 12-4pm
Park of Roses @Whetstone
3901 North High Street



Adults **\$18**(\$25)
Teens 13-18 **\$8**(\$12)
Children 7-12 **\$6**(\$7)
Under 6 **free**

Please RSVP to

Ruth Briland

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Last Event

We enjoyed a great example of European Fika, with sweets & coffee at Mozart's. Thank you Bob Villwock for playing such beautiful music on the piano.



words from the President

by Caitlin Kilkka

Among friends, money can be an awkward topic of conversation. Whether it is splitting a restaurant bill, chipping in for a group gift or converting a trip to the movies into a less expensive home dvd rental, we all want the best value for our money, while being considerate of our friends' wallets too. The board of the Scandinavian Club discusses these types of issues at length when we plan club events, programs, dinners and gatherings, and when we agree on a rules and expectations. Here are some of the frequently asked questions by club members.

Do I get in for free if I arrange the program / captain the dinner committee / provide music at the event, etc?

While we very much appreciate your contribution, it is still expected that all members pay when attending events. It becomes very difficult to draw the line if we offer free admission to dinner committee members, but not the speakers in the program, the board members checking in attendees, the volunteers organizing the children's activities, or the people who stepped up to help decorate and set the tables.

Can I skip the dinner, and then attend the program or just socialize for free?

No. Our monthly events are a package deal which usually include social hour with appetizers, a Scandinavian meal, and authentic and interesting programs on a variety of topics. This also gives you access to a group of some of the coolest Nordic people in central Ohio! Food is only a portion of our costs; the money also goes to cover program expenses, facility rental expenses and decorations.

However, you are free to attend and socialize at any of our many free or self-service activities like ScandiKaffee, Syforening Sewing Club, Scantini and other informal gatherings. Do I need to serve on a dinner committee every year?

Yes, if you're physically able.. We have about 130 adult members in our club directory, and we prepare food at 8 events each year. The average committee needs about 12 members, depending on event size and menu. If we aim to have an average of 12 members per committee times 8 meals, that makes at least 96 people in good enough health to spend an afternoon in the kitchen (or sitting and cutting vegetables or peeling potatoes). But it can be a lot of fun, and you can be proud knowing you're doing your part to help keep costs down and meals authentic.

Thank you for all you do for OUR Scandinavian Club of Columbus!

Sincerely,

Caitlin

ON THE VIKING TRAIL By Marian Anderson Clover

Our Scandinavian Club President, Caitlin, asked me to write a piece for the newsletter about the experiences behind *The Seafarers*, my novel about Swedish Vikings set in the 9th Century. I am happy to accede.

The book owes a lot to the Scandinavian Club. My late husband Frank was a corporate photographer and took many pictures on our six family trips to the five Scandinavian countries. Each time, on our return, the club's program chairman asked us to give a slide show at a monthly meeting. The preparation for these programs taught me much about the history and folklore.

Our first trip to Sweden was to visit the family cemetery north of Stockholm – a lovely spot to have in my DNA – flowers planted on the graves, one of those Swedish houses in Falun red, and absolute peace. The cemetery was 100% filled with Andersson tombstones. From this area, my grandparents and other relatives immigrated to Chicago. Earlier, the Vikings left Sweden from the same location.

Like all tourists, we visited the restored Viking ships in the museum in Oslo and in Roskilde, Denmark, and the Viking Museum in Stockholm. In Denmark, we sailed on one of the Viking ships in the Kattegat. I took a hand at the heavy oar and was impressed by the Vikings' strength. Back home, I began reading Swedish-oriented books, magazines and newspapers. I did some writing for them. I found a book about contemporary Swedes who started down the Russian rivers to Istanbul only to be stopped and sent back for political reasons. I arranged to interview the author at the museum on the island of Gotland, partway from Sweden to Istanbul. Frank and I spent a week in Istanbul, staying in the Arab Quarter. A few years later, I took a tour on the same Russian rivers that my heroine Inge sailed. These experiences contributed to the story and realism of my novel.

My friend Gail Golladay suggested, "Don't waste the research – use it in a novel." That's when I started thinking about writing *The Seafarers* and telling Inge's story.

Finally, I need to thank Simon Mayeski of San Diego, who developed the digital and print publication of my book. It's now available as a paperback or e-book on Amazon and can be ordered through Barnes & Noble and other book stores.

The story of *The Seafarers* is of Inge Andersdottir, a farmstead manager, healer and weaver, and her husband, Karl-Eirik, a Viking ship captain. Inge needs to pass on her essential healing knowledge to a female descendant but she has no daughter, only sons. Then into her life comes Thora, a young thrall with skaldic (poetic) gifts. Inge and Karl-Eirik adopt Thora, and Inge envisions teaching her the healing arts. But Thora is judged responsible for a man's death, and is banished to travel with her father through Russia to Istanbul. Reluctantly, Inge agrees to go along on the dangerous voyage and faces unexpected new challenges.

One more value from our Scandinavian Club: musicians and folk dancers from Småland toured America and on their stop in Columbus, I had the pleasure of hosting several of them. One day, I was telling a fiddler about my novel and my forebears. Jan stopped tuning his fiddle and smiled. "Then the story is in your genes," he said.

Ah. I agree.

Huginn & Muninn

Nordic Blond Ale

Product of Columbus OH

Creating a special club event takes months of planning and preparation, but it is also a great opportunity to create friendships and comradely while keeping our Scandinavian culture alive!

The **Scandinavian Club** scantini gang met at North High Brewing in early April to mix and brew the first Nordic beer ever produced in Columbus, as far as we know. The choice of recipe fell naturally on a blond ale with a light and indulging Scandinavian summer taste, and with a few customizations a la Åke.

Now, four weeks later, the club beer is ready to be bottled, labeled, and made ready for our Midsummer event that will crown the 2014-15 club year.

We need about 6 people to help with the bottling and labeling process, and are inviting you to come down to the Short North area this week to have a small sample of the beer, and to help putting the final touches of our midsummer brew. The micro-brewery also sells delicious sandwiches and flights of other beers to sample while we spend a couple of hours bottling, capping, and labeling.

Email Lars if you want to be a part of this fun task, at larsodegaard2012@gmail.com



Help us bottle
Friday May 8
6pm -8pm
North High Brewing
1288 N High Street

Expensive Speeding Ticket in Finland

In Finland the traffic laws are different than the United States and based on a regulated scale. The sliding scale metric is based on salary, wealth & your tax returns. Punished according to the seriousness of the offense the violators and how much money the offender makes when you get pulled over for speeding and putting the “petal to the metal” or for some other vehicular violation then the authorities are going to check your tax returns! As an example: In Kuisla a businessman Reima Kuisla was driving 64mph (103kph) in a 50mph (80kph) zone when he was pulled over by a police officer. After authorities reportedly checked his 2013 tax returns, they issued him a nearly \$60,000 speeding ticket. His earnings on those tax returns allegedly indicated Kuisla made about \$7.2 million (€6.5m) in 2013.

From our Treasurer

Each year end the President appoints an auditor to review the books for the year, to insure all is in good order.

A thank you is given to **Ann-Louise De Voe** for heading this task for the 2013-14 year. The findings were all in order. The report is available to any who might wish to see it. The results showed:

For program year 2013-14 - LOSS (\$1847.59)

For comparison Program year 2012-13 PROFIT \$2870.16

Net for two years 2012-2014 Profit \$1022.57

Bob Stevenson

Bring Back the Umlauts

The Governor, Mark Dayton of Lindström, Minnesota has asked for a correction on their signage for several years. A few years ago the Minnesota Department of Transportation replaced the signs to a town called Lindstrom and this upset the community. After the U.S. Census takes place the signs are generally replaced every decade. Just after the last survey, new signs were brought back to Lindström. The state transportation authority relies on federal guidelines that outline what it can put on signs, and these rules say signs must use only “standard English characters,” said Kevin Gutknecht, spokesman for the Minnesota Department of Transportation. “America’s Little Sweden” Lindström, Minnesota is quite pleased to have their umlauts back in place.



2014-2015 BOARD

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April

| Fika | | Account Balances as of 4/26/2015 | | | |
|--------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|------------------|--------------|-----------|
| | | Checking | \$3,232.55 | Money Mkt | \$13,728 |
| Revenue | | Expense | | Attendance | |
| Door Fees | \$416.00 | Facility Rent | \$100.00 | Adults | 26 |
| Sales | \$10.00 | Food | \$432.00 | Teens | 1 |
| Donation | \$2.00 | Program | \$0.00 | Children | |
| Other | \$0.00 | Supplies | \$0.00 | Under 7 | 0 |
| total | \$428.00 | total P/L | -\$104.00 | total | 27 |

board business Brief

President –The turnout for our European Fika was small but we all enjoyed coffee and sweets provided. Potential new Board Members have been selected and positions are being reviewed.

VP – The continuation of finalization for the June Event is under way, as well as next years' program and schedule.

Dinner – The discussion for food allergies continues and we ask that people notify if they have restrictions. We try to always offer a vegetarian option.

Treasurer – We are checking into the Paypal application & payment options to pay ahead for events. The audit will take place over the summer.

Next Board Meeting: The next meeting will be on May 17th at the Svendsen's house.



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www.amazon.com

Take Notice

~ You will be able to purchase bottles of the first Scandinavian beer made in a Columbus micro-brewery ever! We are not certain of the price yet – probably in the \$4-\$5 range. But we wanted to get the word out to all you Scandi-beer connoisseurs!

~ Curling season ended in April. We are looking continue it next year since we had so much verbal interest.

~ Please be sure to Save the Date of June 21th on your calendar. The June event marks the last event for our 2014-2015 program year. After the June event the Board will take holiday in July & August .



on the Lighter Side



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Scandinews

May 2015

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May 16, 2015
Norwegian Constitution Day