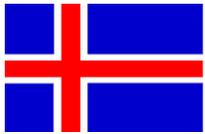


Coming soon....

Sat Oct 24 5pm  
Icelandic Night  
Blacklick



Sat-Sun Nov 7 - 8<sup>th</sup>  
International Festival  
Ohio Fairgrounds



Syföreningen

Sept 29 @7p

**Svensden residence**  
1826 Marblecliff  
Crossing Court  
Please RSVP to Gail

**ScandiKaffe**  
Thu Sept 24 @9:30am  
**La Chatelaine**  
627 High Street  
Worthington

**Scantini**  
Thanks to **Nicole & Ann-Louise** for initiating and organizing the first two years. The club is looking for volunteers to carry this forward!

this month **Norsk Høstfest 2015**



**Nordic Potluck**  
Main Entrée  
Ham

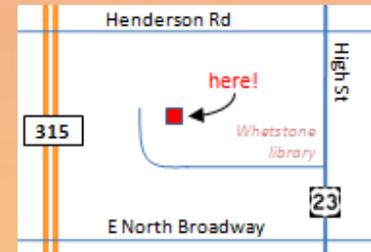
Please bring a  
homemade Nordic  
side-dish!

Members with last names  
**A-L: Bring desserts**

**M-Å: Bring side  
dishes/salads**



Saturday September 19<sup>th</sup> 12:30pm



**Columbus Park of Roses  
Shelter house**  
3909 North High Street

Adults \$12  
Teens 7-18 \$6  
7 & under Free  
Guests \$12  
Family Cap \$30

Please RSVP to  
**Eric Fryxell**  
**216.374.0905**  
[eefryxell@hotmail.com](mailto:eefryxell@hotmail.com)

**Høsttakkefest** (fall thanksgiving feast) has a long standing tradition having been introduced by the church around 380AD, as day to honor the arch angel Michael. It was required to brew beer, as it was for Yule and Easter, which was given to the poor as 'Mikjels-korn' (Michal's wheat). Today, the day is mostly celebrated as a church sermon.

The Scandinavian Club of Columbus welcomes you to our 2015-2016 Kickoff event and it will be a Pot-Luck. Norsk Høstfest (Norwegian Autumn Festival) is celebrated in Minot, North Dakota each year at the end of September thru the beginning of October and is the largest Scandinavia festival in North America. Other Nordic Fest events are also taking place throughout the United States. Please label your food with an index card that way if there any allergies we will know the ingredients ahead of time. Celebrating harvest is an important part of our heritage and it's also the Autumn Equinox.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Molcky Tournament will be taking place and also Kubb. Please wear comfortable shoes if you are able to participate.

For any last minute cancellations, please contact our Treasurer, Bob.

# Høstfest

## A word from the President

As we start the new club year, we all know how great the Scandinavian Club is. One of the challenges is that many in the area do not! We want this year to be the year of membership growth. We already have long-time loyal members that continue to contribute greatly to our organization. Now we need others in the central Ohio area to know about us and what we do.

One way, we as the board, can help facilitate this is through making it more affordable to include guests in our events. Hopefully many of them will be interested in joining the club and contribute their energies to our wonderful programs, meals, and other activities.

Another way we can grow our membership is by publicizing our club more in ways we have not in the past. Let's be sure to be on community calendars and in Nordic publications. When we are out in public for Scantinis, a sign would help notify others who we are. Let's have a bigger event that would draw more public than a normal dinner/program and how we can partner with other entities to bring greater awareness to our club.

Each of you can also take a part in this growth effort by keeping your eyes out for opportunities we could take advantage of and get greater publicity. Please share your ideas with the board and what you are willing to do to help in the effort.

Together we can grow our membership and ensure our club is around for many more years.

Michael

## 2015-16 Scandinavian Club Calendar

- **Movie Night** – November
- **Dansk Jul** – December
- **Restaurant Excursion** – January
- **Scandiclub Birthday, Genealogy Program** – February
- **Swedish Easter (Svensk Påsk)** – March
- **Finnish Night** – April
- **Norwegian Constitution Day (Syttende Mai)** – May
- **Midsommar** – June

## The Fun of Air Travel

by Lars Ødegaard

I have always enjoyed the feeling of an airplane lifting off the runway and turning slightly over towards its destination, be it to a warm beach in the Mediterranean or the fresh mountain air of Scandinavia. The other thing I enjoy about being placed next to strangers for a few hours, is that you end up meeting the most interesting people. A quick hello, followed by polite inquiry if they are heading somewhere fun, a few more words, and voilà – you have a new acquaintance!



**Markus Sjøberg** is a Columbus Blue Jacket draft, and is currently playing with the Windsor Spitfires, a youth league supporting the NHL organization. Growing up at *Manglerud* on the east side of Oslo, he is now sitting next to me across the Atlantic from Oslo to Newark, bubbling with energy and excitement when he hears that we are two Norwegians hailing from the same city, with a shared focus on Columbus Ohio. We talk about his three years playing youth hockey in Sweden, and his dreams of developing enough experience and skills to land a full-time contract with the Columbus NHL team.

Markus is a strapping 20-year old lad filled with inspiration and promise – on the ice and in life. Two people in an airplane, we share the enthusiasm of what's possible, before we pick up our luggage, nod an understanding "good luck" and head towards our individual destinations – maybe we'll meet again here in Columbus!

## Last Event

Our new Midsummer facilities by the lake is both beautiful and practical for celebrating the longest day of the year! We were able to be outdoors and by the water, despite the wet weather this year. The live band and locally brewed club beer both contributed greatly to a festive atmosphere!



# Genealogy – A View Into The Past

by Carl Norén – this year's Communications Chair

The past 10 years has seen a drastic increase in the popularity of research of family history and tracing family roots. The field of genealogy has exploded due in part to the ease in accessibility of records that are now available digitally. This work might previously have required travel to various geographical regions but can now be carried out from one's home for minimal cost or even for free in some cases.

My personal experience in becoming drawn into the science of genealogy began with my grandfather's (morfar's) story of an uncle (his mom's brother) having left Värmland, Sverige in the early part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century bound for the US. The winds of war (World War I) were fast approaching and in 1910, as the story goes, my uncle left Europe in hopes of avoid the uncertainties of the war only to be drafted into the US Army in 1917. As comical as this story sounds, it served as the beginning point of what has now become a labor of love for me that began about 7 years ago.

Some examples of surprising and interesting findings that I have found:

- One of my ancestors, Magnus Svenqvist (b.1770 – d.1828) was found guilty of homicide in the killing of a priest, Johan Lidell, in Dannike församling in 1827. He was subsequently put to death by beheading.
- Several generations of a family, the Thorberg family, were guards at Gripsholms Slott (castle) in Mariefred outside of Stockholm from the early 1800's until the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century.
- My great-grandfather, Hjalmar Ågren, was a beat-cop in South district of Stockholm (Söder). According to family history passed down, he would frequent a barbershop for a shave while walking the beat. The lather girl at that location was a little known Greta Gustafsson – later on she would be better known as Greta Garbo.



Going back in history, the church law of 1686 (1686 års kyrkolagen) enacted by Karl XI (Karl the eleventh), required the country to adhere to Christian church doctrines. More importantly, for the sake of genealogy, this forced the church of Sweden to maintain birth, baptismal, marriage, and death records, as well as conformity in church knowledge (or catechism), among other records, for the next three centuries. What this means for us lay people, attempting to research our family trees, is that there is a treasure trove of genealogical records that are digitized, available to anyone who wishes to search them.

Access to these records has allowed me to easily follow each of my family branches to at least the beginning of the 1700's without much difficulty. Similar records are available for people who are looking to trace their roots to Finland, Denmark and Norway.

**Family Search** – website:

[www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)

This is a great free source that has vital records for many countries in Europe and North America. This website not only has the records but it also has information about if the records you are searching for are available with links and other helpful info. For example, I wanted to search for a death record for an ancestor in Indiana. This person died in the late 1800's. I found that the earliest death records in Indiana were kept starting in 1882 and that statewide registration began in 1900 but that general compliance didn't begin until 1920.

**Swedish Royal Archives**

**(Riksarkivet)** – website:

[www.sok.riksarkivet.se](http://www.sok.riksarkivet.se)

This is a digitized archive that holds among other things, the archives of the church of Sweden going back as far as 1686 and in some cases earlier. Use of this requires a user ID and a membership. These archives also have searchable census every 10 years beginning with some regions as early as 1860 up to and including 1910.

Additional country-specific archives:

**Norwegian:** [www.arkivverket.no](http://www.arkivverket.no)

**Finnish:** [www.hiski.genealogia.fi](http://www.hiski.genealogia.fi)

**Danish:** [www.sa.dk](http://www.sa.dk)



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June, 2015		Account Balances (as of 6/30/2015):			
<b>Midsummer Eve</b>		Checking	\$4,778	Money Mkt	\$13,733
<b>Revenue</b>		<b>Expense</b>			<b>Attendance</b>
Door Fees	\$1,091.00	Facility Rent	\$340.00	Adults	62
Sales	\$38.31	Food	\$853.11	Teens	4
		Beverage	\$297.69	Children	4
Donation	\$240.00	Program	\$26.88	Guest Adit	15
		Decorations	\$132.59	Guest Teen	1
Other	\$0.00	Advertising	\$30.00	Under 7	1
<b>total</b>	<b>\$1,369.31</b>	<b>total</b>	<b>\$1,680.27</b>	<b>total</b>	<b>87</b>
		<b>total p/l</b>	<b>-\$310.96</b>		

## board business Brief

**President** –Attendance was low due to weather. Our location for Midsummer was beautiful and the weather held out. The Nordic ale was a big hit. We plan on continuing with a beer making outing, bottling and then having “samples” next year.

**VP** –We will purchase food & be conservative with quantity. Low attendance has put us in a situation that we have a lot of leftovers. So much so that we have thrown out food.

**Dinner** –The food was excellent and will choose a similar menu next year for Midsummer. At the September event we will have sign up sheets asking for a preferred shift to volunteer. .

**Treasurer** – Audits are being completed. OSU did not cash our checks.

**Next Board Meeting:** The next meeting will be on September 19 at Park of Roses.

on the  
**Lighter Side**

Nighttime  
Scandinavia  
– picture by  
NASA



### International Festival 2015 marks the 60<sup>th</sup> year

During the September event we will have an open group discussion to get a quick feel for our level of our participation

### New Members

**Emil & Nathalie Naslund, Children Erik (14), Niklas (10), Mattias (9)**

Emil is from Sweden

**William & Judi Swanson – Gahanna**

Maternal & paternal grandparents are from Sweden

**Take Notice ~ Upcoming Nordic Movie night:** We have outgrown our last location and looking for a clubhouse for our event (max \$150 rental fee). Please contact the board with your suggestions! Possible dates for movie night are Friday, Nov 13<sup>th</sup> or Saturday, Nov 14<sup>th</sup>.

Need ideas for Scandinavian food to bring to Høstfest? **Dessert:** Strawberries (or other berries) w/cream, waffles, rhubarb pie, fruit compote, bread pudding, crêpes, wienerbröd, kringle, semolina pudding, ginger snaps, blueberry pie, chocolate or caramel flan. **Side-dish:** Boiled potatoes w/dill, pickled herring, red cabbage, mashed potatoes/rutabaga w/sour cream & chives, mixed salads, cucumber salad, frikadeller, lingonberry mousse, rye bread, sour cream porridge.

## Scandinews

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**September 19, 2015**  
**Høstfest**