



THE  
SCANDINAVIAN  
CLUB of TOLEDO

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*Our February Meeting will be held at  
the Walbridge Park Shelterhouse  
on Friday, Feb. 24, at 6:00 p.m.*

**Reservations** :: Reservation with payment due Wednesday the 22nd. See back page Reservation Form for details. You may also phone or email Kris Johnson with your name and number attending at 419-836-7637 or [cjohnson143@woh.rr.com](mailto:cjohnson143@woh.rr.com) to assure your place at the table.

**Location** :: **Walbridge Park** is across the street from the Toledo Zoo, on the river side of Broadway. Located in the center of the park, the **Shelterhouse** is a wonderful, enclosed building with heat, electricity and a nice fireplace: **1.** From the intersection of the Anthony Wayne Trail and Glendale Avenue, go east toward the river on Glendale Ave. to the roundabout. **2.** Go through the roundabout to end up going northeast on Broadway toward the zoo. **3.** Turn Right into Walbridge Park at the second of three entrances to the park. **4.** The Shelterhouse is at the end of the short drive with its own parking lot.

**Program** :: **A Trip to Scandinavia.** Club members **Marna and Geoff Slawson** traveled to Helsinki, Stockholm, Halmstad, Oslo and Bergen last summer. They will share a few photos and a video or two.

**Menu** :: We will be dining family-style on a traditional Norwegian dish called **Fårikål**, (which means Lamb in Cabbage), along with potatoes, lingonberries, bread and cheese. We will also have Norwegian **Bløtkake** for dessert with coffee or tea.

**Fårikål** is a traditional Norwegian dish made of lamb, cabbage, and peppercorns, served with potatoes and lingonberries. **Fårikål season** is from September to October when the fattened lambs come down from the mountains. In fact, in Norway, the last Thursday of September is **National Fårikål Day**.

You can always find **Bløtkake** on any celebration table in Norway. Simple and delicious, Norwegian Bløtkake is a layer cake made with any type of berries, with a cream or custard filling, between layers of vanilla sponge cake. Mmmmm.....

—from <http://mylittlenorway.com/2011/10/farikal-season/>

**Board Meeting:** *Saturday, Feb. 25th at 4 pm at Panera in Perrysburg across from Kroger. Club members are welcome.*

### "Gentlemen of the Silent Screen"

Club member **Jan Wahl** is hosting this classic movie series featuring Douglas Fairbanks, Roscoe "Fatty" Arbuckle, Lon Chaney, William S. Hart, Harry Carey and John Barrymore. Sundays, March 18 & 25, and April 1 & 15 at the Gish Theater in Hannah Hall at BGSU at 3pm. Free. [bgsu.edu/gish](http://bgsu.edu/gish)

### PRESIDENT'S CORNER

From Lois Staber's Finnish stew in November, to Earl Campbell's presentation of the geology and geography of Iceland last year, from our July day-trips to Ikea to window-shop among Swedish housewares and furniture, to our young Lucia at the annual JulFest holiday party, and on and on, month after month, the Scandinavian Club of Toledo takes great pleasure in presenting a glimpse of Scandinavian culture at each of our events. We take pride in promoting and preserving Scandinavian traditions in our area.

Such JulFest finery as we enjoyed at the Inverness Club came at a higher price this year than last, higher than the board anticipated, due to price increases from the Inverness Club and the cost of supplementing the Inverness menu with our own cheeses, herring, lingonberries, and glögg. (We normally cover the cost of Lucia's meal, and a small stipend for our harpist.) Fortunately, the Scandinavian Club's treasury could cover the bill this time, although we won't want to duplicate that expense anytime soon. Your board met in January to review these charges and begin the process of redesigning JulFest, toward the end of bringing costs in line with the ticket price. If you would like to join in this board discussion, please feel free to join us for a couple of hours at Panera's Perrysburg, on Saturday, February 25th at 4 pm.

For our February dinner meeting, you will find us at the Walbridge Park Shelter House delighting in Kris Johnson's Fårikål (which translates: lamb in cabbage). For dessert, I will attempt to create a Norwegian birthday cake, bløtkake. Geoff and Marna Slawson will present a view of their recent trip to Finland, Sweden, and Norway. You may note that this February meeting is scheduled for the fourth Friday of the month, instead of our standard third Friday. We invite you to come along for dinner and a wonderful travelogue.

Eva Slawson, President

### In Memoriam

Long-time Club member **Ralph Nelson**, age 88, of Bowling Green, died on January 29, 2012, at Bridge Hospice Care Center in Bowling Green. Born in 1923 to Henry and Hannah (Kallioinen) Nelson in Munising, MI, Ralph was an apprentice at Ford Motor Co. from 1942-43 and served in the Army until 1946. Ralph received his B.S. from Northern Michigan College in 1950 and his M.A. from Michigan State University in 1955. He married Betty Ann (Tostenson) in 1956. She preceded him in death in 2002.

Ralph worked as an Assistant Professor at BGSU in the Technology Dept. He taught drafting, design and architecture, retiring in 1985.

Ralph also belonged to Calvary United Methodist Church in Tontogany, OH, and the Toledo Chapter of the China-Burma-India Veterans of WWII.

Funeral services were at Peinert Funeral Home, Tontogany, OH.

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