

THE  
SCANDINAVIAN  
CLUB of TOLEDO



OLAV GJESDAL, founder

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ERIC SLAWSON, editor

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Many thanks to our nominating committee, Willard Misfelt, Ralph Johnson, and Mary Peterson, who met three times to put together the slate of officers who were elected at the May meeting at the Inverness Club. Congratulations to Lois Staber, our new vice-president, and Kris Johnson, who continues as treasurer. I am humbled by your vote of confidence, as I continue as president. I know you join me in expressing appreciation to our outgoing vice-president, Ruth Alteneider, and our outgoing secretary, Nathalie Givens. Vi tackar Er!

After a long winter and spring, at midsummer, Scandinavians want to be outdoors, to be with others and to celebrate the arrival of summer. Accordingly, the Scandinavian Club of Toledo will come together on Sunday afternoon, June 26, to eat, listen to music, and enjoy one another's company. We hope you and your friends will come, bringing flowers and greenery, to help us decorate the midsommarstång (maypole), beginning at 4pm. We will play traditional festive music, and raise the pole. If you have some favorite CDs, we'll play them, too! Also, please, bring your favorite Scandinavian summer food to share. We may even have a bonfire, to top off the evening, so be sure to put the Midsommar Fest on your calendar!

With no scheduled dinner or travelogue in July, you will want to watch for a postcard in July to alert you to our outing to IKEA, the Swedish house-ware and home furnishings store, located in Canton, Michigan. We generally meet in a local parking lot, and car-pool from there. One of the highlights of this day-trip is the in-store restaurant where we linger and enjoy the Swedish foods. Come on along!

Eva Slawson,  
President.

### The Little Red Cottage

Foreign ownership of Swedish summer cottages, houses, land and farms has increased by 36 percent over the past five years, new statistics from the Swedish land registration authority (Lantmäteriet) show. Almost 80,000 Swedish properties are now owned by foreigners.

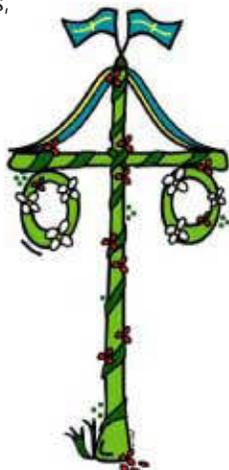
Danes lead the list, owning 22,000 properties, followed by the Germans with 18,700, Norwegians 16,100, the USA 4,300, and Britain 3,700. The greatest increase over the past five years is however accounted for by the Dutch, with a jump of 72 % to 2,600.

Danes love old red houses with tiled and wood-fired stoves, while Germans buy more modern houses in the outskirts of a village. — Swedish Press, June 2011.

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# Midsommar



Swedish Midsommar Celebration

*Our June meeting will be held at  
the home of our president, Eva Slawson  
on Sunday, June 26, at 4 p.m.*

**Program :: Midsummer Party.** We celebrate the longest day of the year with traditional festivities: decorating and raising the maypole, singing, lots of good food and visiting. Please remember to bring some flowers and leafy vines or branch trimmings cut fresh from your garden for the maypole. Also, bring a folding chair or two if you can. We will be outside, under a tent and trees, or inside in the airconditioning if it is raining.

**Menu ::** This is a family-style potluck, so please bring your best dish to share with everyone. Some basics will be provided.

**Location :: Eva's house** is at 5629 Fryer, Toledo OH 43615. Phone 419-534-2230. Eva lives in west Toledo. From the intersection of Dorr St. and Reynolds Rd.: **1.** Go West on Dorr Street for about half a mile. **2.** Turn Left at the first traffic light, at Harrow Rd., which is a small neighborhood street. **3.** Turn Right onto Fryer Ave. Go less than a block. **4.** Two-story white house is on left. Park in drive or on street. 5629 Fryer.

**Reservations ::** Please Phone or Email Kris Johnson with your name and number attending at 419-836-7637 or cjohnson143@woh.rr.com.

### Upcoming Meetings

*July*— Informal trip to IKEA, where we'll shop till we drop, then meet for lunch in the cafeteria.

*August*— Informal summer meeting. Suggestions welcome.

^^ Thor's Hammer amulet: A small silver pendant discovered near Rømersdal, Bornholm, Denmark. Photograph from the Danish National Museum. See others at [www.pitt.edu](http://www.pitt.edu)

^^ Majstång dancers photo above from [roots-in-sweden.blogspot.com](http://roots-in-sweden.blogspot.com)

<< May Pole (Majstång) drawing at left from [sweden.se](http://sweden.se)