

# RESERVATION FOR MARCH

*First Unitarian Church of Toledo,*

*Friday, March 25, 2011.*

Phone or Email our treasurer Kris Johnson at 419-836-7637 or [cjohnson143@woh.rr.com](mailto:cjohnson143@woh.rr.com) with your name and number attending by **Noon on Thursday, March 24th**

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**SCANDINAVIAN CLUB OF TOLEDO** and mail to:

**KRIS JOHNSON, PO Box 355, WILLISTON, OH 43468**

## Upcoming Meetings

**March**— Our regular monthly meeting on Friday, the 25th, and then be sure to also attend the International Festival the next day on Saturday the 26th.

**April**— to be held on April 22. Location & Program to be announced later. Nominating Committee to be formed for May's elections.

**May**— tentatively May 15 for Sunday Spring Brunch. Program to be announced later. May is the month we have elections to our Board, as our fiscal year goes from July through June.

**June**— Midsommar Fest. We will celebrate Midsommar on Sunday, June 26, beginning at 4 pm.

Kris Johnson has set up a website to list our meetings, activities and references:

<http://home.roadrunner.com/~krisjohnson/ScandClub/ScandinavianClub.htm>

## Scandinavian Folk School

Scandinavian Heritage Week is March 20 - 26, 2011 at the **John C. Campbell Folk School** in Brasstown, NC. Inspired by the folkehøjskole of Scandinavia, they offer week-long classes in basketry, cooking, jewelry, needlework & thread art, painting, spinning, weaving, woodcarving, woodturning, painting, music, and more.

See their website:  
[www.FolkSchool.org](http://www.FolkSchool.org)  
Phone: 1-828-827-2775

—from February 2011  
**Columbus Scandinavian Club newsletter**



## Danish Royal Twins

On January 8, 2011, Crown Prince Frederik, 42, and his Australian-born wife, Crown Princess Mary, 38, became the proud parents of the first twins to be born into the direct line to the Danish throne since 1660. Speaking to the press at the Rigshospitalet in Copenhagen, Crown Prince Frederick said, "Mary has given birth to two healthy children: a boy first and then a girl. The boy weighs 2,674 grams. The boy is 47 centimeters and the girl is 46 cm. The mother and children are well, very well — and so is the father."

Text from **Scandinavian Press**, spring 2011.

Photo by Hasse Ferrold from <http://international-club-copenhagen.blogspot.com/2011/01/crownprince-frederik-crownprincess-mary.html>



Susanne Bier

## Danish Director gets Best Foreign Film

**Susanne Bier** is one of the most prominent Danish film directors working today, and her films have won numerous awards. Her feature-film debut, *Freud Leaving Home*, was the recipient of international plaudits and prizes. *Brothers*, which she directed in 2004, won the World Cinema Dramatic Audience Award at the 2005 Sundance Film Festival and best acting awards at the San Sebastián International Film Festival. Her Oscar-nominated *After the Wedding* and *Things We Lost in the Fire* (starring Halle Berry and Benicio Del Toro) were both box-office hits. (1)

Her new film, *In A Better World*, due in theaters in early April, 2011, just won the prestigious Golden Globe and Oscar statuettes for Best Foreign Language Film 2011. The film is set in two very different locations — a refugee camp in an unnamed African country and a small town in Denmark — and tells two very different stories. The doctor who cares for

the refugees, shuttles back and forth between the refugee camp and his Danish home, where he struggles to keep his family together amid marital troubles with his wife and difficulties with his son, who has become the target of school bullies.

"The whole point was to communicate that the conditions of living in Africa in a refugee camp and in a privileged part of Denmark couldn't be more different, but the actual human nature is so similar," Bier says. "It's kind of, in a way, showing the same story but in two different shapes." (2)

Bier says her Jewish upbringing instilled her with a strong sense of family. Yet there was also upheaval and transience. Her father fled from Germany in 1933 to Denmark. Her mother was born in Denmark. When the Nazis began rounding up Jews living there, her parents escaped via boat to Sweden. They returned to Copenhagen and raised Bier and

her two younger siblings. This experience has shaped her life, and her work.

Her movies are infused with an intimate concern for family yet often play out on a global stage. "To me, family is a sense of identity. I want to have a very intense, close, intimate relationship with them," said Bier, who at 50 is twice-divorced with two adult children. "That way of living definitely informs the stories I tell." (3)

You can listen to her interviewed on the NPR show *Fresh Air*. Look for the March 10th interview.

- (1)—[http://sundance.slated.com/2011/films/inabetterworld\\_sundance2011](http://sundance.slated.com/2011/films/inabetterworld_sundance2011)
- (2)—[NPR.org](http://NPR.org) (*Fresh Air*)
- (3)—<http://articles.latimes.com/2011/feb/20/entertainment/la-ca-susanne-bier-20110220>

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