



THE SCANDINAVIAN CLUB of TOLEDO



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Dear Fellow Scandinavians and Wonderful Friends,

We're entering the holiday season, with the promise of snow and fireplaces. We will hope not to have snow for our Friday, November 18th meeting, when we are hosted by Vice-President Lois Staber at her condo-association club-house in Perrysburg. Lois will whip up some Finnish stew for us, and former club Secretary **Nathalie Givens** will present slides of the recent trip she and her husband Clyde took to Denmark. An enjoyable evening with good friends, in a cozy place.

December is the month we live for in this club! Our JulFest party will be on Sunday, December 18th, beginning at 1 pm, at the Inverness Club on Dorr Street in Toledo. We will be in the Living Room, feasting on a smörgåsbord of cheeses and hard-breads, herring and more herring, cucumber salad, meatballs and potatoes, and salmon. Don't forget, we'll have glögg, and coffee, of course. There will be a visit by Lucia, complete with candles, and a sing-along of some of our favorite holiday songs. If you can, please bring your own home-made cookies to share, and some Scandinavian-themed items for the raffle-table. We have a lot of fun. (Be sure to send in your membership dues, so you can get the "member-rate" to this shindig.) I hope you'll join us for a festive afternoon!

Eva Slawson,
President, Scandinavian Club of Toledo

Scandinavian News

The SWEA Swedish Christmas Fair will be on Saturday, Nov 19, from 9:30am to 2pm at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church (the usual place), 5631 N. Adams Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI. Phone for info: 734-883-7930.

—submitted by *Chris Weisfelder*

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Visiting in Denmark and northern Germany



*Our Meeting for November will be held at
Lois Staber's Club Room
on Friday, Nov. 18, at 6 p.m.*

Program :: Nathalie Givens, our recent Secretary, will give a travel program. She and Clyde went to visit the sites of her family-roots from **Denmark** and Northern Germany (Schleswig-Holstein) — and to help celebrate a Danish cousin's 80th birthday.

Menu :: Home-made Finnish Mojakka. This is a hearty Finnish stew. In Finland, soup or stew is called "keitto". Apparently the word "mojakka" came from a certain area in Finland and took hold here in the US over the word "keitto". Either way, we're cooking all day, so come on out and enjoy.

Location :: The neighborhood Clubhouse of our new Vice President, Lois Staber. Village at River Place clubhouse, located at 57 Turnbury Lane, Perrysburg, OH 43551. **Directions:** Exit I-475 at Dixie Hwy (Rt.25) in Perrysburg, and head North to the first intersection which has a pair of gas stations. Turn Right (onto Eckel Junction Rd.) and go about half a mile down to the first neighborhood street on the right. Turn Right onto Turnbury Lane, and turn Right into parking lot of the Clubhouse which is the first building on the Right.

Reservations :: Please Phone or Email Kris Johnson with your name and number attending at 419-836-7637 or cjohnson143@woh.rr.com by the Wednesday before, Nov. 16.

Membership News

A warm welcome to those who have recently joined our club:
Katherine Thompson, Sweden
Jack Petersen, Denmark

Upcoming Meetings

December — Julfest at Inverness on Sunday, the 18th at 1pm.
January — a Film about an Ibsen poem presented by Jan Wahl.



Exchange Student News

Just about every year, Woodmore High School has had at least one foreign exchange student. This year, there are four.

One exchange student, **Charlotta Makinen**, is from Finland. She has been here since August and will be staying until next summer.

Makinen's life is a lot different here from her life back home. She sees her host family a lot more than her family back in Finland, because they are always working. The schools are a lot different too. "The schools are a lot stricter here," she said. "They are also smaller and cozier."

In her free time, Charlotta likes to be with her friends, and is really looking forward to the dances and senior trip.

—submitted by *Kris Johnson*

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