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I've been out of town a bit lately, most recently to Lisle, Illinois, outside Chicago. While there, I picked up a copy of the free newspaper called Redeye, On page 2, I found a little blurb announcing an event at the Swedish American Museum, the Andersonville Dessert Crawl, 2 - 5pm Sunday, \$20 - \$25.

Not going to Chicago for dessert? Well, I also happened to pick up a copy of the Wall Street Journal. Did any of you see the article on page A10? With a nice photo, the article describes the winner of the 2011 Nobel Prize in Literature, Swedish poet, Tomas Transtromer.

Wherever we go, we can find references to our heritage. If you didn't make it to the September meeting of our Scandinavian Club of Toledo, you may have heard how interesting it was. We -- okay, I -- go through life with precious little knowledge of details of my Scandinavian culture, so, last month, we had a nice discussion on our flags, complete with handouts! Many thanks to those who came prepared with info, and those who participated in dinner and the meeting. More fascinating conversation to come. Hope to see you, on the third Friday of October.

Hälsa alla!

Eva.

Dues are due for 2011/2012

Membership is \$15 per Adult for the year (July thru June).

Please make check payable to:
Scandinavian Club of Toledo
and mail to our treasurer at:
Kris Johnson, PO Box 355, Williston, OH 43468 If you're a new member, please let us know your national heritage.

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*Our October Meeting will be held at
Uncle John's Pancake House
Private Dining Room
on Friday, Oct. 21, at 6 p.m.*

Program :: New member, **Katherine Thompson**, will give a program entitled "Taking the Painting Back Home" to Stjarnfors, Sweden.

Menu :: We will order off their menu individually this month.

Location :: **Uncle John's** is at Wesgate at 3131 Secor Rd., Toledo, OH 43606-1514. **Directions:** 1. From I-475, exit highway and turn South onto Secor Rd. 2. Turn Right into Uncle John's parking lot just after Elder Beerman, and just before Central Avenue. It is across the street from McDonalds. We will meet in their private dining room.

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

Member News

Long-time members **Jan Wahl**, and **Raleigh Slawson** have each received new hips over the summer. Both are doing well.

Upcoming Meetings

November 18th (one week before Thanksgiving).
December Julfest



The ship Mars

The wreck of what historians hope is the legendary warship **Mars**, that sank in the Baltic in 1564, has been found north of the island of Öland, off of Sweden's east coast. Mars was the flagship of King Erik XIV's fleet.

A team of divers discovered the wreck at a depth of 75 meters after several years of research and decades of searching. There is strong indication that the ship lying at the bottom of the sea is indeed the "mythical" Mars.

The size and the age of the ship correspond and a stack of corn, the symbol of the Vasa Swedish royal family at the time, is engraved on a cannon, providing another strong clue.

"If this is the Mars, it is a truly significant find. When it comes to

maritime history, it really can be seen as the 'missing link' in the chain of what we know of historic shipbuilding — somewhere between our Swedish Vasa and the English Mary Rose," said Andreas Olsson, head archaeologist at the Royal Swedish Maritime museum, Sjöhistoriska muséet.

Equipped with 107 cannons and a crew of 800, the Mars was one of the biggest ships of its day, both out-sizing and outgunning the famous warship Vasa.

Mars sank just a year after being launched during a sea battle with the Danish-Lübeckian navy. It was hit by a cannon and went up in smoke after two days of ferocious fighting.

Though it has been resting untouched in its watery grave for 447 years, the wreck seems to be well preserved, although there is a hold in its side. The wreckage is reportedly solid oak and the seabed is strewn with bronze cannons.

The local Kalmar prefecture has decided to ban diving and fishing in the area to allow the divers and archaeologists to continue their work.

—The Local at www.the-local.se/35646/20110819/
—Swedish Press, Oct. 2011.