



THE
SCANDINAVIAN
CLUB of TOLEDO



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Baking: Goodies and Treats

*Our next meeting will be held at
Ruth Alteneder's home.
on Sunday, April 24th, at 2 PM.*

Program :: **Cooking Class: Baking Goodies and Treats.**

Join us for another of our popular cooking classes — but this time we'll *bake* cookies and other Nordic treats! We'll roll up our sleeves to mix flour and sugar and whatever else is needed, and get as many recipes baked as we can, one after another, all afternoon long. This is a program that's right for all ages as we learn, with all of our senses, how important these different recipes were to our relatives from the old countries — and the new!

Menu :: We plan to bake a number of recipes, all depending on what is brought to the meeting. If you have an old favorite, bring the recipe and any special ingredients, and we'll mix it up and bake it right there in Ruth's kitchen. Or you can bring your dough premixed and chilled, ready to be baked in Ruth's oven. Or you can also bring items already baked in your own oven, if you wish, ready for the table. Or any combination of the above — it's up to you! It's the Goodies and Treats side of the Smörgåsbord! The Club will provide some basic ingredients — flour, sugar, eggs and butter. Coffee and tea will be provided, as well.

Reservations :: Please contact our treasurer, Kris Johnson, at cjohnson143@woh.rr.com or at 419-836-7637. Let Kris know your name and how many of you will be attending, so that we know how many to expect. If you know what recipe you would like to try, leave that information too. Cost: those helping in the kitchen or bringing things to bake (or already baked) are free; all others are \$5 (children are free).

Location :: **Ruth Alteneder's house**, is located at 920 Bexley, in Perrysburg.

DIRECTIONS: From Interstate 75 in Perrysburg, exit onto Fremont Pike (Rt. 20), and head west towards town. Turn Right at the first stop light (Three Meadows Drive). As the boulevard curves, turn Left at the third street (Apple Creek Dr.). Drive to the end of this street and come to the stop sign. Sitting at this stop sign, look straight ahead across the street and a little to the left — that's Ruth's house, a yellowish two story with garage on the left side. Park on her side of the street, and come to the front door. Please leave the driveway open for those with difficulty walking.

Thank You

—an expression of gratitude or appreciation.

LANGUAGE COMPARISON:

Tak —in Danish

Kiitos —in Finnish

Takk —in Icelandic

Takk —in Norwegian

Tack —in Swedish

Club Contacts

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President: John L. Jacobson

Vice President: Lois Staber

Treasurer: Kris Johnson

Secretary: Katherine Thompson

Members at Large:

Ruth Alteneder, Judy Nickoloff,

Jan Wahl.

^^ Picture at top is of a piece of cake from the Munch Museum's café, in Oslo. An image of "The Scream" by Edvard Munch is printed atop the cake.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hej everyone, I am back to reality again. Thank you to everyone who sent their good wishes. I am now able to get around pain free thanks to the wonder of titanium. Currently pain free and back to the office. This President's Corner may be rather brief since I have been unable to be out and about. I will see you at our next meeting at Ruth's on April 24 to make cookies. I will be exercising my authority as President and official cookie taster. I do have one question, however, to the members of the book club — who chose the book by Jo Nesbø?

Tack så mycket, John

Calendar

May 10th — Scand Book Club: "Blood On Snow" by Jo Nesbø.

May — May Meeting: club elections

June — Midsummer Party

Club News

Scand Book Club: Join us in May for a discussion of "Blood On Snow" by Norwegian author Jo Nesbø, at Second Hand Books, on Tuesday, May 10th at 7pm. It's a quick little page turner of a crime novel. Pick it up and join us!

Festivals in Ohio

[World Culture Fest](#)

Cincinnati Museum Center
April 23 & 24

[Ashville Viking Festival](#)

Village Park, Ashville, Ohio
April 30 & May 1

[A World A'Fair](#)

Dayton International Festival
Dayton Convention Center
May 20, 21 & 22

Contact Esther Charlton for more information at esthersofn@aol.com

Sweden's Pregnant Royals

The official portrait below of the Swedish Royal Family is the only one in history to feature two pregnant princesses. Crown Princess Victoria (third from left) with her second child, and newlywed Princess Sofia (second from right) with her first. Princess Madeleine (far left) has two children.

—Scandinavian Press, Spring 2016



Korea to Sweden to USA, and Back

The USA maintains no embassy in North Korea. Instead, the US relies on the Swedish embassy for its communications with North Korea.

—NPR

Panama Papers Reach to Iceland

REYKJAVIK — The **Prime Minister of Iceland** resigned this week, as a result of protests and unrest in streets outside of parliament in the capital city. Protesters demonstrated against **Prime Minister Sigmundur Gunnlaugsson** as a result of the release of a vast hoard — but not a 'Viking Hoard' — of documents that were simultaneously released by news agencies all around the world. These 11.5 million documents, called the Panama Papers, show in detail the extent to which people with money have been hiding their wealth in off-shore tax haven structures, while average citizens have had to endure cutbacks of services and higher taxes.

As a result of the 2008 credit debacle, you may remember, common Icelanders were left with the tab for the losses when Iceland's major banks collapsed. There were protests then too, but leaders convinced citizens to pay up for the good of the country. And they have been.

Now, the release of the Panama Papers has shown that Iceland's own Prime Minister has had millions of dollars of his personal wealth, and his wife's, in these tax havens, thereby skirting paying his fair share. This is how furious local Icelanders see it anyway, and they quickly protested to force him out of office. He had asked **President Olafur Ragnar Grimsson** to dissolve parliament and call an early election. But the President refused, and members of parliament tabled a confidence motion. This led to Gunnlaugsson's announcement on the 5th that he would resign, before a vote of no confidence could be held, despite his claims of no wrong doing. But wait, on April 7th, he has now said that he will remain as the opposition leader in parliament. We'll see how it all turns out. A new Prime Minister has been sworn in.

—BBC News, April 5th & 7th, 2016. and CNN.com, April 7th, 2016.

Sex Ed Sweden

When do you have *that* conversation with your kids? Jonathan Zimmerman's book "Too Hot to Handle" discusses how sex education in **Sweden** is integrated into all topics in school, so there is no specific Sex Education class. This has upset the hundreds of thousands of muslims that have gone to Sweden from Syria and Iraq, because it is being taught as a normal part of life in everyday classes.

—BBC's The World

Film tidbits

>> Film maker Pete Doctor, who co-directed **Inside Out**, last year's hit animated movie from Pixar, actually was moved by his family when he was a child to **Denmark**. His father moved there to study Danish Coral music, and took his family with him.

>> The movie **Ex Machina**, with Swedish actress Alicia Vikander, was filmed in western **Norway**. It has some beautiful shots of the grand landscape.



Bolludagur — Cream Puff Day

February 8th, this year, was apparently Cream Puff Day, or **Bolludagur**, in **Iceland**. The name comes from **Bolla** (meaning Bun) and **Dagur** (meaning Day). This day inspires both good and bad moods, depending on whether you are a good or bad baker, or a child or a parent. One thing is certain: Iceland gulps down large quantities of cream puffs on this day, which is always on a Monday, seven weeks before Easter.

Traditionally, children wake their parents up by spanking them with a cream puff stick, which of course is great fun for the children, but also puts parents in a sour mood. Parents then go to work in the kitchen, testing their skills.

Bolludagur buns are made of melted butter, flour, eggs and water, and filled with whipped cream, and are a delicious treat anyone can enjoy. Many families make their own home-baked puffs, but baking them is known to put the clumsy baker in a bad mood, because of the precision required in measuring the baking time. If you take them out of the oven too early, they will shortly collapse and be ruined. Alas, the time for these this year is sadly long past. But you might practice now so that next year's will come out just right.

—icelandreview.com