

RESERVATION FOR JULFEST

Lois's Clubhouse, Sunday, December 16, 2012.

Number of **Club Members**: _____ @ \$20.00 each = \$ _____

Number of **Guests**): _____ @ \$25.00 each = \$ _____

Name: _____ Total \$ _____

Make check payable to: **SCANDINAVIAN CLUB OF TOLEDO** and mail to:

KRIS JOHNSON, PO Box 355, WILLISTON, OH 43468

Reservations with checks due by Wednesday, Dec. 12th.

Julfest Pricing:

As a benefit for being a paid club member, Julfest is even cheaper this year. If you haven't yet renewed for 2012-13, include your dues money to Kris, to get the member price. Membership is only \$15 per adult.

Directions to

Fulefest

From I-75 or 475, get yourself to Perrysburg, exiting I-475 at exit 2, which is Dixie Hwy (Rt. 25). Turn north onto Dixie Hwy. Turn right at first intersection, at the Circle K gas station, which is Eckel

Junction Rd. Drive almost half a mile, turning right onto Turnbury Lane. Turn right at the first little driveway and park in the parking lot. Lois's condo-association's clubhouse is on the right.



SCANDINAVIAN CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS

ADVENT

The Christmas season in Scandinavia begins on the First Sunday of Advent, when the first candle in the advent candelabra is lit. On each subsequent Advent Sunday, another candle is lit, so that on the fourth Advent Sunday, the last Sunday before Christmas, all four candles are burning.



SANTA LUCIA

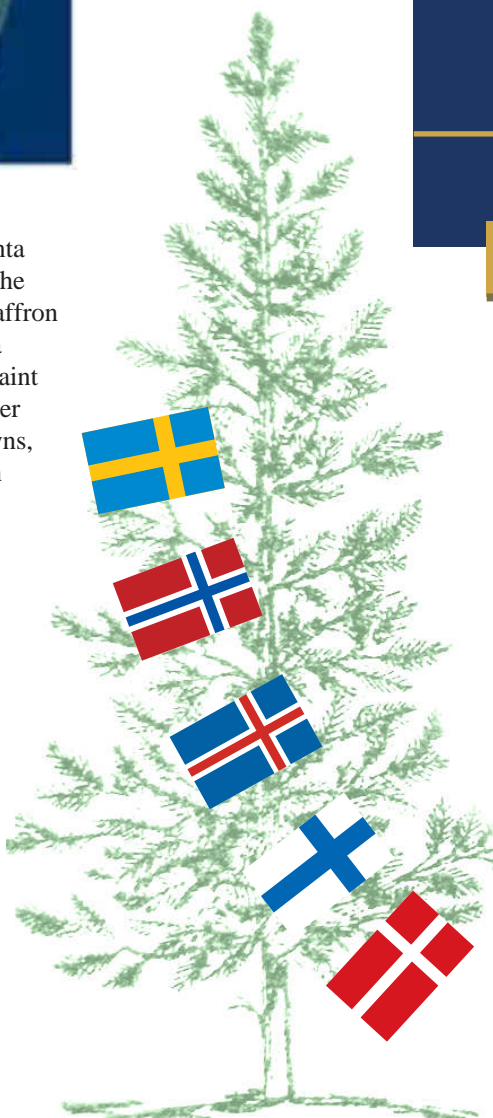
Before sunrise on December 13, Santa Lucia brings light and warmth into the darkness with candles, hot coffee, saffron buns and ginger cookies. The Lucia tradition commemorates a Sicilian saint who was persecuted and killed for her Christian faith in the year 304. Towns, schools and business have their own Lucia parades each year.

GARLANDS OF FLAGS

Garlands of national flags are popular tree decorations in the Scandinavian countries.

WOVEN PAPER HEARTS

No Christmas tree would be complete without hand-made woven paper heart bags.



ANCIENT HERITAGE

Straw goats (Julbock) are common Christmas decorations in Scandinavia. The tradition may be traced back to the two goats that pulled the wagon of Thor, the powerful Norse god. More recently, the father of a family would dress up as the Yule Goat, knock on the front door, and ask "are there any nice children here?" Of course they would all scream "yahhhh!" and presents would be given to them. And most recently, the Tomte (or Nisse) has taken the place of the Yule Goat.

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