



THE
SCANDINAVIAN
CLUB of TOLEDO

Glædelig Jul !!
Hauskaa Joulua !!
Gledileg Jól !!
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Julfest

at Lois's clubhouse

Sunday, December 16, 2012. Beginning at 4 pm.

Our traditional Christmas celebration begins with catching up with old friends around the fireplace. We'll have Glögg and delight our senses with a Smörgåsbord of Scandinavian Hard Breads & Swedish Limpa Bread, along with a variety of Scandinavian Cheeses, Gravlox (Cured Salmon), Pickled Herring and Pickled Cucumbers. For something hot, we'll also have Meatballs and Potatoes, with Lingonsilt to go with it. We'll have Lucia and sing Yuletide carols. Then for dessert, we'll have Finnish Rice Pudding with our very own Cookies. And we'll wrap it all up with our annual Raffle. It's the same fun-filled evening you're used to, so bring some friends!

See back page for details on Reservations.

Glögg

Our traditional holiday drink will be on hand. After you put your coat away, come in and warm up your innards!

Raffle

Please be sure to bring something Scandinavian or holiday-related in nature to donate to our Raffle Table.

Cookies

Also, please remember to bring some home-baked Cookies for our Dessert!

New Location for Julfest this year:

We are pleased to have access to a very nice club house owned by our VP Lois Staber's condo association, in Perrysburg, where we have met previously. Look for directions on the back page. —Thank you Lois!



TOMTE NISSE

Illustrated by Jenny Nystöm in the late 1800s, the child-sized Tomte (in Sweden) or Nisse (in Norway), with a white beard and red hat, has been associated with Christmas ever since, bearing gifts for the children and requiring only a bowl of porridge with butter on Christmas Eve. Nisse is short for Nils, which is the Norwegian form of Nicholas.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Days get dark early in wintertime, even in the United States, and Scandinavians yearn for longer days and more sunlight. Our JulFest is an important part of our celebration of the coming of Light, and features the procession of Lucia, bearing lighted candles on her head.

Previous years' holiday parties have been quite expensive for the Scandinavian Club of Toledo even while they were wonderful celebrations, so over the past several months your board has been looking into re-inventing our Jul Fest to make it more accessible.

Our Scandinavian Club of Toledo vice-president, Lois Staber, has invited us to come to the lovely clubhouse owned by her condo-association. We'll nibble on familiar Scandinavian treats and sip on coffee, punch, and glögg. We hope you'll join us and bring a friend. We look forward to another wonderful JulFest!

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