



THE  
**SCANDINAVIAN**  
CLUB of TOLEDO

Gott Nytt År!  
Godt Nyttår!  
Ja Onnelista Uutta  
Vuotta!  
Godt Nyttår!  
Happy New Year!

OLAV GJESDAHL, founder

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ERIC SLAWSON, editor

## January, 2016

Our first meeting of the new year  
will be held at Secretary  
**Katherine Thompson's home.**  
on Sunday, Jan. 17th, at 2 PM.

**Program** :: Dr. Jan Wahl will present a movie called "**Gunnar Hede's Saga**" starring Einar Hanson and Mary Johnson. This is a 1923 film by Mauritz Stiller, based on Swedish novelist Selma Lagerlöf's "*The Tale of a Manor*."

**Menu** :: This is a **Potluck** affair in Katherine's home. Please bring a dish for the smörgåsbord. Those not bringing a dish, pay Kris at the door: \$10 each. Free if you bring a dish to share.

**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 she can let Katherine know how many to expect. If you know what dish you'll be bringing, leave that information too.

**Location** :: **Katherine Thompson's house**, is located at 2132 Sherwood Ave., in Toledo, south of the zoo, between River Rd. and the Trail.

**DIRECTIONS**: From the intersection of the Anthony Wayne Trail and Glendale Ave., drive south on the Trail to the next traffic light, which is Sherwood. Turn left (east) onto Sherwood, and go about eight houses down on the left side. There is a big tree in the front yard, while the neighbors have no trees. The driveway is to the left of the tree, or street parking is available on the opposite side from her house.

### PRESIDENT'S CORNER

It's hard to believe that another year has gone by again, and that the new year is 2016. I still feel as if I am in a science fiction story, but there are still no flying cars. December gave us a wonderful Julfest at the Inverness Club, and thanks are due to **Eva** and **Kris** for pulling it all together. The food was great, and even the limp I ordered came on time. Lucia was especially beautiful and touching. Regarding new things occurring in Scandinavia, a recent article in the Sunday New York Times indicates that Sweden is about to become a cashless society with most, if not all, transactions done digitally, by card or on line. Always riding the wave to the future. Also, for those who have read "*A Man Called Ove*", the film is now out in Sweden and, hopefully, here in the not too distant future. The January meeting will be at **Katherine Thompson's** and will be potluck and a movie from **Jan Wahl**. The book club will be meeting on January 12 to discuss Isak Dinesen's "*Seven Gothic Tales*". Come join us.

Tack så mycket, John



### Lucia at Inverness

A big thank you to our Lucia this year at Julfest. **Linnea Johnson** was spectacular! Here she is posing with her father, **Erik Johanson**, in front of the old grandfather clock at Inverness Club.

### Club News

**Scand Book Club**: Join us for a discussion of this month's selection, Isak Dinesen's "*Seven Gothic Tales*", at Second Hand Books, on Tuesday, January 12th at 7pm.

**Member News**: Long-time Club member, Willard Misfeldt has broken his arm in a fall. All the best in your recovery.

### Calendar

Jan. 12 — Scand Book Club

Jan. 17 — January Meeting: movie

Feb. 21 — February Meeting: Norway

### Club Contacts

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**President**: John L. Jacobson

**Vice President**: Lois Staber

**Treasurer**: Kris Johnson

**Secretary**: Katherine Thompson

**Members at Large**: Ruth Altneder, Judy Nickoloff, Jan Wahl.



## Interesting Rates

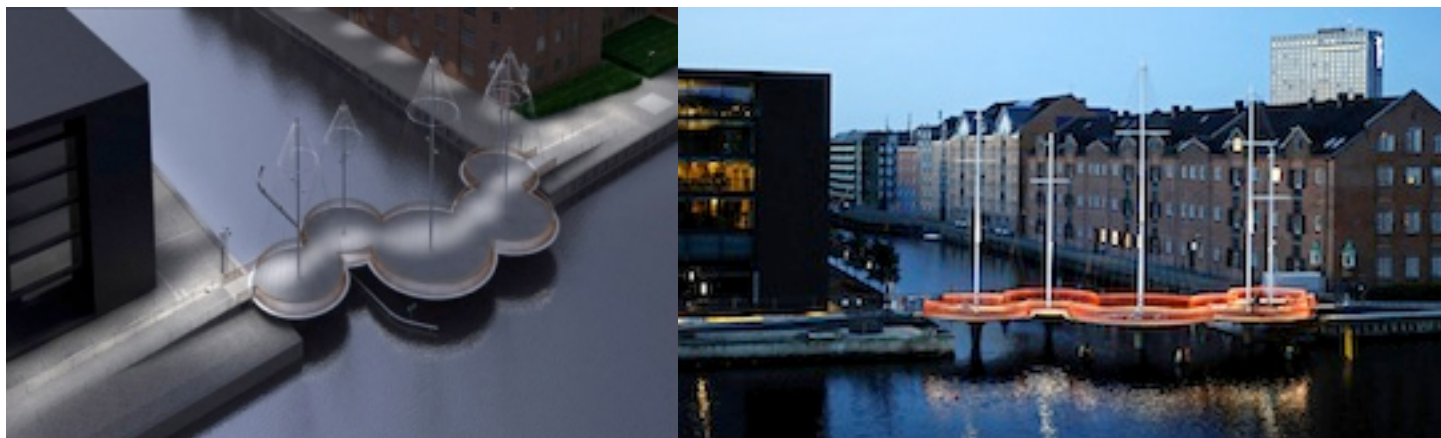
Interest rates in **Denmark** and **Sweden** have been below zero percent, actually charging banks for keeping money in their vaults overnight instead of lending it out. This has helped get the economy going. Two other countries in Europe have been doing the same.

Marketplace, NPR, Dec. 2015

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## Scandinavian Royals

### >> Norway's Royals at Innovation Norway

Crown Prince Haakon and Crown Princess Mette-Marit attended Innovation Norway, in New York City in October, which focuses on Norwegian design. Twice a year, Innovation Norway and the Consulate General in New York bring in 10 Norwegian start-ups with international ambitions to learn about marketing, branding and sales.

### >> Sweden's Queen Hedvig Eleonara's Jubilee

Stömsholm Palace is the site of a new exhibition that honors **Queen Hedvig Eleonara** (1636-1715), the Swedish Baroque queen. This year marks the 300th anniversary of the queen's death and is being recognized as a jubilee year of exhibitions, lectures and concerts. Strömsholm is built on an island fortress site from the 1550s at the west end of Lake Mälaren, about 1.5 hour west of Stockholm. In 1654, she was wedded to King Charles X Gustav, by her parents, Duke Fredrik III of Holstein-Gottorp and Marie Elisabeth of Saxony, and Charles' parents to seal an alliance against Denmark, their mutual enemy at the time.

### >> Norwegian Royal Family Hosts Gala

Members of the **Norwegian** Parliament were hosted by the Norwegian Royal Family at the annual gala dinner at the Royal Palace in October, in Oslo.

### >> New Swedish Royal on the Way

Crown Princess Victoria of **Sweden** says she is "doing well" with her second pregnancy. She and her husband Prince Daniel announced their second child is due in March, 2016. The couple's first child, three-year-old Princess Estelle, Duchess of Östergötland, has been a popular with the Swedish public.

### >> Stylish Princess Mary >>>>

Australian-born Princess Mary, wife of Crown Prince Frederik of Denmark, is reigning supreme as the most stylish young royal, according to a poll conducted by HELLO! Online.

—from Scandinavian Press, Winter 2015-16.



## Cirkelbroen (Circle Bridge)

It should have arrived in 2013, but in a case of better late than never, Danish-Icelandic artist **Olafur Eliasson's** futuristic-looking **Cirkelbroen** (the Circle Bridge) is finally open in **Copenhagen**. Based on the maritime history and culture of the **Christianshavn** district, Eliasson used the sailing boat as the visual point of departure for the design. The bridge consists of five circular platforms, each with its own 'mast'. Nordea-fonden donated the bridge to the city of Copenhagen. —from BBC News



## Denmark Launches First Astronaut in Space

September 2, 2015, was a proud day for Denmark when they launched **Andreas Mogensen** as Denmark's first astronaut in space, headed for the International Space Station. Mogensen, a 38-year-old aerospace flight engineer from Copenhagen, rode a

Russian Soyuz from Kazakhstan. Mogensen studied aeronautical engineering at Imperial College London before completing a doctorate in aerospace engineering at the University of Texas. While on the ISS, he conducted a series of scientific experiments, including testing a new water-cleaning system, hands-free goggles similar to Google-glass, a tight-fitting suit that mimics the effects of gravity, and controlling rovers on Earth to prepare for future missions on Mars. As part of the IRISS mission to test new technology, he took photos of lightning during storms on Earth as part of Project THOR, the single largest Danish space project to date, which is part of the European Space Agency's project Atmosphere-Space Interactions Monitor (ASIM), which itself studies lightning and its related hazards to travel.

—from Scandinavian Press, Winter 2015-16.