



THE
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CLUB of TOLEDO



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Summertime is almost here, and the Scandinavian Club of Toledo will be taking a short break. This summer, I hope to get some reading done. I'm thinking of three books in particular: a biography of the Queen of Denmark; a novel called Out Stealing Horses by a Norwegian author; and Jan Wahl's memoir of the summer of 1955 that he spent assisting the famed Danish film-maker Carl Theodor Dreyer, now available from Barnes and Noble. Perhaps you've also got plans to read more this summer. Please keep us posted!

Our Scandinavian Club of Toledo Midsommar will be at Side Cut Metropark this year. Please bring chairs if you have them, and a dish to pass. We'll set up a table with our picnic foods, and visit around the fire-pit. You'll find us at the picnic area down below the science center, a picnic area called Silver Lake Area. Be sure to drive all the way to the far end, and look for our flag-wind-socks. We hope you will join us for a midsummer picnic at Side Cut Metropark!

With thanks to our newly-elected board members,

Eva Slawson, President 2013-14

Club News

Last month was our annual elections for 2013-14 **Board Members**. Our President, **Eva Slawson**, was easily reelected for another year, as was our Vice President, **Lois Hakala Staber**, and our Treasurer, **Kristen Johnson**. We have a new Secretary, **Katherine Thompson**; Katherine has been a member of our club for a couple of years now, and all of her grandparents were Swedish. Our new Members at Large are **Judy Jokinen Nickoloff**, **Ruth Alteneder**, and **Jan Wahl**.

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*Our June Meeting will be held at
Side Cut Metropark
on **Saturday, June 22nd**, at **4pm**.*

Program :: A Celebration of Midsummer. The longest day of the year is quite a joyful time in the Nordic countries. We'll gather and celebrate with a bonfire, home-made food, and good company! Join Us!

Location :: Silver Lake picnic area (near the sledding hill at Side Cut Metropark, which is along the Maumee river in Maumee, OH.

DIRECTIONS: From the Anthony Wayne Trail, turn south onto Maumee's main thoroughfare, Conant St. At the last stop-light, Broadway St., where the school and church are, turn Right. You are now heading west, toward the park, through six blocks or so of residential Maumee. Continue straight on Broadway as it goes up and down and curves, and becomes River Rd. At the bottom of the hill, look for the park entrance on the right, which is the **Silver Lake picnic area parking lot**. We will be all the way at the end of this parking lot, between the sledding hill and Silver Lake (on the right). Parking is very near our selected spot.

From Perrysburg (or BG), go north on 25, cross the Maumee River, and turn Left at the first stop-light in Maumee, which is Broadway St. Continue on as above.

((There are a number of picnic areas in this park, so please note that we are NOT on the river side of Broadway/River Rd, and that we are NOT up near the Anthony Wayne Trail.))

What to Bring :: The Club will provide some basics, but please bring a dish for our home-made Smörgåsbord, whether a salad, meat, fruit or vegetable dish or a dessert. Also, bring a couple of chairs if you have them, and some picnic plates and silverware, if you have those. We will have some of these, but maybe not enough for everyone.

Reservations :: Please contact Kris Johnson with your name and number attending at 419-836-7637 or cjohnson143@woh.rr.com so that we have an idea of how many of us will be there. Cost is \$5 per adult, \$12 if you do not bring a dish for the Smörgåsbord. Couples can bring one dish. Children are free and welcome and there's a lot of room for them to run, and they can even fish in the lake.

Member News

Club member **Jan Wahl**'s recent book on Danish film director **Carl Theodor Dreyer** has been chosen as one of the top film books of the year by Thomas Gladysz of the Huffington Post.

Did you know?

Harry Morgan from the TV shows M*A*S*H and Dragnet (and over a hundred movies) was half **Norwegian** and half **Swedish**. His original name was Harry Bratsberg. He died in 2011, in Los Angeles, but he was raised by his parents in Michigan, his mother being from Sweden and father from Norway.