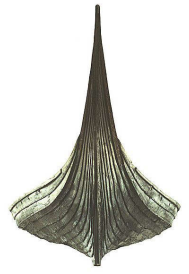


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Many thanks to Lee and Jan Odegaard, for a very interesting presentation of their recent trip to Croatia. We were their guests at Belmont Country Club for our meeting in May. In addition to some really good food and conversation, those in attendance elected officers for the 2012-13 fiscal year. Our club runs according to the school-year, with elections held each year at the May meeting. Kris Johnson has agreed to continue as treasurer; Lois Staber will continue as vice-president; and I will be honored to continue as president. If you have any thoughts regarding the Scandinavian Club of Toledo, feel free to mention it to any of the officers for consideration by the board.

Particularly, we are reminded that the Scandinavian Club of Toledo needs an active historian and/or archivist. Aside from our excellent monthly newsletter, our club has a largely verbal history, and some of the story-tellers are no longer around. If you have an interest in local history, or if you have knowledge of interesting pieces of our club's history, please let us know. Our club is in serious need of a Historian.

Last month, I travelled to Columbus to represent the Scandinavian Club of Toledo at a banquet hosted by the Scandinavian Club of Columbus for the 75th anniversary of the founding of a Scandinavian Club of Columbus. There was discussion of the history of their club; among other projects, members of that club shipped food and clothes to Norway and Denmark in the late 1930s. The party also included folk-dancing with instruction, and a great dance-band.

Scandinavians all over the world mark midsummer in late June. I want to invite you to bring flowers and/or a pot-luck Scandinavian picnic dish, and join the fun as the Scandinavian Club of Toledo raises our May-pole – yes, we have a May-pole (recently renamed “midsommar stång”)! You will have to come see for yourself! We will start at 4 pm, wrapping greenery and flowers onto the pole, followed by Scandinavian summer music and food. We will sit out on the patio of my home, under a nice canopy, enjoying an old tradition and lovely company.

As I mentioned, our club follows the school-year calendar, so after the picnic, we will take a break for the summer, and pick it up again in the fall. The exception is our car-pooling day-trip to IKEA in July. Details are in this issue of the newsletter.

This is also the time to renew your membership in the Scandinavian Club of Toledo. Membership dues are only \$15 per adult per year, and can be mailed to our treasurer, Kris Johnson. Your dues pay for the monthly newsletter, and other projects that promote Scandinavian culture in our area, including the little Scandinavian flags on our dinner tables each month, and the building of our May-pole a few years ago.

We hope to see you next at our raising of that pole, on Sunday, June 24th.

Eva Slawson,
President.

Midsommar

*Our June meeting will be held at
the home of our president, Eva Slawson
on Sunday, June 24, at 4 p.m.*

Program :: Midsummer Party. We celebrate the longest day of the year with traditional festivities: decorating and raising the maypole, singing, lots of good food, and visiting. Please remember to bring some flowers and leafy vines or branch trimmings cut fresh from your garden for the maypole. Also, bring a folding chair or two if you can. We will be outside, under a tent and trees, or inside in the airconditioning if it is raining.

Menu :: This is a family-style potluck dinner, so please bring your best dish to share with everyone. Some basics will be provided.

Location :: Eva's house is at 5629 Fryer, Toledo OH 43615. Phone 419-534-2230. Eva lives in west Toledo. Directions from the intersection of Dorr St. and Reynolds Rd.: **1.** Go West on Dorr Street for about half a mile. **2.** Turn Left at the first traffic light, at Harrow Rd., which is a small neighborhood street. **3.** Turn Right onto Fryer Ave. Go less than a block. **4.** Two-story white house is on left. Park in driveway or on street.

Reservations :: Please phone or email Kris Johnson with your name and number attending at 419-836-7637 or cjohnson143@woh.rr.com so that Eva has some idea of how many to expect.

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Upcoming Meetings

July 25th — Informal trip to IKEA, with shopping and lunch in the cafeteria. Meet at 10AM in Meijer parking lot on Alexis Rd.

Skald (also scald)

noun, historical

(in ancient Scandinavia) a composer and reciter of poems honoring heroes and their deeds.

DERIVATIVES skaldic [-ik/] adjective

ORIGIN from Old Norse skáld, of unknown origin.



In Memoriam

Long-time Club member and past Club treasurer **Henry W. Anderson**, age 91, died on May 26, 2012, at Hamilton Trace Nursing Home, in Fishers, IN, surrounded by his loving family. Henry is survived by his wife of 64 years, Lillian Anderson, one of their two sons, Paul, and two granddaughters.

He was born in Wisconsin, the only child of a newly immigrated young couple from Sweden. His parents moved in the 1920's to Brandon, FL, where they established a large poultry business selling chickens to Cuba. He graduated from the University of Florida and served in WWII as a 2nd Lieutenant in Japan. Henry married Lillian, moved to Toledo, and worked as a store manager at LaSalle's until retiring in 1977. Henry was his best as host to his many friends. He captained his beloved Lil' Hen pontoon at Lake Columbia for many years enjoying dancing, cards, and many friend-filled "cocktail hours", always serving his homemade wines and Manhattans. Henry and Lillian traveled extensively throughout their marriage and he loved to document and share his travels. Henry belonged to the American Legion, and to the Scandinavian Club of Toledo, where his glögg was an annual event for many a Julfest. The Lucas County Burial Corps performed a Military Committal Service in Ottawa Hills Memorial Park Cemetery.