



THE  
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A few weeks ago, my friend and I returned from a week-long cruise in the Caribbean, a wonderful vacation that I would heartily recommend. So, when the March/April AAA publication came, I searched for trips to Scandinavia – I found one: a trip to Iceland in early June 2013. I guess the urge to travel is in our blood – certainly dating back as far as the Vikings, don't you think? When I was a young girl, I remember going to the Commodore Perry Hotel in downtown Toledo to the Blade Travelogues, in a long room with high windows where it was hard to hear the speaker, seated on wooden folding chairs. I still love travelogues, but hope that the chairs that we in the Scandinavian Club of Toledo find ourselves in are a bit more comfortable.

Looking back to high school history, you may recall the Battle of Hastings; the 70-meter long embroidered cloth made in 1067-1076 AD by the women of France to commemorate that battle is now referred to as the Bayeux Tapestry. Many years later, but following the style of the Bayeux tapestry, a group of ten women from northern Värmland, Sweden, and Solör, Norway, collaborated in the late 1990s to embroider a 40-meter long depiction of a pilgrimage begun in medieval times, that went along a route from **Hammarö**, an island outside **Karlstad, Sweden**, to the tomb of **St. Olaf at Trondheim, Norway**. **The Pilgrim Tapestry** was completed in 1997, in time for Trondheim's 1000<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Please join us for our March meeting where we will learn more about St. Olaf (Olaf Haraldsson, a Norwegian Viking who later became king), and the pilgrimage tapestry.

For our March dinner and travelogue, we will try something a little different, getting together on a late Saturday afternoon, and concluding in plenty of time to get to the symphony. We will gather at 4:30 pm on Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, at West Park Place, where they've promised a tour of the facility if we like, returning in time for dinner at 5pm. We invite you to come along for a meal and this short program. Our Scandinavian Club of Toledo treasurer, Kris Johnson, will take your reservation, and we'll see you there!

Eva Slawson, President

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## The Pilgrim Tapestry



*Our March meeting will be held at  
West Park Place  
on Saturday, March 23, at 4:30 p.m.*

**Menu** :: This month, you may choose between two dinners. The first is a Cajun Chicken Dinner Salad with a Cup of Soup. The second is Tilapia with a Side Salad and Vegetables. Both include refreshments and are the same price.

**Reservations** :: Please contact our treasurer, Kris Johnson, with your name and number attending at 419-836-7637 or [cjohnson143@woh.rr.com](mailto:cjohnson143@woh.rr.com) so that the restaurant will have an idea of how many of us will be there and can prepare appropriately. **Reservations should be in by Thursday, March 21st. The cost is \$11.00 per person.** Make checks payable to *Scandinavian Club of Toledo*. Price includes tax and tip.

**Location** :: **West Park Place**. Located in the Westgate area, West Park Place can be accessed from Secor Rd. or from Central Ave. at 3501 Executive Pkwy. Park along side or in the back.

**Program** :: Club member **Katherine Thompson** will present a video on **The Pilgrim Tapestry**, forty meters-worth of wool embroidered on linen which depicts the Pilgrims' Way from Hammarö in Sweden to Trondheim / Nidaros in Norway. (We'll have a short tour of the West Park Place facilities before we eat and watch the video.)

### Member News

- **Richard Hazel** was in the paper showing that he went on an Honor Flight to Washington D.C., last year, for World War II veterans.
- **Raleigh Slawson** is recovering from a bout of pneumonia at home.
- **Jan Wahl** is presenting classic movies at BGSU's Gish Theater: *Lucky Star* (1927) will be shown on March 17th, *The Devil and Daniel Webster* (1941) shows on April 14th, and *I Know Where I'm Going* (1945) shows on April 21st. An insightful introduction by Jan precedes each viewing. All are **Free**, and begin at 3 p.m.
- **Geoff & Marna Slawson** will celebrate their tenth wedding anniversary on March 22nd. Congratulations!