



THE  
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CLUB of TOLEDO

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Dear Fellow Scandinavians and Friends!

When I was 18, my parents sent me to stay with my Mormor and Morfar in Stockholm for a year. On Valborgs mässoafton, also known as Sista april, I recall going to a large park area around the palace at Haga, where hundreds of people were enjoying picnics, drinking, and singing. Walpurgis had been canonized on May first in the year 870, so there was plenty to celebrate, starting the day before with bonfires and partying in Sweden and in Finland. In Norway, the Constitution was drafted on the first of May, although May 17th is celebrated as Constitution Day, since that was when Carl Fredrick was elected King of Norway. Clearly, there is a lot to celebrate in the month of May, not the least of which is the bursting forth of Spring! We hope you'll join us for brunch on the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend.

With warm wishes for the best of Springtime,

Eva Slawson,  
President.

## Annual Elections

Our founding constitution states that we shall have elections of members to the Board of Directors of our Scandinavian Club of Toledo each spring in the month of May. It is May again, and during our meeting at the Inverness Club, this month, we will choose our leaders for the next 12 months. It is up to our members to attend this meeting and to vote!

## Member News

Long-time Club member, **Jack Tongring** travelled with an Honor Flight to Washington, DC, last month, honoring his service in the Army in Europe, during World War II. Jack has also served our Club in the past as President, Vice President, Newsletter Editor, and as a Member at Large. Thanks for your service, Jack!

Long-time Club member **Willard Misfeldt** has designed the set for the current offering of the Village Players on Upton Ave., in Toledo — Beth Henley's *"Impossible Marriage."* This brings to a total of 79 the number of shows he has designed for area theaters (Bowling Green, Toledo and Findlay). The play runs May 10 through 25, 2013.

## May Brunch

*Our May meeting will be held at  
**The Inverness Club**  
on Saturday, May 25th, at 11:30 a.m.*

**Program :: May is Elections month:** We will be electing members of our Board of Directors for our 2013-14 year. These include President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and Historian. All other positions are appointed by the President. We will also be having a Show and Tell: **Kris Johnson**, our current and hard-working Treasurer, has a lovely collection of **Scandinavian Jewelry** to share with us. But, if you also have some to show, by all means, bring them along!

**Location ::** We'll meet at the **Inverness Club**, in their Living Room, where we've recently met for Julfest. **Directions:** Inverness Club is located at 4601 Dorr St., Toledo, OH. From the corner of Dorr and Reynolds, go East less than a mile and turn Right into parking lot of club. Valet parking is available, or park in either parking lot.

**Menu ::** Our Brunch will consist of a good slice of Quiche (with bacon, cheese and tomato) with a nice Garden Salad on the plate, dressed with a light vinaigrette dressing. We'll have Rolls and Butter on the table, and our choice of Iced Tea, or Hot Coffee.

**Reservations ::** Please contact 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 club has an idea of how many of us will be there. **Reservations should be in by Thursday, May 23rd.** Cost is \$16.50 per person, which includes tax and tip.



down in the mine

## Did you know?

The **Falun Mine** was the largest copper mine in Europe. **Stora Kopparberget** (Great Copper Mountain), operated for a millennium from the 10th century until 1992, producing as much as two thirds of Europe's copper needs, and helped fund many of Sweden's wars in the 17th century. Because of the mine, Falun was Sweden's second largest city during this time, and therefore, out of pride, copper was an important item to display in one's Swedish household. Technological developments at the mine had a profound influence on mining globally for two centuries. Since 2001 it has been designated a UNESCO world heritage site as well as a museum.

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