



THE
SCANDINAVIAN
CLUB of TOLEDO



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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear Fellow Scandinavians and Friends!

Welcome back from our summer break. Our upcoming dinner meeting at Uncle John's Pancake House on September 21st, where we will be ordering off the menu, will kick off our 2012-13 year. Last spring, we learned about Swedish wood-working, and this month we will watch a video of a man who was totally dedicated to building and sailing a Viking-style boat, in spite of serious health issues. We are looking forward to another fascinating presentation by Wayne and Marie Johnson!

Looking forward a few months, your board has been looking into re-inventing our Jul Fest, since previous years' holiday parties have been quite expensive for the club, even while they were wonderful celebrations. If you have ideas you would like us to consider, please call me, or our treasurer Kris Johnson, or any board member. Or, you could email to Scandinavian-club@hotmail.com

Hope you have had a nice summer! We happily anticipate getting back in the swing of our monthly dinner/meeting/travelogues.

See you soon! / Vi ses!

Eva Slawson, President.

A Donation

has been given by **Lillian Anderson** to the Scandinavian Club of Toledo, in **Henry Anderson's** memory. Henry and Lillian have been long-time Club members, and Henry served our Club as treasurer many years ago.

ANNUAL DUES

Scandinavian Club of Toledo **Membership Dues** are now due for the 2012-13 fiscal year. Please send your \$15 per adult to our treasurer Kris Johnson, PO Box 355, Williston, OH 43468.

Upcoming Meetings

Friday, October 26th: The Faroe Islands!

Welcome to the new Board!
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Secretary and Historian spots are vacant.

Hjemkomst

*Our September meeting will be held at
Uncle John's Pancake House
on Friday, September 21, at 6:30 p.m.*

Location :: Uncle John's Pancake House is located near Westgate, on Secor Rd., just north of Central Ave., between Russ' Car Wash and the new Sonic drive-in.

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

Menu :: We will order individually off the menu.

Program :: "The Hjemkomst of Robert Asp" Past-Co-VP Wayne Johnson will present this short documentary film which captures the passion and resilience of Robert Asp, who built the **Hjemkomst** viking ship replica in Hawley, Minnesota, in honor of his Norwegian heritage. While Robert was building the **Hjemkomst**, he was diagnosed with leukemia. His passion and determination drove the construction to its completion in 1980 and the trial run of the ship on Lake Superior. Robert's dream inspired his family and community to join him in the completion of the **Hjemkomst's** journey home. Join the crew of eager adventurers as they live Robert's dream and sail the **Hjemkomst** across the Atlantic to Norway. The **Hjemkomst** is a dream that began in the Red River Valley and inspires visitors young and old every day. Today this ship is housed in the Hjemkomst Center in Moorhead, Minnesota. *Image at top by Kim Hart.*



Happy 50th Wayne and Marie !!!!

Club members **Wayne and Marie (Peterson) Johnson** celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary last month. They had an informal celebration at the coffee house Grounds for Thought, in Bowling Green, organized by their family, shortly after they returned from a trip to Minnesota.

The Johnsons were married Aug. 18, 1962, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Virginia, Minn. They have two children, Lona Leckand Neil, both of Bowling Green, and one grandchild, Larissa.

Wayne Johnson retired an Emeritus Professor from the Accounting and MIS Department at Bowling Green State University in 1990, and then led the MBA program at Indiana University, Kokomo, from 1992 to 1996.

Marie Johnson taught elementary school in Grand Rapids, OH, Fridley, MN, and Champaign, IL, from 1961 to 1967.

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