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**Tryggve the
Troll
Cherished
mascot of
SCoR**



2014. Chad Eggerman meeting Finland's presidential couple in Turku, Finland.



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CONGRATULATIONS!

*by Chad Eggerman,
Honorary Consul for Finland*

On behalf of the Republic of Finland, my sincere congratulation to the Scandinavian Club of Regina on celebrating its 40th anniversary this year. Finland is right now preparing to celebrate an anniversary of it's own – 100 years of independence in 2017. Milestone anniversaries like these should be celebrated but also give us pause for reflection. In 100 years Finland journeyed from being part of the Russian empire to one of the most modern nation states in the World. March 13, 2016 marked the 76th anniversary of the end of the Winter War. In spite of independence being challenged, Finland maintained its status as an

independent state while others around were drawn into the Soviet Union. Given Finland's position in global geopolitics it has often had to balance different interests and make difficult decisions to maintain that independence. Many of these decisions were not easy but they have informed the Finnish character which is often described as quiet and resolute. 100 years later the Finnish character continues to evolve. Younger generations are export-oriented and very global in their aims. Entrepreneurship and risk taking in business has become normalized. Finland has a new focus on innovation and is evolving quickly in this space as older titans of traditional Finnish industry also evolve and innovate. The reach of Finnish business also extends into Saskatchewan with Finnish multinational Uponor having an office in Regina and factory in

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SCoR Book Club?



At the SCoR AGM on 21 April, you will have the opportunity to come up with your very own ideas for a Book Club among fellow members. How would you like it to be?

Anniversary Celebration Committee

Eleven people have volunteered to sit on an anniversary dinner organizing committee. The committee started their work on 28 March. The date for the anniversary dinner has been set for Sept. 17th, [see page 8](#). With five months to go, the committee should have ample time for thorough preparations - and **you members** should be able to make sure you reserve the date for this unique occasion.

Members' Matters

We asked whether you members had old photos to share. Having received none, we bring you a cavalcade of pictures taken at some of many Scandinavian Club of Regina events over the last few years.

2011



Indoors...

Test Cooking Class in Greg and Dianne Swanson's kitchen

Prominent guests...

Cheese and wine reception for Scandinavian curlers during the men's World Championship in Regina.



2011

2010



...outdoors

Midsummer Campout at Buffalo Pound

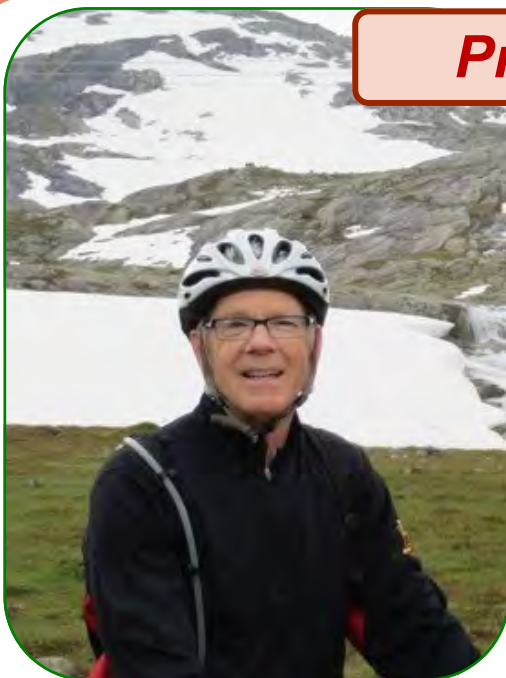
...our prominent selves

Fishy Friday at the Freehouse



2014





President's Corner

Is the Scandinavian Club of Regina dying?

I think that it is. During Pearl Baumgartner's two year term as president, she made a valiant effort to increase the activities of the Club and to increase membership in the Club. She added new activities like card night, fishy Friday and Nordic Knitting to name a few. She also regularly distributed the Midnight Sun magazine or a condensed version of it to various coffee shops etc. to get the word out in the city about our Club. Despite these efforts membership

and attendance at events is about the same as it has been in the last few years.

Pearl organized three steak nights and through those events, the club has raised about \$3,000 for scholarships. Has anyone applied for a scholarship? NO!

About six months ago, I put out a call in the Midnight Sun for ideas about how we should celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Club. To date, though the board members have thrown out some ideas, not one of the other members has made any suggestions.

It seems that the only communication that the board receives from the members is "non-attendance at events". That is how the board learned that the Club was not interested in a regular card night. Only 2 non-board members ever showed up for card night. No one let us know that it was not a good night for them or that the location was difficult to get to. People just did not attend. So the board got the message and cancelled card night.

If you are interested in seeing the Club continue, please do something to show that interest.

Greg Swanson

From the Editor

After six years and 24 issues I have decided that I need time for other activities and it is time *Midnight Sun* gets a new editor. I took over after [Ida LeRuyet](#) who introduced the new format, which I have been able to develop further. I have totally enjoyed this sometimes really time consuming job. It has been interesting work which I have been able to keep up during my stays in Norway. This is the 21st century, after all!

One of the nicest things about this kind of job has been the many times when other people have agreed to write for

Midnight Sun, or when I have interviewed people face to face. There have been so many, and I cannot list them all, but look at back issues on the [SCoR website](#)! They are all there.

I have to mention the two proof readers who have been doing a thorough job over a number of years: *Pearl Baumgartner* and *Fay Johnsen*.

Kelly Nelson has



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made sure the magazine gets processed at the SIAST printing facility, and *Kim Rathwell* publishes it online.

Finally, the distribution: Various helpers have taken the job of getting the printed magazine in the mail for you all.

Thanks to everyone!

Kari Mitchell



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DENMARK 2016

by Inge Ryan,
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In a UN World Happiness Report, Denmark came in as number one.

Denmark reached the number one spot thanks to high scores for a strong social support system, freedom to live as one pleases and low perceived business and government corruption. Denmark has a high taxation rate which stems from the emphasis placed on work-life balance, democracy and other areas people prioritise. This gives rise to a welfare society that runs smoothly in many respects. The high level of social welfare contributes to a society that is accustomed to generally high standards with free education, health care and excellent social programs.

The Danish work environment reflects many aspects within Danish culture such as equality and tolerance. There is a tradition for delegating



responsibility, allowing employees to participate in decision-making and investing in their further education and competence development. The well-developed welfare system enables women to participate fully in the labour market. Denmark is one of the most progressive countries in the world with regard to gender equality within the work place and it has the greatest percentage of women working outside the home in comparison to other European countries.

Denmark is in the forefront of the development of environmental technologies, wind power for instance, and has a high awareness of minimizing climate change. As an example, in Copenhagen, 63% of the population bicycle to work or school every day.

Denmark is a great place to live, work and visit!



Dear members of the Scandinavian Club of Regina by Per Sjögren, Ambassador for Sweden in Ottawa



I feel privileged to be an Ambassador in Canada where I am met by a positive, generous and friendly attitude. Sweden and Canada share the same values of respect for

democracy, human rights and the rule of law. And of course, a shared passion for hockey! There is an interest in Canada about the open and transparent Swedish society and our good results in terms of growth, employment, gender equality and living conditions. For our part migration, integration, education and research cooperation are areas of special interest.

Swedes are all for gender equality. Did you know that nearly half of our members of parliament are women, and we have a clear and outspoken feminist take on our foreign policy?

Also, we've made considerable progress in closing the pay gap between women and men. Yet we have one of the highest birth rates in Europe, so you'll see plenty of baby strollers everywhere – many of them being pushed around by dads. About 75 per cent of Swedish dads take some form of parental leave, many more than in most countries.



Inventions and innovations are buzzing, and in recent years Swedish start-ups like Skype and Spotify have exploded onto international markets, and have shown the world that we have more to offer than just catchy tunes from ABBA and smart furniture solutions from IKEA.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Scandinavian Club of Regina for successfully and enthusiastically promoting Sweden and Scandinavian culture for 40 years. Happy Anniversary!



New Prince

Sweden's Crown Princess [Victoria] says 'tack' to well wishers as the royal family releases new photos of baby Prince Oscar, who is now (24 March) three weeks old.

[—] Princess Estelle, who just turned four, giving her little brother a big hug and a beaming smile.

[—] Prince Oscar was born on March 2nd weighing 3,655 grams and measuring 52 centimetres. He is third in line to the throne and holds the title of Duke of Skåne.

[—]

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Erratum

In **Midnight Sun** no.1, p.4. the following passage needs correction: "**Bracteates** are thin Medieval or older **coins**." (In bold print here).

Bracteates are **not** coins, but thin metal pendants.



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Norway: The Great Outdoors by Heather Quale Goransson, Honorary Consul for Norway



Klungnes by the Romsdalsfjord in Møre og Romsdal, Norway.

The Norwegian landscape is very closely connected to the country's cultural background. Outdoor activities make up a large part of the northern lifestyle because of the amazing natural occurrences observable year-round and the adventurous spirit of the Norwegian people. Thanks to the fact that Norway is the least populated country in Europe, its inhabitants and visitors alike are able to enjoy and appreciate their natural surroundings with very little human interference.

Camping and hiking in the beautiful mountainside, wildlife safaris, fjord tours, and watching Northern Lights are just a few of the wonderful activities available, not only in the spring and

summer. Being located in the land of the midnight sun, it is even possible to have a tee time for a golf game at midnight! The unique climate is welcoming to this outdoorsy lifestyle. These are pastimes that have a long history within Norway, and will continue to entertain and amaze adventure-seekers for generations to come.

Respect is the most important element of the relationship Norwegians have with the environment. It is deeply rooted in the way they interact with the wilderness. There are many National parks, UNESCO World Heritage Sites, certified sustainable destinations, as well as a "right to access" anywhere in the countryside, all of which shows the commitment to being a hospitable and nature-loving society.

With continued consideration for wildlife and its diverse habitats across the country, these experiences will maintain the high integrity for which they are admired. The tagline of the website for Visit Norway is "Powered by Nature".

Congratulations!

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Saskatoon. Finnish elevator manufacturer Kone keeps our elevators in the province running while Kone cranes has provided cranes to build many of our new potash projects. Our Saskatchewan-based miners have also had projects in Finland in the past. Finland has significant undeveloped minerals and other resources and it is

expected that the relationship between Canada and Finland will develop in the field of mining. Canada and Finland also cooperate closely with arctic issues which is a shared concern. Many thanks for the opportunity to provide a few words to *Midnight Sun*, a publication I value and read regularly. I look forward to being involved with SCOR and again extend my congratulations on 40 years.

40 Years Old "News" From the Old Countries



British and Icelandic fishermen had been harvesting the same waters for centuries, but until



Dark blue: 200 nautical mile (370 km) exclusion zone

Icelandic independence in 1944, all agreements had been settled between the UK and Denmark. A series of "Cod Wars" were fought between Icelandic and British authorities: First: 1958-61; Second: 1972-73. During the Third Cod War (Nov. 1975 - June 1976) there were several serious incidents involving Icelandic and British vessels. Shots were fired, and the situation became precarious. An even more severe turn of events came when Iceland threatened closure of the NATO base at Keflavik. As a result, the British government agreed to have its fishermen stay outside Iceland's 200 nautical mile (370 km) exclusion zone.



In 1976, Copenhagen was the centre for modern jazz in Europe. The club Jazzhus Montmartre was well



established as a favourite venue for audiences and performers alike. Danish upright bass player Niels-Henning Ørsted Pedersen was among the renowned Danish musicians to appear at Montmartre. One artist from overseas who made Copenhagen his home around that time, was American tenor saxophonist Ben Webster.



Finnish architect and multi-designer Alvar Aalto died in 1976. He had been instrumental in placing Finnish design on the world map. His long list of architectural works counts landmarks like e.g. the Finlandia Hall, congress and event venue in Helsinki, as well as the Aalto Theater in Essen, Germany. Aalto is also famous for his design of furniture, glassware and lamps: the Paimio chair, the Aalto vase, pictured, (in cooperation with his wife Aino Marsio) and his Angel Wing floor lamp are recognised all over the world even today as typical Finnish design.



Montréal 1976



Norwegian rower brothers Frank and Alf Hansen won the double sculler gold medals during the 1976 Summer Olympics in Montreal. The USSR won the most medals, Norway shared 21st place with Jamaica and North Korea.



When King Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden married Silvia Sommerlath on June 19th 1976, it was the first marriage of a reigning Swedish monarch since 1797.



The bride was of German/Brazilian descent, the couple had met during the Summer Olympics in Munich in 1972.

The wedding was preceded, the evening before, by a Royal Variety Performance, where the Swedish musical group ABBA performed "Dancing Queen" as a tribute to Sweden's future queen.





SCoR 1976 - 2016 40 years!

For SCoR history, visit the [Our Story](#) page at the Club's website. On the final page, a reference is made to "Snute". Now, who can tell us about that creature?

Scandinavian Club
of Regina



Upcoming Events

For all events, check our [website](#) or 

Fishy Friday

Remember Fishy Fridays!
Info on our website or
Facebook pages!



Steak Night Fundraiser

Tuesday, May 17th, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
at Nicky's Café, 1005 8th Avenue
Cost: \$20.00 (drinks not included)
for: New York Steak Sandwich
or ½ Baby Back Ribs
or Chicken Cordon Bleu (Comes with
roast potatoes and hot veggies, soup or
salad).

Children's menu available

50-50 draw and raffles!

A vegetarian stir fry option is also
available, if early notification is given.

**PAYMENT MUST BE MADE BY
MONDAY, MAY 9TH.**

AGM 2016

The date for this
year's AGM is
Thursday, April 21st
Venue: Whitmore Park United Church,
336 Durham Drive, Regina.



Nordic Knitters

knit twice every month. Info on
our website or Facebook pages!



SCoR 40 Years

The official
SCoR 40th
Anniversary
Dinner Party is scheduled for
Saturday, September 17th.
Make a note of the date!



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