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Fall Cooking Classes!

SCoR will be offering two of our popular Cooking Classes this fall:



Lefse making:
Saturday, Nov. 30th,
1:00 - 5:00 pm



Christmas baking:
Saturday, Dec. 7th,
1:00 - 5:00 pm



Venue for both classes:
Whitmore Park United
Church, 336 Durham
Drive.

Theme: (In)famous Scandinavian Canadians

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Midnight Sun Celebrity Trivia



As members of the Scandinavian Club of Regina many of us are true and honourable descendants of the far North of Europe. Some of us may even have been born there. But with 110,000 plus Saskatchewan inhabitants with Scandinavian roots - and who knows how many in our country as a whole - there has to be quite a few (in)famous Canadian who share our background...

For the first time ever we challenge *Midnight Sun* readers with an unceremonious test of your celebrity (yesterday's and today's) knowledge. Place your ☒ s for your guess of national descent: D, F, I, N or S? **Solution on page 7.**

Name	D	F	I	N	S
Walter Byron 1894-1971					
Alf Erling Porsild 1901-1977					
Margaret Avison 1918-2007					
Gerda Hnatyshyn 1935-					
Pamela Wallin 1953-					
Natassia Malthe 1974-					
Kate Maki					

Online: <http://scandinavianclubregina.com/Newletter.htm>



From the SCoR Board



Volunteers' Tasks:

In Midnight Sun no.3 of this year, the Board of Directors gave a pre-warning that we'd be back with more concrete details about the Club's effort to create a corps of volunteers. This wish is based on the idea



that such a corps will present us with a win-win situation: The Club will have more hands to do the work, and the people who volunteer will get to know their fellow members better. So far we have listed these fields of work for SCoR volunteers:

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Members' Matters

Corn Roast



Our August Corn Roast attracted about 75 people. We enjoyed wonderful weather, stimulating conversation, and fine food. A few tried their hand at Kubb (Swedish lawn game) along with other activities. Thank you to the volunteers for helping to make this event a success! Comments were that the corn was delicious and the watermelon sweet. We also enjoyed burgers & hotdogs (and also had meatless ones available).

Pearl B

Fishy Fridays

We had 18 people attend our first Fishy Friday at the Freehouse in July, and 20 plus present for the August event. Just when we expected our numbers would continue to climb, only eight showed for our 3rd social in September. It is our hope that with increased awareness, more people will come out to enjoy the good company and tasty food our Fishy Fridays offer. As well, if attendance improves, the Freehouse will discount our bill by ten percent. Remember – it is the first Friday of every month. *Pearl B*



- Events/social committee
- Transportation group
- Phoners
- Coordinator of children's activities
- BBQ chef
- Membership marketing
- Choir co-ordinator/conductor
- City of Regina contact

VOLUNTEERING



- For *Midnight Sun*:
 - Magazine packing
 - Magazine journalist(s)
- For web media:
 - Webmaster
 - Club page and
 - Facebook page evaluation

See also the opposite page.
Don't hesitate! Sign up!

VOLUNTEERING

First Friday of every month: **Fishy Friday at the Freehouse!**

President's Corner

It's all about membership activities! Assuming we have sufficient interest, we hope to start a card night. Please share your views with us about this. Help from any card playing enthusiasts in setting this up would be most welcome!

We have also explored the possibility of a wine tasting event. However, we believe the associated costs would exceed what the general membership would be willing to pay. The board has struggled with charging higher amounts for events, given ever increasing market prices. We appreciate that many of our members are retired and subject to fixed incomes. Nevertheless, some change is inevitable. We are looking to limit our costs, without diminishing the quality of our events. Good value is important to us.

Perhaps we have some hidden talent within our membership waiting to be tapped? This is a heartfelt invitation for any musicians, singers, dancers, storytellers, magicians, or other artists among our membership, to offer their services. A new member of our club, Kaare Askildt, has volunteered to do just that. At our "Juletefest" (Christmas Party) Kaare will be driving 3 hours from Hazel Dell to



entertain us with a reading from his book, *The Heedless Norseman*.

I hope to see many of you at our Salmon Supper. My brother-in-law, Wayne McGillivray, will be travelling from Saskatoon to sing and play the guitar for us. Some of you may know him as the "singing RCMP" since he regularly plays the National Anthem at the Saskatoon Blades' games.

Lastly, we are always in need of volunteers for a variety of tasks, both big and small, and one "just right" for you. Please give us a phone call, send us an email, or add your name to the sign-up sheet (on display at the membership table). I hope to see you soon!

Pearl Baumgartner

Editorial



According to the Bylaws of The Scandinavian Club of Regina, "The Objects of the Club are cultural and social." Looking at a year's programme, we believe everybody has a strong idea that the objects are being fulfilled. The events are many and varied, and on the whole with very good turn-out.

Members will have noticed that the Board of Directors are making an effort to find new club activities: activities to give our present membership some new social and cultural arenas, but also very much to attract new, younger members

to the Club. We have no reliable statistics on SCoR members' age, but it will be clear to anyone that we are talking about a fairly mature group of people. Many of you have served on the Board earlier, and done lots of good work for the Club. When we are now looking for volunteers, we are hoping you will not just throw the thought aside right away. When you take a look at the list on the opposite page, you might find areas that will suit you at your present stage in life.

What more - you probably have family

members who might be interested in joining the Club and doing some meaningful work in a Scandinavian setting. Who might they be? Children? Perhaps Grandchildren? They will probably be aware of the SCoR already, but new generations may be open to a different approach. Tell them about our Facebook page ([address at the bottom of this page](#)) and web site ([address at the bottom of page 4](#)). Tell them they will find a link to *Midnight Sun* on the web site. Tell them how much fun the Club membership has given and is giving you. They are most welcome - as members and as volunteers!



During my stay in Oslo

this time, I have joined the *Canadian Club of Norway*. From the Club's website: "The Canadian Club of Norway is a not-for-profit social club for Canadians living in Norway, their families, and anyone who considers him- or herself a friend of Canada. The club's members and activities are largely concentrated in the Oslo area. Activities include monthly "Club Nights".

Sep. 2013, Kari Mitchell

Book Launch

Almost 40 years after it was first published in Norwegian, Anne Stine Ingstad's personal account of her experience in Newfoundland is finally available in English. *Benedicte Ingstad*, daughter of Helge and Anne Stine



Ingstad, came all the way from Norway for the launch of the English publication of ***The New Land with the Green Meadows***, a book of selected entries from her mother's personal diaries. Anne Stine was the archaeologist in charge of the excavation of the remains of the Viking settlement uncovered at L'Anse aux Meadows in the 1960s. Her observations of life in a remote rural community and the Ingstads' interactions with local people are recollected in this work, previously published in Norwegian in 1976. Colour photographs of the rugged landscape and its local residents, taken nearly 50 years ago, complete the book. (—)



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"Tivoli" to remodel



World-famous amusement park Tivoli (in Copenhagen) wants to redevelop its west-facing facade with a glass fronted building containing restaurants, shops and hotels. (...)

The three-storied 8,500 sqm space will have a glass facade. As visitors enter, the area will transition into using materials and features that match Tivoli's profile, such as stone and hanging gardens. (...)

The project is titled Tivoli Kanten (The Tivoli Edge) and is being designed by US architecture firm Pei Cobb Freed & Partners (...).

Building should start in 2015 and is expected to cost in the hundreds of millions of kroner.

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Sweden inspires UK on gender neutral toys

Toy company Toys 'R' Us has caved in to pressure from campaign group Let Toys Be Toys and agreed to advertise their products gender neutrally, a push that mirrors a similar move in Sweden last year.

"Sweden inspired us; in the UK we always look to Sweden as an icon of gender equality," *Jo Watts*, campaigner at Let Toys Be Toys, told The Local. The campaign group is run and organized by parents, and collected 7,500 signatures by people concerned that traditional advertising puts unnecessary pressure on children to conform. (...)

The campaign group has had many positive comments for their work, Watts explained, particularly through parents active in social media circles who work to push gender equality around the country.

"Even in 2013, boys and girls are still growing up being told that certain toys are 'for' them, while others are not," Megan Perryman, Let Toys Be Toys campaigner, said in a statement. (...)



The catalogue from Sweden's Leklust chain. Photo: Leklust

In March 2012, a Swedish toy catalogue made headlines worldwide after reversing traditional gender roles by showing Spiderman pushing a pram, and a young girl riding a toy racecar.

In November of the same year, Sweden's largest toy chain announced that its toys were all "gender neutral". (...)



Oliver Gee, The Local

(In)famous Scandinavian Canadians...



What does it take to reach fame or notoriety? You'd have to be actor, or artist, or author, or criminal, or entertainer, or explorer, or pioneer, or politician, or scientist, or sports person, or suffragette, or TV personality, or warrior, or anything but the average.

So let us start with a politician,



Erik Hersholt Nielsen



- aka "Yukon Erik" - born in Regina, SK in 1924. The WWII pilot and lawyer was elected Tory MP for the Yukon in 1957. His father, *Ingvard Eversen Nielsen* was Danish-born and a

constable in the RCMP. One of Erik's brothers was actor *Leslie Nielsen*, and he had a Danish-born uncle, *Jean Hersholt*, who was also an actor. But his fame is that of the federal politician's. He had several central posts in Parliament and Cabinet. In 1984 Brian Mulroney named him deputy prime minister and president of the Privy Council, and in 1985 he became minister of national defence. *Erik Hersholt Nielsen* resigned his seat in 1987 and withdrew from public service in 1992. Nielsen's memoir, *The House Is Not a Home* (1989), is known for its directness both about his colleagues and about his own personal life.

He died at his home in Kelowna, BC, in 2008. In his memory, the



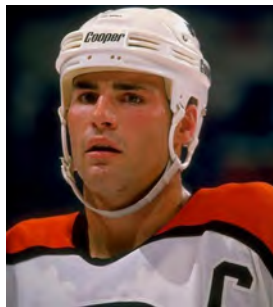
government of Yukon has renamed the main airport at Whitehorse, to *Erik Nielsen Whitehorse International Airport*.

It is not difficult to find a Scandinavian Canadian with an outstanding sports career.



Eric Lindros

is a retired hockey player of Swedish heritage. His great-grandfather Axel immigrated to Canada from *Bredaryd, village in Småland*. Born in 1973 in London, ON, Eric played junior hockey in the OHL for for the *Oshawa Generals*. He started his NHL career



with the *Philadelphia Flyers* during the 1992-93 season. "The Big E" immediately made an impact on the league with his offensive talent. His rough

style caused him multiple injuries, and he had many problems with concussions. *Eric Lindros* captured the *Hart Memorial Trophy* and *Lester B. Pearson Award*. On the international stage, he appeared in over 90 games with the Canadian Maple Leaf on his jersey and has one of the most impressive international resumes of any player to ever represent Canada. Eric Lindros also represented Canada in three separate Olympic games: 1992 in Albertville, France; 1998 in Nagano, Japan, where he served as Captain; and the 2002 games in Salt Lake City. After thirteen seasons in the NHL he finished his career in 2006-07 with the *Dallas Stars*. He now lives in Toronto where he pursues business interests.



From the Hornets' Nest to Custer's Last Stand

The Immigrant Story of Norwegian Sergeant Olaus Hansen, written by *Ozzie Sollien*, was recently issued in the USA.



On a spring day in 1861 a young Norwegian - Olaus Hansen - leaves his childhood home to embark on a long Atlantic crossing towards a prosperous future as a farmer in Iowa. 21 years later an exhausted, ill and broken down ex-soldier, a veteran from a dozen bloody battles with the 12th Iowa Volunteer Infantry during the Civil War and a 7th Cavalry survivor from Custer's Last Stand at the Little Bighorn - Olans H. Northeg - commits suicide in the dark, frozen winter of Dakota Territory. It is the same man. (—) What happened during Olaus' time in America, (—) why did he take on a new identity? (—)

amazon.com

Scandinavians on
the Prairies: Don't
miss this read!



*The Heedless
Norseman - Tales of a
Farmer in Training.*

Author and club member Kaare Askildt, born in Norway, now living in Hazel Dell near Preeceville will be reading from his book and offering copies for sale at our Christmas Party in December. Idea for a Christmas gift?

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(In)famous Scandinavian Canadians...

Joni Mitchell

She was quite the idol of music lovers already back in the late sixties. Musician, songwriter and painter Joni



Mitchell (nee Roberta Joan Anderson) was born in 1943 at Fort Macleod, Alberta, where her father was a Royal Canadian Air Force flight lieutenant. After the war, her father began working as a

grocer, and his work took the family to Saskatchewan towns of Maidstone and North Battleford. In several interviews she has talked about her Norwegian and Sami ancestry. Joni's paternal grandfather Henry Andersen (b. 1873) came from Northern Norway, while her paternal grandmother Ingeborg "Emma" Gjertsdatter Andersen (b. 1882) came from Modalen north of Bergen. Joni began singing in small nightclubs in Western Canada and then busking in Toronto. In 1965 she moved to the US and began to be recognized when her original songs were covered by notable folk singers, allowing her to sign with Reprise Records and record her own debut album in 1968. *Rolling Stone* magazine has called her "one of the greatest songwriters ever." Her lyrics are noted for their poetics, addressing social and environmental ideals alongside personal feelings of romantic longing, confusion, disillusion, and joy.

That her given names are Kathryn Dawn is no secret, but she is definitely best known as



k.d. lang

- her artist name. She was born in 1961 of **Icelandic**, English, Irish, Scottish, German, Russian Jewish, and Sioux ancestry, and grew up in Consort, AB. In 1992 she came out as a lesbian and has supported gay rights causes since then. She is an advocate of HIV/AIDS care and research and is as a vegetarian and an animal rights activist. Her "Meat Stinks" campaign created much controversy, particularly in her hometown, in the middle of Alberta's cattle ranching industry. k.d. lang has a long career as an artist in different performing arts, both in music and acting. Her performance at the opening ceremony of the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver where she sang Leonard Cohen's "Hallelujah", confirmed her status of world fame. Since 1984 her

more than 15 albums have obtained national as well as international chart positions. She has several Grammy



nominations, and has won four awards - 1989, 1990, 1993 and 2004, in the country and pop genres.

More (In)famous...

Pamela Anderson

Pamela Denise Anderson is a  Canadian-American artist and activist, born in Ladysmith, BC. She was the first Canadian baby born on Centennial Day in 1967. Her Finnish grandfather, Juho Hyytiäinen, left Finland in 1908 and changed his name to Anderson when he immigrated. According to Finnish magazine *Image* (they must have been



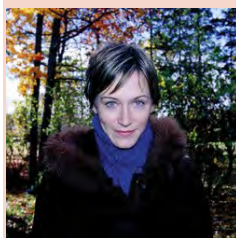
doing some in-debth genealogical research!), Pamela Anderson is related to quite a few famous Finns: two former presidents (Urho Kekkonen and Mauno Koivisto), Prime Minister Matti Vanhanen, composer Toivo Kuula, and parliamentarians Rosa Meriläinen and Esko Aho. Pamela Anderson is best known for her roles on television series *Home Improvement*, *Baywatch*, and *V.I.P.* She was chosen as a "Playmate of the Month" for *Playboy* magazine in February 1990. Anderson is a devoted animal rights activist as a member of the animal protection organization PETA, (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals). After a successful campaign in 1999 against the use of furs, she received the first Linda McCartney Memorial Award for animal rights protectors.



Gerda Hnatyshyn



Margaret Avison



Kate Maki



Natassia Malthe



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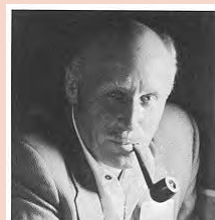
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Margaret Avison Poet	S
Gerda Hnatyshyn President of Hnatyshyn Foundation	N
Pamela Wallin Senator	S
Natassia Malthe Model/actress	N
Kate Maki Singer/songwriter	F



Walter (Wally) Byron



Pamela Wallin



Alf Erling Porsild

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Did you receive Midnight Sun later this time?



Due to a change in distribution routines, readers of the printed version will have had to wait for an extra week this time. The change should not have had any influence on the issuing of the online version.

Please observe

We would like to remind our members that orders for catered events are submitted one week in advance. SCoR will be charged according to number of registrations. If you are unable to attend an event after you have been registered, the club will have to bill you for your meal.

Thank you for your understanding.

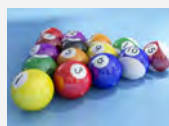
Upcoming Events

Fishy Fridays at the Freehouse



At 5:00 p.m. on first Friday of every month join SCoR friends for a Fishy Friday at the Cathedral Village Freehouse, 2062 Albert Street. No need to sign up - just turn up! With improved attendance, the Freehouse will discount our bill by 10 %! Upcoming dates: Nov.1st, Dec.6th, Jan.3rd.

Billiards' Night at The Broken Rack



Please note that this event has been rescheduled to **Thursday October 17th**, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$15; Snack included
Phoners will be at work. Deadline for registration: Oct 8th
Alternatively call: Pearl Baumgartner at 761-0678

Salmon Supper



Sunday, October 27th at the Austrian Club, 320 Maxwell Cres.

Doors open at 5:00 p.m., supper served at 6:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$30.00; Children under 10 years of age: \$ 13.50

After the meal **Wayne McGillivray** will entertain us with guitar & song.

Bar will be open.

Christmas party



Sunday, December 8th at Whitmore Park United Church, 336 Durham Drive.

Time: 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Children's activities.

Kaare Askildt will read from his book *The Heedless Norseman*.

Book sale.

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