

## IN THE BEGINNING

### FIRST EXECUTIVE:

#### Directors & Officers

President	Niels Selnes
Vice-President	Kim Thorson
Secretary	Lois Gibson
Treasurer	Margaret Wetterlund

#### Directors

Eldon Anderson	Publicity
Hilding Franson	Ways & Means
Lola Hoff	Social Convener
Per Lindseth	Literature & Lore
Edith Sharpe	Membership
Ollie Struthers	

“Scandinavian Club” was chosen as a name. A box number would be a permanent mailing address. The club would meet monthly on a Friday night. Fees were set at \$5.00 per person and \$10.00 per family. It was decided that all Scandinavians, Norwegians, Swedish, Danish, Icelandic, and Finish and their families would be eligible for membership. Guests would be welcome at functions. A newsletter would be the means of communication.

- from the minutes and the newsletter of the Club (1976)

### FOUNDING MEMBERS IN 1976

Anderson, Eldon & Jean  
 Bergren, Peter & Melba  
 Bjerrisgaard, Svend & Ellen  
 Cameron, Val & Frank  
 Danstorp, Bjarne & Chris  
 Erlandson, Esther  
 Fleske, Evelyn  
 Franson, Edwin & Mancy  
 Franson, Hilding  
 Gee (Thompson), Alvild  
 Geran (Stephanson), Lilia  
 Helstom, Paul & Adoline  
 Hjertaas, Ralph & Emilie  
 Hoff, Sig & Lola  
 Holm, Rick & Merrienne  
 Husum, Helen & Adolph  
 Johnson, Rodney & Carol

Lindseth, Per & Carol  
 Lindstrom, Vernon & Doreen  
 Metz, May  
 Nordal, Gudmund & Mildred  
 Opseth, Arthur & Mary  
 Quale, Melvin & May  
 Quick, Bill & Elsie May  
 Rask, Tove  
 Rasmussen, Dagny & Kristian  
 Ronnie, Olaf & Jean  
 Sather, Arnold & Irene  
 Selnes, Niels & Donna  
 Sharpe, Edith & Harry  
 Stockton, Marie & Wayne  
 Storey, Alice & Sandra  
 Struthers, Olina & Jim  
 Thompson, Arvid & Helen

**Jones, Robert & Sonja  
Jorgensen, Kay & Eric  
Kangus, Timo  
Kilden, Jens & Signe  
Kristjanson, Emma & Jonas  
Larson, Wilfred  
Lee, Don & Marilyn**

**Thompson, Perry & Leona  
Thorson, Kim & Myrt  
Traynor, Lil & Jim  
Waldie, Alice & Fred  
Walfridson, Emil  
Watson, Tom & Beret  
Wetterlund, Marg**

### **OVER THE YEARS ..... By Sharen Goodman and Assistants**

In the first few years of the Club, the executive phoned the members before events. As the membership grew, this became too large a job for the executive in addition to planning, and organizing and recording and keeping financial and membership records and all the other functions performed by the executive. So, in 1983, it was decided that a phoning committee would be established and coordinated by a member of the executive. Sharen Goodman was elected to organize and coordinate the first phoning committee. It was established in June, 1983 and went to May 1, 1984. The phoners were Corrine Bod, Lillian Bjarnason, Sigrid Aschiim, Sonia Hawgood, Shirley Vensland, Lorna Gullickson, Edith Sharpe and Edith Theil. The phoning committee was a success. Over the years a number of other people have contributed to the Club in the role of Phoner.

In 1984, the Club established a Scholarship Program and a number of people have received scholarships. Among the recipients has been Trevor Stalwich, Sue Schaller, Greta Lange, Carolyn Peterson, Svava Juliusson, Donna Holbrow, Kjersten Hordern, Bethany Nilson and Lindsay Hindle.

In 1987, on the basis of Club Members' responses to a survey, it was decided that a meeting room and storage space be rented in addition to the mini-warehouse space. Rooms were rented at 2425 – 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue and became 'The Viking Centre'. In 1991, the Club moved to 196B Massey Road and 5 years later moved to 55 Michener Drive. In 1999, the Club moved to 1750 McAra Street. Its' current address is 1305 Ottawa Street.

In 1988 a contest was held for Club members and the name, 'The Midnight Sun' was chosen for the newsletter. Margret Juliusson was the winner.

Niels Sondergaard designed and built stands for the Club flags. In 1991, 'Recipients from the Scandinavian Club of Regina', a book of recipes donated by Club members was compiled and published.

In 1996, the Club produced a recording called 'Nordic Sound', which is available in CD and cassette from any of the executives.

Over the years various groups and people have entertained our members. The Barnadancers, dressed in Swedish-style costumes, entertained at our first Mosaic pavilion. Later three more children's dance groups for older children were added, the

Fjord, Fjell and Nisse, dressed in Norwegian-style costumes. The Nordics was a group for teenage dancers. Corinne and Wallace Bod entertained with Scandinavian dances for a number of years. In 1983, the adult group was started under the direction of Mary Lynn. This group called the Nordiske Folke Dancere, had two couples – Sharen & Helgi Goodman and Gail & George Sephton. Members and leadership has changed over the years. It currently is under the direction of Carolyn Thauberger. Among the singers who have entertained have been the Scandinavian Choir, Baldvin Juliusson, The Grant Trio (Jeff, Kevin and Gordie), Niels Selnes, Rick Nostbakken, Kjersten Hordern, Vivian Norbraten and, of course, the Saga Singers, a group of singers under the direction of Thelma Grant. Lillian Thorseth, George & Gail Sephton and The Kuski Orchestra also entertained. Remember Paul Helstrum? Paul entertained in the style of Jorge Jorgeson and if he forgot the words to a song, he would smile and chuckle and make them up. It was quite a challenge for his nephew, Ron Moats, who often accompanied him on the piano – Ron never quite knew what Paul was going to sing next. – even in the middle of a song.

Over the years, Club members have participated in various events: The yearly Midsummer Fest and Christmas Parties; Leif Erikson night; lutefisk suppers, fashion shows, card parties, bowling socials; pot luck suppers; talent nights; film nights; curling bonspiels; fall picnics; New Year's Even parties; Casino (remember the cancan?) Night; western nights; salmon suppers; outdoor fun in February; fowl suppers in the fall; Fall Frolics and Spring Rites.

The Club has offered classes, demonstrations and workshops in such ethnic activities as rosemaling, hardanger, norweave, straw weaving, rya rug making, spinning, folk dancing and Scandinavian food preparations such as pickled herring, Swedish meat balls, Kleiner, Lefse, Kringle, Vinarterta and open-faced sandwich preparation. The craft group is still meeting and Mildred Ihlen is still teaching her Norwegian language classes. Elsie May Quick teaches hardanger and Donna Holbrow teaches rosemaling.

For two days in July of 1980, folkdancers from Umea, Sweden visited Regina as guests of the Club. Club Members opened their homes to the troop and were entertained by a performance and workshop at the City Hall Forum. In August, 1982, Haukur Mortens and his band from Iceland entertained at Luther College Auditorium. In 1982 and 1983 members sold crafts and baking. Club Members participated in The Silver Broom curling activities in Regina in 1983: The opening and closing ceremonies; singing of the national anthems; translating and display of artifacts and presentation of food for a reception at the Centre of Arts. The Club has also hosted a reception for a number of ambassadors from the Scandinavian countries over the years. The folkdancers of the Club have performed across the province. The Club participated in International Holiday Celebrations sponsored by the RMC in 1998, one of only four ethnic groups to be asked.

We have done a lot over the years. A lot of friendships have been made; a lot of learning has been done. A lot of people have worked very hard at making the Club a success. It's been a great 32 years.

**OVER THE YEARS.....**

	<b>Pavilion Conveners</b>	<b>Mosaic Ambassadors</b>
1978	Jean & Eldon Anderson	Myrt Thorson
1979	Lil Traynor	Myrt Thorson
1980	Hulda & Skuli Thorsteinson	Lil Traynor
1981	Jim & Judy Thorsteinson Bill & Carol Breckman	Hulda Thorsteinson
1982	Baldvin Juliusson Marilyn Scheske – Assistant	Alice Storey
1983	Marilyn Scheske Don Grant – Assistant	Gudron Jonsson
1984	Don Grant Janice Sickawitch – Assistant	Marilyn Scheske
1985	Baldvin Juliusson	Alice Siekawitch Youth: Svava Juliusson & Henning Mortensen
1986	Jon Orn Jonsson	Baldvin Juliusson Youth: Paula Petersen
1987	Myrt Thorson	Lois Gibson Youth: Laura Turek
1989	Bjorn Tokle	Alvina Forsberg Youth: Sue Schaller & Haukur Jonsson
1991	Baldvin Juliusson	Sharen Goodman Youth: Hiedi Pearson & Mike Tamlin
1993	Baldvin Juliusson	Hilda Anderson & Gerry Norbraten Youth: Jeff Lind, Kjersten Hordern & David Holbrow

1994	Baldvin Juliusson	Lois Gibson Youth: Melissa Carlson & David Holbrow
1996	Baldvin Juliusson & Stan Turek	Sharen Goodmas Youth: Lisa Forsberg & Baldvin Juliusson

### OVER THE YEARS.....

#### The Presidents: 1976 – 2008

1976-77	Niels Selnes
1977-78	Kim Thorson
1978-79	Alice Storey
1979-80	Jon Orn Jonsson
1980-81	Jim Thorsteinson
1981-82	Lil Traynor
1982-83	Dan Hansen
1983-84	Baldvin Juliusson
1984-85	Gudrun Jonsson
1986-87	Jeanne Laxdal
1987-88	Sharen Goodman
1988-89	Rick Nostbakken
1989-90	Henry Lorenzen
1990-91	Thelma Grant
1991-92	Eric Gustafson
1992-93	Baldvin Juliusson

1993-94 Cameron Wilk  
1994-95 Inge Ryan  
1995-96 Margret Juliusson  
1996-97 Alton Tangedal  
1997-98 Elsa Turek  
1998-99 Lauren Carlson  
1999-2000 Larry Bristol  
2000-01 Michael Larson  
2001-02 Fjola Lorenzen  
2002-03 Haukur Jonsson  
2003-04 Haukur Jonsson  
2004-05 Larry Bristol  
2005-06 Kelly Nelson  
2006-07 Kelly Nelson  
2007-08 Laureen Smith  
2008-09 Laureen Smith  
2009-11 John Edwardson  
2011-13 Kim Gillies  
2013-15 Pearl Baumgartner  
2015-17 Greg Swanson  
2017-19 Blair Hudyma  
2019-22 Linda Wacker  
2022-23 Vacant  
2023-25 Susan Bjordalen

The Club started with 50 memberships and expanded to as many as 200.

Membership fees have changed from the original \$5 and \$10 to \$15 and \$25 to the present \$10 for students, \$20 for singles, \$30 for families. The name, Scandinavian Club, was changed to Scandinavian Club of Regina and later to Scandinavian Club of Regina Inc.

The Club participated in Mosaic for the first time in 1978. Eldon & Jean Anderson were The Coordinators, Myrt Thorson was the Ambassador and Campion College Cafeteria was the location. Hilding Franson designed the passport stamp and Arvid Thompson was treasurer. Arvid was treasurer for the first and every pavilion the Club has had. To date, the Club has had a pavilion in 16 Mosaics.

In 1980 Don Grant designed the Club logo and Snute made his first appearance in the Newsletter.