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A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

To our new members, who have pledged interest and enthusiasm for Scandinavian Language and Culture, welcome! In these few 6 weeks since the fall semester began we have already accomplished many things; we have applied to be an RSO, met 4 times, written a mission statement, made connections with native speakers, and recruited over 30 members! And despite all of that, we, as an organization, are still in our formative stages, and we are always looking for ideas of how to take it to the next level!

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OUR NEW MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to be a diverse organization which seeks to increase community appreciation of Scandinavian cultures by celebrating them in ways that are not only educational, but also are fun. We will meet these goals by incorporating a variety of students, which will include, but not be limited to, speakers of Scandinavian Languages, exchange students from Nordic countries, and students pursuing Scandinavian studies, and by working in concert with the Scandinavian Program of the Germanic Languages and Literatures Department.

Club meetings will take place on a monthly basis, and, through social and educational events, we will keep our members actively involved with the public and with each other.

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MEET THE OFFICERS

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WHAT'S NEXT?

Tjena!
As an up-and-coming RSO here on campus, the Scandinavian Club is very enthusiastic and optimistic going into this semester. The club itself is brand spanking new to the university, and we’ve had a great time thus far exploring these novel experiences. Aside from our irregular officer meetings, and the Wednesday Scandinavian Discussion group at Espresso Royale from 3:40 to 4:30, the club has also organized several social events already. The Scan club encourages all to join us every Friday for a social happy hour at one of the fine food and drink establishments on campus. Along with the PBR-filled Friday outings, the Scan club is hoping to plan future events such as Swedish dinner parties and a film festival. (Don’t forget to mark your calendars for Santa Lucia this year!) If you’re interested in Scandinavian culture and would like to get involved with your campus and community, bring yourself, your friends, and your ideas to the next Scan club event.!

−Dane Jorgensen
Club Vice President

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

• 15 October – Friday Night Happy Hour
• 22 October – Friday Night Happy Hour
• 29 October – Friday Night Happy Hour
• 5 November – Friday Night Happy Hour
** 5 December – Sankta Lucia Celebration**

RAGGMUNK
OUR RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Ingredients:
1 Egg
1/2 cup Wheat Flour
1 1/2 cups Milk
2 tsp Salt
1lb 12oz Potato
5 Tbsp Butter
1lb Salt Pork (or bacon)
Raw Stirred Lingonberries

Instructions:
Make a batter using the first three ingredients. Add salt. Peel and grate the potatoes and add them to the batter. In a skillet, melt butter and then fry potato pancakes until golden brown on both sides. In another pan, fry the salt pork until crunchy. Serve with lingonberries.

−Submitted by Johan Rhodin

Above: The Scandinavian Club Celebrates Friday Night Happy Hour

“Don’t Miss the Boat!”