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The Icelandic-American Community of Minnesota Newsletter

2014

LEIFUR EIRIKSSON CELEBRATION!

Join Minnesota Icelanders!

Celebrate Leifur Eiriksson's Birthday!

Saturday, October 4, 2012

Kvennakór Suðurnesja
Icelandic Choir



5:30 PM Social Hour

6:30 pm Icelandic Cod Dinner

Knights of Columbus Hall
1114 American Boulevard W.
Bloomington, MN

Dinner: Adult \$30.00; 12 and Under \$15.00

Reservations Contact: Steingrimur Steinolfson 952-881-3326

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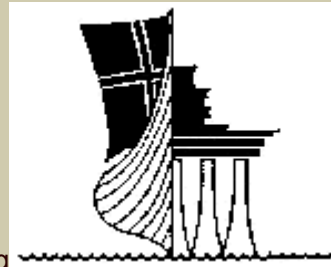
Kvennakór Suðurnesja



Kvennakór Suðurnesja “The Sudurnes Women’s choir” was established February 22nd, 1968. It is the oldest active women’s choir in Iceland, counting around 30 women. The conductor of the choir is Dagný Þórunn Jónsdóttir with Geirþrúður Fanney Bogadóttir playing the piano. Through the years the choir has held numerous concerts and participated in many events and festivals in Iceland. The Choir has travelled abroad several times. The choir sang at the Choral Festival in Ireland as a guest choir in the year 2000, In 2004 they traveled to Hungary where the choir held concerts with two Hungarian choirs and in 2007 it participated in the choir competition „In Canto sul Garda“ in Italy where they received a gold diploma for their performance singing Icelandic folk songs.

The choir is visiting the Leifur Eirikson festival in Minneapolis October 3rd, 2014 and is looking forward to visiting and participating in the festivities.

27th Annual Leiv Eriksson International Festival



for performance info and bios, visit us at www.leifmn.org

A two-week celebration held each year in September/October



Watch this site for news about our 27th Annual Festival coming in 2014!

*Explore - Discover - Celebrate
PROGRAM ATTACHED!*

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ICELANDIC SOCCER TEAM, Blaine Schwann's USA Soccer Cup

This summer 2014 two teams participated from Iceland. They played in the age 15-16 category. Fylkir brought one girls team and one boy's team. Exciting for everyone! The teams were the champions in their divisions, winning all their games. When talking with Claire Eckley after the tournament, she asked what the Best part of their trip was. WINNING was a unanimous shout! Second was their trip to Valley Fair and then their shopping at the Mall of America. Their experience at an American picnic and swimming at the lake were memorable. It was their priority and a desire to repeat if they came again. They felt quite honored with the picnic as no other country had been treated so well.

NORDIC SINGERS from the Danish Royal Opera performed at the Danish American Center in June. The Icelandic American association of Minnesota assisted with the sponsorship, along with the Danes, Norwegians, Swedes, Finns, and the Schubert Club. On the night of the performance, Icelanders worked as ticket sellers and worked with the Schubert Club at the table selling cookies and water. One of our own Icelanders was the lead in the group of performers. It was an excellent performance. Please think about joining us next time!

Newest Icelanders:

On April 18th, Anona May Hobbs, daughter of David and Eve Hobbs, granddaughter of Ann and Howard Hobbs

Honors:

***Helga Bjornson** Visscher was named the Best Special Education Librarian of the year for the University of Alabama. ***Salome Pallsdottir** who took today of recognition for participation in the workshop Nýsköpunarkeppni schools. ***Erin Johnson** and **Erin Jones** were accepted into the Intermediate Icelandic program at the University of Iceland this past summer. ***Karitas Pallsdottir** completed high school in Reykjavik, receiving a scholarship at the University of Iceland, and began University this September. *Howard Hobbs, has just retired from the Minnesota Geological Survey. Howard and Ann will be celebrating their 42nd Anniversary September 23rd.

Get Well Wishes are sent to: ***Len Johnson**, husband of Doris Sigurdson Johnson fell Dec. 4 and broke his hip. He is 90+. Len has been hospitalized since Dec. 4.

In Memorium: The Minnesota Icelanders send their sympathy to families that have lost a loved one over the year. ***Vivian Secrist** passed away on March 2. Vivian was a member of the Gislason Family originally from Minneota, Minnesota. Vivian is survived by her children David, Paul, Stacie, Brianna, and Allen along with grandchildren, nieces, and nephew and brother Allen Josephson. ***Dr. Douglas Johnson** was a neurosurgeon and Captain in US Navy. He volunteered and went to Iraq, leaving his practice at Central DuPage Hospital in Westfield, IL. He is survived by son of Len and Doris Sigurdson Johnson. His only son, Maxwell, is a graduate of Annapolis and is in the Navy. His only daughter, Abigail, is a Lieutenant in the Navy. His wife is a doctor at Central DuPage Hospital. brother, Gary, who is a retired school principal. ***Stephen Palmer**, late of Minneota/Alaska, passed away in November. Steve is survived by his wife, Cory Josephson Palmer, son of member Arnold Palmer - Patsy Josephson Palmer and aunt, Betty Josephson Fritz. ***Patricia Allred**, wife of Eugene Allred, mother of John and Chris Morgan, grandmother and great grandmother and sister of Ann Kurshoff. A great Loss to Minnesota! The Minnesota-Iceland Genealogist! ***Janet Johnson**, wife of John Johnson (Minneota Immigrant family), passed away December 11. Janet was the mother of Maren (Randy) Koncilja, daughter-in-law, Jennifer Bintner, sister-in-law of Ginny Paulson, Dorrie Johnson and Charlotte Johnson as well as aunt to Kari Shogren and many more. ***Heimir Sverrisson's** mother, **Sigga's Guðmundsdottir's** mother-in-law, passed away mid-December. *Mother of **Pall Skaftason** died this Spring in Reykjavik, Iceland. *Gary Richards, from Minneota, is survived by sisters, Vonnice (Bob) Sussner, Kathy (Robert) Gorecki, and Cyndy (Tom) Benedict; niece and nephews Jason (Cherie) Sussner, Ryan Sussner, Heather LeGrand, Rustin Gorecki, Eric (Amrita) Uschold, and Dan (Jessica) Uschold; great nieces and nephews, Iain Sussner, Lexy, Delatheon and Jayda LeGrand, Lenmona, Akasha, and Arlow Gorecki, and Ivy Uschold; aunts Carol (Bud) Burniece, and Louise Gislason, and many cousins.* Gary Richards, 62, of Marshall, a Minneota family, is survived by his sisters, Vonnice (Bob) Sussner, Kathy (Robert) Gorecki, and Cyndy

(Tom) Benedict;

ICELANDIC AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF MINNESOTA

***IAAMN is now a Non-profit 501 C3 Charitable Organization.** IAAMN applied a few months ago for status as a charitable organization. August 2014, the status was granted! Donations are now being accepted to the Icelandic American Association of Minnesota! Consider making a donation toward the Leifur Eiriksson Celebration! Donate a dinner ! Donate to the general costs of the Leifur Celebration! There will be many opportunities to donate. Consider a donation to go toward something that you care about and ask IAAMN to use it for that purpose.

Donations can also be made to the Val Bjornson Scholarship Fund and to the Bill Holm Library in Minneota or the Guttormsson Family Fund.

***October 28th Icelandic American Association of Minnesota Annual Meeting.**

The meeting begins at 7:00 pm at the Danish American Center, 3030 West River Parkway, in Minneapolis, one block South of Lake Street. Enter at back of the building. ***MINNEOTA, MINNESOTA**

BOXELDER BUG DAYS September 12, 13, 14 The Icelanders were present! Saturday, at Noon, Chuck Josephson read unpublished works of Bill Holm. Chuck is a Minneota Iclander, living in Arizona. Claire Eckley and Þórdís Þórdardóttir set up a new display with costumes and information about Iceland and North America. On Sunday, Mike Gunlogson organized a float for the parade. Icelanders of all ages rode in the Minneota Icelanders float. Thank you to Mike and Gloria Gunlogson and Mary Buysse for their assistance. It was decided that there would be an Icelandic gathering in October.

MEET AND GREET October 3rd, 6:30 pm Best Western Plus at Mall of America Meet the

Kvennakór Suðurnesja at a casual MEET and GREET when they arrive from Iceland. This will be at their hotel, **Best Western Plus**, 1901 Killebrew Drive, Bloomington, MN 55425. Phone 612-246-3929.

Bring something to share with Coffee. *Directions: 494 to Hwy 77 Cedar, going South, Exit on Killebrew Drive, take first right turn, then an immediate right turn West, to find hotel. Coming from the South, take 77/Cedar to Killebrew //bestwesternbloomingt.rtrk.com/?scid=2160498&kw=14879328:134707&pub_cr_id=9744062275*

Kvennakór Suðurnesja Minnesota is delighted that **Kvennakór Suðurnesja** is arriving in Minnesota on October 3rd, 2014. They will be in the Twin Cities until October 9th. It is an honor to have them visiting Minnesota for a week. Of course, they will be shopping during their time here as shopping is more economical here. We hear that some are interested in other options while in town. An opportunity arises! If you are interested in meeting choir members and their spouses, please let us know. One trip, I heard some of the men saying that they wished they could have found something different to do. First suggested options are a tour of your favorite places, having someone in for dinner or lunch, other suggestions are welcome. We can be creative. Email us at IcelandMN@gmail.com or phone 612-432-3410.

ICELANDIC NATIONAL LEAGUE OF NORTH AMERICA

ANNUAL CONVENTION IN MINNESOTA May 14 to 17, 2015. Icelandic Connections: The Sagas Continue. Save the date! The last Convention that we sponsored was in 2002! It is Minnesota's turn

again! Let's remember what an exciting time was had by everyone! Let's make this a memorable experience as well! Your assistance will be appreciated as it takes many hands to make light work! Let us know how you will assist with the Convention being held in our own back yard, at the Hilton Hotel by the Airport and near Mall of America! Email IcelandMN@gmail.com with your ideas.

May 2014 the Convention was held in Winnipeg, organized by FRÓN. They did an excellent job and everyone had a good time! Minnesota was well represented! Harvey presented an excellent invitation to Minnesota for 2015. New officers and board for INLNA were elected at that time. Claire Eckley - President, Sunna Pam Furstenau – First Vice President, Brad Hirst – Second Vice President, Gwen Grattan – Executive Secretary, Serena Goebel Treasurer, Holly Ralph – Webmaster, Harvey Thorleifson and Beverly Arason-Gaudet – Convention Co-ordinators, Gail Einarson-McCleery - Culture & Youth, Alicyn Goodman, Joni Shaw – International Visits, Ron Johnson –Marketing/Promo, Rob Olason – Membership; Directors at Large include Steve Guttormsson and Dianne O’Konski.

The INLNA has its first president from the United States with the next president hoping to be from the US as well. There is a United States presence with Board members from Chicago, Seattle, and Blaine.

The president of INLNA was asked to speak at the Icelandic National League of Iceland Annual Membership Meeting. Claire spoke about INLNA and included the fact that all of us are Icelandic and have the same roots. Minneota was mentioned and her PowerPoint always made sure there was United

States and Canada Thank You's to everyone that made this trip happen! Especially to Jonina Kardal, Hrund "Thora", and Pall Skaftason and their children who took me by the hand while there.

ICELANDIC HEKLA CLUB Thank you to Erin Johnson for her leadership over the past year. New leadership this year is co-presidents, Maggie Leshner and Jody Arman Jones, Dianne O'Konski, secretary, Ruth Nielson, treasurer. Hekla Club meets at 10:30 am, on the third Saturday of the month except for December, April, and summer. They meet at the Danish American Center at 3030 West River Parkway, Minneapolis, one block South of Lake Street. Enter at back of the building.

TALA ÍSLENSKU - Wednesday, September 17, 2014 under the direction of Tómas Aðalsteinsson!

2014 meeting dates - Wednesdays, 9/17, 10/15, 11/19, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Macalester College, Leonard Center, Athletic Complex, West side of Snelling Ave. South between Grand Ave. and St. Clair Ave. VIP Hall of Fame Room \$5 per person suggested donation

Here is a pdf of the campus and parking. The preferred parking lot is immediately south of the Leonard Center Athletic Complex, between the football stadium and Leonard Center Athletic Complex. There is a door to the building on that south side. Tell the student monitors you are attending a class in the Hall of Fame Room.

http://www.macalester.edu/about/maps/map_parking20130204.pdf This link is a floor plan of the Leonard Center Athletic Complex and shows the VIP Hall of Fame Room in yellow, about half way down the hallway, as well as the door to enter, located by the grey "receiving area". http://athletics.macalester.edu/custompages/gallery/photos_web/floor1.JPG

SPECIAL THANK YOU'S to the Minnesota Icelanders and the Hekla Club for all of their assistance since the fire at the home of Claire Eckley on October 31st. The journey has been long and is not over. Three months for a fire report, and then negotiations with the City which have hopefully come to a point of forward movement. An electrical, plumbing, and mechanical certificate will assist in moving forward. HOME DEPOT will come in two weekends and complete all needed inside work, cleaning, sheetrock, painting, and whatever.

LOGBERG HEIMSKRINGLA, the North American Icelandic Newspaper! Lyle Hillman and Claire Eckley are on the Board of Directors. Thank you to Lyle for his support and hard work! News arrives from all over North America and Iceland! There is an increase in news from the United States! Editors, past and present have worked very hard to improve the inclusion of the United States. Subscribe! Receive a paper copy or read it Online! Go to <https://lh-inc.ca/index.php/hikashop-menu-for-products-listing>

From Iceland, Valerie Arrowsmith has shared this information with the Minnesota Icelandic Community:

6/18-20/2015 AKUREYRI, ICELAND—Tradition for Tomorrow conference. How do Nordic and Celtic music influence, intersect, and impact each other? To inquire about being involved as a presenter, performer, or participant send an e-mail to the conference organizer info@tradition.is. For more information visit: <http://www.rha.is/folk/> and <https://www.facebook.com/TraditionforTomorrow> where you will see items from the 2014 conference. The 2016 conference will focus on Nordic music and dance in the States and Canada.

The sponsoring organization, the Nordic Committee for Folk Music, would welcome representatives from the Nordic folk music and dance communities in the U.S. and Canada. Use the e-mail address to indicate your interest. You can also ask to be added to a listserv about this conference.

Members from Iceland

ThjodList

Folk Art

www.thjodlist.is

FACEBOOK Pages of Interest: * The Icelandic American Association of Minnesota, * Icelandic Hekla Club, * Icelandic National League of North America, *Íslendingar í Minnesota *Tala Íslensku *Snorri West Minnesota * Logberg Heimskringla, * Whole Foods Market * Icelandic American Klub of Fargo Moorhead, * August the Deuce, *Íslendingadagurinn

2014 Leifur Eiriksson Celebration Reservations

Name/Names _____

Address and Phone No. _____

Number of Adult Reservations (\$30.00@) _____ Total Dinner Payment \$ _____

Children Under 6 FREE# _____ Children (\$15.00@)# _____ Children's Payment \$ _____

Total Dinner Payment \$ _____

Membership \$15.00 per year per family \$ _____

Charitable Donation-Non-profit 501 C3: _____

Donation to Icelandic American Association of Minnesota \$ _____

Leifur Eiriksson Dinner Donation \$ _____

Checks payable to IAAMN.

Mail 2014 Leifur Eiriksson Celebration Reservations to:

Leifur Eiriksson 2014

2901 W. 112th St.

Bloomington, MN 55431

5:30 pm Social Hour

6:30 pm Dinner

RESERVATION DEADLINE: October 1, 2014. SEE YOU AT THE Leifur Eiriksson Celebration!

Contact: Steingrimur Steinolfson 952-881-3326 Email: Sticelander@AOL.com

MEMBERSHIP: Remember to send your Membership so that you continue to receive all mailings!

Join the Icelandic American Association of Minnesota!

Mission:

- ❖ To promote Icelandic culture, past and present
- ❖ To support events that celebrate Icelandic culture
- ❖ To provide an organization for anyone interested in Iceland
- ❖ Benefits of Membership:
 - Assist in promoting Icelandic Culture
 - An opportunity to learn more about Icelandic Culture
 - An opportunity to meet Icelanders visiting from Iceland or other parts of North America
 - Celebrate Icelandic Culture
 - Keep current on what is happening in Minnesota
 - Communication through Posturinn, email, and web site INLoFNA.org

**Icelandic American Association of Minnesota
2014 Application Form**

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____ Birthdate: _____

Membership \$15.00 Family and Single Person Names of Family Members:

I am interested in volunteering. _____

2014 DATES TO REMEMBER:

September 6,7,8	Boxelder Bug Days, Minneota,
September 17	Tala Íslensku!
September 20	Hekla Club
October 4	Leifur Eiriksson Celebration
October 5 - 12	27 th Annual Leiv Eriksson International Festival
October 5	11 am Mindekirken, Pastor Eyglo Bjarnadottir, Kvennakór Suðurnesja
October 8	7 pm Kvennakór Suðurnesja at Mindekirken
October 14	INL Convention Planning
October 15	Tala Íslensku!
October 18	Hekla Club
October 28	Icelandic American Association MN Annual Meeting
November 15	Hekla Club
November 19	Tala Íslensku!
December 7	Jolabarnaball
December TBA	Icelandic Christmas Service
May 14-17, 2015	INLNA Annual Convention, Minnesota

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