

LEIF EIRIKSSON ICELANDIC CLUB OF CALGARY NEWSLETTER



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THE LEIF EIRIKSSON ICELANDIC CLUB OF CALGARY
WILL HOLD THEIR
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2017
AT THE VIKING HALL, SCANDINAVIAN CENTRE
739 – 20TH AVENUE N.W. CALGARY, AB.



DOORS OPEN: 5:00 PM.
POT LUCK DINNER: 6:00 P.M.
PROGRAM AND ELECTIONS FOLLOW DINNER

VOTING ON A REVISED BY-LAW AS FOLLOWS:-

Bylaw –
AUDITING:

The books, accounts and records of the Treasurer shall be audited at least once each year by a duly qualified accountant or by two Members of the society elected for that purpose at the Annual Meeting.

A complete and proper statement of the standing of the books for the previous year shall be submitted by such auditor at the Annual Meeting of the society.

The fiscal year end of the society in each year shall be December 31.

COME OUT AND SUPPORT YOUR CLUB AND BRING A SALAD, VEGETABLE OR DESSERT FOR
THE POT LUCK DINNER
LEIC WILL SUPPLY THE MEAT

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SCANDINAVIAN CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Christine Stuart-Smith

Sunday November 13th, was a beautiful fall day in Calgary, a perfect time for Christmas shopping at the annual Scandinavian Centre Bazaar. When the doors opened at 10:30 a.m., the Leif Eiriksson Icelandic Club Table was overwhelmed with shoppers eager to take home some of our vinarterta. Most cakes were gone within 20 minutes. Fortunately we did have other baking available and a few more cakes arrived a little later. Other items for sale included INL 2017 calendars, the club's recipe books, and Eleanor Oltean's delightful children's book. The bazaar is a great opportunity for visiting with members from other Scandinavian societies and groups that use the Centre, plus friends and neighbours, for chatting over coffee and cakes, enjoying delicious open-face sandwiches, and maybe taking home some wonderful ethnic foods or beautiful hand-crafted items.

We are grateful to Lois Yasinko who worked so diligently at arranging the vinarterta bees and making sure the cakes were all up to our highest standards. The Icelandic Table is now known as the Vinarterta Table, thanks to her efforts! Nor could we do it without all the volunteers who help with the table set-up and sales. Together we made the 2016 sale one of our most successful yet.

Thank-you to everyone who participated and special thanks to Donna Englund at the Scan Centre for making this all possible.



Bazaar Photos courtesy of Gwen Mann



DEAR CHRISTINE MUELLER

THE LEIF EIRIKSSON ICELANDIC CLUB SENDS YOU BEST WISHES FOR A FULL RECOVERY FROM YOUR RECENT ILLNESS. YOU WERE MISSED AT THE YULETIDE EVENT.

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LEIC ANNUAL YULETIDE CELEBRATION

Tannis Johnson

On Saturday November 26, the Scandinavian Center in Calgary rang in the Yuletide season with Leif Eiriksson Icelandic Club of Calgary annual Christmas party. The hall was gaily decorated with a giant Christmas tree and tables bearing the names of the 13 Jólaveinar, such as Skyrghámur (my table), Bjúgnakrækir, and Gluggagægir to name a few. Tables were called to the buffet by these table names.

A large turnout of about 157 people arrived dressed in festive holiday attire. Party goers started the feast with Icelandic appetizers such as Rúllupylsa, Hangikjöt and Pickled Herring. Alpine Catering provided a mouth-watering meal of turkey, stuffing, mixed vegetables, and potatoes accompanied by salad and buns. In true Icelandic style the meal included a delicious lamb with mint sauce. Apple and pumpkin pie with whipped cream provided the finishing touch to the meal.

Following the meal there was a visit by the Yuletide lads in miniature as the children of the Club dressed up as the Christmas elves with an introduction by Gryla herself. After the elves left, the children re-appeared in order to participate in a round of Christmas songs hand in hand with parents and friends as they circled the Christmas tree in hopes that their songs would entice a visit from Santa Claus. Santa Claus did in fact make the anticipated stop to the hall to the delight of the children who waited patiently to visit with him, each child leaving with a goodie bag.

The Tombola ticket draw was a great success with many wonderful items going to lucky ticket holders. After the draw, party goers were entertained by Danny, the “One Elf Band.” Danny sang a variety of Christmas songs accompanying himself on the harmonica, kazoo, guitar, drums and cymbal. It was quite amazing to see him play all of these instruments while singing all at the same time.

Toward the end of the evening, guests enjoyed a second round of treats including cookies, and Icelandic treats such as skyr with brown sugar, pönnokokur and Vínarterta.

All in all the party was a fun and festive commencement to the holiday season. A huge thank you to all that contributed to make the event a success. As always, it could not have been accomplished without the help of all that volunteered.

2017 UPCOMING EVENTS

AGM –	January 29 th
Spring Dinner –	April 29 th
Seniors’ Lunch –	May 25 th
Fall Feast –	Sept 30 th
Yuletide Event –	Nov 25 th

Membership By Gwen Mann

Thank you all the members who have sent in their memberships. This will be a great help to me as I get ready for the AGM and to renew our subscriptions for the Lögberg-Heimskringla. Those that sent memberships with their Yule event fees; this has worked very well. I am in the process of contacting members for their membership renewals.

**Memberships for 2017 are due January 1st, 2017.
Single memberships are \$15.00 and family memberships are \$30.00**

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YULETIDE PHOTOS BY KARL TORFASON



**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**

**Happy
New Year!**