

LEIF EIRIKSSON ICELANDIC CLUB OF CALGARY NEWSLETTER



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MEMBERSHIP

With the exception of Honourary members, dues for the LEIC of Calgary expire December 31st.

Thank you if you have already paid.

This membership is necessary to renew your subscription with the Lögberg- Heimskringla newspaper. If you have any questions regarding membership, please call **Afton Barabash** at (587)-229-5971 or myownslideshow@gmail.com.
Thank you, Afton for volunteering your services.

Family memberships are \$30.00, and single memberships are 15.00.

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FILM SERIES

Christine Mueller

The Icelandic film, "Spooks and Spirits," will be shown on **Wednesday, March 14th, 2018, at 7:00 PM**, at the **River Park Church in Calgary** as part of the "Donald K. Johnson Film Series."

This is a free event, hosted by the Leif Eiriksson Club of Calgary. The church is located at 3818-14 A Street S.W. A reception will follow.

Family and friends are welcome. No tickets are required, and free parking is available.

The Donald K. Johnson Icelandic Film Series is organized by the Icelandic National League of North America, a non-profit service organization that promotes Icelandic heritage and culture through its activities and the activities of member clubs across North America. The film series is funded by a generous grant from Donald K. Johnson.

Summation: When Anna and her boyfriend Ingi decide to sell the house, Anna has recently inherited from her late father Ofeig, the father's ghost appears and makes one thing perfectly clear: his house won't be sold!

Prospective buyers are chased away by very strange events, which confirm that Ofeig, the ghost, is no different from what he was in life: a charming, but egoistic, alcoholic womanizer. Ingi tries to exorcise Ofeig, but the poltergeist world proves a tricky one. Instead of getting rid of Ofeig, another ghost is raised - a jealous former girlfriend of Ofeig. The dead lovers' bickering makes life in the house intolerable, the ghosts get ever more forceful, and selling the house is out of the question. But sometimes even ghosts can get too greedy.

When Ofeig tries to drag an innocent lady into his dimension, the situation calls for drastic measures.

This movie is in Icelandic with English Subtitles!



**Library afternoon with Storytelling
by Karen Gummo
On Saturday February 10, 2018
1:30 PM to 3:30 PM
At the Scan Centre in the Saga Room
Coffee and cookies to be served
Everyone welcome**

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – Lorie Dobson



Leif Eiriksson Icelandic club kicked off 2018 with our Annual General Meeting on Sunday January 28th with 35 members in attendance. The evening started with a pot luck dinner, followed by time for members to visit before our meeting at 7 PM. Our thanks to all the members who attended and to those

who donated to the pot luck.

We were pleased to give Honorary Memberships to **Margaret Grisdale and Dr. Ron Goodman.**



Lorie Dobson and Dr. Ron Goodman



Lorie Dobson and Margret Grisdale

We have a full slate of officers this year. Our thanks to those who retired from various positions, your dedication to the club is greatly appreciated and we hope one day you will have time to volunteer to be

on the board again. To all our new members, thanks for offering to help serve as a member of our board and we hope you enjoy the experience. Special thanks to **Gwen Mann** who looked after the nominating committee to ensure all positions were filled.

My thanks to all the members who helped with the many events we had this past year. Without the assistance of our Club's extraordinary volunteers including all our board members these events would not happen. We must acknowledge the Casino funds and money raised from our events that sponsor our activities. Just a reminder that we have our next casino on **April 21/22 at the Deerfoot Casino.** If you can come and work a shift please let **Karl Torfason** know as he is working on the scheduling for those two days.

So, what do we have in store for 2018? Please check out the Newsletter for the list of events for the upcoming year. Don't forget that our next event is our storytelling library afternoon on Feb 10th in the Saga Room from 1:30 to 3:30 PM. **Karen Gummo** will be our guest speaker.

Our monthly meetings are normally the third Tuesday of the month and are held in the Saga Room of the Scan Centre at 7PM. We welcome all members to come and join us. I would like to thank the Board of Directors and committee members for all their help this year. Thanks to **Donna**, manager of the Scan for her extra help at our events.

If you have time to volunteer for any of the events we are having this year - please give me a call.

2018 Events

Feb 10 th	1:30 to 3:30PM Library Storytelling afternoon
April 14	Saturday Spring Dinner
April 21 -22	Casino – Deerfoot Inn
April 26-28	Convention – Edmonton
May 24	Senior Luncheon
June 16	Markerville Picnic
Sept. 29	Fall Feast –Saturday
Xmas Bazaar	– Scan centre to set date
Nov. 24	Yuletide Party

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Make Ísbíltúr — an Icelandic Ice Cream Road Trip — the Hygge of This Winter

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Melissa Kravitz
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Put that fuzzy blanket back on the couch and keep your firewood unscathed for a few extra hours – it's *ísbíltúr* time. While Americans couldn't get enough hygge last winter, another Nordic ritual belongs in our cold weather routines: *ísbíltúr*. The Icelandic term translates loosely to the specific act of driving around and eating ice cream. Like hygge, *ísbíltúr* is an intentional, precise form of recreation, though it requires leaving the house.

Check out this link to learn more about *ísbíltúr*.

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CARE AND CONCERN

Nancy Tarr is now our Care and Concern representative so if you know of anyone in sickness or distress please call her at (403)253-7433.



2017 LEIC Executive Board dinner meeting

NEWS FROM MARKERVILLE

Preserving the buttermaker's house

(Excerpts from the Innisfail Province Nov. 28/17)

The pioneer home of a legendary buttermaker, who quietly made his mark in the pioneer Icelandic hamlet and then in Innisfail as a businessman and mayor, will be preserved for the generations ahead.

The Buttermaker House, built in Markerville more than a century ago for W.H. Jackson and his family, is also being earmarked by the Stephan G. Stephansson Icelandic Society for provincial and municipal historical designation. Society officials say the house will complement the historic nature of Markerville as it is about the same age as the creamery, the historic Lutheran church and the pioneer Fensala Hall.

"The addition of the Buttermaker House would further enhance the programs and events that are available," said d'Arcy Gamble, society president. She said several future usage ideas have been discussed for the home, including expanding school programming into it, displaying the interior as a model 1913 pioneer home, or being part of an oral history presentation of Markerville and area.

