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 The Scandinavian Heritage Society
 of Kentucky, Inc.

2007 ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Occasion</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Oct. 27, 6:30PM	Fall Banquet	Spindletop Hall, Ironworks Pike	Bill Hedberg
Dec. 15, 7:00PM	Lucia Festival	Gethsemane Lutheran Church	Bill Hedberg

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SHSK Fall Dinner: Don't Miss It!

The autumn season just wouldn't be the same without a casual Saturday drive through the scenic Kentucky Bluegrass. Glorious colors decorate a landscape dotted by thoroughbreds invigorated by the chill of fall. Naturally, there is no better way to cap off the day than by joining us for the **Annual Fall Festival Dinner** at Spindletop Hall, an historic mansion that alone is worth the trip!

Cocktails will be available starting at 6:30PM, with dinner beginning at either 7:00, or when the lively conversation reaches that *perfect* volume. Following a sumptuous meal that befits the season, members Allen Lake and Tom Josephsen will provide a *Special Report on Sweden and Iceland*.

Mark your calendars, contact Marion (see below), and be sure to complete *your* autumn sightseeing with this traditional Society event!

When? Saturday, October 27, 2007 at 6:30pm

Where? Spindletop Hall (Look for the gates at 3414 Ironworks Pike, just across and a bit east from the KY Horse Park, between Georgetown and Newtown Pike)

How Much? \$25.00 per adult (Such a deal!)

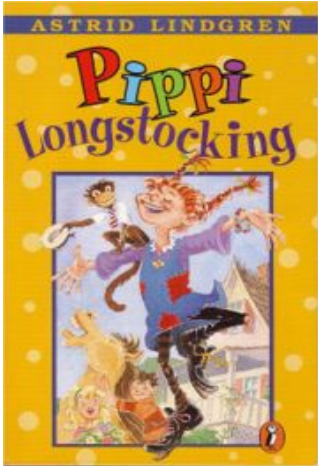
How Do I Sign Up? Please send checks or money order to Marian Soule (131 Louisiana Ave., Lexington, KY 40502; phone 266-3448) **by October 25** to ensure confirmation.

Why?? Good friends, good food, and a chance to spend the evening in a very fancy environment. Irresistible!

Georgetown Kite Festival a HUGE Success!

Georgetown served up *fantastic* weather for its seventh Annual Kite and Culture Festival, making for an absolutely gorgeous weekend for the event. The air was not too hot, even though the sun was out, and there was a fine breeze that made conditions just perfect for kite flying.

A number of SHSK members stopped by and spent time at our booth, representing our common Scandinavian culture, visiting with the (literally) thousands of visitors who passed by over the weekend, and, helping both children and adults braid the traditional Christmas heart paper baskets.



Sunday brought an unexpected (but very pleasant) surprise when Pippi Longstocking (Danielle Pousette) stopped by to introduce herself to all the kids. Naturally she brought along Herr Nilsson (her monkey), and she also came equipped with a face painting kit to add even more to the enjoyment. So popular was Pippi that children were lined up for twenty minutes or more to get a star, a flower, or a butterfly painted on their cheek.

Georgetown's Kite Festival is truly a celebration of international culture, offering a wide array of foods, art and craft sessions, dance, and musical entertainment throughout the weekend. Of course there are the kites, with construction workshops, exhibitions, and flying throughout the event. More information about the festival can be found at: www.kitefest.com.

This year marks the third time we have participated in this annual festival and we fully anticipate an invitation for next year. It is a wonderful opportunity to share our culture and to bring new members into our Society. Think now about joining us next year. It really is fun!

In closing, I would like to express my sincere thanks to all the SHSK members who helped make our participation such a success.

Jenny Berens (*SHSK Secretary*)

Notes from the SHSKY 25th Annual Business Meeting, April 14th, 2007

SHSKY President Bill Hedberg opens the meeting.

NEWSLETTER

John Watkins has announced that he will step down from the newsletter Editor post. Bill Hedberg spoke for the society when he thanked John Watkins for taking the responsibility of being the SHSKY Newsletter Editor for the past four years. John thanked Bill and did share some information regarding the newsletter:

Bad news: The number of paying SHSKY members has gone down dramatically during the past few years. On 4/14/07 the Society had 23 paying members. This means that essentially no more than 23 issues should be mailed out. A smaller number of additional issues are mailed out to other Scandinavian Societies in America as an exchange.

Good news: Publishing the Newsletter has become less expensive. This is a function both of a decrease in printing costs and the fact that many of our members now receive the Newsletter via e-mail. The e-mail option is cheaper for the Society and it enables our members to see the Newsletter in color.

E-mail: The e-mail system works very well. SHSKY has actually inspired other societies to move towards this means of distribution. E-mail enables SHSKY to share the newsletter quickly and for free to both to members and non-members, the latter group very important from a recruiting standpoint.

SHSKY needs to find a new Editor, but no member has volunteered yet. John offered to continue the editing work until replacement has been found. In order to do a good job, John mentioned that the number of annual issues may have to be cut from 4 to 2-3.

BOARD MEMBERS

- The Board for Election of New Officers 2007-2008 consisted of: Glenn Blomquist (Chair); Tom Josephsen; Ann Keating.
- New officers were found among SHSKY members via e-mail. SHSKY constitution states that the Board should consist of: 3 members, Each member serves 3 years; 1 member gets replaced each year.

Nominated Officers 2007-2008

The board presented their nomination list of new officers: President (Bill Hedberg); Vice President (Magnus Geijer); Secretary (Jenny Berens); Treasurer (Jan Lindskog). *Nominated replacement for Board for Election of New Officers.* - Gustav Pousette was nominated to replace Glenn Blomquist on the Election Board. - All nominees listed above were voted through.

NORDIC REACH

Dan Lindskog motioned to approve the payment for the Swedish Council of America's quarterly magazine 'Nordic Reach'. The cost is \$7.00 per year. Jan will take care of payment. Magazine will be mailed to the Lindskog's and they will bring the magazines to the SHSKY meetings and events. The motion was voted through.

SHSKY MEMBERSHIP FEE

To be a SHSKY member, the following membership fee must be paid to the Society: Single member (\$20.00 per year) and Family membership (\$25.00 per year)

SHSKY Membership & Newsletter

It was suggested that a former member who has not paid current membership will get one more newsletter and then be cut off from receiving additional newsletters. This leads to a number of issues that need solving:

Should this be the case for e-mail recipients as well?

Who updates and communicates the current member list?

The possibility to be a newsletter recipient only was discussed. This option could, for example be used by interested parties in other regions of the country. A fee of \$10.00 was suggested as a reasonable price.

ADMISSION FEE FOR SHSKY NON-MEMBERS

Should SHSKY non-members pay an elevated admission fee at SHSKY events? Many meeting participants seemed to think that it would only be fair that non-members should have to pay more in admission fee, compared to paying members, in order to participate in SHSKY events. &2.00-5.00 was suggested.

The issue was declared a top priority and will be discussed and resolved in the next board meeting.

SHSKY LITERARY SOCIETY

A new leader for the SHSKY Literary Society is needed. Meeting participants were asked to keep this in mind.

SEPARATE INVITATIONS TO SHSKY ANNUAL EVENTS

Post card and e-mail invitations to SHSKY events were discussed.

Should it be necessary to send out separate invitations to events, when the newsletter informs members about scheduled main events months in advance?

If necessary, how long beforehand should post cards be mailed out? 10 days was suggested as a reasonable time period.

If necessary, who should be responsible for printing and sending out the invitations? Marian Soule has taken care of this in the past, even though she is responsible for public relations – not separate invitations.

It was decided that the issue needs to be discussed and resolved in the next upcoming board meeting.

SHSKY CONSERVATION & HISTORY

The meeting was reminded that Craig Olsen is the SHSKY Historian. Please send Craig pictures from our events.

KITE FESTIVAL 2007

Jenny Berens spoke about SHSKY's participation in the upcoming Georgetown Annual International Kite and Culture festival, on 4/21-22/07.

BEREA DANISH-AMERICAN CELEBRATION

Bill Hedberg mentioned that Berea will celebrate the Danish-American connection during a weeklong event sometime in 2008-2009. Sune Fredriksen, a SHSKY member, has been elected Chair for the event.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jan Lindskog presented the Treasurer's Report from year 2006-2007. The report was approved.

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MEETING ADJOURNED

Bill Hedberg adjourned the Business Meeting with the announcement of the Upcoming program: *Alternative Medicine: The Savvy Consumer's Guide to Healthcare* by Christine A. Larson.

Jenny M. Berens
SHSKY Secretary



The Super Deluxe Dues... please!

Your membership and generous contributions allow continued support of activities that provide **YOU** opportunities to celebrate a Scandinavian heritage throughout the year. Please note that our dues are *now offered in the super deluxe model!* Oh yes, dear readers. They are now able to leap tall buildings (and clean windows in the meantime)! Use the convenient form below and send to the address shown, or feel free to make your payment directly to Jan Lindskog at the next scheduled event.

Membership and Charitable Contribution Form

Dues:

Individual (\$20/person) = _____

Family (\$25/family) = _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED = _____

Contribution:

Please accept my gift of _____

Name/Address: _____

News and Information for the newsletter?

Make checks payable to SHSK, and send this form to: Jan Lindskog, 1083 Meridian Court, Lexington, KY 40504.

May Longer Nights of the Season Bring Friendships Closer Together.