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### 2015 Event Schedule

| Date                  | Event           | Location                   |
|-----------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|
| 10/24/2015, 6:30 p.m. | Fall Banquet    | Spindletop Hall            |
| 12/6/2015, 3-5 p.m    | Lucia Rehearsal | Gethsemane Lutheran Church |
| 12/12/2015, 7 p.m     | Lucia           | Gethsemane Lutheran Church |

### Notes from the April Business Meeting

On the 18th of April, SHSKY met at Gethsemane Lutheran Church for a delicious supper to which everyone contributed. The variety of dishes always is surprising and that adds to the delight. Our meetings always involve good fellowship.

The slate of officers was elected by acclamation:

President: Kristie Eubank  
Secretary: Thomas Hakasson  
Treasurer: Anne Keating  
Archivist: Craig Olson

We appreciate so much the service of Jenny Berens and others who have contributed to make our organization a success. Kristie brought flowers of appreciation for Jenny and for Marion Soule. We also remember with heart-felt thanks the contributions, past and present of Bill and Mary Hedberg.

### Syttende Mai

The Syttende Mai celebration took place May 16 at the Immanuel Baptist church picnic shelter on Tates Creek. The weather was rainy, but the group who met had a great time, and enjoyed a wonderful array of ice creams and cupcakes. Asmund Vego explained the meaning of the celebration which is also known as National Constitution Day in Norway.

## Of Interest: Denmark

By Anne Keating

This came from the article by Norhan Elhakeem as referenced in the previous newsletter.

You might want to take a look at the March-April copy of *Archaeology* which has an article on Vikings in Ireland by Roger Atwood, which you can [view on their website](#). Recent excavations in Dublin have discovered the remains of several bodies identified as Vikings. The tests to determine their age suggest that the first excursions from the north were earlier than previously believed, eg. Prior to 793 when raiders attacked a monastery at Lindisfarne, an island near the east coast of England. Tests also suggested that while two individuals may have spent their early years in Scandinavia, others may have grown up in Ireland or Scotland, suggesting earlier visits or settlements.



The monastery at Lindisfarne

The Local, Denmark's News in English, has an article on May 26, 2015, also indicating that the Viking Age began earlier than was thought, at least 70 years earlier than the Norwegian raid of 793. Archaeologists from the University of Aarhus and the University of York believe that Vikings were on the move from Norway to a very old town on Denmark's west coast, Ribe by 725 which preceded the trips south. Evidence of reindeer antlers found in Ribe's old market place are indications of trading and shipping. The archaeologists have published their findings recently in *Science Nordic* and the *European Journal of Archaeology*.

The paper also announced that an 1861 first draft of a manuscript of Hans Christian Andersen's story, **"The Psyche,"** was discovered in the Knuthenborg Manor on Lolla on or around the 20th of May this year. It is a rare find with corrections and changes by the author. Have you read this one?

May 4 was the 70th anniversary of the surrender of Nazi troops in Denmark, northern Germany and the Netherlands. You can view photos of the joyful occasion in The Local of May 26, 2015.

You might also enjoy reading [My Danish Habits That Foreigners Just Don't Get](#), by Nick Bojesen. Jensen.



Hans Christian Andersen

## Of Interest: Norway

By Anne Keating

Norway celebrates this year the 100th anniversary of the birth of Thor Heyerdahl (who dies on April 18, 2002), an adventurer and scientist who made the voyages of the Kon Tiki and the reed boats, Ra and Tigris. He also did archaeological excavations on Easter Island and the Galapagos. There will be a touring exhibition which will go to several countries this year, including the US. His recreation of voyages of early man showed that it was indeed possible for man to travel widely. For more information, see the Norway Post of May 26, 2015.

DNA testing of a group of Norwegians will take place in Norway over the next 6 months to see if they might be related to Vikings who settled in northern England. Note that a British Scientist has done DNA testing in the British Isles and has found evidence of Viking settlements. See Saxons, Vikings and Celts by Bryan Sykes.

Don't forget to put the below list of events on your refrigerator if you haven't already! We hope to see you at all of these events!

## Printable Event Schedule for 2015 — Hang on your fridge!

### SHSKY Events 2015

#### **Laskiainen:**

Potluck on Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 6PM  
Gethsemane Lutheran Church

#### **April Business Meeting:**

Potluck on Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 6PM  
Gethsemane Lutheran Church

#### **17 Mai Picnic:**

Bring your own dinner and a dessert to share  
on Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM

Immanuel Baptist Church Picnic Shelter

#### **Midsommar:**

Potluck on Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at 5PM  
Anne Keating's backyard

#### **Fall Banquet:**

Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM  
Spindletop Hall

#### **Lucia Rehearsal**

Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup> from 3PM to 5PM  
Refreshments will be provided.

#### **Lucia Event**

Potluck on Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>  
Rehearsal: 5PM

Celebration begins at 7PM  
Gethsemane Lutheran Church

#### **Addresses:**

- Gethsemane Lutheran Church, 2185 Garden Springs Dr, Lexington, KY 40504
- Immanuel Baptist Church, 3100 Tates Creek Rd, Lexington, KY 40502
- Spindletop Hall, 3414 Iron Works Pike, Lexington, KY

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We hope to see you all many times in 2015!

## Finnish Trivia Questions

By Anne Keating

Try your hand at a few Finnish history questions:

1. Where did the first Finns in North America settle as colonists and where?
2. Where did Finns settle in North America with Russians around 1840's and 50's?  
Hint; Has to do with fur trading.
3. Who were Arvid Adolph Eholen and Johan H. Furuhjelm and what did they do during the following years, 1840-45 and 1859-64 respectively?
4. Who founded Alabama's National Bank of Birmingham?

**See the next issue! Hyva paiva ("huv-vaeh pa-e-vaeh) or Good Day!**  
Courtesy of Finnish Americana, an English Language journal edited by Michael Karm.

## Famous Swedish American Contributions to Society

By Anne Keating

The last issue listed Swedish immigrants and their descendants who contributed in many different ways to their new country. Here are the answers to the puzzle:

1. **Mary Anderson** was head of the women's Bureau of Ministry of Labour under President Roosevelt for two decades.
2. **Curt Carlsson**, second generation from Minnesota, started the Carlson Hotel Chain, including the Radisson and Park Plaza, based on a \$55 loan. This is one of the largest family-held corporations in the US.
3. **Peter Fronfronsson** and **Gideon Sunback**: After Elias Howe invented the zipper in 1851, these two made it fully functional 1903.
4. **Walter Hoving**: Swedish born American, he was a businessman who headed Tiffany and Co. from 1955 to 1980 and made the company very successful. He made Tiffany's one of the most recognizable luxury goods in the world.
5. **Andrew Lanquist**: Based on Chicago, he built of the city's first sky-scrapers as well as the Wrigley building, the tallest building in 1922. At the time, 100,000 Swedish immigrants lived in Chicago.
6. **Frederik Lundeen**: From a village in Ostergotland, he came to the US in 1880 at 13. He created Juniper Ale and later became a Congressman.
7. **John W. Nordstrom** (Johan) was born near the Artic Circle, and came to the US at 16 with \$5 in his pocket. He went to Alaska where he started a shoe store with a friend in 1901. Nordstroms now has 271 stores in 36 states.
8. **Alexander Samuelsson**, an emigrant from Sweden in 1915, assisted in the creation of the Coca Cola contour bottle at the Root Glass Co. in Terre-Haute, In.
9. **Charles R. Walgreen**: His father emigrated as Carl Magnus Olofsson, and had a son born in Illinois in 1873 who became a pharmacist and founded the Walgreen chain.
10. **Eric Wickman** (Marlis Jerk) emigrated in 1905 to Hibbing, Minnesota where he started bus lines that eventually became Greyhound.

How did you do?