



Nordic News

The Canadian Nordic Society

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Ambassador Sigridur A. Thordardottir



Born in Siglufjordur Iceland

Ministerial Career

Minister for the Environment 2004-2006.

Minister for Nordic Co-operation 2005-2006.

Parliamentary Career

Member of Althingi for the Reykjanes Constituency 1991-2003 and for the Southwest Constituency 2003-2007, the Independence Party.

Party Group

Chairman of the parliamentary group of the Independence Party 1998-2003.

Standing committees

Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs 2002-2003.

Chairman of the Committee on Education and Culture 1991-2002.

Member of the Committee on Economy and Trade 1999-2003.

Chairman of the Althingi Special Committee on Constitutional Affairs 2001-2003, member 1999-2003.

Member of the Committee on Health and Social Security 1991-1999 and 2003-2004.

Member of the Committee on Industry 1991-1999 and 2006-2007.

Chairman of the Committee on the Environment 2003-2004.

Member of the Committee on Credentials 2003-2005.

Chairman of the Icelandic Delegation to the Nordic Council 2006-2007 and member 1991-2004.

Chairman of the Icelandic Delegation to the Conference of Parliamentarians of the Arctic Region 2002-2004.

President of the Nordic Council 2000-2001.

Vice president of the parliament 2006 - 2007.

Other activities

Teacher in Elementary School of Grundarfjörður 1975-1990 and Elementary School in Mosfellsbaer 1990-1991.

Chairman of the Town Council of Grundarfjörður 1978-1982, 1986-1988 and member of the Town Council 1978-1990.

Education

Graduate Akureyri College 1966.

B.A. - degree in Icelandic, History and Classical Greek from the University of Iceland.

Further studies in linguistics- University of Minnesota, USA 1982-1983.

Married to Rev. Jon Thorsteinsson.

They have three grown up daughters and seven grandchildren.

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CNS LUNCHEONS

The first CNS luncheon of the 2009-2010 season takes place on Monday, September 14, at the Army Officers' Mess, 149 Somerset Street West, Ottawa, beginning at 12:00 noon. Other luncheon dates for Fall 2009 are:

Monday, 9 November 2009

Monday, 14 December 2009 (Christmas Luncheon -special price)

Monday, 11 January 2010

Monday, 8 February 2010

Monday, 8 March 2010

Monday, 12 April 2010

Monday, 3 May 2010

Monday, 7 June 2010

Army Officers Mess, 149 Somerset Street West

Please arrive by 11:45 am for 12:00 pm luncheon.

Lunch will be a choice of a light lunch or two hot dishes. Parking is not available at the Mess during daytime hours. Dress code requires jacket and tie,

no jeans or jogging suits. **If you plan to attend please contact Tuula Bigras at 613-424-4539,**

no later than the Thursday before each luncheon.

SPECIAL EVENTS

LUCIA: Saturday December 12, 2009 Lucia Pageant, Christ Church Cathedral, 7:00 p.m.

MIDSUMMER EVENT: June 2010



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SPEAKERS' SERIES

Thursday, 22 October 2009: HE **Sigrídur Anna Thordardóttir**, Iceland's Ambassador to Canada: *Iceland's Atlantic and EU Challenges*

Thursday, 26 November 2009: HE **Ingrid Iremark**, Sweden's Ambassador to Canada: *Sweden's EU Presidency: An Ottawa Perspective*

Thursday, 21 January 2010: Scandinavian Film

Thursday, 18 February 2010

Thursday, 18 March 2010

Thursday, 22 April 2010

Thursday, 13 May 2010 Annual General Meeting

Location: Army Officers' Mess, 149 Somerset St. W, Ottawa. Arrive at 7:00 for a 7:30 p.m. start.

UPCOMING FILMS

BYTOWNE THEATRE, Rideau Street.
October 23 to 29, Flame & Citron – A true story of Danish resistance during the Nazi Occupation.

OTTAWA FILM SOCIETY

MAYFAIR THEATRE, 1074 Bank & Sunnyside.
All films start at 7:00 p.m.

October 8, SWEDISH NIGHT
"Everlasting Moments", "Let the Right One In"

November 5, NORWEGIAN NIGHT
"O'Horten" "Bothersome, Man/Den Brysomme Mannen".

December 3, FINNISH/ICELANDIC NIGHT
"Reykjavik", "Man Without a Past"

January 7, DANISH NIGHT
"Adam's Apple", "Open Heart"

LUTEFISK TIME

Yes, its that time of year again- lutefisk time! This is Per Talgoy and I am taking orders again for 1.75 pound packages of frozen lutefisk. Cost will be as last year- \$16.00 each.

I am also taking reservations for the 2nd Annual Lutefisk Lovers and Others Dinner, booked for Saturday Nov. 14 6:00-9:00 pm at the New Edinburgh Field House 193 Stanley Ave.. I supply a dinner of lutefisk, boiled potatoes and peas, as well as coffee and tea. Prices will be the same as last year- \$12.00/person, \$3/person for those not eating lutefisk to cover hall rental. Last year, various people brought some lovely desserts for everyone to enjoy, I hope that happens again this year!

Let me know by email, per.talgoy@nrc.ca, or if you know of people who are interested but not Internet users, they can call me: Home(best) 613-260-9066.

Work(if required) 613-998-3307 .

UNUSUAL FOODS

An Article in the Ottawa Citizen concerning weird foods or a taste of world's most unusual foods included the following:

Pig's Blood Cake – Taiwan
Live Octopus – South Korea
Grasshopper – Uganda
Pigeon - France
Durian – Malaysia
Lutefisk – Norway
Grubs – Australia
Donkey – Italy
Ostrich – South Africa



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Canadian Nordic Society Membership Application/Renewal Form

If you are already a member, please pass this on to a friend!

Name: _____	Date: _____
Mailing Address: _____	

Phone (home): _____	Phone (work): _____
e-mail: _____	Fax: _____
<p>To reduce costs, the newsletter is sent electronically to those with email addresses <u>unless otherwise advised.</u></p>	

Family Membership - \$30, Individual Membership - \$20. Student Membership - \$15.

All memberships are valid from September 1, until August 31 of the following year.

As a Member you:

- will receive the Society's Newsletter
- are invited to participate in all CNS events
- are encouraged to become actively involved in the life of the Society
- receive discounts on tickets to CNS events

Canadian Nordic Society Board Members – 2009-2010

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If you have any questions about your membership, please contact one of the Board Members. Membership dues can be given to any Board member or you can mail your payment to:

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