



Nordic News

The Canadian Nordic Society

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

On Saturday, June 6, 2009, the Canadian Nordic Society held its Midsummer Boat Cruise. By all categories, we can characterize it as a success. CNS made more than \$300.00 in profit on the cruise after the cost of the boat rental, sandwiches and cake that was served, and some decorations. We sold a total of 118 of 120 tickets that were printed. In addition, we issued ten tickets to the embassies inviting them to participate.

CNS would like to thank Board member Tony Baron for coming up with the idea of a boat cruise on the Ottawa River as a Midsummer activity. Other members who worked hard on this project were Maria Shaar-Öhman, Jim Lamb, Bernard Deadman and Len Nylund.

CNS would especially like to thank Ida Capern and the Canadian Friends of Finland for so readily endorsing the idea of a June boat cruise and selling some 60 tickets to their members. Their participation also drives home the fact that if many social events involving Nordic organizations are to be successful, we need to work at attracting a wider audience than relying simply on the members of one's own organization. *Paljon kiitoksia* to our CFF colleagues.

CNS would also like to thank the embassies of Denmark, Norway, Sweden and Finland for providing door prizes.

2. EU Theme for Fall Speakers

While the Canadian Nordic Society prides itself in our long-established relationship with each of the Nordic embassies here in Ottawa, we do not normally schedule two of the Nordic ambassadors to participate in our Speakers' Series on a back-to-back basis. However, this fall we will be making an exception based on availability and, coincidentally, both will be addressing a EU theme. So in October we will be having HE Sigridur Anna Thordardottir, Iceland's Ambassador to Canada give a presentation on: *Iceland's Atlantic and EU Challenge*. Iceland has recently presented its application for membership in the European Union. As Sweden currently holds the Presidency of the European Union for a six-month period ending on December 31, 2009, the CNS is honoured to have HE Ingrid Iremark, Sweden's Ambassador to Canada, again give a presentation in our Speakers' Series: *Sweden's EU Presidency: An Ottawa Perspective*. Please check the times and dates for these events elsewhere on our Newsletter.

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3. Membership

Membership in the Canadian Nordic Society is \$20.00 a year with \$30.00 for a family membership. Members receive updates on CNS activities such as our Speakers' Series and our monthly Luncheons. It also allows for a reduced price for tickets to Lucia or having their children participate in the Lucia ceremony. Membership fees pay for the cost of the rental of the Army Officers' Mess for our Speakers' and other events.

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You will find a membership application / renewal form on the last page of this Newsletter.

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HONORARY PRESIDENT

At the Annual General Meeting, Lars Ohman was **acclaimed** as the Honourary President of the Canadian Nordic Society.



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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. For those planning to attend, please inform *Tuula Bigras* at 613-424-4539.

Other luncheon dates for Fall 2009 are:

Monday, 5 October 2009

Monday, 9 November 2009

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

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-(to be given later) no later than the Thursday before each luncheon.**

SPEAKERS' SERIES

Thursday, 24 September 2009 at 7:30: Centennial of Finland's Eduskunta (Parliament)--documentary

In 1906, legislation enacted by the Imperial Russian Empire established a 200-member unicameral Parliament in Finland elected by all citizens over the age of 24—men and women. This documentary, prepared by Finland's Eduskunta (Parliament), highlights some of the most notable aspects of Finnish parliamentary tradition. For those wanting more information, there will be discussion afterwards headed by a well-known Docent of the Department of Political Science, University of Helsinki.

Location: Army Officers' Mess, 149 Somerset St. W, Ottawa.

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*

SPECIAL EVENT LUCIA

Saturday December 12, 2009 Lucia Pageant, Christ Church Cathedral

THE KALEVALA:

An engaging afternoon with Finland's national epic

PRESENTED BY:

Börje Vähämäki

Professor & Director of Finnish Studies

Department of Slavic Studies

University of Toronto

DATE: September 26, 2009

TIME: 1 PM to 5 PM

LOCATION: St Bartholomew's Church Hall 125 Mackay St Ottawa (New Edinburgh), ON

TICKETS: \$20

Parking on street. Complimentary coffee & pulla at intermission.

For information & Tickets Contact:

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LEARN SWEDISH IN OTTAWA

REGISTRATION DATE: Saturday, Sept. 12th (9 am to 12:30 pm)

CLASSES: Saturdays, September to June (1st class Sept 19th)

TIME: 9 am to 12:30 pm

LOCATION: Glebe Collegiate HS, 212 Glebe Ave, Ottawa ON

OPEN TO: High School Students (credit course) & Adults

FEE: \$20 for residents of Ottawa-Carleton School Board District

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY NOTICES

FINNISH CLASSES OTTAWA CARLETON SCHOOL BOARD

Hello everyone,

My name is Raija Hilska and I am very excited to tell you that I am the teacher for this year's Ottawa Carleton District School Board (OCDSB) adult Finnish classes.

Leena Sillanpaa retired last year after teaching the adult Finnish course for many years. I am truly honored to have been asked to continue Leena's incredible work.

Finnish by heritage, I arrived from Finland many years ago and have been teaching Finnish to children at the OCDSB

International program for well over a decade. I am also an adult Finnish tutor and look forward to the opportunity to share my Finish heritage and language with a larger group.

Classes will start at Glebe Collegiate on the 21st of September at 7PM. For more information on registration please see:

http://www.ocdsb.ca/Secondary_Websites/continuweb/general.asp or contact me at: raija_hilska@yahoo.com.

I look forward to meeting you and

Nähdään on the 21st of September at 7PM.

Raija Hilska

"A different language is a different vision of life." ~Federico Fellini

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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: _____
To reduce costs, the newsletter is sent electronically to those with email addresses <u>unless otherwise advised.</u>	

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

Len Sillanpaa	- President	613-837-1641 lennard.sillanpaa@sympatico.ca
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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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