



Mark Your Calendar!

- Tuesday, May 18th
ICCT AGM with
speaker Jon Danielsson
- Thursday, June 17
Icelandic National Day
Picnic
- Saturday, June 26th
Nordic Singers

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2010 INL of NA Convention A Success!

The 2010 91st Annual INL of NA Convention in Toronto was an unqualified success. Total registrants were 167, with many more attending the Opening Reception Friday, Thor-rablot/Gala Dinner Saturday, and Sunday Brunch with Linda Lundström.

The theme of the Convention was "Icelanders Then and Now: Dynamic Progress" and featured a total of 40 speakers as well as nine films. Keynote speeches by Ambassador Sigríður Anna Þórðardóttir and Donald K. Johnson were thoughtful and inspiring.

Presentations were many and varied, with three streams of programming running simultaneously. Our best attended presentation was the panel on the financial meltdown, chaired by Joe Martin and featuring Donald K. Johnson, Consul General Jon Johnson and Sandra Sigurdson. Also very popular was Donald G. Gislason's humorous and insightful lecture on Icelandic Music today and the presentation on Energy in Iceland by Oskar Sigvaldason. Genealogy with George A. Freeman and his demonstrations in the lobby helped many. There were many wonderful moments during the other presentations. The volcano also played an ongoing role during our deliberations!

Popular also were the tours - to the settlement areas of Hekkla and Kinmount with Don E. Gislason and Jim & Irene Gibson, the Hockey Hall of Fame to see the Falcons Gold displays, the historic 1874-5 Icelandic Toronto walk with Don E. Gislason and Jon Thordarson, and the Niagara Falls tour with Kara

Schuster.

Almar Grímsson, President of INL of Iceland, Wanda Anderson, Snorri West Coordinator, and several alumni of the Snorri Program highlighted the importance of those programs to our future.

The Laurence Johnson Lifetime Achievement Award winner was the late Haraldur Bes-sason; his widow Margrét Björgvinsdóttir accepted with a very moving speech. Recipients of Honorary Life Memberships in the INL of NA were Bill and Edna Paulson of Vatnabyggd, Gigi Fridriksson, Jim & Irene Gibson, John & Ellen Gilmore and Stella Hansen of Toronto. Garry Oddleifson delivered a tribute to the late Neil Bardal.

We were graced by several outstanding presenters from Iceland, including Hans Kristján Árnason with his film 'From Turf Cottage to the cover of TIME: The Dramatic Life of Holger Cahill', Friðrik Jónsson on his carbon recycling plans, Dr. Tinna Grétarsdóttir on the relationship between Iceland and North America, Robert Jack on his Geitafell hotel project and Jónas Thor on Washington Island.

Good audiences also attended Knitting with Phyllis Pollard, Memoir Writing with Betty Jane Wylie, Opportunities to Learn Icelandic with Margrét Björgvinsdóttir, Dr. Birna Bjarnadóttir, Peter Buchan, Meredith MacFarquhar and Margaret Van Hamme, Marshall Burgess (Markland/Lockeport, NS), Guy Scott (Kinmount, ON) and Edith Smith (Hekkla, ON), Icelandic Sheepdogs with Laura Ford, Art in Reykjavik with Leona Gis-

lason, Lögberg-Heimskringla with Bill Valgardson, Icelandic Connection with Lorna Ter-gesen, New Iceland Heritage Museum with Tammy Axelsson and Interpreting Beowulf with Judy Koonar.

The Art Show co-ordinated by Gudrun Girgis and Fran M-scull was spectacular, as were the items in the Silent Auction, a collection put together by Phyllis Pollard and Nancy Morgan. Most popular were the Icelandair ticket and Via Rail tickets from Toronto to Montreal. Many interesting items were also available for purchase. Technical aspects were overseen by the very capable Andri Elvar and his wife Hanna Liba Grosman. The program booklet, produced by Jody Doulis, was much admired.

Outstanding musical performances included anthems by Alys Richards and performances by Sigrun Stella and Mike Lowry, Lindy, and Peter Buchan from Winnipeg.

The finishing touch was a very humorous, insightful motivational speech by fashion icon Linda Lundstrom; she made us laugh, she made us cry, she made us think.

New friendships formed, old ones renewed, lots of laughter! *Many, many people were involved in this success, including Kara Schuster and Gail Einarsson-McCleery, Co-Convenors and all the members of their Committee, and volunteers, and of course our sponsors, donors, advertisers and contributors to the silent auction, as well as the fundraising committee.*

INL of NA Names Gail Einarson-McCleery as President

I look forward to the challenges and rewards of being the president of an important organization like the INL of North America.

Now, on to Edmonton next year and in the meantime, discussions on the future of the INL of NA, which holds us all together. Under the Presidency of Gerri McDonald, we had already embarked on a campaign to become more inclusive, reaching out to Icelandic clubs which are not currently members, most of which are located in the U.S.A. A large number of us will be attending the Hjemkomst coming up in June in Fargo-Moorehead as well as August the Deuce in Mountain in August.

We will also be to re-examining the way in which we organize and pay for our conventions and our other interests, in the light of changed economic conditions.

Gail Einarson-McCleery



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ICCT Bids Farewell to Longtime Member Mamie Mary-Ann Larusson

The following is reprinted from the Toronto Star.

Larusson – Mamie Mary – Ann
 October 26, 1924– February 16, 2010

Joined her beloved husband Minty in eternity. Daughter of the late Frances Magilez and Nestor Dydzora. Born in Winnipeg, Mamie met her true love at 16 years of age and was married 63 years. Dear mother of Marion Leach (the late Tom), Nancy Larusson (Dan St. Michel), Susan Brooks (Stephen) and Carol Froom (Stephen). Cherished grandmother of Sarah Teele, Loretta

Lahey (Scott), Kate and Oliver Brooks, Emelia, Graeme and Mitchell Froom. Great-grandmother of Drew Larusson – Teele and Paige Lahey. Dear aunt to Lawrence, Wayne, Wendy, Warren and Aza. After retirement, Mamie volunteered for various charities including “Chicks With Sticks”, Trinity Anglican Church’s knitting group for the needy. Mamie will be missed by friends Bob and Belle Marlow. Our family wishes to extend our heartfelt thanks to Dr. Judy Lane and to the care teams at Spectrum and Pro-home Agencies for their excellent support, which enabled our mom to pass peacefully in her own home.



Mamie Mary-Ann Larusson
 October 26, 1924– February 16, 2010



**CONGRATULATIONS TO
 Carole and Brian Johanneson
 Winners of 2 Via Rail Tickets
 Toronto to Montreal**



ICCT Annual General Meeting May 18th

The ICCT Annual General Meeting is coming up Tuesday May 18th at the Spring Garden Baptist Church, 112 Spring Garden Avenue in North York. It will feature Prof. Jon Danielsson of the London School of Economics in England. Prof. Danielsson will be giving us an update on the latest information on the financial situation in Iceland. Jon Danielsson has a Ph.D. in the economics of financial markets, from Duke University, and is currently a reader in finance at the London School of Economics. His research interest

includes financial risk modelling, regulation of financial markets, models of extreme market movements, market liquidity, and financial crisis. He has published extensively in both academic and practitioner journals, and has presented his work in a number of universities, public institutions, and private firms.

We will also be announcing the name of the lucky young person who will be receiving a grant to attend Icelandic Camp in Gimli.

Mark the date on your calendar!



Jon Danielsson
Reader in Finance at the
London School of Economics

Grand Evening with the Nordic Singers

Nordic Singers

Cecilia Hjortsberg, Randi Gislason,
Magnus Gislason, Lars Bo Ravnbak & Mats Calvén
with the pianist Knud Rasmussen

Nordic Singers are a group of 5 professional Operasingers from the Nordic countries. Their performing includes a complete program of Classical Music from Opera, Operetta, Broadway Musicals, popular songs from the Nordic countries, famous Movies and Evergreens.

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The Danish Church in cooperation with the Danish, Swedish and Icelandic Consulates/Consulate Generals proudly presents a concert with the Nordic Singers. The Nordic Singers have a wide repertoire from all time favourite Nordic Songs, Classical Music, Opera, Operetta, Broadway Musicals, famous Movies to Evergreens. Meet the singers and enjoy some great Danish cheeses and a glass of wine after the concert (suggested donation \$5).

Saturday, June 26th at 7:30 pm
Danish Lutheran Church
72 Finch Ave West, Toronto

Tickets: Adults: \$20. Children and Students: \$10.
The Nordic Singers will be arriving directly from a performance in San Francisco and have performed at many sold out concerts in North America.
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Tribute to Haraldur Bessason

In 1956, Haraldur Bessason became the first chairman of the Icelandic Department at the University of Manitoba, remaining there until 1987 when he became the first President of the University of Akureyri in Iceland, holding the position until 1994. He was also editor of *Lögberg-Heimskringla* and *Timarit hins íslenska þjódroeknisfélags*, a cultural magazine published annually by the Icelandic National League of Canada. He was given an honorary doctorate by the University of Manitoba (1990) and the Order of the Falcon from the Icelandic government. He died at Toronto, Ontario on 8 April 2009. A tribute to the late Haraldur Bessason, written by *Dr. Birna Bjarnadóttir*, will be published in the next Icelandic Connection magazine.

Iceland's Challenge, Iceland's Opportunity

Remarks to Icelandic National League Convention – April 23, 2010
Donald K. Johnson, O.C., LL.D.

The title of this talk tonight is inspired by the Chinese word for “crisis”. The word “Weiji” is made up of two words. First, the word for “danger”; the second, the word for “opportunity”. The Chinese believe that from every crisis springs the opportunity for constructive change, and I for one, certainly feel that this is the case for Iceland at this juncture in its history.

Ladies and gentlemen, I am delighted to be addressing such a distinguished group of Icelandic Canadians this evening. Of course, like you, I have Icelandic roots. My father was born in Breidavik, in eastern Iceland, and emigrated from Iceland with his parents in 1888 to my home town of Lundar, Manitoba. For obvious reasons, they changed their name from “Jonsson” to “Johnson”. A tip of the hat to their new country. Although my mother was born in Otto, Manitoba, her father was born in Selardalur and her mother in Holmlatur, in western Iceland. She always maintained her Icelandic roots. My family and I had the pleasure of visiting the birthplaces of both grandparents in 2006.

The co-chairs of this year's INL Convention, Gail Einarson-McCleery and Oskar Sigvaldason, informed me that the keynote speakers typically focus their remarks on the close relationship between Canada and Iceland, as well as providing some history of when the Icelandic settlers arrived in this part of our country. But as you know, these are not typical times. Iceland, as well as the rest of the world, has gone through a crisis of proportions not seen since the Great Depression. For this reason, friends have suggested that I should focus my remarks on the challenges Iceland faces following the collapse of its banking system. Hopefully my 47 years in the investment banking and brokerage business will be helpful.

The first challenge is to restore Iceland's reputation and credibility in the international banking and financial community. These international relationships include, in particular, the



Donald K. Johnson, O.C., LL.D.

United Kingdom and the Netherlands, the Nordic countries, the European Union, and the international Monetary Fund (IMF). The second challenge is for Iceland to have external validation that the financial and regulatory issues that led to the financial collapse have been satisfactorily addressed. Until these challenges have been resolved, it will be difficult for Iceland's economy to return to sustainable growth and the tourism industry to recover.

There are two opportunities where Canada can assist Iceland: by providing advice on strengthening Iceland's banking and regulatory system, and in helping to resolve the Icesave dispute with the United Kingdom and the Netherlands on terms that are acceptable to both sides.

Canada is fortunate to have the strongest banking and financial regulatory system in the world. To benefit from such experience, the government of Iceland could request a meeting in Ottawa with senior officials from the Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions (OSFI), the Bank of Canada, the Department of Finance, and the Ontario Securities Commission. Representatives from Iceland should include appropriate Cabinet Ministers and senior bureaucrats from the Bank of Iceland, as well as Iceland's Department of Finance and financial regulators. The Canadian representatives would be willing to

share the key elements of Canada's banking and regulatory system with their counterparts in Iceland. Adopting the Canadian model would certainly go a long way to strengthening Iceland's relationships with the international financial community.

Another important issue where Canada can help Iceland is the resolution of its Icesave dispute with the UK and the Netherlands. Resolving this issue is a necessary, but not sufficient, condition to restoring Iceland's reputation with these two countries, as well as with other international financial institutions. Let me summarize the relevant facts. Following the collapse of Landsbanki in the fall of 2008, the UK and Netherlands governments reimbursed 300,000 depositors in Landsbanki's internet bank, Icesave, in the amount of U.S. \$5.3 billion (€ 3.8 billion). They then launched a claim against Iceland for reimbursement of these funds, with interest accruing at a rate of 5.55%. Furthermore, they exercised anti-terrorist legislation in order to seize the assets of Landsbanki as security for the amount allegedly owed. Although the government of Iceland passed legislation acknowledging that it was indebted to the UK and the Netherlands for this amount, the President of Iceland refused to sign the Bill and the issue was deferred to a referendum, which was held in Iceland on March 6. 93% of Icelanders voted against the legislation, 2% voted for it, and 5% abstained!

Given the results of the referendum, I believe that Iceland should take a much tougher stand in its negotiations with the UK/Netherlands. The typical Icelandic family should not be burdened with U.S. \$78,000 of debt, given all the relevant facts underlying this Icelandic saga. The UK and the Netherlands have to bear some responsibility for the fact that their regulatory organizations did not conduct any due diligence on the Icesave internet bank and the obvious risks associated with the fact that it was offering premium interest rates for Icesave depositors. *The Financial Times of London* published an editorial on February 27, “No More Iceland Brinkmanship, UK and Dutch Intransigence will come to no good”. It states “The total amount is €3.8 billion, of which almost

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all may be recoverable from Landsbanki's assets". In fact, the Resolution Committee estimates that these assets could realize 88% of the Icesave claim.

A reasonable compromise would appear to be that the proceeds from the liquidation of Landsbanki's assets be deposited in a trust fund and the proceeds be advanced to the UK and the Netherlands as the assets are liquidated. Icelandic tax payers should not have responsibility for any residual liability after the proceeds have been realized from the sale of Landsbanki's assets. The Icelandic Parliament has passed legislation giving Icesave depositors first claim against Landsbanki's assets. Also, the UK and the Netherlands could make a further concession by cutting the proposed interest rate from 5.55% to the cost of government borrowing in the UK.

Timing is of the essence in resolving the Icesave dispute. The British election has now been called for May 6, and a Dutch election is expected one month later. Iceland's representatives should meet as soon as possible with senior bureaucrats in Inland Revenue, the Bank of England and the Financial Services Authority (FSA), preferably before the election. Ultimately the terms of the settlement will be decided at the political level. This issue will not rank anywhere near the top of the next Prime Minister's priorities, and he will most likely be influenced by senior bureaucrats' recommendations. It is much simpler for Iceland to negotiate

with the British government alone, rather than negotiating with the United Kingdom and the Netherlands together. The Netherlands would likely support the terms of a settlement that are acceptable to the UK, and the issue should be resolved before the Dutch election.

While Iceland has had assistance from outside advisors in meetings with representatives from the UK and Dutch governments, if the country wants to resolve the Icesave dispute on a timely basis, Iceland should consider enlisting the support of high profile, distinguished Canadians, who have had a positive track record in international finance and will get the attention of the British government.

One name that comes to mind is the Right Honourable Paul Martin. Mr. Martin is the former Prime Minister of Canada, the former Minister of Finance, and is well respected internationally in financial circles. One of his key achievements was the elimination of the federal government's fiscal deficit when he was Minister of Finance. He set the stage for Canada to deliver seven consecutive years of budget surpluses, which has been an important factor in Canada surviving the global financial and fiscal crisis better than any country in the world. In addition, while Paul was Minister of Finance, Prime Minister Gordon Brown was Chancellor of the Exchequer, and they have a long-standing positive and constructive relationship. Paul also played a key role in the creation of the G20.

Two other names that come to mind are the Honourable Roy MacLaren and Kevin Lynch. Mr. MacLaren is a former Canadian High Commissioner to the United Kingdom and former Minister of International Trade. He already has a relationship with Iceland because he initiated the process for the Free Trade Agreement between Canada and Iceland. Kevin Lynch was recently appointed Vice Chairman of BMO Financial Group. He has had a distinguished career with senior responsibilities in the federal government, including Clerk of the Privy Council, Deputy Minister of Finance and Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund. He is well respected in the international financial community.

In order for Iceland to capitalize on Canada's assistance, the Icelandic government must take the initiative to contact the appropriate Canadians to request their assistance. Time is of the essence, as the UK election is only two weeks away, and the Dutch election is only six weeks away!

Canada has always had close ties with Iceland. Iceland's current challenges create a unique opportunity to establish an even closer relationship! There has been considerable media coverage in the UK about Britain's request for Iceland to **"Send us cash, not ash!"** If Iceland acts quickly, it can respond to this request on a timely basis and on terms that are acceptable to all parties!



Honorary Life Members of the INL of NA

STELLA (KERFF) HANSEN

Stella was born in Reykjavik; her mother was Icelandic (born in Borgarnes) and her father was a Danish pastry chef who owned several bakeries (Kerff's) in Iceland. When she was 13 they moved to Denmark, where she lived until 1951 when she and her husband Tom (who was a butcher and sausage maker) emigrated to Canada. They made their home in Scarborough, where Stella lived until recently. Tom worked for many years for Canada Packers; Stella was with Loblaw's from 1957 to her retirement.

Stella was one of the early club members; she joined in 1960 (less than a year after it first started). She remembers going to her first meeting at Fanny Peacock's house; Tom drove her with their baby son David in a basket beside them. About 30 women from Iceland had been invited to that meeting, and many of them were club members for years. Stella served the club in various capacities and organized many Thorablót celebrations; her husband provided the herring and her son was the bartender! She has seldom missed a meeting in all these years. Her most recent accomplishment for the club was putting together a photo book featuring all the presidents through the years, as well as picture of important events. This took a lot of persistence to find them all and convince them to send a picture!

When she isn't attending a club event, Stella enjoys her children, son David and daughter Susan and her grandchildren Brian and Steven. She is also very active in the Danish Club and at the Danish Church.

She still loves Icelandic food, especially hardfish, which she keeps in her freezer. Through the years she has kept her ties with Iceland – she has many close relatives there who have visited her. Her first trip back was around 1962; at that time her son David was christened in Mossfellsveit. Since then she has visited many times, and now keeps in touch by telephone.

GIGI (GRÍMSDÓTTIR) FRIDRIKSSON

Gigi (who admits her real name is Arngerður Jóhanna) was born on a farm on the bay across from Patriksfjörður, in

Barðastrandasýsla, Vestfjörð district in Iceland. In August of 1949 she left her home country to follow her husband Jón to Winnipeg, where he was taking Electrical Engineering at the University of Manitoba. She soon found that the hot summers; it was 100F when she arrived and all she could do was sit in the bathtub to get cool, the flat countryside and the threat of the cold winters, did not suite her; six weeks later, they departed for Montreal, where he continued his education at McGill University. They spent 25 years in that city; all three children were born there; Peter, Stephan and Alda.

After moving to Toronto, she joined the ICCT in 1974. In the early days she served in many functions, including President and Treasurer. She was instrumental in moving Thorablót from a weeknight to a Saturday and expanding it from a very small event to the celebration we know today. Many was the time that she would cook and organize the food and then sit at the door to collect the money.

Gigi's husband originally worked for Alcan and then spent many years with Northern Electric. Gigi herself was in the flower industry in Iceland and Montreal; when she moved to Toronto, she worked in the retail fashion industry for fifteen years. She now devotes her time to her family which includes one son who attends a sheltered workshop, another son who is a computer programmer and a daughter who spent many years as an Executive Secretary with Labatt's and two grandchildren, Kristin and Jeffrey.

After her first visit in 1963, she has returned to Iceland many times. She continues to be very active in the ICCT, and is always to be found at our events.

JIM AND IRENE GIBSON

Jim and Irene were born in Winnipeg in 1928 and 1925 respectively. Jim is of Irish and Scottish heritage and Irene is of Icelandic (Helgason) and Scottish (Innes) heritage.

Irene graduated from Daniel McIntyre Collegiate in 1943 and was employed by the Dominion Bank (now the TD) until 1952, when she and Jim married.

Jim graduated from the University of Manitoba in 1951 and worked for Hud-

son Bay Mining and Smelting in Flin Flon, Manitoba. Irene's maternal grandfather came to Canada aged 18 with his widowed mother, Herdis in 1885 and settled at Strond on the west shore of Lake Winnipeg just north of Gimli. Her Maternal Grandmother was Oddfrídur Thorleifsdóttir who came to Canada in 1887. Irene's family lived in Winnipeg and often visited family in the Arnes area.

Jim's parents, James Gibson and Queenie Newsome emigrated from Belfast Ireland in the early 1900s. They married in 1922 and lived in Winnipeg. Jim has one brother, John.

Since 1995 they have been heavily involved in the ICCT; Irene as Treasurer for four years, and Jim as recording secretary for a few years. Together they organized the Kinmount Bus Tour at the INL Convention in Toronto 1999, and again at this year's convention.

Jim and Irene have attended Thorablót each year and often enjoyed having their grandsons assist. In 2002, they attended the INL Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Jim has helped Stella Hansen compile a photo history of the ICCT, while Irene, with Jim's help, has served as Phone Committee head. Irene and Jim have always enthusiastically helped when needed at Club events.

A memorable trip for the couple was a ten-day visit to Iceland in 2005. They availed themselves of four tours and also trips by car to Akureyri and Reykjavik areas with cousin Kent Bjarnson from Fraserwood Manitoba, who now lives in Iceland.

ELLEN SHIRLEY (Sigurdson) GILMORE & JOHN CARYLE GILMORE

Ellen's paternal grandfather Sigurdur Sigurdsson (1859- 1943) and grandmother, Jarngerður Eiríksdóttir (1872- 1951) emigrated from Iceland to Manitoba, Canada in 1891. Ellen's maternal grandparents, Sveinbjorn Vigfusson Holm (1874- 1935) and Bjorg Benediktsdóttir (1881-1910), emigrated from Iceland in 1903. Ellen was born on September at her grandfather Holm's farm Skinandi in the Husavik district, Manitoba. Ellen learned at an early age to be adaptable, resourceful and to enjoy

Honorary Members Continued...



JIM AND IRENE GIBSON, GIGI (GRÍMSDÓTTIR) FRIDRIKSSON and ELLEN SHIRLEY (Sigurdson) GILMORE

being busy. She graduated in 1951 from Registered Nursing Program at Winnipeg General Hospital. She won the Governor-General's Gold Medal for proficiency and was awarded one of the few scholarships available at the time to help her attend University.

Ellen met John while both were attending the University of Manitoba. John was born in Winnipeg on June 23, 1927. He graduated from the University of Manitoba in 1949 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering. Ellen worked in nursing and John at power utility. They raised five children.

Ellen and John are "Amma" and "Papa" to 12 grandchildren who all look forward to eating Amma's vinaterta at Christmas time and 3 have been grateful recipients of ICCT scholarships.

John and Ellen kept several

Icelandic traditions strong within their own family - largely connected to food. The extended family of Icelandic descendents has always been an important part of their life. Regular visits to Gimli, especially when their children were young, were often scheduled at the time of the Íslendingadagurinn. John has always admired the traditions and values of the Icelanders and understood the importance of keeping family ties strong. They first travelled to Iceland with their daughters in 1997 - meeting more of the extended family and finally seeing first-hand the fascinating homelands of Ellen's ancestors.

Ellen and John first got involved in the Icelandic Canadian Club of Toronto as co-treasurers. On a review of old Falkinn newsletters you would find Ellen and John's names in almost every issue since they

joined - assisting in events, contributing financially to projects (both local and national), contributing regularly to the silent auction, and encouraging involvement of children and grandchildren in events. Ellen has always been quick to volunteer - bringing her sunny, humble and positive personality to a variety of events and offices in the Club Executive. Her involvement has included a term as president of the Club from 1999 to 2001 and she currently serves as mailing director. She packaged and sent the newsletter you are reading right now.

John was unable to be present at Thorrablot to appreciate the Club's honour as Alzheimer's Disease is progressing and he has recently moved into Continuing Care. Ellen and their children remain devoted to his care and pray for his comfort.

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**Icelandic
National Day
Picnic
Thursday, June
17
Dufferin
Grove Park
by the campfire
starting at 5:00 pm.**

**WELCOME
TO
Our New
Member!
Jon D. Schafer
Toronto**

"I've been to many conventions in my life, but this one is the best yet ... so many interesting choices, so well organized!"

"Congratulations on a great event! I think the convention went EXTREMELY well - and I have a vague idea of how much effort went into the organizing!"

I thoroughly enjoyed the event, beginning with the Kinmount tour and all the way to the Sunday brunch - Linda Lundstrom is definitely a National Treasure!! My evaluation of the convention is all in superlatives - I can't imagine any way to improve it!! "

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