

# The Scandinavian Scoop

Scandinavian Society of  
Southwestern Idaho

December 2025 Your Family since 1923

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## Scandinavian Society Christmas Party



Date: Saturday evening, **December 13**, 2025

Time: Festivities start at **3:30 p.m.**

Place: Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran; 3100 S Five Mile Rd, Boise (just south of Victory).

### 3:30 Welcome Hour and Kids' Craft Time

An opportunity to visit with old friends and welcome new club members. Warm your spirits with some hot cider or the traditional Scandinavian holiday drink, Glogg. The **Scandi Band** will be playing. **Children Craft Time.** Silent Auction (Bring Christmas or Scandi-Themed Items). Call Maud. Cash or checks only) Auction closes at 6:30.

**4:30 Potluck Dinner** - Scandinavian Society will furnish ham. Those attending are asked to bring another dish and a salad or dessert, and table service. Bring enough for your family plus one. Scandinavian cuisine appreciated. Club will be furnishing coffee. This year, there is kitchen access.



**5:30 Program** – Our ScandiBand and other surprises.

**St Lucia procession.** All girls and boys are invited to be in the procession. We have costumes but feel free to bring your own. We will have traditional dancing around the tree.



**St Nicholas** will, of course, arrive to pass out goodies to the children.

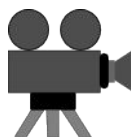
Our Festival is free, yet there are many costs. Our membership fee is low. Please donate extra.

**We need Volunteers to help set up @ 1:30**



**\*\*\*\*NOTE ON DUES** - A dollar or two a month is nothing. Single \$20.00 Family \$30.00. **Many of our regular members are behind in their dues. Perhaps you are!** Your mailing label says to which year you are paid through. If you are receiving this electronically, feel free to call Kirk and ask which year you are paid through. Your small dues pay for rents and incidentals needed to support the Scandinavian Society and to help it grow!!

**We really need your pictures of our activities!**



## Movie Nights

Friday, Dec 5, 7pm

Friday, Jan 2, 7 pm

Friday, Feb 6, 7 pm

Movie Nights are at Kirk Higginson's home, 6900 West Pomona Road, Boise (halfway between Cole Road and Mt. View, on Ustick Road turn south onto Redway, then turn right onto Pomona, house on the corner). Snacks and conversation following movie.



## Ya Sure Ya Betcha Lunch Bunch

Thurs. Dec 11, 1pm Grant's Neighborhood Grill, 1835 W Cherry Ln, Meridian

Thurs, Jan 8, 1pm Life's Kitchen, 8574 W. Fairview Ave., Boise

Thurs, Feb 12, 1pm COTTONWOOD GRILL, 913 W River St, Boise

Thurs, March 12, 1pm Romio's Greek & Italian Restaurant, 8125 W Fairview Ave, Boise

For RSVP, call Brian/Jill Stockham 208-965-2877



## Welcome New Members !!



**Scandinavian Society of Southwestern Idaho** – Check this out for some great submissions!!

Kudos to those members who offer these delights.

**Sunshine Person** - Know someone who needs a get-well card, sympathy card, or "just thinking of you"? Call Connie Bruijn 208-250-3361

Spend some time getting to know each other. Scandinavians are known for their shyness, but also for their loyalty. Make our Society your extended Family.



## Scandinavian (and German) Folk Dancing

**We need a Teacher. We have diagrams, music and training videos.** For Information, call Alan at 208-939-4763.

## 2026 Calendar !! Stay Tuned

Feb, Fastelavn Scandinavian Mardi Gras !!

June, Sun- Midsummer

Sep, Sun- Fall Picnic

## Got an Idea for our Society? Step up and lead it!

**Would you like to join our Steering Committee? Call Us.**

**Bring your talents to our Society.**

**We would love to show you off!!**



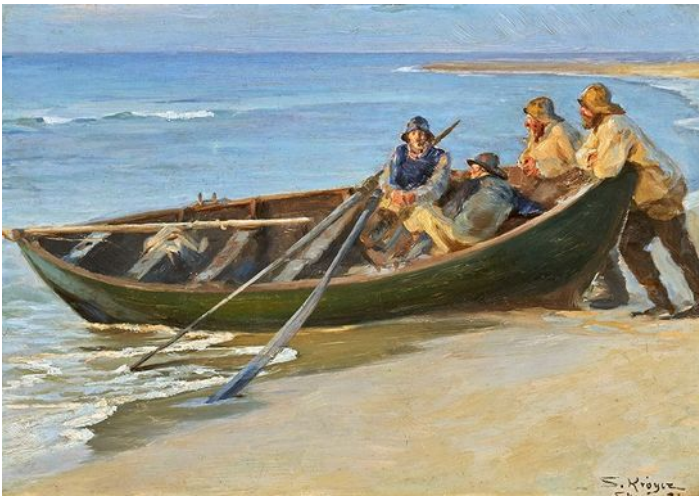
Check out our site on Instagram: scandisocietyswidaho and request to follow. Then post your Scandinavian-themed photos!

**Our Website at <https://yasureubetcha.com>**



**The Skagen Painters** were a group of Scandinavian artists who gathered in the village of Skagen, the northernmost part of Denmark, from the late 1870s until the turn of the century. They mostly broke from the preferred styles of Historicism and Neoclassicism and began to paint combining Impressionism with Realism.





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### Board Members:

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“We say cheers to our Friends, and  
those that we know, and those that  
we don’t know, we say cheers to  
them as well.”-Danish Toast

### Julkappsrim

The Swedes have a tradition of amateur rhymes at Christmas time. Some families still have everyone compose a grötrim, or “porridge rhyme,” that they must recite before the first spoonful of Christmas breakfast. But the most common Christmas rhymes are the Julklappsrim, or “Christmas present rhymes.” A Christmas present in Sweden is called a Julklapp or “Yule knock,” because the gifts used to be delivered by someone who knocked on the door and, sometimes, ran away. (Just who was knocking on the door has changed over time. It used to be goats—well, men in goat suits anyway. Or teenage boys pulling pranks. Now the Jultomten, or “Yule farm elves,” who are better behaved, deliver gifts instead.)

The Julklappsrim are short, rhyming riddles attached to these gifts that must be solved before the gifts are opened. Today, the riddles are usually hints about what each gift is. If it is a clock, for example, an appropriate riddle in English might be: “It runs and runs yet stands in place With its hands before its face.

Sometimes Julklappsrim are used in place of name tags, especially if the gifts are in nested boxes. This means you must solve the riddles in order to find out whose gift is whose.

**Creative Gift-Giving – Example:** Tucked in this box, oh what could it be? Something soft, or perhaps a key? Wrapped in secrets, sealed with cheer, Open it up, the answer's near! **Scenario:** A user is wrapping a scarf as a gift and uses Julklappsrim to compose a hinting poem. The poem teases the softness and warmth of the scarf, making the unwrapping process engaging and festive.

**Enhancing Festive Atmosphere - Example:** Here's a small box, simple and neat, Inside, a treat so sweet. Guess what lies beneath the bow, Unwrap, discover, let your joy show! **Scenario:** During a family Christmas gathering, a user places a gift with Julklappsrim under the tree. The rhyme piques the curiosity of family members, making the gift-opening experience more interactive and joyful.