

SCANDINAVIAN CLUB OF MANAWATU INC.

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***Aim of the Club:** The aim of this Club is to foster the Cultural, Historical and Social events of a Scandinavian nature.*

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Big Day Out Monday January 24th 2011 — Meet at the Scented Garden for the Blind at 11.30am. This Garden is next to the Education Centre which is next to the Begonia House. It is shaded by large cypress trees so should be a pleasant spot for a picnic. It would be best to bring chairs, rugs or whatever you prefer if joining in the picnic. If you prefer Cafe Esplanade is near by so you can get a lunch there. There will be time to wander around or go for a ride on the train through the bush before meeting at the Education Centre at 2pm. A member of the Parks and Reserves Staff will give us a talk about the history of the Victoria Esplanade Gardens. There is an interesting Display area in the Education Centre also. **Ring Anne at 356 2476 if you want more information.**

SCANDINAVIAN FESTIVAL 25 - 27 February 2011

It is barely 2 months to the Festival now so please get your Registrations in promptly, especially for the Banquet and Dancing as the places are limited at the Dannevirke Town Hall. The Governor-General will be opening the Festival on the Friday evening at the Dannevirke Town Hall. Dr. Kay Flavell has put together a "Whispering Roads Trail" from Napier to Wellington and Vice Versa.

The Hallingdal Valley Mountaineers from Norway will be entertaining us, as will other Cultural Groups. Saturday will be a Cultural Market Day in Norsewood with stalls and cultural groups entertaining. We are sure you will enjoy the Saturday night banquet and entertainment. On Sunday there will be a Thanksgiving Service, a Keynote Speaker, and the closing of the Festival. Philippa Peck will be on hand to help find your ancestors buried in the Norsewood Cemetery.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

Annual General Meeting will be on Sunday 1st May at 2pm at MiLife Kelvin Grove. Please, mark this date in your diary. This will be an opportunity to hear how the Festival went and where the next Festival will be.

CHRISTMAS PARTY 27TH DECEMBER, 2010. This was very successful and a great time was had by all. Special thanks go to the Mills Family, Liz Fenn and family, and Evie Schou for their contribution in time to decorate the Hall and look after the kitchen. The children enjoyed their visit from Father Christmas. As usual everyone enjoyed the multi-raftles and there seem to be more and more prizes each year. If you weren't able to come this year we hope you can in 2011.

Our Club Membership grew in 2010 and we hope it will continue to do so. It would be great to see some new faces on the Committee so if you are interested please contact us. It is a great way of getting involved in our community. New members means new ideas - we look forward to this.

Tom Fagan has retired to a Home in Napier. We wish him all the best and thank him for his continuing support of our Club even coming to a Committee Meeting from the Hospital. Tom served as a Secretary in the early days of the Club. I think he's been to all the Gatherings and hopes to come to this Festival also.

Helsinki Airport remains open

Helsinki airport had 188cm (six feet) of snow last winter but the last time it was forced to close because of the weather was in 2003. That closure lasted for half an hour.

This winter planes have been taking off and landing as normal despite an unusually heavy snowfall in December - 65cm (more than two feet).

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Wishing you a happy 2011 and hoping to see you at our Meetings in 2011.

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Anne Odogwu
Newsletter Editor