

POSTURINN UPDATE

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The President of the Icelandic National League, Gail Einarson McCleery, writes to Western Icelanders!

Christmas is coming very fast now and one's thoughts turn to those less fortunate than ourselves.

Since the financial meltdown in Iceland, INL of NA has been collecting money at Christmas each year to support families in Iceland who were affected. This year again, the INL of N.A. office in Gimli will forward any donations you would like to make, to Iceland. In order to reach them in time to distribute help before Christmas, please send your contribution to reach us by Monday, December 6th.

We have already received our first cheque from the Gimli Icelandic Canadian Society for \$200. Cheques should be made out to INL of NA and sent to:

INL of NA
#103 - 94 1st Avenue
Gimli, MB R0C 1B1

Although conditions in Iceland are improving, there is still need for those who are suffering financial difficulties to be supported. Lineups for food and clothing are very long. There is much discussion in Iceland about those things and how society can provide security for the poorest people so they can live a decent life. The government is continuing to monitor the situation, but the hope is that this will be the last time it will be necessary to reach out in this way.

One indication of the situation came on November 11th, when 'Iceland Review' reported:
'According to the conclusions of a task force of specialists, approximately 10,700 households in Iceland face problems due to mortgages.'

We will again be supporting Mæðrastyrksnefnd (Mothers' Support Committee) which is located in Reykjavik, where the majority of the population lives. This organization has been helping those struggling to make ends meet since 1928 and continues to do so today, by distributing food, clothing and small items. The aid is no longer only to single mothers and their children, the men have now been added, both single and those with custody of children, and disabled people, older people and foreigners of several nationalities. The Christmas allocation is a standard part of operations and in the last year, has been done in co-operation with church aid, national aid and the Red Cross.

Thank you for giving this your consideration.

Gail Einarson-McCleery
President, Icelandic National League of North America

Donations can be sent to Icelandic National League of North America, at the address above; or, to the Icelandic American Association for collection. All money collected will go directly into the Icelandic National League fund for Iceland.

In Minnesota, mail donations to:

Douglas Rutford, Treasurer
Icelandic American Association of Minnesota
5085 Morehead Avenue
White Bear Lake, MN 55110-2653

The Icelandic National League Calendar 2011

Now available! This year it is Icelandic Foods. Each Calendar is \$10.00 plus postage if mailed.

Reservations for purchase can be sent to IcelandMN@gmail.com

Check this calendar at <http://www.inlofna.org/Calendar.html>



Be sure to "SAVE THE DATES!"

Watch for the POSTURINN later this month! There will be additional information and detail.

Greetings!

November 19th, 6:30 pm: The Annual Meeting has been scheduled, Thank you Stony! It will be Friday, November 19th at the Knights of Columbus in Bloomington, 1114 American Boulevard West, just off Hwys 35W and 494 exiting at Lyndale, going South, to American Boulevard, go West, or turn right on American Boulevard. It is on the right. Invitations go to members this week.

Due to the meeting on Friday, the Executive Board decided to request cancelling the Thursday meeting. The Executive Board will probably meet next week in preparation of the Annual meeting.

Icelandic Hekla Club Meeting, November 20, 2010, 10:30 am Watch for additional information!

Scandinavian American Breakfast, Tuesday, November 23, 7:00 AM: Stony is selling tickets! It is an event not to be missed! Call Stony 952-881-3326 for tickets! or email: sicelander@aol.com

December 2nd, 5:30 pm, will be the showing of the movie "The Turf Cottage" at the Bell Museum. A professor at the art department did her PhD on Folger Bjarnason and the Immigration Department is excited as well. With the three pronged support, Bell Museum will not charge for the facility. This opens the door to the IAAMN to these departments. They have asked if we would sponsor a short reception after the movie. It has been suggested that some may want to gather for dinner after the reception.

December 12th, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm Sunday: Jolabarnaball at the Swedish Institute.

December 19th, 4:00 pm, Sunday: Icelandic Christmas Service at Luther Seminary.

Minnesota Icelanders/Vopnafjordur Project

This year a new program has begun with the Minnesota Icelanders reaching out to Vopnafjordur, Iceland. Steve and Rosemary Guttormsson and Cathy Josephson are working on this program. The first project is increasing the number of books in the Vopnafjordur School Library so that students, grades 1 through 8, have an opportunity to read books in English and improve their reading, thinking, and

speaking skills in the English language. There may even be a parent wanting to read these books and improve their skills. At the Jolabarnaball, there will be a collection of "Slightly Used" or "New" PAPERBACK books that children would enjoy. The Project will see that the books are delivered to Vopnafjordur.

SOMETHING NEW!!!

FACEBOOK !

Look for the Icelandic Organizations:

Icelandic American Association of Minnesota

Icelandic Hekla Club

Icelandic National League of North America