

# Norðurljós celebrates Christmas in style

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EDMONTON, AB — The annual Norðurljós Icelandic Canadian Club Christmas party was a huge success. It was very well attended and included a variety of crafts and activities.

The piñata was great fun and the youngsters all took turns taking a whack at it with a stick until it burst open and spilled out a large assortment of treats. The balloon artist was a big hit and very talented. She made viking helmets and swords that were popular with the *litlir vikingar* in our midst. They burned off energy chasing each other around the hall.

The Christmas music was great. The food was delicious and there was plenty of it, including some Icelandic essentials. Ninna Campbell, June Parker and Stephanie Jonsson led several participants in singing some Icelandic songs which everyone enjoyed.

Of course, a white-bearded special guest showed up with treats to hand out to all the adoring, and in some cases bewildered, little people.

It was nice to see one of our young members handle the duties of master of ceremonies. Thank you to Alexandra Nieuwenhuys-Sigvaldason for a job well done. Alexandra always attends our events and we have all enjoyed watching her grow up. She tells us that she wants to be a Snorri participant someday and perhaps go to school in Iceland for awhile to learn Icelandic.

It was wonderful to see a mix of young and old enjoying each other's company. It was great to see our former Honorary Consul, 90-year-old Al Arnason, show up in a sprightly manner and visit with everyone.

A big thank-you goes out to all who helped organize the event and of course we extend our sincere appreciation to the ladies in the kitchen and those who organized the bake sale. Our events simply wouldn't be the success they are without their help and the support and dedication of all the volunteers.



The entertainer's balloon swords were a big hit with the young vikings.



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Above: Rob and Taylore Bjornsson and infant son. Top: the Rennie family enjoys the party.



Ninna Campbell (right of centre) leads a group in singing Icelandic songs.