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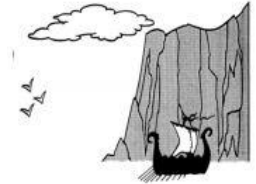
Nordkap Lodge 5-378 - Sons of Norway

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NORDKAP CALENDAR

**April 28 – Lodge meeting,
4 p.m., the Swedish Club**

**May 18 – Norwegian Constitution Day,
11 a.m.- 3 p.m., the Swedish Club**

**June 1—Garage Sale for scholarships,
9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Berkley**

**June 23– Midsummer,
6 p.m., the Swedish Club**

**Sept. 8 – Steak & Corn Roast,
1 p.m., the Swedish Club**

**Sept. 14 – 90th Anniversary
Dinner Cruise on M.V. Portofino,
Wyandotte**

**Oct. 27 – Lodge Meeting,
4 p.m., the Swedish Club**

**Nov. 9 – Scandinavian Market ,
10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Finnish Center**

**Nov. 24 – Lodge Meeting,
4 p.m., the Swedish Club**

**Dec. 15 – Christmas Party, 2 p.m.,
Fox Hills, Plymouth**

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Enjoy Pasties & Hear about Easter in Norway

Nordkap's April 28 meeting will feature a delicious meal and a firsthand account of how Easter is celebrated in Norway.

Tromsø native **Merete Stenersen-Eelnurme** (in studio photo on the right) will share her recollections of a Norwegian Easter and explain why this holiday is so special in Norway.

But first, we will sit down to piping-hot pasties—the beef pies developed in Cornwall, England, that Finnish miners introduced in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. We will also vote on the nomination of **Erik Duus** to serve as Nordkap vice president.

Social time begins at 4 p.m. at the Swedish Club at 22398 Ruth St. in Farmington Hills, with dinner following at 4:30.



Bob Giles Photo

Beef pasties, usually served with gravy or ketchup.

SUNSHINE UPDATES



Marge Sorensen's grandson Peter Sorensen displayed his considerable talents as a pianist when he played the 3rd Movement of Friedrich Kahlua's Sonatina Op20, No.1 at New York's Carnegie Hall. Peter, just 5 at the time, got there by practice, practice, practice (even though he says he hates it). He's seen here in a shot from the video he submitted to apply. (Sorensen family photo)

Best wishes for improved health to **Elsa Jorgenson** (carpal tunnel surgery), **Ed Radwan** (following a bout with pneumonia in March), and **Sonja "Sunny" Gronstad** (still recovering from surgery to correct a deformity of the chest wall.)



GRATULERER MED DAGEN!

April Birthdays:

Catie Hart, Laura Howe, Duane Kirking, Annette Lundberg, Clarence "Doc" Myrold, Constance Pike, Emma Elizabeth Skidmore, Riley Kate Skidmore, Ian Sorensen, Wade Tornquist

May Birthdays:

Arne Borgnes, Sarah Duffy, Charlotte Duus, Myrtle Ebert, Olive Engman, Joseph Hart, Norman Kirsch, Kathleen Hanlon-Lundberg, Zachary Marko, Ralph Pedersen, Gail Ritchie, Laura Roed, Susan Schotts, Patricia Smith, Jennifer Vingsness

In Memoriam

(Photos supplied by the families)

We sadly report the passing of our esteemed member **Finn Roed** at 81, following hospitalization for a heart attack and stroke.

Finn was born in Sandefjord and grew up in Nazi-occupied Norway. His father, an engineer on a whaling expedition, had had his ship re-routed to the U.S. when Hitler invaded Norway. Finn's father subsequently served the remainder of the war in the merchant marine. To survive the Nazi occupation with limited resources, Finn and his mother dug up their yard to plant vegetables and fruit trees.

After the war, the family came to Detroit, where Finn attended Americanization classes and graduated from Detroit's Chadsey High School. He went on to graduate from the University of Michigan and earned master's degrees from both U. of M. and Michigan State University. He became a teacher at Waterford Schools and taught for 35 years at junior high, high school, and an alternative school.

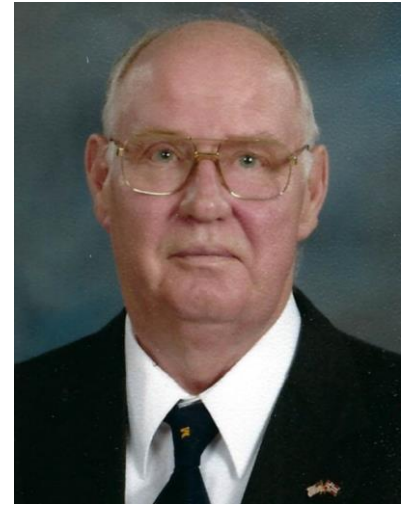
Finn and Georgia, his wife of 55 years, have been active members and supporters of Nordkap Lodge for more than two decades. Finn loved to study and write, frequently contributing articles to Norwegian-American newspapers. He was an indefatigable source of ideas for our lodge and enjoyed translating writings from Norwegian to English, including the King of Norway's New-Year's speech, which Finn shared each year with Nordkap members.

Besides Georgia, Finn is survived by a son Spencer, his daughter Heidi, and two grandchildren.

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Sincere condolences are also in order for the Gronstad family upon the death of **Harvey Shirk, 80, Lori Gronstad's father and Geir Gronstad's father-in-law**, in Pennsylvania.

We were also saddened by the death of retired teacher **Rita Bergsrud, 81, wife of Gilbert Bergsrud**. Gil served for many years as Nordkap's zone director from the Sons of Norway 5th District.



Nordkap Celebrates Norwegian Constitution Day on May 18th

Norway's **biggest holiday** will be celebrated by your Nordkap Lodge this year on Saturday, May 18. The holiday recognizes the signing of the constitution in 1814 establishing Norway as an independent sovereign state.

As they do in Norway, we will fly the Norwegian flag, sing the Norwegian national anthem, turn out in “bunads”—Norway’s national dress—and enjoy Scandinavian music, picnic foods, and desserts. Bring your kids, grandkids, noisemakers, and Norwegian flags for the parade around the beautiful Swedish Club grounds. For lunch, there will be pølse (hot dogs), Norwegian waffles, soft drinks, and other treats available for purchase.



Please consider bringing a favorite Norwegian dessert to share at the coffee and dessert buffet. You can also shop at our general store stocked with imported cheeses, lefse, herring, candy, books, and Norwegian flags for the parade.

Nordkap's own Cod Toss Tournament will again challenge contestants to throw frozen fish for distance.

Winners will take home prizes--all with a “fishy” theme (see some of the prizes below). There will also be special games and activities for the children.

Events begin at 11 a.m. at the Swedish Club, 22398 Ruth Street in Farmington Hills, and continue until 3 p.m.

Here's the timeline:

- 11 a.m.: Swedish Club opens with Norwegian food imports and gift items for sale
- 11:30 a.m.: Parade begins
- 11:45 a.m.: Greetings from Norway's honorary consul to Michigan, Dennis Flessland
- 12:15 p.m.: Picnic-style foods and Norwegian waffles available for purchase
- 12:45 p.m.: Games for boys and girls, plus the Cod Toss Tournament for kids and adults
- 1:45 p.m.: Norwegian dessert buffet opens
- 3 p.m.: Event concludes



Nordkap Community Service Project –Garage Sale for Scholarships

A Joint Garage Sale will be held on Saturday, June 1, in Berkley. Money raised will go towards our Nordkap Scholarship Fund.

The sale will be held in Berkley's St. John Woods, as part of the subdivision's popular and well-attended annual garage sale. Carmen Collins and Mary Morehead will be in charge of collecting items and selling them.

Items that sell well are: Baby and toddler clothes, baby furniture, strollers, small home appliances, Christmas decorations, games, toys, bikes, small furniture, etc. We will not be accepting adult clothing, because it does not sell. Please keep in mind that all items have to be clean and in working order.

Carmen and Mary will price the items. After the sale, all leftover items will be given to charity.

Items can be dropped off at Nordkap's April 28th meeting and/or the lodge's Syttende Mai celebration on May 18th, both at the Swedish Club. However, if you have a lot of big items or a carload of items, you can make arrangements to drop them off at Mary's house in Berkley.

We are looking for students, who need community service hours, to help out the day of the sale. For any questions, contact Carmen Collins (248) 528-1147 OR Mary Morehead (248) 229-9332.

Norwegian Baking Class Produces Delicious Cakes--and Fun

Another successful baking class was held on Saturday, March 23, at Mary Morehead's house.

Under Mary's instructions, four students each made their own six-inch bløtkake (Norwegian Cream Cake) and were very creative in decorating their cakes.

Mary reports that everyone enjoyed each other's company and had loads of fun. Pictured, left to right: **Laura Goretski, Derrick Hendricks, Mary Morehead, Carol Jehle, and Sue Schotts** (photo by Mary Morehead).



Nordkap News Roundup:

Bowling Fundraiser Produces \$615 for Nordkap Scholarship Fund

Some 33 bowlers and 10 cheerleaders turned out at Ferndale's Luxury Lanes in March to enjoy an afternoon of bowling, eating pizza, and contributing \$615 for Nordkap scholarships—including donations from those who couldn't attend. The top men's bowler was Mary Morehead's nephew **Mike Kemp** from Windsor, Ontario, with a score of 483 for three frames of bowling. The top women's competitor was Ernie Halvorson's daughter **Sandy Hoppe** with her score of 331 for three frames.

There were laughs and high-fives in all 8 lanes of Nordkap bowlers, but probably no one had more fun than our youthful bumper-lane bowlers, **Eli and Luke Savage**, below left.



Swedes and Norwegians Give 'Thumbs Up' for Movie Night

O' Horten, the droll Norwegian film about a retired train engineer, brought 31 people to the Swedish Club for Nordkap's second Movie Night. The movie audience included not only members from Nordkap but also from Samhold Lodge in Auburn Hills and from the Swedish Club, itself. **Dennis Flessland** provided the projector and film, which won "thumbs up" from our movie-goers (see below). Soft drinks, water, and coffee were served; **Mary Morehead** provided theater-style popcorn; and many guests brought other goodies, including Norwegian waffles, Norwegian cheese, and crackers.



Hardanger Fiddler Entertains at District Dinner

Sons of Norway members from Zone 6 of the 5th District enjoyed a demonstration of the Hardanger fiddle at a dinner in Allen Park on April 5. **Robin Fossum**, who's performed professionally throughout the U.S. and Norway, played both her rare violin and the Norwegian Hardanger fiddle, explaining the differences between them (see photo at right).



The dinner was hosted by the 5th District to update its Zone 6 lodges on District business and initiatives, such as **Masse Moro**, its youth heritage camp in Wisconsin. Masse Moro is hoping to enroll 60 boys and girls, aged 9 to 15, for its two-week camp this summer. Applications are available at <https://www.massemoro.org>.



Altogether five lodges from Michigan and Indiana took part in the evening's events, including 13 members from Nordkap Lodge, shown at the left. Lt. to rt., front: **Marge Sorensen, Haley Vingsness, Louise Giles**; 2nd row: **Mary Morehead, Georgia Roed, Connie Hart, Carol Jehle**; back row: **Bob Giles, Karin Arneson, Dennis Flessland, and Carmen Collins**. (Not pictured are **Norm and Judy Kirsch**.)

February Brings Warm Soup Cook-Off and More Exposure to Our 'Roots'

Five contestants (see below, lt. to rt., **Nancy Radwan, Sue Schotts, Bob Giles, Mary Morehead, and Haley Vingsness**) vied for Soup Champion honors in February as members voted for the best of the steaming bowls. The award went to **Bob Giles** with his delicious Yellow Pea and Ham Soup, made with Honey Baked Ham. Runner-up was **Nancy Radwan** with a scrumptious Ham and Vegetable Soup. Following a filling meal of soup, bread, and cole slaw, we saw an enlightening genealogy presentation by **Carmen Collins** (below left) about the complexities of Norwegian names. See her PowerPoint slides on the front page of our website at

<http://www.detroitnorwegians.com/>.



Nordkap Scholarship Applications Are Due June 30!

Memorial and Other Contributions to the Scholarship Fund Are Appreciated

Each year, Nordkap awards multiple scholarships to qualified students seeking to further their education after high school. Our Nordkap Scholarship Fund is supported by fundraising activities, such as our bowling tournament and the upcoming garage sale; by donations from members; and by memorial gifts in honor of departed family members or friends.

The family of our late member Finn Roed recently asked that memorial contributions from friends and family go to the Nordkap Scholarship Fund. Our sincere thanks to the Roed family!

In turn, our lodge donated \$150 to the fund in memory of Finn and our other late member, Ernie Halvorson.

Meanwhile, scholarship applications, due **June 30**, are available at

<http://www.detroitnorwegians.com/scholarship.html> or by contacting Scholarship Chair Natalie Vaal at nordkap.scholarships@gmail.com. Applicants must:

- Be a lodge member or child/grandchild of a member for minimum 1 year prior to scholarship submission
- Be 17-23 years of age
- Be working towards a bachelor's or associate's degree from an accredited educational institution
- Be in good standing at school, with a Grade Point Average of 2.0 or better

Norwegian Language Classes Resume

After a short Easter break, Nordkap's Norwegian language classes will resume on April 24th. at the Swedish Club at 22398 Ruth Street in Farmington Hills.

Classes are scheduled for Wednesday evenings from 7 to 8:30 p.m. for eight weeks, ending on June 12. The cost for the series with teacher Merete Stenersen-Eelnurme is just \$80, payable at the first class.

Photo at right: In the last language class, teams created skits to present in Norwegian. Here, lt. to rt., Mark Eelnurme, Carmen Collins, and Harald Ehrenfeld act out their humorous tale of new Norwegian potato farmers.



Answer to back page puzzler: The handsome troll on our back cover was created in the Royal Oak yard of **Tove and Preston Bruning**. The wood carving was commissioned by Tove and Preston to be made from the stump of their dying ash tree by chainsaw artist Steph Collin of Rochester.

We Sail in Five Months for Nordkap's 90th Anniversary Party!

Excitement is building for the exclusive river cruise we're planning for Nordkap's 90th anniversary.

The three-hour dinner cruise on the Detroit River takes place the evening of Saturday, September 14, from 6 to 9 p.m. on the MV Portofino, the luxurious 130-passenger ship that runs from its home base at Portofino restaurant in Wyandotte.



Our planners of this event recently received encouraging news from the Sons

of Norway Foundation with the announcement it was awarding us a \$900 grant in response to our application. The Foundation's grant will be used to support the cultural and heritage aspects of the river cruise—including efforts to try to recruit new members.

If you have not yet reserved places for you and your family on this cruise, there is still time to do so. Our 90th anniversary committee will be reaching out with important details soon, but you will need to react quickly. Once the initial period for members to buy places has passed, we will be offering prospective new members a chance to come along.

Nordkap Members' Stamps Help Children in Norway

At the recent Sons of Norway District 5 dinner, Carol Jehle turned in four one-pound bags of used postage stamps donated by Nordkap members to be sent to the Tubfrim charity in Norway. The stamps will be sold, with the proceeds going to help children and youth with disabilities and special needs.

Sons of Norway has been involved with Tubfrim since 1986 and is the major contributor of stamps from any group outside of Norway. Carol is Nordkap's Tubfrim stamps coordinator.

While helping children is a great motivation for Sons of Norway members to participate, there is also a special monetary incentive. For every pound of stamps contributed, each Sons of Norway lodge receives a postcard entered into a drawing for a ticket to Norway, worth up to \$1,000. The drawing is held at the beginning of the year for the previous year.

The winning lodge for stamps collected in 2018 was Trollheim 1-511 in St. Cloud, MN.

Trollheim's card was drawn from among 876 cards. That means that Sons of Norway sent at least 876 pounds or approximately 1,314,000 stamps to Tubfrim in 2018, with 73 lodges participating in the program.



***Carol Jehle with stamps
(Mary Morehead photo)***

A Letter from President Haley Vingsness

One of my greatest joys of being a Sons of Norway member is learning how to speak Norwegian. We are incredibly lucky to have native speaker Merete Stenersen-Eelnurme teaching our class, and all of our wonderful lodge members to practice with.

I've been on this journey for 5 years, and it's been slow progress. Learning a foreign language as an adult is difficult. If I had started as a child I would know how to roll my R's by now. None of us can go back in time. But if you want to give a head start to your children, grandchildren, or young friends, the Sons of Norway 5th District has a summer camp for them!

Masse Moro is a 2-week summer sleep-away camp for kids age 9-15. The camp is run by Sons of Norway District 5. It's in Fall Creek WI, near Eau Claire (about a 9 hour drive). Campers learn Norwegian vocabulary and songs, traditional folk arts, and Viking sports. The 2-week camp costs \$800, and scholarships are available. There are also job opportunities for young adults as camp counselors and activities instructors. Find out more at www.massemoro.org or call director Sandy Olson at (651) 208-3333.

I loved sleep-away camp as a kid. It was always the highlight of my summer. What great memories I made! And what better way to introduce your family to Norway?

**Med vennlig hilsen (with best regards),
Haley Vingsness**

Your Benefits as a Member of Nordkap & Sons of Norway

If you've ever wondered what you get for the dues you pay to join our lodge and Sons of Norway, please consider this. **Your membership allows you to:**

- Attend lodge meetings with Norwegian food and cultural presentations
- Enroll in weekly language classes and special events, like Mary's baking class and the river cruise
- Participate in holidays like Syttende Mai, parades, fairs, and the Scandinavian Market
- Go to special outings, like bowling and Detroit Tigers games
- Qualify your kids or grandkids to apply for scholarships from Nordkap, District 5 of the Sons of Norway, and the International Sons of Norway--there's even an adult scholarship available from Sons of Norway International
- Receive this *Nordkapen* newsletter by e-mail or print seven times a year
- Receive the award-winning *Viking* magazine 12 times a year from Sons of Norway (see the cover of this month's issue at right)
- Network with Scandinavians in the area
- Attend district conventions
- Enroll your kids or grandkids in Norwegian heritage camps
- Earn 'merit badges' for cultural skills such as cooking, hardanger embroidery, rosemaling, woodcarving, genealogy research, and knitting
- Receive other benefits such as financial products and services, online access to cultural resources like Norwegian recipes, and discounts on products and services such as travel



***Here's a Puzzler:
Where Was This?***

This impressive troll turned up recently in a local setting. Do you know where this was and who was behind it?

Look inside this newsletter for the answer!



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