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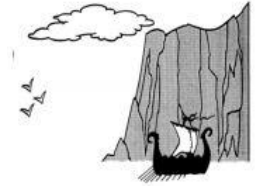
Nordkap Lodge 5-378 - Sons of Norway

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## 2017 NORDKAP EVENTS

January 29 -- Lodge meeting, 4 p.m.  
at the Swedish Club

February 26 – Lodge meeting, 4 p.m.  
at the Swedish Club

March – Bowling for 5th District  
Scholarship (date and time TBD)

April 23 – Lodge meeting, 4 p.m. at  
the Swedish Club

May 13 – Norwegian Constitution  
Day, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Swedish  
Club

June 23 – St. Hans Eve/Midsummer  
celebration, 6 p.m. at Farmington  
Hills Heritage Park

July 15 -- Farmington Founders  
Festival Parade, 9 a.m. in  
Farmington

September 10 – Steak and Corn  
Roast benefit, 1 p.m. at the Swedish  
Club

October 22 – Lodge meeting, 4 p.m.  
at the Swedish Club

November 11 – Scandinavian bazaar,  
10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Finnish  
Center

November 19 – Lodge meeting, 4  
p.m. at the Swedish Club

December 10– Christmas party, 2  
p.m. at Western Golf and Country  
Club, Redford

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## JANUARY MEETING TO FEATURE ROYAL FAMILY

Please note that the  
regular Nordkap  
meeting in January has  
been set for the 5th  
Sunday of the month,  
or January 29, rather  
than the regular 4th  
Sunday.



*--photos from Royal House of Norway*

The gathering is an important one for our lodge, as our new slate of officers for 2017 will be installed. Among the new officers this year is Cultural Director Carmen Collins who will make a presentation about King Harald and Queen Sonja of Norway.

The King and Queen celebrated 25 years as Norway's Royal Couple last year and will both be celebrating their 80th birthdays this year. Carmen will be drawing on a recent speech made by the King that attracted much attention in the European media for its discussion of diversity. She will also be drawing from the King's New Year Speech for 2017 and the excellent English translation by Nordkap member Finn Roed.

The meeting at the Swedish Club at 22398 Ruth St, Farmington Hills, will begin with our usual social time at 4 p.m. followed by dinner at 4:30. The meal offered on that January afternoon will be crusty bread and a "hot soup bar" consisting of a Potato Soup and Yellow Pea and Ham Soup promised by members. But there's always room for more.  
**Please consider preparing your favorite soup to share.**



## SUNSHINE UPDATES

Best wishes to Mary Morehead following her recent knee replacement surgery.

We sadly note the passing of Nancy Jean Lind Stolarsky, sister of Louise Giles, and the passing of Richard Giles, nephew of Bob Giles.

## GRATULERER MED DAGEN!

### January Birthdays:

Peter Blom, Lillian Bryant, Nina Bryhn, Veda Bryhn, Erik Duus, Cecilia Lundberg, Timothy Nilsen, Deborah Simms, Annelisa Sturgeon

### 2017 Officers

**President:** Louise Giles

**Treasurer:** Marge Sorensen

**Secretary:** Mary Morehead

#### **Financial &**

**Membership Secretary:**

Carol Jehle

**Editor:** Bob Giles

**Foundation Director:**

Natalie Flessland Vaal

**Cultural Director:**

Carmen Collins

**Youth Director:**

Heather Vingsness

**Sports and Recreation Director:**

Merete Stenersen-Eelnurme

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## CHILI COOK-OFF SET FOR FEBRUARY

Got a great chili recipe that never fails to please? Please share that best chili with fellow Nordkap members in our Chili Cook-off set for Sunday, February 26.

We will be participating in Sons of Norway District 5's First Annual Chili Cook-off at our regular February meeting. Each lodge in the District will judge the chili prepared by members and decide on a winner. Winners from each lodge will have their names posted on the District 5 Website, a blue ribbon, a certificate, and "bragging rights" for the year.

The hot chili at the meeting will be accompanied by "heavy water"—a presentation about the water crucial for making a nuclear weapon during World War II and how Norway prevented the Nazis from using it.



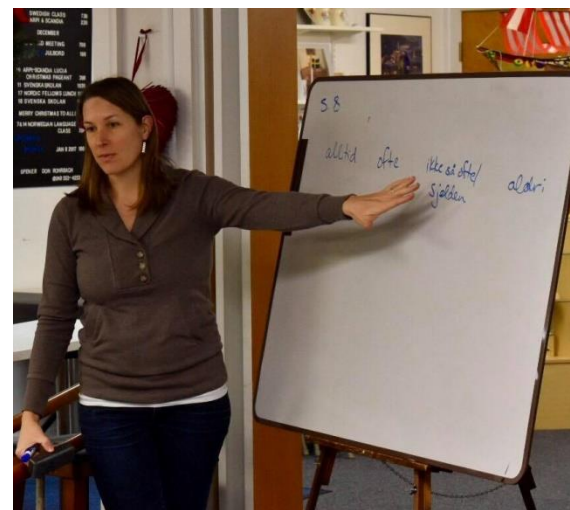
--Photo from Betty Crocker website

Come for the social time at 4 p.m. on Feb. 26 at the Swedish Club at 22398 Ruth St, Farmington Hills, followed by good chili at 4:30 p.m. An initiation ceremony will be offered for new members, followed by the heavy-water discussion.

## NORWEGIAN CLASSES KEEP COMING!

Nordkap's series of Norwegian language classes returns for another term in January.

Following the 4-week "refresher" course offered at the end of last year, teacher Adrienne Shepard was set at press time to launch another 8-weeks of classes at 7 p.m. on Wednesday nights beginning January 11 at the Swedish Club. The course of classes is designed to advance from where the previous classes left off and so should not be viewed as a class for beginners.



*Adrienne Shepard*

-- photo by Merete Stenersen-Eelnurme

Tuition for the 8 classes is \$80, payable at the second class.

## **PRESIDENT'S COLUMN**

As we embark on this new year of 2017 with prayers for peace and improved conditions in our world, we also enter what I believe will be a new era of leadership in our lodge.

We will be installing Nordkap's officers for 2017 at our January meeting, and as we do, we'll be adding four bright new faces to our strong team of continuing leaders. Those officers who have served us for the past several years have been the bedrock of our lodge and the source of our many successful activities. But now they will catch a breath of fresh air as new faces join the leadership team and bring with them new ideas and new energy.

We are already seeing the positive results of this change. Our soon-be-installed lodge Secretary, Mary Morehead, attended her first Board meeting and wrote up the minutes that very night --even though she was scheduled for knee replacement surgery the next morning. Our soon-to-be-Cultural Director Carmen Collins gladly took on the challenge of preparing a cultural program for her first meeting as an officer. I have read her comprehensive presentation for January's meeting on Norway's King Harald and his family. It's a fascinating examination of the hidden depths and discerning intelligence of a very human man with an awesome responsibility.

Joining Mary and Carmen as the "newbies" on our officer team will be Heather Vingsness as Youth Director--a great spot for this terrific schoolteacher--and Merete Stenersen-Eelnurme as Sports and Recreation Director, a role for which this running and outdoors enthusiast seems particularly well-suited.

So I'm enthusiastic about what our lodge can accomplish in the coming year--but can't let 2016 pass without noting several outstanding events just completed.

- **The Scandinavian Bazaar** at the Finnish Center in November saw a strong contingent of Nordkap volunteers come out to cook and serve several hundred meatball dinners and Norwegian waffles. Another loyal group staffed our imports table and "made people's days" by selling them hard-to-find imported Norwegian cheeses, herring, lefse, chocolate and other delectables. These volunteers were joined by new member Harald Ehrenfeld, selling his one-of-a-kind fish lure sculptures, delighting those seeking a special gift for the sports person in their lives.
- **At our regular meeting in November**, Dennis Flessland served up a delicious meatball dinner. Later Geir Gronstad made us laugh as he led the dancing-around-the-tree ritual we would observe at the Christmas party in December.
- **Geir's lesson paid off in December**, when we had two circles of merrymakers moving in opposite directions around the Christmas tree at the Western Golf and Country Club. See Bob Giles' video of the event at <https://youtu.be/wRHFKNKHLpI>
- Finally, our **silent auction** of Norwegian and other items brought joy to many and raised funds for our scholarship fund. Many thanks to the donors of items and the buyers!

Med vennlig hilsen og godt nytt år! (With best regards and Happy New Year!)

Louise Giles

## NORDKAP SCHOLARSHIP FUND GROWS...BUT STILL NEEDS YOUR HELP

Our annual silent auction created a lot of excitement and fun at the Christmas party, but it also generated a welcome influx of new funds for the Nordkap Scholarship Fund. All proceeds from the auction each year are deposited in our scholarship fund, and this year the auction total came to \$1,311, including cash donations from Norm and Judy Kirsch, Marge Sorensen, and Karen and Lynn Herche.

The fund also benefits from donations made in memory of departed loved ones. It recently received \$320 contributed by the friends and family of Gladys Baldwin-Brinson and an additional \$150 donated by Nordkap Lodge in honor of departed lodge members, Gladys Baldwin-Brinson and Ronald Greenough.

The total fund now stands at \$2,163.50—a goodly sum, but still short of the \$3,000 it paid out last year in scholarships to three worthy college-bound students. Please keep the Nordkap Scholarship Fund in mind for your charitable giving.



**Commemorative plates and Julebrød were hot items on the Christmas silent auction tables.**

## SUPPORT NORTH AMERICA'S ONLY NORWEGIAN NEWSPAPER

Did you know that North America has only one Norwegian newspaper? It's *The Norwegian American* printed out of Shoreline, Washington, in English. This paper is the continuation of the over 500 Norwegian newspapers that once existed in America, including the *Western Viking* of Seattle and *Norway Times* of New York. It has been published continuously since 1889.

*The Norwegian American* is a good source of a variety of news about Norway and is available both online and in printed editions.

Nordkap member Finn Roed is an occasional writer for the paper and recommends it to us. Finn cautions that, without support, this last Norwegian paper in North America might not survive.

You can support it—and read its interesting editions published every other Friday—by signing up for a one-year print subscription (including a free digital subscription) for \$70 or a one-year digital-only subscription for \$30.



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## IN LOVING MEMORY

Nordkap Lodge sadly notes these passings:

**Gladys Baldwin-Brinson**, 98, died November 15, 2016, at home in Dexter, Michigan. She had been an active Nordkap member since September 1996. Gladys taught decades of students in Home Economics and Physical Education in Lincoln Park where she lived for sixty years. Her interests included pottery, wood carving, scrapbooking, Sons of Norway, and gardening.

In recent years, she and her daughters, Nordkap members Carol Jehle and Susan Schotts, created the paper witches burned at our Midsummer event.

Several years ago, she and her husband Carl Brinson presented a fascinating program at a Nordkap meeting about the wooden figure carvings they made.

Besides her daughters, Gladys is survived by Susan's husband Dale Schotts; three grandchildren: Jerry (Dawn) Jehle, Michael (Laura) Jehle, and Kristen (Ben Harris) Schotts; and five great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by husbands Wilmar Baldwin and Carl Brinson and by her son, Gerald.

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**Ronald E. Greenough**, of Southgate died of a heart attack on April 22 at age 57. He had been a member of Nordkap Lodge since September 1987. He is survived by husband John Metcalf, a son, daughter, and two grandchildren.

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**Shirley M. Torgerson**, mother of Nordkap members Sheryl Dalton and Stacy Torgerson, died December 12 at 75. She was the mother of three other daughters, Susan Torgerson, Sandra Bliss, and Sarah Stalmack, and grandmother of four grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Shirley was predeceased by her husband and former Nordkap member Claire "Torgy" Torgerson and by her son, Glenn.

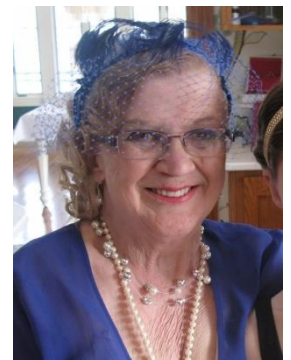
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**Harland A. Anderson**, former president of the Sons of Norway 5<sup>th</sup> District, died at his home in Appleton, Wisconsin, on November 26 after a brave battle with cancer. Harland, 86, served Sons of Norway over many years, staying active on the district Board and committees. He was a guest speaker at Nordkap's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration in Livonia in 2004.

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Member Elsa Jorgensen notes the recent passing of her aunt, **Astrid "Ozzie"**

**Jorgensen Shortt**, former member of Sons of Norway and sister of member Hans Jorgensen.



--Photos from funeral home obituaries

## **A LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITY JUST FOR YOU!**

Are you looking to become further engaged with our Sons of Norway lodge and add your ideas and vision to its direction? This may be the perfect opportunity for you!

Nordkap experienced an unexpected opening in our officer ranks this month when Elsa Jorgensen submitted her resignation as lodge vice president. Elsa has been vice president for two years. She was re-elected for another term in 2017, but other commitments and personal concerns led her to resign.

Nordkap's vice president is charged with growing and retaining lodge membership and filling in for the president, when called upon to do so. He or she attends meetings of the Board of Directors every two or three months and, with the other officers, helps ensure all lodge events are carried out successfully.

We appreciate Elsa's contributions as an officer and are glad she will remain a lodge member, but now we need to fill the vice president's position.

If you would like a chance to exercise your leadership as vice president, please let one of our officers know of your desire to serve. You will be glad you did--and your efforts will be greatly appreciated by the Board and all our members.



***Nordkap Board meets in January (l. to r.): Bob Giles, Carol Jehle, Dennis Flessland, Mary Morehead, Carmen Collins, Louise Giles, and Marge Sorensen. (Not pictured: Geir Gronstad, Heather Vingsness, Merete Stenersen-Eelnurme, Natalie Vaal)***

## **ASK BOB ANYTHING!**

**(An occasional Nordkaper feature in which YOU can ask the Editor ANYTHING!)**

**Q:** Hey Bob, I'm guess that you spend a whole day printing, folding, addressing, stamping and then delivering the black and white print edition of the newsletter to the shut-ins. True?

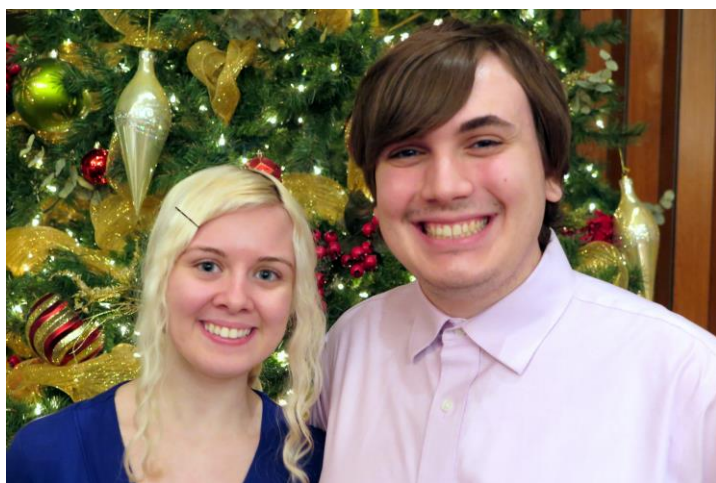
**–Always Curious.**

**A:** Dear Curious: It actually takes three people several days to produce this newsletter, starting with my wife Louise who oversees the writing, fact-checking, copy-editing, and editorial decision making. I am involved with the photography, layout, digital file creation, e-mailing, pdf file creation, and trip to Staples to get the print version produced. Here's the secret ingredient: Matt. Matt takes the file at Staples and prints about 30 copies, collates them and folds them for us. At that point we seal, stamp, address and take them to the post office for mailing. Nothing new here, a process that has been done for many years by previous newsletter editors such as Geir Gronstad, Kristi Smythe, Marge Sorensen, Christine Jurgensen and Bill Saunders. It's a rewarding task that results in a useful tangible product, and has received awards over the years from the sons of Norway Fifth District.



Bob Giles Photo

**NORDKAP'S 2016 CHRISTMAS PARTY AT WESTERN GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB**



*Left: Erik Sorensen and friend, Becca Roughton. Right: Heather Vingsness finds the almond in her rice pudding and wins a marzipan pig from Carol Jehle and Louise Giles.*



*Left: Siblings Haley, Erik, and Heather Vingsness. Right: Natalie Vaal and daughter Olivia with Natalie's parents—and Olivia's grandparents--Jan and Dennis Flessland.*



*A visitor from the North: The Julenisse brings a sack of presents to the young people at the party.*

## **NEW NORWEGIAN FILM BREAKING INTO INTERNATIONAL MARKET**

### **Løvekvinnen – The Lion Woman**

In August, "The Lion Woman" (Løvekvinnen) premiered at the 44th Norwegian International Film Festival in Haugesund and had already been sold for distribution to 40 countries.

Based on the bestselling novel set in 1912 by Erik Fosnes Hansen, the drama follows the trials of Eva, a girl born with a disorder that causes fur to grow over most of her body. Her ashamed father first tries to hide her from society, and she later suffers bullying and humiliation from all sides.

Written and directed by Vibeke Idsøe, the film was partially filmed in Lillehammer, and has the largest budget for a Norwegian film since "Kon-Tiki." This beautiful tale of otherness, tolerance and redemption shows how the Lion Woman learns to face and overcome these obstacles.



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