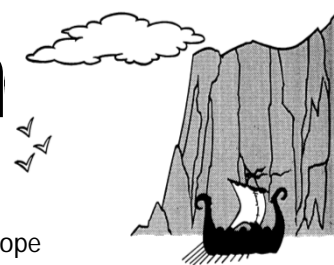




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SONS OF NORWAY**

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Fra Presidenten

Snakker du norsk?

For the last few Wednesdays, a group of members and friends of the Nordkap Lodge has met at the Swedish (!) Club facing a tremendous challenge; Learning Basic Norwegian. We are fortunate to have an experienced language teacher in Adrienne who has learned and taught Norwegian at college level, and spent years in Norway trying to figure out the Norwegian way of life, probably realizing it is a looong way from Californian beaches to the "Gudbrand's Valley"

The class is geared toward students with little or no knowledge of the Norwegian language and is initially structured around universal concepts found in any language – such as introducing yourself.

Jeg heter....

Although Norwegians are usually very shy and keeping to themselves, they do actually have a phrase to ask for someone else's name.

Hva heter du?

The risk is of course that you hear an unusual name. This is the proper way to ask someone to repeat:

Hva sa du?

Although it is more common – and slightly rude – to hear....

Hæ?

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Sunday, Nov 17, 2013

**Swedish Club – 4:00 PM
22398 Ruth Street
Farmington Hills
248-478-2563**

Election of officers

Collection of silent auction items

Preparations for Christmas

Bake cookies—some of the 7 kinds "sju slaga"

Make Christmas decorations

Practice the dance around the Christmas tree

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The Norwegian vowels have different sounds than in English. They typically have only one sound. The letter "a" is most often "ah" – as in the English word father. The letter "e" sounds like the "eh" in every.

The letter "i" sounds like "ee" in indigo. "O" would be close to the French ooh-la-la. "U" is similar to the "oo" in balloon. The "y" sound is so unique Norwegian, but you can find it in ypsilon – just start out saying "e" but then pucker your lips.

Just to confuse the Swedes and the rest of the world, Norwegians have added the "æ" (the "a" in apple), "ø" (o), and "å" (a).

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Now that you have gotten the Norwegian warmed up, let's ask where he (*han*) or she (*hun*) is from:

Hvor kommer du fra?

The group is from all over the Detroit area. The students are so motivated that they even try to pronounce the home town in Norwegian, including the rrrrrrolling of the "r". Rrrroyal Oak. Detrrroit. Farrrrmington Hills. Trroy.

Kan du telle til ti?

Not only can they count to ten, but all the way to one hundred – with a little bit of help. They do simple math – such as the age gap between the youngest student Zoe and the oldest student Hans. The answer is "sytti-ni"

A-B-C-D

The confidence level in mastering the language is soaring to such heights, the group is insisting in singing the Norwegian alphabet song – including tugging your ears... Next time, ask the group to sing.

En gutt – gutten – gutter – guttene (a boy, the boy, boys, the boys)

Ei jente – jenta – jenter – jentene (a girl, the girl, girls, the girls)

Et hus – huset – hus – husene (a house, the house, houses, the houses)

The group is already learning about the genders of the nouns. The English language is fortunate not to have masculine, feminine and neutral, but Norwegian – being close to German – has them. We are looking forward to try explain why a woman – "kvinne" – is masculine – but then on the other hand, take another look at some of the Norwegian ladies...

Ha det bra

While there are rules in the Norwegian language, there are also exceptions to the rules. Such as; you do not pronounce the "t" in "det" Why not? According to my mother, you add the "t" to the word to make it look pretty.

Det bare er sånn

There are many pretty words in Norwegian...

-- Geir Gronstad

Happy November Birthday

01 Karen Herche
04 Judy Hildre
13 Roy Marvel
16 Sheldon Johnson
18 Alexandria Sturgeon
19 Inger Ehrenfeld
22 Jakob Rutkowski
30 Erik Bryhn



Nordkap Annual Christmas Party

Sunday, December 8, 2013

Silent Auction at 2:00 pm

Dinner at 3:00 pm

Western Golf & Country Club

Redford, Michigan

Your invitation will soon be in the mail



Volunteers are needed to work the Nordkap booth next Saturday, November 16, at the Holiday Bazaar at the Finnish Cultural Center. Call Carol Jehle at (248) 626-2148 if you can help.

Come by and say hello and do a little shopping even if you cannot work. We love to see you!

After our November meeting, it will be 181 days until we celebrate the bicentennial of Norway's Constitution! (see article on Page 2)



Silent Auction Donations to Fund Scholarship

I would like to ask everyone to deliver any remaining silent auction items for the Christmas dinner to Carol Jehle or me at our regular November meeting at the Swedish Club on November 17. That will give us plenty of time to process the items and arrange to have them properly displayed at the Christmas dinner, well before bidding begins.

People can also come early (no later than 1 p.m.) to the Christmas party to drop off items for the auction, but it is not practical for us to accept these items once the bidding begins at 2 p.m. Accepting items any later doesn't give us time to process them with the silent auction forms, find space for them on the auction tables, and allow enough time for people to see them and engage in the kind of spirited bidding wars we like to encourage in order to generate more money for our Scholarship Fund. The fund is the ultimate goal, so I trust everyone will understand why we are requesting this.

-- Louise Giles

200th Celebration

The best restaurant in Detroit – the Lark - has offered a unique 6-course Norwegian dinner prior to the 200th celebration of the Norwegian constitution next year. The date is not 100% set, but most likely Wednesday May 14. It is expensive - \$95 per person – but how often do we get to celebrate a 200th of anything? We hope you will agree when you look at the menu below.

A Unique Norwegian Dinner

Suggested by the Lark, West Bloomfield

A small taste of Reindeer with Chanterelles & Spinach

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Dill Gravlax with Sweet Mustard Sauce & Black River Ossetra Caviar Scallops with Aquavit, Cream & Tarragon

•

Seared Halibut "King Haakon" with a Crisp Cucumber Salad

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Norwegian Lobster with an Herb Buerre Blanc and A Petite Onion Pie with Jarlsberg & Thyme

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Choice of

Roast Pork Loin with Apples, Apricots and Prince Harald Sauce, Potato Gratin with Red Cabbage

Or

Norwegian Sea Red King Crab with lemon Butter, Peas & Roasted Hasselback potatoes

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Multi-Layered Whipped cream cake with Raspberry Puree, Norwegian Cookie Cones & Tiny Doughnuts

Calendar Alerts – It's the best & busiest time of the year!

Key events by Scandinavian Heritage groups in Metro Detroit

Scandinavian Bazaar – Saturday November 16, 10am-4pm – Finnish Center

Nordkap Lodge Meeting – Sunday November 17, 4pm-7pm – Swedish Club

Swedish Christmas Fair, hosted by SWEA Michigan – Saturday, November 23, 9:30am – 2:00pm

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, 5631 N. Adams Road, Bloomfield Hills

Frozen: a Disney movie set in Norway –time & place TBD - tentatively scheduled on Saturday November 30

Julbord Brunch, Swedish Club – Sunday, December 1, 1PM (come early, will be sold out)

Annual Lucia Dinner Dance, hosted by the Jenny Lind Club of Michigan – Saturday, December 7, 6pm-11pm

Dearborn Country Club

Lutefisk Dinner, Norwegian Men's Club of Detroit – Saturday December 7

Nordkap Lodge Christmas Party – Sunday, December 8 – Western Golf & Country Club – 2PM

Silent Auction & dinner



Adrienne Hayes-Shepard, one of Nordkap's newest members, conducts the lodge's Norwegian language class (see President's column)

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Natalie Vaal and Dennis Flesland proudly present the meal of færikål they prepared for our October meeting. This father-and-daughter team has completed their first step towards the Traditional Norwegian Cooking award. It was delicious!