



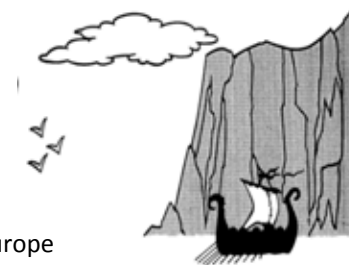
Nordkapen

**NORDKAP LODGE 5-378
SONS OF NORWAY**

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2014 Nordkap Events



- November 15 Christmas Bazaar,
at the Finnish Center
- November 23 Nordkap Lodge Meeting
- December 14 Christmas Party

Join us at the Swedish Club!

November 23

3pm for Cookie time!

4pm Lodge Meeting Time!



This and That

Did you know we now have activities planned for small children so parents can enjoy the meeting and program while their children are having a good time in an adjoining room?



The latest edition of the Sons of Norway Newsletter Service is now available at: www.sonsofnorway.com

District 5 updates are available at:

<http://www.sonsofnorway5.com/content/>

Check out our resources for youth members in high-school/college at Norway Connects (norwayconnects.org). Learn more about job opportunities, scholarships, current events, etc.

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Nordkap History

The Lodge is 85 years old this year and we are looking for pictures and material/stories from the last ten years so we can update the show. Please identify people, when the picture was taken, and forward pictures electronically to Geir at datsnorg@gmail.com.

Silent Auction Begins the Fun At Nordkap Christmas Party Dec. 14

Be sure to come early to the Christmas dinner party on Sunday, Dec. 14 (and bring your checkbook), so you can have fun taking part in the silent auction to benefit Nordkap's Scholarship Fund.

The auction begins at 2 p.m. at the Western Golf and Country Club at 14600 Kinloch in Redford, Michigan, with dinner served at approximately 3 p.m.

Items in the auction (frequently goods with a Norwegian theme or history) are donated by fellow members, with all proceeds going to benefit the Scholarship Fund. Simply enter your bid for a favorite item on its paper bid sheet and check back often to ensure that you have not been outbid before the auction closes (during dessert).

In the past, items up for bid have included Norwegian sweaters, rosemaling, pewter, and crystal, as well as Norwegian linens and porcelain. The auction is a great place to complete your Christmas shopping, with all proceeds going to a good cause.

Be sure to reserve your place at the dinner in advance. Dinner includes a traditional Norwegian menu, followed by Norwegian carols, dancing around the Christmas tree, and a visit by that very special guest, the Julenissen (Norwegian Santa Claus). Invitations will be mailed to your home soon with instructions on dinner choices and where to send payment to ensure your place at this festive event.

If you still have items to donate for the auction, plan to deliver them at our regular Nordkap meeting on November 23 at the Swedish Club so there will be time for Louise Giles and Carol Jehle to include them in the December 14th sale.

Contributed by Louise Giles

Sunshine Report

Gladys Brinson Baldwin broke her hip and is at the Chelsea Retirement Community. If you would like to send her a card, her address is:

Gladys Baldwin
CRC
805 W. Middle Street
K 238 Kresge Rehab
Chelsea, MI 48118

Youth Day Scholarship Awards

To the Nordkap Lodge,

I was very excited to hear that I received the Nordkap Scholarship! This scholarship will help a great deal with the variety of expenses that come with college. For this scholarship, I would like to thank every member of the lodge for honoring me with this scholarship. I will be looking forward to seeing everyone at future events!

Sincerely,
Erik Sorensen

A huge Thank You to our members who have generously supported the Nordkap Scholarship Fund through the years and allow us to celebrate and support our young members with their educational aspirations.

NORDKAP CHRISTMAS PARTY
Sunday, December 14, 2014
Dinner: 3:00pm
Invitations are coming!



Location:
The Swedish Club in
Farmington Hills



Christmas is a joyous time of year when people come together in good cheer and celebrate family traditions. For many in the Sons of Norway family, that means celebrating their Norwegian heritage. This fall, we have a great way for your family to do just that-with the limited edition 2014 Sons of Norway commemorative Christmas ornament.

This year's ornament beautifully displays Agder style of rosemaling. Some of the important identifying characteristics of Agder painting include variations of the tulip which were often flat at the base, designs are most often painted on dark green or dark blue backgrounds, and the leaves and flower centers are divided down the center, with each half painted a different color often with honey-comb or pine-cone-like details decorating them. Colors used are Prussian Blue, Yellow Ochre, English Red and green with details/teardrops provided in white, red, yellow or green. Another signature of the style shows many ferns/leaves/petals painted with lots of teardrops along the vines.

Each ornament shows off the beauty of Norwegian heritage with a hand-created design by Shirley Evenstad, a Vesterheim Gold Medal winner, and is sure to be a welcome addition to your tree this Christmas.

Remember, this year's ornament is a limited edition and it will sell out fast, so don't wait to place your orders. To get your own ornament, or to purchase them as gifts for your friends and family, all you have to do is call 800-945-8851. Members can order ornaments for \$14.99 + S&H



Happy Birthdays!

We are heading into the “best time of the year!”

The lodge will participate in the Scandinavian Bazaar at the Finnish Center on Saturday November 15. As a major fund-raiser for the lodge, we will serve the – by now – famous Norwegian meatballs including all necessary side-dishes. There will also be raffles, waffles and Norwegian goods for sale. We can always use a few extra hands in the kitchen, manning the serving tables, etc. Bring your bestest attitude and checkbook, as you may take care of all your Christmas purchases at the Bazaar.

Just before Thanksgiving, on Sunday November 23, we will squeeze in the last regular lodge meeting of the year. The plan is to dedicate the meeting to “pre-Christmas activities.” Dennis will lead the “cookie workshop” in which we will attempt to make a few of the typical – and maybe some of the not-so-traditional – 7 kinds of cookies (“sju slaga”). We encourage members to contribute their favorite cookie and ideally bring the dough that has been made in advance so we can devote the time towards creative shapes of the cookies.

We will also practice the steps of the traditional Norwegian dance-around-the-Christmas-tree songs. If you have ever wanted to learn the steps to “washing, drying, ironing your clothes” while “walking around a juniperbush” or how to show you are from “trampeland, hoppeland, vinkeland”, we encourage you to bring friends and family (with cameras) for these lessons.

The menu of the day includes the delicious “next-day meatballs” from the Bazaar (if any) and Norwegian-style Chili a-la Marge. We will also have elections of officers. We REALLY encourage members to join the board as we are continuously trying to rotate responsibilities. If you would like to get involved but your time may be limited, please consider joining an event committee. We are aware that the lodge has grown so much in recent years - with a wide range of activities throughout the year. Some of these activities can benefit by having dedicated committees behind them. This could be your opportunity to further improve events like St. Hans, Youth Day, May 17th, etc, etc, (and did I mention etc.)

Please bring items for our silent auction. Louise and Carol appreciates receiving these items in advance so that proper signs and forms can be made prior to the Christmas Party. The Silent Auction is the key fund-raiser for our scholarship fund. Our Christmas party is on Sunday December 14. Further details elsewhere in the newsletter and soon in your mail-box.

Finally, but not least, our lodge is currently the 4rd fastest growing large lodge within Sons of Norway – where we are also the 3rd place in North America and #1 in our district. Still we have room for more. Do you have any potential members in your circles?

Med vennlig hilsen,

Geir





Our Norwegian class presents a gift to instructor Adrienne Shepard during the 32nd wrap up session of this Language Class series.

Adrienne's baby is due in December, so language classes will be paused until she is ready to resume.

All Photos Contributed by Bob Giles

Photos from our October 26th Meeting



<- Gerald Bayer surveying the variety of fishballs as hor d'oeuvres.



^ Dennis Flessland, giving his presentation about his recent trip to Norway with other Norwegian consuls in the U.S.



<- Geir with the Family Lodge of the Year award given to Nordkap at the Fifth District Convention in June.