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Reserve your place at the Membership Recruitment Dinner!

Tuesday, April 8 at 6:30

Our annual Membership Recruitment Dinner will again be catered by Magnolias restaurant. The menu will consist of chicken Kiev, wild rice blend, tossed salad, green beans, rolls / butter, beverage and dessert. The cost is \$8 / person unless you bring a prospective member; then both of your dinners will be free. Let's all try to increase our membership numbers. This is a great way to do it.

To come, you must reserve your place.

**Call the lodge phone number (651-762-7872)
with the number of reservations (including guests)
and get your payment in to Sharon Amann
by Friday April 4.**

Program: There will be displays by many of the cultural skills groups in our lodge, as well as information on all the new financial products that are available to us. There will also be a slide show featuring the past year's activities. This is a chance to see what you have been missing!

Scandinavian Culture and News

Sons of Norway Lodge Names

In the earliest years of Sons of Norway, Norwegian was the first language of the vast majority of members. The organization, then known as Sønner af Norge, chose Norwegian names for its lodges which reflected the hopes and dreams of the membership, many of whom had left their homeland behind to begin a new life. As the years went on and the organization became more Americanized, the connection to Norwegian culture and language remained strong. This is a look at some of the lodge names and what they mean.

Synnøve-Nordkap - Our own lodge began as two separate lodges. The Synnøve Daughters of Norway lodge was organized in St. Paul on March 17, 1903, and the Nordkap lodge was organized in St. Paul on April 30, 1902. These two lodges merged on January 15, 1969 to form the present Synnøve-Nordkap Lodge. Synnøve was a daughter of a 10th century Irish king settling on the island of Selje. She was later canonized as a Saint. Nordkap, meaning North Cape, in northern Norway is the northernmost point in Europe. Our lodge banner depicts both figures.

Ivar Aasen - Over the years, there have been several lodges named for Ivar Aasen, the self-taught linguist who founded Nynorsk, the "New Norwegian" written language based on rural dialects.

Arne Garborg - There have been several lodges named after Arne Garborg, an author and political activist who figured prominently in Norwegian politics in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

Bjørgvin - The Old Norse name for Bergen, which linguistic reformists wanted to restore, much as Christiania had been changed to Oslo.

Heimsyn - A Nynorsk word that describes the act of looking at or around one's new home; also an obscure book by Ivar Aasen.

Henrik Ibsen - There have been 9 lodges named for Henrik Ibsen, Norway's greatest playwright.

Leif Erikson - Every district has had at least one lodge named for Leif Erikson, the legendary Norse discoverer of America. Erikson and the Vikings were heroes to the early Norwegian immigrants, who wanted to prove to native-born Americans that they too had a claim to their new country.

Mjølner - Mjølner was the name of Thor's magical hammer, from Norse mythology.

Grønnavik - Grønn (Green) plus vik (Bay) Green Bay

Myrmarken - Myr (swamp or marsh) plus marken (field) Marshfield

Bitterrootdalen - dalen (the valley) located near Bitterroot Mountains in Montana.

Shastafjell - fjell (mountain) located near Mount Shasta in California.

Taken partially from Sons of Norway newsletter service

Hack Attack

MacWorld and the Consumer Electronics Show may be the launching pad for the gadgets du jour, but if you want to see what high-tech wizardry may emerge from the garage a decade from now, you should have made your way about 80 miles north of Oslo in March to the Vikingship Olympic Arena in Hamar, Norway.

Each year more than 5,000 computer enthusiasts make the pilgrimage to "the Gathering," a massive digital free-for-all where techies plug in and hunker down for five days to show off their networking, programming and gaming skills. With caffeine the drug of choice and most attendees crashing on sleeping bags at their stations, you might call it Burning Man for geeks.

20,000 gigabytes of data course through the pipes every hour in one of the largest temporary computer networks in the world. That's roughly equal to a DVD's worth of data every two seconds.

5,200 people now pack the sold-out event each year; some 4,000 more are turned away. The event's appeal is not lost on technology's corporate elite: Cisco has been a sponsor on and off for years and, along with IBM and Microsoft, sends recruiters to scope the crowd for new programming talent.

90 percent of the attendees are male; the average age is 19 1/2. The event's founder, Vegard Skjefstad, started the Gathering in 1992, when he was 21. To connect like-minded computer youths, Skjefstad and two friends rented a local concert hall, hoping to draw 600 people by word of mouth; 1,100 showed up.

Paul Sloan of *Fortune*, February 2008

Synnøve-Nordkap Lodge normally meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM At First Lutheran Church
463 Maria Avenue (at 8th Street East, 2 Blocks North of Metro State University)
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Sons of Norway International: <<http://www.sofn.com>>

Lodge News

Dear Members,

I want to take a minute to shed some light on our lodge, Synnøve-Nordkap--some concerns that I have; good news / bad news, if you will.

As most of you know, aside from being the current president of our lodge, I also work for Sons of Norway at headquarters, and am in charge of the sales/marketing department. Because of this, I visit many lodges each year, and therefore get a chance to see what other lodges do. You, as members of this lodge, need to know that you have available to you more activities than most other lodges offer. That's because we have great leaders who volunteer their time to organize events, and members who get involved.

We have our Festival of Nations booth May 1-4, our greatest fund raiser. Those that participate have lots of fun because we meet many people, serve food, and experience great camaraderie. This year we are adding "Viking in a Blanket" to our menu. Volunteers receive free admission to the Festival. Pat Carlson is in charge of this event.

We also have an Adopt-A-School program headed by Ruth Gibson, which is a great way to get some Norwegian culture into school activities, and some good PR for our lodge. Our Torsk and Meatball Dinner in October is successful because of the willingness of our members to contribute their time and talents. In December we have a Julebord with lots of great food and a festive atmosphere. In June our lodge picnic provides a low key evening with a pot luck dinner, games, and a bon-fire. Together with sports activities and day trips, plays and other outings, there is something for everyone. This is the good news--we have lots of fun activities going on for our members.

The bad news is that we need more volunteers--we can't just rely upon the same members to do most of the work and spend most of the time. It's called burn out. I sincerely mean it when I say we have a very active lodge with many programs available. We can only get better as long as we all help; remember, all of us make up this lodge.

Finally, we are always looking for program ideas. We value your ideas; please call Steve Roste with them. Also, I invite you to submit information and articles to Dave Mutchler for our lodge newsletter. Mary Beth and Dave have been spending a lot of their time on these ideas--let's help them out.

Thanks to all the volunteers that give their time to our lodge. Also, thanks in advance to those of you who will hopefully volunteer your time in the future to help us make this an even better lodge.

- Len

WANTED: Male companion to tour Norway July 7-16. Share room, Brekke Tours, Oslo-Voss-Bergen-Alesund -Trondheim; \$3800. Contact Synnove-Nordkap member Gene Hanson, 651-459-5731.

NEW SINGLE PREMIUM DEFERRED ANNUITY OFFERED

The Single Premium product enjoys a shorter surrender charge period, higher interest rates and the potential for higher first year interest bonus. Call your Financial Benefits Counselor for details.

Single-Premium Deferred Annuity (SPDA)

Tax-deferred investment similar to an Individual Retirement Account without many of the IRA restrictions. An investor makes a lump-sum payment to an insurance company or mutual fund selling the annuity. That lump sum can be invested in either a fixed-return instrument like a CD or a variable-return portfolio that can be switched among stocks, bonds, and money-market accounts. Proceeds are taxed only when distributions are taken. In contrast to an IRA, there is no limit to the amount that may be invested in an SPDA. Like the IRA, the tax penalty for withdrawals before age 59½ is 10%.

Lodge News

Board Meeting Minutes, March 4, 2008

Attendees: Sharon Amann, Patti Carlson, Ruth Gibson, Rod Hale, Sue Halvorson, Clay Keller, Clayton Lance, Mary Beth and David Mutchler, Steve Roste.

Old Business

Vice president Sharon Amann opened the meeting with a recap of the plans for the membership dinner on April 8. Members must make reservations in advance in order to eat dinner. The food order for the Festival of Nations was firmed up.

Ruth Gibson gave an update on the Adopt-A-School program. A member of the Viking Age Club did a presentation for the 8th graders in February. Grades 3, 4 and 5 will be doing cooking on April 2 from 1-3 PM. Volunteers are needed for this activity. Plans are being made for the 6th and 7th graders to do orienteering in the spring.

Clay Keller presented a list of considerations regarding the college scholarships given by the lodge. Changes in the application and application process for this year and next year were discussed.

The board is planning a lodge trip to Norskedalen on July 12.

The lodge goals of increasing membership, getting better acquainted, advertising our meetings and surveying members were discussed.

New Business

A silent auction will be a new this year at the District convention. Each lodge is being asked to donate an item for this event.

Possible ideas for the celebration of Syttende Mai were discussed. The board approved a donation to the Ski for Light Charity. A lodge outing to attend a Saints game in August is being pursued. Lodge members need to start thinking about ideas for programs for next fall. The cost of the lodge participating in Scandia next December is being looked into as the Sons of Norway is no longer an event sponsor.

A call for members to submit articles for the newsletter was made. We have been depending heavily on the Mutchlers for this. Ideas for articles with a Norwegian focus include: book reviews, reviews of concerts or cultural events attended by members, information about upcoming events occurring in member's churches or communities or upcoming events or classes in other Norwegian related organizations.

Submitted by: Sue Halvorson, Secretary

The next board of directors meeting will be held at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, April 1 at the Maplewood Library, 3025 Southlawn Dr. (W. side of Maplewood Mall) in the large conference room.

Lodge Meeting Minutes, March 11, 2008

Vice President Sharon Amann opened the meeting at 7 PM by reading the Synnøve-Nordkap Lodge Mission Statement after which she introduced our visitors.

Bev Dougherty and Lyle Baker are on the mend after recent surgeries. Jane Urness fell off a bike and broke her ankle.

There were no additions or corrections to the February board or lodge minutes. Clayton Lance gave the treasurer's report.

Greg Hovland spoke about the benefits of making contributions to a Sons of Norway IRA.

Old Business:

Sharon announced the membership dinner on April 8 would begin with dinner at 6:30 pm. Reservations are needed if you plan to eat and the cost is \$8. Meals for a prospective member is free as is the dinner of the lodge member sponsoring them.

Ruth Gibson is in need of 15 volunteers for the Adopt-A-School cooking activity on April 2 from 1-3 pm. Grades 3, 4 and 5 will be making lefse, rice pudding and smørbrød.

Patti Carlson had sign up sheets available for cooking day on April 28 at Gustavus Adolphus Church and shifts at the Festival of Nations on May 1 - 4. A new menu item this year will be a sausage rolled up in a piece of lefse and called a Viking in a Blanket. Sharon emphasized how important it is for members to volunteer for fundraisers in order to raise money to support lodge programs and activities. Other lodges that do not have fundraisers assess their members to support activities.

The revised lodge By-laws were approved by the membership.

President Len Carlson has decided to move forward with planning a summer trip to Norskedalen because it offers a variety of features that will appeal to wide variety of people. Norskedalen is a heritage and nature center south of La Crosse, WI. They give group tours and demonstrations. It will be open to members first and then others if the bus is not full. This is a wonderful opportunity for fellowship with lodge members.

Clay Keller announced that the lodge college scholarship deadline is April 30. Applications are available from him. This year the application form will include an essay, and a transcript and a recommendation will be needed.

New Business:

People interested in entering the folk art competition at the district conference should contact Steve Roste if they have questions.

Members who have program ideas or speakers should contact Steve Roste, Len Carlson or Sharon Amann.

Steve Roste is interested in starting a genealogy group. It would meet once a month on a Saturday at the Roseville Library. One of the options for the group could be to work on the genealogy cultural skills unit. Steve had a sign up sheet at the meeting. Contact Steve if you are interested.

Rod Hale announced lodge bowling on March 30 at 1:30 PM at Minnehaha Lanes.

The 61 lodge members present at the meeting heard a fascinating talk by Rich Williams about Norway before the Black Death and the devastating effects that the Black Death had on Norway for centuries to come.

We thank our servers for the meeting refreshments: Sharon Amann, Jan and Greg Hovland, Lisa Mutchler and Mary Beth and David Mutchler.

Submitted by Sue Halvorson, Secretary

Calendar of Coming Events

Sunday March 30	Lodge Bowling Outing at Minnehaha Lanes 955 Seminary Ave., St. Paul (east of Lexington and north of University)	1:30 PM
Tuesday April 1	Synnøve-Nordkap Board Meeting NOTE CHANGE: Maplewood Library 3025 Southlawn Dr. (W. side Maplewood Mall) In the <u>large</u> conference room.	7:00 PM to 9:00 PM
Wednesday April 2	Adopt-A-School at North Heights Christian Academy, 1-3 PM. See next page.	1-3 PM
Saturday April 5	Genealogy Workshop: 1st meeting At Roseville Library from 10 AM to noon.	See next page for more information
Tuesday April 8	Synnøve-Nordkap Lodge & Social Event New Membership Dinner - Catered by Magnolias; reservations and payment needed by Fri. April 4 to Sharon Amann, 1575 2nd St. SW; New Brighton, MN 55112-3472	6:30 PM
Saturday April 12 May 10	Junior Lodge Peer Gynt Dancers At Our Savior's Lutheran Church 1616 W. Olive in Stillwater Susan Stow: 651-439-7255 New members are welcomed!	1:00 PM to 2:30 PM
Sunday April 20	Orienteering in Afton State Park	1:00 PM See next page for more info.
Monday April 28	Festival of Nations Cooking Day at Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church; 1669 Arcade Join in making krumkake and fruit soup	9:00 AM to Noon
Thurs, May 1 thru Sunday, May 4	Annual Festival of Nations Largest ethnic gathering held at the St. Paul Rivercentre. Join in the fun by helping out in the Norway Cafe sponsored by Synnøve-Nordkap Lodge	Various times available on sign-up sheets
Tuesday May 13	Synnøve-Nordkap Lodge & Social Event Program: TBD	7:00 PM
	2008 S/N Convention Dates: Dist #1 - June 12-14, Mankato, MN Int'ernational - August 28-30, San Diego, CA	

Synnøve-Nordkap Norwegian Language Classes:

1. **"Norwegian in Five Minutes a Month"** series - class 6:30-7:00 PM on Tuesdays before Lodge meetings. No meeting if meal is scheduled.
2. **"Norsk, Nordmenn og Norge"** class on Thursday, 6:30 - 8:00 PM Sun-Ray Library, 2105 Wilson Ave. near McKnight & Ruth Sts. Meet twice a month - Apr. 10 & 24; May 15 & 22
For information, contact class co-facilitators:
Sheryl Hove 651-738-4908 or Crystal Bloecher 651-774-8545
New participants are invited to join the classes.

Upcoming Ingebretsen's Classes:

Kransekake Making: Sat. May 10
10 AM to noon. Instructor:
Lorraine Jasinski

Knit a Mobius: Wed-Thurs., April 23-24. 6:00-8:00 PM. Instructor:
Joan Gilbertson

Kaffe Klatch for Knitters-
Every Monday - 1:00 PM

Arctic Scandinavia presentation:
Monday, April 28 - 7:00 PM
By Lena Conlan

Paint your Fjord Horse:
Sat. June 14 - 10 AM to noon
By: Julie Anderson

Runes 101: Mon, May 5 6:00-8:00 PM
Presented by Kari Tauring

Saturday Rune Consultation:
By appointment only 1-3 PM
April 26, May 31
By: Kari Tauring

Check: ingebretsens.com or call
(612)729-9333 for more info.

Skogfjorden Adult Language Programs:

Concordia Language Village
8659 Thorsonveien NE
Bemidji, MN 56601

April 24-27- Norwegian Adult Weekend.
Sept. 21-24 -Rosemaling Fall Workshop
Sept. 25-28 - Norwegian Genealogy Seminar
Sept 28-Oct. 4 - Norwegian Elderhostel
For information, call (800)450-2214, or
www.ConcordiaLanguageVillages.org

"Coming out of the Woodwork"

Vesterheim Symposium on Norwegian Folk Art: **April 18 - 20, 2008**
Inviting all woodworkers & knifemakers to share traditions. Learn and create techniques, old and new.
Vesterheim Norwegian-American Museum in Decorah, Iowa
Registration by March 28
(536)-382-9681 or vesterheim.org.

31st Annual Hjemkomst Festival

Moorhead, Minnesota
Friday, June 27 - Sunday, June 29, 2008
Flag ceremony at 10:00 AM Friday.
Visit the Hjemkomst museum, see the Viking ship and walk through the Hopperstad Stave Church replica.
Enjoy full days of festivities and food.
scandinavianhjemkomstfestival.org.

Upcoming Lodge Activities

Adopt-A-School by Ruth Gibson

Wednesday afternoon, April 2 will soon be here when we will have our next event at North Heights Christian Academy. From 1 to 3 PM we will be doing a Norwegian cooking class with 2nd and 3rd graders. Riskrem (rice pudding), lefse, and smorbrod (open face sandwiches) are the three foods that we will be teaching them. They want to learn how to do it themselves!

If you would like to help, we could use other volunteers for this fun learning time with these kids. Please call me at 651-429-5572.

Tusen takk!

Genealogy Workshop Group

The new Lodge Genealogy Group will hold its first meeting on Saturday, April 5th, at the Roseville Library from 10:00 AM to noon. We have the meeting room reserved there for us to work in. For this first meeting, I will try to get a sense of where everyone is in their experience with genealogy.

I know that some people are very advanced and have accomplished a lot, while others may not know where to start. For those who are beginners, I will help you start by using the Sons of Norway Cultural Skill Unit for Genealogy. This Unit helps you start a genealogy project in a professional way while earning an award for Genealogy. For those of you who are more advanced, I would still encourage you to complete this Unit, because it helps you document sources in a professional manner.

Advanced Genealogists will probably accomplish the Unit much faster. I intend to do this unit as well. For advanced Genealogists, I hope that you would come and help some of the beginners get started. I also thought that this would be a good way for you to set aside one day a month to dedicate to your genealogy project. The library also has computers for internet searching, history books of different regions, reference books, and I believe their computers have subscriptions to a few different ancestry websites. Also, if you have Norwegian letters that need translating, I believe there will be some members of our lodge that could help you translate them. There are also websites that can help do that to a limited extent. I have used them and found them to be helpful.

Everyone interested in genealogy should come. If you are a beginner, please bring some generic information about your immediate family to start building a family tree. Also, please bring a few dollars in spare change, because I believe the copy machine is 5-25 cents a copy. I will bring 1 copy of the Cultural Skills Unit (which is about 70 pages), and you will need to make copies of a few pages in there to get started. I also ask that you all come with some sort of goal in mind to accomplish, especially advanced people. I look forward to seeing you all there!

In the future, I hope for us to hire a professional for one meeting a year and to take a field trip.

- Steven Røste

Sports News by Rod Hale

Axel Torvi and I have been working on the clue I published a couple months back for the letterboxing in Washington County. We haven't figured the whole thing out yet, but here's a clue for the clue for other lodge members to help us: think homonyms. The clue is repeated below.

“Hail aches cool inns candy us tart ton noel in dot rails out two awl dumb air eat rail. These tips son these out me tramp soar each upend dunder.”

Sunday, April 20th will find us orienteering at Afton State Park at 1:00 PM. I'm hoping some of us can car-pool, so e-mail me (hale780243@aol.com) or leave me a message (651-636-4284). Share a map and the cost per person is \$4.00!

Scholarships and Opportunities

Synnøve Nordkapp College Scholarships

Synnøve Nordkapp Lodge is again offering \$500 college scholarships to active Lodge or Junior Lodge members or the children or grandchildren of active Lodge members. The number of scholarships to be awarded will depend upon the number of highly qualified applications received as well as the state of the Lodge's budget. Although the Lodge reserves the right to award no scholarships, *this year's process is likely to be highly competitive.*

Applicants may be either college students or high school students who are entering college in Fall 2008 pursuing any course of study. Preference, though, will be given to those who have been active Junior Lodge and/or Lodge members themselves.

This year's application will consist of four parts:

- An application form for basic information and some short answer questions as has been used in past years;
- A short, 1-2 page essay;
- An official high school--for applicants about to enter college--or college--for those currently in college--transcript complete to the time of application; and
- A letter of recommendation

Applications will be mailed to Lodge Scholarship Chair, Clay Keller, and **must be postmarked by April 30**. Completed applications will be reviewed at the Lodge's May Board meeting, and the successful candidate(s) will be notified shortly thereafter. Any scholarship awarded comes with the expectation of either service to the Lodge and/or a contribution at a Lodge meeting or program, with the minimum being a short talk about what has been done with the scholarship received.

To receive a scholarship application via email or in the mail or to ask any questions about the process, please contact Clay Keller (keller.clay@gmail.com; 651-310-9667).

1st District 2008 Convention

To: All District 1 Lodge Presidents, Delegates & Newsletter Editors

From: District 1 Project/Fund Raising Committee: Arlene Field, Chair, John Drivdahl, Bob Skogman, Wendy Winkelman, Gary Anderson

We would like to request all Lodges to participate in a Silent Auction at the District 1 [2008 Convention](#). Please get this message out now to your Lodge Board and general membership about what your lodge would like to donate for the auction.

All proceeds from the auction will go to the District 1 Scholarship Trust fund.

Some examples of items we would appreciate included in the auction are:

Scandinavian items, rosemaling, hardinger, pewter, jewelry, lefsa griddles, quilts, gift certificates from national chain stores/restaurants, time shares, hotel stays, Norwegian cd's, books, and the list could go on...

We want nice items that many people will bid on. So, think hard and provide the District with one or more items for our Scholarship fund! If your Lodge would like to make a cash donation to the Scholarship fund, that would be much appreciated as well.

The delegates from each lodge can bring the items with them to the convention. If special arrangements are needed, call Audrey at 507/387-2223 approximately 2 months before the convention. (that is coming up)

Let's get started thinking, creating and doing!

The Local Scene

FOLK ART EXHIBITION & COMPETITION

Sons of Norway District 1 Convention, Mankato, MN; June 12-14, 2008

Who is eligible to compete? .

- Any S/N member is eligible to exhibit /or compete.
- Children/grandchildren, age 16-20, of S/N members may submit a folk art exhibit; children under age 15 may enter Exhibition only.
- Entrant is allowed to enter a maximum of 2 articles in each category.
- All items submitted must have been made by the person who enters it, and must have been finished within past 2 years.
- Early registrants received by May 1st, will be entered into a drawing for a \$50 Gift Certificate from Vesterheim Museum Shops.

Folk Art Categories: (each category for adults will have 3 classes of competition - adult amateurs, intermediate, and adult professional)

- Rosemaling
- Fiber arts (textiles & stitching)
- Woodworking
- .Optional . photo pictures with Norwegian motif; knife making; wheat weaving
- Genealogy . for display only

Registration entry forms are due May 1, 2008. Get more information and /or a registration form from Steve Roste.

Editor's note: this month we welcome a new advertiser. The article below accompanies the ad on the next page.

Is there a Move in your Future?

Empty-nesters sometimes find that the time has come to move to a condo, town home, apartment, etc., because there is just too much house to take care of, yard work is too strenuous, and a lot of entertaining is no longer a focal point. Moving is an overwhelming project that is very stressful—in fact, so stressful that sometimes people stay in their own homes longer than they safely should because they find the tasks involved in moving too daunting.

Lorene Peterson Roste, and her husband Jim (parents of lodge member, Steven Roste), make that move easier. For the last eight years, they have operated a business called Senior Moves and help seniors through the moving process. They can start at the beginning by giving you a list of options of where you can move all the way to making your bed, hanging the pictures, etc., at your new home. Some of the tasks they **help you with** include:

- Looking at your floor plan to determine what furniture will fit
- Sorting through all of your possessions to decide what to take
- Bringing boxes and packing what needs to be moved
- Hauling unneeded items to a charity
- Changing your address and phone number
- Arranging for the moving truck to move the boxes and furniture
- Unpacking the boxes and putting everything away
- Hanging pictures, hooking up your phone and TV
- Emptying your previous home, or getting it staged to sell

Lorene and Jim's services include many other tasks, too numerous to mention, but you can choose those which you need. You can get a cost estimate by scheduling a free no-obligation, one-hour meeting with them at your home so they can discuss what services you would need. You can reach them at 651-646-5785.

This and That

The Corner Library

by Trudi Johnson-Richards

The migrations from Europe to America in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries constitute a major phenomenon in the world's history. The Scandinavians were among those who migrated and the Norwegians were the earliest of the Scandinavians to migrate in considerable numbers. About two million Scandinavians went to America after 1825. Carlton C. Qualey wrote **Norwegian Settlement in the United States** and this book was published by the Norwegian-American Historical Association, Northfield, Minnesota in 1938.

According to the census of 1850, there were nine Norwegians in Minnesota in that year. Two of these were soldiers stationed at Fort Snelling, one lived in Wabasha County and six in Long Prairie (Todd County). Norwegians settled in the Fox River Settlement in 1870 (Illinois). Norwegians also settled in Wisconsin in 1870 and Minnesota in 1875. Perhaps the single most important factor in attracting Norwegian settlers was the so-called "American letters"—letters from settlers in America to friends and relatives in Norway. The letter would be read not only by its recipient in a Norwegian Valley, but would be passed around to the families in the district.

Chapter II, "**The Sloopers Go West**" is the coming of the Norwegians on the sloop "Restaurationen" in 1825 to America. Cleng Peerson has been called the "pathfinder" of Norwegian immigration—a Norwegian Daniel Boone. At the age of thirty eight, Peerson was instrumental in purchasing forty acres of land at five dollars per acre, payable in installments, in the Kendall Settlement in the Rochester, New York area. Cleng Peerson set off in 1833 toward Ohio, southern Michigan, northern Indiana and into Illinois. Peerson selected Fox Valley as the ideal place of settlement for the Kendall settlers and for future Norwegian immigrants.

One of the earliest attempts by railroad companies to attract Norwegians to their land was that made by the Illinois Central in 1850 and 1860. This road was the recipient of the first land grant made by the federal government to a railroad—a grant in 1851 of two and a half million acres of land along its right of way in eastern and central Illinois. The Illinois Central was instrumental in procuring a location for a Swedish Lutheran College in 1863. The church offered a commission on land sales. Norwegian settlers in Kankakee County were attracted to the land grants. Chicago remained a leading Norwegian center for the Middle West. As the tide of settlement pressed westward, new urban centers grew up—Minneapolis, Fargo, Minot—but Chicago remained a leading Norwegian center for the Middle West.

Norwegian Settlement in the United States includes maps and illustrations for states mainly settled by Norwegians: Dakota Territory, Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Pacific Northwest, Texas, and Wisconsin. Statistics are of interest by county and year. For instance, Ramsey County in 1870 had a total population of 23,085. In 1906-1910, 11,249 Norwegians returned to Norway.

Norwegian Settlement in the United States was donated by Andy and Jane Urness on March 1, 1999 to the Synnove-Nordkap Library. Carlton C. Qualey (1904-1988) fields of research are European migrations to America and Scandinavian emigration in particular.

2008 Syttende Mai Celebration



The **Metropolitan Joint Committee of Lodges, Sons of Norway**, invites you to join the Syttende Mai celebration at the American Swedish Institute, 2600 Park Avenue South, Minneapolis, on May 20th at 7:00 PM.

*The evening program features **Melissa Culloton**, a classically trained soprano, performing Grieg as well as folk tunes. She is a native of Haldan, Norway. She graduated cum laude with a double major in vocal performance and music education from St Olaf. She holds a Doctorate of Musical Arts from the University of Minnesota. Miss Culloton's ensemble and solo appearances include Dryade in Ariadne auf Naxos with the U of M Opera, The St. Olaf Choir, Glemmen Ungdoms Kantori (Youth Choir). Other solo performances include a summer tour in Norway with the acclaimed Norske Blåseensemble (Norwegian Wind Ensemble), at MacPhail Center for the Arts, and at the Norwegian Lutheran Memorial Church in Minneapolis for the annual Leif Erikson Festival and Nordvendt concert series.*

Following the program, we will serve open face sandwiches and coffee. A donation of \$5.00 is requested. Please make your **reservation by May 15th**, 2008, to Louise Bakken, 763-545-4827.



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