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Join us at our meeting on January <sup>13</sup>9, when lodge member Mariel Blomstrand tells us about the scholarships she received from Sons of Norway for her study abroad trip to Norway. She will describe the program she applied to, her reasons for choosing that particular program, and her experiences with trans-Atlantic travel. Above all, she will talk about her time in Norway, the people she met, and what she learned from the experience. She has a slide show to make her presentation come alive for us.

# Scandinavian Culture and News

## Jewish Museum opens in Oslo

HRH Crown Prince Haakon officially opened the new Jewish Museum in Oslo on Monday, September 8. In his talk the Crown Prince said, "Congratulations on this day! With the opening of the Jewish Museum an important circle is closed, with the Holocaust Center and the memorial at Akershus. By sharing our histories and understanding what we together have been and are a part of, we become closer." He emphasized how vital it is that we be familiar with history and how important the equality of all people is as a basic principle.

The new museum was actually established on January 7, 2004 through the cooperative efforts of the Jewish Congregation in Oslo and Oslo City Museum, but only recently had its own building. The museum is now located at Calmeyers Street 15B in a building that served as a Jewish synagogue from 1921 until it was closed by the Nazis during the autumn of 1942. At that time there were Jews living in the building, and when the Nazis came along these Jews were sent to death camps.

The synagogue was built in what was once the heart of the Jewish community in Oslo. Many of the Jewish immigrants who came to Norway beginning in the mid-nineteenth century settled in this part of the city as well as in Grünerløkka.

According to historian Bjarte Bruland, there were four Jewish congregations meeting in Oslo at the beginning of the twentieth century. By 1917, when the number of Jews in and around Oslo was just under 1300, there were only two congregations (Det Mosaiske Trossamfunn and Den Israelittiske Menighet). The years 1920 and 1921 saw the construction of two new synagogues from the ground up. The first, erected by the Jewish Congregation in Oslo in 1920, was reopened after Jewish survivors returned to Norway in 1945. This synagogue is located at Bergstien 13 and is today the home of an active congregation. The other, in Calmeyers Street, was never reopened. After the Holocaust there were hardly enough Jews remaining in the city to support one synagogue, let alone two.

The synagogue in Calmeyers Street was used as a house of worship for only 21 years, but the building itself survived Nazi vandalism. Since 1942, the building has had many uses. Now, at last, part of the building is home to the Jewish Museum. Care has been taken to uncover and restore traces of the old synagogue which was so important to the Jewish community in pre-war Oslo.

The museum, which opened its doors to the public on September 16, presents the history of the Jews in Norway from the mid-nineteenth century to the present time and seeks to answer such questions as, "Where did the Jewish immigrants come from?", "How did they settle and live their lives in a non-Jewish, Norwegian environment?" and "What is Jewish life in Norway like today?" In addition to a permanent exhibit, the museum will display temporary exhibits and serve as the venue for cultural programs and activities.

The opening exhibit was in two parts. One focused on Jewish art and culture, and the other on Jewish contributions to Norway's cause and the resistance movement during World War II. The exhibit was titled, "Freedom is won not only once," and thirteen highly accomplished Norwegian Jews were portrayed in the exhibit.

In the view of Chief Rabbi Michael Melchior, one important contribution of the museum will be to inform Norwegians of the role played by Norwegian Jews in the resistance movement and in the military. No fewer than one hundred and forty Jews served in the Norwegian armed forces at that time. "This is unknown to most," said Melchior. "It is important to tell people that such a disproportionately large segment of such a small minority participated in this way."

from *The Norseman*, November 2008

## Farewell to a Famous Landmark

Between 600 and 700 people gathered at Holmenkollen on October 16 to witness the start of work to take down the famous Holmenkollen Ski Jump, one of the main tourist attractions in Norway. But this is not the end. A new and better ski jump will be erected on the site and will be completed in time for the World Ski Championships to be held in Oslo in 2011.

The first ski competition was held at Holmenkollen in 1892. The present ski jump has been rebuilt 18 times.

from: *The Norseman*

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# Lodge News

Dear Members,

I look forward to the next two years serving as your president. We have a great lodge with a long history and an even greater future. As I have been thinking and formulating a few plans for that future, I am calling upon you members to join me to serve the greater good. Our lodge has awarded young people scholarships for both college and Skogfjorden, contributed to Ski For Light, volunteered for Salvation Army Bell Ringing, and participated in many other worthy causes. We have also had a lot of fun while we were making a difference in other people's lives.

My primary goal is to have standing committees with committee chairs handle our major events: Festival of Nations, Torsk & Meatball Dinner, Julebord, Midsommer Picnic, and the Membership Dinner. As these committees are set and volunteers are secured, advanced planning can do much to stave off last minute stress. So far, Patty Carlson will chair the Festival of Nations, and I will chair the Torsk & Meatball dinner (unless someone else is burning to do so). That just leaves three open spots for committee chairs, so please call me at 651-631-0399 to volunteer.

We also need input and suggestions for programs. It seems the programs just keep getting better and more interesting. Whether they are cultural, informative, creative, or just plain entertaining, everyone appreciates a wide variety that will captivate and stimulate. Please call Steve Roste with your ideas.

At the Julebord I mentioned going to see Church Basement Ladies II in February. We will have a signup sheet at the January meeting. February 15 would be a good Sunday to see a matinee. It would be nice if we could meet for lunch before the play at Green Mill and have some time for fellowship with one another. For a group with 10 or more, the cost is \$25 per person.

Please remember to have your Volunteer Hours sheet filled out for the January meeting. If you need help filling out your form, it will be available after the meeting.

Rod Hale's Genealogy Project is open to receive your family's story. This is such an exciting concept, and I can hardly wait until we collect enough to have an entire meeting devoted to lodge members sharing their families with the rest of us. Start now and submit your one-page story to Rod as soon as you can.

May your New Year be happy and blessed,  
Sharon Amann

Our thoughts and prayers to the following lodge members who lost loved ones this holiday season:

- Patti Carlson on the death of her husband, Frank.
- JoAnn Hogenson on the death of her mother.
- Ron Kvaas on the death of his mother.

We thank our Salvation Army Bell Ringers for their time on Saturday, December 6:

Len Carlson  
Clay and Char Lance  
Loren and LaRee Opdal  
Andy and Jane Urness

## How Can You Help?

Every 3.6 seconds someone in the world dies of hunger. Our Sunshine person, Judy Cullen, suggests that we can help restock the Twin Cities food shelves by bringing a non-perishable food item to our January and February meetings. Please help us to help others!

# Lodge News

## Board Meeting Minutes, December 2, 2008

**Attendees:** Len Carlson, Sharon Amann, Rod Hale, Sue Halvorson, Trudi Johnson-Richards, Clay Keller, Clayton Lance, Mary Beth and David Mutchler, Ron and Susan Stow, and Harry Thomsen

Plans were made for the election of officers at the December lodge meeting and their installation at the January lodge meeting. Plans were made to transfer banking signatures from Len to Sharon.

The logistics and program for the December Julebord meeting were finalized. A motion was made to forego officer compensation for 2008. The motion failed.

Programs for upcoming winter and spring lodge meetings were reviewed and suggestions made as necessary for missing components.

Submitted by: Sue Halvorson, Secretary

The next board of directors meeting will be held at **7:00 PM on Tuesday, January 6** at the Maplewood Library, 3025 Southlawn Dr. (west side of Maplewood Mall) in the large conference room. (Board meetings will be there while the Roseville Library is being remodeled.)

## Lodge Meeting Minutes, December 9, 2008

The December lodge meeting was attended by 102 people including seven guests: Marcella Strand, Char Kobunick, Olga Lindahl, Kathy Fisher, Jean Verner, Joyce Kvass and Evelyn Durkee.

President Len Carlson read the slate of officers for 2009. The only change from the list printed in the December Brevet was that Clay Keller has agreed to serve as Foundation Director as well as Scholarship Director. A motion was made and seconded to accept the slate as read. The membership voted to approve the slate of officers.

A leadership meeting will be held at the Sons of Norway headquarters on January 24. More information will be available in January.

Our lodge has been asked to present cookies to youngsters entered in the Mini Loppet on January 31 from 1-3 PM. The Mini Loppet is held near the Sons of Norway headquarters in Minneapolis. Lodge members need to supply the cookies. Contact Len Carlson by January 1 if you are interested in participating. His contact information is on the back of the newsletter.

Shirley Brekke and Pat Carlson need more people to signup to bring treats for the winter and spring lodge meetings.

Susan Stow led the members in singing a Norwegian song, "Jeg er så glad hver Julekveld".

Sharon Amann presented members with 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 or 35 years of membership with pins.

Members celebrating December birthdays are Eunice Baker, John Nordale and Jack Dougherty. No one present had a December anniversary. Ryan McGuire won the door prize.

Lodge members were asked to distribute poinsettias to lodge members who are shut-ins.

Mary Beth Mutchler thanked Len for stepping in as president and for the good job that he did.

Lodge members and guests were treated to a highly entertaining program of Christmas music and comedy by Tim Dahl.

Submitted by Sue Halvorson, Secretary

**We're still looking: shall we just omit this page next month?**

Editors' Note: We (Karen and I) have been doing this newsletter for 7 years. Karen has been doing this page almost exclusively for most of that time, but is no longer able to do so. We need an editor for this page if it is to continue! It should be someone who is able to come to board meetings, and preferably who is somewhat familiar or at least interested in other Nordic activities in the Twin Cities.

**GODT NYTT ÅR  
HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

**Lutefisk Dinner**  
**Saturday, January 17**  
**Christ Lutheran Church**  
 150 5th in Marine on the St. Croix  
 \$15 at the door  
 Serving from 11:00 AM to 6:30 PM  
 For information call 651-433-3222 or  
 651-433-8500

***Calendar of Coming Events***

<b><u>GODT NYTT ÅR HAPPY NEW YEAR!</u></b>		
<b><u>Tuesday</u> January 6</b>	<b><u>Synnøve-Nordkap Board Meeting</u></b> Maplewood Library conference room; 3025 Southlawn Dr. (W side Maplewood Mall)	7:00 PM to 9:00 PM
<b><u>Saturday</u> January 10</b>	<b><u>Junior Lodge Peer Gynt Dancers</u></b> Group practice on 2nd Saturday of each month Our Savior's Lutheran Church 1616 W. Olive in Stillwater - New members welcome	1:00 PM to 2:30 PM
<b><u>Tuesday</u> January 13</b>	<b><u>Synnøve-Nordkap Lodge &amp; Social Event</u></b> Gather together and greet the New Year Program: by Mariel Blomstrand on her Norwegian study abroad experiences.	7:00 PM
<b><u>Saturday</u> Jan. 24</b>	<b><u>Officers and leaders workshop</u></b> At SON headquarters; contact Sharon Amann for further information.	9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
<b><u>Sun.</u> Feb. 1</b>	<b><u>Summer camp applications due!</u></b> Contact Clay Keller for more information.	
<b><u>Tuesday</u> February 3</b>	<b><u>Synnøve-Nordkap Board Meeting</u></b> Maplewood Library conference room; 3025 Southlawn Dr. (W side Maplewood Mall)	7:00 PM to 9:00 PM
<b><u>Tuesday</u> Feb. 10</b>	<b><u>Synnøve-Nordkap Lodge &amp; Social Event</u></b> Program:: Sven Sundgaard, Kare 11 weatherman	7:00 PM

**Mindekirken**

The Norwegian Lutheran Memorial Church  
 924 E 21st St., Minneapolis  
 (612)874-0716  
[www.mindekirken.org](http://www.mindekirken.org)

**New Year's Eve Event**

**Wednesday, December 31**

There will be a celebration at Mind-ekirken beginning with a potluck meal at 7:30 PM. All are invited.

The evening will be full of fellowship and fun, and conclude with a year-end Taisé candlelight meditation of song and a prayer service at 10:00 PM

**Tuesday, January 6**

11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Celebrate Mindekirken's 87 Birthday  
 The congregation was founded on  
 January 9, 1922

Attendees are invited to bring a donation to the church using the number "87",  
 Such as: \$87, \$8.70, \$87. for the special needs fund.

**Norwegian Language Classes**

(1) "Norwegian In Five Minutes A Month" series. Class 6:30-7:00 p.m.  
 Tuesdays before lodge meetings in Jan., Feb., Mar. & May

(2) "Norsk Nordmenn og Norge" text. Class 6:30-8:00 p.m. Thursdays  
 Sun Ray Library, 2105 Wilson Ave., between McKnight Rd. & Ruth St.  
 2/mo. Jan. 22 & 29, Feb. 19 & 26, Mar. 19 & 26, Apr. 23 & 30, May 21 & 28

For information, contact class co-facilitators: Sheryl Hove 651-738-4908,  
 Crystal Bloecher 651-774-8545 or Susan Stow 651-439-7255  
 New participants are invited to join the classes

## Volunteer Hours Sheets are Due at January Meeting!

Please remember to turn in your Volunteer Hours sheets at the January 9 lodge meeting. There was a sheet in the December Brevet, or it can be printed from our web site; there will also be extra copies at the meeting. If you cannot attend the meeting, you can send your sheet to Sue Halvorson; 170 Skillman Ave. E; Maplewood, MN 55117.

### Synnove-Nordkap Lodge Biography Project

Tell me about one of your ancestors, including his/her name, dates he/she lived and where they lived. In one page, write about something important about them, something that you remember about them, what they did, their life, what they overcame, anything to give us some insight into their lives. Your ancestor doesn't have to be rich or famous, no need to be a hero as an ordinary ancestor is just fine! Include a picture or a copy of a visual aid (e.g., a business card, report card, immigration paper, a letter) to make your story more visually appealing. Your story may be handwritten if you wish.

Send your biography by March 1, 2009 to:

Roderick Hale  
1436 Colleen Avenue  
Arden Hills, MN 55112

or e-mail to [hale780243@aol.com](mailto:hale780243@aol.com)



Submissions are already coming in, including one ancestor with a 17 foot beard!

What will we do with these? Possibilities include an "open mike" night at a lodge meeting, a video of some of the stories and possibly a book.

Membership Pins: At our December meeting, we honored those members who had been lodge members for 5, 10, 15, ... years. The following members qualified; those present are noted with an asterisk (\*):

"Life Member":

Inger Hendrickson  
Jerry Stanke \*

35 Years:

Maryann Hazeman

30 Years:

Georgia Lucas

25 Years:

James Groe  
Sverre Kvenild  
Patricia Luther  
Daniel Mathison

Geoffrey Patrick

Tague Patrick

Bodil Wasstrand

20 Years:

Leif & Linda Erickson

Elmer Kaardal

Norm & Karen Vinnes

15 Years:

Kirsti & Harlan Hegdal

Peggy Torgerson

Andy Urness \*

10 Years:

Paul Hove

Jerry Richards

Joyce Schweitzer

Arne Stefferud

5 Years:

Donna Barnes

Pam Bjorum \*

Patti Carlson \*

Iver Hustvedt \*

Vernon Jorgensen

Judy Linder

Marge Tidemand

# Lodge News

## Junior Lodge Update

Mmh! A delicious meeting! It was the Junior Lodge annual baking party on Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. We baked Kringla, Sandbakkelse, Krum Kake with lots of hands on experience rolling, patting, and so forth. This year we tried making home made flatbrød for the first time. The kids seemed to like the rolling part, but let's just say there was an extraordinary amount of flour used to do the job.

Thanks to parents: Sarah Nelson, Ingrid Steinmetz, Jennifer Stow and grandmother, Jean Davis who facilitated the ovens and griddles, plus clean-up. Tusen takk!

During our meeting we sang, " O Jul med din glede" to dance around an imaginary tree. We talked about Julebukking, which is children dressing up in costumes to go door to door for treats. Everyone was impressed that Norwegian families make seven kinds of cookies for their celebrations.

Each member received copies of the recipes and the new schedule for January through May. We look forward to using our Viking kick sleds on the Stillwater Junior High East field on January 10<sup>th</sup>. We will meet there at 1:00 to let the fun begin, Norwegian style.

- Susan Stow, Jr. Director

## Lutefisk: A Holiday Stinker (But a Minnesota Keeper)



Left to right: Dick Sundberg, Dennis Slattengren, Andy Urness, Richard McClellan, Bill Darling and Dean Mahlike held the lutefisk and other goodies they bought on their annual trip to the Day Fish Co. in Day, Minn.

Perhaps you saw the article with this title on the front page of the Minneapolis Tribune on Sunday, December 21. If you did, you probably noticed that one of our lodge members, Andy Urness, was included in that group making their annual trip to the Day Fish Company north of the Twin Cities to buy lutefisk and other Norsk delicacies.

# The Local Scene



Dear Sons of Norway Member,

As you may know, one of the great benefits of membership is a 5% discount when booking travel packages with Borton Overseas. Now we've got some even better news for you! Borton Overseas is offering an additional 5% discount to members who book a 2009 travel package by March 31, 2009, for a total discount of 10%!

That's right, by making your plans soon you can save hundreds of dollars off the vacation of a lifetime. Imagine taking a trip to Oslo and having all those extra Kroner for a memento of your trip or a little extra nightlife. Or maybe it's a spa vacation at Solstrand where you can put your new-found savings to use on more relaxing ventures, like massages and golf outings. The best part is that it's all up to you!

If you'd like to take advantage of this wonderful, additional discount or would more details, contact Borton Overseas at 1-800-843-0602 or visit them on the web at [www.bortonoverseas.com](http://www.bortonoverseas.com). The promotional code you should use for the 10% discount is SONEB09. And remember, this discount is only good for Sons of Norway members and only on packages booked before March 31st, so don't miss out!

## **Sons of Norway Anniversary - Dinner and Entertainment**

The Joint Committee of Metropolitan Lodges, Sons of Norway, is hosting a party to celebrate the founding of the Sons of Norway (January 16, 1895). This will be an opportunity to meet members of other lodges as well as our new First District President, Bob Hoover, and our Zone Director, Dennis Rusinko. As part of the evening activities, there will be an **installation of lodge officers**.

The event will be held at the Fred Babcock VFW, **6715 Lake Shore Drive, (67th and Lyndale So)**, Richfield, on **Saturday, January 17, 2009**.

The party begins with an open bar at **5:30 PM**. Dinner will be served at 6:00 PM. It includes a dinner salad, baked potato, vegetable and a choice of one of the following entrees: (**Ticket price is \$20.**)

- Prime Rib
- Walleye
- Chicken Fettucine
- Vegetarian Dinner

We will be entertained by **Random Samples**, a barbershop quartet, who are fabulous. This will be a delightful evening to share with friends and meet new friends.

Please mail your **check** to Carolyn Hagen **by January 7th** with your entrée selection, 5720 Olinger Road, Edina, MN 55436. Questions: (952) 920-2602.

# This and That

## The Corner Library

by Trudi Johnson-Richards

Synnove-Nordkap members donated the following books and videos to the Library in 2008.

**World War II: The Shetland Bus and The Sledge Patrol** written by David Howarth and donated by Peter and Sharon Windey. A World War epic of escape, survival and victory.

**Song Books:** Two copies of **Sons of Norway Song Book** donated by JoAnn Ronning and Steve Roste.

**Fiction:** **The Sorrow of an American** written by Siri Hustvedt and donated by Erna McGuire, Aunt of Siri Hustvedt.

## **Arts and Photography:**

**Norway Calling** donated by Trudi Johnson-Richards. The black and white photos are still life photography, landscape photography and wildlife photography.

**Norway with 30 Color Plates** donated by Norman and Karen Vinnes.

## **Norwegian Culture and History:**

**Norway—A Thousand Years of Native Arts and Crafts** donated by Norman and Karen Vinnes.

**Norwegian Rosmaling** donated by JoAnn Ronning.

**Immigration: Norway to America—A History of the Migration** donated by Norman and Karen Vinnes.

**Travel and Language: Norway Today** donated by JoAnn Ronning. An Introduction to Modern Norwegian Society.

**Compact Discs** donated by Clay Keller and copied by Dave Mutchler:

1. **Laudate** - Trondhim Cathedral Choir.
2. **Kalend Maya** – Pilgrimsrise.
3. **En God Jul Och Ett** – Gott Nytt Ar – Peter Joback.
4. **Jul I Nidarosdomen** – Nidarosdomens Guttekor
5. **Julekveld** – Nidarosdomens Guttekor.
6. **Den Fagraste Rosa** – Bukkene Bruse
7. **Tideland** – Dolores Keane & Rita Eriksen
8. **Stemninger** – Elisabeth Andreasson
9. **Kristin Lavransdatter** – Arild Andersen
10. **Varsog** – Henning Sommerro
11. **Folk Songs – Trio Mediaeval and Bukkene Bruse** – Bukkene Bruse.



There have been requests for the glogg recipe we have served at the Julebord the last several years:

## **Cranberry Glogg**

(If desired, use cranberry liqueur in place of the cranberry juice, eliminate the sugar, and substitute red wine for white wine.)

- 1 (28 ounce) bottle white table wine, or 4 cups white grape juice (which we use at the lodge)
- 4 cups cranberry juice
- 8 whole cloves
- 1 piece fresh ginger, about 1 inch square, peeled
- 2 (3 inch) cinnamon sticks
- 1/4 to 1/2 cup sugar

The night before you plan to serve this glogg, combine the wine (or grape juice), cranberry juice, cloves, ginger, and cinnamon sticks. Before serving, stir in the sugar to taste and heat to serving temperature, 150-170 degrees Fahrenheit, just below simmering. Ladle into small, warmed glogg cups or demitasse.

(We heat it first and then sweeten to taste, as the spices get stronger after heating.)

10 servings, 6 ounces each

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Leadership Workshop - Sat. Jan. 24  
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