



# the ASKELADDEN news

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*A Congenial Society of Sons, Daughters, and Friends of Norway*

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May only: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, 2 p.m.

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## Saturday, June 22 Midsommarfest with VASA

Cadwallader Park, Hickory Corners

Keeping with years of tradition, our lodge is invited to join in the fun at the VASA Midsommarfest at Cadwallader Park in Hickory Corners. The activities start as early as 11:30 a.m., with the decorating of the maipole for anyone who wants to participate. Celebrating with singing and dancing around the maipole is at noon. The smörgåsbord meal begins at 1 p.m. And other activities follow.

Tableware and beverages: coffee, Saft (a Nordic fruit drink) and water, will be provided. Bring a dish to pass of any type of food – Scandinavian is always appreciated. The park has a covered pavilion for our picnic, and a playground for the kids. Planned activities in addition to the maipole include a round of the Viking field game Kubb. Kubb is easy to learn and play.

Cadwallader Park is 20 miles north-east of Kalamazoo. It is on Hickory Road, about 2 miles east of the Gilmore Car Museum on the opposite side.

If you need further information, call Holly Jensen at (269) 385-3693 before the day of the event.

**Directions to Cadwallader Park from several points are on page 3.**

*Allow enough travel time from your starting location.*

## Thursday, July 11 Luisa's Café & Swedish Bakery

13698 Red Arrow Hwy, Harbert

Our second out-of-town summer event is a lovely excursion that brings us to the shores of Lake Michigan.

We will gather for breakfast/lunch/brunch at Luisa's Café in Harbert. The Swedish Bakery is next door and folks arriving early can shop there before our meal. Otherwise you can stop there afterward. We meet at **10:30 a.m.** at Luisa's, so allow plenty of travel time from wherever you are departing.

From Luisa's, we have been invited to carpool\* to Lodge member Anne Rapp's lovely lakeside home for a tour of her Norwegian and other art and painted cabinets and furniture.

*\*Very limited parking available*

So we can provide Luisa's with a firm headcount, you must RSVP to Gail Hadley at [ghadley@iusb.edu](mailto:ghadley@iusb.edu) or text or call her at (269) 845-2265 by July 5. Transportation to and meal cost at Luisa's is on your own. If you need or can offer a ride from the Kalamazoo area, let Gail know when you RSVP.

Due to seating limitations, this is an Askeladden *member-only* (and spouses) event.

**From I-94, take Sawyer Exit 12, left onto Sawyer Rd, then head south (left) on Red Arrow Highway 1.5 miles. Luisa's Café/Swedish Bakery are on the right.**

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## September Celebration Opportunity

*Curtis Cleveland, Cultural Director*

Nordkap Lodge, the Detroit-area Sons of Norway Lodge, will celebrate its 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in September.

They have planned a relaxing evening with a dinner on a river boat, sailing up and down the Detroit River, with spectacular views of the city's beautiful skyline, from 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Saturday, September 14. The dinner features: Salmon, Meatballs and Chicken Piccata.

The cost of this event is \$60 for non-Nordkap members. After June 30, the fees increase.

If interested, please contact me. I will mail you the reservation form. More information can be found on their website: <http://www.detroitnorwegians.com/>

## May Board of Directors Meeting

*Curtis Cleveland*

The Board of Directors met May 19, following the Lodge meeting. Vice-President Joan O'Bryan led the meeting. Earnie Best and Curtis Cleveland were present. Curt and Beverly Osborn were absent.

The Board approved four grants, including:

- \$400 Grant to Masse Moro, the District 5 youth camp
- \$100 Grant to the Sons of Norway Foundation (Designation: District 5 Fundraiser)
- \$150 Grant to the Sons of Norway Hockey Team (of the Kalamazoo Adult Hockey League)
- \$250 Grant to the Greater Kalamazoo Skating Association

The Board debated the idea of the Lodge making a grant to a project or organization selected by the Heritage members. At this meeting, no action was taken. The matter will be further debated at a future meeting.

## Askeladden Lodge Library

[www.librarything.com/catalog/Sonsofnorway](http://www.librarything.com/catalog/Sonsofnorway)

Contact Roger Drong with questions or to reserve resources.

## A Slightly Different Town

On the Svalbard Islands of Norway lies the northernmost town in the world.

Longyearbyen is a former coal mining town, but has since transformed into a cultural and commercial center. What makes Longyearbyen so unique isn't just its location, but the few strange laws that the residents must abide by.

The most bizarre law might be that it is illegal for the dead to be buried in Longyearbyen due to the sub-zero temperatures. If a death does occur, the body is taken to the mainland. A woman also cannot give birth in the town; an expectant mother must go to the mainland to deliver her child.

Cats are banned from the city in order to protect Arctic

birds. Residents are required to carry a firearm when traveling outside of the settlement, but it is illegal to have a loaded firearm within the town. It is also customary to remove one's shoes when entering an establishment, even in the museum and church.

These are only a few of the quirky facts about the town of Longyearbyen. To learn more, visit

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Dr. David Code recently received special recognition in the form of an **Excellence in Service** award from WMU's College of Fine Arts for his contributions to high-level service to the School of Music, the College of Fine Arts, the University, and professional organizations in music theory and music technology from the local through international levels. David's deep understanding of the workings of the School of Music comes from his many years of previous service as chair of every major committee of the School of Music and chair of the School of Music's Academic Area. Askeladden Lodge congratulates you, David!

<https://en.visitsvalbard.com/visitor-information/destinations/longyearbyen>

## Gratulerer med dagen!

*Fødselsdag Hilsener*

## June/July Birthdays

- June - Kaeler James Stafne
- June - Anne Rapp
- June - Terese Sherman
- July - Terilyn Koretsky
- July - Sondra Phillips
- July - Marilyn Sogge
- July - Karin Loberg Code
- July - Iona Robbins
- July - River Rose Reich

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## Directions to Cadwallader Park from I-94

Exit I-94 at Exit 85 (Galesburg-Augusta). Turn toward Galesburg-Augusta.  
Travel north on 35<sup>th</sup> St 1 mile.  
Turn left on M-96/E Michigan Ave and follow .8 mile.  
Turn right at N 33<sup>rd</sup> St for 3.1 miles.  
Continue on N 32<sup>nd</sup> St for 5.5 miles.  
N 32<sup>nd</sup> St turns right and becomes M-43/Wall Lake Rd. Follow 3.3 miles.  
Turn right (east) onto Hickory Road.  
Cadwallader Park is 2.1 miles on the left. (If you get to Hickory Corners, you've gone too far.)

## Directions to Cadwallader Park from inside Kalamazoo (Gull Road & Sprinkle intersection)

Follow Gull Road/M-43 northeast for 5.1 miles to traffic light in Richland.  
Turn left (north) on M-43/M-89 and follow 5.7 miles.  
Turn right (east) onto Hickory Road.  
Cadwallader Park is 2.1 miles on the left. (It's before Hickory Corners)

## Directions to Cadwallader Park from US -131 North of Kalamazoo (or M-89)

Exit US -131 at Exit 49A - Plainwell.  
Follow M-89 east 12 miles to stop sign at M-43.  
Turn left (north) on M-43 and continue for 5 miles.  
Turn right (east) onto Hickory Road.  
Cadwallader Park is 2.1 miles on the left. (It's before Hickory Corners)



Heritage Members James and Alice Kraatz both gave excellent presentations at our Syttende Mai/Memorial Day Celebration, shown here with their mom, Elizabeth.

## August Event

When making summer vacation plans, please note that our popular August gathering - a joint event with Vasa - will be held the *first* Sunday in August this year.

## Two nations' holidays celebrated at May event

*Curtis Cleveland, Cultural Director*

The spotlight was on two of our Heritage members at the May 19<sup>th</sup> Lodge meeting. Heritage members Alice and James Kraatz gave reports to the Lodge members of their activities during the past year.

Alice talked about her activities with the Children of the American Revolution, a youth group which she leads as the state president. James reported on his activities with the Greater Kalamazoo Skating Association.

We had an abundance of music at this meeting. With Margery Selden unable to attend because of a family reunion, Sara McGarvey was the pianist and soloist.

The lodge provided cold cuts, cheeses and bread, and Audrey Renoos brought fresh Scandinavian five-of-hearts waffles with strawberry topping and sour cream, while Elizabeth Kraatz made a beautiful Kransekake, which Alice and James decorated with Norwegian flags. Following the meal, we began the meeting with the Barnetog (Children's Parade), walking around the church building, waving Norwegian flags.



For the Tribute to Memorial Day, Sara led the singing of "This is my Song" and "America, the Beautiful." James Kraatz recited Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. Alice Kraatz read Lincoln's letter to Mrs. Bixby.

The Syttende Mai Quiz featured questions about Denmark and Finland. Roger Drong made a toast to the Scandinavian countries. Curtis Cleveland made a toast to the King and Queen of Norway. The Syttende Mai Celebration concluded with members singing "God Bless the King."

As an unexpected bonus, Sara sang a lovely aria from an opera of Puccini.

Many thanks to Betsy Fish, who was in charge of the set-up and clean-up. We are extremely grateful for all the hours she worked both before and after our special event to ensure success.

## Food Drive and Food Bank Campaign

At the May Lodge meeting, we had a Food Drive and a Food Bank Campaign, part of our community support program.

- Members donated 28 items/24 pounds of non-perishable food, which was given to the Kalamazoo Loaves & Fishes.
- Members donated \$113 for the Food Banks that serve West Michigan: \$58 for the Food Bank of South Central Michigan and \$55 for the Kalamazoo Loaves & Fishes.

Our next Food Drive and Food Bank Campaign will be at our November 10 Lodge meeting.



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## JUNI/JULI KALENDER

-  • juni 5 - Grundlovsdag - Constitution Day of Denmark
-  • juni 6 - Sveriges nasjonaldag - National Day of Sweden
-  • juni 7 - Unionsoppløsningen - Norway-Sweden Union dissolved 1905
-  • juni 14 - U.S. Flag Day
- juni 16 - Father's Day
-  • juni 17 - Icelandic National Day
- juni 21 - Audrey H. Engstrom memorial service, Lord of Life Lutheran Church, Portage 2 p.m.
- **juni 22 - VASA Midsommarfest at Cadwallader Park - 11:30/noon**
- juni 23 - Sankt Hans Dag - Jonsok - Midsummer Day
-  • juli 1 - Canada Day
-  • juli 4 - U.S. Independence Day
-  • juli 4 - HM Queen Sonja's Birthday, 1937
- **juli 11 - Askeladden Lodge event: Luisa's Cafe & Swedish Bakery** [www.luisascafe.com](http://www.luisascafe.com)
-  • juli 20 - HRH Crown Prince Haakon Magnus' Birthday, 1973
-  • juli 29 - St. Olav's Day (Olsok)
- juli 20 - last day to submit *Askeladden News* articles for the August issue



The mission of Sons of Norway is to promote and to preserve the heritage and culture of Norway, to celebrate our relationship with other Nordic Countries, and to provide quality insurance and financial products to our members.