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JOIN US FOR JULEFEST DECEMBER 2!

Please complete and mail the reservation form on page 8.



FROM THE SCREAM TO THE SERENE CELEBRATING NORWEGIAN ART

This year's *Indy International Festival* returns Thursday, November 9 through Saturday, November 11 to the Blue Ribbon Pavilion, Indiana State Fairgrounds, 1200 E. 38th Street, Indianapolis. One of the primary missions of the International Festival is to provide students and teachers with an enriching cultural and educational experience. Thousands of school children and their teachers will visit the festival, themed, "Visual Arts Around The World". Please contact *Dagrun* if you'd like to volunteer for the Sons of Norway booth this year—learn more on page two. General Admission is \$10. Tickets for children 7-12 are \$8. Children 6 years and under are free.



Beyond the city

The Scandinavian Coffee Hour (at Indiana University Bloomington) will vary in time and place in the month of November. On, November 9 - IU Cinema, 7 pm, *The Simple-Minded Murderer*, Swedish film

from the President

Dear Members and Friends of Circle City Lodge,

Our October Sammenkomst was a new spin on a traditional event. First there was the ever-popular and delicious f arik al which **Dagrun Bennett** made. Then for the demonstrations tables. This year's culture night had some of the stations that you have grown to love and expect: **Glenna Divine** demonstrating lefse-making, **Viola Abbot** sharing her knitted pieces, and me at the chip carving table. The new stations were a genealogy table where **Chelsea Courtney** helped folks who are beginning their genealogy research, a DVD by **Rolf Taraldset** (Norway's best acanthus carver) playing on the big-screen TV, and **Ty Morris** (Chelsea's boyfriend) using his laptop to help folks enroll in the **Kroger Community Rewards Program**. Several members told me they really enjoyed the evening. It would be hard not to with the good food, good companionship, and exposure to new and traditional cultural skills.

So what's next? A lot really. November is our busiest month with a regular monthly sammenkomst on **Friday, Nov. 10 at 6:30 pm**. It is a pitch-in so bring your favorite dish. Then the Courtney family will share their travel experience in Norway, a program we always enjoy!! We also are having a bake sale of Norwegian cookies or other baked goods at this meeting. Please bring a dozen or two of your favorite sweet treats so folks can stock up for the Holidays. And then we will have our biennial elections which is, this year, more than a tacit approval of the nominated candidates. We have two candidates who have agreed to serve as Vice President: **Stan Pederson and Terry Burns**. We appreciate their willingness to serve!!

At the same time the three-day **Indy International Festival** will be drawing huge crowds on **Nov. 9, 10, and 11**. The theme this year is **Visual Arts Around the World**, so our planning committee has begun to enlarge member-provided photos of Norwegian landscape art, architecture, folk art and sculpture for our display. Burt Bittner saw T-shirts with Edvard Munch's iconic Scream image, so the board approved that he purchase them for sale at our booth. I am sure they will sell quickly at \$10 each. I hope you can attend this festival, not only to see our proud display of Norwegian art, but also to experience the same of the many cultural groups represented there from the Indianapolis area. A community's life is enriched by this diversity.

Shortly thereafter, on **Saturday, Dec. 2**, we will begin our biggest gathering of the year: our **Julefest**. There will be a table of appetizers (salmon, cocktail shrimp, Jarlsberg and other cheeses, herring and more). The main course will be roasted pork loin with mashed potatoes, rutabagas, red cabbage, mixed salad, multi-grain bread, riskrem (rice pudding) and cookies. The reservation form is contained in this newsletter and needs to be returned to **Burt Bittner** by **November 27**. Please bring an item or two for the Silent Auction and new children's mittens, caps, and scarves for a local children's orphanage. Your children or grandchildren will get to see the Nisse (Norway's equivalent to Santa) so please bring a wrapped gift (valued at less than \$10) for each of them with their name on it. We will have a Christmas tree and will have music so we can dance around the tree. This is a special event and many wear their bunads!

Happy Thanksgiving to all!! Hilsen,

Jerry Rud

Member snaps

NEWSLETTER PHOTOS



Do you have great photos from our meetings or from your travels? Your images could be the art we need for our next newsletter. **We'd love to feature you—especially if you.** Please send those photos to: jlrud@cinergymetro.net or lindsayhadley23@mac.com. Else, the newsletter will be filled with pictures of Milo.

PSEUDO-CELEBRITIES IN OUR MIDST



Family Circle City Lodge

Your Lodge editors found themselves in another publication this month. If you snag the November issue of **Family Circle** magazine, you'll find a few familiar faces. **Lindsay Hadley**, **Tim Lisko** and **Milo Lisko** invited about 16 million people over for breakfast. Don't worry—the fleeting fame hasn't gone to their heads.

Please,
join us!

WE'D
LOVE TO
SEE YOU.

- *Sammenkomst* is typically the **SECOND FRIDAY NIGHT** or the **SECOND SATURDAY AFTERNOON** of the month.
- *Member lunch* is the **THIRD WEDNESDAY** of the month.
- *Board Meetings* are the **FOURTH SATURDAY** of the month at 9:30 a.m.

SAMMENKOMST

Fri. Nov. 10, 6:30 p.m.
MEAL Pitch-in
PROGRAM Visit Norway vicariously through the Courtney Family!

Sat. Dec. 2, Festivities begin at 1 p.m.

Meal begins at 2 p.m.

MEAL Festive! (with baked goods)

PROGRAM Julefest!

RSVP to Burt Bittner
See Reservation Form on page 8.

MEMBER LUNCHES

Stay tuned for details.

BOARD MEETINGS

Another Broken Egg
9435 N. Meridian Street

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DEC

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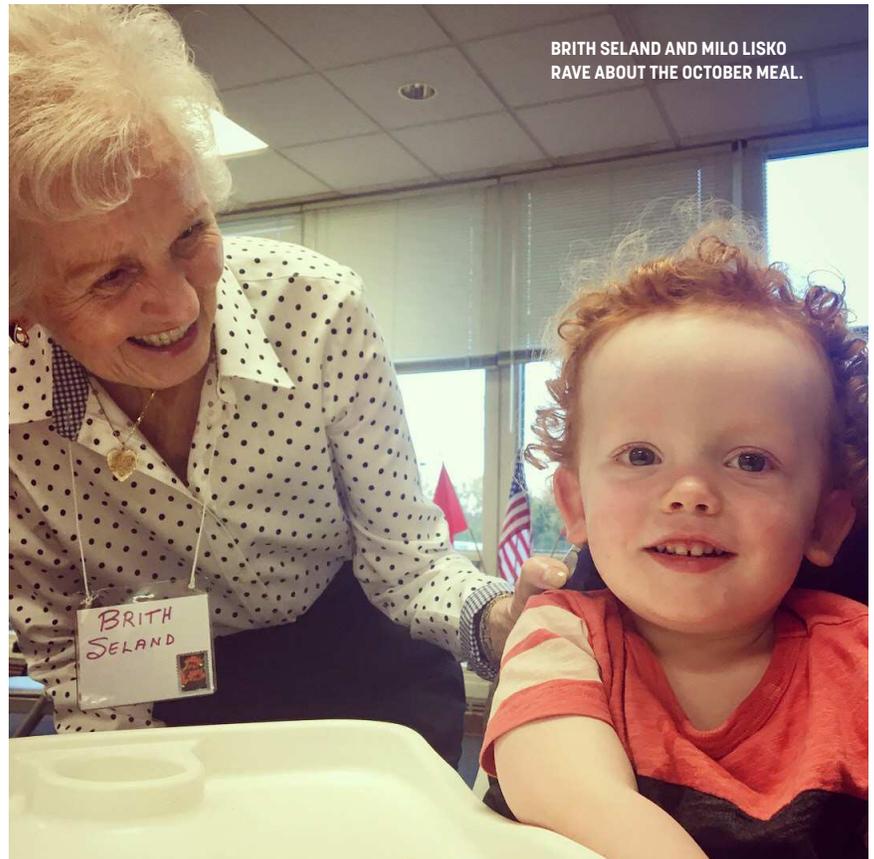
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HIGHLIGHTS FROM OCTOBER'S MEETING

"I LOVED IT.
I LOVED IT.
I LOVED IT.
I LOVED IT."

An official review.

Mrs. *Danielsen* made sure *Dagrun Bennett* knew how much she enjoyed the meal. The peppercorns were perfection, and a good time was had by all. In addition to the main dish, an assortment of homemade baked goods were heartily devoured, and several folks checked items out from the library.



BRITH SELAND AND MILO LISKO
RAVE ABOUT THE OCTOBER MEAL.



Speaking of sweet treats, we are trying something new at our November 10 sammenkomst. We are going to have a bake sale so please bring a dozen or two of your favorite Norwegian sweet treats which will be sold as a fund raiser for our lodge.



PAYING YOUR DUES

Family Memberships offer a simplified structure

On January 1, 2018, Sons of Norway is converting to a simplified dues structure. The new plan includes a Family Membership, something that has been requested for years. This new membership category requires that all members in a household share the same renewal date. For this first year as we transition to the new dues structure, we will be using the renewal date of the household resident that is the latest in the year. (For instance, if one member has an April renewal date and the other has a September date, both renewals will occur in September.)

The new membership card that you receive should reflect the latest renewal date in 2018 for members of your household. If you have any questions, please email 2018dues@sofn.com.

From the Presidents Conference

Jean Bittner and I attended the Presidents conference in Wisconsin last weekend. The conference was focused on some of the future changes that the lodges will be facing and a variety of ways to help our lodge grow. Over all we are doing well, but we can always make improvements. Over the next few months we will include some short articles on the different breakout sessions that we attended. —Nancy Andersen



A reminder

THE MORE WE SHOP, THE MORE WE EARN!

This quarter we earned **\$46.62** from Kroger. I encourage all members who shop at Kroger to register and to encourage your friends and relatives to do the same. One does not need to be a Sons of Norway member to help in this effort. **It is so simple and helps us so much.** If you have any questions, please email mia.carter@kroger.com or visit krogercommunityrewards.com



Norway

IN THE NEWS



PLANS TO BRING THE WINTER OLYMPICS TO NORWAY'S TELEMARK COUNTY WERE REVEALED IN FULL AT AN OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT ON TUESDAY, OCT. 31.

NORWAY'S TELEMARK COUNTY WANTS TO HOST THE WINTER OLYMPICS IN 2026.

The county is preparing to bid for the event, leader of Telemark's municipal sporting committee Geir Berge Nordtveit confirmed to NRK on Monday.

"I can confirm that we want to bring the Winter Olympics to Telemark," Nordtveit said.

Preparations for the bid launch had been kept secret by the county municipality prior to Monday's confirmation. An official launch event is scheduled for Tuesday. Telemark decided to throw its hat into the ring for the event after Austrian city Innsbruck decided not to bid, according to NRK.

Next year's Winter Olympics will be held in the South Korean city of Pyeongchang, with the 2022 games to be hosted in Beijing. Telemark will also ask neighbouring counties Buskerud and Vestfold to contribute to the bid, reports NRK.

As such, the bid will include events in different locations across Telemark, and perhaps beyond, rather than hosting all events in the same city wherever possible—the model currently used.

Norway previously hosted the Winter Olympics in 1994, when Lillehammer in Oppland county was the host city. **Bob Bennett** was there! Anyone else from our lodge attend that year?

—TheLocal.no

SNAKKER NORSK

LET'S LEARN SOME MUST-KNOW COLD-WEATHER VOCABULARY

Because Winter is coming!

snow day sledding
snødag **sledekjøring**

freezing warm cocoa
iskald **varm kakao**

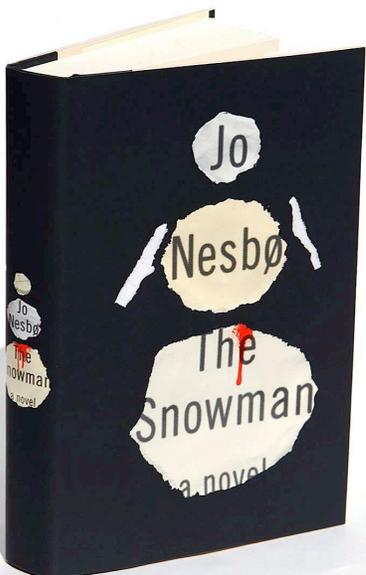
snow shovel slippery
snøskuffe **glatt**

ice skating ice
gå på skøyter **is**

snowball fight chilly
snøballkrig **kjølilig**

*The Snowman, a 2007 novel by
Norwegian crime-writer Jo Nesbø*
Snømannen

< *Now playing
in theaters, starring
Michael Fassbender*



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Julefest!

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317.842.4042



RESERVATION FORM SATURDAY 12.02.17 AT 1 PM KING OF GLORY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Burt, we are looking forward to coming to the Julefest on Sat., December 2. Our check payable to **Circle City Lodge**, is enclosed.

Adults	16 years and older	#	<input type="text"/>	@ \$17.00 =	\$ <input type="text"/>
Children	12-15 years old	#	<input type="text"/>	@ \$8.00 =	\$ <input type="text"/>
Children	11 years and younger*	#	<input type="text"/>	@ \$0 =	\$ <input type="text"/>
Total =					\$ <input type="text"/>

Name of Guests:

* Number of children seeing Santa (or Nisse)



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