



Fra Presidenten

As I write this, I'm leaving Flagstaff, Arizona to head back to Wisconsin. Coming here for a week after spending five weeks in Tucson has turned out to be a good way to re-acclimate me to snow and really cold temperatures. As rough as the weather's been for Madison this winter, I have to admit that I'm more tempted now than previously to become an annual "snowbird"!

Our Spring Frokost is coming up on Saturday, March 23rd, and Jerry Paulson again needs lots of volunteers to prep, serve and reset tables, donations of food items and baked goods for the buffet, and good old fashioned cash to make it a success. There will be signup sheets at the March 6th monthly meeting, but if you can't be there, please contact Jerry (see page 4). We'll also be holding our regular Bake Sale that day, for which Carolyn Lyle needs home made goodies, preferably using traditional Norwegian recipes, and including Easter items, such as buns and cookies. Sign up on March 6th or contact Carolyn (see officer's list on page 2). And if you have created any small needlework items while staying warm inside this winter (such as Hardanger lace pieces, crocheted/knitted dishcloths, potholders, nylon net scrubbies, scarves, baby caps, etc.), we'd love for you to donate them for our Butikk table. The proceeds from these would go to our Scandinavian Scholarship Fund. (Please pin a suggested price to each item, so we know what you feel your supplies and time were worth.)

Hopefully we'll get some warmer weather before then, as it'd be really nice to have our new handicapped ramp in place in time for the Frokost. Yes, the ramp pieces have arrived! They came in mid-January, in the middle of a snow storm, of course. Thanks to the efforts of my husband, Dennis, (I was already in AZ) they are now safely stored in the lodge basement. We'll save \$480 by assembling the ramp segments ourselves, so I'll be putting together a crew of volunteers to get this done in the next few weeks, with hopes for an early Spring. Do let me know if you'd be able to help; the sales rep has assured me that it's pretty easy to follow the accompanying instructions. However, the ramp can't actually be set up until we get warmer weather, so that ramp leg below-frost-level footings and a sidewalk between the end of the ramp and the parking lot can be poured. We weren't expecting to need footings, but the city required them in our building permit (and couldn't be talked out of them by me or our architect). So we will need to raise almost another \$1,000 to cover the extra cost. If you haven't donated toward the ramp yet, now would be a good time to do so; see the donation form on page 6.

We have some excellent programs coming up (see page 3), and I hope to see more of you attending as the weather gets better!

Dee Grimsrud

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Gratulerer Med Dagen

March Birthdays

4 - Solheim, Keith
 5 - Connery, Kieran
 5 - Putnam, Patricia
 8 - Larson, Pauline
 9 - Nelson, Eugene
 10 - Seiling, I Kate
 12 - Stoltenberg, Anna
 14 - Grinde, Jonathan
 15 - Crane, Diane
 17 - Ersland, David
 17 - Scriver, Shirley
 18 - Connery, Bailey
 18 - Ghastin, Lucretia
 18 - Rosensteel, Joan

April Birthdays

1 - Erickson, Ardis
 4 - Munson, Paul
 Paulman, Arthur
 5 - Thoresen, Lisa
 7 - Holtan, Susan
 Zoroufy, Katie
 8 - FASTER, Karen
 Welling, Taya
 9 - Quinney, Solveig
 10 - Nordby, Olive
 11 - Peterson, Walter
 19 - Hager, Peggy
 21 - Reinl, Glenn
 22 - Bennett, Jennifer
 26 - Grimsrud, Dee
 30 - Nordby, Eugene
 Zoroufy, Aaron

Membership Update

Please join us in giving a warm welcome to our two newest members, Erik Gunneson and Meg Hamell!

Our beloved friend and member, Robert R. "Bob" Weaver, passed away Tuesday, Jan 22, 2013, at age 85, with family by his side. He had been in the UW Hospital for about 12 days and fought a valiant battle. Please see page 5 for more information.

Idun News is published six times a year starting with the Jan.-Feb. issue and ending with the Nov.-Dec. issue. The DEADLINE for content submission is the 10th day of the month prior to publication. Email articles and photos to news@sonsofnorwaymadison.com. Send address changes to Mary Bennett.

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Monthly Programs

March 6

Roald Amundsen's Race to the South Pole

At the turn of the 20th century, the two poles remained the last unexplored regions on earth. In the last months of 1911, the race to the South Pole by the British explorer Robert Falcon Scott and the Norwegian Roald Amundsen captivated the attention of the world. The interest in polar exploration continues today. Come and learn about this exciting adventure and how and why Roald Amundsen, an explorer from the newly independent Norway, won the race.

Presented by Peggy Hager, Senior Lecturer in Norwegian at the UW Department of Scandinavian Studies.

Pictures from the lodge



April 3

New Ways to Think of Cows

Even though we Wisconsin folks are true Cheeseheads ("oste hodene"), most of us tend not to appreciate cows much beyond the fact that they graze in pastures and provide us with a yummy array of dairy products. Local photographer Paul Thoresen invites us to see cows with fresh eyes as he presents images and stories from his book "Cows: A Closer Look." He will also share insights into the historical "cow culture" of Norway, and how that changed once immigrants arrived in Amerika.



Stephanie and Gage Trader presenting at the February Lodge meeting about their trip to Northern Norway last November.

Another Opportunity to Help the Lodge!

Due to the great response to my plea for donations to help cover the cost of the Fall Frokost, I am repeating the request for the Spring Frokost. Your contributions helped to cover not only the groceries for the breakfast but also covered the Health Department fees with money left over! All members are again being asked to make a donation for this event which is scheduled for Saturday, March 23 from 9:00am to Noon. If you would rather donate grocery items, that is fine also. Cheeses, herring, crackers and, of course, home baked items for either the breakfast or for the Bake Sale can be donated. The Bake Sale in the fall also did well because of your response.

This is the last major fund raiser for the Lodge until fall. Plan to attend and enjoy the food and the socialization. Checks can again be sent to Jerry at the address below. Please make them out to Jerry Paulson and enter frokost in the memo space. If you are contributing food items for the Frokost either call or email using the information provided below.

Thanking you in advance,

Jerry Paulson

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Brat Fest - May 24-27 - Sign up NOW!

This year we need to get more volunteers signed up **as soon as possible** in order to get the number of hours and the jobs we want, so that we can make more money for the Lodge. Please reserve your slots *as soon as you read this* at <http://volunteer.bratfest.com>. Be sure to select Sons of Norway as your group! If you don't have internet access or don't want to create an account with them, call Dee between 10 am & 9 pm, and she'll sign up for you. Dee Grimsrud: 608-259-1958

Jobs available this year should be the same as last year, so be thinking about what you want to do: Check-in Help, Cashier, Cashier Runner, Griller, Brat Grill Runner, Brat Wrapper, Brat Runner, Bag Opener, Corn Roaster, Corn Runner & Wrapper, Corn Cashier, Condiment Stocker, Sparkle Patrol (cleanup), Gear Tent (sales), and Golf Cart Driver.

Ibsen's "A Doll's House"

April 6 - Stoughton

As part of the the Commonweal Theatre Company's ongoing commitment to produce the works of Henrik Ibsen, the father of modern drama, their troupe will perform "A Doll's House" at the Stoughton Opera House on Saturday, April 6th at 7:30pm. We are putting together a group of at least 8 in order to get a discount on the \$25 tickets. The good seats are almost sold out, so call Mary Zoroufy right away if you'd like to join us. We'll arrange carpooling among us.

Mary Zoroufy: 608-277-8190

Also, consider going to Lanesboro, Minnesota for Commonweal's 15th Annual Ibsen Festival – April 13-15, 2012. The festival will include many events celebrating Scandinavian art, culture, food and more. Details can be found at the festival website:

www.ibsenfest.org.

Bob Weaver

Bob and wife Barb have been members of Idun for many years; Barb joined Sons in 1972, and Bob came with her to our events prior to becoming a member in 1985. Even though Bob didn't have a drop of Norwegian blood, he adopted Barb's family traditions and was a truly active member. The Weavers have always been two of our biggest supporters for the Frokost and Lutefisk dinners. Bob always enjoyed lefse-making, initially doing duty on the mixer and later he was a great ball-maker and packager.

Even some of us who knew him well weren't aware of his interesting background, as described in his obituary in the State Journal:



Bob was born on October 8, 1927, to Lem J. Weaver and Elvy Hughes in La Mesa, NM. He and his family (older brother John and sister Merle) were part of the great workers' migration of the 1930s, when his family was forced to take whatever work was available from the mining towns in New Mexico and Arizona to the orchard fields and forests of Oregon and California. Bob attended eight grammar schools and three high schools and was hard working from a very young age, undertaking a variety of youth jobs, including carrying water to silver miners and laying railroad ties. Bob was a great lover of the outdoors and animals. For fun he and John would catch wild donkeys and ride them over the summer, and while in Northern California he learned to love camping and fishing, a pastime that he continued to enjoy throughout his life.

After his high school graduation at age 17, Bob first tried to join the U.S. Navy by stowing away on a navy transport with John, only later to be officially enlisted with his parents' support. He served from 1945 to 1954 at the U.S. Naval Air Station in Oakland, Calif. Beginning his career as a Storekeeper 3rd class, Bob worked in various positions, and achieved the rank of Disbursing Clerk 1st class. After an honorable discharge he went on to be an active Naval Reservist with the U.S. Naval Surface Division-Seabees in Madison until 1968. During his service he received numerous commendations and was consistently praised for excellent service and performance of the highest caliber.

Bob married the love of his life, Barbara Ann Flood, in 1951 while stationed in Oakland. They moved to Madison in 1952 and lived on the Central and West sides of Madison for more than 50 years where they had three children, Mary, Michael and Thomas.

Bob worked for 34 years as a Permit Supervisor for the State Dept. of Transportation-Highway Division, until his retirement in 1989. He was also an active member of Bethel Lutheran Church, ushering there for more than 30 years, and continued to be active with the Christian Men's and Friendly Visitors groups.

Bob is survived by his wife of 62 years, Barbara; three children, Mary (Jeff), Michael (Teresa) and Thomas (Rachel); and seven grandchildren, Evan, Lucas, Amy, Sara, Ruby, Matilda and Abigail; as well as his sister, Merle.

A memorial service was held at Bethel Lutheran Church on February 9th. Bob's cremains will be interred at the Bonnet Prairie Cemetery in a private service at a later date.

We extend our sincere condolences to Barb and her children and grandchildren. Bob and Barb have donated to our Handicapped Access Fund, and we encourage you to donate to this fund in Bob's memory.

Masse Moro Heritage Camp

July 21 to August 3

It's not too early to plan to send your child or grandchild ages 9-15 to our fabulous 5th District Heritage Camp! The total fee is still only \$600 per camper. To help cover the cost, in addition to the Lodge/District Matching Grants (a total of \$300, if application is postmarked by May 17th), there are two other scholarships available:

- First Year Camper Scholarship (\$50 each; number depending on donations received); applications must be postmarked by June 10th.
- Sarah L Paulsen Memorial Scholarship (three @ \$150); applications must be post-marked by April 15th.

For all the details on these scholarships, plus matching grant and camp application forms, go to

<http://tinyurl.com/bfs8btl>.

For general camp info, including links to a video and photos from past seasons, see <http://massemoro.org>.

Idun Library News

Recent additions to our lodge library are:

Children's books, donated by Mary Zoroufy:

- *Lasse På Lekeplassen*
- *O-Fag-2A*

Various Norwegian books, donated by Linda Fisher Lewis

- *Hanna's Daughters*
- *Wisconsin, My Home*
- *Norwegian English Dictionary*

Other donations

- *Nemesis*, donated by Dee Grimsrud
- *History of the Norwegian Settlements*, donated by Carolyn Lyle

Thanks to these individuals for their donations and everyone who has helped make our library a great source of information and entertainment for our lodge.

Handicapped Accesss Donation Form

Enclosed is my check for \$_____, payable to Idun Corporation, toward the Handicapped Ramp.

Please check one:

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Note: Even though this is a worthy project, contributions to Idun Corporation are not tax deductible.

A Little in English...

The Sami Easter Festival (March 27 – April 1, 2013)

The Sami culture is alive even today. The famous Easter festival is an example of this, an annual event with proud traditions. Easter was the time of year when Sami from throughout the region gathered in Kautokeino. They celebrated the end of the long winter and its darkness with religious parties and weddings.

85% of residents in Kautokeino are Sami speakers, and one of three work with reindeer. Kautokeino has the largest reindeer community.

At Easter, the sun has returned, and daytime temperatures are pretty manageable. It is the beginning of the Easter festival. Sami weddings receive thousands of guests, and bryllupsbidosen (stew) is served around wooden table settings. The Kautokeino community kicks off the whole Easter week with a good mix of party, fun, worshipping, cultural and exciting competitions.

Sami Grand Prix is a music competition with participants from all over Sápmi, with two classes of competition, joik and pop music. Joik is a living song tradition that is constantly evolving, so the material is entirely new. The class of pop music moves from joik inspired music to hard rock. Similar to the Eurovision Song Contest the audience decides the winner, so the Sami radio streams live and includes voting from across Lapland.

The concert goes on through Easter week is varied and includes Sami rock, jazz and joik inspired music and famous Norwegian artists. Often the country's most famous artist, Mari Boine, performs. The Sami theater there, Beaivváš provides a premiere location.

Nowhere in the world do you get so much Sami culture in such a short period of time during the Easter festival. To visit, however, requires some planning. Kautokeino is reached most easily by car, as there is a shortage of public transportation. Accommodation must certainly be organized in advance.

litt på norsk...

Nyttårsforsetter – er de tullete eller verdifulle?

Den samiske kulturen er levende, også i dag. Den berømte påskefestivalen er et eksempel, et årlig arrangement med stolte tradisjoner. Påsken var den tiden på året da samer fra hele regionen samlet seg i Kautokeino. Man feiret at den lange mørketiden var over med religiøse fester og bryllup.

85% av innbyggerne i Kautokeino er samisktalende, og en av tre jobber med reindrift. Kautokeino er Norges største reindrifskommune.

I påsken er sola tilbake, og dagtemperaturene ganske greie. Det er begynnelsen på påskefestivalen. Samiske bryllup fikk tusen gjester, og da serveres bryllupsbidosen (lapskausen) i tre bordsettinger. Befolkningen i Kautokeino har nå blitt vant til å sette av hele påskeuka til en god blanding av fest, moro, gudstjenester, kultur og spennende konkurranser.

Samisk Grand Prix er en musikkonkurranse med deltakelse fra hele Sápmi, og det konkurreres i to klasser, joik og popmusikk. Joik er en levende sangtradisjon i stadig utvikling, så materialet er nykomponert. Klassen for popmusikk beveger seg fra joikinspirert til hardrock. Akkurat som i Melodi Grand Prix er det publikum som avgjør, så sameradioen overfører direkte og avvikler stemmegivning over hele Sameland.

Konsertprogrammet påskeuka igjennom er variert, og omfatter samisk rock, jazz og joikinspirert musikk og landskjente, norske artister. Ofte er samelands mest kjente artist, Mari Boine, til stede. Det samiske teatret Beaivváš stiller gjerne opp med en premiere eller en markering. Ingen steder i verden får du så mye samekultur på så kort tid som under påskefestivalen. Å dra dit krever imidlertid litt planlegging. Kautokeino nås enklest med egen bil, da det er smått med offentlig transport. Overnatting må absolutt organiseres på forhånd.

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Kalendar

March

- 2** - Lefse Making - 9:00am-5:00pm including a potluck lunch
- 3** - Lefse Making - noon-5:00pm
- 6** - Monthly meeting - 6:00pm; 6:30pm potluck
- 23** - Spring Frokost & Bake Sale - 9:00am-noon \$

April

- 3** - Monthly meeting - 6:00pm; 6:30pm potluck
- 18** - Idun Lodge Board Meeting - 7:00pm

Please note: the date for the Fall Frokost has been updated from the calendar sent in the January-February issue of Idun News. It is on Saturday, November 30th, not the prior weekend.

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