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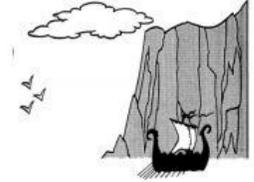
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NORDKAP CALENDAR

October 28 – Lodge meeting,
4 p.m., the Swedish Club

November 10 – Scandinavian
Market, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., the
Finnish Center

November 18 – Lodge meeting,
4 p.m., the Swedish Club

December 9 – Christmas Party and
Silent Auction, 2 p.m., Fox Hills

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Come to Our Family “Hallowegian” Party Oct. 28

O.K., we are not able to cast a magic spell, but we will be turning our traditional October meeting into a fun-filled Norwegian Halloween--or “Hallowegian”—party on October 28 at the Swedish Club at 22398 Ruth Street in Farmington Hills.

It’ll be a Scream! This is the event to bring your kids or grandkids to, and there’ll be special activities to please the kid in all of us.

Halloween costumes are encouraged for young and old alike—and all the rest of us in between.

On the menu are pizza and Kålrabi Salat Med Epler (Rutabaga and Apple Salad) that Mary Morehead will make, pumpkin cookie decorating, and games.

Here’s the timeline:

4 p.m.—Gather with fellow Hallowegian celebrants in your costumes at our spooky social hour; pumpkin cookie decorating

4:30 p.m. – Minute-to-Win-It Games directed by Heather Vingsness

5:30 p.m. -- Enjoy pizza, salad, and pop; wine available for adults

5:45 p.m. – Welcome and brief announcements

6 p.m. – Pumpkin cookie decorating continues



SUNSHINE UPDATES



Nordkap Vice President **Mark Eelnurme**, above, rode his mountain bike to win first place in the Sport Class for men aged 50 to 59 at Custer's Last Stand Mountain Bike Time Trial Race near Battle Creek, MI. Despite discouraging rainy conditions, a mud-spattered Mark was still able to make good time covering the Sport Class' longer distance and take top position on the winners podium.

Photo --Merete Stenersen-Eelnurme



Best wishes for good health to **Doc Myrold**, above, after surgery for an eye infection earlier this month.

We sadly note the passing on June 25th of **Karl Ehrenfeld**, 88. Karl is survived by his wife of nearly 60 years, Inger Ehrenfeld, his children Harald and Heidi, and Heidi's three sons.

GRATULERER MED DAGEN!

October Birthdays:

Gerald Bayer, Simon Bryhn, Bob Giles, Kaitlyn Hattenberg, Katherine Hildre, Carol Jehle, Cathy Johnson, Hans Jorgensen, Roy Marvel, John Mueller, Diane Stanard

Don't Miss the Christmas Party at Fox Hills!

You'll want to be there December 9th at Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center for our annual gala Christmas party and silent auction. The silent auction benefits our Nordkap Scholarship Fund.

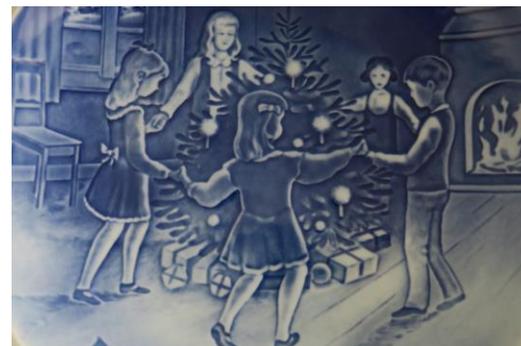
The party will be held in the beautifully renovated and expanded Fox Classic Clubhouse, reminiscent of old Norway with its log interior, natural stone fireplace, and rustic warmth and charm.

Members will soon be receiving special invitations, with instructions for reservations, making a payment, and choosing an entrée. The choices this year include Honey Soy Glazed Salmon, Rosemary Grilled Pork Loin Steaks, or Vegetable Lasagna. A children's meal of Chicken Strips and Fries is also available. A garden salad and traditional Norwegian rice pudding dessert is included with the meals.

Plan to make your reservations in advance before the closing date in late November, as will be detailed in the invitation.

Our event will begin with the silent auction at 2 p.m.,

followed by dinner at 3. Our musical program will follow with Christmas songs and dancing around the Christmas tree, as seen in this scene from the 1999 Bing and Grondahl Christmas plate .



Directions: Fox Hills at 8768 North Territorial Road, in Plymouth is easily accessible by major surface roads and area freeways. From M-14, take the Gotfredson Road exit north to N. Territorial Road, turn left, and look for the large Fox Hills sign at the entrance. Turn into the Fox Hills drive and follow it straight back to the Fox Classic clubhouse at the end. There is plenty of free parking in front of the clubhouse.



Norwegian Imports, Food Take Leading Roles at Scandinavian Market

Mark your calendar for November 10 to enjoy Nordkap's great meatball lunch and imported food and gifts at the Finnish Center.

This is your once-a-year chance to experience all the best that Detroit's Scandinavian community has to offer. From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., the doors will be open at the Finnish Center with food and gifts for the holidays from Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Iceland, and Finland. Admittance is a \$1 donation.

Where? The Finnish Center is at 35200 West 8 Mile Road in Farmington Hills.



Food takes top billing: Besides delicious baked goods from the Swedes and pasties from the Finns, you can buy a hot Norwegian meatball meal served by Nordkap Lodge. Our meatball lunch includes side dishes of roast potatoes, red cabbage, cucumber salad, flatbread, and coffee—all for \$6.

Waffles, too: We will also serve our special Norwegian waffles, complete with strawberry jam and sour cream—a bargain at \$2.

Your help is needed: You can be part of our Nordkap team in several ways.

- Help with sales of Norwegian gifts and foods, such as lefse, cheese, candies, and canned fish, at our imports table.

- Help prepare and serve the Norwegian meal.

- To volunteer, contact Carol Jehle at JehleCarol@Yahoo.com



Nordkap's meatball dinner is served by Erik Duus, Connie Hart, and Catie Hart. Finn Roed visits the import table staffed by Karen Hercke and Harald Ehrenfeld. Among many items sold by vendors are handsome Norwegian sweaters, mittens, and gloves



Five College Students Win Nordkap Scholarships

The Nordkap Lodge Scholarship Fund has again this year awarded scholarships to five deserving college students. Each received a grant of \$500.

This year's winners, their colleges, and chosen fields of study are:

- **Charlotte Duus** - Central Michigan University - Elementary Education
- **Elizabeth "Lolly" Duus** - University of Michigan - Dance and Theatre
- **Christiana "Chrissy" Hart** - Yale University - Film and Media Studies
- **Ian Sorensen** - Michigan State University - Neuroscience
- **Marie McMenamain** - College of Charleston - archeology

To be considered for a scholarship, applicants must be a lodge member or child/grandchild of a member for a minimum of one year prior to applying; be 17 to 23 years of age; be working towards a bachelor's or associate's degree from an accredited educational institution; be in good standing at school and have a Grade Point Average of 2.0 or better.

Charlotte and Lolly are daughters of Nordkap member Erik Duus. Chrissy is the daughter of Connie Hart. Ian is the grandson of Marge Sorensen. Marie is the granddaughter of Norm and Judy Kirsch.

Nordkap's scholarship committee is headed by Natalie Vaal. Members of Natalie's committee are Dennis Flessland and Bob and Louise Giles.

The committee received the following note that it wishes to share with our members:

"Thank you so much for the scholarship! My semester is going well so far, and I'm excited to be taking a class on Norse Mythology. I look forward to participating in more Lodge activities when I'm back in Michigan! Thanks again, Christiana Hart"

The committee thanks the many members who contributed to this year's successful awards by donating and purchasing items at our Christmas silent auction and summer garage sale, and by making private donations throughout the year. Tusen takk!

Donations Needed for Silent Auction

It's not too early to start thinking about donating items to this year's silent auction. The silent auction is always a big hit at our Christmas party. Items with a Nordic theme—or made in Norway—are very popular with bidders.

All auction proceeds go to the Nordkap Scholarship Fund. With our five scholarships this year, next year's fund will need extra support. Please bring your items to donate to our October or November meetings.



**Two items given for this year's auction:
Embroidered pillow cover and pewter
candlestick**

A Letter from Nordkap's Co-President Haley Vingsness

Welcome to fall! As the days get shorter, October is the perfect time to start cozying ourselves. Dig your sweaters out of the closet, and warm yourself with some spiced apple cider or gløgg. The response to Mary Morehead's baking event (kransekake) was great, and I hope you'll soon be able to share cozy baked goods with your family and friends.

In addition to baking, we're polling interest in a book group and an outdoor activities group. What's better for back-to-school than reading? Let me (Haley) know if you're interested in forming a book club to read literature by Norwegian authors or about Norwegian subjects (haleyv@outlook.com / 906-231-9246). Personally I'm still trying to finish all my summer beach reads, so this will be great motivation to keep me on my reading list!

This month we're breaking tradition a little bit by hosting a Halloween party. It's been a little while since we got together, since in September we host a thank-you event for the Swedish Club in place of our monthly meeting. It'll be nice to catch up on everyone's summer in a more casual way.

If this break had you missing us, please consider running for an officer position in our organization. Organizational leadership is great for professional development, and we would love to add your leadership to our board! Elections are in December, and the new officers are installed in January. We elect our full slate of officers every year, and there is always room for new faces.

**Med vennlig hilsen (with best regards),
Haley Vingsness**

Nordkap Recognized for Increasing Membership in 2018

As the year draws to a close, the Sons of Norway International has recognized those lodges that have met its 2018 recruitment goal of 9%. As of August 31, Nordkap was one of only three lodges in the Fifth District Sons of Norway (the Central U.S.) that have done so. Nordkap added 10 new members.

The other two lodges are Rib Fjell in Wausau, Wisconsin, with 5 new members, and Edvard Grieg in Cincinnati, Ohio, with 8.

Lodges that meet the goal receive: • First access to an exciting new Cultural Program • \$100 cash card the lodge may use as it prefers • 2018 Recognition Certificate.

Many thanks to all who recruited new members to enjoy the fellowship and benefits of our lodge!

Reminder: Edvard Grieg Concert Coming Up October 27

Don't forget the Detroit Symphony Orchestra concert coming up where Edvard Grieg's concerto for piano will be played. The concert will feature Icelandic keyboard master Vikingur Ólafsson and include two pieces by Jan Sibelius.

The performance that some other lodge members plan to attend is Saturday, October 27, at 8 p.m. at Detroit's Orchestra Hall. Get tickets from the DSO online at dso.org or by phone at 313-576-5111.

‘The King’s Choice’ -- the People’s Choice at Nordkap Movie Night

A Norwegian film, “The King’s Choice,” drew an appreciative audience of 30 people at Nordkap’s first “movie night” last month at the Swedish Club. Besides Nordkap, the audience included members of the Swedish Club and Sons of Norway members from Samhold Lodge in Auburn Hills.

To go with the movie, there were soft drinks—some provided by Samhold Lodge—as well as fresh hot popcorn made by Mary Morehead. Tusen takk, Mary!

Set during the German invasion of Norway in 1940, “The King’s Choice” recounts the difficult choice faced by Norway’s King Haakon VII in refusing to surrender Norway to Nazi Germany. His decision was followed by five years of fierce Norwegian resistance to the occupying German forces.

The film had many dramatic and tense scenes, including one where the king, his family, and supporters had to run for their lives to escape from strafing German planes.

The movie riveted the audience’s attention. Afterwards, many enthusiastic viewers said they were looking forward to the next movie night.



The audience gathers with popcorn and soda for viewing “The King’s Choice.”

The Sons of Norway District 5 Biennial Convention held in La Crosse, Wis.

--by delegate and Nordkap Lodge Vice President, Mark Eelnurme

Every two years, the Sons of Norway District 5 holds a biennial convention to attend to overall business matters that affect the daily operating procedures of the district's lodges and their members. District 5 represents the states of Alabama, Illinois, Kentucky, Michigan, Mississippi, Ohio, Tennessee and Wisconsin. Each lodge elects delegates to represent them at the convention. Based on its membership size, Nordkap was allowed three delegates and elected Mark Eelnurme, Merete Stenersen-Eelnurme, and Dennis Flessland earlier this year. Overall, 113 delegates from 38 different lodges attended the convention. Below is a recap of the convention agenda:

Thursday, June 28th: Opening of the Convention at 8:00am at the La Crosse Radisson. District Five board members meeting from 8:00am to 10:00am. District Committee meetings from 10:00am to 2:00pm. Workshops on lodge financials and cultural programs from 2:30pm to 4:00pm

Friday, June 29th: Business session from 8:00am until 5:00pm. Call to order of the convention by District President Andy Johnsen. Introduction and appointment of new district officers, a roll call of delegates in attendance and adoption of rules for the 2018 district meeting. Noon to 1:30 lunch break. Meeting resumed at 1:30 with agenda items including appointment of District Officers, reports on potential by-law changes from the district finance, publicity, laws, resolutions, and fraternal affairs committees and closing with remarks by Sons of Norway International Director John Grinde. A wonderful Fish Fry dinner followed the meeting and delegates had the option of boarding the La Crosse Queen Riverboat for a beautiful sightseeing tour along the historic Mississippi river later that evening.

Saturday, June 30th: Business session from 8:00am until 5:00pm. Call to order to resume business meeting by John Grinde. Roll call of delegates in attendance followed by recalling the various committees to report on bylaw changes and vote outcomes. Elections were held to appoint delegates in attendance to become International delegates and attend the International Sons of Norway meeting in 2018. Lunch was from noon to 1:00pm. Meeting resumed at 1:00pm where District 5 awards were presented (***your very own Nordkap Lodge won the 2017 Family Lodge of the Year Award!***) followed by final convention announcements and remarks from various board members. A wonderful dinner followed the meeting with an authentic Bunad show and ballroom dancing afterwards.

Overall, the convention was a very rewarding experience to gain valuable insights into how other lodges function, plan events, and make membership more rewarding for their members. I would encourage anyone with interests in making Nordkap Lodge the best it can be to consider becoming a delegate for the 2020 biennial meeting that will be held in Madison, Wisconsin.



Delegates (from left) Dennis Flessland, Merete Stenersen-Eelnurme, and Mark Eelnurme (Merete Stenersen-Eelnurme photo)

FROM THE ARCHIVES: Tenth in a Series by Geir Gronstad

This article is from NORSE CIVIC NEWS, May 1962

SONS OF NORWAY, FIFTH DISTRICT, TWENTY-SIXTH BIENNIAL CONVENTION

The Fifth District, Sons of Norway includes the lodges of Wisconsin, Illinois and Michigan. The twenty-sixth biennial convention of this District will open on Thursday evening May 31 (1962) at the Statler-Hilton Hotel on Washington Blvd., in Detroit.

The Convention is sponsored jointly by the two Detroit lodges: Nordkap Lodge 378 and Midnight Sun 419. The Convention Committee and the members of both lodges have worked diligently for two years to make this Convention the best ever.

It is the first time in history of the Sons of Norway that a Convention has been held here in Detroit. There will be a hundred delegates and their guests as well as other visitors attending. This will make a total of over 200 Norwegians in our city.

We are hoping that all our Scandinavian friends will join us in the social festivities of the Convention. One of the highlights will be the crowning of the Fifth District Queen on the opening night. The contestants must be members of a Sons of Norway lodge of the Fifth District and must be single and of age between 18 to 25. She will be chosen by the Fifth District Board at its meeting on May 31, at 4:00 PM at the Statler-Hilton Hotel.

The schedule of the Convention is as follows:

Thursday, May 31: *Opening of Convention at 8:00 PM. Place: Statler-Hilton Hotel. Invocation, greetings and welcome, initiation of new members, crowning of the Fifth District Queen by Chris Johansen, Fifth District President. Social hour to follow with free coffee and cake to get acquainted with the delegates.*

Friday, June 1: *Business session from 9:30 AM to 12:15 PM. All members of Sons of Norway in Detroit are urged to attend. You do not have to be a delegate to attend the business meeting.*

Friday, June 1: *Ladies luncheon at 12:15 to 2:00 PM at Statler-Hilton's English Room for women delegates, visitors and any other ladies who wish to attend.*

Friday, June 1: *Business session from 2:00 to 4:30 PM*

Friday Night Social Affair: *Place: Geisz Hall, 13303 Gratiot, near Six Mile Rd. Time: Smorgasbord 7:00 to 9:00 PM. Dancing from 9:00 to 11:00 PM. Music by Webeck's Orchestra. Price: \$3.75 per person including other refreshments. For latecomers \$2.25 per person*

Saturday, June 2: *9:30 AM. Business session with election of District officers. At 1:00 PM installation of new Fifth District Officers. The Chicago Drill Team will perform and all members are urged to attend.*

Saturday, June 2: *3:00 PM. Bowling at Great Lakes Bowling Center at Woodward and Baltimore*

Saturday night, June 2: *Convention Banquet at the Statler-Hilton. Cocktail hour in the Wayne Room from 6:00 to 7:00 PM. Dinner from 7:00 to 8:00 with a program following. Toastmaster, Irving Highland, Past Supreme Lodge President. The main speaker of the evening will be Marshall Fredericks, internationally known sculpture who has been in Norway on various occasions. Dancing from 9:00 PM to 1:00 AM. Music by Henry Van Horn and his Band*

Nordkap Hosts Steak and Corn Roast for the Swedish Club

A team of hardy Nordkap volunteers prepared and served a compete steak and corn roast dinner to about 60 hungry diners at the Swedish Club on September 9.

This annual event is performed to thank the Swedes for the privilege of renting their wonderful facility in Farmington Hills for our Nordkap events.

Photos from the top left, left to right: Overseeing the grilling are Haley Vingsness, Dennis Flessland, Geir Gronstad, and Derrick Hendricks. Chief corn shuckers are Lynn Herche and Norman Kirsch. Marge Sorensen cuts brownies for dessert. Carol Jehle prepares coleslaw. Bob Giles presents Nordkap's gift of a pair of steam locomotive bookends to Swedish Club President and model train hobbyist Dan Nelson.



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