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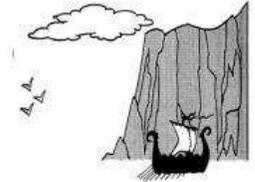
Nordkap Lodge 5-378 - Sons of Norway

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NORDKAP CALENDAR

**October 22 – Lodge meeting,
4 p.m., the Swedish Club**

**November 11 – Scandinavian
Market, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., the
Finnish Center**

**November 19 -- Lodge meeting,
4 p.m., the Swedish Club**

**December 10 – Christmas Party,
2 p.m., Western Golf & Country
Club**

2017 Officers

President: Louise Giles

Vice President: Mark Eelnurme

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otherwise indicated.**

Honor Your Viking Explorer Heritage in October



Monday, October 9th: American officially observes Leif Erikson day.

Come to Norkap's **October 22 meeting** and help us honor Norway's greatest explorer--along with two more: Fridtjof Nansen and Roald Amundsen. Cultural Director Carmen Collins will lead us in learning about their heroic lives.

But first, let's eat!

We'll feast on pasties— that delicious hot meat pie that explorers might have enjoyed, if they'd only had them! Pasties actually came from Cornwall, England, where the miners carried them in their pockets for a hot lunch underground.



Beef Pasty (Cooking Channel photo)

Social time is 4 p.m., **dinner** at 4:30 (suggested donation: at least \$5).

Location: The Swedish Club, 22398 Ruth St., Farmington Hills.

Five Things You Need to Know! (See Inside)

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SUNSHINE UPDATES



Congratulations to the beautiful couple, **Heather Vingsness and Jarrod Brown**, who exchanged wedding vows September 2. (*Vingsness family photo*)

Lolly Duus, daughter of Erik Duus, was granted an Astrid G. Gates Scholarship by the Sons of Norway Foundation. The scholarship was established through the will of Astrid Gates and is awarded annually to one student from each district in the U.S. to study domestically. Lolly is the 5th District winner and is studying Theatre Performance at the University of Michigan.

Best wishes to: **Geir Gronstad**, following surgery for an injured knee; **Mary Morehead**, after her second knee replacement; and **Joe Collins**, husband of Carmen, as he continues treatment for cancer.

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
Oddny Viik

'Scandinavian Market' Coming November 11

A market with all things Scandinavian--featuring food and gifts for the holidays from Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Iceland, and Finland--will make its debut from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. November 11 at the Finnish Center at 35200 E. 8 Mile Rd. in Farmington Hills.

"The Scandinavian Market" is the new name for the event, which **replaces the former Scandinavian Bazaar**, held at the Finnish Center for many years. The new title is reflective of changes being made at the Finnish Center as it continues to reimagine and update its mission.

Nordkap Lodge will play a leading role at the Market, selling Norwegian waffles for \$2 and serving a complete Norwegian meatball dinner for \$6, including potatoes, red cabbage, cucumber salad, and flatbread. Our lodge also sells Norwegian gifts and imported foods, such as



Waffle makers Jan Flessland, Bethie Stinson, and Sonja Gronstad

lefse, cheese, candies, and canned fish. Harald Ehrenfeld will again participate at our import table, offering his one-of-a-kind hand-carved sculptures.

Our volunteers are the ones who help make this event possible. We need your help to prepare and serve food and sell items at our import table.

Please consider offering your services for a two-hour shift and contact Carol Jehle at jehlecarol@yahoo.com to volunteer.

Correction

Our apologies to Joyce Wagner who was mistakenly identified as Kathy Strettar in the September 2017 Nordkapen. The photo showed the Scandinavian booth and giant Viking Helmet float at the Scottish Highland Games in August. Joyce was a volunteer at the booth (as was Kathy Strettar) and appeared at the right of the photo.



Photo Page: Nordkap Hosts Swedish Club's Steak and Corn Roast

To show our appreciation to the Swedish Club for allowing us to rent their beautiful facility, Nordkap hosted the clubs' annual Steak and Corn Roast. This year's roast was September 10, and our volunteers did us proud!



Photos, left to right, Top Row: Overseeing the grill are Derrick Hendricks, Lynn Herche, Mark Eelnurme, and Dennis Flessland; the kitchen crew, Mary Morehead, Louise Giles, Marge Sorensen, and Carol Jehle, prepares salads and sides as Geir Gronstad looks on from the left and Derrick Hendricks readies steaks for the grill.

Second Row: Mark Eelnurme and Dennis Flessland roast corn on the grill; Lynn Herche shucks the hot corn.

Third Row: The feast is served buffet style to hungry Swedes and Norwegians, including Pres Bruning on the right; Nordkap President Louise Giles presents gifts of Swedish socks and decal to Swedish Club President, Dan Nelson. Behind them are members of the Nordkap volunteer team, Harald Ehrenfeld, Merete Stenersen, Derrick Hendricks, Cathy Johnson, Geir Gronstad, Mary Morehead, Lynn Herche, and Mark Eelnurme.

FROM THE ARCHIVES: Fourth in a Series by Geir Gronstad

These two articles are from Norse Civic News, February 1977

A joint installation for the officers of the two Detroit-based Sons of Norway lodges took place on January 22, 1977. Nordkap lodge was the host to Midnight Sun. A large group from each lodge met at the Oddfellows Hall in "Old Redford" for an evening of dinner drinks and dancing.

After a cocktail hour, a buffet-style dinner featuring sliced ham, scalloped potatoes, peas, and dark bread with a dessert "tilslørte bondepiker" (mashed apples covered with whipped cream and bread crumbs).

The dinner was prepared by Dianne Gundersen, Arnold Haugh, Rigmor Cuolahan, Hazel Ericksen, Lucille Braseth, Inga Gaulin, and Ingvad and Elaine Orheim.

Paul Cuolahan, 1976 president of Nordkap lodge, introduced Gene Steensma, president of Pontiac's Samhold Lodge and vice-president of the Fifth District. Mr. Steensma acted as the installing officer for the evening. Also on hand to help was Marv Fredenlund, director of the Fifth District. Acting as marshalls were Mickey Cressy and Ingvad Orheim.

All the incoming officers were assembled and a joint pledge was taken. Then Mr. Steensma explained the duties of each office.

The two new presidents of the lodges each said a few words both dealing with the continued joint activities for the lodges.

This is the first time that Nordkap Lodge has had a woman president. Susan Guyot has only been active in the Scandinavian community for four years, but in that time, she has become involved with the Scandinavian Symphony, the Riverfront Festivals and the Norse Civic Association. She is currently the editor of "The Nordic News".

Alma Nelson is beginning her fifth year as president of the Midnight Sun Lodge. She has served as secretary to that lodge and is a charter member. She has been active in the Scandinavian Festivals since their beginning. In 1976, she was honored as Norwegian Woman of the Year at the Bi-centennial Ball.

After the installation, there was dancing to the lively music of Val, a local organist.

In line with the Norse Civic Association goal of providing information about and preserving Scandinavian culture, Dr. William Henry Caswell, Royal Norwegian Consul for the State of Michigan, represented the Norse Civic Association in presenting two-volume sets of "Cleng Peerson" to Susan Guyot, President of Nordkap Lodge, Sons of Norway; Alma Nelson, President of Midnight Sun Lodge, Sons of Norway; and Harold DeVold, President of the Norwegian Club of Detroit, for the use of their organizations.

These three two-volume sets were supplied to the Norse Civic Association by Mr. Otto von Rosen, District Manager for Scandinavian Airlines.

The Cleng Peerson books describe, by the use of a historical novel format, much of the climate of the events surrounding the voyage of the "Restoration", the ship of Norwegian immigrants that came to the United States approximately 150 years ago.

A Letter from Nordkap's President

Great Cultural Programs Coming up: Our Cultural Director Carmen Collins has enlivened lodge meetings this year by delivering interesting and enjoyable programs. The one for **October 22—on Norwegian explorers**—should be especially good. Carmen will offer an in-depth look at three outstanding Norsemen and how they accomplished amazing feats of exploration and diplomacy despite overwhelming obstacles.

Next month's program will also touch on history and should be equally intriguing. Carmen has lined up Nordkap member **Derrick Hendricks to introduce us on November 19 to "Medieval Weapons and Defenses"**—something Derrick has collected for years. He promises to show us "a good range of swords and knives" from his collection but to keep the discussion "light" with a few funny stories.

Nordkap Officers for 2018 Wanted: As Carmen demonstrates, good leaders make for a good lodge. And Nordkap is looking for more of its members to step into leadership roles. Your Nominating Committee is currently putting together a slate of officers for 2018. This is your chance to step forward and become a lodge officer. There are many slots to fill and your input would be welcome. Please consider offering your name for nomination by contacting committee members Carmen Collins, Mary Morehead, and me. We will elect officers from the final nominees at our November meeting.

Seeking Qualified Norwegian Language Teachers: Nordkap is also looking at ways to resume our Norwegian language classes, since our wonderful teacher Adrienne Shepard moved to Oregon this summer. We can't have Adrienne live in our Swedish Club classroom anymore. While we are considering the option of conducting classes remotely with an internet connection, we would also like to find out if there are other qualified Norwegian language teachers available in this area. If you know of an experienced teacher who could help us restart our language classes, please contact me at Nordkap@DetroitNorwegians.com.

**Med vennlig hilsen (with best regards),
Louise Giles**

Donations Still Needed for Nordkap Silent Auction!

Having awarded five scholarships this year, your Nordkap Lodge is working hard to rebuild its Scholarship Fund in order to take care of next year's student applicants.

One way you can help is by donating interesting and useful items you no longer need to our silent auction held in December. All auction proceeds go to the Scholarship Fund, and items with a Nordic theme—or made in Norway—are very popular with bidders.

We already have some very generous donations from Tove and Pres Bruning, Myrtle Ebert, Karen and Lynn Herche, Joyce Wagner, and the estate of Mildred Beck—but **more are needed**.

Please look around for that special item you can part with for a good cause, and bring it to our October or November meeting and give it to Louise Giles or Carol Jehle, auction co-chairs.



Auction items to date include sweaters, Norwegian pewter, and rosemaling.

A Young Friend Finds Oslo Is a ‘Best Place to Travel’

Oslo’s ultra-cool new airport and the coffee culture are two reasons why “Travel + Leisure” named the Norwegian capital one of the Best Places to Travel in 2017. We asked our young friend Christian Neubacher to tell us about his recent visit to Oslo and how he cleverly made the best use of a brief stopover to sample the wonders of this beautiful city. Here’s his report:

My Four-Hour Budget Tour of Oslo, by Christian Neubacher

With a few hours to spare before my flight from Oslo Lufthavn, I embarked on a short tour of Oslo. For any first-time visitor of the city, making your way towards the Royal Palaces is a good start. Not only is the destination and its accompanying gardens beautiful, the road towards it is lined with stores, restaurants, and monuments to enjoy. My next stop was Oslo’s harbor, an equally vast and enjoyable stretch, with even more restaurants.

As I began my journey back to the train station, I briefly walked through the Akershus Fortress, which definitely deserves a more thorough visit, before heading towards the Oslo Opera House, one of the city’s most famed architectural landmarks. Make sure that you climb up to the roof and enjoy the Oslo skyline in its entirety! Four hours may not be a lot, but it is enough to give you an overview of the magnificent city that is Oslo.



Christian Neubacher

Historical Nordkap Files Now Available To the Public

The historical paper records of Nordkap Lodge are now available to the public to view at the Bentley Historical Library at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, where they are stored and preserved.

The files were turned over to the library at 1150 Beal Avenue in May to become part of its permanent collections. A library staff member subsequently categorized and processed the files, then created an online “finding aid” for researchers to locate the files, which occupy 2.4 linear feet of library shelf space. The finding aid can be accessed at: <https://quod.lib.umich.edu/b/bhlead/umich-bhl-2017025?view=text>

Over time, the library plans to digitize the paper files and make them available online. Nordkap will regularly contribute new records to the library so the collection can be up to date and complete.

Sons of Norway Sells Headquarters in Minneapolis

The Sons of Norway in August announced its agreement with Ryan Companies US, Inc. and Weidner Apartment Homes for the sale and redevelopment of their land parcel in South Minneapolis. Considered to be a marquee location in the heart of the Uptown neighborhood, this property has been home to the International Headquarters of Sons of Norway since 1962. Once complete, the Sons of Norway plans to continue business operations on the site including their financial services and international cultural organization.

“After an extensive process to ensure the highest and best use of our primary asset, the clear choice was to sell the property that has served us so well,” said Eivind J. Heiberg, CEO Sons of Norway. “Considering market conditions in the Uptown neighborhood and the challenges of an aging facility, it was time to make the most forward-thinking decision for the long-term health of our organization, employees, and the community.”

Hats Off to the Sons of Norway Foundation!

October is the month we salute the Sons of Norway Foundation.

Established in 1966, the Foundation is dedicated to funding activities that preserve and promote Norwegian heritage, positively affect members, and make Sons of Norway communities a more vibrant place to live.

Its grants and scholarships concentrate on:

- Creating opportunities for higher education as a means for success.
- Showcasing our unique Norwegian heritage to wider audiences.
- Exploring cross-cultural exchanges.
- Providing humanitarian support to Sons of Norway members who are victims of natural disasters.

Since its inception, the Foundation has awarded \$1,375,000 in scholarships, \$390,000 in grants, and more than \$500,000 in humanitarian aid. The Foundation cannot continue this great work without support and always welcomes members' donations.



Pop-Up Viking Ship Card

Nordkap member Elsa Jorgensen discovered this Viking Ship 3-D greeting card. Measuring 5 X 7 inches, the card is blank inside for your personal message. It's available online for \$13 from Lovepop Cards.

Lovepop describes the item this way: "The red cover of this imaginative pop-up card features a laser-cut illustration of a Viking helmet, complete with two long braids.

"Once opened an incredible ship full of adventure-seeking Vikings appears. The 3-D sculpture contains tons of impressive details including shields, oars, and a dragon head mounted to the bow to fend off evil spirits and sea monsters."



(Lovepop Cards photo)

Find it at https://www.lovepopcards.com/products/viking-pop-up-card?variant=30860166285&utm_source=facebook.com&utm_medium=display&utm_term=PC1&utm_campaign=DPAQ216

New Film Features Norwegian Locations

A new English-language film shot in Norway is due for release in the United States later this month. *The Snowman* is an upcoming 2017 British crime thriller film, based on the novel of the same name by Jo Nesbø. The film stars Michael Fassbender, Rebecca Ferguson, Charlotte Gainsbourg, Val Kilmer, and J. K. Simmons.

The Premise: When Harry Hole, an elite crime squad's lead detective (Fassbender), investigates the disappearance of a victim on the first snow of winter, he fears an elusive serial killer nicknamed "The Snowman" may be active again. With the help of a brilliant recruit (Ferguson), the detective must connect decades-old cold cases to the brutal new one if he hopes to outwit this unthinkable evil before the next snowfall.

Filming: Scenes in Oslo included one on the tram with Fassbender, a party scene at Oslo City Hall, and Restaurant Schrøder, where Harry Hole is a regular in the book-series. Shooting also included the area of Rjukan (where the heavy-water incident in World War II took place) and the city of Bergen, featuring such locations as the mountain of Ulriken, Bryggen and Skansen firestation. Scenes were also shot in Drammen and on the Atlantic Ocean Road.



Michael Fassbender in "The Snowman" (film still)

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