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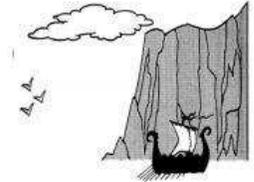
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NORDKAP CALENDAR

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

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Swords and Knives and Lamb Stew in November

The Program: We know the Vikings were very skillful in armed combat, but what exactly were these weapons and armor? How were they produced and used? And how did they evolve over time to suit the new technology?

Nordkap member Derrick Hendricks will help answer those questions when he speaks on November 19 on the subject of “**Medieval Weapons and Defenses.**” Derrick has long been fascinated by medieval weapons and promises to show us a good range of swords and knives from his collection. Somehow, he says, he will keep the discussion “light” with a few funny stories.

The Meal: His presentation will follow a delicious dinner of Fårikål (the traditional Norwegian fall meal of lamb and cabbage stew) prepared by our expert Norwegian chef Dennis Flessland, the honorary consul of Norway to Michigan.

The Election: We will also conduct our important election of officers for 2018 at the meeting. The nominating committee of Mary Morehead, Carmen Collins, and Louise Giles has put together a robust slate of officers for you to vote on. We encourage you to be there and make your vote count!

Christmas Preparations: So we can be ready for Christmas, Geir Gronstad will warm up his vocal cords and teach us the Norwegian songs to sing as we dance around the Christmas tree to be ready for the real thing at our Christmas party in December.

When and Where: Sunday, November 19, at the Swedish Club, 22398 Ruth St. in Farmington Hills.

- 4 p.m. social time
- 4:30 p.m. dinner



Derrick Hendricks

SUNSHINE UPDATES



Rick Aardal (Aardal family photo)

Congratulations to Rick Aardal, honored at the Henry Ford Health System's "A Night of Stars." The gala event at Detroit's Cobo Center paid tribute to those who had worked 15 or more years. Rick was celebrated for his 30 years as a Registered Nurse (RN).

We sadly note the sudden passing last month of Tor Birger Grønstad, a retired executive of GM Norway and an accomplished athlete who provided assistance from GM for Ski for Light in Norway. He and his wife, Inger, were the parents of three children and six grandchildren. Tor's son, Geir Grønstad, our Nordkap counselor and former president, traveled to Norway for the funeral, as did Geir's wife, Lori, and their two daughters, Lilje and Sonja.

GRATULERER MED DAGEN!

November Birthdays:

Erik Bryhn, Carmen Collins, Inger Ehrenfeld, Karen Herche, Sheldon Johnson, Nicole Middleton, Alexandria Sturgeon, Stacy Torgerson

December Birthdays:

Derrick Hendricks, Chet Jehle, Elsa Jorgensen, Sylvia Lindemann, Leiv Erik Lundberg, Gary Olson, Theodore Shepard, Russ Simms, Merete Stenersen, Natalie Flessland Vaal

Come to the Market for Scandinavian Gifts & Food

Want a great place to buy Nordic holiday gifts and enjoy a good Norwegian meal? Check out the Scandinavian Market:

What? A market with all things Scandinavian--featuring food and gifts for the holidays from Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Iceland, and Finland—just \$1 donation at the door.

When? Saturday, November 11, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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

Did You Say Food? 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 lunch includes side dishes of roast potatoes, red cabbage, cucumber salad, flatbread, and coffee or lemonade—all for \$6.

What about waffles? We will again serve our special Norwegian waffles, complete with strawberry jam and sour cream for \$2.

Can I be involved? 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. (Artist Harald Ehrenfeld will also be there, offering his one-of-a-kind hand-carved sculptures.)
- Help prepare and serve the Norwegian meal.
- To volunteer, contact Carol Jehle at JehleCarol@Yahoo.com.



Harald Ehrenfeld

Corrections

In the October 2017 Nordkapen, there was a typographical error in spelling the Sons of Norway 5th District scholarship won by Lolly Duus. Lolly was awarded the Astrid G. Cates Scholarship (not Astrid G. Gates, as reported).

Also in the October 2017 issue, an incorrect address was given for the Finnish Center Scandinavian Market. The correct address is 35200 West 8 Mile Road in Farmington Hills (not E. 8 Mile).

Reservations Due December 1 for Annual Nordkap Christmas Party

You are invited to our annual Nordkap Christmas party, **but you must R.S.V.P.** by the deadline of December 1 in order to secure your place and choice of entrée at this festive event.

When and where is the party? We will be singing traditional Norwegian songs and dancing around the Christmas tree on Sunday afternoon, December 10, at the Western Golf and Country Club at 14600 Kinloch in Redford.

What time? We begin with a silent auction at 2 p.m., with all proceeds benefitting the Nordkap Scholarship Fund. The party's meal service begins at 3 p.m.

What's to eat and what's the cost? Choose your entrée when you R.S.V.P. The choices are a traditional Norwegian Christmas dinner of sliced roast pork or broiled whitefish. Both meals come with a tossed salad, red-skin mashed potatoes, red cabbage, rice pudding with raspberry sauce, and coffee, tea, or fountain drinks-- a great bargain at just \$28.

Should I bring kids and grandkids? Yes! A children's meal is offered (12 and under only) consisting of chicken strips and fries, ice cream, and beverage for \$10. The children also meet the Julenisse--Father Christmas, himself--who has gifts for each one of them.



The Julenisse

What about the auction? Plan to arrive early to have time to view and place your bids on auction items. Most have a Norwegian pedigree or theme. Payment is by cash or check only.

If you have donations for the auction, bring them to Nordkap's meeting on November 19 at the Swedish Club to ensure they'll be included in the sale.

Questions? Contact Louise Giles: 248-224-3369 or louiseagiles@gmail.com.

REMINDER: The deadline for reservations is Friday, December 1.

Help Celebrate Centennial of Finland's Independence

The Finnish Cultural Center is hosting a gala celebration of Finland's 100 years of independence on Saturday, December 2, and you are invited!

The event will begin with a cocktail hour at 5 p.m. followed by dinner at the Finnish Center on 35200 West Eight Mile Road in Farmington Hills.

The guest speaker is Consul General of Finland Manu Virtamo.

In addition to dinner and dancing, the evening program will include a special performance by Järnefelt Piano Trio with Ruusamari Teppo, piano; Katri Ervamaa, cello; and Päivikki Nykter, violin. Ruusamari's and Katri's ancestry is joined in Aino Sibelius (nee Järnefelt) and Jean Sibelius. Selections of Sibelius will highlight the program.

Tickets are \$50 for adults and \$10 for children, ages 4-16. For reservations, call the Finnish Center office by November 26 at 248-478-6939.

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**FROM THE ARCHIVES: The Story of St. Olaf Evangelical Lutheran Church, Detroit
by Geir Gronstad**

1914 December. Probably the real beginning of St. Olaf Congregation was the gathering together of 22 Detroit Norwegians to plan a Christmas festival. The group then decided to form a congregation and with the help of Rev. P.W. Ericksen, a Lutheran Free Church pastor, made plans to organize formally. The first president was Mr. Carl Hansen and the secretary, Mr. Christoffer Bruland.

1915 January 1. "Den Norske Lutherske Kirke" was formed, with 40 adults signing for membership. A call was extended to the Rev. Lars O. Anderson. He assumed his duties as pastor on March 28, 1915. During the early part of that year, a Ladies' Aid, the Vaarliv Society (a youth group), the Tabitha Society, Sunday School (starting with two teachers and six children), Choir and male chorus were organized. First meetings were held in Chene Hall, Prismatic Hall, Temple Baptist, and at Lutheran Church on Melbourne and Oakland.

1917 May 6. Congregation moved to its own church home, a two-family flat at 338 Calvert. The first confirmant was Arthur Moller.

1918 April 28. Congregation declared its affiliation with the Norwegian Lutheran Church of America.

1921 February 6. A new church home – this time it was a four family flat – was dedicated at corner of Wabash and W. Hancock – across the street from Augustana Lutheran Church and four blocks from the Danish Lutheran Church.

1922. Congregation's name was translated from Norwegian as it ministered more and more to English-speaking people. It became "the Norwegian Lutheran Church".

1925. The Rev. Bernt T. Gabrielsen assumed pastor's duties, since the Rev. Anderson had accepted a call to Trinity Church, Brooklyn, N.Y.

1927. Having outgrown the four-family flat, the congregation purchased property upon which to build a church at Midland and Griggs. The price of \$4,200 was paid in full in two years by the Ladies' Aid.

1929 January 1. Congregation changed its name to "Salem Norwegian Lutheran Church".

1931. It was the time of "The Great Depression", except in the hearts of the congregation. The members started to build a parsonage, and even before completion, it was used for Sunday School classes. It had to be used as there were 300 students. Two neighborhood Sunday Schools and additional rented space were used for classes.

1932 August 28. Ground-breaking services were held for the new church building. On October 16, the cornerstone was laid.

1934 October 15. New church building was dedicated to the glory of God.

1937 May. The Rev. Walter B. Scarvie was installed as pastor. Rev. Gabrielsen had accepted a call to serve in Seattle, Washington. Pastor Scarvie arrived in Detroit with his wife Florence Emilie (born Thompson, parents were natives of Hardanger, Norway) and two sons, Kenneth and Walter Bernard, Jr.

During World War II, Pastor Scarvie served as Michigan Chairman of the "American Relief for Norway" Committee which cooperated with the national Committee for American Relief for Norway in forwarding
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needed supplies to Norway through neutral Swedish channels. In 1949, in recognition of this service to the Norwegian people and his effective promotion of Norwegian cultural and spiritual interest in general, King Haakon VII of Norway conferred The Order of St. Olav, Knight First Class with Cross, upon Pastor Walter B. Scarvie.

1945 April. New Stained glass windows were dedicated.

1950. A pipe organ, built by Schantz Organ Company was installed.

1952. Another name change, to “St. Olaf Evangelical Church”, in honor of the patron saint of Norway.

1955 October 16. A new, modern Educational Building, with Sunday School rooms, lounges, fellowship hall, and kitchen was dedicated. Cost was \$220,000. The mortgage was paid in full by January 1960.

1961. The many active groups and leaders within the church were as follows: Women’s Missionary Federation (Mrs. O.C. Hagen); Vaarliv Society (Ben B. Nordffjord); Lutheran League (Michael Beals); The Choir (Neale Stahl); Sunday School (Carl Grinstead); Builders’ Brotherhood (Morris Christophersen); Mothers’ Club (Mrs. Paul Hotvedt); American Lutheran Church Ladies (Mrs. Harry Lee).

1964 October. The Rev. Robert L. Gordon arrived from Beloit, Wisconsin, to serve as pastor. Pastor Scarvie had retired, after 27 years of service to St. Olaf Congregation.

1969. The Rev. Frederick T. Hallanger arrived to serve as pastor, with Pastor Gordon’s acceptance to serve a congregation in Edmons, Washington.

1971. St. Olaf Congregation became increasingly aware of the need to minister to the community surrounding the church building. The congregation was no longer “Norwegian”, but racially and ethnically mixed in the spirit of God’s love. A state-licensed day care center was established through the efforts of Pastor Hallanger and many members.

1974. The Rev. Scott R. McKinney assumed the full-time responsibilities of the pastor after serving three years with Pastor Hallanger on a part-time basis. Pastor Hallanger accepted the call to serve Calvary Church in Brookfield, Wisconsin.



Today’s Greater Emmanuel Temple of Deliverance (photo supplied by author)

2012. The cornerstone from St.

Olaf Lutheran Church in Detroit was removed when the church was closed, sold, and renamed “Greater Emmanuel Temple of Deliverance”. The cornerstone contained two time capsules that were opened and the content was displayed during a Nordkap Lodge meeting in April. The cornerstone has been rededicated in a garden setting at St. Olaf’s sister congregation, Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church, Walled Lake. The stone came from the Nidaros cathedral in Trondheim, Norway.

Sources: Articles from *The Nordic News* (November, 1975), *Norse Civic News* (February 1961) and the book *Scandinavians in Michigan*, by Christian T. Feddersen + Nordkapen 2012

A Letter from Nordkap's President

Wonderful Turnout! It's always nice to get a positive response when we host our monthly meetings and, boy, did we get one last month. We almost doubled our normal attendance in October! To what do we attribute this success?

- The beautiful weather that brought people out?
- Bob's e-mail blast that a hot beef pasty awaited their arrival?
- Carmen Collins' excellent presentation on Norwegian explorers?

Perhaps it was a bit of all three. If you missed it, I can't replicate that beautiful day at the Swedish Club. I can't mail you a piping-hot pasty. But I can direct you to Carmen's presentation on the main page of our website at

<http://www.detroitnorwegians.com>.

Scholarship Updates: The Sons of Norway announces a new scholarship available to insurance members over the age of 40 called the "Helen Tronvold Adult Learner Scholarship." It will be for up to \$3,000 and will pay for one person a year to travel to Norway to take a class or classes focused on Norwegian studies. Applications are due by January 15. Sons of Norway also reminds us that deadlines are fast approaching for scholarships for college students. January 15 is the deadline to apply for five of its scholarships. March 1 is the due date for three others. Look for details on the Sons of Norway website at <https://www.sofn.com> under the "Foundation" tab.

Want to fly a Norwegian flag? The Sons of Norway 5th District is selling Norwegian flags designed for frequent outdoor use as a fund-raiser for its Masse Moro children's camp and other district Nordic heritage programs. The flags measure 3 X 5 feet and are made of 210 denier Oxford nylon with four rows of edge stitching on the fly edge. The cost is \$30, including shipping, or \$100 for 4 flags (including shipping to one location). To order, make your check out to "SON D5 Nordic Legacy Foundation" and send to Mike Palecek, SON D5 treasurer, 5747 Sandy Lane, Racine WI 53406. Contact Mike at 262-497-2761 or mikep@sonsofnorwayracine.com.



Bob Giles serves pasties (Photo by Merete Stenersen)

Nordkap has a champion bowler! Congratulations to Sandy Bliss, daughter of late Nordkap member Torgy Torgerson, who took part in our March bowling tournament in a fundraiser for 5th District Scholarships. Sandy's score for three frames was 420, making her the top adult female bowler among all 5th District competitors. Sandy will receive a certificate from the district.

Med vennlig hilsen (with best regards),

Louise Giles



Sandy Bliss

Inger Ehrenfeld's Three-Layer Jello Mold



Inger Ehrenfeld
cream. Heat slightly until sugar has melted.

At Nordkap's October dinner meeting, Inger Ehrenfeld's delicious Jell-O salads won rave reviews. Here, by popular demand, is Inger' recipe:

Oil Jell-O mold lightly. (Inger used a flat square glass dish as a mold. A clear mold is good because it allows the different colored Jell-O layers to be seen.)

1st Layer: Dissolve one 3 oz. package of Strawberry Jell-O in one cup of boiling water. Stir with $\frac{3}{4}$ cup cold water. Let set in mold until firm.

2nd Layer: Take $\frac{3}{4}$ cup sugar and add to 1 pint (2 cups) of half-and-half coffee cream. Heat slightly until sugar has melted.

Soften 2 packages of "unflavored gelatin" in $\frac{1}{4}$ cup of water. Add this into the coffee cream mixture. Mix well. Add all of this into 1 pint (2 cups) of sour cream. Mix until smooth. Add 2 teaspoons of vanilla. Pour over 1st layer of Jell-O. Chill until set.

3rd Layer: Dissolve another 3 oz. package of Jell-O (any flavor) with one cup of boiling water. Add $\frac{3}{4}$ cup cold water. Stir. Add the 3rd layer onto the 2nd layer. Chill.

To serve: When the chilled Jell-O is set, use a knife to cut square sections and lift with a flat spatula.

NOTE: For a bigger Jell-O mold (Inger used a flat rectangular glass dish for a bigger mold), use 6 oz. packages of Jell-O with double the amount of water--**two cups** of boiling and **1-1/2 cups** of cold water--for each of the top and bottom layers, but keep the portions of the 2nd creamy layer the same as the recipe for the smaller mold.



Funds Collected for Sons of Norway Foundation

Nordkap Lodge members last month observed a month-long salute to the Sons of Norway Foundation by taking up a collection. The funds generously contributed totaled \$70, which will be forwarded to the foundation. Our collection "plate" was the ceramic piggybank (left) made by late Nordkap member, Gladys Baldwin-Brinson.

The foundation has been a great resource for Nordkap Lodge over the years, awarding grants in the amount of several hundred dollars each to carry on our cultural and educational activities.

Tove Bruning's Retirement Sale Offers Savings on Ceramic Art

Longtime Nordkap member Tove Bruning is a master potter who's been making ingenious jewelry, tableware, and gifts in ceramic pottery for more than 40 years.

Her November sales at her Royal Oak studio have long been a feature of the holiday season. The sales not only offer a place to discover unique gifts but also provide a relaxed place to enjoy coffee, pastry and conversation while admiring a wide range of ceramics—including some in the shape of Norwegian waffles, woven heart baskets, and Norwegian flags.

This year, Tove is holding her final Retirement Sale. "After 40+ years of creativity, I've decided to THROW in the towel," she says and promises, "Everything is discounted."



Tove Bruning

The sale will run from 6 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, November 16; 12 noon to 8 p.m. on Friday, November 17; and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, November 18. Discounts are 30% on Thursday, 40% on Friday, and 50% on Saturday.

It's worth the trip just to see Tove's interesting studio at 1908 Lloyd Street in Royal Oak. We wish her well as she retires from the pottery business.

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