



the Askeladden News



September

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Sunday, September 9

Nordic Sauna Culture (Some Like it Hot)

2 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church



Saunas: Is it only about getting clean?

Do you do it alone, in a crowd, naked, toweled, swim-suit, dry, wet, with food, drink -- and what's up with those birch branches?

Discover the culture of Sauna: Good Clean Fun.

On Sunday, September 9, at 2 p.m., join us for the monthly lodge meeting at Trinity Lutheran Church, downtown Kalamazoo. This will be a joint gathering with the Swedish Vasa Lodge.

Holly Jensen will present the cultural program on Finnish Bath Houses. (Sorry, she will not have a replica of a bath house to show us.)

The schedule of events is as follows:

2 p.m. - Meal (Smorgasbord)

3 p.m. - Cultural Program

4 p.m. - Business meetings

Please bring a dish (hot or cold) to pass and tableware if you wish.

After the meal, we will sing the national anthems, led by Margery Selden at the piano, followed by a brief Memorial Service, reading the names of the members of both Askeladden Lodge and Vasa Lodge who have died during the past 12 months. We will sing the hymn "Peace among Earth's Peoples," composed by Margery Selden.

After Holly's program, each lodge will conduct separate business sessions. Askeladden Lodge will meet in the Lounge on the upper level. After the lodge meeting, the Board of Directors will hold a brief meeting.

See the Page 2 article for important info about our 30th Anniversary Celebration happening later this month. We hope to see you at both events!

Meetings:

Sept - April: 2nd Sundays, 2 p.m.
May only: 3rd Sunday, 2 p.m.
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Fun, favorite summer events enjoyed

Curtis Cleveland, Cultural Committee Chair

This summer we had three fun Lodge events. All of the events were excellent.

The Vasa Picnic occurred on an overcast day, Saturday, June 23, at Cadwallader Park, Hickory Corners. Three Askeladden members (Holly, Roger, and myself) attended. The Vasa attendance was low as well. However, the cuisine, flowers, and conversation were in abundance.

On Sunday, July 15, despite oppressive temps in the 90's that even affected the horses, three Lodge members (Curt Osborn, Joan, and myself) and ten guests made the excursion to the Crandall farm near Marshall for the "Norwegian Fjord Horses: Show and Ride" event. During the first hour, Anne Crandall showed us the horses as she presented information

Gratulerer med dagen!

Fødselsdag Hilsener

September Birthdays

Evelyn Iversen	Elizabeth Sherman	Mai Elise Code
Lucie Darling	Elaine Erickson	Astrid Code
Margery Selden	Ashli Niles	Earnie Best
Holly Jensen	Luke O'Bryan	Louise Adams
Brandon Feringa	Lynn Benson	

about the unique breed. She demonstrated some grooming techniques and allowed us to try them on the horses. In the second hour, Anne, along with her husband George and mother Bernadine, assisted us as we rode the horses. One of the guests was Jarle Amundson from Norway. He traveled from the other side of the state to join us.

The Ice Creme Social was held on a beautiful Sunday, August 12, at the home of Holly Jensen. Fourteen Lodge members and about ten members of the Vasa Lodge enjoyed the gathering. The Ice Creme Social provided an opportunity for members of both groups to mingle with each other. Holly Jensen, our hostess, is a members of both groups. Holly was assisted by her husband Rick in the hosting duties. It was wonderful to see so many people at this event.

Board Meeting

A Board of Directors Meeting will be held Sunday, September 9, at Trinity Lutheran Church, immediately following our monthly meeting. Interested Lodge members are welcome to attend.

30th Anniversary Celebration - You're invited!

Joan Renaas O'Bryan

Music is such an undeniably integral part of Norwegian life. At Askeladden, we include it in every major event and most times it is the focus of our special events. Although we will enjoy music at the 30th Anniversary Celebration on the evening of Tuesday, September 18, it will not be the focus of the program this time. I decided early in the planning to go in a different direction for this special gathering.

After hearing Inger's compelling story about life in occupied Norway and learning the impetus behind the stories in *Hidden Heroes*, I learned there were other stories that remain to be told. Along with Inger Thoen, several other people from Askeladden submitted memories about life in occupied Norway for the very important District 5 collection compiled by Jean Bittner 20 years ago.

We now have a chance to hear these memories and I am pleased to report that we will have special guests coming to share their stories with us.

If you are interested in joining us for our Anniversary, but did not receive or have lost your invitation, please let us know immediately. Call or leave a message on the Lodge phone at (269) 350-3330. **Your RSVP is essential for this catered event.** The cost is \$20 per person payable by check.

We are contacting as many Charter members and their families as we can find. We welcome anyone who has ever been a member. If you had or have family members in our lodge, we want you to join us on this special evening when we honor our Charter and Golden Members.

This event is shaping up to be a great reunion of old (and new) friends. We look forward to spending time with all of you. Come and join us!

Fra Medlemssekretæren



The Sons of Norway District 5 has a fundraiser for the the Nordic Legacy Foundation. It consists of selling flag pins. Each are only \$5.00. The quantities of each are limited:

- Norway, not shown, but similar to above (19)
- Denmark (2)
- Sweden (2)
- Finland (1)
- Iceland (sold out)

If you are interested, see Curt Osborn at either the September or October lodge meeting.

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Destination Scandinavia: Traditions frozen in time

Holly Jensen

On Saturday September 22 at 3 p.m., the Vicksburg Cultural Arts Center will host a Scandinavian event of interest to **You**.

Are you a child of Denmark, Finland, Norway or Sweden?
Or do you just really miss *Prairie Home Companion*?

American-Scandinavian traditions will be celebrated with: Food, Drink, Music, Humor, a traditional make & take Craft, and yes, Kransekake.

This all happens at the Main St. Pub Banquet Room, 208 E. Prairie Street, Vicksburg 49097.

Ole and Lena will provide the chuckles after you enjoy the traditional foods of Scandinavia you think they still eat. NO Lutefisk.



Holly Jensen will have tickets to purchase for this family-friendly event at our September 9 meeting. **National Dress** (or however you interpret that) is **encouraged**.

Fra Medlemssekretæren

The Askeladden Board has added the 30th Anniversary Celebration as a qualifying event for the annual Trip Drawing this year. They also extended the trip drawing notification deadline to be the evening of this event (instead of our September meeting). So there is still time to qualify for the Trip drawing, if you have not attended enough events this year to do so already. Remember your requests have to be in writing (email is OK) and submitted to me by September 18, 2018.

Tusen takk,

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Fra Sportsdirektøren

Just a reminder, as summer ends, I can receive your Sports Medal Program cards anytime that you have completed your individual medal requirements. See me during any lodge meeting. Or email me a PDF version of your completed card.

As a reminder, the sports medal program is based on annual achievements. I have additional cards for either achieving the next award level, or for you to be prepared to start recording your efforts for the 2019 season.

Curt Osborn, Sports Director

Askeladden Lodge Library

www.librarything.com/catalog/Sonsofnorway

Contact Roger Drong with questions or to reserve resources.

Fra Presidenten

The much-anticipated 30th Anniversary Celebration is this month. This big event will be Tuesday evening, September 18, at the Fetzer Center, WMU.

Over the past 30 years, Askeladden Lodge has had five other big events, including: Institution Day Dinner, 10th Anniversary Banquet, 2005 Norwegian Centennial Syttende Mai Celebration, 20th Anniversary Banquet, and the 25th Anniversary Celebration.

The Institution Day Dinner was held September 24, 1988, at the Brown Derby, Sheridan Inn, Kalamazoo. The 22 officials from the District 5 presided over the initiation ceremony. Then the members of Lodge 5-610 got down to business. They elected and installed the officers of the Lodge and they selected "Askeladden" as the name of the new Lodge. Myrtle Beinhauer was elected the first president of the Lodge. Besides the 22 visitors from District 5, 64 members and 18 guests attended this event.

The 10th Anniversary Banquet was held September 25, 1998, at the Bernhard Center, WMU. Lodge president Terry Gilbertson was the master of ceremonies. Margery Selden provided the entertainment, playing piano music of Norwegian composer Christian Sinding (1856-1941).

The 2005 Norwegian Centennial Syttende Mai Celebration was held on May 17, 2005, at the Fetzer Center, WMU. Holly Jensen was the mistress of ceremonies. Helen Loen, wife of Lodge president Orlin, presented ten scholarship awards. The Code family - Karin, David, and Kjartan - provided the entertainment for the 80 people in attendance, playing Norwegian folk music. Kjartan stole the show with his hat trick.

The 20th Anniversary Banquet on September 20, 2008, was at the Bernhard Center, WMU, with 40 people in attendance. The late Fred Sitkins was the master of ceremonies. Dennis Darling was the Lodge president. Margery Selden provided the entertainment, playing music of the Norwegian composer Edvard Grieg.

Our 25th Anniversary Celebration held September 8, 2013, at Zion Lutheran Church, Kalamazoo, had 35 people in attendance. Lodge president Joyce Hare, on behalf of the Lodge, accepted an official State of Michigan Special Tribute from State Representative Aric Nesbitt of the Michigan State Legislature. The Special Tribute praised the accomplishments of Askeladden Lodge on the occasion of the 25th Anniversary.

So, be an eyewitness to history: attend the 30th Anniversary Celebration Tuesday evening, September 18. Send in your RSVP to Jean Darling now.

Yours truly, Curtis Cleveland, Lodge President



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SEPTEMBER 2018 KALENDER

Reminder: Under our lodge's Norway trip drawing rules, if you want to be considered for the October 2018 drawing, you must submit your request in writing (or e-mail) to the Membership Secretary. The deadline has been extended this year only. More information is found in an Medlemssekretæren article on page 3. Amongst other membership requirements, you must have attended at least three Lodge meetings or other qualifying events in the previous year to be eligible for the drawing. Membership Secretary Curt Osborn's complete contact info is on page 1 of every newsletter.

- september 3 - Labor Day
- **september 9** - **Askeladden Monthly Meeting. Joint event with VASA**
2 p.m. Trinity Lutheran Church, 504 S. Westnedge Ave, Kalamazoo
- september 9 - Board of Directors meeting at Trinity, immediately following Lodge meeting
- september 18 - Askeladden 30th Anniversary Celebration, WMU Fetzer Center, 6 p.m. RSVP required
- september 22 - Destination Scandinavia; Traditions Frozen in Time at Main St. Pub Banquet Room, Vicksburg 3 - 5:30 p.m.
- september 22 - Princess Märtha Louise, 1971 (no longer a flag day in Norway)
- september 24 - last day to submit *Askeladden News* articles
- oktober 7 - Joint Sons of Norway/Vasa event: Fish Boil, Trinity Lutheran Church. RSVP to Roger Drong at (269) 349-7654 by October 3 with number attending. Pay for fish at the event.



The mission of Sons of Norway is to promote and to preserve the heritage and culture of Norway, to celebrate our relationship with other Nordic Countries, and to provide quality insurance and financial products to our members.