



Sons of Norway Fagernes Lodge 5-616 July, August, September 2017



Upcoming Events

All meetings are at the Blair Community Center unless indicated otherwise

August 19, 2017 - noon

Potluck Picnic in the Blair Park and play Kubb

September 23, 2017 - 1:00

Silent Auction and Crafts

Servers: Todd & Mary Jo Fetsch and Danniell Toth

October 21, 2017 - 1:00

Glenn Borreson on Hegg

Servers: Galen and Marleen Berg and Judy Bleken

November 18, 2017

Video by Todd Fetsch. Plan Juletefest.

Servers: Mary Herness and Charlene Saxe

December 2, 2017 - Noon

Potluck and Carol Sing

Norway Tops the Global Happiness Rankings for 2017

According to this year's World Happiness Report, Norway has jumped from 4th place in 2016 to 1st place this year, followed by Denmark, Iceland and Switzerland in a tightly packed bunch.

All of the top four countries rank highly on all the main factors found to support happiness: caring, freedom, generosity, honesty, health, income and good governance. Their averages are so close that small changes can re-order the rankings from year to year. Norway moves to the top of the ranking despite weaker oil prices. It is sometimes said that Norway achieves and maintains its high happiness not because of its oil wealth, but in spite of it. By choosing to produce its oil slowly, and investing the proceeds for the future rather than spending them in the present, Norway has insulated itself from the boom and bust cycle of many other resource-rich economies. To do this successfully requires high levels of mutual trust,

shared purpose, generosity and good governance, all factors that help to keep Norway and other top countries where they are in the happiness rankings.

All of the other countries in the top 10 also have high values in all six of the key variables used to explain happiness differences among countries and through time – income, healthy life expectancy, having someone to count on in times of trouble, generosity, freedom and trust, with the latter measured by the absence of corruption in business and government. Here too there has been some shuffling of ranks among closely grouped countries, with this year's rankings placing Finland in 5th place, followed by the Netherlands, Canada and New Zealand; and Australia and Sweden tied for the 9th position, having the same 2014-2016 score to three decimals. The USA is a story of reduced happiness, according to the report. In 2007 the USA ranked 3rd; in 2016 it came in 19th.

If you don't have one on you, get yourself some blank membership applications, and carry one with you. You never know when you might have an opportunity to bring in a new member. Make sure to put your member number on the form and fill it out with the Fagernes Lodge information **before** you have someone complete the form. Application forms are available on the Sons of Norway site, and at each lodge meeting. Membership cost is \$41.75 for individual; \$34.75 for spouse; and \$22.34 for youth who do not have a parent or grandparent as a Sons of Norway member. Dues will change in 2018.

a little in English...

Kids Will Now Have Time to Eat

Schoolchildren should not have to gobble their lunches. The [Norwegian] government wants kids to have 20 minutes to eat.

“Now the children will have time to eat their lunches. It is important to set aside time for this. Both for diet and health,” says Torbjørn Røe Isaksen to news agency NTB. He is [Norway’s] Minister of Education.

The government and Norwegian Directorate for Health and Social Affairs want children to have more time to eat. They advise about 20 minutes for lunchtime. For everyone.

”We know that mealtimes at many schools disappear into many other things. Some students in Norway receive five or ten minutes to devour their lunch. No more,” says Isaksen.

This advice is part of a plan for a better diet. It applies to all of Norway. Only half of the primary schools in Norway have a lunch break of 20 minutes.

Schools and municipalities get to decide how the school day goes. And how long students will have for breaks.

“Kids get very little time to eat. Many parents will recognize this. It creates bad attitudes towards having a good lunch break,” says Isaksen.

“The government does not want to control municipalities. They’re calling it a request. But that could change if schools don’t follow suit,” he said.

litt på norsk...

Nå skal barna få tid til maten

Skolebarn skal slippe å sluke matpakka. Regjeringen vil at barna skal få 20 minutter til å spise på.

– Nå må barna få tid til å spise matpakka si. Det er viktig å få satt av tid til dette. Både for kosthold og helse, sier Torbjørn Røe Isaksen til nyhetsbyrået NTB. Han er kunnskapsminister.

Regjeringen og Helse-direktoratet vil at barn skal få mer tid til å spise. De kommer med et råd om 20 minutter spisetid. For alle.

– Vi vet at spisetiden på mange skoler forsvinner i masse annet. En del elever i Norge får fem eller ti minutter til å sluke en matpakke. Ikke noe mer, sier Isaksen.

Rådet står i en plan for et bedre kosthold. Den gjelder for hele Norge. Bare halvparten av grunnskolene i Norge har matpause på 20 minutter.

Skolene og kommunene kan bestemme hvordan skoledagen skal være. Og hvor lange pauser elevene får.

– Barna får veldig kort tid til å spise. Mange foreldre vil kjenne seg igjen i dette. Det skaper dårlige holdninger til både det å ha en god matpause, sier Isaksen.

Regjeringen ønsker ikke styre kommunene. De kaller det en oppfordring. Men det kan endre seg om ikke skolene følger etter, sier han.

Upcoming Parades: July 9 - Trempealeau Catfish Days; August 27 - Ettrick Fun Days; September 17 - Blair Cheese Festival

NOTE: Cancellation of July Trip - Due to the Countryside Lefse not being open on the day we want to tour it, the July excursion to there and to Sweet Temptations for lunch has been cancelled.

Save cancelled stamps. The Tubfrim project can use them. Stamps must be trimmed to have at least a 1/4 inch border. Bring them to the meetings.

Save your printer cartridges and bring them to LaVonne. We get \$2.00 credit for each cartridge at Office Depot to use toward new cartridges and paper!

Ole, who is quite elderly at this point in his life, is resting peacefully on the front porch of a nursing home in the country, when he sees a cloud of dust up the road. He watches a farmer approaching, with a wagon. "Good afternoon!" hollers out Ole. "Afternoon," says Sven. "Where you headed?" asks Ole. "Home to my farm." "What do you have in da wagon?" Ole continued. "Manure," said Sven. "Manure, eh? What do you do wit it?" "I spread it over my strawberries," Sven says matter-of-factly. "Vell," says Ole, "ya should come over here for lunch someday. Ve use whipped cream."

Simplified Dues Structure for 2018

Sons of Norway International delegates voted at the 2014 and 2016 International Lodge Meetings to proceed with a simplified dues structure for U.S. members only, effective Jan. 1, 2018. Updates to member categories, dues information and frequently asked questions may be found in the Member Resources section at www.sonsofnorway.com. Additional information may be found in the Member Matters section of the August issue of Viking magazine.

NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS

Charlotte Dahl had surgery and a pacemaker installed recently. We wish her the very best while she recovers.

Todd Fetsch has back issues. Don't let him do too much to set up the float at the parades until he gets better! Get well soon!

PAST HAPPENINGS AT FAGERNES LODGE.



Tom Kunkel visited our April meeting and gave us good information about Sons of Norway benefits.



Carol Grow came to our April meeting and talked about Norwegian sweaters and crafts.



Members at Grand View for Syttende Mai program on May 12: Charlene Saxe, Fran Instenes, and Lynn Thompson.



A good sized crowd enjoyed the food at our Frokost and Bake Sale and Crafts on May 13th.



A more "dolloed up" dragon made its debut in the Arcadia parade on May 28. Painting by our talented member, Charlene Saxe!



King Thor (aka Todd Fetsch) in his royal garb in the Arcadia parade.



After a heavy rainstorm and hail, the parade started an hour late in Taylor on June 4th. Byron Britten wiped off the chairs so we wouldn't get wet butts. Charlotte Dahl looks on.



New royalty for 2017 are Todd and Mary Jo Fetsch. They were installed at the Fyrbal in Pigeon Falls on June 21st. They are pictured with the 2016 royalty, Charlene Saxe and Terry Thompson.



An unexpected treat at the Fyrbal was a talk by Eric Christenson, who lives in Norway. He gave a lot of interesting information.

President's Message

Hjertelig hilsen i fra Presidenten Todd,
(Heartfelt greetings from...),

Well its the 'good ol summertime isn't it!! Hot and humid it is.
There is a song there.....

We've certainly had a wet and cool Spring. Corn's up and at least
knee high, even when I got my sweet corn in on June first!!!
(Second planting is half a knee high at this writing!!). Tomatoes ,
beans , potatoes, onions, lettuce, peppers, broccoli, cucumbers,
herbs are doing well,



So our Lodge is doing well also. We had a good Spring ..Fyrbal.. with Tryggvason
Lodge in Pigeon Falls where we played Kubb and feasted on the gracious food prepared
for us by their Lodge. Their lodge provided food and drink as well as tableware for us all.
Very nice.

We participated in the Arcadia Broiler Dairy Days and Taylor Day parades. Weather
was not cooperating for the Taylor Days parade ..(right?This writer wasn't there due to
other obligations)

Our House got a new roof due to hail damage. 'Old' roof lasted 30 years (so called
50 year roof!!!). I hear others in the Arcadia ..Independence area really got hit hard with
hail damage..golf ball to softball sized hail stones. My cousin in Western Minnesota by
Willmar got 4 inches of rain in 1 hour!! Nasty!! Hail damage there too!! So maybe we didn't
get hit so hard!!!

So our future activities are mentioned in our newsletter. The 15th of July visit to
Countryside Lefse has been cancelled because they are closed on that date in July.

Have a good summer. See all at the parades.

Beste Hilsen,
Todd Fetsch, presidenten.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Due to privacy concerns, only the
month is listed.

July

Bailey Anderson, Mary Jo
Fetsch, Todd Fetsch, Tarryn
Hanson, Noelle Henderson,

Alexis Jacobs, Shauna
Jacobs, Chynelle Koterwski,
Eddie Thompson,
Sergei Wier

August

Marlys Britten, Kaleb
Dobson, Olin Fimreite,
Ruby Henderson,

Virgieann Stecha, Terry
Thompson, LaVonne Wier

September

Cynthia Anderson, Marleen
Berg, Gene Hogden, Ralph
Solberg,

IN MEMORY OF JIM HOVRE



Our lodge lost one of our long-time members in June. Jim Hovre was a happy-go-lucky guy who always had a smile for everyone. For many years, he and Vicki would have their wagon and Norwegian fjord horses in area parades. For a time, the wagon was our float for the lodge. They raised fjord horses and won many competitions. Before he got into the horse business, he was a dairy farmer for many years. He was a good friend and a good neighbor. We will all miss him.



Sept 18, 1994, Cheese Fest

Oslo Airport Debuts Newer, Greener Terminal

Norway is often on the cutting edge of efficient and sustainable construction and development, and the recent development at Avinor Oslo Airport is no exception.

Dubbed the world's greenest airport, the expansion has cut energy consumption by more than 50 percent—a notable achievement considering the building has doubled in size from its original 1998 footprint and increased the annual passenger capacity from 19 million to 30 million. It is also the first airport to earn an “Excellent” rating in BREEAM (Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method).

How did architects realize such a significant energy savings? Nordic– Office of Architecture, which was responsible for the project, began with the fundamentals of the building shape. Often airports feature large windows, which offer sprawling views, but are costly due to temperature gains and losses. To mitigate inefficiencies, planners consulted sun studies, improved insulation and minimized solar impact with glazing and a sloped wooden roof. The project also relies heavily on natural lighting in favor of round-the-clock artificial lighting. The airport's most unique and innovative energy solution makes use of something that is plentiful in winter—snow. Snow harvested from runways will be kept in an insulated reservoir system to cool the terminal in the heat of summer.

Just as important as the form are the materials that were used to construct the new terminal. The firm sourced timber from local forests, utilized recycled steel and made environmentally friendly concrete with volcanic ash. These efforts reduced the building's carbon dioxide emissions by 35 percent.

To learn more about the project, visit <https://nordicarch.com/project/oslo-airport-expansion>

FOCUS ON A FAGERNES LODGE MEMBER: I forgot again to ask anyone for this issue, so...look for someone in the next issue.

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS TO THE LODGE BROCHURE:

Under the list of adult members, the phone number for Keonia Dobson is her grandmother's number, 608-989-9073. Charlotte Dahl's correct phone number is 608-989-9073.

Under the Call Chain: Add Lamoine Jacobs, 715-538-2232, to the end of the list that is started by Todd Fetsch.

Under Programs, Dates and Servers: Glenn Borreson will give his presentation at our **October** meeting. We will have the silent auction and crafts at the **September** meeting.

Today's Recruitment Goals Fuel Future Success

Sons of Norway Headquarters is pleased to announce the launch of its 2017 recruitment campaign – a revamped and expanded Founders Day Awards. With our 125th anniversary fast approaching, the new campaign reinforces the vision of Sons of Norway's founders for an organization that celebrates its roots while continuing to look toward the future.

With the new Founders Day Award, lodges that reach their target recruitment goal are rewarded with a number of prizes. These include a \$200 cash card the lodge may use toward a celebration of reaching its goal, exclusive access to a new program for lodge members, and more.

Lodge Vice Presidents recently received additional information about the 2017 Founders Day contest as well individualized goals for recruitment. These goals were developed to align with Sons of Norway's overall goal of welcoming 3,500 new members in 2017, just one of the ambitious organizational goals developed by Sons of Norway's International Board of Directors.

The 2017 Founders Day campaign is an opportunity for all members to get involved and support not only their lodges, but help grow the organization. Keep up with the Sons of Norway blog and e-Post throughout the year for ways you can help Sons of Norway and find lodge success stories.

Join the conversation about growing Sons of Norway into the future - find us on Twitter @SonsofNorway or on our Facebook page. Better yet - share how you or your lodge is working toward the future by using #Growingto2020.



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Error in Google Maps Sends Hundreds to Small Norwegian Village

Today's technology offers mapping applications that make traveling to unknown or hard to reach destinations easier than ever before. Google Maps, for example, provides its users with features like 3D angles, street level views and multiple routing options, all through the convenience of your mobile device. So what could possibly go wrong? Well, with even the smallest of mapping glitches you could consequently find yourself on the wrong side of a fjord. That's exactly what happened to hundreds of confused travelers seeking the famous Preikestolen cliff in Western Norway. Due to a simple error in Google Maps, these travelers were instead sent to the small, quiet village of Fossmark—30 kilometers away, on the other side of a fjord. Although the cliff formation can be seen from the tiny village, it is a long, narrow, winding country road away from the picture-perfect views. Village residents have had to redirect long lines of minibuses, cars and hopeful visitors who have flooded the town with no idea of the miscalculation. One man living in the area told the local newspaper, *Stavanger Aftenblad*, that in the summer season up to 10 to 15 cars show up each day. The Preikestolen cliff, home to one of the most visited tourist attractions in Norway, receives up to 200,000 visitors each year. Rising more than 600 meters above the Lysefjord, Preikestolen is a steep cliff with a large flat summit making it an ideal location for tourists wanting to capture that once in a lifetime view. A spokesperson for Google released a statement saying the company will resolve the mapping issue as soon as possible, and encourages others to report similar errors. Also due to the increased popularity of the cliff, there is currently a project in progress to help improve the path to the site, which is only accessible by a 3.8 kilometer hike.