

January & February, 2017



Sons of Norway

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Dear Members:

Thank you all for attending our Christmas Party at White Birch Inn. What a pleasant place to have a “private party!!!” And, having George Sawyn play soothing Christmas music on his guitar enriched our dining so much more. I'm sure we can say, “A good time was had by all.”

As our daylight hours are shortened, the Board, again, has decided to have our second Tuesday meetings in **January, February, March and April** at **noon** at Bay View Lutheran Church. These meetings will be a **Pot Luck** luncheon with committees furnishing the desserts, and door prizes.

I truly hope you are enjoying a “cultural holiday,” (which isn't practiced as much as it used to be.) And, I sincerely wish you a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Lorraine Selvick, Pres.

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Christmas and a
Happy New Year.”



Sons of Norway Mission Statement: The mission of Sons of Norway is to promote, preserve and cherish a lasting appreciation of the heritage and culture of Norway and other Nordic countries while growing soundly as a fraternal benefit society and offering maximum benefits to its members.

January Committee:

***Delane Jome**, Sally Schlise, Mona Orthober,
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February Committee:

***Dean/Beverly Johnson**, Cheryl Meingast,
Phillip Peterson, Dorothy Anderson, Justin
Christianson, John Stevenson

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS:

4 Elsie Wagner
13 Christine Whipple
15 Lynn Miller
15 Lorraine Selvick
16 Joan Draeb
17 Janet Mickelson
19 Cheryl Meingast
20 Patrick Schmelzer
24 Richard Wagner
31 Dean Johnson

GRATULERER MED DAGEN!

Note from Editor:

Sorry for the "Oops" on
the last newsletter's
date on page one.

A bit of Christmas Fool-
ing by "Tomte Nisse" !

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS:

4 Gretchen Misselt
10 Cory Dahl
13 Amy Coleman

WHY ARE NORWEGIAN HOUSES PAINTED RED?**Red, Yellow and White Paint**

Traditionally, Norwegian houses were painted a strong red, yellow or white. White is the most popular color. The color the owners chose depended mostly on the family's financial situation, geographic location and profession.

Certain colors required certain resources, therefore some colors cost more or less depending on the availability and access of the various resources needed to make these paints!

RED: The red color was the cheapest to produce. It was created by mixing ochre with cod liver oil or other vegetable or animal oils. As a result, many buildings in farming lands or fishing areas where incomes were lower than average were mostly painted in red.

YELLOW: The yellow color was a little more expensive than red and was also created by mixing ochre with cod liver oil.

WHITE: White was the most luxurious of colors since it was the most expensive! In the old days, the mineral zinc was needed to create white paint, which was very expensive.

As a result, if one painted their house white, they were showing their neighbors that they were wealthy. Some wealthier farmers would paint their family home in white but their surrounding barns or sheds in the color red. There are stories of some families who were concerned about their image living on the west coast of Norway who painted the ocean facing wall of their homes in white and used red for the less important walls. Much like people use cars as a status symbol these days, Norwegians used the color of their homes in the olden days

RECIPES

Norwegian Couple Serves Pizza and Coffee to Burglar

Retired couple Arne and Kari Solli were awakened in the middle of the night by sounds coming from their kitchen at home in Skien, Telemark. Someone had broken in, so Kari (68) went to investigate. Catching the intruder red-handed, Kari made it to the kitchen first and shouted for Arne (70) to come to her aid. He ran into the room to find an incoherent man standing in just a t-shirt and underwear. Without hesitation, Arne angrily threw him out into the cold night. Within moments, however, he realized that the intruder seemed to have problems and that he felt sorry for him.

That is when the Sollis decided to invite the burglar back in. Kari brewed some coffee and they gave the man pizza and some warm socks. Arne offered to drive him home or call the man's friends, but the man couldn't remember where he lived and barely knew who he was. Arne then called the police to have the burglar picked up.

Arne Solli says that it was an odd situation. Though the intruder had rifled through drawers and taken a few things, they decided not to prosecute. As they sat in the kitchen for about an hour, Arne had to reassure the man that it was safe to stay. The Sollis felt at ease with the man, but the burglar was a bit nervous.

When asked whether he'd take in an intruder again, Arne said, "We can't have all kinds of people running through the door—we have more coffee, but we're out of pizza," he said, chuckling.

Two thngs for members to note:

First.....Keep in mind and write on your calendars that Muriel, our Secretary, will want our record of volunteer hours for 2016. Bring to Jan. or Feb. meetings.



Second.....Plan to make cookies for Barnebirke to be sent to Hayword with those who will take them. Info

Cream and Juniper Berry Cream

Cream Makes 40 krumkaker.

For best results, egg, flour, sugar and butter will all weigh equal amounts.

- 3-4 eggs (weighed on a scale)
- • flour (equal weight to eggs)
- • sugar (equal weight to eggs)
- • butter (equal weight to eggs)
- • lukewarm water (half the weight of other ingredients)
- • traditional Norwegian iron and cone-shaped mold



Add butter to a small pan and melt over low heat. Let cool. Mix eggs, flour, sugar and melted butter in food processor or blender.

Add water and mix again. Allow batter to rest for a minimum of 15 minutes.

Heat iron on stove over medium heat. Alternatively, if you are using an electric iron, follow the manufacturer's directions for use.

Grease warm iron with butter to prevent sticking. Add 1 Tbsp of batter to iron and close. Cook for roughly 30 seconds on each side until light gold. Remove from iron and wrap around cone-shaped mold. Once set, remove and set aside. Repeat until all batter is used.

Espresso Infused Whipped Cream and Juniper Berry Whipped Cream

- 2 cups (500 g) heavy cream
- • ½ cup espresso beans
- • ¼ cup dried juniper berries, crushed gently
- • 1 tsp sugar

Add espresso beans and half the cream to a jar and cover with a lid. In a second jar, place juniper berries and remaining cream, and cover. Place both in refrigerator overnight.

Strain both mixtures and discard beans and berries. Add 1 tsp sugar to espresso cream and whisk until stiff peaks form. Repeat with juniper berry cream but reduce the amount of sugar by half. Serve with krumkake.

Har du Hort?

We had our first taste of true winter weather the weekend of December 10/11. We didn't have the real severe weather as in other parts of WI, but several inches came to decorate trees, sleeping garden beds and covering roads.

Winter weather can bring on colds, flu and other conditions so let's take care to stay warm and healthy.

The last several months we have had a nice group coming out for night meetings. We hope we can see more of you for the noon meetings coming up. It's a good thing to share happenings with more of the membership, however weather is a factor. So we will plan accordingly.

Our Christmas Party at White Birch Inn was entertained by George Sawyn. He is a local master musician with years of sharing his talents in the Chicago area. His Christmas music made us all come into the Christmas Spirit.



Board Meetings:

**January 2, 2017 9 AM
BVLC, Monday**

**February 6 @ BVLC
@ 9 AM**

Calendar

January 10 at NOON we meet for a Potluck/meeting at BVLC. Dessert and a few door prizes from committee.

February 14 Valentine's Day at NOON @BVLC

With potluck/meeting and Dessert and a few door prizes by committee.

March 14 meeting at NOON at BVLC

Sons of Norway announces a new Benefits Counselor. He is **John Boland** who has been in the insurance business for over 42 years and has his own agency in Green Bay. John hopes to meet with as many lodges as possible in the next several months. Contact him at: 920-456-6446 or

john@boland-insurance.com

MEMBER CONTRIBUTION FROM
PRESIDENT LORRAINE SELVICK

I never knew anything about TATTING until I was going through my mother's things after she passed away and I found a small basket of threads, some tatting and a shuttle. These were all strange to me when I found them in 1998.

I looked for some books on tatting but found the small ABC book on how to embroider, crochet, knit and tatting. I tried to follow the instructions but was 'all thumbs!'

At this time, I was the District Director of four of the Sons of Norway's lodges. We held officer's clinics for the lodges twice a year and at one of the meetings I was speaking to the group about their duties. I notice a gal who was busy doing something and NOT listening so at our break time, I said hello and asked what she was making and she said, TATTING!!! I got to see how she held the thread, use the shuttle and then I was on my own.

I found another small book on how to tat flowers, birds, butterflies and more so that is how I started using them on greeting cards and bookmarks. Another book was available on how to make snowflakes, which lead to making earring and matching pendants.

Nothing pleases me more than to have someone appreciate that art. I have an artist friend that recently told me his family has saved a space in their china cabinet for all the tatted cards I've sent them. What an encouragement this is!

Tatting is a lost art and it seems not many people are interested in trying it but yet, everyone remembers their mothers or grandmothers tatting. I enjoy making these items, wearing them and am always pleased when someone notices my tatting!

THANKS LORRAINE, FOR SHARING THAT
WONDERFUL RENDITION OF ONE OF YOUR MANY
TALENTS!

(I do fondly remember my Grandma Wilma Worley tatting without the shuttle, using only her hands! CM)

HAPPY
JOLABOKAFLOD!

In ICELAND, books are exchanged on Christmas Eve and you spend the rest of the night READING! People generally take their books to bed along with some chocolate. How cozy and wonderful does that sound?

Iceland publishes MORE BOOKS per capita than any other country, and new books are typically published only during the Christmas season-the frenzy is called JOLABOKAFLOD, which means CHRISTMAS BOOK FLOOD!
(Azpennydreadfuls.com) CM

DAT OLE og SVEN

Ole and Sven had really packed on the pounds during Christmas and New Years so their doctor put them on a special diet, saying "I want you to eat regularly for 2 days, then skip a day, and repeat this for two weeks. Next time I see you, you should have lost at LEAST 5 pounds."

When the Norwegians returned, they shocked their doctor by having lost 25 pounds each! "That's positively amazing," the doctor said. "did you follow my instructions?"

Ole and Sven nodded and said, "We want to tell you, though, we taut ve vas gonna drop dead dat 3rd day from all dat skippin'!"

(CM)



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Reminders:

**January 10 Potluck Lunch at NOON
 Bay View Lutheran Church Meeting
 after lunch**

February 14 NOON Potluck BVLC



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February is the
 month for the
 Annual
 Barnebirke held at
 Hayword in North-
 ern Wisconsin. It's a great event for
 children sponsored by many lodges.
 We make cookies to send up there as
 treats for all.