

# HAFRSFJORD HAPPENINGS

Hafrsfjord Lodge 5-206  
 Sons of Norway  
 St. John's Lutheran Church  
 3833-8<sup>th</sup> Ave, Kenosha, Wisconsin

Spring Edition	April-June 2014
<p><b>Next Meeting:</b>                      St. John's Lutheran Church                      April 7, 2014                      Time: 6:30 p.m., Monday                      "Trolls"</p>	<p><b>Future Meetings:</b>                      St. John's Lutheran Church                      May 4, 2014                      Time: 5:00 pm; cocktails, 5:30 pm; dinner                      Sunday, Fireside Restaurant                      Program: Ola Hirth from Racine telling                      his life in Norway on Syttende Mai.</p> <p>St. John's Lutheran Church                      June 2, 2014                      Time: 6:30 pm, Monday                      Program: Music in Norway</p>

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The mission of Sons of Norway is to promote and preserve the heritage and culture of Norway, to celebrate our relationship with other Nordic countries, and provide quality

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Kjære

Wow!!! What a harsh winter we had. Hope all are ready for spring. We cancelled our January meeting due to weather. Had our board meeting on January 19<sup>th</sup> and planned our meeting programs for the year. In February, Bob Mulder installed our officers for the next two years. March, Celia Walther told us about the Norwegian royalty. They are such a nice family with three living generations and living in the palace at the end of Karl Johan's Street in Oslo. The security guards stand watch outside of the palace. There are lovely grounds surrounding the

palace. Thank you Celia for this nice presentation. We sent 40 ½ dozen cookies with Ray Knutson to the Barnabirke in Hayward, WI. They had 15 inches of snow fall that day. Tusen Takk to all who donated cookies. In April, Jill will be talking about Trolls. Come and learn more about those funny critters. Don't forget to get your tickets for the Syttende Mai dinner on Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> cocktails at 5 pm and buffet dinner at 5:30 pm. Price \$15.00. It will be held at the Fireside Restaurant, 2801 30<sup>th</sup> Ave. Kenosha, WI. Call Jill Jensen 942-8601 for reservations. Ola Hirth from the Racine Lodge will tell us about his life in Norway on Syttende Mai Day. 5<sup>th</sup> District Convention is coming up June 25-29, 2014 at Lake Lawn Lodge, Delavan, WI. Our delegates are Gerry Lachman, Carolyn Rismoen and Steve Aasen. Alternate delegates are Jill Jensen, Frieda Mathson, and Brian Lachman.

Have a Happy and Blessed Easter everyone.

Hilsen

Geraldine Lachman, President

## **LODGE MEETINGS & UPCOMING EVENTS**

Meetings:

April 7, 2014 is a regular meeting at St. John's Lutheran Church at 6:30 pm. Program is "Trolls"

April 27, 2014 at 4:00 pm Brian and Nicole Lachman are hosting a board meeting at Gerry Lachman's home.

Special NOTE: Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm are cocktails and at 5:30 pm a buffet dinner at Fireside Restaurant 2801 30<sup>th</sup> Ave. Call Jill Jensen for reservations. 942-8601 Program will be Ola Hirth from Racine telling his life in Norway on Syttende Mai. Price \$15.00

June 2, 2014, Monday, is a regular meeting at St. John's Lutheran Church at 6:30 pm. Program will be "Music in Norway."

Another Special NOTE: Saturday, August 2, 2014 at noon at Gerry Lachman's home, 1002 111<sup>th</sup> St, Pleasant Prairie will be our annual Sons of Norway Picnic. Bring a dish to pass please. ☺

### **New Member Alert!**

We want to welcome our new member, Katrina Askew, who is the niece of Ruth Cunningham.

### **Adopt-A-School**

**By: Celia Walther**

On a sunny day, Thursday, March 13, 2014, Gerry Lachman, Greg Rismoen, and Celia Walther traveled to Pleasant Prairie School for Jill Jensen's first

graders. We presented a program on "Trolls."

Gerry told about her trip in Norway on a boat. She showed her three "Trolls" and pictures of "Trolls." Greg showed his wooden "Troll." Celia told about the different kinds of "Trolls" and their traits. Jill showed her "Troll". Gerry read the story "The Little Troll."

For a craft project, Jill had them make a "Troll Puppet" with a paper bag and fake fur and face features.

For treat, Gerry and Celia served St. Patrick's Day cupcakes.

It is another good time with the children. For our last 2013-14 school year programs, we will present a program on "Syttende Mai" in May. "Come join us. It is fun!"

### **Library News**

A book has been donated by Frieda Mathson. It is "A Dream to Follow" by Lauraine Snelling. This is a book about

### **Reading Book Club**

**By: Greg Rismoen**

Thorliff Bjorklund and it is the first book of a series of 3 books about his life. Very good reading.

### **Book Club**

In February, our club met at Gerry's house and we discussed book #5 "Tender Mercies" of the series, Red River of the North all written by Lauraine Snelling who is a terrific author. On March 20<sup>th</sup> we will meet at the Rismoen's house to discuss the last book of this series "Blessing in Disguise". This has been all about the Bjorkland family and how resourceful they were when they came from Norway to Blessing, North Dakota, USA. It has moved through future generations in the family and how well they have succeeded in building up the town of Blessing and it has expanded to many different business places. Our next books will be "A Measure of Mercy, No Distance too Far, and A Heart for Home." We have all three of these books in our library. Come join our club and discuss these great books written by Lauraine Snelling.

Our Lodge has a book club whose goal is to read books by Norwegian Americans or by native Norwegians or on Norwegian subjects. The cultural skills program

requires reading three books to qualify for receiving a cultural skills pin. The books can be in different genres, fictions, nonfiction, poetry or drama. Then you will complete a simple reader response form for one of those books. Then you'll choose one of the suggested elective activities, like a book report or a video. Then you send the completed literature cultural pin application to Sons of Norway headquarter office. I finished the requirements for the bronze medal while attending the Racine Nordlyset lodge's book club. If you are interested in joining the Hafrsfjord book club, please contact Steve Aasen, 262-654-6353. We have been reading several books written by Lauraine Snelling. She is the award-winning author of over 60 books, fiction and non-fiction. Her books have sold over two million copies.

## **Curling**

### **By Greg Rismoen**

With the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia on TV, I was remembering when I curled. I also played hockey, when I was in Junior High in Thief River Falls, MN. I don't remember what position I played, but I know it wasn't a hockey goalie. The goalie is the player who stands in front of the net, and watches people shooting the puck toward the net, frequently through the air. Curling is similar, because it is also played on ice. There is a curling club located in Racine, at 1914 Melvin Ave, Racine, WI 53402. There are frequent bonspiels, or contests between curling teams.

When I started playing, the players used brooms with long bristles, to clean and help melt the ice in front of the stone so it would travel further and faster on top of the ice. The teams in the Olympics use about 6 foot poles with a flat padded surface on the end. The polished stones come from Scotland, and have a handle on top with a rubber coated grip, and weigh about 40 pounds.

Curling uses ice covered lanes with a large bull's eye centered between the sides. Sunk in the center of the circles at each lane end is a hollow metal rod to hold a measuring string for scoring. After the stones are thrown and bumped around they score the throws by measuring the stones closest to the scoring center. Temperatures are about 40 degrees inside the curling clubs due to the doors opening and closing to get players and spectators inside. Food and beverage concessions remain outside. The playing curlers stand on the ice holding the stone in one hand and the polishing "broom" in their other hand. They crouch on the ice in the center of the lane and walk the stone to the release point and let it travel to the target at the far end. Other team members help the throwing stone by polishing and melting the ice in front of it to a predetermined maximum distance from initial release point. Curlers try to bump the stones for positioning them to score points with the stones closest to the center of the circle. Smooth, careful and accurate release is critical for scoring points.

significant moment in its history, the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the signing of the Norwegian Constitution in 1814. This brilliant document has been in effect for 200 years, second in continual use only to the United States Constitution. There will be a spectacular gala celebration in honor of this event in Chicago and all are invited to participate. The gala dinner dance will be on Saturday, May 17, 2014, at Wynstone Country Club in North Barrington, Illinois. The evening will feature a cocktail hour; full dinner, a keynote speaker from Norway, the Honorable Svein Ludvigsen Governor of Troms County; Orion Samuelson as the emcee, and dancing to the music of the Joe Lill Band. Tickets will be available for \$150 each. Dress will be Black Tie Preferred/Dark Suit Optional, and Bunads are encouraged. Additional information may be obtained from the Norwegian Consulate General in Chicago at 312-377-5050, the Norwegian National League ([www.nnleague.org](http://www.nnleague.org)) or the Norwegian-American Chamber of Commerce ([www.naccchicago.org](http://www.naccchicago.org))

### **“Gotta Have Lutefisk!”**

**By: Greg Rismoen**

A group of our lodge members ventured through the snow 40 minutes to Norway Evangelical Lutheran Church, 6321 Heg Park Road, Wind Lake, WI, on Saturday, February 8, 2014, for a wonderful lutefisk and meatball dinner as well as a group from the Racine lodge. Even if you don't like lutefisk, the meatballs are really good! In fact, everything is delicious. If you don't believe us, ask anyone of the follow who went: Gerry Lachman, Karen and Francis Nayes, Greg and Carolyn Rismoen, Betty

Schlater, Celia Walther and John and Lavon Wick.

This event is so well organized after 80 + years of doing this. There are 3 servings- 11:30 am, 1:30 pm and 4:00 pm. Members of the church work on several floors of the church to make this dinner a very special event. The cooking is done in the basement kitchen. They serve 600 lbs of lutefisk with butter and cream sauce and 360 lbs of meatballs (2/3 beef, 1/3 pork spiced with spice, ginger and nutmeg) along with boiled potatoes, carrots, lefse, dinner rolls, homemade Julekaka, fruit soup, Norwegian coffee made with eggs and assorted cakes and homemade Norwegian cookies. All is served family style at long tables, as much as you can eat.

They also had lefse for sale in the fellowship hall, with lingonberry preserves, fresh krumkake, sandbakkels, fattigmand, rosettes and numerous favorite cakes, packed in plastic containers at reasonable prices. You can also order meals to go. The delicious fruit soup was made by summering a combination of dried fruits, large pearl Sago tapioca, cinnamon sticks and grape juice. Handmade before the dinner were 2,400 lefse servings and 1,000 rosettes, krumkake, sandbakkels and fattigmand cookies, 50 cakes, 65 loaves of julekake and 15 gallons of fruit soup.

We would wholeheartedly recommend you to join us next year, and add your names to the 900 or so people who attend every year, roughly 300 per meal serving. The event sells out quickly and tickets go on sale January 2 each year. For tickets you can contact either Donna Hanson 262-534-3862 or Joanne Jacobson 262-534-6867.

### **Julefest 2013**

Below is a picture of Lily Lachman and Santa Claus and our Julefest 2013. Lily sure did tell Santa everything that was on her Christmas List!



**HA! HA! HA!**

It was Ole's birthday and Lena presented him with a beautifully wrapped gift.

"Ole, you'll never know vaat I vent trough to buy yew yer birthday present," Lena said.

"Come on, Lena, tell me," begged Ole.

"Okay," Lena replied. "Your pockets."

## **Recipe Corner**

### **Ravioli Soup**

1 package (9 ounces) fresh or frozen cheese ravioli or tortellini

¾ pound hot Italian sausage, crumbled

1 can (14 ½ ounces) Del Monte Italian Recipe Stewed Tomatoes

1 can (14 ½ ounces) beef broth

1 can (14 ½ ounces) Del Monte cut Italian Green Beans, drained

2 green onions

Cook pasta according to package directions

Meanwhile, cook sausage in 5 quart pot over medium high heat until no longer pink, drain.

Add undrained tomatoes, broth and 1 ¾ cups of water bring to a boil.

Reduce heat to low, stir in pasta, beans and green onions. Simmer until heated through.

Season with pepper and sprinkle with grated Parmesan cheese. Makes 4 servings.

## Gratulerer med dagen!

### April

12 Joyce Erlandson

24 Bernard Alberg

26 Nicole Naumcheff

28 Megan Walsh

28 Owen Walsh

### June

1 Lora Bush

6 Crystal Lachman

9 Sally Kittleson

### May

6 Lucas Haugen

11 Robert Kosberg

24 Anthony Sheard

30 Frieda Mathson

23 James Bush

26 Ole Jensen

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#### Newsletter Deadline

July/August/September    Deadline: Friday, June 13, 2014

October/November/December    Deadline: Friday, September 12, 2014

January/February/March    Deadline: Friday, December 12, 2014