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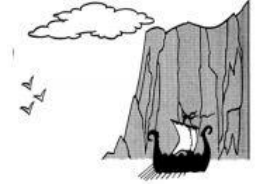
Nordkap Lodge 5-378 - Sons of Norway

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NORDKAP CALENDAR

June 23– Midsummer,
6 p.m., the Swedish Club

Sept. 8 – Steak & Corn Roast,
1 p.m., the Swedish Club

Sept. 14 – 90th Anniversary
Dinner Cruise on M.V. Portofino,
Wyandotte

Oct. 18-20 – 5th District Leadership
Conference, Cedar Lake, IN

Oct. 27 – Lodge Meeting,
4 p.m., the Swedish Club

Nov. 9 – Scandinavian Market ,
10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Finnish Center

Nov. 24 – Lodge Meeting,
4 p.m., the Swedish Club

Dec. 15 – Christmas Party, 2 p.m.,
Fox Hills, Plymouth

2019 Officers

President: Haley Vingsness

Vice President: Erik Duus

Treasurer: Carmen Collins

Secretary: Mary Morehead

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Nordkap Midsummer at the Swedish Club

Nordkap will mark the beginning of summer with a festive Midsummer celebration beginning at 6 p.m. Sunday, June 23, at the Swedish Club, 22398 Ruth St., Farmington Hills, MI.

We held this event at the Swedish Club last year—instead of our usual place at the Farmington Hills Heritage Park—and liked the fact that the clubhouse allowed us to celebrate come rain or come shine. Therefore, we booked the Swedish Club again this year.

Midsummer Eve, called Sankthansaften or St. John's Eve in Norway, celebrates the longest day of the year in the Northern Hemisphere, the summer solstice. The day has particular importance in Scandinavian countries, which endure long dark days of winter with the sun barely rising above the horizon in their northernmost regions.

Holding to Norsk traditions, we will:

- Take a "Viking Walk" at 6 p.m.
- Enjoy a bonfire and burn a paper witch for good fortune.
- Feast on hot dogs, picnic foods, and s-mores.
- Play the Viking games of Kubb and Hnefatafl.



Please bring sides dishes or desserts to share and lawn chairs to sit around the fire.

SUNSHINE UPDATES



We're feeling the pain of **Mark Eelnurme** who crashed into a tree mountain bike racing and broke his left collarbone. Ouch! Feel better, Mark! (Merete Stenersen-Eelnurme photo)

We wish good health to Nordkap member **Cathy Johnson**, who recently spent six days in the hospital, where she had surgery to remove gallstones and finally her gall bladder.



GRATULERER MED DAGEN!

June Birthdays:

David Ray Bryhn, Sheryl Dalton, Jeff Hatteberg, Maureen Hatteberg, Laura Radwan, Samuel Trupiano

July Birthdays:

Monica Dowhan, Michael Duffy, Holger Ekanger, Arnold Hagen, Debra Kraft, Greg Morehead, Mary Morehead, Ana Gjesdal Skidmore, Jacob Brian Skidmore, Jeannine Sturgeon, Erik Thomassen, Lorelei Jeanne Øye



Lefse bakers from left: Dee Marvel, Carol Jehle, Derrick Hendricks, Mary Morehead, Sue Schotts, Laura Goretski, Roy Marvel

Norwegian Bakers Cook up Some Fun with Lefse

--Story and photos by Mary Morehead

What a great group of students I had on Saturday, May 11, for a Lefse class. Another enjoyable Norwegian cooking class!

We laughed so much and even sang the Lefse song:

“Roll out the lefse, we’ll have a lefse good time!

Roll out the lefse, it’s taste is simply sublime.

Roll out the lefse, sing out a song of good cheer,

Now’s the time to roll the lefse, for the gang’s all here!”



Roy Marvel, Sue Schotts, Derrick Hendricks (lt. to rt.)



Carol Jehle, Laura Goretski, Dee Marvel (lt. to rt.)

Festive Syttende Mai Draws Large Gathering to Swedish Club

We think we had a record turn-out with the estimated 130 people who joined us for our annual Syttende Mai or Norwegian Constitution Day celebration at the Swedish Club.

The day celebrates the day of May 17, 1814, when the constitution was signed and established Norway as an independent sovereign state. Nordkap typically schedules its celebration for the weekend, allowing more people to attend, so this year's event was Saturday, May 18.

Unlike last year when torrential rains forced us inside, this year brought mostly fair weather throughout the day. That allowed outdoor activities to go on as scheduled, such as parading led by flag-bearers and Scandinavian musicians around the Swedish Club, roasting hot dogs on the charcoal grill, conducting ceremonies on the clubhouse deck, and taking part in open-air games like the sack race, the parachute game, and Nordkap's own Cod Toss.

Vice President Erik Duus presided over the events in place of President Haley Vingsness, who was out of town on business. Honorary Norwegian Consul to Michigan **Dennis Flessland** gave an update on news from Norway, including the progress of negotiations in Oslo to resolve hostilities in Venezuela.



From left: Grace Kenny, Reuben Bettinger, and Lolly Duus



Comic relief was provided by the Cod Toss—throwing frozen fish for distance and prizes. This year's Grand Champion was **Brandt Monson**, a Ford engineer from Ann Arbor. **Heather Vingsness** won the women's contest. (Both shown at left.)

Josiah Kenny, 10, won young boys; Kate Zawicki, 7, won young girls; Oskar Sears, 16, won teen boys; and Grace Kenny, 13, won teen girls.

For many, the highlight of the day was the dessert buffet, including Norwegian favorites such as the World's Best Cake made by Dennis Flessland (at right); Kransekake; Krumkake; Prince's Cake; and much more—all contributed by Nordkap members. ***(Photos continue on next page.)***





Garage Sale Raises Nearly \$500 for Nordkap Scholarships

Congratulations and thank you to Mary Morehead and Carmen Collins!

The two-day garage sale they hosted at Mary's house to benefit the Nordkap Scholarship Fund raised close to \$500. Carmen, Nordkap's treasurer, deposited the amount into the scholarship account.

Items for the sale were donated by Nordkap members and stored in Mary's garage until the event on May 31st and June 1st. More than half of the items sold—a great success rate for any sale of this sort. Items that didn't sell were donated to the Royal Oak Salvation Army.



Carmen Collins (left) and Mary Morehead

April Brought Hot Pasties, an Engaging Talk about Easter in Norway, and Erik Duus' Election as Nordkap Vice President

Nordkap's April meeting brought out 32 people to enjoy delicious hot beef pasties from Barb's Pasties and Pizza in Clawson, served up by Counselor Bob Giles (at right).

Secretary Mary Morehead presided at the meeting, in place of President Haley Vingsness, who was traveling for business. Mary asked for a vote on the nomination of **Erik Duus** as vice president. Erik was unanimously elected and installed by Counselor Giles (below).



Tromsø native Merete Stenersen-Eelnurme (at right) shared her memories about Easter in Norway, illustrating the talk with slides prepared by her daughter, Alexa Francis.



Update on Nordkap's 90th Anniversary "Viking" Dinner Cruise Sept. 14

Nordkap Lodge—the first Sons of Norway lodge in Michigan—turns 90 this year! In celebration, we're inviting you and your guests to join us in a private cruise on the Detroit River onboard the elegant Motor Vessel Portofino.

The evening will celebrate not only the long history of Nordkap lodge, but also the accomplishments of Norwegians in Michigan and the heritage of our Viking ancestors who sailed mighty rivers and oceans in their longships years ago.



The 90th anniversary committee invites you aboard, with Portofino owner, Jerry Beasley, 3rd from left.



Robin Fossum

We recently confirmed that among our honored guests will be **Andy Johnsen**, president of the Sons of Norway District 5, and **Robin Fossum**, the District's International Director. Robin is an internationally acclaimed Hardanger fiddler and has offered to bring along her fiddle and violin to entertain us as we sail along.

Our three-hour cruise Saturday, September 14, embarks from the Portofino Restaurant at 3455 Biddle in Wyandotte, sails upstream under the Ambassador Bridge towards the Renaissance Center in Detroit, then turns for the downstream voyage back to Wyandotte.

We will board the vessel at 6:15 p.m. and return at 9:30 p.m.

Included in the Viking-themed cruise will be a complete strolling dinner, with entrees of salmon, meatballs, and chicken piccata. Vegetarian and gluten-free items will be indicated on the serving table. An alternative vegan/vegetarian entree may be requested with your reservation. A cash bar will also be available.

The price for Sons of Norway members is \$50, but increases to \$60 after June 30. Non-members pay \$60. Make your paid reservation early with the accompanying form to guarantee your place onboard, as space is limited! Or you may download, print, and mail the reservation form on the website <http://www.detroitnorwegians.com/>. Alternatively you may contact Louise Giles at Nordkap@DetroitNorwegians.com or 248-224-3369 to ask a form to be sent to you.

A Letter from President Haley Vingsness

Hurra for all of us! Our Syttende Mai party this year had over 100 attendees. Thank you for making it such a big success! We so appreciate your support, whether you brought dessert, tossed a cod, brought a friend, or simply cheered us on from home. This year I was traveling, so I'm sorry I missed you all, but I was able to attend the New York City parade, so I didn't miss out on the festivities entirely.

Bay Ridge, Brooklyn has changed pretty significantly since its heyday as “the world's 5th largest Norwegian city.” It's now a very ethnically mixed neighborhood. But the Norwegians turn out in full force for the parade, and the streets were full of festdrakt [bunads] and Norway soccer jerseys. The parade included several Sons of Norway lodges, community groups, musicians, the local soccer club (Gjøa), and the winners of the Miss Norway and Miss Sweden pageants. The medieval living history club took over Leif Erikson Park with a Viking encampment. There were mock combats, folk dancing, and a replica Viking Ship.



It was inspiring to see the local community support the parade and festival, even if the neighborhood isn't predominantly Scandinavian anymore. And I'm proud of how the Detroit area supports our lodge, too. I'm excited for us to hear all about how Norwegians have influenced Detroit on Nordkap Lodge's 90th anniversary dinner cruise on September 14th! Please mark your calendars, hope to see you there!

**Med vennlig hilsen (with best regards),
Haley Vingsness**

*Viking ship in Syttende Mai parade in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, NY.
(Photo courtesy of Ken Olson, Sons of Norway Loyal Lodge 3-252, St. James, NY)*

Please Remember to Update Your Information with Sons of Norway!

All members are asked keep their membership information up-to-date.

This is important to the efficient operations of your lodge--and crucial to your receiving lodge updates and the Sons of Norway *Viking* magazine in a timely manner.

There are three ways you can update your information:

- 1.** Go to www.sofn.com. Log in with your user name and password. Click on the Profile link to the left of the Member Resources button at the top of the page to get to your Member Profile. Click “Edit” to update your email information, phone number, or mailing address. Then click “Submit.”
- 2.** Call Sons of Norway International at (612) 821- 4643.
- 3.** Email address@sofn.com.

Last Call for Nordkap Scholarship Applications, due June 30!

Each year, Nordkap awards multiple scholarships to qualified students seeking to further their education after high school.

Our Nordkap Scholarship Fund is supported by fundraising activities that the lodge or its members sponsor—such as the recent garage sale hosted by Mary Morehead and Carmen Collins and our silent auction held at the Christmas party. It is also funded by donations from our members and by memorial gifts in honor of departed family members or friends.

We are most grateful for the goods contributed to the silent auction and the garage sale, and for the generous memorial contributions made in honor of our late members, Finn Roed and Ernie Halvorson. In memory of Finn and Ernie, the Nordkap Board approved a \$150 lodge donation to the scholarship fund and recently received a note from Finn's wife **Georgia Roed**, thanking the lodge "for honoring Finn with your donation."

If you have not already contributed goods or money to the fund, we ask you to consider making a gift. Please make your check payable to NORDKAP LODGE 5-378, with the memo at the bottom of the check "for Scholarship Fund" and mail it to Natalie Vaal, 25718 Skye Court, Farmington Hills, MI 48336. Goods for the silent auction should be directed to Carmen Collins or Louise Giles at one of our upcoming meetings.

Meanwhile, here's one last reminder for any college-bound student looking to qualify for a lodge scholarship:

Applications are due June 30 and are available at <http://www.detroitnorwegians.com/scholarship.html> or by contacting Natalie Vaal at nordkap.scholarships@gmail.com.

Applicants must:

- Be a lodge member or child/grandchild of a member for minimum 1 year prior to scholarship application submission
- Be 17-23 years of age
- Be working towards a bachelor's or associate's degree from an accredited educational institution
- Be in good standing at school, with a Grade Point Average of 2.0 or better



Volunteers Needed for our Nordic Booth at the Highland Games

You can help us spread the word about our great Sons of Norway lodge at the upcoming Scottish Highland Games on Saturday, August 3.

Swedish Club President Dan Nelson is rolling out the giant Viking helmet float to anchor the booth we'll share with the Swedes and Finns at Greenmead Historical Village, 20501 Newburgh



Road, Livonia (near Eight Mile Road and I-275), where the games are held. Each of us will be promoting our own clubs—Nordkap Lodge, the Swedish Club, and the Finnish Center Association Cultural Center. The Finns will also be publicizing the upcoming FinnFest USA scheduled for September in Detroit. See <https://finnfest.us/>

Nordkap is asking members to volunteer in the booth for two-hour shifts. When their shifts are over, volunteers can explore the Highland Games, sponsored by the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit.

The day-long Highland Games event features all things Scottish—red-haired men in kilts, bagpipe bands, lads and lassies showing their Highland dancing skills, tugs-of-war, athletes competing in sports like throwing cabers (a.k.a. telephone poles), Celtic rock bands, and such Scottish delicacies as shortbread and haggis. See <https://highlandgames.com/>

Why take a Viking float and go searching for prospective members at a Scottish festival? As we know, the Vikings were all over Scotland, so many Scots are now finding family roots that trace back to Scandinavia, and they want to learn about the lands their ancestors came from.

The Highland Games open at 8:30 a.m. and end with the Closing Ceremonies, beginning at 6 p.m. If you can volunteer, please contact Louise Giles at 248-224-3369 or Nordkap@DetroitNorwegians.com.



Andy's Odyssey

That's Sons of Norway 5th District President **Andy Johnsen** on skis in late April--in Svalbard.

Yes, Svalbard. That's where Andy completed a 42-kilometer ski marathon race at virtually the top of the world--in the Norwegian archipelago of Svalbard, between mainland Norway and the North Pole.

Svalbard is one of the world's northernmost inhabited areas, known for its rugged, remote terrain of glaciers and frozen tundra, with polar bears, Svalbard reindeer, and Arctic foxes.

Our 5th District president is pretty rugged, too. Andy says he's smiling in the photo because he was able to finish the race—with the help of that Mueller knee brace on his left leg.



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