

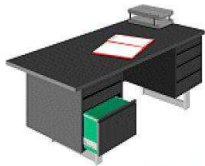
The Samhold Utsikten



Auburn Hills, Michigan | Celebrating our 52nd Year



FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT'S DESK



WORLD WAR I

Editor's Note: On April 6, 2017, we celebrate the 100-year anniversary of the USA entering World War I. Our Vice President, Bill Injerd, has gathered some information as to the role of Norwegian-Americans in that war.

As we remember those Americans who went to Europe to fight for democracy in World War I, we also remember those Norwegian-Americans who were also "doughboys" for our great country.

When their parents came to America from Norway, there was a lot of pressure for young men from those families to speak and act like Americans. They, like many other Americans, participated in the patriotic rallies, donated money to the war cause, joined to fight, and even turn against other immigrants who didn't show the same loyalty to their new country.

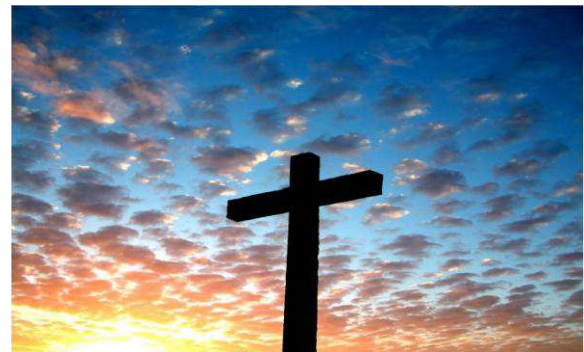
Anglo Americans often viewed Norwegian-Americans with suspicion, even though they were loyal to the US. This situation was alleviated somewhat when a Norwegian commission headed by the former explorer Fridtjof Nansen arranged to have a million tons of Norwegian shipping assets placed in the service of the Allies, mainly for France and Great Britain.

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Our April 9th Meeting

We will be meeting on **Sunday, April 9th at 4:00pm** at **Gloria Dei Lutheran Church** (2600 Pontiac Rd., Auburn Hills, MI). We will provide the main dish. Please bring a vegetable dish, salad, and/or dessert as your contribution.

ALL ARE INVITED!



Please check the website Samhold5-473.org for updated information.

April marks one year for Kathie as your Editor.

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Norman E. Oftedahl in WWI military uniform with his father. From the Norwegian Singing Societies Collection.



Picture and material for this column from: "Norwegian-Americans in World War I", NAHA Currents, Winter 2017.

The war years, especially between 1917 and 1918, were tough on many immigrants. You can imagine the prejudice many Germans experienced, even though they were, with rare exception, patriots in their new country. Norwegian-Americans were often bunched into this stigma of being **recent** immigrants, mainly because of their religious or political differences.

Two laws were enacted following World War I: The 1924 Johnson-Reed Immigration Act aimed to limit immigration from Southern and Eastern Europe, and National Origins Proviso, which was added to the 1924 Act in 1927. This second act limited new immigration severely for all except those from the British Isles. There was substantial opposition to it, including harsh condemnation in Norway.

Despite this fervor that affected many of these immigrants, the Norwegian-Americans came through it without hard feelings towards the United States. Today you will find many of these families – among the most fervent patriots of our United States of America - who remember those tough years as a learning experience.

Let us always remember our heritage, both from Norway and from our immigrant ancestors who chose America.

Recipe Corner

Kvikk Lunsj* with Apples and Mascarpone Cream

Adapted from newscancook.com

**Kvikk Lunsj is the Norwegian equivalent of the wafer and chocolate Kit Kat™ bar. Introduced by Freia founder and hiking enthusiast Johan Throne Holst in 1937 as the perfect portable snack to enjoy while hiking or skiing, Kvikk Lunsj has become a favorite of Norwegians during eastertime family hikes and crosscountry ski trips to the mountains.*



This dessert uses Kvikk Lunsj (Kit Kat™), apples and mascarpone to make a yummy dessert to serve with your Easter dinner (or anytime).

- 3 apples, peeled and coarsely chopped
- 2 lemons
- 2 tbs. icing sugar (powdered sugar)
- 1 tsp. cardamom
- ¾ cup mascarpone
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- 4 Kit Kat™ bars (Kvikk Lunsj), coarsley chopped

Add chopped apples, cardamom, sugar and juice from two lemons to a pan. Cover with lid and simmer for 2-3 minutes. Mash apple compote with a whisk and cool. Add remaining sugar to mascarpone and whisk together. Serve apple compote topped with mascarpone cream and the coarsley chopped chocolate bars in a glass or a bowl and enjoy.

Cultural Events



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April 9 We will watch the continuation of the Hurtigruten video. Becky will show pictures and talk about the two Hurtigruten voyages she has taken. Other lodge members who have also had this experience are asked to share.

May 7 We will read the article "Six Viking Leaders You Should Know" and participate in a game of "Viking Bingo".

June 11 Becky will present saga descriptions of King "Harald Fairhair", the Unifier of Viking Norway, She will share photos of monuments in his honor as well as his Kingdom of Avaldsnes, taken in Haugesund and Karmoy Island, Norway.

Labels & Stamps



Please bring your Campbell's product labels, Box Tops for Education, and cancelled postage stamps to any meeting or send them to

the Editor (the return address). Rita collects them for Haviland Elementary School in Waterford so that they can apply them towards acquiring additional supplies for the school. She turns them in twice-a-year; the next time will be before the end of the school year.



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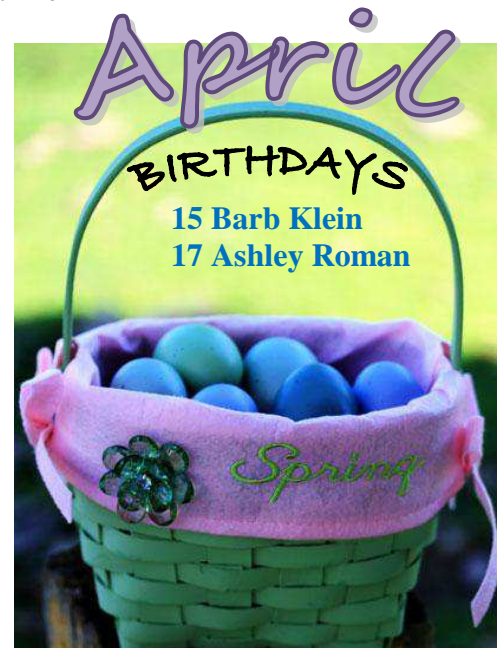
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One day Ole gets a plan to make some money so he goes to one of the rich neighborhoods. Ole rings the door bell and says, "Hello, is der anything I could do for you ta make some money?"

The man thinks and says, "Sure, can paint my porch. You will find all the stuff in the garage."

Ole says, "O.K., How much vill ya pay me?"

The man says, "How much does fifty bucks sound?"

Ole quickly agrees and get straight to work. The wife who had heard the conversation inside says, "50 bucks, I hope he knows the porch goes all around the house!"

Two hours later Ole knocks on the door and says, "O.K. I am done. Can I have da money now?"

Surprised the man replies, "OK, Let me get the money"

He comes back and Ole says as he is leaving, "By da vay, Dat's a Ferrari, not a Porch-e!"



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