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Mission statement:

The mission of Sons of Norway is to promote and to preserve the heritage and culture of Norway. To celebrate our relationship with other Nordic Countries, and provide quality insurance and financial products to its members.

Greetings from the Vice-President

November 20, 2024

Hilsen Fra Presidenten

I started my letter while on the Hurtigruten trip then got totally side tracked so I will include what I started and then go from there.

November 5th, 2024

What a whirlwind trip we have had. Some of us left for Oslo on October 21st and arrived on the 22nd. The Oslo group took taxis to the Karl Johan hotel where we would stay for a few days and see the sights. Our first stop after dropping off our luggage was the Vigeland sculpture park. It looks so different in winter as the fountains are turned off and many of the roses are spent but it is still amazing to see.

We had a fantastic dinner then back to the hotel to rest up for the next day. On the 23rd we walked to city hall where the Nobel peace prize is awarded in December. It is a beautiful building. We then walked to Akershus Fortress. I have so wanted to see inside but it turned out to be closed. I have been there 3 times now and still have not seen inside so am I looking at another trip? We went to the Resistance Museum which was interesting.

A busy day as we returned to the hotel to freshen up then off to the Opera house for dinner and a performance. It was more of a musical comedy and all of us thoroughly enjoyed it.

On the 24th Glenna Divine, Janice Ritchie, and I (sister trip) took a train to Drangedal to visit family. I met my second cousin Toril 47 years ago on my first trip to Norway and have been able to see her on each of my trips to Norway. We had a great day visiting family and Toril returned with us to Oslo to go to the Stortinget on the 25th. It turns out that Tobias (the representative who gave us our tour) was from her district.

The 26th was our trip to Bergen by train then boarding the Hurtigruten. We are saving the trip information for our February meeting where most of us who attended the trip will be able to share some highlights!

I arrived back on November 7th, on the 8th went shopping for our meeting on Saturday and baked a couple of almond cakes. Our smorbrød was a great success and as always, we had a fantastic meal. Thanks to MaryJane and Thor Henrikson, Jerry Rud and Gary Prehm for all the meal set up and clean up.

We approved our slate of officers and I am excited to welcome MaryJane Henrikson as our new VP. Stan Pederson will be great in helping with the transition. I will miss him as my VP as he has done such a fantastic job keeping the lodge moving forward. Stan was instrumental in keeping things going last year during my treatment and I cannot thank him enough!

Our program was 2 violinists, Ellen Kleiman-Redden and Marilyn Watkins. They are called "Sweet Marmalade." I met them at a function in spring and they spent the summer and early fall learning several Norwegian folk songs. They were fantastic. I know every one enjoyed the music.

Last week we jumped right into the International festival. A huge thank you to Jean Bittner who planned and supplied items for the entire booth! Jean and Doug Bittner, Jerry Rud, Jeff Dodge and myself arrived Wednesday the 13th at noon to set up the booth in preparation for Thursday, Friday and Saturday. This year it was held in Greenfield instead of the State Fair grounds. Next year they plan on moving to another county to rotate to different locations. A huge thank-you to our list of volunteers, we would not have been able to carry it off without them. Paul and Kathy Brakke, Jen and Doug Bittner, Ben and Donna Olsen, Sarah Goodrich, Ted and Connie Danielson, Jeff Dodge, Alice Voris, Jerry Rud, Eija Vesterqvist and myself participated in manning the booth during the 3-day event. It is so important to be present and involved in the International Community and I am so glad they have been able to resume the festival. There was a lot of entertainment and food booths always something to see. I really enjoyed spending time with our "neighbors" from Bulgaria!

Now we are really gearing up for our next event which will be Julefest on December 14th at noon at King of Glory Lutheran Church. Be watching for an email invitation with cost and number attending and I will be sending out a zoom invitation for a planning committee.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at Julefest!

Nancy Andersen

International Festival 2024



A decorative border surrounds the page, featuring various styles of snowflakes in blue and white. In the bottom-left corner, there is a cartoon snowman wearing a black top hat with a white pom-pom, holding a broom in its right hand. The background of the page is a light blue with a subtle pattern of white snowflakes and bokeh light effects.

JULEFEST

DECEMBER 14, 2024

12 NOON

KING OF GLORY LUTHERN CHURCH

2201 EAST 106TH STREET

CARMEL, INDIANA

Please return this reservation form and check made out to
Sons of Norway by December 6th to: Alice Voris 9988 Upton Ct.
Carmel, IN 46280

\$5.00 per person

Name: _____

Number Adults attending: _____

Number Children attending: _____

Meal provided, (Ham, lefse, scalloped potatoes, pineapple
salad, rolls) this year we are asking for every single person or
couple signed up please bring an appetizer or a dessert.



Calendar of Events

November - December 2024

November 9

Noon: Smørbrød - Bring fancy open-faced sandwiches and a side dish.

Program: Violin concert

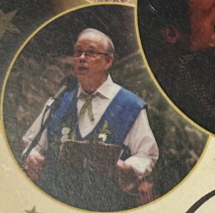
December 14 Julefest

Noon Prepared meal

Members requested to bring appetizers or deserts

Norsk klasse will be held every Thursday 5-6 pm IF there is no Saturday meeting in that week.

2024
Luciafest



★ ★ ★ *God Jul!* ★ ★ ★

Celebrate St. Lucia Day with
Scandinavians in Indianapolis!

Sunday, December 8, 2:30pm

Basile Theatre at the Historic Athenaeum

★ Appetizers & Dessert Included! Kids Welcome! ★



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