



Sons of Norway Fagernes Lodge 5-616

October, November, December 2019



Fagernes Lodge meetings take place at Blair Community Center unless otherwise stated

Upcoming Events for our Lodge

Oct. 19, 1 p.m.:
Meeting with Author Candace Simar presentation. Servers: Don & Virginia Ronning & Marleen Berg.

Nov. 16, 1 p.m.: **Plan Juletefest & Todd will show a video. Servers: Lance & Tami Bagstad, Byron & Marlys Britten**

Dec. 1, 1 p.m.:
Juletefest and Carol Sing. Servers: Potluck



September at our SON Fagernes Lodge 5-616 Meeting

Save cancelled stamps. The Tubfrim project can use them. Stamps must be trimmed to have at least a 1/4 inch border. Bring them to the meetings.

Save your used printer cartridges and bring them to Terry. We get \$2.00 credit for each cartridge at Office Depot to use toward new cartridges and paper!

Left: Lannie Howe spoke at our SON-Blair meeting Saturday, Sept. 21. He spoke on his Iraqi tours and all his work in the National Guard since he was 17 years old.

Right: Charlotte Dahl presented Cindi Anderson with a Literature Cultural Skills pin for having completed all the required reading and work in that program, at our SON-Blair September meeting Saturday, Sept. 21.

Members enjoy sharing their heritage over wonderful Norwegian foods and treats. Next time we gather, please ask a friend or neighbor to come along and sample our lodge favorites!

Don't forget to pass the coffee AND invite them to join our Sons of Norway family.

Member Benefit: Grants and Scholarships: Did you know that Sons of Norway members, their children and their grandchildren are eligible for college scholarships? Opportunities range from supporting enrollment at any major US college to assistance with travel to Norway and other countries. There is even a scholarship for a cultural class for members age 40+! Our lodges may also receive awards ranging from \$500 to \$1,500 for children's programming, new equipment or cultural events. Learn more at www.sofn.com/foundation/scholarships and www.sofn.com/foundation/grants

a little in English...

Oslo Loves Hot Dogs

For Norwegians, no soccer game or national holiday is complete without a couple of hot dogs in lompe with ketchup, mustard and crispy onions.

It is most common to serve hot dogs in lompe: a flat, soft pastry made from potatoes. On its own it is a little dry, but together with the hot dog they make a perfect flavor combination.

The hot dog stand also has a rich tradition in Oslo. It was the place you stopped to pick up a classic snack after work or on the way to or from a party.

In the old days, it seemed like there was a hot dog stand on every corner, but today there are very few left of the small booths that used to define the cityscape. Eventually, it became difficult and harder to compete with larger chain stores, with their wider offerings and longer opening hours, and most had to close.

Loved by The Guardian

But some have held their ground, and Erlend Dahlbo and his Syverkiosk on Alexander Kielland's Square is one of them. Syverkiosken has become a symbol of old Oslo.

Syverkiosken is a popular destination for hungry people throughout the day. Last year, the kiosk was mentioned in the British newspaper The Guardian, which described the hot dogs as "at once comforting yet also deliciously spiced."

It was his father who taught Erlend everything he knew to make the perfect hot dog. The trick? A secret broth that is boiled before the hot dogs are added. He jokingly refuses to reveal what the successful recipe consists of. Some secrets must be kept.

Whatever toppings you prefer: mustard, ketchup, crispy onions, dressing, bacon, relish, be assured that there is a hot dog for you!

litt på norsk...

Oslo elsker pølser

For nordmenn flest er ingen fotballkamp eller nasjonaldag komplett uten et par wienerpølser i lompe med ketsjup, sennep og sprøstekt løk.

Det er vanligst å servere pølsa i lompe; et flatt, mykt bakverk lagd av poteter. For seg selv er lompa litt tørr, men sammen med pølsa utgjør de en perfekt smakskombinasjon.

Også pøsekiosken har en rik tradisjon i Oslo. Det var stedet du kunne stikke innom etter jobb eller på vei til/fra fest for å få deg et klassisk mellommåltid.

Før i tiden kunne det virke som det lå en pøsekiosk på hvert gatehjørne, men i dag er det svært få igjen av de små bodene som pleide å definere bybildet. Etter hvert ble det vanskeligere og vanskeligere å hamle opp med større kjedekiosker med sine bredere tilbud og lengre åpningstider, og de aller fleste måtte stenge.

Elsket av The Guardian

Men noen har holdt stand, og Erlend Dahlbo og hans Syverkiosken på Alexander Kiellands plass er en av dem. Syverkiosken har blitt et symbol på det gamle Oslo.

Syverkiosken er et populært destinasjonssted for sultne folk gjennom hele dagen. I fjor ble kiosken nevnt i den britiske avisen The Guardian, som beskrev pølsene som "at once comforting yet also deliciously spiced".

Det var faren hans som lærte Erlend alt han kunne om å lage den perfekte wieneren. Trikset? En hemmelig kraft som kokes opp før pølsene legges oppi. Han nekter spøkefullt å røpe hva suksessoppskriften består av. Noen hemmeligheter må man få ha.

Uansett hva du liker å ha på: sennep, ketsjup, sprøstekt løk, dressing, bacon, agurk-mix, vær trygg på at det finnes en pølse for deg!

Focus on a Fagernes Member – Eddie Thompson



Eddie Thompson

Eddie Thompson was born at home on a farm in French Creek to Eddie I. and Agnes (Moen) Thompson. He has a brother, Larry Thompson of Blair, and a sister, LuAnn Duffield of Chicago, Ill. As a child, Eddie lived in Holmen, Ettrick and Blair areas before his parents settled at his current location in rural Blair in 1948. He has lived there ever since.

He attended grade school at Burton Country School, between Hixton and Northfield, and at Hixton Grade School. He graduated from Blair High School in 1955. At a young age, first grade or before, he began singing in groups for audiences. His Uncle Almer Moen played guitar and the family was asked to sing all over. "I enjoy singing," he said. He has been part of the North Beaver Creek Lutheran Church Choir from 1954 to the present. He was a Winona Area Barbershop member for over 30 years and still sings with the Black River Falls Pinetones Barbershoppers sometimes. He is currently a member of

the Blair Norwegian Singers.

Eddie has always been a farmer, but as a young man, he also worked at Sacia's Orchards picking apples and working in the apple barn. Eddie participated in 4-H for about 10 years and then became the leader of the Happy Harvesters 4-H Club for about 30 years. He also sang with 4-H groups.

In 1964, he was badly injured in a car/train accident between Independence and Whitehall; an accident in which the driver of the car, Clifford Lee, was killed. "We were hit broadside by a train," he said. "I think I survived to be a caregiver," He said. "I've cared for my mom, my Dad, my uncles in Franklin and now for Lynn (his wife); I'm glad I could be."

Eddie married Lynn (Juil) on July 2, 1977. They had both sang in the NBC Church Choir. They are both members of the Blair Sons of Norway Fagernes Lodge 5-616. Eddie has served as President and Vice-President for many years. Eddie and Lynn visited Germany when Eddie was part of the Winona Area Barbershop group. The Barbershop group was invited to sing there. Lynn and Eddie also visited Norway twice.

Eddie retired from farming in 2005. Shortly after, Lynn had a stroke. She finally came home after a time and was cared for by Eddie for 10.5 years. Eddie had hip surgery in 2016 at which time Lynn went to reside at Grandview Care Canter. After surgery, Eddie joined her at the home for rehabilitation lasting three weeks before he returned home. Lynn has resided at Grandview since then.

"I was baptized at Blair First Lutheran Church," Eddie said, "but I was confirmed and married at NBC Church and I will be buried there, too."

PAST HAPPENINGS AT FAGERNES LODGE



Eddie Thompson and his dog, Lily, are seated on our Sons of Norway - Blair float ready to ride in the Ettrick Fun Days parade August 25th. Eddie is a Golden SON member, Vice-President of our lodge, and his story is featured on page 3 of this newsletter.



Fagernes Lodge members brought umbrellas to shade them from the sun and heat which is always present, it seems, for the Trempealeau Catfish Days parade in July.



SON Fagernes Lodge Members Russell Glomstad and Verle Austad provided music for the guests at our May Frokost and Bake Sale at the Ettrick Community Center.



Winners of sports medals in July include LaVonne Wier, Fran Instenes, Charlene Saxe, Eileen Trim and Danny Toth.



Charlie Saxe, Eileen Trim and Charlotte Dahl ride our SON float in the Ettrick Days Parade in August.



LaVonne Wier and Chris Hamilton carried the banner for our Sons of Norway Fagernes Lodge in the Blair Cheese Festival parade on September 15, 2019 because our float couldn't be there. Our float was in a place where it probably would've gotten stuck in the mud if someone tried to pull it out of the shed. People missed our float and asked about it. But we can't have a Blair Cheese Festival parade without our Blair lodge represented.

Explore Your Heritage

Are you curious about the unique story of your family? Then get inspiration to begin exploring using our newly updated guide, Genealogy Tips and Hints — Connecting with your family history. This handy 10-page introduction will help you get your research off to a quick start with information about Norwegian names and places. Exclusively for Sons of Norway members, you'll find the guide online at ww.sofn.com in the Member Resources area under genealogy.

Viking History Comes to Life

Tucked away in the fjords of Norway is a small town called Gudvangen that hosts a real-life Viking village, complete with real-life Vikings. Bringing in thousands of tourists every year, the village of Njardarheimr provides an authentic experience showing how Vikings lived 1,000 years ago.

The community was built using traditional methods with only local materials found throughout the fjord. Ironwork is handmade by an experienced blacksmith and the food court serves dishes that are cooked in a pit, smoked or spit roasted. The village also has an undisputed king, Georg Olafr Reydarson Hansen, who for the past 20 years has worked to establish this Viking settlement.

Around 40 Viking reenactment groups in Norway are active participants in the village and help provide an unforgettable experience for visitors. To learn more, visit <https://www.uk.vikingvalley.no/>

New Dues Structure for Canada and Norway

A new, simplified dues structure for lodges in Canada and Norway will take effect on January 1, 2020. Lodges in the United States underwent similar changes in 2018 and will not be affected.

For information about the upcoming dues changes for Canada and Norway, including the new dues amounts, background information, FAQs and the full text of Resolution 49, please visit www.sofn.com/simplified_dues_structure (login required).

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Due to privacy concerns,
only the month is listed

October

Tami Bagstad

November

McKenna Boe, Byron Britten,
Roger Instenes, Nora
Iverson

December

Verle Austad, Jozephine
Britten, Rylie Dobson, Cody
Dooley, Isla Fetsch, Michael
Fuller, Mary Herness,
Brianna Iverson, Lamoine
Jacobs

President's Message

Ord fra din Fagernes Losje Presidentin,

The summer has flown by fast as usual. It was warm and wet. Raspberries and beans grew very well. Hard to keep up. Corn was erratic. Really tall stuff. The peaches and cream variety was exceptional! Weeds were exceptional as usual!

LaVonne reported on our lodge's summer events. A big uff da cheer for that. Our involvement after Arcadia Broiler Dairy days was minimal due to family gatherings and now my shoulder rotator cuff surgery. Our lodge now faces our Fall and yearly schedule of events. Lots of good activities provided by our program committee. Also we must review our chain of command, committee-wise and lodge-wise to prevent miscommunication, etc. I'm appointing Mary Jo program chairperson. Questions and answers related to program should be presented to her for decisions so she can review with her committee before presented to the lodge. She will be the prime communicator to the lodge. Meeting venues will be decided by the president, me, after discussion and verification with lodge officers. No one else will make those decisions. This will hopefully prevent confusion. Secretary, treasurer and committee chair people will answer to the president. This necessitates communicating with the president before any announcements to the lodge. This means that there will be only one person to blame, me for the present.

I will make up a chart of the chain of command for the next meeting for all to see and have a copy. We can discuss the chart at the meeting for your input. As always your input is valued. This is not a dictatorship. I look forward to working with you in the future. Be it as president or interested and a five member. I am aware of float housing facility, perhaps changes. Which will be discussed by our float committee chair Roger. So, election of officers in the lodge are coming up. Please volunteer for these positions. We cannot function without you. We need new blood to function. People to have creative ideas and carry them out. People with energy to Do..not to just Sit and be entertained! So anyway, life is good. Looking forward to a good year at Fagernes Lodge!

Fra presidentin Todd.

Thank You

Thanks for the kindness people have shown me in the death of my brother Dennis Anderson of Durand, Illinois, and in the death of my brother-in-law Ralph Wood.

Charlotte Dahl

News about Cabinets at the Blair Community Center

The SON supply cabinets that were in the Community Center were cleaned out in July by Todd Fetsch, LaVonne Wier, and Jack Wier. The contents were moved to the kitchen in the Community Center. The supply cabinets, themselves, were moved to Leland and LaVonne Wier's garage. Since no one at our September meeting expressed a desire to have the cabinets, the Wier's will keep them. LaVonne will install cables and locks on the kitchen cabinets at the Blair Community Center. Because we received the old supply cabinets, we will pay for the cables and locks for the kitchen cabinets at the Community Center, and not bill the lodge. The doors will also be labelled.

For the Joy of It



With gifted young athletes such as Martin Ødegaard, Ada Hegerberg and Jakob and Henrik Ingebretsen, Norway seems to have the formula down for producing world-class athletes. Is this discipline and drive to succeed a product of cutthroat training regimens and a lifetime of stiff competition? In fact, the exact opposite is true. Rather than coaxing youth athletes toward greatness in a single sport from an early age, Norway's national sports organization (Norges idrettsforbund) promotes idrettsglede for alle, or the "Joy of Sport for All." With an emphasis on inclusiveness, low program fees, and each child's right to choose their sport(s) and level of involvement, 93% of Norwegian kids participate in organized sports activities. Scores are not allowed to be tallied before kids turn 13. The idea is to emphasize the beneficial aspects of sport: good health, camaraderie and overall well-being. Sons of Norway members also can enjoy the benefits of an active life while earning pins through the Sports Medals Program. Visit sonsofnorway.com or contact sportsmedals@sofn.com to get involved.

News from our Adopt-a-School Coordinator

Adopt-a-school will move to Arcadia or G-E-T, and we will only present it to the elementary kids. Children older than 4th grade have not participated at Blair-Taylor. The library of books for older children and adults can either be used by lodge members, or we can sell them to lodge members.

For Sale

Ruby Henderson has a vest to sell that belonged to Laverne. Contact her for more information.

Terry Thompson also has a brand-new, never worn, size 3 XL SON Fagernes Lodge vest. Cost is \$32. Call 608-865-1220.



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Norwegian Youth Sports emphasize inclusiveness

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