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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.

Hilsen fra Presidenten (Greetings from the President)

I have ventured out on a vacation with a friend to the east coast. We are on the Island of Chincoteague to witness the wild horse auction. I'm not buying, but my friend might. She is still undecided even though her husband is encouraging her to buy. It is really nice to be out and not spend all of my time worrying about COVID. Although when I left, we were already seeing an increase of cases in the hospital so continue to mask, hand wash and social distance whenever you can.

I'm amazed at all of the wildlife we have seen here on the island - birds I have never even heard of: blue and white herons, egrets, pelicans, red ibis, bald eagle and on and on. I have really enjoyed the hiking and animal watching.

The horses/ponies are really interesting as many are descended from Spanish stock from shipwrecks that occurred a few centuries ago. They have evolved to be able to tolerate the salty grasses and some of the salt water so they don't fill out like horses on the mainland where the grasses have more protein. On Chincoteague, the horses are managed by the island fire department who manages the round up and auction. Years ago, the town on the island was devastated by fire and the horses were beginning to overpopulate the island so the fire department started the roundup and auction to raise money for fire equipment. The ponies also became popular when Marguerite Henry wrote the children's book Misty of Chincoteague and a whole series of books that followed.

In a normal year they do a swim from one island to the next followed by a week-long carnival but with COVID, they round up the horses and are doing an on line auction which has actually driven the prices up. In the past, you had to be present to bid.

I hope people are able to attend our next meeting on August 14th. Susan Alden will be providing all of the info on location, directions etc. It will be outside at Fort Benjamin Harrison. Plan on bringing your own lunch and drinks and be ready to enjoy the outdoors.



I know it has been hot this week but I hope you have been able to get outside and enjoy nature. I hope to see many of you on the 14th.

*Hilsen,
Nancy Andersen*



Calendar of Events

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Date: Saturday, August 14, 2021 @12pm **August Program:** **FRILUFTSLIV**

Where: Fort Harrison State Park
6000 N. Post RD
Indianapolis, IN 46216

Bring your lunch, a chair if you'd like, and walking shoes to Ft. Harrison State Park, where the Park Naturalist, Dylan Allison, will share with us the Norsk concept of Friluftsliv. As you enter the park, just mention Friluftsliv (or Sons of Norway), and you will be admitted without charge, directed to the Visitor's Center for parking, and find picnic tables gathered under shade for our use. Dress for the weather, as an easy and longer hike option will be available after lunch. We plan to have lunch together first, with the talk to begin at 1pm, followed by the opportunity to join a naturalist-led hike among the beautiful prairie flowers in bloom now. All hiking levels welcome!



Dylan Allison has been the interpretive naturalist at Fort Harrison State Park since 2017. He has a variety of duties at the park, including conducting educational programs, coordinating volunteer groups, and staffing the Visitor Center. Dylan has a degree in Wildlife Management & Conservation from Delaware Valley College in

Pennsylvania. His interests include sports, movies, and camping. Although Dylan was not involved in Scouting in his youth, he appreciates the values the BSA instills in its members and enjoys working with the Scouts.



“My KING HAAKON 7.”

This is how I remember him from when I was a girl!

Our “Grandpa’ King” in the chair, reading his New Year Speech – in Danish! – He never learnt to speak Norwegian!

Today – August 3. 2020 – he would have been 148 years old!

Once upon a time Norway was a mighty Viking Nation. Greenland, Iceland, the Orkneys, Shetland Islands, Man It all was part of the Norway Viking Kingdom. But then came Margrethe 1. of Denmark, and it all changed through different marriages. For 600 years, until 1905, Norway was a “colony” to Denmark,



then in union with Sweden – until King Oscar 2. got tired of Norwegian rebellions and said **GO!!! Take care of yourself!** – and Norway did not mind at all!

Now the question was: Republic or Monarchy? – the latter won the people’s voice! But even if Norway had a long line of Viking Kings 600 years ago, there were none in 1905! Simple as Norwegians are, they hollered towards Denmark, which had plenty of Royal Princes, and asked for “*Help! Help! We need someone to become*

our King?” And Prince Carl was ready! He was married to Princess

Maud of England, grand-daughter of Queen Victoria, and they had a little boy, Olav, 2 years old. They came by ship to Oslo in 1905 and was welcomed by Prime Minister Nygaardsvold – little Olav on his father’s arm.

From this day Prince Carl had become **King Haakon 7.** – claiming his own motto to be

“Everything/Anything for Norway”.

As a girl I was fascinated with the royal family because King Haakon seemed to be so simple! My Mom and Dad also loved the Royal family! Unfortunately, Queen Maud died in 1938.



April 9. 1040 Germany attacked Norway’s coast line in several places, and marched into Oslo while people watched in confusion and disbelief. The King had been called during night, and together with the Government, he was already far outside Oslo – on the run! Literally! They were just a few kilometers ahead of the Germans, but had to stop to “count the troops” at Elverum. They considered



crossing the border to neutral Sweden, but Sweden had made it very clear they did not want any problems with a cover-up of a Norwegian King!

As soon as they sat down, German planes bombed Elverum, and the King and Government was on their feet again – literally!

Germany had offered King Haakon a “peaceful deal” if he would surrender his country. His brother, King Fredrik of Denmark surrendered after two hours of German threat! But King Haakon stood straight and said ***“I did not come to Norway to be a King who surrendered my country. The answer is no!”*** – and off they went! By bus, by foot, by train, by ferry



town of Tromsø, where the ship “MS Devonshire” would take them safely to London! King Haakon stayed in London during the whole war – for five years, but kept the spirit going for all Norwegians through the illegal radio. It is said about King Haakon (who was Danish) that he was the most Norwegian of all!

I can remember my parents told us stories about all this when we were small girls, my sister and I. And how they hid a radio under the firewood in the stove so they could listen to King Haakon’s weekly secret message from London ... ***“bam bam bam baaam / bam bam bam baaam – this is London!”*** They listened to King Haakon, sitting very close to the stove(!), then hid the radio under the firewood again!

June 7. 1945 he returned to Norway, and was welcome by the whole country as the ship entered the harbour!

What I remember myself as a girl is King Haakon on the huge balcony during May 17. Parade! As children in one of Oslo’s many elementary schools, we waved our flags all we could as we marched in front of the Royal Palace, and he waved back! They were all there! – just like all the members of Royal family are there at every May 17! – “syttende mai!”

King Haakon liked to ski, and so did his son, Olav. Olav actually participated in the jumping competitions in Holmenkollen! Having read all the old fairy tales about the Kings in the Castles, it was almost unreal to me that a King could go *skiing* – not to say *jumping* in Holmenkollen!

Actually, during the Oil Crisis in 1974, when we were not allowed to drive cars on Sundays to save oil, Olav bordered the local, public tram up to the skiing hills, and paid his ticket with cash money like everyone else! Fantastic!

King Haakon died in September 1957! I can remember that I cried very much! – and set up a big picture of him in our apartment window. For my pocket money I bought some black tulle to drape around it. It was a very sad day! Many shops *closed* “*because of mourning!*”

I had loved this “Grandpa’ King of mine
..... and he is remembered as

- **the King who said NO!**

Today was his birthday.
“*Happy Birthday, King Haakon!*”

- - *Written by Berit Skaare* -





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Community Rewards Staff



Cucumber Salad (Agurksalat)

Ingredients

1 cucumber
2/3 cup white
vinegar
2/3 cup water
3 1/2 Tbsp. sugar
1/4 tsp. salt
dash of white
pepper
fresh parsley

Directions

This sweet and sour cucumber salad is a classic side dish that is light, refreshing and easy to make.

Slice the cucumbers thin and place in a bowl. Mix vinegar, water, sugar, salt and white pepper in a small bowl. Pour the dressing over the cucumbers and mix well.

Refrigerate for at least 30 minutes, then sprinkle with finely chopped parsley and serve.



https://www.sofn.com/norwegian_culture/recipe_box/salads/cucumber_salad_agurksalat/



COVID in Norway

According to the World Health Organization, from January 3, 2020 to July 2021, there have been 137,127 confirmed cases of COVID-19 with 799 deaths. As of July 25, 2021, a total of 4,906,228 vaccine doses have been administered. That means about 82% of adults in Norway have received a first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine and 42% of adults are fully vaccinated, per the Norwegian Institute of Public Health. Currently, according to the U.S. Embassy in Norway, U.S. citizens are not permitted to enter Norway unless it is for a qualified exception such as close family member residing there. The current travel advisory for Norway is a level 3: Reconsider Travel. Please continue to mask, wash hands, and social distance.

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