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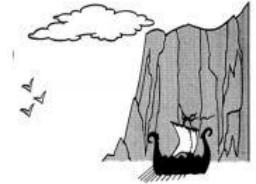
Nordkap Lodge 5-378 - Sons of Norway

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NORDKAP CALENDAR

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

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GRATULERER MED DAGEN! November Birthdays:

Erik Bryhn, Carmen Collins, Inger
Ehrenfeld, Eileen Gjerpen-Shea, Karen
Herche, Sheldon Johnson, Nancy Radwan,
Stacy Torgerson

December Birthdays:

Susan Anderson, Derrick Hendricks, Chet
Jehle, Elsa Jorgensen, Sylvia Lindemann,
Leiv Erik Lundberg, Gary Olson, Ed
Radwan, Louise Sherwin, Russ Simms,
Merete Stenersen-Eelnurme, Knut Erik
Thomassen, Natalie Flessland Vaal

Cookies and a 'Viking Funeral' in November

Have you ever had a close relative pass away and you wanted to celebrate their life in a special way? That was the issue Nordkap member **Debra Kraft** faced following the death of her father last year. (Her mother had died a few years earlier.) Debra wanted a hold something like a Viking funeral for her parents, but wondered how to do it.

When she asked for help from Nordkap Lodge, Geir Gronstad pointed her in the right direction—including a video clip from a Kirk Douglas/Tony Curtis movie, *The Vikings*. Debra took it from there, but she says, “It was more my sister’s and my nephew’s idea than my own. Then we worked together to make it happen.”

You can see the creative result they came up with when Debra speaks at our Sunday, November 24, meeting about the “Viking funeral” they held for her parents.

Also featured will be our 2nd annual Christmas Cookie Fundraiser for the Nordkap Scholarship Fund. To participate, bake two dozen cookies to sell. Then you can purchase other cookies for \$5/doz.

A prize will be given for the cookie voted the best (by appearance or by taste). The meeting will also feature a meal of Norwegian hot dogs wrapped in lefse and the election of Nordkap officers for 2020.



Come for the social time at 4 p.m. and the meal at 4:30 at the Swedish Club at 22398 Ruth Street in Farmington Hills. A donation of \$7 is required.

SUNSHINE UPDATES

Heather Vingsness celebrated her 5th anniversary as a teacher at Catholic Central High School by getting a service award on the field at Ford Field during halftime at the Catholic League's Prep Bowl.

Best wishes to **Merete Stenersen-Eelnurme**, recovering from surgery.

Mary and Greg Morehead's son-in-law Zach Savage and their grandson, Eli Savage, participated in the "Scare Away Hunger" 5K at Rochester University in Auburn Hills on Eli's 4th birthday. It was the first race for Eli, who ran with his dad for a quarter of a mile. Zach ran the full 5K. (Mary's photo)



Carmen Collins fledged four Monarchs and two Black Swallowtails from her butterfly nurturing efforts this year. She also has five Black Swallowtail chrysalides "overwintering" in her home to hatch in the spring. Here with Carmen is her "pet" Monarch released in September at an event where hundreds of Monarchs were tagged and released. (Carmen's photo)



Check Out these Scandinavian Market Benefits

The Scandinavian Market on Saturday, November 9, at the Finnish Center offers Nordkap members some great opportunities:

- You can shop for Nordic presents for the holidays.
- You can join our spirited Nordkap team to serve our popular meatball dinner or sell Norwegian gifts and foods at our imports table.

To volunteer for this event, please contact Carol Jehle at JehleCarol@Yahoo.com.

A flyer for the Scandinavian Market event. The flyer has a decorative border with red and blue floral and animal motifs. The text is centered in a white box with a blue border. The text includes the event name, date, time, location, contact information, and a list of featured items.

*Scandinavian
Market*

Saturday, November 9, 2019
10:00 am-4:00 pm
at
The Finnish Center Association
35200 W. Eight Mile Road
Farmington Hills, MI 48335
248-478-6939 or 734-834-6085
\$2 donation at the door

Featuring:
Norwegian, Swedish, Danish, Icelandic and Finnish
Imports and Crafts

Assorted Baked Goods, Pasties, Waffles
Beautiful Handwoven Rugs, Decorative Arts, Pottery,
Lavender Soaps and Lotions, Crafts and much more!

Enjoy a Scandinavian meal while listening to music by Finnfolk
Purchase unique holiday gifts for your friends and family!

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Make Plans Now for this Festive Nordkap Christmas Party!

The chill in the air reminds us that the holiday season is fast approaching.

And so is the festive Christmas party that Nordkap is planning on Sunday, December 15, at the Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center at 8768 N. Territorial Rd. in Plymouth.

We held the Christmas party there last year (see photo at right), and our members seemed right at home in the Classic Fox Clubhouse, reminiscent of old Norway with its log interior, natural stone fireplace, rustic warmth, and charm.



We hope to capture that same welcoming ambience this year, and we have some important details to share so you can make plans.

- **Nordkap Secretary Mary Morehead has sent invitations** and reservation forms to Nordkap members via U.S. postal mail. We need you to mail your completed reservation and your check to secure your place. Space at the party will be limited.
- **Copies of the invitation and reservation form are also included** in this newsletter and will be available on the Nordkap website at www.DetroitNorwegians.com.
- **You have a choice of delicious entrées:** salmon, ham, or vegetable lasagna for adults and children strips with fries for children. (See the invitation for details.)
- **It will pay to reserve early.** Reservations received before November 24 will qualify for the \$35 price for adult meals. Reservations received after the deadline will require \$40 for each adult meal. (Children's meals will remain at \$15 throughout the reservation period.)

The party on December 15 will go like this:

- It begins with our silent auction at 2 p.m. (Proceeds benefit our scholarship fund.)
- At 3 p.m., we sit down to dinner.
- The silent auction closes about the time dessert is served.
- After dinner, we expect a visit from the Julenisse with gifts for the children, followed by the traditional dancing around the Christmas tree.
- Guests with winning bids will pay and collect their auction items as the evening ends.



Classic Fox Clubhouse on a recent lovely fall day. (Louise Giles photo)

Mary's Cooking Class Produces another Classic Norwegian Treat

--By Mary Morehead



Another fun-filled cooking class on Saturday, October 19! We made Traditional Norwegian Waffles, then made smørbrød (open-faced sandwiches) using the waffles. Yummy! At our October 27th Nordkap Members' Meeting, we prepared the open-faced sandwiches (smørbrød) again for our dinner along with dessert waffles.

Middle picture names from left to right: Susan Schotts, Kristin Duus, Derrick Hendricks, Mary Morehead, Roy & Dee Marvel, Carol Jehle, and Cheryle (Kristin's mom). What a great group! (Mary Morehead photo)

Nordkap Again Meets Membership Goal Set by Sons of Norway

As the year draws to a close, the Sons of Norway International has recognized those lodges that met their 2019 recruitment goal--and Nordkap Lodge is prominent among them.

The Sons of Norway challenged Nordkap to add 13 new members this year. We met that goal in May and went on to exceed it! We actually added a total of 17 new members in 2019, as of the close of September.

Lodges that meet their goals will receive a special prize package. It includes:

- A 2019 Founders Award Certificate for recruitment.
- First access to a unique new lodge program from the Sons of Norway.
- Achievement certificates for the lodge to present to members who recruited new members, along with a list identifying who they recruited.

Nordkap Participates in Fifth District Leadership Conference

Some 37 members of the Sons of Norway's Fifth District recently gathered in Northwest Indiana for a weekend Leadership Conference convened by District President Andy Johnsen and organized by District Treasurer Mike Palecek. The location was a picturesque lakeside camp in Cedar Lake, near the historic town of Crown Point, just south of Chicago. The conference drew presidents and other leaders from Sons of Norway lodges in Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, and Tennessee.

Nordkap's Counselor **Bob Giles** and Editor **Louise Giles** decided to attend, and both were tapped to serve on discussion panels during the meeting. Louise was also appointed to serve on the District's Nominating Committee.

Bob reports that the conference "was a great chance to chat with fellow members face-to-face and exchange 'best practice' ideas." Louise was impressed with the high caliber of the leaders across the District and felt the discussions confirmed that Nordkap is headed in the right direction.

In fact, Nordkap was cited as one of the top 10 lodges among the 47 in the District for the percentage of new members it's attracted in recent years and for having younger adult members.



Clockwise from top left: Cedar Lake conference center; Bob and Louise Giles of Nordkap attended; District President Andy Johnson and International Representative Robin Fossum play as Sons of Norway International President Ron Stubbings and his wife Riita dance a schottische; delegates meet to discuss best practices.



A Letter from President Haley Vingsness

Fall has been a season of change for me. I've spent it moving to Brooklyn, NY. Every time I go to New York to visit my partner Zev, I bring another car-load of boxes. The day after our Lodge's 90th anniversary dinner cruise, we drove over the U-Haul with the essential furniture. Moving is hard – I hate packing – but the bright side is that I can redecorate! I get to test out my interior design skills, and finally put Pinterest to real use. (I just can't change the paint color – the lease specifically states, I can paint the apartment any color as long as that color just happens to be Benjamin Moore White OC-117!)

Our design theme is Industrial Scandinavian. We're trying to mix Scandinavian design – neutral colors, raw woods, natural textures – with some industrial New York elements like chrome and glass. Luckily, I have lots of Scandinavian decorations to choose from! I have several items purchased from our lodge's Silent Auction over the years that have been waiting for a home. I'm so excited to finally have a perfect place for them. I'm also happy to bring, through them, little bits of my Detroit Norwegian family with me. When I look at my new home, it reminds me of all of you and brings me such joy.

Thank you for your many donations to the Christmas party's Silent Auction over the years. (My formerly bare apartment walls are also very thankful!) We're lucky to have such a strong community that supports each other, and all of your donations go towards our lodge's scholarship fund. We have so many scholarship winners amongst us, including myself, and I couldn't be more grateful. This community is truly the best, and I have been blessed to be a part of it for so many years. Our lodge is 90 years strong this year – thanks to the many of you who celebrated with us on our anniversary cruise! – and we are making a strong start to the next 90. Cheers (skål!).

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



Your Donations Are Still Needed for This Year's Silent Auction

As President Haley says, our silent auction, which benefits our scholarship fund, is so important to our young people trying to pay for a college education. It's also important to other Nordkap members as we try to keep our young people part of our lodge!

You can help by supporting the auction with your donations—particularly with items of a Norwegian origin or theme.

Please bring your donations to the Scandinavian Market or to our November lodge meeting and give them to Louise Giles or Carmen Collins.

A New Twist on Scandinavian Cooking at our October Meeting

Waffles combined with smørbrød? Yes, it's a new take on two classic Norwegian staples—delicious waffles and open-faced sandwiches. As Scandinavian cooking has become increasingly popular—even trendy—chefs keep coming up with new varieties of old favorites to tempt our taste buds.

Our lodge members had a chance to try one of these new items in October, as Mary Morehead's cooking class prepared an amazing spread of waffle smørbrød based on a recent article in the Food section of the *New York Times*. We had waffles topped with salmon, shrimp, ham, salami, or vegetables and assorted cheeses. For dessert, there were more waffles topped with ice cream and lingonberry or cloudberry preserves.

Members also responded to an appeal by Foundation Director Derrick Hendricks to contribute to the Sons of Norway Foundation. The result was a collection totaling \$75. We finished the evening watching a 20-minute video, *The History of the Sons of Norway*, which drew many favorable comments.



Mary's cooking class with their spread of waffle smørbrød for our October meeting, left; Roy Marvel with the vegetarian variety, right; behind the scenes in the Swedish Club kitchen, below.



Here Are the Nordkap Dates for Your 2020 Calendar

You will want to note these meeting dates on your 2020 calendar so you won't miss out on all the activities your lodge has planned.

Sunday, January 26, 4 p.m., members meeting, the Swedish Club

Sunday, February 23, 4 p.m., members meeting, the Swedish Club

March bowling scholarship fundraiser (TBD)

Sunday, April 26, 4 p.m., members meeting, the Swedish Club

Sunday, May 17, Constitution Day celebration, the Swedish Club

Tuesday, June 23, Midsummer celebration, 6 p.m., the Swedish Club

Sunday, September 13, Steak & Corn Roast, 1 p.m., the Swedish Club

Sunday, October 25, 4 p.m., members meeting, the Swedish Club

Saturday, November 14, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Scandinavian Market at the Finnish Center Association

November 22, 4 p.m., members meeting, the Swedish Club

December Christmas party (TBD)

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