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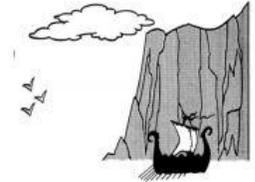
Nordkap Lodge 5-378 - Sons of Norway

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## NORDKAP CALENDAR

Feb. 23 – Lodge Gathering,  
4 p.m., the Swedish Club

March 22 –Bowling Fundraiser,  
1 p.m., Luxury Lanes, Ferndale

April 26 – Lodge Gathering,  
4 p.m., the Swedish Club

May 16 – Constitution Day  
Celebration, the Swedish Club

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

Sept. 13 – Steak & Corn Roast,  
1 p.m., the Swedish Club

Oct. 25 – Lodge Gathering,  
4 p.m., the Swedish Club

Nov. 14 – Scandinavian Market,  
10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Finnish Center

Nov. 22 – Lodge Gathering,  
4 p.m., the Swedish Club

Dec. 13 – Christmas Party, 2 p.m.,  
Fox Hills, Plymouth

### 2020 Officers

**President:** Erik Duus

**Vice President:** Cathy Johnson

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Carmen Collins

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indicated

## ***Detroit Auto Writer to Share Observations About Norwegian Car Market on February 23***

**Detroit automotive reporter Frank Markus,** who serves as Technical Director, Motor Trend Brands at MotorTrend Group, will speak at our gathering on February 23 about developments in the Norwegian automobile market.

As widely reported, Norway has taken leadership in the electric vehicle revolution, seeking to stop sales of fossil-fueled vehicles on its roads by 2025.

Already there are far more EVs on Norwegian roads as a proportion of total vehicles than anywhere else in the world. Mr. Markus will share his experiences driving in Norway and show a video he shot while driving on assignment there.

The gathering at the Swedish Club at 22398 Ruth Street in Farmington Hills begins with social time at 4 p.m. followed by a meal of hot soups and crispy bread at 4:30.

**If there is snow, you are invited to come an hour early and ski** on the grounds at the Swedish Club.

**Initiation of new members is also planned, and we will elect delegates** to the Sons of Norway's 5th District convention in Madison, Wisconsin, to be held this June.



--Frank Markus photo

## SUNSHINE UPDATES



Best wishes to **Gil Bergsrud**, recovering from injuries caused by his shoulder belt in an automobile accident that totaled his car. Thank goodness he was wearing his safety belt!

Also wishing improved health for **Tove Bruning**, following a fall. She is also seeking treatment for a troublesome eye condition.

Hoping for complete recovery for former Samhold Lodge member **Gene Steensma**, who recently returned home from rehabilitation for a mini stroke.

### Gratulerer Med Dagen!



#### February Birthdays:

Kristine Dowhan, Kevin Duffy, Bill Edwards, Mark Eelnurme, Dennis Flessland, Janet Flessland, Louise Giles, Sven Hahr, Greydon Hyde, Emma Jehle, Judith Kirsch, Michael Lindemann, Erik Lundberg, Clarence Mount, David Nelsen, Magda Pecsénye, Arthur Peterson, Hannah Peterson, Yana Thompson

#### March Birthdays:

Miriam Amundsen, Annika Eelnurme, Harald Ehrenfeld, Robert French, Lilje Gronstad, Sonja Gronstad, Barry Rabe, Linda Radwan, Dana Runestad, Avery jean Skidmore, Phyllis Skora, Sarah Stalmack, Hannah Thomassen, Jenna Thomassen, Berit Willet

## *New Member Initiation Set for February 23*

### Velkommen to the following Nordkap Members!

If you are a new member or even a longtime member who has not been formally initiated into Sons of Norway, we welcome you to be part of our initiation ceremony for new members at our Nordkap gathering on February 23th. You'll sign our membership logbook which has been used since the 1930s.

As of January 2020, members not initiated are the following:

Lorelei Jeanne Øye, Anna-Maria Agopcsa, Jarle Amundsen, Miriam Amundsen, Sissel Amundsen, Arne Borgnes, Kristine Dowhan, Monica Dowhan, Kevin Michael Duffy, Michael William Duffy, Sally Lynn Duffy, Kristin Duus, Myrtle Ebert, Bill Edwards, Holger Ekanger, Janet Flessland, Alexa Irene Francis, Robert French, Marsha Gilman, Sonja Rae Gronstad, Caterina Hart, Christiana Hart, Joseph Hart, Jeff Hatteberg, Kaitlyn Hatteberg, Maureen Hatteberg, Eric Hetland, Laura K Howe, Greydon Hyde, Kristen Injerd, Anne Kilen, Debra Kraft, Annette Lundberg, Cecilia Lundberg, Erik Lundberg, Kathleen Hanlon-Lundberg, Leiv Lundberg, Roy Marvel, Bernhard Moen, Gregory Morehead, Constance Pike, Barry Rabe, Ed Radwan, Laura Radwan, Linda Radwan, Nancy Radwan, Ted Robert Redilla, Gail Ritchie, Dana Runestad, Erik Scharf, Louise Ann Sherwin, Carrie Suzanne Sills, Ana Skidmore, Gene Skidmore, Ian Sorensen, Sarah Stalmack, Annelisa Sturgeon, Jeannine Sturgeon, Knut Erik Thomassen, Michele Thomassen, Yana Thompson, and Wade Tornquist

**Please contact Carol Jehle, our membership secretary, and let her know that you are coming.** Her telephone number is (248) 626-2148. Or e-mail her at [jehlecarol@yahoo.com](mailto:jehlecarol@yahoo.com).

## *Norwegian Charity Wants Used Postage Stamps*

### **Our Tubfrim stamp coordinator, Carol**

**Jehle**, wants your used postage stamps to support Norway's Tubfrim charity. Please bring stamps to Carol in an envelope or zip-lock bag with your name on it so you might be entered into a drawing



held by Sons of Norway for a trip to Norway. **Just cut or tear the stamps off the envelopes, leaving a slight margin (approx. 1/4 to 1/2 inch) to keep the perforation intact.** Profits from the sale of stamps are used to help handicapped children and youth in Norway. Stamps from any country in the world can be used.

## ***Consider Serving as a Convention Delegate in Madison WI***

**Nordkap will be electing four delegates and four alternates** for the bi-annual convention of the Sons of Norway's Fifth District at our February 23 gathering. The convention will be held in Madison, Wisconsin, June 24-28, 2020.

**We hope you will consider running for one of these positions.** Attending the convention with delegates from Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Tennessee is a great opportunity to learn more about the Sons of Norway and to discover what other lodges are doing.

### **What are the responsibilities of a delegate?**

- Represents and speaks on behalf of Nordkap
- Accepts Nordkap's recognition and awards
- Attends all delegate sessions, a zone meeting, and votes on behalf of Nordkap
- May serve on a committee if asked to by the District President
- Learns about Sons of Norway by attending workshops, visiting displays, and visiting with other members
- Brings back many ideas, activities, and enthusiasm that may benefit Nordkap
- **Importantly, gives a report to Nordkap about what was learned, the business conducted, and the results of elections held at the convention**

Nordkap members can go to the convention as elected delegates or simply as attendees. Attendees may not vote, but they can observe the convention and take part in activities, classes, and presentations available for all. There may be cultural classes, exciting outings, cultural displays, presentations, delicious food, a banquet with music and dancing, and so much more!

Nordkap delegates each receive a stipend from our lodge that helps, but does not cover all the costs of attending the convention.

## ***District 5 Sports & Recreation Challenge for 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary***

**You are invited** to join members from all over District Five as it celebrates the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Sons of Norway.

The District is inviting lodge members to keep track of miles walked, run, swam, skied, or accumulated through other activities using a pedometer or like device.

The Challenge timeline is from November 1, 2019 - June 15, 2020. The objective is to track the actual miles you log from various sporting activities and go

the virtual distance from your lodge to Minneapolis (where Sons of Norway was founded) and then to Ringsaker, Norway, where the International Convention will be held August 16-23.

### **See complete details about the challenge at**

[http://www.sonsofnorway5.com/programs/sports\\_and\\_recreation.php](http://www.sonsofnorway5.com/programs/sports_and_recreation.php)

You can also access a tracking sheet there to keep track of your miles and a chart to convert activities to steps.





### ***January Gathering: Norwegian Sweaters & New Officers***

**Nordkap's January gathering came with a blizzard**—not of snow, but of beautiful Norwegian sweaters. This was night for members, new and old, to wear their favorite Norwegian sweaters and tell the stories behind the sweaters: how they got them, who made them, why they like them, and so on. Everyone had an interesting story to tell, and it was a warm and colorful event, as you can see by the photos.

**This was the first meeting attended by former members of Samhold Lodge** who became Nordkap members when Samhold merged with us on January 1. They were warmly welcomed by President Haley Vingsness. Also welcomed were two foreign exchange students from Norway, Rina Pettersbakken from Hamar and Kirsten Haga from Drammen, along with their host mother, Jackie Bogert, from South Lyon, Michigan.

**A delicious meatball dinner was prepared by Honorary Norwegian Consul Dennis Flessland**, and new officers were stalled for 2020.



***New Officers (left to right): Carmen Collins, treasurer and scholarship chair; Erik Duus, president; Carol Jehle, membership secretary and sports director; Mary Morehead, secretary; Karen Herche, cultural director; Derrick Hendricks, foundation director; Bob Giles, counselor; Cathy Johnson, vice president; Louise Giles, editor and publicity director; and Connie Hart, social director. Not pictured: Heather Vingsness, youth director; Erik Vingsness, auditor; and Natalie Vaal, store director.***

## ***A Letter from President Erik Duus***

### **Godt Nyttår (Happy New Year) Nordkap Lodge!**

I want to thank you ALL for allowing me the privilege to serve as your new president, alongside an incredible team of Board members. I also thank my predecessor, Haley, for her service and her wonderful servant's heart. Godspeed in your big move to NY and in all your endeavors! We look forward to saying "takkt for sist" (thanks for the last time) the next time we see you.

**What a tremendous 90 year history our Nordkap Lodge has had/is making.** So have you ever seen the wordplay of taking the word "history" and subtly changing it to read "His Story," meaning God's story? I used to think that was kind of cheesy, but when I thought more about it, I came to realize that it really means that His Story is never done or finished. History/His Story is still being written, told, really lived. That is what I have witnessed over the years vis-à-vis Nordkap Lodge. Every person has a hand and plays a part in its living "story." And how awesome that our Lodge family – and story – just grew/lengthened recently in the merger with Samhold Lodge!

Sons of Norway is about fraternity and community, and Norwegian culture and heritage (and in some states, even life insurance, LOL). I've heard it said that one of the reasons why Norwegians in America as a group are not very easy to find cloistered together - geographically, culturally, or professionally - is because Norwegians, historically, have assimilated intentionally and successfully. So in a way, we also need Nordkap Lodge just to know "it's not just us" out there...and to know we're not just crazy from having seen *Frozen* one too many times. For me and my family, Nordkap Lodge has always been there to help provide answers – and even sometimes more questions – to the "Five Ws:"

- Who
- What
- When
- Where
- Why

**A couple quick Ws about me...**I grew up on the "eastside," in Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan. My father, Hans, came to the U.S. from Northern Germany when he was 27 years old. Because he went to a Danish school and he came from Flensburg (in Schleswig-Holstein, which was once part of Denmark) he has always considered himself a Dane.

My mother, Harriet, on the other hand, is unquestionably 100% Norwegian and hails from Hauge i Dalane (in Southwest Norway about 90 minutes from Stavanger, Norway's 4<sup>th</sup> largest city). She came to the U.S. when she was 15 years old. I am told that within just a few months people couldn't even tell that she came from another country (in fact, she would go on to teach middle school English for 37 years).

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*--Erik Duus photo*

***(President's column, continued from previous page)***

So I consider myself 51% Norwegian. And I'm sorry I couldn't help it, but I fell in love with a Canadian, like from Canada. Kristin is 100%, which is why I tell our daughters – Lolly and Charlotte – that they are 26% Norwegian (don't even try to do the math). But I am as “American” as they come.

Like every Norwegian-American, I much prefer the Winter Olympic Games. Although I root for Team USA all the way, I must confess that it's Team Norway that is inexplicably more connected to my heart strings (and tear ducts). *SIDEBAR: this was the first time I have ever used the term “Norwegian-American,” and I don't know if I like it, no offense. Because I am a proud American of proud Norwegian heritage, no hyphen is necessary. To me, it's literally the best of both worlds! While I love traveling to Norway – like you have no idea – I also love coming “home” to the States.*

**So Ed & Eileen, my wife's childhood friends,** have been married for 12 years...but they dated for 26 years beforehand! Between you and me, I really don't think Ed is going to buy Eileen anything “ruby” two years from now when they should be celebrating their 40<sup>th</sup> - it's like they will never get full credit.

Like Ed & Eileen's “partial credit,” my relationship with Sons of Norway/Nordkap Lodge extends many years (and experiences) beyond what my most recent membership pin would indicate. You see, for years I just didn't know what I didn't know. I didn't know about all the benefits that came with being a Lodge member. I didn't know that Lodge meetings weren't really “meetings” (I incorrectly assumed they were just for Board members or those really involved people). And I thought – like the other meetings we all attend – that I would need to prepare, contribute, or even do some “public speaking”...at the “meeting.”

Gutt (Boy), was I wrong! Because our “meetings” are not meetings at all, but rather fun – and sometimes really fun – “gatherings” (many times, dare I say, “party”). So starting this year (and for the next 90 years) we are going to call them “gatherings” (and/or the wonderful, meaningful Norwegian word/concept “samling”) because that's what they are. Although I'm sure it's not a verb, let me say that...

**I very much look forward to “samling” with all of you in 2020!**

Tusen takk (“thousand thanks”...*which doesn't translate well to English, but IMHO is the best way to say thanks*)!

**Med vennlig hilsen (with best regards),  
Erik Duus**

*“Fun Fact: Erik downs a whole tablespoon of Carlson cod liver oil every day (yes, the lemon flavor).”*



## ***Applications Being Accepted for Nordkap Scholarships***

**Each year, Nordkap awards multiple scholarships** to qualified students seeking to further their education after high school.

Our Nordkap Scholarship Fund, which funds the awards, is supported by fundraising activities that the lodge or its members sponsor—such as the silent auction held at the Christmas party. Our “second chance auction” of unsold auction items in January resulted in an additional \$67 for the scholarship fund.

The fund also receives donations from our members and from memorial gifts in honor of departed family members or friends.

**Nordkap is most grateful for the \$200 donation made by Myrtle Ebert** at our January gathering.

If you wish to make a contribution to the fund, please make your check payable to Nordkap Lodge 5-378, with the memo at the bottom of the check “for Scholarship Fund” and mail it to Carmen Collins at 2236 Isabell Drive, Troy, MI 48083. Goods for the next silent auction should be directed to Carmen Collins or Louise Giles at one of our upcoming gatherings.

**Meanwhile, applications for scholarships are due June 30.** Forms are available to download at <http://www.detroitnorwegians.com/scholarship.html> or by contacting Scholarship Chair Carmen Collins at [skicarmen@att.net](mailto:skicarmen@att.net).

### **Applicants must:**

- Be a lodge member (for a minimum of 1 year prior to scholarship application) or child/grandchild of a person who's been a lodge member for a minimum of 1 year prior to scholarship application
- Be 17-23 years of age
- Be working towards a bachelor's or associate's degree from an accredited educational institution
- Be in good standing at school, with a Grade Point Average of 2.0 or better

**Applications must be submitted by postal mail, postmarked no later than June 30. E-mailed applications will no longer be accepted.**

***Other Scholarships Available:*** Scholarships are also offered by District 5 of the Sons of Norway, see [http://www.sonsofnorway5.com/financial/district\\_scholarships.php](http://www.sonsofnorway5.com/financial/district_scholarships.php) , and also by Sons of Norway International, see <https://www.sofn.com/foundation/scholarships/>.



## ***A Message about the District's Youth Heritage Camp from its Director***

*[Editor's Note: Masse Moro is a Norwegian heritage camp for youth ages 9-15 years old in Fall Creek, Wisconsin, sponsored by the Sons of Norway Fifth District. Since 1979, it's been helping youth celebrate their Norwegian heritage and getting families connected to Sons of Norway through its cultural immersion experience.]*

### **To our Sons of Norway members, leaders, and friends:**

This is the year of 2020, and my 20/20 vision for you is to invite your young people to an experience that will last a lifetime for them. Masse Moro gives our young people that Nordic Experience that they will cherish for a lifetime.

We are looking for a maximum of 60 to 65 campers, so to help us better plan for a super camp experience, we encourage registrations early or by April 1st. The dates for camp this year are July 12–25. The cost for this two-week camp experience is only \$850 per camper compared to similar programs that run over \$2000. There are many opportunities for campers to lower their cost for camp.

**Early Bird Benefits:** Early registrants get a better chance at scholarships and lodge matching funds by registering by April 1st. Registration, supporting forms, and information about scholarships can be found at [www.massemoro.org](http://www.massemoro.org).

**Bring A Friend:** Campers can bring a new camper, and they will both receive \$25 off tuition (both registrations and the total cost for camp must be postmarked by April 1, 2020, to receive this benefit).

**Get Your Match:** Campers are encouraged to check with their local lodge for supporting scholarships. To receive the matching funds (up to \$150) from District 5, campers must complete all paperwork by May 17th.

**Hilsen,  
Sandra Olson,  
Youth Director, Sons of Norway – District 5**



*--Sandra Olson photo*

### ***Who Doesn't Like Kransekake?***

**Mary Morehead is holding another Kransekake class** in her home on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, from noon to 4 p.m. It will be a hands-on class, and you will be able to take a small Kransekake home with you.

**Class will be limited to 6 people and will cost \$10 per person.** If interested, please text or call Mary at (248) 229-9332 or email her at: [mmor7725@gmail.com](mailto:mmor7725@gmail.com).



*--Mary Morehead photo*

## ***From the Sons of Norway Newsletter Service:***

### **Norwegians Give Sámi Name to Distant Star and Planet**

**A star and planet 200 light years from Earth were officially given Sámi names recently,** following a national naming campaign in Norway. The star in the distant solar system has been named Násti, meaning “star,” while the planet is called Albmi, or “heaven.”

The naming took place as part of a worldwide campaign by the International Astronomical Union (the organization in charge of naming newly discovered stars and planets) in celebration of its 100th anniversary. The global campaign, known as NameExoWorlds, invites every country worldwide to name a designated planetary system consisting of a star and an orbiting planet. Each star can be seen from its assigned country and is visible through a small telescope.

**Norwegians submitted a total of 824 proposals** to name the star and planet duo. The winning proposal was submitted by high school student Emma Stefanussen, who said the idea for the names was suggested to her by an ethnic Sámi friend.

Stefanussen is a resident of Andøya, an island in the far north of the Lofoten archipelago.

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### **The Birth of an Industry: Skiing in the U.S.**

**Skiing has deep roots in Norway,** where rock carvings of ancient skiers date back as far as 4000 BC. Originally used for transportation across snowy and mountainous terrain, skiing for recreation gained momentum in Norway in the 1800s with the onset of organized tours, clubs and competitions.

**In 1872, Norwegian immigrants in New Hampshire started North America’s first ski club.** A few years later, a Norwegian immigrant in Minnesota became North America’s first ski manufacturer. But it was not until after World War II that recreational skiing became widely popularized in the United States.

The rapid growth of the U.S. ski industry after WWII was largely due to the 10th Mountain Division, a specialized U.S. military unit made up of elite skiers and mountaineers, including many Scandinavians. After fighting Nazis in the snowy mountains of Italy, veterans of the unit went on to teach skiing and establish dozens of ski areas in the U.S. Meanwhile, military surplus stores were flooded with low-cost skis, poles and boots, making the sport more accessible to newcomers than ever before.



***Family Bowling in March:  
One of Our Most Popular Events***  
**Nordkap Lodge Bowling Fundraiser  
For Nordkap Scholarship Fund**

**A GREAT FAMILY EVENT!**

For your \$10 donation you get:  
Two games, shoe rental, and  
freshly baked pizza & pop dinner.  
Cheerleaders (non-bowlers) and children are  
also welcome for \$5.

**Sunday, March 22 - 1:00 PM**

**Luxury Lanes**

**600 East Nine Mile**

**Ferndale, MI**

You don't have to be a professional bowler to have fun  
with us, but you need to register! To register or for  
more information contact:

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