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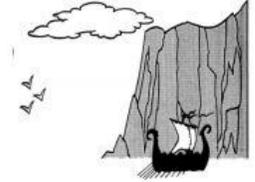
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## NORDKAP CALENDAR

October Event – TBD

**Nov. 13 – Scandinavian Market,  
10 a.m. – 4 p.m., Finnish Center**

**Dec. 12 – Christmas Party,  
Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center,  
Plymouth, MI – details TBD**

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## ***October Meeting Replaced by New Event***

Your Nordkap Board is developing plans for a fun event to replace our regular October meeting at the Swedish Club.

**Instead of sitting down inside for dinner** this year, we are envisioning something more active, more outside that will take advantage of what Michigan offers in the autumn.

As plans are finalized, we will be announcing them in the October Nordkapen newsletter, on our Detroit Norwegians website, and in social media.



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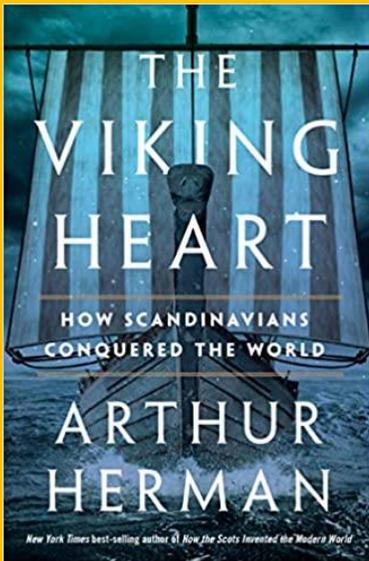
**Please stay tuned** for this announcement and plan on joining us in a new adventure.

## ***September Steak and Corn Roast Cancelled***

Due to an abundance of caution, Nordkap will not be hosting the September Steak and Corn Roast at the Swedish Club.

This event typically relies on a dozen or more Nordkap volunteers working in close quarters to prepare and serve a complete meal to Swedish Club members and their guests. Nordkap members serve without compensation. The event typically raises several hundred dollars for the Swedish Club.

Our participation has been our way of thanking the Swedish Club for the privilege of renting their beautiful facility for regular meetings. We hope when the Covid pandemic is better contained and conditions return closer to normal, we can resume more of our regular schedule and show the Swedes our gratitude in a different way.



### Highly Recommended!

We want to bring your attention to this absorbing new book by Arthur Herman, a *New York Times* best-selling historian and Pulitzer Prize finalist.

*The Viking Heart* is described on Amazon as “a sweeping epic of how the Vikings and their descendants have shaped history and America.”

Other best-selling authors are calling it “essential reading” and “a must-read for any one of the Nordic peoples who have so affected world history.”

### GRATULERER MED DAGEN!



### September Birthdays:

Coco Bruner, Janice Capler, Marsha Gilman, Connie Hart, Elaine Keech, Gregory Kehoe, Anne Kristine Kilen, Sandra Miller, Ted Redilla, Leslie Roed, Sherry Rose, Jason Schnitzer, Eli Viik Steyskal, Haley Vingsness, Heather Vingsness, Paul Wiekierak

## ***Our Plans Downsized for Scandinavian Market***

The Finnish Center Association is holding its annual Scandinavian Market on November 13th, and Nordkap will participate this year, but in a reduced capacity.

In past years, many volunteers from our lodge worked closely together for hours, helping prepare and serve our popular meatball dinner, complete with fixings. To better observe social distancing protocols, we will not be serving a meal at the Market this year.

**What we will do** is continue to offer our traditional Norwegian waffles with sour cream and jam. This service will be available in the main room of the center where the vendors sell their wares. It will be accessed in the bar area, through a window connected to the kitchen.



*Waffles available in 2019 at Finnish Center kitchen window*

**We also plan** to maintain a small staff at our regular tables in the main room, selling gift items plus Norwegian cheeses, flatbreads, canned fish, and other packaged foods.

The Market is a good way to get an early start on your Christmas shopping with the Nordic items offered by our lodge and the Swedes, Finns, and retail vendors.

**The event runs** from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, November 13th, at the Finnish Center at 35200 Eight Mile Rd, Farmington Hills, Michigan. There is a nominal entrance fee.



*Bob Giles and Karen Herche at sales table in 2016 (Louise Giles photo)*

## ***Topping our Sunshine Report: Honoring the lives of 2 WWII Veterans***

With a heavy heart, we mark the passing of longtime Nordkap member **Clarence “Doc” Myrold**. Doc passed away July 1st at the age of 96. He had been a Nordkap member for nearly 79 years, longer than any of our current members. He was also a member of the men’s Norwegian Club of Detroit, the Swedish Club, and the Swedish Arpi male chorus.

Doc loved to sing. Anyone who heard the men of the Norwegian Club sing the popular Swedish drinking song, *Helan Går*, will remember Doc’s resonant baritone adding harmony and leading the singers.

He is survived by Cecile “Nan,” his devoted wife for 71 years, and by 5 children they adopted, 11 grandchildren, and 9 great-grandchildren.

Born in Detroit, Doc joined the U. S. Army after high school, serving in the Army’s 2nd Infantry Division during World War II. His unit was mortars, and Doc was an ammunition carrier. He spent 320 days in combat, seeing 5 major battles, including Normandy and the Battle of the Bulge, eventually moving up to staff sergeant. He was hit twice, once by the Germans and once by shrapnel from his own artillery. Luckily in both instances, the shots were nearly spent by the time they reached him, and although they hit, they didn’t penetrate his skin.

After returning home, Doc began taking classes at the University of Detroit where he would obtain his Bachelor of Architectural Engineering degree and Master’s Degree in Business Administration. After college, Doc began to work for General Motors before finding himself at Hubbell, Roth, and Clark consulting engineers. He retired on April 27, 1990, from HRC after many years of dedication. Doc continued to free-lance for several years, perfecting his craft. He had incredible skill, designing and building his family’s home that they shared for nearly 70 years.

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We are also saddened to report the death of **Donald Eickholdt**, former member of Samhold Lodge and then Nordkap Lodge. Don passed away on June 22, on his 94th birthday.

Born in Detroit in 1927, Don watched his older brothers march off to WWII in Europe and Asia and signed up as soon as he could. Fortunately for him, Japan surrendered the day he was leaving for bootcamp. He got the news while at the Michigan Central Train Station. For the duration of WWII, he served in Guam and the South Pacific. He re-enlisted for Korea and served as a radar man and was a petty officer. His main ship was the USS El Dorado.

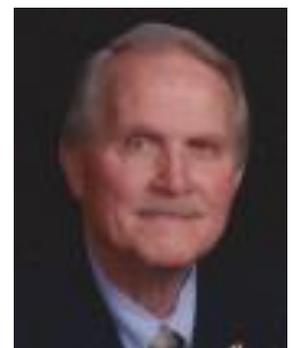
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***Doc Myrold, October 2018***



***Doc in WWII, family photo***



***Don Eickholdt***

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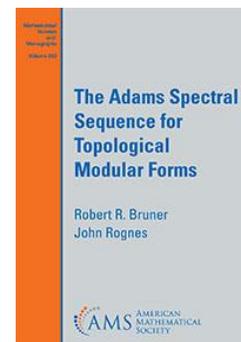
After Korea, Don worked with his uncles and brothers as a carpenter, eventually working in the display business where he traveled all over the country setting up auto shows. To say he enjoyed being a carpenter would be an understatement. He was always building something. There are examples of his work all over Southeast Michigan, from bar tops to cabinets at churches and hair salons, to the columns in the Romeo Masonic Temple, to dressers he has built for family members.

Donald was an active member of the Masons, serving as the Worshipful Master of Berkeley Lodge in 1976. He became a member of the Romeo Masonic Temple when he moved to Romeo and continued to be active in the lodge until his passing.

Don and his late wife, Marie Nelson Eickholdt, had 3 children, who survive him, along with 8 grandchildren, and 2 great grandchildren.

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**Bob Bruner** is very happy to finally see his book--the culmination of years of work with his Norwegian colleague, John Rognes, of the Universitetet i Oslo--published by the American Mathematical Society. Titled *The Adams Spectral Sequence for Topological Modular Forms*, it is aimed at researchers and graduate students in topology, the modern field which encompasses and extends geometry, and has deep connections to modular forms--an algebraic topic with applications in number theory.



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There's good news about two aspiring college students: **Catie Hart** has been accepted as a freshman at Embry–Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, Florida, and **Sarah Jahnke** was accepted into the Master of Business Administration program at the University of Michigan-Ross Business school.

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The final home delivery of Kringles in our Kringles for Kollege campaign was made in June when Louise and Bob Giles brought one stored in their freezer to **Marge Sorensen**. Marge had been staying with her son and daughter-in-law out of town and was finally back home to take the Kringle hand-off from Louise (see photo). Marge looked forward to sharing the delicious treat with her family.



## ***Four College Students Win Nordkap Scholarships***

The Nordkap Lodge Scholarship Fund this year has awarded a total of \$4,000 in scholarships to four deserving college students.

**The winners, their colleges, and chosen fields of study are:**

- **Simon Bryhn-Lee** – University of Kansas – International Studies
- **Kevin Duffy** – NOVA University Lisbon, in Portugal – Romance Languages and Literatures
- **Charlotte Duus** - Central Michigan University – Elementary Education
- **Yana Thompson** – Purdue University – Materials Engineering

Simon is the son of Nina Bryhn and Bobby Lee of Grand Haven, Michigan; Kevin is the son of Michael and Sally Duffy of Livonia, Michigan; Charlotte is the daughter of Erik and Kristin Duus of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan; Yana Thompson is the daughter of David Thompson of Livonia, Michigan.

Congratulations to our winners and best wishes for continued success at school!

**Nordkap's scholarship committee** is comprised of Scholarship Director Carmen Collins and Dennis Flessland, Bob and Louise Giles, and Bill Injerd.

### ***Thanks from Two Scholarship Winners...***

**Carmen Collins was pleased to receive the following notes:**

- “Nordkap Scholarship Committee: Thank you so much for the very generous scholarship! Being part of the lodge has brought me so much joy, and I'm so glad to continue participating (even if it's remote) during my studies. Thanks, **Yana Thompson**”
- “Dear Nordkap Lodge & Scholarship Committee, I want to first of all say TUSEN TAKK! Your generous scholarships have really helped me advance in my studies at Central Michigan University these past four years. I am soon nearing the end of my elementary education program and am eager to get out and teach students ‘in the real world,’ with the goal of becoming a reading specialist down the road.

“Becoming a teacher has been a dream of mine since I was an elementary student myself and I am grateful for the opportunity – in part because of your generous support – to realize this goal. I look forward to this upcoming school year (hopefully it will be more ‘normal’ than the last year and a half), and I will work hard to do Nordkap Lodge and the Sons of Norway proud. With gratitude, **Charlotte Duus**”



**Yana Thompson**



**Charlotte Duus  
(Duus photo)**

### ***Scholarship Fund Grows with Gifts in Memory of Four Members***

In honor of four former members who passed away this year, Nordkap has transferred \$300 from its general fund to the Nordkap Scholarship Fund. The funds are in memory of **Donald J Eickholdt, H. Greydon Hyde, Clarence Dorsey Mount, Jr., and Clarence “Doc” W. Myrold.**

Nordkap believes that investing in our young people, through the scholarship fund, is a great way to honor our beloved members.

## ***A Happy Midsummer Gathering with Food, Games, Bonfire, & Witches!***



**Nordkap members were finally able to gather and socialize—in person—on June 23 at the Swedish Club in Farmington Hills.**

**It was the first full members gathering since the pandemic began in March 2020.** Widespread vaccinations had made socializing safer, and this was an auspicious occasion—Midsummer, the longest day of the year.

Our festivities included BYO picnic lunches eaten outside on the deck, a roaring bonfire with S'mores, a paper witch-burning ceremony to usher in better times, the lawn game of Kubb (attributed to the Vikings), and a toast to the season.

**More than 30 people took part in the events, including:** Jayne Bannister and her mother, Karen Lafnear; Gerald Bayer and his friend, Laura; Bob and Coco Bruner; Kevin, Sally, and Sarah Duffy; Erik and Kristin Duus; Bill Edwards and his wife Diane Stanard; Dennis and Jan Flessland and their granddaughter, Olivia Vaal; Bob and Louise Giles; Sven Hahr; Connie Hart and her friend Warren Herron; Derrick Hendricks; Carol Jehle; Mary Morehead; Magda Pecsénye and her son Robert French; Georgia Roed; David and Yana Thompson; Jennifer and Haley Vingsness.



***Photos (lt to rt): Olivia Vaal throws paper witch into the fire, with Dennis Flessland; Kubb game; members toast the season. Above right: Bob Giles and Erik Duus build the bonfire.***

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

**Five years ago today**, on August 27, 2016, my family and I were in Norway traveling on the Bergensbanen train from Bergen to Oslo on that famously scenic seven-hour train ride.

I caught myself wondering how we could possibly see anything more beautiful than whatever breathtaking panorama we had just passed. In fact, the 22 stops we made and the 180 tunnels we rode through created some “white space” and visual “breaks” that almost seemed necessary in order to emotionally handle taking in all that beauty in one sitting.

Kristin recalls me saying to the girls that you know the scenery is amazing when the Norwegians [who live in Norway] are taking lots of pictures (because no matter where people live in Norway, they see gorgeous landscapes everywhere).

**We needed that trip.** Although I had been to Norway many times, this was my first trip there with my wife and two daughters. We started off visiting Stavanger and then traveled by bus and ferry to Bergen. From Bergen we took that unforgettable train ride to Oslo, where we took in the city for a couple days before boarding another train to Hauge i Dalane (my mother’s hometown).

We stayed with relatives throughout and of course tried to see as much family as possible. I will never forget our sweet and tender daughter, Charlotte, crying every time we left family to travel to visit other relatives; she didn’t want to leave wherever we were because we felt so loved!

**Like passing beautiful scenery only to come upon more beautiful scenery up ahead**, *how could we possibly leave family we just spent a lovely time with only to travel on and meet other wonderful relatives?* I know what you’re thinking, and you’re right...we need another trip to Norway!

**Until then, the next best thing** to being in Norway is being a member of Sons of Norway and Nordkap Lodge, where we also have loving family and wonderful friends!

**Med vennlig hilsen (with best regards)**

**Erik Duus**

**PS** – My story above isn’t meant to be some “power-of-positive-thinking” anecdote, like: *“You may feel like you’re in a tunnel now, but a beautiful future awaits you just over the mountain or right around the bend.”*

I would love nothing more than to come up with some creative way to say that COVID-19 is behind us now that most of us are vaccinated, etc.; but we know that it is not, given this new Delta Variant. However, we can still reach out to each other and even gather, consciously and safely. And like anticipating my visit with Norwegian family, **I look forward to seeing YOU whenever and wherever that may be!**



***Erik Duus and family at his mom's church in Hauge i Dalane, Norway***

## **Nordic News Signs Off after a Year of Great Programs**

It was both good news and bad when Fifth District Treasurer Mike Palecek announced that his brainchild, *Nordic News*, was coming to an end.

**For more than a year, Mike had hosted** weekly online programs on the GoToMeeting apt, providing District members alternative educational and social activities during the COVID pandemic. As Mike sought out experts to speak on Nordic and Nordic-American subjects, viewers were treated to such informative presentations as “Norwegian Midwives in the Midwest,” to “The Joy of Norwegian Woodcarving” and much more.



*Mike Palecek (Palecek photo)*

**Several talks were given by Nordkap Lodge presenters,** including Debra Kraft, Carmen Collins, Bill Injerd, and Dennis Flessland. Others, including Bob and Louise Giles, were asked to read scripts prepared by Mike. On one program, Erik Duus and Bob Giles spoke about their winning photos in the District’s Scandinavian Photo Contest.

**In his June 7th email to Nordkap members announcing the end of the program, Mike wrote:** “Tusen takk for your tremendous support of *Nordic News* over the past year. As things are opening up and people are going outdoors, now that summer is here, it is time to end *Nordic News*. It has been a pleasure to get to know people throughout the District. There have been some amazing presenters on *Nordic News*, include quite a few from Nordkap lodge. Thanks for all of your expert suggestions, and for...Nordkap's participation.”

*Nordic News* is gone, but all of the programs can be easily downloaded and enjoyed at [https://sonsofnorway5.com/programs/nordic\\_news\\_radio.php](https://sonsofnorway5.com/programs/nordic_news_radio.php).

## **Nobel Peace Prize Nominees Named in Oslo**

The nomination process for the Nobel Peace Prize (*Nobels fredspris*) begins each September, and the laureates are revealed in October the following year. In December, the Nobel medals and diplomas are conferred along with a prize of 10 million Swedish *kronor* (the 2020 amount), around \$1.16 million U.S. dollars. Who was nominated and who made the nominations is kept secret for 50 years, even from the nominees.

In 1895, the will of Swedish inventor Alfred Nobel set up prizes for Peace, Chemistry, Physics, Physiology or Medicine, and Literature. The Nobel Peace Prize is awarded to those who have “done the most or the best work for fraternity between nations, for the abolition or reduction of standing armies, and for the holding and promotion of peace congresses.”

The award ceremony takes place at Oslo City Hall before the King of Norway each year on the death date of Alfred Nobel, December 10th.

## ***From Sons of Norway Newsletter Service: Hope Floats***

**Inspired by Norway's stave churches**, Hope Cathedral is a unique structure, floating on a barge near the mouth of the river Glomma in Fredrikstad, Norway. It is constructed out of timber and over a thousand plastic fish boxes. The multi-colored fish boxes, recovered during shoreline clean-ups, have been recycled into jewel-like roof tiles.

Solveig Egeland, an artist and cultural advisor to the Church of Norway's Diocese of Borg, was inspired to start the project back in 2018 as she witnessed more and more plastic waste being deposited on her favorite beaches. In their stead, she envisioned an edifice of many colors rising from the sea. That fall, 35 volunteers banded together to realize her dream.

**They have since been joined by thousands of people** from across the globe, binding people of different faiths and nationalities together into a supportive, sustainability-focused community.

Now nearly finished, Hope Cathedral was opened to the public on June 5, 2021.

To find out more, visit their website: [hopecathedral.no](https://www.hopecathedral.no)



Photo Credit: <https://www.hopecathedral.no/>

***Hope Cathedral in Fredrikstad, Norway, made from timber and plastic fish boxes.***



## ***Can You Step Up to Help Lead Your Lodge? – We Want You!***

**Nordkap will be holding regular officer elections** this year, and Haley Vingsness and her team of Louise Giles and Carol Jehle will be seeking out candidates to lead our lodge into the future.

Due to the covid pandemic and the difficulty of holding elections, Sons of Norway International gave the go-ahead last year for existing lodge officers to continue in office for an additional one-year term. That means our officers, with two exceptions, are now completing a second year of uninterrupted service. The exceptions were Vice President Cathy Johnson and Youth Director Heather Vingsness, who were unable to continue. Cathy was replaced as vice president this year by Haley Vingsness. The position of youth director was not filled.

Now in 2021, we are back to the regular election schedule, and a nominating committee headed by Haley will be developing a slate of candidates to run. That slate likely will include some present officers, if they elect to run again. More than one candidate can run for each office.

**If you would like a leadership position**, please let Haley know at [haleyv@outlook.com](mailto:haleyv@outlook.com). Available officer positions include president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, membership secretary, newsletter editor, counselor, cultural director, foundation director, publicity director, scholarship director, social director, sports director, store director, and youth director. Haley and her committee can provide key responsibilities for each office upon request.

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