



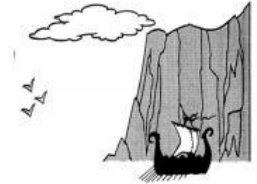
# Nordkapen

**Nordkap Lodge 5-378 - Sons of Norway**

The North Cape 71° 10' 21" North Latitude – The Top of Europe

A Congenial Society of Sons, Daughters and Friends of Norway

Organized August 10, 1929 – The first Sons of Norway Lodge in Michigan



## NORDKAP CALENDAR

### Midsummer

**Tuesday, June 23, 6-9 p.m.**

**The Swedish Club**

**22398 Ruth Street**

**Farmington Hills, MI**

**Sunday, September 13, 1 p.m.**

**Steak & Corn Roast**

**The Swedish Club**

**Sunday, October 25, 4 - 7 p.m.**

**The Swedish Club**

**Sunday, November 22, 3 - 6 p.m.**

**The Swedish Club**

**Saturday, December 5**

**Nordkap Christmas Party**

**The Kilgour Scottish Centre, Troy**

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## ***Celebrate Midsummer with Nordkap June 23***

June 23 is the day we Norwegians celebrate Midsummer or “Sankthansaften”—the eve of the birthday of St. John the Baptist and one of the longest days of the year.

This year, Nordkap will again celebrate the day from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Swedish Club at 22398 Ruth Street in Farmington Hills, MI.

**Join us just before 6 p.m.** for a brief nature walk, weather permitting. Shortly afterwards, we’ll assemble at the bonfire where our fire starters will have the fire ready for roasting hot dogs.

**Nordkap will provide hot dogs and buns, and ingredients to roast s’mores. Please bring your own pop or water, lawn chairs or blanket, insect repellent, and a side dish or dessert to share.**

Picnicking will proceed until about 7:15, when the traditional ceremony to burn a paper witch for good luck is scheduled.

Afterwards, members can roast s’mores and enjoy the long evening with Nordkap friends before sunset.

Everyone is asked to help in the cleanup before the 9 p.m. finish.

**See you Tuesday, June 23, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Swedish Club!**



**Bob Giles and Erik Duus start the fire at an earlier Midsummer Eve**

## Gratulerer med Dagen!



### June Birthdays:

Sheryl Dalton, Jeff Hatteberg, Maureen Hatteberg, Isla Markusen, Edward Vingsness

### July Birthdays:

Jayne Lafnear Bannister, Michael Duffy, Holger Ekanger, Christiana Hart, Adama Hoff, Cara Kazanowski, Debra Kraft, Frode Maaseidvaag, Denise Marvel, Greg Morehead, Mary Morehead, Jeannine Sturgeon, David Thompson, Erik Vingsness, Bridget Wiley Robbins

### August Birthdays:

Jarle Amundsen, Bryant Clary, Kristin Duus, James Green, Geir Gronstad, Lynn Herche, Marina Kozlova, Kara Markusen, Jack Markusen, Kristen Schotts, Lewis Vaal, Olivia Vaal, Kate Zawicki

## Sunshine Report

Congratulations to **Emma Jehle**, one of Nordkap's scholarship winners in 2025. Emma has just been awarded a Nancy Lorraine Jensen Memorial Scholarship from the Sons of Norway Foundation.

Emma is a student at Grand Valley State University in Allendale, Michigan, studying Biomedical Sciences. She is a Nordkap member and daughter of member Jerry Jehle and granddaughter of Nordkap Membership Secretary Carol Jehle.

## We Tested Ourselves in Curling Stones on the Ice

**It was a great idea!** Nordkap members would try our hands at curling, a sport played at the recent winter Olympic Games in Italy.

We chose a spot in Novi called the Hub Stadium and Restaurant and scheduled it on a Saturday so members could come and bring guests, kids, and grandkids to play.

Alas, the turnout was significantly below expectations.

**Those who came on April 18** had fun trying their skill on the ice and socializing with other members. But we think maybe the timing wasn't right or the notice too short to give members a chance to respond in greater numbers.

**So....we hope to give it another try** at a future date! We'll let you know well in advance to join us and hope you'll give this sport another chance. Those who don't care to curl can come as spectators, as Carol Jehle did, and enjoy refreshments to purchase at the bar.

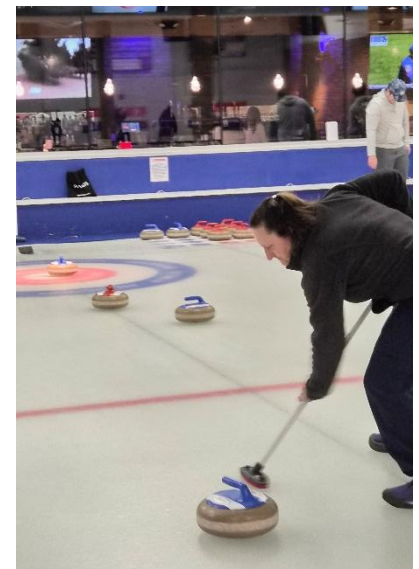
Norwegians excel on snow, so ice should be a natural step up for aspiring Nordkap athletes. **Right?**



**Curling crew: Mike & Laura Jehle, Haley Jarasz, and Eric Scharf. (Photos by Haley, Mike, & Laura.)**



**Mike Jehle readies to throw a curling stone, and Eric Scharf stands to assist.**



**Laura Jehle sweeps ice to control the speed and direction of the stone.**

## ***The Vikings Are Coming! But It's Norway's World Cup Squad***



*"The Vikings Are Coming" (photo by David Yarrow/Norwegian Football Federation)*

**Yes, that photo looks like an eminent Viking invasion, and in a way it is!**

But that invasion is a good thing, because Norway's World Cup team in the photo is on its way to America to take its place on the playing field, not the battlefield.

**The photo shoot was set up by renowned Scottish photographer David Yarrow, in collaboration with the Norwegian Football Association.** In the shot, the team is seen as fiercely armed Viking warriors standing beside a fjord. The Viking longships in the background are real—sourced by the Norwegian Football Association and not by artificial intelligence.

In a post on social media, Yarrow said: "The world's press has given considerable coverage to the proud send-offs this week of the competing teams for the World Cup... It is the biggest sports event ever to be held, and every team's departure to the Americas has been a source of national interest."

His casting of the Norway team as Vikings makes perfect sense, as Yarrow noted that "This is a formidable football squad; the best that Norway has ever produced." He said it was a great honor for him to work on the photo.

**Norway's three group-stage games will be as follows:**

- Tuesday, June 16: Iraq vs Norway - Boston Stadium 6 p.m. ET
- Monday, June 22: Norway vs Senegal - New York New Jersey Stadium 8 p.m. ET
- Friday, June 26: Norway vs France - Boston Stadium 3 p.m. ET

**Finishing first or second in their 3-way round-robin group determines if Norway advances to play again.**

## ***Members Meet Norwegian Conductor at Detroit Symphony Reception***

**Nordkap members who attended the last of the concerts** in the Detroit Symphony Orchestra's Northern Lights Festival were able to meet with the Norwegian conductor and the Norwegian guest soloist at a post-concert reception at Orchestra Hall in Detroit.

Several Nordkap members were able to speak in Norwegian with Tabita Berglund, DSO Principal Guest Conductor, who led the orchestra throughout the two-week Festival, and Eldbjørg Hemsing, the solo violinist at the last concert on April 19.

**The big news** at the reception was that Tabita has been named chief conductor of Norway's Bergen Philharmonic Orchestra. She will begin her tenure in Bergen as Chief Conductor Designate, before assuming the full role in August 2027 to July 2031.

Luckily for Detroit audiences and Nordkap members who've become her fans, Tabita will continue to serve in her role at the DSO. She will lead three DSO programs in the 2026–2027 season: October 31–November 1, 2026; January 14–16, 2027; and May 28–29, 2027. Find details at <https://www.dso.org/events-and-tickets/calendar>



***Lt. to rt: Tabita Berglund, Mary Morehead, Roy & Eli Steyskal***



***Lt. to rt: Erik Rönmark, DSO President & CEO; Jan & Dennis Flessland; Tabita Berglund; Eldbjørg Hemsing; Andreas Waller, chair of Michigan's Swedish American Chamber of Commerce; and Tammy Waller***



***Lt. to rt: Jan Flessland, Barry Rabe, Dana Runestad, Haley Jarasz, Tabita Berglund, Mary Morehead, Dennis Flessland, Eli Steyskal, and Erik Duus***

**(Photos by Mary Morehead & Erik Duus)**

## ***A Letter from President Haley Jarasz:***

**Hei hei, Nordkap members,**

**Thank you for a fin-tastic Syttende Mai celebration!** We had reel-y delicious hot dogs, delicious desserts, and a wonderful enthusiastic crowd. The rain stopped just in time for the parade. Our wonderful Finnish Club musician friends led us in some catch-y tunes. Several attendees wore so-fish-ticated bunads ... Everyone looked lovely! And we finished out with our lodge's unique signature event, the Fish Toss. (We couldn't call it a Cod Toss this year, as we used mackerel.) The mackerel was a significant upgrade from last year's salmon, as salmon have teeth... the salmon kept trying to bite our contestants. No one was bitten by the mackerel this year! We even had o-fish-ally awesome fish-themed prizes courtesy of Mary and Carmen. Congratulations to our winners: Knut, Sara, Olivia and Alexander!

**In the many, many years I've competed in the Fish Toss, I've never once won...** I'm always floundering. I'll need to practice over the summer. Perhaps next year will be my year! (OK, I salmon-ly swear I will reel in the fish puns.)

**We have one more event--Midsommar--**before we'll take a summer vacation. I hope you have a lovely summer full of sunshine, perhaps even midnight sun if you're traveling to Norway. For myself, I will be traveling to my very first Sons of Norway district convention and stocking up on new fish jokes to regale you with in the fall.

**See you soon,**

**Haley**

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## ***Here Are the Actual Winners of This Year's Fish Toss (Sorry, Haley!)***



*Haley Jarasz kisses her fish. Was it for luck?*



*Lt. to rt: Winning contestants included Knut Thomassen, Sara Bremnes, and Olivia Vaal, throwing a fish, with Mike Jarasz who organized the event, in the background. Far right: Winners in their categories received "fishy" prizes from Haley Jarasz (center back), with another winner, Alexander Bareid, front left.*



***More on Nordkap's Norwegian Constitution Day Activities***

**As President Haley Jarasz indicated, Nordkap pulled out all the stops for our celebration on May 16 at the Swedish Club in Farmington Hills. Here are more pictorial highlights:**



***Norwegian Honorary Consul Dennis Flessland***



## ***In Memoriam: Tove Bruning***

As reported at our Norwegian Constitution Day celebration, Nordkap Golden Member Tove Bruning passed away the evening of Friday, May 15, at an assisted living home, St. Anne's Mead in Southfield. She was 84. Tove and her husband Pres moved to St. Anne's Mead about a year ago from their longtime home in Royal Oak.

**Tove was born in Norway** and came to the United States in 1960. Soon after arriving, she met Preston, who was her husband for 62 years. Tove worked in her early career as a milliner and, for many years, as a potter.



*Tove Bruning (family photo)*

**Pres and Tove generously supported our Nordkap silent auctions**, contributing countless Norwegian items and artful creations from Tove's pottery studio.

She was a very creative, lively, and thoughtful person, known for always putting the needs of others before her own. Her daughter Erika LaBarre reports that she was a wonderful mother and mormor. She is survived by her husband, their daughter and son-in-law, and a granddaughter.

A celebration of Tove's life was held May 30 at her church in Royal Oak, the Royal Oak Church.

Tove had been a Nordkap member since 1984. In her memory, Nordkap has contributed \$75 to the Nordkap Scholarship Fund. She will be dearly missed.

## ***Mementoes of Two Other Nordkap Members***

We recently received some photos from Heidi Roed, daughter of departed Nordkap members Finn and Georgia Roed. We thought that the photos were so interesting we wanted to share them with you.

**Finn Roed was born and raised in Norway**, and the photo on the left shows his father, Olav Arthur Roed, who worked on a Norwegian whaling ship. Olav is second from the right, with a pipe. Heidi points out that Olav worked as a whaler, but when World War II broke out, and the Nazis took over Norway, the whaling ships at sea—including Olav's—couldn't safely return to Norway. Instead the whalers diverted to the United States and fought the war working for the U.S. merchant marine which was supplying allies in Europe. It was years before Olav could return to Norway and Finn saw his father again.

**The photo on the right shows Georgia Roed** as a young American woman visiting in London, some years after she had met and married Finn and given birth to Heidi.





## Hva er Bedre? Norsk Verdens Beste Kake eller Havreflarn

(What is better? Norwegian World's Best Cake or Oatmeal Lace Cookies). Both are delicious. It comes down to how much time you have. The World's Best Cake takes around 2 hours. The Oatmeal Lace Cookies take about 20-30 minutes.

--Photos, story, and layout by Mary Morehead--



Starting from left back: Roy Marvel & Mary Morehead. Front from left: Dee Marvel, Derrick Hendricks & Eli Steyskal

We have all the ingredients. What are we waiting for? Let's Start Baking!



The Taste Testers!



Just Having Some FUN!



## ***Plans for a Nordkap Membership Directory Are in the Works***

Nordkap Lodge is planning to issue a digital membership directory that would make it easier for our members to contact one another. The timing of the directory would be later this year.

**What we are thinking about is a directory we could easily email to our members.** It would include members' names, phone numbers, email addresses, and the cities where they reside. No exact street addresses would be included. We would obtain the information needed from existing records held by the Sons of Norway. No additional input from you would be necessary.

Our plan is to require that members receiving the directory agree to restrict its use for their own personal needs and to safeguard the information so that unauthorized use is prevented.

**If you do not wish to be included in such directory, please tell us now, so we can omit your information.** You can opt out of the directory by emailing Louise Giles at [louiseagiles@gmail.com](mailto:louiseagiles@gmail.com) . Or write to her at P.O. Bo 1198 Royal Oak, MI 48068.

**No need to reply if you are OK with being in the directory.**

## ***New Nordkap T-shirts Now Ready for Sale***

Nordkap Lodge is pleased to be selling a brand new T-shirt.

**Orders for the shirts were taken** at our Constitution Day celebration this year at the price of \$20 per shirt. We expect the shirts to be offered again in the fall and especially at the Scandinavian Market November 14 at the Finnish Center in Farmington Hills.

**The design was inspired by the winning drawing** submitted a year ago by then-11-year-old Isla Markusen in our T-shirt design contest. Eight entries were submitted. The winning design was selected by a vote of members at last year's Midsummer Celebration.

The new shirt features a Viking ship and crossed Norwegian and Michigan flags.



## ***Absolute Last Call for Scholarship Applications for This Year***

The deadline is fast approaching for college-bound students to apply for a Nordkap scholarship. Applications must be received no later than June 30. **Application forms and complete details are available at:** <http://www.detroitnorwegians.com/scholarship.html> .

Scholarship Chair Carmen Collins is ready to receive applications--but she needs them by June 30. **Direct any questions to Carmen at** [skicarmen@att.net](mailto:skicarmen@att.net) .

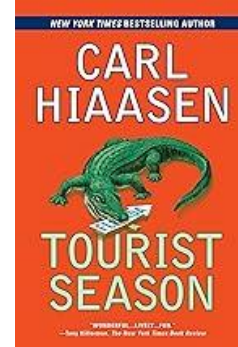
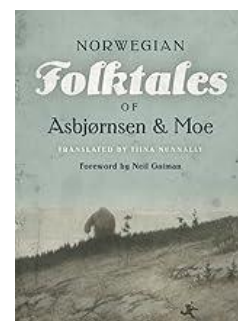
## **Norwegian Book Club Finishes Fifth Year of Zoom Meetings**

The Nordkap Book Club finished its fifth year of reading books about Norway or written by Norwegian authors with a Zoom discussion on June 7 of *The Complete and Original Norwegian Folktales of Asbjørnsen and Moe* translated by Tiina Nunnally.

**This was our fifth and last book for the season**, a classic book of considerable length that challenged our readers' appetites for folktales and tried their perseverance to make it through to the end. We found that most of the tales traced back to earlier stories from old Norse sagas and touched on themes common to many different cultures. One of our members found that reading folktales helped him understand where we come from where we're going.

**In March, we traded notes** on our reading of the detective novel *Tourist Season* by Carl Hiaason. This one was a quicker read, with the author combining grisly tales of tourists being killed with his own ability to find humor even in the darkest subjects. The book was intriguing, but not a favorite with our readers.

Tusen takk to **Magda Pecsénye** for leading our club with a wide variety of selections for the past five years! Club members will now take a break and research titles to choose from for next season.



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