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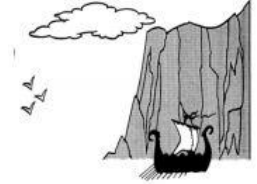
Nordkap Lodge 5-378 - Sons of Norway

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NORDKAP CALENDAR

January 27 – Lodge meeting,
4 p.m., the Swedish Club

February 24 – Lodge meeting,
4 p.m., the Swedish Club

April 28 – Lodge meeting,
4 p.m., the Swedish Club

May 18 – Norwegian Constitution Day,
11 a.m. to 3 p.m., the Swedish Club

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

Sept. 8 – Steak & Corn Roast,
1 p.m., the Swedish Club

Sept. 14 – 90th Anniversary
Dinner Cruise

2018 Officers

Co-Presidents:

Louise Giles & Haley Vingsness

Vice President: Mark Eelnurme

Treasurer: Carmen Collins

Secretary: Mary Morehead

Financial &

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Carol Jehle

**Scholarship Director & Store
Director:**

Natalie Flessland Vaal

**Cultural Director & Sports &
Recreation Director:**

Merete Stenersen-Eelnurme

Youth Director:

Heather Vingsness

Foundation Director:

Derrick Hendricks

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You'll Love Our Lutefisk in January!

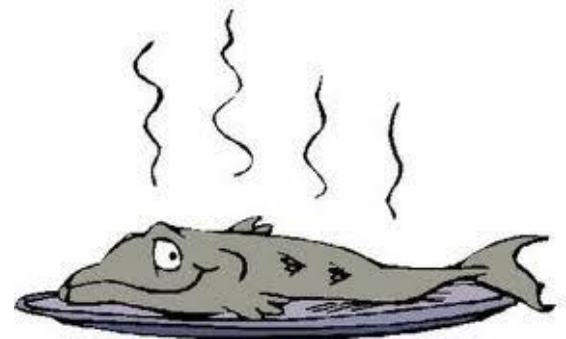
If you missed having lutefisk over the holidays, there is still a chance to experience this traditional Norwegian food!

Our January 27 Nordkap meeting will include a delicious meal of lutefisk and meatballs, prepared by Dennis Flessland, Norway's honorary consul to Michigan.

The lutefisk under Dennis' watch is tenderly baked on parchment paper and garnished with bacon.

No resemblance there

to the over-cooked odiferous fish that came out of some kitchens of yore! Of course, there will also be plenty of meatballs.



For those of you interested in tracing your Norwegian roots, we will have a fascinating presentation on Norwegian Genealogy. Also Nordkap's officers for 2019 will be installed:

President: Haley Vingsness

Secretary: Mary Morehead

Treasurer: Carmen Collins

Financial Secretary and Membership Secretary: Carol Jehle

Cultural Director: Merete Stenersen-Eelnurme

Youth Director: Heather Vingsness

Foundation Director: Derrick Hendricks

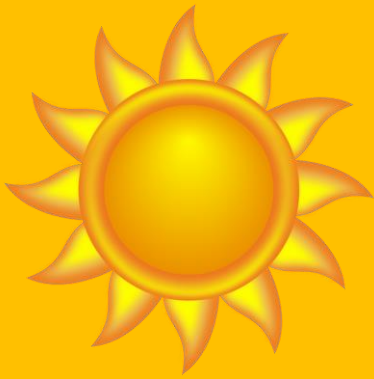
Social Director: Connie Hart

Scholarship Director and Store Director: Natalie Vaal

Editor and Publicity Director: Louise Giles

Counselor: Bob Giles

We hope to see you at 4 p.m. Sunday, January 27, at the Swedish Club at 22398 Ruth Street in Farmington Hills.



SUNSHINE UPDATES

Best wishes to **Jennifer Vingsness** for a speedy recovery following surgery for a non-cancerous tumor.

Good luck and good health to former Nordkap member and Norwegian language teacher **Adrienne Shepard** following successful surgery for breast cancer.

Good to hear that **Marge Sorensen's son, John**, is recovering well. John lost a toe to an infection and underwent five surgeries to repair his foot.



GRATULERER MED DAGEN!

January Birthdays:

Peter Blom, Lillian Bryant, Nina Bryhn, Veda Bryhn, Douglas Czinder, Sally Duffy, Elizabeth "Lolly" Duus, Erik Duus, Leif Hauge, Cecilia Lundberg, Timothy Nilsen, Deborah Simms, Annelisa Sturgeon

Sons of Norway and Fifth District Scholarships

The International Sons of Norway Foundation is now calling for 2019 Scholarship Applications. The scholarships have varying due dates and are time sensitive.

Many of the scholarships provide study opportunities in Norway, but several are applicable for universities and colleges in the U.S. Go to www.sofn.com and select "Foundation" from the top toolbar. A dropdown menu will list the available scholarships.

The 5th District of the Sons of Norway also offers two book scholarships and a scholarship for study in Norway. Go to the District's website at www.sonsofnorway5.com and click on "Benefits" at the top to see the categories of scholarships available.

Scholarships for attending **Masse Moro**, District 5's summer heritage and culture camp for youth ages 9-15, can also be found on their website under "Programs." 2019 dates are July 13-27.

Nordkap Scholarships Applications due June 30

Nordkap Lodge also offers a scholarship program.

Applicants must submit the required forms no later than June 30.

To be considered for a Nordkap scholarship, applicants must be a lodge member or child/grandchild of a member for minimum 1 year prior to scholarship submission; be 17-23 years of age; be working towards a bachelor's or associate's degree from an accredited educational institution; and be in good standing at school, with a GPA of 2.0 or better.

Forms are available on our www.DetroitNorwegians.com website. Click on the "About" tab at the top and select "Scholarship".

Last year, Nordkap awarded five scholarships, each worth \$500. We published a letter from one of the recipients in our October issue. Here is one from Norm and Judy Kirsch's granddaughter, **Marie McMenamin** who is studying archeology at the College of Charleston:

"...I would like to thank you for giving me the scholarship. It will allow me to pay for some of my school. This coming semester I will be taking Classical Archaeology, Classical Mythology, Intro to Linguistics, Latin 202, and Modern History. This scholarship will help with paying for some the fees for these classes. Again I would like to say thank you. I hope you all have a Happy Holiday."

Save the Date—September 14-- for Nordkap's 90th Anniversary Party!

Is there a river cruise in your future? We hope so, and we're working to make it come true. Nordkap's 90th anniversary committee is planning a three-hour dinner cruise on the Detroit River the evening of September 14 in celebration of this milestone anniversary of our lodge. You, your family, and guests are invited to come along.

Why a river cruise? Boats were a chief means of transportation for our Viking ancestors. The Viking longboat was an engineering marvel of the ancient world. The Vikings sailed them with expertise on major rivers and open waters as they sought their destiny.

So we, too, will take to the water to mark this important 90th year in the history of our lodge. We have no Viking longboat, but we've chosen a great alternative -- the MV Portofino, a sleek 130-passenger ship that regularly plies the waters of the Detroit River from its home base at Portofino restaurant in Wyandotte.

Details of this one-time-only event are still being worked out. You will hear much more with times, prices, and menu details in future issues of your newsletter. Meanwhile, please block off the evening of Saturday, September 14, to be part of this historic event.

The MV Portofino heads downstream on the Detroit River with the city's skyline in the background. (Portofino photo)



Norwegian Language Classes Resume after Holiday Break

Nordkap's long-running Norwegian language classes took a break for the holidays but resumed on January 9th. The current term runs a total of eight weeks for just \$80 with native-Norwegian teacher Merete Stenersen-Eelnurme, seen on the right. *(Studio photo provided by Merete.)*

Classes meet from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Swedish Club at 22398 Ruth Street in Farmington Hills on successive Wednesday evenings, except for February 6th, when there is no class. The last class is Tuesday, March 5.

Merete encourages all her returning students to work on areas of the language they find difficult by watching YouTube videos.



Scandinavian Market a Hit!

This year's Scandinavian Market at the Finnish Center on November 10 drew a large, hungry crowd seeking Nordic foods and gifts to purchase for the holidays.

Thanks to our volunteers, Nordkap was able to serve up approximately 150 delicious meatball dinners priced at a bargain \$6 (see photo above). Our import sales grossed just over \$1100, while our raffle basket brought in \$176 for the scholarship fund. Tusen takk, everyone!



Left to right: Bob Giles and Karen Herche sell imports; Jan Flessland (center, in back) bakes waffles with Nancy Rajala from the Finnish Center; Carmen Collins (far right) sells tickets for meatball meal.



Smørbrød & Cookie Fundraiser Wins Praise at November Meeting

An expansive smørbrød (smorgasbord) proved to be a popular choice for our lodge's November meeting. **Haley and Heather Vingsness** hosted the spread, receiving high praise for the meal!

We elected officers for 2019 and heard about the 2018 District 5 convention from delegate **Dennis Flessland**. A meeting highlight was a cookie fundraiser to benefit the Nordkap Scholarship Fund. About a dozen members donated cookies, which sold for just \$5/dozen. The sale, chaired by **Mary Morehead**, raised \$188 for scholarships. Mary and Connie Hart tied for best cookie makers.

So many cookies to choose from! Cookies contributed by members, below. At right, Mary Morehead and Connie Hart were voted best cookie makers.



A Letter from Co-President Haley Vingsness

Happy New Year! I've resolved to spend 2019 skiing as much as possible. I'm a terrible skier so I have a lot of practicing to do. We haven't had great snow yet, but I still made it out on the slopes yesterday. Of course I will bring a Kvikk Lunsj with me for fuel. (I stocked up this summer!)

2019 is an exciting year for Nordkap, because it's our 90th anniversary! Our lodge is the oldest in Michigan. We're having a great party for it in September. Like all good Viking descendants, we will be celebrating on the water – the Portofino riverboat. I hope you'll join us!

At our 75th anniversary, the featured speaker, Susan Rokicki, went on to found the lodge I attended in college (Ulseth Lodge in the Upper Peninsula). With your support and the tireless work of the anniversary committee that year (Bob and Louise Giles, Marge Sorensen, Dennis and Jan Flessland, Pat Pintar, the late Stephen Landes and Rigmor Cuolahan) and Susan Rockicki, our lodge also raised several hundred dollars to help fund the restoration of their Norwegian Lutheran Church. I can only hope that our 90th will inspire as many people to do as many great things. I'm very much looking forward to seeing what 2019 brings for our lodge.

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

...and a final word from Co-President Louise Giles

It's been my privilege to serve three years as your president and one as co-president with the incredibly talented Haley Vingsness. Time flies when you're having a good time and, honestly, that's mostly what it's been.



Left to right: Louise Giles & Haley Vingsness

I'm so proud of what our lodge has been able to accomplish, including:

- Extending our Norwegian language classes into their sixth year (they began in 2013!)
- Continuing to fund our ambitious scholarship program
- Re-envisioning what Nordkap should do and be to best serve our members
- Most importantly, developing a new generation of leaders, more than ready to take Nordkap to the next level.

My term of office comes to a close when the 2019 officers are sworn in at this month's meeting. I'll be staying on as your newsletter editor but leaving the top position. I'll depart that post with confidence. Most of what I set out to do is done, and our lodge is in very good hands.

So, it's a Happy New Year, indeed! My best to all of you, and I look forward to seeing you in our lodge very soon.

**Med vennlig hilsen (with best regards),
Louise Giles**

Festive Christmas Party Draws over 100 Guests to Fox Hills; Scholarship Fund Grows with \$1700 from the Silent Auction

Our lodge had to choose a new venue for our Christmas dinner party this year (when the former location burned down last summer), but the new place proved to be a hit. Paid reservations came in for 112 people, and **our silent auction raised \$1700** for the Nordkap Scholarship Fund!

A warm fire in the natural stone fireplace welcomed our guests as they arrived on a cold, but clear evening at Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center in Plymouth. The location – the Fox Classic Clubhouse with its log interior, rustic warmth, and old-fashioned charm –seemed a perfect setting for a Norwegian celebration.

Co-President Haley Vingsness presided over the festive evening, which brought out a large number of women and girls in beautiful bunads. After dinner, the Duus family – Erik, Kristin, and Harriet – led the singing of Norwegian carols, with Marina Kozlova at the keyboard. Alexa Francis favored us with a beautiful flute solo. *(Con't.)*



Clockwise, from left: Bunad wearers gather for their photo; brothers Randy and Rick Aardal warm themselves at the fireplace (Rick later received a 25-year membership award); Alexa Francis entertains with her flute (Merete Stenersen-Eelnurme photo); the Duus family—Harriet, Kristin, and Erik—leads the Christmas carol singing.



Christmas Party, continued

Membership Secretary Carol Jehle presented membership awards to eight people: Gerald Bayer, 5 years; Lynn Herche, 10 years; Erik Vingsness, 10 years; Karen Herche, 15 years; Sheldon Johnson, 15 years; Dennis Flessland, 20 years; Rick Aardal, 25 years; and Inger Ehrenfeld (at right with Carol), 45 years. Louise Giles received a past president's pin.

The Julenisse also stopped by to deliver gifts to the children, below.



Haley led an energetic group, singing and dancing around the Christmas tree.

The festivities quietly came to an end with the singing of "Silent Night."



Christmas Party, concluded

***From left:
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Ekranger &
Le'Anna
Sosnoski-
Miller; Finn
and Georgia
Roed***



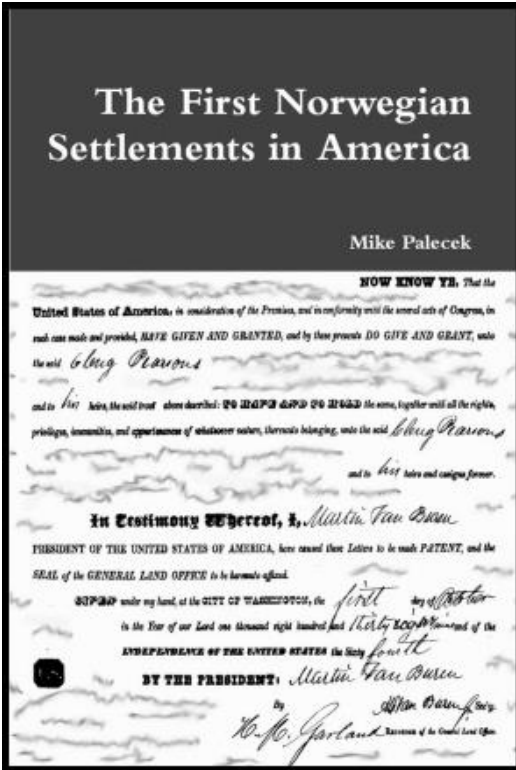
Above: Betty Gjedsal receives marzipan pig prize from Haley Vingsness after finding the whole almond in her rice pudding. Right: Carol Jehle (seated) and sister Sue Schotts (standing, behind) with family members.

Below: Silent auction draws eager bidders.



Buy This Book To Support 5th District & Nordic Legacy Foundation

The Nordic Legacy Foundation is Sons of Norway's District 5 Norwegian heritage project. Profits from this book project will support Masse Moro youth camp and other District 5 heritage programs.



As a "tusen takk" for your donation, you can get the book "The First Norwegian Settlements in America." Learn about the Sloopers, the first group of Norwegians to come to America in 1825. As the west was opened, Norwegians had major settlements in Illinois and Wisconsin. Some of the earliest settlements in Missouri, Indiana, Texas and Utah are also covered in this volume.

Travel to some interesting Norwegian-American museums also featured in this book.

If you haven't earned a SON literature cultural skills pin, this book is a great way to get started.

ORDER FORM - THE FIRST NORWEGIAN SETTLEMENTS IN AMERICA

Allow 3 weeks for printing and shipping (shipping to one location)

- \$20 (1 book)
- \$25 (Nordic Heritage Fund donation for 1 book)
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Send your order to: Mike Palecek, SON treasurer, 5747 Sandy Lane, Racine WI 53406

Important: Please Report the Hours You Spend on Behalf of Nordkap

It's that time of the year to count our hours spent in our lodge. The reason that we report our lodge hours is important to help the International Sons of Norway keep its nonprofit, tax-exempt status. This information is required by the American Fraternal Alliance (AFA). The AFA uses our data to lobby on the behalf of fraternal benefit societies.

With this newsletter is a two-page worksheet which will help you determine your hours. The **Fraternal Support Worksheet** represents: **Preparations** for lodge meetings, events, etc. **Points** represents number of times that you worked on these activities. **Hours** represents the hours that were involved (includes travel time). The **Community Service Worksheet** represents: **Attending** meetings, events, participation in community services with the lodge and outside of the lodge. **Hours** represents the hours that were involved (includes travel time).

Please don't worry about having the exact time and hours. An estimate will be accepted.

Please submit just the **TOTAL YEAR END POINTS AND HOURS** for the **Fraternal Support** and the **Community Service** to Mary Morehead by January 30, 2019. You can email the totals or mail this form to: mmor7725@gmail.com or Mary Morehead, 4195 Wakefield Rd, Berkley, MI 48072. I will also accept the forms or information at our next lodge meeting on Sunday, January 27th. Please feel free to email or call me at (248) 229-9332. Tusen takk (thank you).

--Mary Morehead

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