



SONS OF NORWAY

Edvard Grieg Lodge 657 District 5

Cincinnati-Dayton, Ohio & Kentucky

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Sons, Daughters and Friends of Norway Newsletter

February 2014

From the President

Saturday, March 15, will be our next lodge meeting. We would love to see your happy, smiling faces. Kristin Szava will present her program "Growing up In Norway". This program was postponed from our January meeting. It is a very difficult decision for us when we need to cancel a lodge meeting. The way the weather was predicted we felt it was for the safety of everyone to cancel the meeting. Back in December when we cancelled our Julefest, it was a similar situation with the weather. Freezing rain and snow had been predicted for the day of Julefest. We had had snow most of the day on the Friday before Julefest. From the weather prediction we would have been setting up or cleaning up in dangerous precipitation.

We did enjoy those that were able to attend the lunch at the IHOP on December 14. It was good to gather and see everyone before Christmas.

We normally do not schedule a lodge meeting for February because it has typically been the bad weather month in the past. We do encourage you to watch the Winter Olympics and cheer for Norway. For those of you that watch "Jeopardy" there was a final question concerning the Winter Olympics. The question was "What country has won the most medals at the Winter Olympics. The answer was Norway. Only one of the contestants got the correct answer.

Our lodge annually participates in two spring festivals, the Ashville Viking Festival, April 26 and April 27 this year, and the Dayton International Festival, May 16-18. These festivals represent a major part of our fundraising for the year, plus they help us promote Sons of Norway and our lodge.

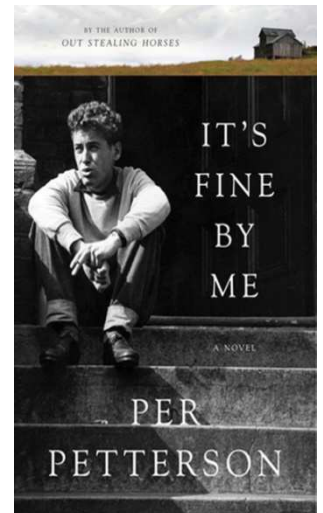
Yours, Esther Charlton, President

Reading Circle

March 1 – 2:30 to 4 p.m.

For our next Reading Circle meeting, we've chosen Per Petterson's newest book *It's Fine By Me: A Novel*. Like Petterson's award winning *Out Stealing Horses* (2007), this story is as much about what is not spoken as it is about the angry daily detail.

Several copies of the book are available through the Cincinnati/Hamilton County Library system. Everyone is welcome to join us for the discussion. We'll be meeting on Saturday, March 1 from 2:30-4 at Panera Bread (across from the Tri-County Mall), 405 E. Kemper Rd, Cincinnati 45246.



For more information or to RSVP contact Carol Luiso 513.683.3631 or CHLuiso@aol.com

March Lodge Meeting

March 15 – Noon

On Saturday, March 15, we will have our regular lodge meeting. It will be in the meeting room of the Wyoming Branch Library, at 500 Springfield Pike in Wyoming, 45215. There is parking in back of the library and across Wyoming Ave.

We will meet at noon and you all can bring something to share for a potluck lunch. Bring something easy to carry and eat as there are no kitchen facilities. So think soup, salad and dessert.

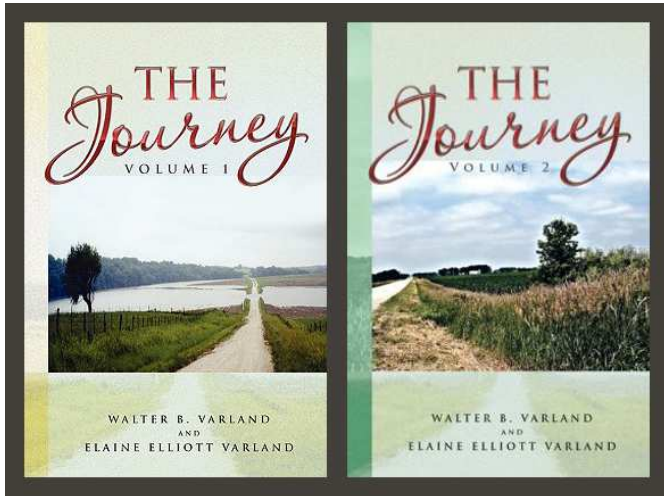
You can discuss what food you wish to bring when you RSVP.

After our lunch, Kristin Szava will talk to us about "Growing up in Norway"

Please RSVP to Esther at 513/923-3798 or esthersofn@aol.com.

April Lodge Meeting

April 12 – 4 p.m.



Mark your calendar now for Saturday, April 12. We will be at the IHOP on Colerain. at 4 p.m. Elaine and Walt Varland will talk to us on writing their books. We moved up this meeting to the second Saturday as Easter is on the third weekend.

New Member

The Edvard Grieg Lodge is pleased to welcome new member, Nancy Cooper, whose husband has gifted her with membership in the Sons of Norway. We are looking forward to getting to know our newest addition to our lodge. Nancy has a friend in the Duluth MN lodge, but since she no longer lives there did not opt to join that lodge. She is the daughter of an Army member so she traveled a lot and her family eventually settled in Ohio. She always goes back to Minnesota to a summer cabin where she spent summers with her grandmother, who was born in Fredrickstad near Oslo Norway. Nancy's mother is a first generation American. Her grandmother, grand aunt and grand uncle all came to America through Ellis Island, so the whole family came and settled in the northern Midwest. Nancy took a trip to Norway a couple of years ago and says "It's beautiful, just beautiful!" Nancy's

husband's cousin from Houston Texas is married to a man from Norway, who came to lend his expertise to the gulf oil companies. They have returned to Norway where he continues to work for Norway's oil industry.

Membership Awards



Roy Solvik receiving his 40 year membership certificate from membership secretary, Sharon Smythe

Several members received service pins this year for their years as Sons of Norway members. A special certificate was also awarded to Roy Solvik for being a 40 year member. Roy received his award at the December 14th IHOP lunch. He said that he joined Sons of Norway as soon as he was old enough, at the age of 16. Other members that were at the lunch also received service pins. Those that could not attend will be mailed their pin.

5 Year pins

George Bjorvik
Helge Bjorvik
Foster Opals
Logan Opals
Austin Scherbarth
Caroline Schoenig
Leah Sedler

10 Year pins

Sylvia Casas
Dianne Clark
Carol Luiso
Ray Olson
Ed Vallette
Nancy Vallette

15 Year pins

Karl Hoalst
Larry Welin

20 Year pins

Carol Olson
Ken Soberg

40 year pin & certificate

Roy Solvik

Birthdays

February

Aaron Nelson[5], Patsy Bannick[6], Lee Luiso[12], Sylvia Casas[15], Robert Bowman[17] Linda Burge[17], Cassi Rice[19], Mark Kosobud[20], Helge Bjorvik[21], Karl Halvorson[21], James Herman[22], George Bjorvik[28].

March

Nancy Cooper[2], Robert Charlton[11], Megan Luiso[15], Larry Bannick[17], Alene Rice[23], Ray Olson[26].

April

Sonja Kinney[1], Katherine Sanders[2], Braden Watts[8], Logan Opals[13], David Johnson[19], Sharon Smythe[22], Walt Varland[27], Laurie Johnson[30].

Ashville Viking Festival

April 26 & 27 - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.



This is the 11th year for the festival in Ashville. The town is about 20 miles south of Columbus. Our members, Ed and Nancy Vallette, are the leaders/chairs of the festival. There will be a variety of entertainment, including music, dance, sword play and jousting. Those of you in the Columbus area, mark your calendars now! Plan on coming down to the Viking Festival, it is marvelous fun. <http://www.ashvillevikingfest.com/>

Syttende Mai

Saturday, May 17

Susie and Glenn Mikaloff will host our annual celebration. It will be a potluck dinner with more details in the next newsletter, but mark your calendar now for the date. It will begin at 3:58 p.m.

A World A'Fair

May 16-18



This is a wonderful international festival at which over 30 ethnic organizations have cultural exhibits. Many of the booths feature food from their countries.

The theme of the festival this year is celebrations/festivals. Our booth display will highlight the celebration of the 200th anniversary of the signing of the Constitution of Norway at Eidsvoll. We should be seeing an article about this big event in the Viking soon.

The festival is held in the Dayton Convention Center, which is in downtown Dayton. There is a parking garage with a walkway to the convention center.

Your children and grandchildren will greatly enjoy the festival. They get a passport and then go around to all the booths and have it stamped when they answer a question about the culture of that country. We will have festival tickets available for sale at the March and April lodge meetings.

Check the festival website www.aworldafair.org for more information.

Winter Olympics

Friday, February 7 is the big day when the Winter Olympics begin. Norway has a large team of 143 athletes participating in this years games. Norway has hosted the Winter Olympics twice, Oslo in 1952 and Lillehammer in 1994. Another distinction for Norway is that they have won the most medals overall in the Winter Olympics. The Olympics will go just over two weeks and have their closing ceremonies on Sunday, February 23. One particular thing to watch for is the Norwegian curling team. They wear very colorful trousers. Just google Norwegian curling team to see for yourself.

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