



Edvard Grieg Lodge 657 District 5
Cincinnati-Dayton, Ohio and Kentucky

The First Lodge in Ohio
Sons, Daughters and Friends of Norway
April 2011

Meeting Schedule:

Saturday April 16 White Elephant Sale

This important and entertaining annual event will take place at 3:00PM at Susie and Glenn Mikaloff's home in Springboro. For good food, lot's of laughs and great bargains, bring a little money and your appetite. RSVP Susie at 937-748-8121 Bring a side dish or desert if possible.

April 29th Alisa Jordheim concert see further info in newsletter.

May 7th Reading Circle see further info in newsletter

May 17th Syttende Mai

This is another big event, (editor's favorite) at Kari Poe's home. Dinner at 5:30PM, and children's parade at 7:00PM. RSVP with Kari.Poe, tel# 513-697-7142 or Nina Downs at ninadowns@fuse.net Casual potluck..

President's message

Thanks to Alisa for the fabulous performance last month!

We are at the beginning of a pair of great meetings, The White Elephant Sale, and Syttende Mai. These are "don't miss events", that experienced members mark on their calendars' early in the year.

We are all saddened to hear about the passing of Adelheid, a quiet force in the development of our lodge. We will miss her presence but she will forever be a part of us.

Obituary

Adelheid Marie (Haugan) Price, age 94, of Springboro, OH; died Wednesday February 2, 2011 at the Avalon by Otterbein at Clear Creek. Adelheid

was born in Loshan, Honan, China on January 19, 1917 to missionaries of the Norwegian Lutheran Church of America, August William and Hannah Josephine (Robertson) Haugan.



She received her education from a combination of home schooling and a student at the American School Kikungshan before moving to the United States in 1927. She attended St. Paul Minnesota schools and graduated from the George Weitbrecht Mechanic Arts High School in 1936. She attended Concordia College and graduated from the University of Minnesota with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1941 and received her Masters degree from the University of Cincinnati. She moved to Cincinnati from St. Cloud, Minnesota in 1950 and to Springboro in 1997. She began her teaching career in various Minnesota school systems and retired from the Cincinnati Public School system where she taught home economics, food trades at East Vocational High School, Claude V Courter Technical High School, and Aiken High School.

She was a member of Faith Lutheran Church in Cincinnati, Sons of Norway, Scandinavian Society of Greater Cincinnati, the Welsh Society of Great Cincinnati, and Torch Club. She was preceded in death by her parents, 3 sisters Agnes Roland,

Borghild Hambley, and Valborg Haugan; and a brother Rolf Haugan.

She is survived by her husband Robert D. Price; a son Robert D. Price Jr. and wife Susan of Springboro; 2 grandchildren Jennifer L. (Scott) Swenson of Madison, CT and Robert D. Price III (Jennifer) of Dunwoody, GA; 4 great grandchildren Eric and Sarah Swenson, Hannah and Sophie Price; Siblings Sigurd Haugan, Astrid Anderson, August Haugan Jr., Roald Haugan. Memorial service and burial to occur in Minnesota.

Second Helping! The Church Basement Ladies Sequel

Last May, several of us attended the hilarious musical comedy "Church Basement Ladies" at the LaComedia Dinner Theater, in Springboro.

The sequel "A Second Helping" will be performed from Sept 1-Oct 30, 2011. La Comedia states on it's playbill:

"Church Basement Ladies was one of our most popular shows in 2010 and the ladies of East Cornucopia Lutheran Church of the Prairie are back to serve up more of their hilarious antics and down-to-earth charm. It's 1969 - the world is changing and the ladies of the church are preparing for changes of their own below the House of God. You will see them serve the high school students at the Luther League Banquet, a church sponsored Missionary Night, and the rise and fall of a Vikings' Super Bowl Sunday. You'll laugh until your side-dish hurts!"

We have reserved 20 tickets for the Thursday matinee on Oct 20. The cost is \$38 per ticket (group rate) which includes lunch. **If you would like to join us, please contact either Sandra Nelson 513.336.9810 snel1234@fuse.net or Carol Luiso 513.683.3631 CHLuiso@aol.com.**

Alisa Jordheim

Those of you, who couldn't make the recital given by Alisa Jordheim at the Lodge meeting in February, missed a real treat. This young woman has the voice of an angel, and since her doctoral theme is Scandinavian songs, it was indeed a pleasure to hear her sing.

However, you might still be able to hear her. She will be performing in a recital at CCM on Friday, April 29 at 6:45 PM, in Watson Recital Hall off the first level, P1, of the parking garage. (You enter on level P3, and drive down to P1.) Admission is free.

This recital is one of three she will do before she gets her degree.



Alisa is also a finalist in the Lotte Lenya singing competition, being held in Rochester, NY, on April 16th. She passed the second stage of the competition in New York City last month, and will be competing with other promising artists in Rochester. I, for one, hope she wins, and I hope the rest of Edvard Grieg Lodge agree. From Trine Wernes

Foundation News

Dear Son of Norway Foundation Supporter, I'm excited to announce that applications are now open for the first [Lund Fund scholarships](#)! If you don't know about the Lund Fund yet, the scholarship, established by the International Board of Directors, serves as a tribute to former Chief Executive Officer, John Lund and Alan Lund, former Legal Counsel of Sons of Norway, for their combined forty years of outstanding service and dedication.

Additionally, the Lund family has chosen to use this fund for scholarships for study abroad experiences through accredited, post high school, educational institutions.

If you would like to apply for this special scholarship, please [click here](#) to download the application. Any current Sons of Norway member, child or grandchild of a current member, who demonstrates a keen interest in a post high school study abroad experience is eligible!

Please note that the deadline for applications is June 1st and Sons of Norway membership must be in effect at least one calendar year prior application.

Applicants must provide a certificate of completion from high school or its equivalent. No preference will be given based on the country selected for the study abroad experience. Special consideration will be given to military veterans.

Cindy Olson, Director, Sons of Norway Foundation

Membership

We are happy to introduce our newest lodge members, Cheryl Vargas and her daughter Claire.

A letter from Cheryl:

Hi, Esther,

Claire will be leaving in August to spend her senior year in high school in Enebakk, about 22 miles southeast of Oslo. She will be going with the Rotary foreign exchange program. She will attend one school there, but live with 3 different host families during the course of the year. Norway was not the first choice on her list of country choices, but the more she has learned about Norway, the more excited she is to go. Seems to have worked out wonderfully! She has already met one of the families she will be staying with via Facebook and is practicing the language.

I hope we will have the chance to make it to a few lodge events before she leaves.

Sincerely, Cheryl

If you have relatives or friends interested in Sons of Norway and our lodge, do give them our lodge website or my contact information. Should there be some place where you think it would be good to post information about our lodge, let me know. I will do it or send you the information to post.

Thanks, Esther Charlton, Membership Secretary

Ashville Viking Festival

Our lodge will again have a booth at this 8th year for the festival. We will sell Norwegian gift items and promote Sons of Norway at our booth. The dates for the festival this year are Saturday, April 30 and Sunday May 1. Admission to the festival is a can of food for Ashville food pantry.

The Norseman, a 40 foot replica Viking longship, will be at the festival Friday April 29 it will sail on the Scioto River in Columbus. If you are interested in sailing on the Norseman, let me know and I will help you make the arrangements.

Ashville is a small village about 20 miles south of Columbus. A nice day trip if the weather is beautiful. Check the festival website for all the details www.ashvillevikingfestival.com. If you have any

questions about the festival, contact Esther Charlton for more information.

Dayton International Festival

This year the theme is “Wedding Customs around the World”. The festival takes place in the Dayton Convention Center, the third weekend of May (20-22). This huge festival usually averages around 15,000 over the weekend.

Tickets purchased prior to the festival are only \$5.00, but they will be \$7.00 at the door. The lodge will have tickets available for those wishing to purchase them and attend the festival.

We will have a booth selling Norwegian gift items and promoting Sons of Norway. Our booth this year is in a prime location across from the main entrance.

There are over 30 organizations that will be involved at the festival and many have food at their booths, and there is continuous entertainment from the various countries.

You may check out the many details of the festival at their website www.aworldafair.org.

We will need help at our booth. If you can help during the weekend, contact Esther Charlton. Those that volunteer will get in to the festival free with a special worker pass, in that way you may enjoy the festival before or after helping at our booth. The hours of the festival are; Friday 5 p.m. to 11 p.m., Saturday 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., and Sunday 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. If you have any questions contact Esther Charlton.



For those cross-country skiers, a picture from News and Views of Lake Spalen.

Book Notes

Our Reading Circle has discussed many books, and sometimes we have come upon an author that may have written several books. It may be a Norwegian author or someone that has written about Norwegian events/themes. We would like to bring these authors to your attention.

David Howarth is the first author we will highlight. David was a British historian and author. Howarth joined the Navy after the fall of France. He became involved in the Special Operations Executive and ultimately served in the “Shetland Bus”, an SOE operation manned by Norwegians running a clandestine route between Shetland and Norway. He was second in command at the Naval base in Shetland.

He wrote several books on Norway during their occupation of WWII.

The Shetland Bus, tells the stories of fishing boats going back and forth to Norway to resist the Nazi onslaught. Boats came from the Shetland Islands carrying weapons, supplies and agents and to rescue refugees. The Shetland Bus is the amazing true-life account of storms, attacks, danger, and the heroic efforts of brave men.

We Die Alone, this is the story of one man Jan Baalsrud who survived a failed expedition to organize and supply the Norwegian resistance. It is a story of the men and women that helped Jan survive and get to Sweden. The crux of the story is Jan’s bravery and endurance.

The Sledge Patrol, is the story of a handful of Danes and Norwegian on dog sleds patrolling a 500 mile perimeter of the Greenland coast to keep watch for Nazi invaders. Sledge Patrol tells the story of ordinary men accomplishing unbelievable feats under extreme physical conditions and bizarre political circumstances during WWII. Living year round in the Arctic desolation of eastern Greenland, nine men surreptitiously radioed crucial weather data to the Allies and patrolled the extensive coastline for a Nazi landing.

If you have the chance to read any of these books you will enjoy what our Norwegians ancestors endured during WWII.

The next meeting of the Reading Circle will be Saturday, May 7, at 2:30 p.m. It will be at the Panera Bread across from Tri County mall on Kemper Rd. For information or to RSVP contact Carol Luiso 513/683-3631, or chluiso@aol.com.

From Anders and Donna.

Two members, Anders and Donna Marstrander moved to Oslo this winter. For Anders it was a return home. For Donna an adventure that is certainly unique and no doubt challenging. Anders, our man on the street in Norway, remains an active contributor with a picture essay. Donna, Spring is on it’s way!

After a few months in Oslo

Here is a little story in pictures from our first few months in Oslo



Donna’s first train station – it reminded her of Siberia. Wonder when she was there?



All smoking outdoors. Heating lamps are a necessity.



Homesickness cured (at least for a little while)



Skiing fans



We'll prepare dinner for when you come to visit us.
Love to all from Donna and Anders

Views and News from Norway/[Aled-Dilwyn Fisher](#)

Norwegian researchers are predicting that a new “lemming year” will break out this spring in the mountains if current weather conditions persist – the first such year since 2007.



The small rodent, renowned for its violent temperament, enjoyed excellent breeding conditions beginning last November, with a stable environment and enough snow coverage to avoid the biting winter cold and the threat of predators. Living under the snow, the lemmings eat moss and other vegetation, building elaborate networks of tunnels in which to sustain their populations.

Unique population boom

Lemmings breed remarkably quickly, as they become sexually mature after just three weeks and also have a gestation period of three weeks. Their populations in Norway rise and fall as part of a cycle every three to four years, when “lemming years” see an eruption in population, rising to unsustainable levels before falling to very low ones again. The Norway Lemming, which is not the only type of lemming found in the country, is part of a small group of vertebrates who display such stark population booms. During population booms, lemmings spread over large areas in order to find new sources of food and shelter, usually moving to higher ground with the retreat of the snow.

Mass suicide myth

There are a number of myths about lemmings, most notably the idea that they commit mass suicide, often by accident, as part of mass migrations. This myth is believed to have been propagated in particular by Disney, whose 1958 Oscar-winning documentary *White Wilderness* staged the jumping of a large number of lemmings over a cliff; it was further developed as part of an early, legendary computer game franchise called *Lemmings*, now one of the most popular computer game franchises of all

time, in which players must build and clear obstacles in order to avoid the creatures running blindly into committing acts of mass suicide.

Birthdays

April

Sonja Kinney[1], Katherine Sanders[2], Braden Watts[8], Angela Holman[10], Logan Opals[13], David Johnson[19], Donna Kent[25], Robert Price Sr[26], Walter Varland[27], Laurie Johnson[30].

May

Taylor Luiso[9], Vicki Petreman[15], Dan Beckman[18], Rachel Jorgensen[22].

June

Lance Larsen[2], Clare Williams[7], Fred Sanborn[9], Siri Timo[11], Karen Gutzwiller[13], Pamela Nelson[13], Willie James Smith[20], Foster Opals[23], Kjetil Marstrander[24], Jerry Elvrum[24], Dominic Sedler[25], Carol Stone[25], James Lee[27], Carol Luiso[28].

Remember to go to:

website: www.evensens.net/sons/sons.html

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May 17th, Syttende Mai

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