



Edvard Grieg Lodge 657 District 5
Cincinnati-Dayton, Ohio

The First Lodge in Ohio
Sons, Daughters and Friends of Norway
April 2012

Meetings

April 21 Lodge Meeting - Meet Norwegian Exchange Students

Meet and greet Caroline and Marthe, Norwegian Exchange Students from Haugesund and Kongsberg, Learn about the areas of Norway they are from and their experiences here in America. We'll meet at 2 p.m. at the home of Carol Stone, 224 Countryside Drive, Lebanon, OH 45036. Open-faced sandwiches and snacks will be served. RSVP to Carol Luiso, 513.683.3631 or CHLuiso@aol.com

May17- Syttende Mai- Norway's Constitution Day

Kari Poe will host this special event again. Dinner at 5:30. Children's parade at 7 PM. Casual potluck, so bring your favorite dish to share. RSVP to Kari Poe, 579 Belle Meade Farm Dr., Loveland, OH 45140 Tel. 513.697.7142 or Nina Downs 513.608.0364 ninadowns@fuse.net.

June 23- Summer Solstice Pool Party and Picnic, 3 PM at Susie & Glenn Mikaloff's, 7472 Stone Ridge Dr., Springboro, OH 45066. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Presidents Message:

HaPpY SpRiNg!

Tusen Takk to all who contributed to the February meeting on Geneology. I understand the meeting was enjoyable, informative and well attended. In March, Paul and Laurie Johnson welcomed us into their home to discuss their experience taking Rosemaling and Woodworking Courses at Vesterheim. Thank you so much!



Paul and Laurie Johnson's. At our April meeting, they discussed the classes they took in rosemaling and woodcarving at Vesterheim in Decorah, IA.

As the warmer weather rolls in, I am sure I am not alone in loving all the green and flowers that have started popping up every where! This brings exciting meetings to look forward to; April we will gather at the home of Carol Stone, meet and hear of the experience that two Norwegian Exchange Students are having here in Cincinnati. May brings our National Day, 17 Mai, Celebration at the home of Kari Poe. And, last but not least, we will be celebrating the Summer Solstice with a pool party at the home of Glenn and Susie Mikaloff on June 23rd. I look forward to seeing you all at these meetings and sharing our heritage together.

Hilsen,
Nina T Downs

Movie: Into the white

Margay & Erik Skogen, Alene's daughter and son-in-law told us a story at a monthly meeting a few years ago about English and German pilots who shot each other down, and later find themselves at the same cabin. In order to survive the tough winter in the Norwegian wilderness they have to work together. It's the start of a long and unlikely friendship. This story has been made into a movie "Into the white".

From Margay: "Well this is an epic tale of WWII which happened at Grotli (where our cottage - and not much else - is located) and is my husband's family's story. My mother-in-law remembers these pilots, and my husband's grandfather was the one who took them into custody (into our house ... the one I'm writing from now). Its' living history to say the least. In addition, if you want to see the scenery (although the sun actually does shine once in a while), it's authentic. For U.S. fans (and you know who you are), you'll just have to wait a bit for the Stateside release. I'll update when I find out more".

<http://www.movieweb.com/movie/into-the-white>

Dayton International Festival

This fantastic festival takes place on the third weekend of May(18-20). There are booths from over 30 countries, some with food items and all with cultural exhibits. There is continuous entertainment on two stages. For the children we have passports stamped at the booths, after they answer a question related to that country.

Our lodge will have a booth at the festival for our fourth year. This year we are right in the middle of the festival. The theme for this year's festival is folktales. We will feature trolls for our cultural exhibit.

If you buy your tickets before the festival, they are only \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for youth 6 to 18. Esther and Nelda will have the tickets to sell lodge members. Contact one of them to get your tickets as this is a great event for all ages.

Check the festival website www.aworldafair.org for all the details.

We do need some helpers at our booth. If you can help for a couple of hours in our booth contact Esther. When you are a volunteer you get in free and can enjoy the festival before or after your time in the booth.

Membership

We are looking for new places to post information about our lodge and Sons of Norway. Do you have any ideas of places where we can promote the lodge? Is there a local newspaper in your area where we could submit lodge meeting notices?

When you do recommend a new lodge member, you receive a nice pin from Sons of Norway. Many of our members have joined on the recommendation of their friends or relatives.

If you have any questions on the process of membership, or need a membership application for a friend contact me.

Thanks, Esther Charlton, Membership Secretary

Ashville Viking Festival

The last weekend of April (28&29) is the 9th year for this festival. Our lodge has participated in every one of them. There is entertainment and food at this outdoor festival featuring a Viking theme.

Its locale is the village part of Ashville, Ohio. Ashville is about 20 miles south of Columbus. It makes a great family day trip. It is pure fun.

Ed and Nancy Vallette, who chair the festival, are members of our lodge. Some of you might remember the program they gave on the festival for a lodge meeting last spring.

You can contact Esther for more details about the festival or check their website www.ashvillevikingfest.com.



Do you know this location? I guessed Geiranger Fjord and was told that it was further south.

Reading Circle

Our next Reading Circle will meet May 5th at 2:30, at Panera Bread (across from Tri-County Mall), 405 E.Kemper Rd.45246. This time were reading and

sharing a book of our own choice. Some of us have been reading the Harry Hole detective series by Jo Nesbo. In the current April Viking magazine, on page 8, there is a note about a movie being made of Nesbo's book "The Snowman".

For information or to RSVP for reading circle, contact Carol Luiso, 513/683-3631 or chluiso@aol.com



[Gerardo Reyes Sanchez](#)

This is a view of Årdalstangen i Northwest of Norway - in wintertime.

Obituary: Neil Sorum

Neil passed on Sunday, January 8, 2012, at the age of 69. He was born in North Dakota and moved to the state of Washington after graduating from high school. He graduated from Central Washington University in Ellensburg, Washington in 1969, and went on to serve in the U.S. Navy, retiring as a Lieutenant Commander. He worked for Lutheran Brotherhood Insurance Company for 30 years, a distinguished career, much of it in management. During that time, he and Ruth lived in Washington and then Iowa before moving to Lebanon, Ohio. Upon retirement, he focused on his Norwegian Fjord horses and enjoyed showing them in a variety of venues with much success. For several years, he felt honored to lead the Lebanon Christmas Carriage parade. Neil served on boards too numerous to name, in each place he lived, lending his amazing visionary skills to many fine organizations. Neil deeply loved his family. He is survived by Ruth M. (Erickson) Sorum, his loving wife of nearly 42 years, as well as his son, Nathan and wife Jamie of Lebanon; daughter, Chelsea, and husband, Adam, of DeWitt, Michigan, and grandchildren, Phillip Sorum, Brianna Sorum, Katelyn Heinlein, Kjersten Heinlein, and

Christian Heinlein. He is also survived by brothers Kenneth (Joan) Sorum, and Gordon Sorum, both of North Dakota, as well as aunts and an uncle, and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. **Published in The Western Star on January 12, 2012**

Alisa Jordheim

Our lodge members and friends have been invited to attend Alisa Jordheim's vocal recital at the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music on Friday, April 20 at 5 PM. Alisa will perform in Watson Hall (P1 level of the CCM parking garage). The program is comprised of all American songs in English and titled "Ages of Woman". The songs all reflect different ages of women throughout a lifetime.

Alisa is a doctoral voice major at CCM, specializing in Scandinavian music and a member of our lodge. This summer, Alisa will be singing with the Central City Opera in Colorado. If you missed the concert Alisa gave for our lodge in Feb., '11, this is an opportunity to hear her beautiful voice.

Ole jokes from Sandy

Ole confided in Lars: "I haven't talked to my wife for two weeks."

Said Lars: "vat's da deal?" Ole answered: "I just didn't want to interrupt her!"

Birthdays

April

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

June

Lance Larsen[2], Clare Williams[7], Fred Sanborn[9], Siri Timo[11], Pam Nelson[13], Joyce Kosobud[23], Foster Opals[23], Dominic Sedler[25], Carol Stone[25], James Lee[27], Carol Luiso[28].

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KALENDER

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May 17th Syttende Mai

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