



SONS OF NORWAY

Edvard Grieg Lodge 657 District 5

Cincinnati-Dayton, Ohio & Kentucky

- First Lodge in Ohio -

Sons, Daughters and Friends of Norway Newsletter

| April 2014

From the President

We give Kristin Szava a huge **thank you** for her presentation about her life in Norway at our March lodge meeting. As Kristin's mother and other family are still in Norway, she goes over to Norway several times a year.

After such a bad winter, the weather people seem to enjoy saying that this was the fourth snowiest on record. I am quite ready for warmer weather. Besides our January lodge meeting, there were several other meetings on my schedule cancelled because of the weather. I had a lot of time to watch it snow.

Along with the issue of weather, I broke a couple of ribs on February 8, in a freaky accident. My accident was not even weather related. I fell in a retail store. The first two weeks after the accident were almost like a big blur. Now I feel like I should be living in double time trying to catch up with so many things to do.

Let's look to the bright side for April and May. They are very busy months for the lodge. We have our regular lodge meetings plus we participate in two festivals.

On Saturday, April 12, for our lodge meeting we will be at the IHOP on Colerain. Then on Saturday, May 17th, we have our annual celebration of Syttende Mai. Saturday, June 21st, will be our 15th annual Summer Solstice picnic at the Mikaloff's. We do not have a lodge meeting in July. Mark August 16 on your calendar now as Kim Pillman will tell us about her trip to Norway and meeting with her many relatives at the family farm.

The last weekend of April is the annual Ashville Viking Festival, where we have a booth. The third weekend of May is the Dayton International Festival where we again have a booth.

There are separate articles about some of these events elsewhere in the newsletter. Hope to see you all soon at one of our lodge events.

Esther Charlton, President.

Reading Circle

May 3 – 2:30 to 4 p.m.



Our Reading Circle will be meeting Saturday, May 3 from 2:30-4 pm. We'll meet again at Panera Bread, across from the Tri-County Mall, 405 East Kemper Rd, Cincinnati 45246.

For this meeting, you'll have an opportunity to share any Scandinavian related books you've been reading.

Everyone is welcome!

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

Birthdays

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].

May

Taylor Luiso[9], Dan Beckman[18], Rachel Jorgensen[22], Erik-Paul Hoffman[27].

June

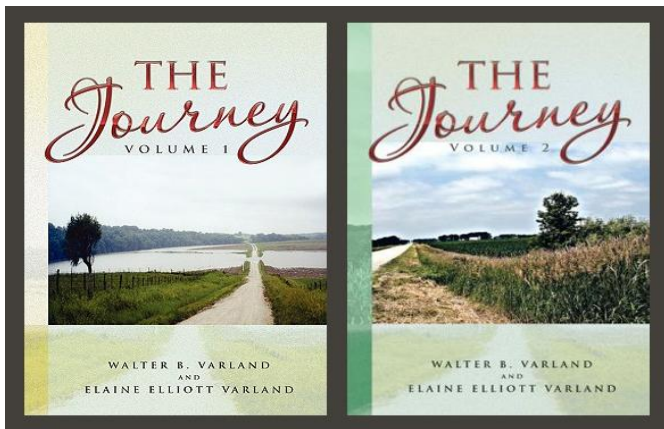
Lance Larsen[2], Clare Williams[7], Fred Sanborn[9], Siri Timo[11], Pam Nelson[13], Karl Hoalst[14], Joyce Kosobud[23], Foster Opals[23], Dominic Sedler[25], James Lee[27], Carol Luiso[28].

Patsy Bannick

The lodge extends its sympathy to Larry Bannick on the passing of his wife Patsy. Since they live in Springfield, Ohio they did not get to many lodge meetings but always enjoyed coming to our Julefest. Patsy had been a member of the lodge since June 2001.

April Lodge Meeting

April 12 – 4 p.m.



Our April lodge meeting will be on Saturday, April 12 at 4 p.m. It will be in the IHOP Community room, 9540 Colerain Ave, Cincinnati Ohio, 45251.

Elaine and Walt Varland will present “From Possibility to Print”.

It would be helpful if you RSVP by April 10 to Esther.

Norse Buffet

April 30 - 6 p.m.

We have become aware of a new event that will be of interest. The Manor House Restaurant at Maple Knoll is doing an International Buffet once a month. April 30 will be the Norse Buffet, so let's give it a try. It is \$12.00 payable at the restaurant. If you would like to go and join other members of the lodge please let Esther know by Monday, April 28.

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

Saturday, May 17th at 3:58 p.m. will be our annual celebration of Syttende Mai, Norway's Constitution Day. This year is the 200th Anniversary of the signing of the Constitution. This will be a potluck dinner at the home of Susie and Glenn Mikaloff. They live in Springboro at 7472 Stone Ridge Dr. 45066. Please bring a dish to share. To RSVP call Susie at 937-748-8121 or Carol Luiso at 513-683-3631.

You could make a whole day of the festivities by going to the Dayton Festival at the Convention Center before or after the potluck.

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 April lodge meeting.

We do need helpers at our booth for the festival. If you can help us during the festival please contact Esther to discuss what times you are available.

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

Summer Solstice

Saturday, June 21

Do mark Saturday, June 21st on your calendar now. That will be our annual swim party and picnic. This will be our 15th time at the Mikaloff's in Springboro for this event. Come at 3 p.m. and enjoy a swim in the pool and at 5 p.m. we will enjoy our picnic supper.

Please call Susie at 937-748-8121 or Esther at 513-923-3798 to RSVP.

Edvard Grieg 5-6572013 Audit Report

The required annual financial audit of the Treasurer's books and all financial and accounting records for the period of January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013 was completed by Per Flem on January 30, 2014, and report sent to the Home Office. All the reports and records were found to be correct and in good order.

Balance: December 31, 2012:	\$3,336.16
Income 2013:	\$2,536.85
Expenses 2013:	\$2,725.15
Balance: December 31, 2013:	\$3,147.86

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Nelson, Treasurer

Norwegian Experience 2014

Once again Sons of Norway is partnering with Borton Overseas to offer one lucky recruiter and their guest an amazing travel experience in Norway! All year, every Sons of Norway member who recruits a new, dues-paying member will be entered into the 2014 Norwegian Experience Recruitment Contest.

The trip, which will be awarded in January of 2015, will include airfare, meals, exclusive travel opportunities and upscale accommodations! Just imagine taking a multi-day land-tour of Norway enjoying some of the most beautiful scenery that Scandinavia has to offer! The best part is that the winner gets to choose their own adventure! Whether you prefer an active trip full of sight-seeing and touring, or a more laid-back vacation, it's up to you!

To enter this year's Norwegian Experience Recruitment Contest all you have to do is recruit one new, dues-paying member and make sure your name is listed in the "Referred By" field. It's as easy as that! Entries are taken from members recruited between January 1st and December 31st, 2014. Also, remember that you can enter as many times as you recruit throughout the year, which increases your chances of winning!