



SONS OF NORWAY

Edvard Grieg Lodge 657 District 5

Cincinnati-Dayton, Ohio & Kentucky
- First Lodge in Ohio -

Sons, Daughters and Friends of Norway Newsletter

May 2018

Notes from Lodge President

It seems as though so much has taken place since our last newsletter. The Winter Olympics were just ending as we began March, but there was more for Norway to celebrate after the 2018 medals! On 14 Mars a Norwegian (Joar Ulsom from Mo i Rana) was the winner of the '18 Iditarod. This is the same city where member Evelyn Rewerts has said her mother was from!

thrilled I would be in what I would see and experience there (and I am listing only Norge things here)! Ice skates belonging to Sonja Henie (three-time Olympic figure skating champion 1928-1936); a signed bib of combined Alpine skiing bronze medalist, Sverre Stenersen (1952); and an outfit signed by the now most decorated Winter Olympian, Marit Bjørgen. All of the torches were fascinating to see up close as well, but especially Oslo '52 and Lillehammer '94; plus the video clip from Lillehammer when the torchbearer jumped from a ski jump holding the lit torch in his hand and at the bottom of the hill handed it over to Crown Prince Haakon Magnus who lit the cauldron! If you'd like to relive some memories of past Olympic torches/pictures/info go to: <https://goo.gl/5uJK5i>



Congratulations to our lodge for meeting the SoN recruitment challenge by increasing membership 10% or greater in 2017! We received a package of gifts from SoN among which included a newly designed Sons of Norway banner (will be displayed at meetings as well as the area festivals in Ashville and Dayton) and a \$200 cash card. Recruiter recognition will take place at our May or June meeting with pins and certificates from SoN. Look for further news in the July newsletter.

In mid-April, Jim and I were in Lausanne, Switzerland which happens to be the home of the International Olympics Committee. On our final morning there, my destination was to visit the Olympic Museum which sits on the hillside of Lake Geneva. I had no idea how



Our April meeting a little over a week ago featured Dr. Tracy Law, who teaches AP Human Geography at the Upper School at Summit Country Day. Tracy gave an outstanding presentation on GeoCamp Iceland. Her pictures were stunning, and her presentation on the geology, history and people of Iceland was fascinating to all. We had a special guest from Gjøvik, Norway join us, Carol Luiso's good friend Solveig Rinnan.



Dr. Tracy Law



Photo of iceberg from GeoCamp Iceland presentation



Photo of iceland from GeoCamp Iceland presentation

I received an email from Tanja Karen Eie who is a Norwegian-American, first generation born/raised in the USA, both parents born/raised in Norway. She is reaching out to all SoN lodges to help promote her new website 'Everything Norwegian'. Some of you may be interested, as Tanja was contacted by Cornell University's Language Resource Center to help with numerous inquiries about the Norwegian language (and why isn't it offered in NY colleges/universities?) which prompted her to start the website: <https://everythingnorwegian.com>

Susan Herman, Lodge President

Upcoming Meetings

Reading Circle & Board Meeting

Saturday, May 5



2:00pm Reading Circle followed by 3:00pm Board Meeting.

All members are welcome at either or both meetings.

Location: Panera Bread (near Tri-County Mall), 405 E. Kemper Rd., Springdale, OH 45246

Contact Susan Herman, 513-227-8790 or susan.herman3501@gmail.com

May lodge meeting

Syttende Mai Celebration (Norway's Constitution Day)!!

Thursday, May 17 at 6:00pm

Potluck dinner at Jim & Susan Herman's home, 3511 Monteith Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45208.

Arrive any time after 5pm. Dinner at 6. Singing, food, fellowship! Meatballs & grilled salmon by Jim. Bring an appetizer, salad, side dish, or dessert. Beverages provided.

RSVP to Jim at jpherman.edvardgrieg@gmail.com or 513-919-5218.

FYI, we will be singing 'Norge i rødt hvitt og blått' on 17 Mai: some examples below, for practice. This is an important Norwegian song, of historical significance, written shortly after the liberation of Norway following World War II. Links:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2asYe7S87CI>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O5K803eg6qE>

(this one has words printed, we will attempt just the first verse unless brave soloists volunteer for additional verses!)

June lodge meeting

Celebrate the Summer Solstice!

Date and Time TBA.

Potluck dinner and Swim (or play Kubb). Susie & Glenn Mikaloff's home, 7472 Stone Ridge Dr., Springboro, OH 45066

RSVP to Jim Herman, Social Director at jpherman.edvardgrieg@gmail.com or 513-919-5218.

Dayton International Festival A World A'Fair

Friday, May 18, 5 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Saturday, May 19, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Sunday, May 21, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.



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 festival is held in the Dayton Convention Center which is at 5th and Main 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 it stamped when they answer a question about the culture of that country.

The lodge will have advance festival tickets for sale at a reduced price of \$5.00. The ticket price is higher if you get them at the festival. Contact Esther Charlton or Nelda Chandler for tickets.

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

We welcome two new lodge members, Nancy Johnson and Peter Lovaas.

Nancy Johnson writes, "I grew up in St. Louis Park, a suburb of Minneapolis, Minnesota. Two of my grandparents were first generation Norwegian Americans and two of my grandparents were Norwegian immigrants. I have traveled to Norway twice, summers of 1976 and 2005."

Peter Lovaas writes, "I am a third generation son of Norway. I was recently gifted a membership after my family took a trip to see the "family" farm last year and was blown away by the familial connection still present in Norway. Currently, I work with individuals with special needs and serve as a fire fighter in a couple of communities in Ohio. I am excited about the opportunity to connect with everyone at the Edvard Grieg Lodge".

Birthdays

May

Arlene Norman[11], Liv Ramstad[15], David Bruestle [22], Marilyn Bossman[27]

June

Lance Larsen[2], Clare Williams[7], Peter Lovaas[10], Siri Anderson[11], Pamela Nelson[13], Karl Hoalst[14], Dominic Sedler[25], James Lee[27], Carol Luiso[28]

July

Janice Ohlsen Betscher[7], Tim Holmen[9], Monica DuShane[13], Maria Luiso[13], Roy Solvik[16], Jorgen Jorgensen[17], Charles Romano[29], Thomas Varland[29], Kristin Szava[31]

Membership Notes

The lodge extends its heartfelt sympathy to Susie Mikaloff on the passing of her father. Many of us remember him because he attended many of our Midsommer picnics in our early years.

We congratulate Ethan Peake as he graduates from Marshall University on May 5. Ethan recently transferred into our lodge. After taking a break from classes, Ethan has thoughts of attending the University of Oslo study law.

At our last lodge meeting several new people showed interest in our lodge. We will highlight them in our next newsletter, after their membership applications are processed.

If you meet anyone that may be interested in Sons of Norway, do pass their name along to me. I will then send them materials on Sons of Norway and our lodge.

Esther Charlton, Membership Secretary

Grant Award

Our lodge submitted an application to the Sons of Norway Foundation for a Lodge Culture and Heritage Grant in December, and received notice on March 22 that we were awarded \$1,000 towards our proposed "Concert of Scandinavian Songs" by soprano Alisa Jordheim (a member of our lodge). Alisa is currently in France through the end of May performing 1st Knappe in Parsifal at the Opéra Bastille (Opéra national de Paris). We look forward to scheduling this concert with Alisa around her busy performance schedule. Many of you may have heard Alisa in concert/recital here in Cincinnati when she was pursuing her DMA at CCM/UC. You can read about and hear Alisa at her website: <http://www.alisasuzannejordheim.com/>.

Jim Herman, Social Director.

D5 Convention/Folk Art Fair, Cultural Skills Classes Info



June 27-30 will be the District 5 Convention in LaCrosse, WI. Edvard Grieg lodge delegates are Susan Herman, Liv Ramstad and Kathy Skinner. Esther Charlton is a delegate serving as D5 Cultural Director.

There will be a folk art fair as part of the convention where anyone is invited to showcase their talent: rosemaling, wood carving, painting, knitting,

needlework, knife making, other traditional craft. If you are not attending, you can send your Folk Art with delegates. (Wergeland Lodge Convention Committee reserves a commission of 20% on any sales of displayed materials.)

Cultural Skills Classes are open to any members (delegates or non-delegates) attending. Some of these are: hardanger, Sami bracelet (wire weaving), genealogy, and intermediate knitting headband.

For more information, go to:

<http://sonsofnorway5.com/> and click on the District Convention tab.

Norwegian Flag Days



Mai (May)

- 1 - Arbeidernes Dag/Labor Day in Norway
- 8 - V-E Day, Frigjøringsdagen, 1945
- 17 - Syttende Mai/Norway's Constitution Day
- 20 - Pinsedag (Whitsunday)/Pentecost

Juni (June)

- 7 - Unionsoppløsningen (Norway-Sweden Union dissolved, 1905)

Juli (July)

- 4 - H.M. Queen Sonja, 1937
- 20 - Crown Prince Haakon Magnus, 1973
- 29 - St. Olav's Day (Olsok)

'We promise not to have sex on roundabouts', says Norway students after plea by authorities

From THE LOCAL no

Upper secondary school students in Ringsaker Norway have promised not to have sex on roundabouts, much to the delight of the Norwegian Public Roads Administration (NPRA).

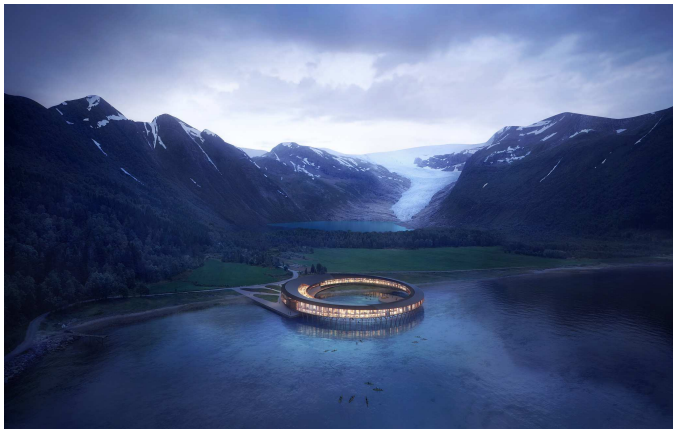
Earlier this week, the authority's director Terje Moe Gustavsen commented on reports that traditional final term celebrations (russefeiring in Norwegian) by upper secondary school (gymnasium) pupils in the town included having sex on roundabouts and running naked on bridges.



Photo: sorokopud/Depositphotos

“I hardly want to be seen as a killjoy or as Aunt Sofie. But dear graduates: Ringsaker has 97 other challenges to choose from. I'm sure that is also the case elsewhere in the country,” Gustavsen wrote in a blog posted on NPRA's website.

World's First Powerhouse Hotel



The world's first energy-positive hotel will be nestled on the Svartisen glacier, about 1,000 miles north of Oslo. The hotel Svart, meaning “black” in Norwegian, will be built above the Arctic Circle and will be accessible only by boat. The Arctic's first “powerhouse” is expected to reduce energy consumption by almost 85 percent compared to a regular hotel.

Svart will be built in a circular form due to the study of how mapping of solar radiation behaves.

The hotel's energy will be produced by solar panels that will be strategically placed to retain the sun's energy. With expectations to preserve the pristine Northern Norwegian nature, architectural firm Snøhetta has designed the hotel to be built primarily out of environmental materials like wood and stone.

Expected to open in 2021, the hotel will rest on the bottom of the pristine Arctic waters, offering visitors panoramic views of the fjord and glacier.

To learn more about Svart, visit <https://snohetta.com/projects/366-svart>.

Norwegian Stick Bread



- 8 Cups flour
- 4 Tbsp. sugar
- 1 Tsp. salt
- 3 Tsp. baking powder
- 2¼ Cups water
- 1 Tbsp. oil
- Flour for dusting
- Sticks for cooking bread

Wash all sticks so that they are free of dirt. Hazel wood sticks seem to work best.

Combine all dry ingredients in a large bowl and stir to mix well.

Dust your hands with flour and gently knead the dough a few times. Make sure the stick is wet prior to wrapping it in dough so that the stick does not burn in the fire.

Form 1/2 C. dough into a long ribbon. Wrap dough around the stick.

Place on grill and rotate frequently until bread is browned equally on each side.

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