



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

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

Meetings

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.

August 25 - Gro Marthinussen, exchange student
from Fredrikstad, Norway "Why I wanted to be an
exchange student"

September 22 - Karen Linser, Art teacher, CPS, will
give a program on Edvard Munch at the IHOP on
Colerain

President's Message

Hallo Allesammen! (Hello everyone!)

Gledig Sommer! (Happy Summer!)

It is with a sad heart that I announce that Per Flem
is resigning his position as Editor of our newsletter.
Thank you Per for doing a great job with this all
these years! We are currently looking to fill his
shoes, if you are interested, please let a board
member know.

Tusen, tusen takk til Carol Stone (A thousand
thanks to Carol Stone) for hosting our April Movie
Afternoon Meeting! Those of us that attended
thoroughly enjoyed the hospitality with all the movie
type goodies and watching the wonderful film,
Sweet Land.

Unfortunately, with Kari Poe in rehab after her fall,
we were unable to celebrate 17 Mai in true
Norwegian fashion. In honor of the day, several of
us, including our District Vice President Burt Bittner
and his wife Jean who live in Indianapolis, enjoyed a

lunch at IKEA instead. With a Norwegian flag
tablecloth and horns that the kids enjoyed, we sat
and talked of our travels and enjoyed each other's
company.



*Drawing by Don Stephenson who visited the booth at the
Dayton Festival.*

In June, we look forward to the Annual Summer
Solstice Pool Party at the home of Susie and Glenn
Mikaloff. Bring your bathing suits and a side dish

and enjoy the day poolside! July will be a vacation month as it has been the past several years and we will resume meetings in August again. If you ever have an idea or a desire for a meeting, please let us know!

I hope this finds everyone doing well, and enjoying these beautiful days. I know the temperatures remind me of Norway and make me miss it even more than I already do. Hope to see you in a few weeks!

Hilsen,

Nina Downs

Dayton International Festival

A sincere thank you to those lodge members that came to help at our booth (Sharon Smythe, Teresa & Tom Lowen, Rod & Lenora Krokum, Larry Bannick & Ciera, Nelda Chandler and Bob Charlton). We greatly appreciate all your efforts for the lodge. Maybe next year some more of you will be able to help us in Dayton, it is a lot of fun.

We talked to people about Sons of Norway, and our lodge. We stamped the kids passports and sold Norwegian items, like trolls and fuzzy Vikings. We made a tidy sum to add to our lodge treasury.



Esther "trolling" in Dayton.

Membership

We welcome our newest member to the lodge, Aida Storetvedt. Aida is the daughter of Leif Torkelsen who was a charter member of our lodge. Aida loaned us her two foot troll for our booth at the Dayton Festival. The troll was a huge hit with the crowds as many took photos of their family members with the troll.

If you need information on the process of membership, contact me.

Esther Charlton, Membership Secretary.

World Choir Games

The choir games will be in Cincinnati from July 4-14. There will two Norwegian choirs here for it. The EDT choir will be here the first week, and the World Festival Choir will be here the second week. When we have details of the exact times they will perform, we will put them on our lodge website. At the moment they are still working on the logistics of everything.

This event is the world's biggest international choral competition. It embraces the Olympic idea that taking part is the highest honor, and it is coming to our hometown of Cincinnati.

A huge thank you goes to our lodge members that are going to be volunteers as choir hosts. I know we will all have a lot of fun.

In my thinking, the airport is going to be overwhelmed when all of these choirs arrive on July 3. If you have any questions about the World Choir Games, contact me as I am on one of the committees.

Thanks, Esther Charlton

Reading Circle

Our next Reading Circle meeting will focus on Henrik Ibsen's play "Ghosts" and any other plays by Ibsen that members have read.

The Reading Circle is a casual, friendly group who enjoy reading Norwegian or Scandinavian related books. We don't always read the same books, but every meeting we offer up a new book or two and then borrow from each other.

We meet at Panera Bread, across from the Tri-County Mall. 405 E. Kemper Rd 45246. The next meeting is Saturday, July 28, at 2:30 p.m.

We welcome new members!

For more information or to RSVP for Reading Circle, contact Carol Luiso, 513.683.3631 or

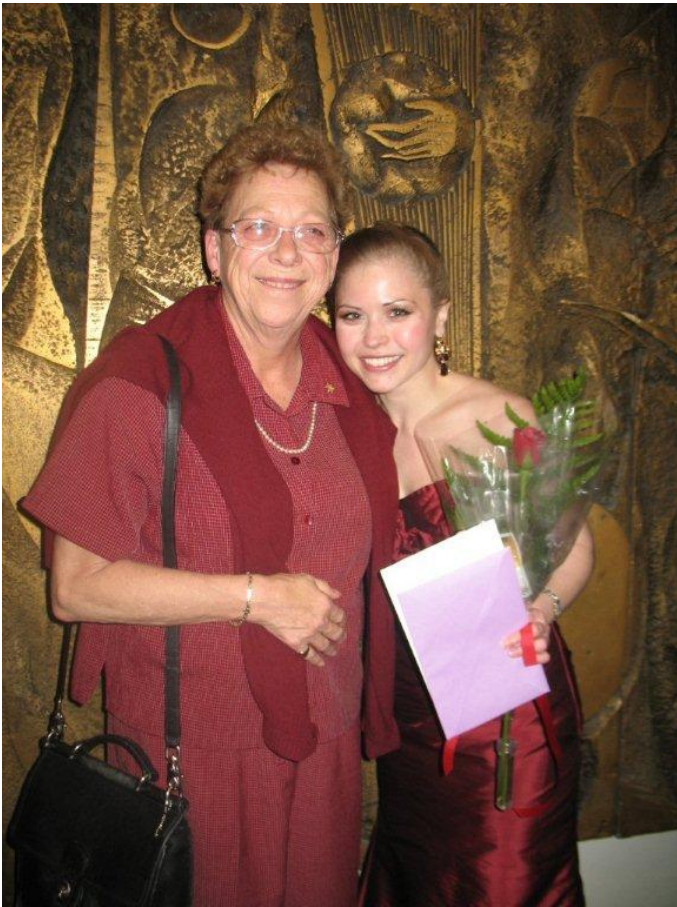
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Alisa Jordheim

Several of our lodge members attended Alisa Jordheim's vocal recital at the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music, April 20.

Alisa is a doctoral voice major at CCM, specializing in Scandinavian music and a member of our lodge.

In the fall of 2013, she hopes to go to Norway to study for the school year 2013-14. She has already been given an extension by the University in Oslo, and hopes to re-apply for the Fulbright Scholarship, as well as other Scholarships. She will not get her final degree until she has completed all the requirements. She is delaying some of them on purpose until she returns from Norway, in the hopes of having more to contribute."



Trine Wernes and Alisa Jordheim

Alisa will be singing with the Denver Opera this summer. In August, she will be going to Milwaukee, WI, where she has been hired for the next year to sing at their Opera. She is really very excited about doing that, as she is after all a voice major. She will have to return to Cincinnati periodically to do some of the work required toward her degree. It might be

in late summer, or as late as early winter, she isn't quite sure yet. I hope to be able to see her then.

Humor from Alene

- ~Jokes about German sausage are the wurst.
- ~How does Moses make his tea? Hebrews it.
- ~This girl said she recognized me from the vegetarian club, but I'd never met herbivore.
- ~I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I just can't put it down.
- ~They told me I had type-A blood, but it was a Type-O.
- ~We're going on a class trip to the Coca-Cola factory. I hope there's no pop quiz.
- ~When you get a bladder infection, urine trouble.
- ~Broken pencils are pointless.
- ~I tried to catch some fog, but I mist.
- ~England has no kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool.
- ~I used to be a banker, but then I lost interest.
- ~I dropped out of communism class because of lousy Marx.
- ~I got a job at a bakery because I kneaded dough.
- Velcro - what a rip off!
- ~A cartoonist was found dead in his home. Details are sketchy.
- ~The earthquake in Washington obviously was the government's fault.

Birthdays

June

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

July

Janice Ohlsen Betscher[7], Tim Holmen[9], Elaine Varland[10], Maria Luiso[13], Roy Solvik[16], Gunn Gronnerud Hysell[17], Jorgen Jorgensen[17], Cheryl Vargas[22], Gary Morem[26], Tom Varland[29], Kristin Szava[31].

August

Yvonne Anne Joy[5], Sandy Nelson[12], Austin Scherbarth[13], Diane Flautt[14], Jean Crocker-Lakness[15], Benjamin Downs[27], Melanie Petreman[29].

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June23 Summer Solstice at Mikaloff's

August25 Norwegian Exchange Student

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