



SONS OF NORWAY

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Sons, Daughters and Friends of Norway Newsletter

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From the President

Our lodge has had a very busy couple of months.

First off, we wish to thank Sonja and Glenn Kinney for the presentation of their trips to Norway. They went on Brekke Tours, a tour operator and destination specialist to Scandinavia that produces escorted tour packages, as well as heritage tours to Norway. Nelda Chandler, Linda Burge and I have all enjoyed a Norwegian tour by Brekke.

On the last weekend of April we had a booth at the Ashville Viking Festival. We want to thank Sylvia Casas, Dianne Clark, Larry Bannick and granddaughter Ciera, who all came to help us. It was one of those weekends when it was so beautiful on Saturday, and the totally opposite on Sunday. On Sunday it rained most of the day, but it made that day somehow more Viking.

The third weekend of May found lodge members split at two locations. There was the annual Syttende Mai potluck at Susie and Glenn Mikahoff's and from all accounts everyone had a great time.

At the same time, Dayton's World A'Fair International Festival was taking place at the Dayton Convention Center. A huge round of thanks goes to those helping us at the festival: Nelda Chandler, Sharon Smythe, Rob Jorgensen and Rachel, Teresa and Tom Lowen, Larry Bannick and granddaughter Ciera. An extra big thanks goes to my hubby Bob who had the late shift with me as we closed up the booth on Friday and Saturday at 11 p.m. Our hottest selling item at the festival was Fuzzy Vikings.

On Saturday, May 25, we co-hosted the Scandinavian Society's Norwegian Dinner in honor of Syttende Mai. Several lodge members attended in their bunads, including Sharon Smythe, Carol Luiso and Myself. Part of the program was Jim Nelson, a Sons of Norway member from Indianapolis, telling of his years living in Norway.

Now we will look ahead to some of our future meetings and special events. Things are fairly planned out thru December but some have a few details to firm up. There will be no official lodge meeting in July.

Esther Charlton, President

Summer Solstice Picnic

June 15 – 3:00 p.m.

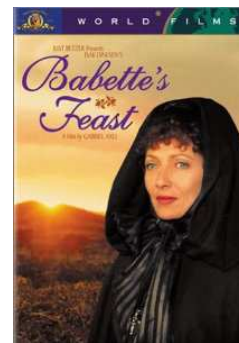
Saturday, June 15th, will be our 14th annual Summer Solstice picnic at Susie and Glenn Mikahoff's. Come at 3 p.m. and enjoy the pool. At 5 we will enjoy Glenn's famous burgers.

Reading Circle

July 6 – 2:00 p.m.

The Reading Circle will meet Saturday, July 6 at the home of Carol Luiso. We'll watch the film *Babette's Feast*, which in 1987 became the first Danish film to win the Academy Award for Best Foreign Language Film. The film is based on the short story included in the book *Anecdotes of Destiny* by Isak Dinesen (pen name for Karen Blixen).

There are several copies of the book available through the Cincinnati Library system. The story has a powerful spiritual message mixed up with French cooking and humor. We'll start the movie at 2 p.m. All are welcome to join us.



RSVP to Carol Luiso and for directions.
CHLuiso@aol.com or 513.683.3631

Voice of America Museum Tour

August 17 – 2:00 p.m.

Our August 17th meeting will be a tour of the Voice of America Museum (A National Treasure) located at 8070 Tylersville Road, West Chester, OH 45069) at 2:00 PM.

www.voamuseum.org.



Voice of America Bethany Station: 1942–1992

There is no entrance fee, however, a contribution of at least \$5.00 per person for ages 12 to adult and \$1.00 for children 11 or younger is suggested. The tour will be approximately 1 hour and start with a 20 minute film.

“This facility was even known by Adolph Hitler - he referred to us as ‘The Cincinnati Liars’. It was a badge of honor that was relished by the workers as they pumped out over 1.5 Megawatts of RF from this station, purposely built to project American news and views around the world”!

(Kids: Take this opportunity to get information for an interesting topic to report on for the school year ahead)!

Go directly to irresistible *Graeter’s* for ice cream after the tour!! It is about 5 minutes from the VOA Museum. Location: 7651 Cox Lane (Corner of Cox Lane and University Drive near the West Chester Hospital). Yum, yum!

Note: There is an abundance of shopping and dining available. VOA Park offers a dog park, fishing lake with a paved 1.4 mile walking path around it, cross country course and grassland/birding area.

www.butlercountymetroparks.org/voa.asp

Please direct questions to Sandy Nelson @ 513.336.9810 or sneL1234@fuse.net. RSVP not necessary, but appreciated.

Hardanger Fiddle Concert

September 21



Saturday, September 21, we will host a hardanger fiddle concert by Hillary Wagner. This will be at Friendship United Methodist Church.

A Mighty Fortress is Our Basement

October 4

A Mighty Fortress is Our Basement will be at La Comedia Dinner Theatre in Springboro this fall.



Many from our lodge and guests have enjoyed attending the previous two hilariously funny “Church Basement Ladies”. Now the ladies of East Cornucopia Lutheran Church of the Prairie are back for the third time. This play takes place in 1960 and a reformation is underway. Against the changing tide, they stand strong in their faith and in their friendships.

We have reserved 20 tickets for the Friday matinee on October 4th. The cost is \$40.00 per ticket (group rate) which includes lunch and parking. The meal is served at 11:15 AM and the show is over at approximately 3:00 PM.

We have excellent seating! The deadline for holding our reservation is August 1st and payment to either Carol or Sandy by August 31st. If you would like to join us, please contact either Carol Luiso 513.683.3631 CHLuiso@aol.com OR Sandy Nelson 513.336.9810 sneL1234@fuse.net.

I Remember Mama

November 16

Saturday, November 16, we will go as a group to see *I Remember Mama* at The Loveland Stage Company.

Annual Julefest

December 14 – 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 14 - 4 p.m. Annual Julefest at Augsburg Lutheran Church.

Birthdays

June

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

July

Janice BetscherOhlsen[7], Tim Holmen[9], Elaine Varland[10], Maria Luiso[13], Roy Solvik[16], Jorgen Jorgensen[17], Gary Morem[26], Tom Varland[29], Kristin Szava[31].

August

Carl Goodison[4], Yvonne Joy[5], Sandra Nelson[12], Austin Scherbarth[13], Diane Flautt[14], Jean Crocker-Lakness[15], Arlene Goodison[22], Benjamin Downs[27], Melanie Petreman[29].

Blueberry Dessert Recipe

Mange takk to Susie and Glenn Mikaloff for hosting Syttende Mai. It's great to have Susie and Glenn back in Ohio and the lodge. Despite the rain, we had a good attendance and a delicious potluck.

There were many requests for Joan Guenther's recipe for Blueberry Dessert. She is happy to share it with us.



Blueberry Dessert

Mix:

2 small pkg. of raspberry jello

2 cups hot water

Allow to cool

Add: 1 lg. can crushed pineapple (undrained) and 1 can of blueberry pie filling

Let set until solid in a 9 X 13 inch pan.

Topping:

1 – 8 oz. pkg. cream cheese

½ pint sour cream

½ cup sugar

1 tsp. vanilla

Mix with beater and spread on top.

Works best if made a day ahead.

Sven & Ole Humor

So, Ole asks Sven, "Why do scuba divers always fall backwards off 'der boats?" To which Sven replies, "Well, you know, if they fell forwards they'd still be in de boat!"

World's First Ship Tunnel in Norway

by SON Viking E-Post



Early plans are underway to build the world's first ship tunnel in Selje, Norway. Coined the Stad maritime tunnel, the large-scale project will link two fjords, bypassing the treacherous and exposed coastal waters surrounding the Stad peninsula and boring through the base of a 1,600 ft. mountain plateau.

The first of its kind, the Stad maritime tunnel will differ from barge canals, like France's Canal du Midi, due to its scale. Measuring 148 ft. high, 118 ft. wide and one mile long, the tunnel will accommodate up to 17,600-ton freight and passenger ships like those used by Hurtigruten.

Pending approval from parliament, the construction is expected to begin in 2018 at the earliest and will require building a cofferdam (a watertight enclosure) on opposing ends of the site to allow excavation to take place. Once engineers complete blasting and drilling through the rock at sea level, the cofferdams will be removed and the sea will flood the 39 ft. deep channel. In all, the project will take four years to complete and is anticipated to cost 1.6 billion kroner (\$273 million). With one billion kroner financed by the Norwegian government as part of their 10-year transportation plan, it is still unclear how the remaining portion will be financed.

Although the tunnel's creation will not shorten travel time, proponents say that its creation will increase safety, as the conditions around the peninsula are notorious for high winds and stormy conditions. A review conducted by Nordfjord Vekst, the organization behind the tunnel plans, found 46 accidents and near-accidents and 33

deaths had occurred in the waters surrounding the Stad peninsula since the end of World War II.

More Ole Humor

Ole lived across the river from Clarence Bunsen, whom he didn't like at all. They were yelling across the river at each other all the time.

Ole would yell to Clarence, "If I had a way to cross dis river, I'd come over dere an beat you up good, yeah sure ya betcha by golly!"

This went on for years. Finally, the local district built a bridge across the river right there by their houses. Ole's wife, Lena, asks, "Now is your chance, Ole. Vhy don't you go over dere and beat up dat Clarence like you said you vud?"

Ole replied, "OK, by yimmy, I tink I vill do yust dat!"

Ole started for the bridge, but he saw a sign on the bridge and stopped to read it, then turned around and came back home. Lena asked, "Vhy did you come back?"

Ole said, "Lena, I tink I changed my mind 'bout beatin' up dat Clarence. You know, when I yell at him from across the river he don't look so big. But dey put a sign on da bridge dat says "Clarence is 13 ft. 6 in."

Membership

We have several new members to introduce to the lodge. Erik-Paul Hoffman has joined the lodge. He lives in the Finneytown area of Cincinnati.

Our other new members are Arlene and Carol Goodison. They have moved around a bit while in the military but decided to make Ludlow Falls their new home area. Their daughter will soon become one of our heritage members.

If you know of someone that may be interested in our lodge do give us their name. We will then send them a membership application along with other pertinent information on Sons of Norway.

We Need You!

There are a few open positions on our board that are in need of a person like you. Here are our needs:

Social Director. Needed to help co-ordinate our lodge meetings and take the reservations.

Membership Director. Needed to facilitate questions on membership and process membership applications.

We are also in need of a person to help with publicity as we would like to get notices of our lodge meetings in the newspapers.

If you would like to discuss any of these positions, please call Esther Charlton.

Connect with NorwayConnects *by* *SON Viking E-Post*



Spring is in the air and that means it's graduation season! Across the country, students are finishing up their classes and looking towards the future. For some this will mean graduate school but for most it means joining the work force. Finding a job in a chosen field can feel like a daunting task; finding a position abroad is an even more difficult hurdle. Fortunately, Sons of Norway has a solution - NorwayConnects.

Launched earlier this year, Sons of Norway's newest site connects young adults with employers and resources from across North America and Norway. This allows the NorwayConnects to be a one stop shop for job advice, financial tips and more.

Do you know someone graduating this spring? Encourage them to start their job search on NorwayConnects. Here's a more in-depth look at just some of the benefits:

Job search help. Sons of Norway has partnered with organizations and businesses to bring you excellent careers not only in the United States, but Canada and Norway as well. Plus, uploading a resume helps employers find users to fill their open positions. Don't forget, job hunting is a learned skill. That's why we've included information about topics like crafting the perfect resume or ensuring your cover letter stands out.

Great articles. Do you know of someone looking to move abroad? Struggling with student loan payments? On NorwayConnects, our articles will walk readers through some of the more challenging aspects of becoming an adult. Since articles are updated twice a week users will always find something fresh and relevant.

Volunteer opportunities. Giving back to the community is important, that's why we included a volunteer section for organizations to post community service opportunities. Plus, we'll showcase how users can turn volunteer work into a career or an opportunity to travel abroad!

Let's not forget about high school graduates either. On NorwayConnects, new or prospective college students can find information about colleges and universities offering Norwegian or Scandinavian studies programs, study abroad opportunities, scholarships and more. We've even included information about Norwegian folk high schools!

What are you waiting for? Send your graduate to NorwayConnects.org today!

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