



SONS OF NORWAY

# Edvard Grieg Lodge 657 District 5

Cincinnati-Dayton, Ohio & Kentucky

- First Lodge in Ohio -

Sons, Daughters and Friends of Norway Newsletter

June 2014

## From the President

It is nice to be enjoying such wonderful weather after a horrible winter with so much snow.

We want to thank Elaine and Walt Varland for their program for our lodge meeting on April 12. I had heard about self-publishing but hearing Elaine describe the process was very interesting.



*Elaine Varland describing the process of self-publishing.*

The Ashville Viking Festival was very successful this year. We had wonderful weather on both Saturday and Sunday. Big thanks to Sylvia Casas and Diane Clark who came to help us. They both live in the Columbus area. Larry Bannick came to help us set up on Saturday morning.



*Ed Vallette at Ashville Viking Festival*

We do regret to inform the lodge of the passing of Ed Vallette on May 12. Ed and Nancy Vallette had done a couple of programs for the lodge over the years on their Viking group and on the Ashville Viking Festival. All of our sympathy goes to Nancy.

Rod Krokum and his wife are in the process of moving to Columbia, South Carolina to be near to his daughter. We will miss Rod and Lenore as they had enjoyed helping us at the Dayton festival. We wish them much luck in their move.

We want to thank Alene Rice for all she has done for the lodge. She was our lodge treasurer early on and has been our Tubfrim chair for several years. Her daughter Margay, who lives in Norway, has presented programs to the lodge when she has been here visiting. Much thanks to Alene for all her dedication to the lodge. For the time being you may give your stamps to me until we have another Tubfrim chair.

Our booth at the Dayton International Festival was very successful this year. Our hot item was fuzzy Vikings and we sold 55 of them. A big thanks to all of our helpers; Nelda Chander, Sharon Smythe, Larry Bannick, Arlene Goodison, Tim and Connie Holmen, Teresa Lowen, and even husband Bob.

We hope to see you on June 21 at our picnic, to celebrate Summer Solstice. See details elsewhere in the newsletter.

At the end of June will be the bi-annual district convention. Our lodge delegates to the convention will be Carol Luiso, Sharon Smythe and Bob Charlton. There will be a lot of sharing of ideas at the convention.

Yours, Esther Charlton, President

## Reading Circle

Sept 6 – 2:30 to 4 p.m.



The Reading Circle is taking a summer vacation! We'll still be reading on our own any Scandinavian books we choose and then telling about them when we meet Saturday, Sept 6 from 2:30-4 p.m. at Panera Bread.

Panera Bread is located across from the Tri-County Mall, 405 E. Kemper Road, Cincinnati 45246. New members are welcome anytime. Wishing you all a relaxing summer.

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

## Birthdays

### June

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

### July

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

### August

Carol Goodison[4], Yvonne Joy[5], Sandy Nelson[12], Austin Scherbarth[13], Diane Flautt[14], Jean Croker-Lakness[15], Arlene Goodison[22], Benjamin Downs[27], Alisa Suzanne Jordheim[29].

## Summer Solstice

Saturday, June 21

Saturday, June 21 is the date for our annual swim party and picnic in celebration of the solstice.

This will be our 15th time at the Mikaloff's in Springboro for this fun event. Come at 3 p.m. and

enjoy a swim in the pool and at 5 p.m. we will enjoy our picnic supper. Bring a picnic dish to share, snacks, salads, or desserts.

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

## Remember No Lodge Meeting in July

## August Lodge Meeting

Saturday, August 16

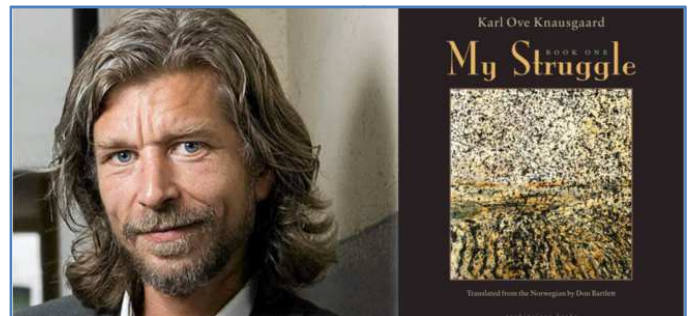
Our August lodge meeting will be a cookout at the home of Kim and Mike Pillman starting at 2 p.m. Plan to bring a dish to share, snacks, salads or desserts.

Kim will tell us about her trip to Norway "Dream of a lifetime and surprises".

More details and directions in the next newsletter.

## Karl Ove Knausgard

By Esther Charlton



While flipping thru my Time magazine I came upon a two page article on Karl Ove Knausgard. Karl is a Norwegian author whose first novel, *Out of the World*, won the Norwegian Critics Prize for Literature in 1998.

The Time article focused on the third volume of his six-volume novel, *My Struggle*, which was to be published on May 27. *My Struggle* is very much autobiographical,

Many of his family have stopped talking to him because of the reality he has put in the books. I am sure we will be seeing an article about Karl in the Viking soon.

## Two Norwegians are behind the world's smallest computer

By SON Viking E-Post



Norwegian TV moguls Stig Eide Sivertsen and Hein Espen Hattestad are going to take on the world using a computer weighing less than an ounce.

Finansavisen reports that Sivertsen and Hattestad have backed Norwegian technology company FXI Technologies with 5.25 million kroner to bring the world's smallest computer to the mass market.

A year ago FXI Technologies started sales of the mini-computer Cotton Candy, which weighs less than an ounce and at just over 3 inches, is about the size of a thumbdrive. According to Finansavisen it plugs into any free-standing monitor or TV to function as a full-fledged computer. FXI Technologies published a video to explain how their "Any Screen Microcomputer" fits into the user's technology needs.

"When two TV people like us get into this, you understand that we think this is very interesting," Stig Eide Sivertsen told Finansavisen. Sivertsen joins as a smaller investor and is chairman of the board, while Hattestad's company Exoid Ventrue enters with 5.25 million crowns that will be issued to the company in 3 installments. The current net worth of the company is estimated at ten million crowns (\$1.66 million)

Sivertsen and Hattestad know each other well from the time that they were top managers of Norway's major television distributors. Hattestad was Head of Viasat for many years, while Sivertsen led competitor Canal Digital via the holding company

Telenor Broadcast. The two battled for years over customers of satellite television, but also worked together during the large channel switch with channels TV3 and TV2 in the mid-2000s.

LAPTOP magazine published a review of the FXI Cotton Candy, calling it "not just a[n] intriguing mobile device but the beginnings of a powerful new platform."

## Midsummer night Eve in Norway



Midsummer night Eve, also named 'St.Hans Aften' or 'Jonsok-kveld', depending on where you live in Norway, is celebrated on the evening of June 23, with bonfires late into the night. There's an old custom for a girl to pick seven types of flowers and sleep with them under her pillow, in order to dream of her future husband. Many celebrations include eating cream porridge called rømmegrøt and toasting the summer night with friends.

## Ole Humor

Ole was never very bright in school, but one day the teacher started speak'en his language. She asked the class, "Can anyone use the words defense, defeat and detail in one sentence?" Ole sprang to his feet with his arm stretched in the air. The teacher very surprised, told him to go ahead. Ole proudly stated, "Ven de horse jumps over de fence de tail comes after de feet."

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