



SONS OF NORWAY

Edvard Grieg Lodge 657 District 5

Cincinnati-Dayton, Ohio & Kentucky

- First Lodge in Ohio -

Sons, Daughters and Friends of Norway Newsletter

July 2017

Notes from Lodge President Susan Herman

Greetings to all of you! I hope you all had a wonderful 4th of July weekend. The slight delay of this newsletter is due to me 'sitting back' with my family and just enjoying quality time together. At a request from my daughter, I made heart waffles for brunch on the 4th. We enjoyed playing Kubb each evening on our small front lawn. After hearing our roaring cheers, neighbors and friends joined us a couple eves to watch or play. Kubb may well catch on: on our beach vacation, ten+ people each afternoon would stop and ask what we were playing, or just watch! (You can order Kubb through Ingebretsens.com, Amazon, or check p. 21 of June issue of Viking.)



Kubb at the beach - questions from many curious onlookers!



Kubb at the beach - Jim Herman tossing baton

We have some fun meetings scheduled for this Fall, and we all look forward to being together and celebrating Julefest in December! Watch for more information to come in the next several months on 'ignite' ideas in the works for Edvard Grieg Lodge.

Ha en flott sommer, Susan

Tusen Takk

Thanks to Esther for hosting our April meeting at her church. A fascinating presentation with pictures was given by Kristiane Straetkvern, conservator of the Viking Ship "Roskilde 6" which was on display at the Cincinnati Museum Center through April 23. Kristiane, originally from Hamar, Norway, has lived in Denmark since 1985 where she has been conservator at the National Museum of Denmark, Frederiksberg, working with archeological wood since 1988. Her pictures and detailed presentation from the discovery in about 1996 of the Roskilde 6 in waters off Denmark's coast, to its display in Copenhagen in 2009, the idea for it to "travel" to other locations (London and Berlin in 2013-14), to the USA in 2016 made for a wonderful afternoon. We thank the Scandinavian Society of Cincinnati Foundation for their assistance with this special program.



Kristiane Straetkvern and Susan Herman

Tusen Takk II and III

Syttende Mai was held at Susie & Glenn Mikaloff's home and was a celebration for all of us as well as 3 guests from Colorado. Jamie and her two daughters found our meeting on our website and dropped in to celebrate with us! They were on a tour of parts of the US as part of home school projects and were in Ohio on May 17. How fun to share stories and hear some about their lodge back in Colorado.



Syttende Mai - Jamie's daughter from CO



Syttende Mai - all enjoying food and conversation

The June Summer Solstice party was also at the Mikaloff's where we enjoyed fabulous 'Bjorn burgers' as well as other delicious dishes and

desserts. Kubb was played after dinner, and some members enjoyed the pool!



Summer Solstice - members in line for fabulous food!



Summer Solstice - Our host, Susie Mikaloff

Upcoming Meetings

August Lodge Meeting



On Saturday, August 19, at 3 p.m. we will visit the lovely home of Laurie and Paul Johnson. Do bring a snack to share. Laurie will demonstrate the making of Rommegrot, a traditional Norwegian porridge. We will also play Crazy Bingo.

Their address is 2765 North Waynesville Rd, Oregonia, OH 45054. Call Laurie at 513-932-8291 or email plj2605@gmail.com for more information and to RSVP.

September Lodge Meeting

On Saturday, September 23, we will meet in the Sharonville Library community room. We will do a potluck salad lunch at noon. After lunch we will do one of our favorites, "Bring a Thing"/"Show and Tell". Bring something of your Norwegian heritage to share with the group. It can be an item or just a family story.

The Sharonville Public Library is at 10980 Thornview Dr. Cincinnati, Ohio 45241. Please RSVP to Esther Charlton 513-923-3798 or esthersofn@aol.com.

Future Dates

Here are some future dates to mark on your calendars. Our October lodge meeting will be on October 14, and this will feature our annual White Elephant Auction to benefit the Sons of Norway Foundation. The November meeting will be on November 11, The program will be on Norway and WWII. As you see we do try and locate our lodge meetings at various locations around the city and area. If you have a suggestion for a location or wish to host a lodge meeting, let Susan or Esther know your thoughts.

Festival Recaps

Our lodge has a busy spring with the two festivals in which we participate. We want to thank Charles Romano for coming and helping us set up at the Ashville Viking Festival. His help was greatly appreciated. We had a good location this year but the weather did not cooperate. We had hard rain most of Saturday.

We had some people put in extra time at the Dayton International Festival. Just as Esther was about to go to Dayton, on Friday the hospital called and said it's time to move your husband. Besides Nelda Chandler and Sharon Smythe, who were at the booth most of the time, Tim and Connie Holmen and Teresa Lowen put in a lot of extra time to help at our booth. Katherine Sanders came to help us set up the booth and she and her husband Scott came on Sunday to help tear down and pack up our stuff. A huge round of thanks, to all those, that helped with our lodge's biggest fundraiser of the year.

Birthdays

July

Janice Ohlsen Betscher[7], Tim Holmen[9], Elaine Varland[10], Monica DuShane[13], Maria Luiso[13], Roy Solvik[16], Jorgen Jorgensen[17], Katherine Herman[23], Gary Morem[26], Charles Romano[29], Thomas Varland[29], Kristin Szava[31].

August

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

September

Kjell Evensen[3], Ordelle Hill[4], Nancy Vallette[6], Glen Smith, Jr[14], Charles Reeder[15], Larry Welin[19], Chris Butterworth[20], JoAnn Krogh[26], James P. Herman[28].

Members recuperating

We think of two of our members, Bob Charlton, and Evelyn Rewerts, as they each continue to heal, gain strength and progress in their recovery/recoup time.

The Pig is back!

At the May 6 board meeting the members agreed to display Piggy the little red bank.

It will be displayed at all meetings where Piggy will welcome all financial donations from our lodge.

The Sons of Norway Foundation has given over \$1,000,000 in funds for grants, educational scholarships, cross cultural exchanges, and humanitarian efforts. Through these activities the Foundation is able to affect members positively.

Books Donated

This past spring, our lodge received books donated by Bob & Sue Price. The books had belonged to Bob's parents, Robert and Adelaide Price, long time members of our lodge. Books that were not duplicates of Edvard Grieg Lodge library were added to our library. Any duplicates were then made available to members at recent meetings with the opportunity to choose from them and any remaining to be sold at Festivals or Julefest Butikk.

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