



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

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

Meetings

August 25 - Gro Marthinussen, exchange student from Fredrikstad, Norway will talk about "Why I wanted to be an exchange student", at the home of Laurie & Paul Johnson.

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

October 20 – Waffles, Raffles & Variety Show, at the Clubhouse at Mallard, More details later on the lodge website and next newsletter.

President's Message

Hei Allesammnen! (Hello everyone!)

I hope this find everyone doing well and enjoying the summer.

Those of us who attended the June Summer Soltice Pool Party at the Mikaloff's certainly enjoyed ourselves! Thank you so much Susie for hosting our annual event! It is always such a pleasure. July we took off as a vacation month, but are ready to get back in the swing this month. Please look elsewhere in the newsletter for details about our August meeting at the home of Paul and Laurie Johnson.

While some of us were at the Summer Soltice Party, Carol Luiso and Esther Charlton enjoyed themselves at the District 5 Biennial Convention in Appleton, Wisconsin. Congratulations to Esther who was elected a district director of zone six for Region 5. Both Carol and Esther attended various workshops of interest, please feel free to ask them about their experience. The next District Meeting will be held in 2014 and will celebrate the 40th Anniversary of

District 5. If you are interested in attending, please let an officer know. Those of us who have attended this meeting have found the experience to be invaluable, not only do you meet members from other Lodges and exchange ideas, you get a much better understanding of how Sons of Norway operates.

On a personal note, my Norwegian grandmother Henrietter Hasel Hauge, would have been 100 years old on June 24th. In her honor, all of my Norwegian family gathered at our summer home on an island in the south of Norway. By choice, we have no running water or electricity, yet the three other cabins on the island have taken advantage of those conveniences. It takes about an hour to get to the mainland of Norway by boat from our cabin, yet on Tuesday of last week, I was able to see my family and the table decorations and the food that was to be served, (Mussels and blueberries), all because of the wonderful invention of the internet! My grandparents would have been amazed!

Glenn and Sonja Kinney just returned from Norway, and I understand they had a wonderful time! Sonja stated on one of her facebook posts that she was awarded "Person who took the most pictures". I am looking forward to hearing all about the trip and seeing those pictures in the near future!

Keep on the lookout for our Fall meetings, we are excited for what we have planned and think you will be as well.

Warmly,

Nina Downs

District Convention Report

The 51th Biennial Convention of Sons of Norway Fifth District met in Appleton, WI June 20-24. The delegates from our lodge were Esther & Bob Charlton and Carol Luiso. Approximately 135 delegates were present representing lodges in WI, IL, MI, IN, OH, and TN which make up District 5. After welcome speeches from the International office, the business meetings began with Committee Reports on finances, publicity, laws, resolutions and fraternal affairs. New officers were elected and workshops offered.

Esther Charlton was elected to be our new Zone 6 Director. Congratulations, Esther! We'll get first hand information regarding Sons of Norway since Esther will be attending district board meetings twice a year in Madison, WI and the International Convention in Fargo, ND in August.

Delegates are required to attend all business meetings, but it's not all business at the convention. There are many activities to participate in, from a golf tournament, rose-maling classes, vendors to shop at, tours to local sites, coffee breaks with homemade Norwegian delicacies, and a closing banquet with entertainment. It's at these events with informal conversations and workshops, that one can learn what is working for other lodges.

If you would like to learn more about the convention or being a delegate, contact, Esther, Bob or Carol. The next District Convention will be June 25-29 at the Lake Lawn Resort in Delavan, WI.

Carol Luiso

Membership

Help! Help!! I need to recruit a new member before I go to Fargo. Do you know of someone that might be interested in joining our lodge?

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

Esther Charlton, Membership Secretary.

World Choir Games

The Games held here in Cincinnati July 4-14, are called "the Olympics of choral music". There were over 360 choirs from 64 countries here in Cincinnati. The "Big Pigs" were revived for the event. They were everywhere downtown.

As there were two choirs coming from Norway, there was a need to have choir hosts for them. A big THANK YOU to lodge members Jean Crocker-Lakness, Tim & Connie Holmen, Teresa Lowen and Kristin Szava, who gave their time, to volunteer as choir hosts.

The first week, the EDT choir from Hamar was

here. They are a choir of 30 young people from ages 14-30. They had been preparing for the World Choir Games for a year and a half. Their hard work paid off as they won gold in the two categories in which they competed, Popular Choral Music and Mixed Youth Choirs.

Since the EDT Choir was to perform in a Friendship Concert with the Kentucky Symphony on July 7, the general manager of the symphony, Angela Williamson, and I decided to have a potluck picnic at Devou Park before the concert. The picnic was fun even with the weather at 104 degrees and the choir barely getting there in time to eat. Their performance schedule for the competition was way behind. The Friendship Concerts were one of the better features of the event.

You may see and hear the EDT choir performing here in Cincinnati on YouTube. There are six different videos of them singing. The key to find them on YouTube is "EDT Choir in Cincinnati".

The second choir here was the World Festival Choir. This choir was formed in 1984 and has sung at huge music festivals. The choir is unique in that they only come together for a music festival and rehearse for a few days before the festival. Singers can join this choir from all over the world and they are sent special rehearsal cassettes. One of the days at lunch I chatted with a woman that had been with the choir since it was organized. All in all it was a wonderful musical event for Cincinnati and all the International visitors

Esther

August Lodge Meeting

On Saturday, August 25, at 2 p.m. we will be at the home of Laurie and Paul Johnson. They live at 5856 Oregonia Rd, Oregonia, Oh, 45054.

Gro Marthinussen from Fredrikstad, Norway will give a video presentation on "Why I wanted to be an Exchange Student". Gro will be staying with Deanna Kindell and her husband in Sidney for her year in Ohio.

Do RSVP to the Johnsons at 513-932-9291, or Carol Luiso at 513-583-3631 and please bring an appetizer or dessert.

Come to the lodge meeting and welcome Gro to Ohio.

Tell someone about Sons of Norway and our Edvard Grieg Lodge!

September Lodge Meeting

On Saturday, September 22 at 4 p.m. we will be in the Community Room at the IHOP on Colerain Ave. Their address is 9540 Colerain, Cincinnati, 45251.

Karen Linser, an art teacher with the Cincinnati Public Schools, will present a program, "All about Edvard Munch". He is probably the most famous artist from Norway. Bring a friend to this meeting.

Please RSVP to Esther Charlton, 513/923-3798 or esthersofn@aol.com. Do hope to see you on September 22

Reading Circle

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, September 8, 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 CHLuiso@aol.com

Interim!

As you may notice, there are no photos in the newsletter. This interim editor needs some help in learning how to put photos in the newsletter. Actually it would be far better if one of you would volunteer to be our lodge newsletter editor. If you would like to find out more about being editor of our lodge newsletter contact Esther Charlton.

Saturday, October 20

This is Foundation month for Sons of Norway and we are planning a special fun meeting. Remember Waffles, Raffles and Variety. Watch for more details in the next newsletter. Mark your calendar now for that date!

It's so Hot in Ohio(sent from Nelda)

- *The birds have to use potholders to pull the worms out of the ground.
- *The trees are whistling for the dogs.
- *The best parking place is determined by shade instead of distance.
- *Hot water comes from both taps.

Lena says that Ole's favorite sandwich is a BLT, Baloney, lutefisk and torsk.

Little Sven: How come Grandma is reading her bible so much?
Little Ole: She must be studying for her finals.

You know you're a Lutheran when:

- *It's 100 degrees, with 90% humidity, and you still have coffee after the service.
- *You hear something really funny during the sermon and smile as loudly as you can.
- *Donuts are a line item in the church budget, just like coffee.
- *The communion cabinet is open to all, but the coffee cabinet is locked up tight.
- *When you watch a "Star Wars" movie and they say, "May the Force be with you", you respond, "and also with you".

Birthdays

August

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

September

Kjell Evensen[3], Ordelle Hill[4], Nancy Vallette[6], Christina Kosobud[10], Charles Reeder[15], Ciera Bannick[16], Glenn Kinney[17], Larry Welin[19], Chris Butterworth[20], Rob Jorgensen[21], Judy Stewart[25], Per Flem[26], James Herman[28].

October

Roby Bowman[12], Judy Pieper[15], Susan Herman[16], Ken Soberg[19], Jens Basberg[20], Bryce Pillman[20], Nelda Chandler[25].

If you like to read, pick up a book by Jo Nesbo, who writes crime thrillers. He is being called the next Stieg Larsson. Six of his 16 books have been published in English

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