



SONS OF NORWAY

Edvard Grieg Lodge 657 District 5

Cincinnati-Dayton, Ohio & Kentucky

- First Lodge in Ohio -

Sons, Daughters and Friends of Norway Newsletter

August 2014

From the President

It was a delight to have Alisa Suzanne Jordheim talk to us about her musical research project. She was in Oslo for seven months on a Fulbright scholarship. She was here in Cincinnati for a month, performing in the opera La Calisto. After going to Denver and Milwaukee to perform in their operas, Alisa will be back in Cincinnati, with her final requirement recital, for her doctorate. She will let us know when that recital is scheduled, so that we may attend.



Alisa Suzanne Jordheim, (photo credit: Dallas Padoven)

Recently, while sorting some magazines (our household does receive way more than the average), I came upon the November 2013 National Geographic. As usual, I checked the National Geographic for any articles of interest. This one had an article on the Northern coast of Norway. The author had taken the Hurtigruten and gives us some fascinating facts about the Northern Norway coast area. Did you know that if you stretched Norway's coastline out into a single line, it would circle the earth two and a half times? The article mentions the remoteness of the Lofoten Islands. For those of you that have been on the Hurtigruten cruise, you could

share with us your impressions of the Northern part of the cruise. There were excellent and beautiful photographs with the article. I will bring it to the next couple of lodge meetings.

We now have our lodge meetings scheduled thru the end of the year. Some lodges schedule for the whole year, but our lodge usually plans four to six months in advance. Here are the dates to mark on your calendars:

Saturday, August 16 - 2 p.m. - Cookout at Kim Pillman's

Saturday, September 20 - 3 p.m. - IHOP on Colerain

Saturday, October 18 - noon - Potluck lunch at Symmes Township Library. Program - Hosting Exchange students

Saturday, November 15 - 5 p.m. - Tour of WLW-TV with Erik Zarnitz

Sunday, December 14 - Annual Julefest - Augsburg Lutheran Church

There is a note about the district convention elsewhere in the newsletter. I was elected a delegate to the International Convention in Jacksonville, Florida, August 21-23. You will get my report on that when I see you again at an upcoming lodge meeting.

We will be doing some promoting and publicizing of our lodge to recruit some new members. If you have any ideas of how or where we can promote the lodge, please contact me.

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

August

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

September

KjellEvensen[3], Ordelle Hill[4], Nancy Vallette[6], Charles Reeder[15], Ciera Bannick[16], Glenn Kinney[17], Jerry Wayne Edwards[19], Larry Welin[19], Christine Butterworth[20], Rob Jorgensen[21], Judy Stewart[25]. Per Flem[26], James P. Herman[28].

October

Roby Bowman[12], Curtis Anderson[13], Judy Pieper[13], Susan Herman[16], Ken Soberg[19], Bryce Pillman[20], Jens Basburg[20], Nelda Chandler[25].

August Lodge Meeting

Saturday, August 16 - 2 p.m.

For our lodge meeting on August 16, we will be at the home of Kim and Mike Pillman in Milford. This will be a cookout so bring some type of picnic food to share.

Kim will tell us about the surprises on their trip to Norway.

Their address is 19 Laurelwood Dr. Milford, Ohio 45150. You will go east on route 50 from I-275, about four and a half miles, turn left on Dry Run Road, and then a left on Laurel wood. Kim will have a sign directing us on Laurelwood.

You may call Kim at 513-843-7432 or Esther at 513-923-3798 to RSVP and to let us know what you will be bringing.

September Lodge Meeting

On September 20 we will be at the IHOP at 9540 Colerain Ave. Cincinnati, Ohio 45251. We will gather at 3 p.m. for a social time.

District 5 Convention

By Sharon Smythe, convention delegate

Along with the 139 delegates at the Sons of Norway District 5, 2014 Conference, The Edvard Grieg Lodge was represented by Carol Luiso, Sharon Smythe, and Robert Charlton.

Among the activities at this year's conference was a convention walk-a-thon to raise money for the Masse Moro Youth Heritage Camp to expose young people to Norwegian language and culture along with camaraderie and ethics. Carol and Sharon participated in a Bunad show that showcased Norwegian regional costumes. The many activities included, but were not limited to, a cultural arts competition, Rosemaling class, Hardinger class, Norwegian language class, how to build a Viking longhouse, silent auction and a variety of films and presentations. The conference was topped off with a banquet with entertainment by the Edvard Grieg Chorus from Madison WI. Also, at the banquet was a skit by the youth of Nordlyset Lodge in Racine, Wisconsin. They did a re-enactment of the signing of the Norwegian Constitution at Eidsvoll 200 years ago. The Nordlyset Lodge has a very active youth group.

The convention was held at Lake Lawn resort in Delevan, Wisconsin, which is near Lake Geneva.

Syttende Mai 2014

by Carol Luiso

Norwegian flags lined the driveway of the Mikaloff home as we gathered to celebrate Syttende Mai (17 May) and the 200th anniversary of the signing of Norway's Constitution.



Carol Luiso's Kransekake

Along with Susie's gourmet cooking, members brought food for a festive dinner.

On April 10, 1814, 112 representatives attended the National Assembly at Eidsvoll to give Norway a Constitution.

This year, every city, town and village in Norway was filled with people of all ages who came together to celebrate "Norway's birthday". The kings and queens of Norway, Sweden and Denmark assembled in Eidsvoll to mark this special day.



Syttende Mai Celebration - Back row: Arlene Goodison, Carl Goodison, Susie Mikaloff, Sandra Nelson, Ray Olson, Karl Halvorson, Trine Wernes. Front row: Carol Luiso, Glenn Mikaloff, Sharon Smythe, Carol Olson (seated)

Summer Solstice 2014

by Carol Luiso

Our gracious hosts, Susie and Glenn Mikaloff invited us again on June 21...Sankt Hans Aften (Midsummer's Eve) or Summer Solstice.

Glenn cooked his famous burgers and we greeted summer with an informal time around the pool to relax and chat.



Hosts Glenn & Susie Mikaloff (top photo on the right) and Sons of Norway guests celebrating Summer Solstice 2014

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