



SONS OF NORWAY

Edvard Grieg Lodge 657 District 5

Cincinnati-Dayton, Ohio & Kentucky

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Sons, Daughters and Friends of Norway Newsletter

October 2017

Notes from Lodge President Susan Herman

Varmeste hilsener til dere alle (Warmest greetings to you all). I am thrilled to have the cooler temps finally arrive, after all of the hot weather the past week and beyond. I spent an unplanned 9 days in the hospital this month and have a little over 3 weeks of recovery left to go. I am thankful for each day and the gifts that each brings! I was so happy to be able to make the Sept. 23 meeting and see many of you there.

I hope that as many of you as possible can attend the October White Elephant Auction (for Foundation month) at the Mikaloff's. Last year was so much fun and we raised an awesome \$300 for the Foundation. November's meeting will be unique as it is on Veterans Day and we will share stories, memories, and discuss Norway during WWII. We then all look forward to celebrating Julefest in December! We will be in need of volunteers for set-up, kitchen help, clean-up, baking sweets for the Bake Sale, and letting us know if you would like to decorate a table! Please RSVP for any, or many, of these to susan.herman3501@gmail.com (513-227-8790) or esthersofn@aol.com (513-923-3798).

At our Board meeting on Saturday, Lyndsey Heatherton gave her resignation as Membership Chair due to personal reasons. I want to thank Lyndsey for what she did in these past 9 months, as well as what she brought to the Board. I have appreciated her spirit and energy, the enthusiasm she brought to the Board, and her constant smile and positive attitude! It is my hope that she can return to the Board in the future when she is able to do so. Esther Charlton will take over the Membership Chair duties and the Social Chair position will be vacant until filled.

I am grateful for all of you, near and far, and hope you enjoy this edition of our Edvard Grieg newsletter!

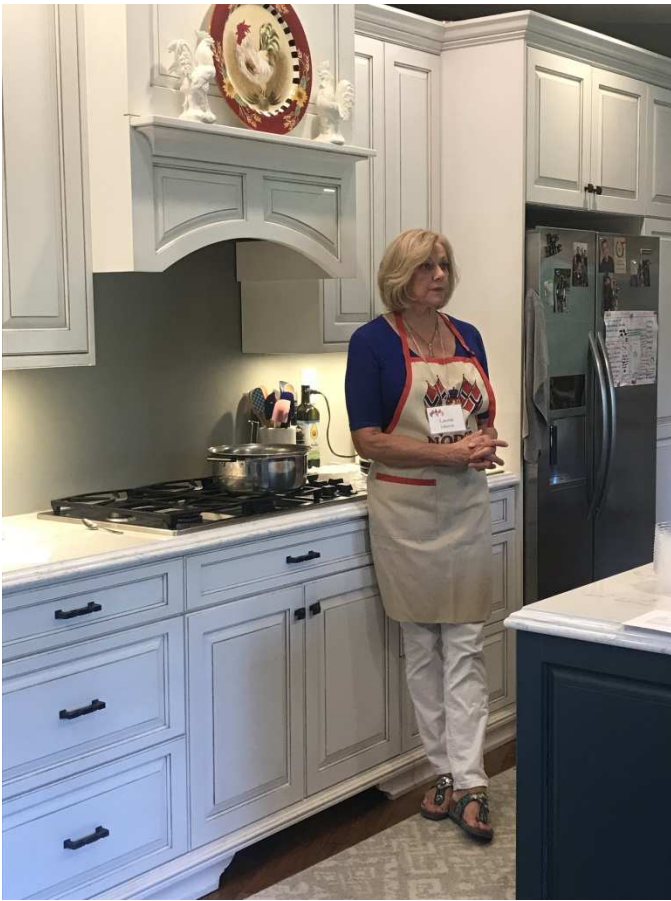
Nyt Fall sesongen (Enjoy the Fall season), Susan

Tusen Takk

Thanks to Laurie & Paul Johnson for hosting our August meeting. Laurie showed us how she makes Rømmegrøt and the finished product was so amazing and heavenly tasting! Wow, how many of us had seconds (or thirds)?! We had great conversations going, saw some of the newer additions done around the Johnson's home, and I loved seeing Paul's woodpile. Crazy Bingo was fearlessly led by Susie & Glenn Mikaloff. It got a bit crazy, but we weren't exactly mean Vikings in taking gifts away from others! Seems a couple people (Jim H. and Adam S.) had more luck than others and kept calling Bingo, piling up 4+ gifts by their sides. That was taken care of in the end, and I think everyone went home with a gift! It was a fun time.



Paul Johnson's woodpile



Laurie Johnson in her kitchen



Norwegian Treasures from 'Bring a Thing' sharing



Attendees of Soup & Salad 'Bring a Thing' meeting

Members recuperating

We continue to remember two of our members, Bob Charlton, and Evelyn Rewerts, as they each continue with their healing and recovery process.

Birthdays

October

Curtis Anderson[13], Judy Pieper[15], Susan Herman[16], Jens Basberg[20], Bryce Pillman[20], Nelda Chandler[25], Arlene Nelson[31].

November

Caroline Schoenig[1], Dario Sedler[1], Dianne Clark[5], Evelyn Rewerts[10], Glenn Mikaloff[14], Thomas Johncox[15], Trine wernes[15], Michael Luiso[29], Shelby Sansom[29].

December

Lois Evensen[5], Lyndsey Heatherton[6], Susan Mikaloff[7], Charlotte Ellingson[9], Esther Charlton[12], Leah Sedler[12], Nicholas Chandler[13], Edmund Charlton[13], Teresa Lowen[15], Aida Storetvedt[26], Konrad Nelson[29]



Enjoying Rømmegrøt at the Johnson's

Our recent meeting on Sept. 23 was a potluck salad lunch (with two kinds of soup also) followed by 'Bring a Thing' sharing. We had some amazing things that people shared with the group: a spoon from the Lappland area made out of reindeer bone; school books in Norwegian and a cartoon book from WI/MN/IA area; a Norwegian doll dressed in her bunad; Norwegian & family crests; Norwegian mittens & landscape print from Ringsaker area; Norwegian language book; and hand carved trolls by Henning Engelsen. We enjoyed having Adam Sokel return and bring his wife Kathryn. Also, Ethan Peake and his mom Linda drove from Huntington, WV to attend our meeting! Our lodge is the closest one to where they live.

New Edvard Grieg Lodge Members

We have four new members since our July newsletter: Kathy Skinner, Kathy & Tom Johncox, and Adam Sokol.

Kathy Skinner:

“My Father, Arthur, was born in Stavanger in 1919, immigrated to the US in 1924 with his family, and finally settled in Chicago. Despite my encouragement, he never returned to Norway. This past May, my sister, daughter and I finally made the trip to the homeland. We had a fabulous visit to Bergen, Oslo, Flam and took the beautiful train ride from Bergen to Oslo. We arrived on May 17, and loved seeing all the people in their native costumes!

I am a retired RN and live in Tipp City. My passions are traveling, cooking, gardening (I'm a Master Gardener), and knitting. I have a daughter who lives in Chicago with my little grandson and my son lives in the Florida Keys.

I look forward to meeting other Norwegians and learning more about the culture and customs of such a special country.

Kathy & Tom Johncox:

“We are from Rochester, New York and excited to be able to be part of the Edvard Grieg Lodge even though we don't live nearby. When our dear sister in-law, Susan Herman, invited us to join Edvard Grieg, that was the greatest! We hope to be in Cincy for one of your meetings sometime so we can meet you all and celebrate – Norwegians always have something to celebrate – let's say friendship and our common roots.

A little bit about us...our mom was a Norwegian immigrant who entered the U.S. through Ellis Island in 1930 with her mom and 6 siblings (her dad had immigrated in 1929 to work to make money to bring the family over). While Mom and her family were proud to live in this new country, Mom never ever forgot her roots and passed on her love of all things Norwegian, especially food!, to me, my sister and brother, and our families. That love still enriches all of our celebrations and family times together.

We love getting the “Viking” magazine with all the interesting things we may not have known about our ancestors and in the most recent issue, I learned there is a statue of Leif Erikson in Reykjavik, Iceland that weighs 50 tons made by Alexander Stirling Calder, a famous American sculptor. It looks amazing! We also look forward to receiving the newsletter so we can keep up on what is happening.

Thanks so much for extending your hospitality to us – your fellow Norwegian-Americans.”

Adam Sokol:

“Hei alle sammen! I am a foreign language enthusiast, and I'm currently learning to speak Norwegian. In joining the Sons of Norway I hope to learn more about Norwegian culture and gain practical experience in speaking the language. Originally from Cleveland, OH, I currently live in Miamisburg with my wife, Kathryn. I work in Dayton as a process engineer for a plating shop. Outside of work, I enjoy playing and writing music, hiking, travelling, and cheering on the University of Dayton Flyers.”

We welcome these new members to Edvard Grieg Lodge!

Sons of Norway Lodge T-shirt

If anyone is interested in ordering and purchasing lodge T-shirts, please let us know quantity and sizes by sending information to Susan Herman susan.herman3501@gmail.com (513-227-8790)



front:  **SONS OF NORWAY**
Edvard Grieg Lodge 5-657

Back:



Upcoming Meetings

White Elephant Auction

Sat., Oct 14, 4 P.M.

It is time for our annual White Elephant Auction. Bring white elephant items (and/or gently used items) to be auctioned off by Glenn. There will be good food, lot's of laughs and bargains. Proceeds will benefit the Sons of Norway Foundation.

Please bring a dish to share for the Pot Luck Dinner. Location: Susie & Glenn Mikaloff's home, 7472 Stone Ridge Dr., Springboro, 45066.

For more info and to RSVP, contact either Susie 937-748-8121 g_mikaloff@msn.com Or Esther 513-923-3798, esthersofn@aol.com

Norway & WWII

Sat. November 11, 2 P.M.

As our meeting is on Veterans Day, we will focus on the many books and films about the occupation of Norway during the war. If you have a family story, regarding this time, please come and share it with us at the lodge meeting.

Location: Symmes Township Library, 11850 Enyart Rd, Loveland, Oh 45140

Please bring a goodie for the snack table
To RSVP call Esther 513/923-3798 or email esthersofn@aol.com

Julefest 2017



We look with excitement towards our annual Julefest in December! It will be held on

Saturday, December 9, 2017

4:30pm: Appetizers, Bake Sale, Butikk

5:00pm: Dinner, followed by short program and singing.

Mason United Methodist Church*
6315 S.Mason-Montgomery Road
Mason, OH 45040

*at the corners of Tylersville Road and Mason-Montgomery Road

*there is a driveway entrance into the church parking lot from both of these roads

Geologists fear Norway's famed Preikestolen could collapse

Excerpt by *THE LOCAL no*



Preikestolen is one of Norway's most-visited attractions but geologists are concerned about a half-metre wide gap in the cliff formation. Photo: aul Kleiven / NTB scanpix

Geologists are concerned that Norway's famed Preikestolen cliff formation could collapse into the Lysefjord below and create flooding.

Stavanger Aftenblad reported on Wednesday that the Geological Survey of Norway (Norges geologiske undersøkelse - NGU) will increase its monitoring of a half-meter wide gap in the famous tourist attraction that has been cause for concern since 1930.

Geologists had already installed bolts on both sides of the crack, which is several metres deep, to measure any extension.

In May of this year, measurements indicated that the gap had widened by 2-3 millimetres, the first recorded change in 22 years.

NGU will now apply more modern methods to closely studying the Preikestolen gap. Among other things, the famous cliff formation will be scanned from different angles and researchers will fly over

the cliff in a helicopter in order to obtain high-resolution photos.

Furthermore, a scholar at the Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU) will make 3D models of the surface in order to make a stability analysis.

Marina Böhme, a researcher at NGU, said that measurements of the crack have been done before, but have proven to be inaccurate.

"We assume that Preikestolen has not moved lately. Nevertheless, something should be installed to detect any movements. We also plan to go up and check the crack from time to time," Böhme told Stavanger Aftenblad.

"If we find that there is a danger of collapse, it will be appropriate to install permanent measuring equipment," she added.

In addition to Preikestolen, which is one of Norway's most-visited tourist attractions, geologists will also closely monitor an additional 32 mountains in Rogaland. NGU carried out a study by helicopter in Rogaland last year in order to identify all potential mountain problems in the area.

"Since then we have gone out to those locations that appear the most dangerous and where the consequences would be the greatest in order to investigate them closer," Böhme said. "We are particularly concerned with mountains that are over the fjord and where tidal waves could be formed [by a collapse]."

Netflix wins rights to make film of Norway's Utøya terror attacks

Excerpt by THE LOCAL no



Utøya. Photo: Jon Olav Nesvold / NTB scanpix

A film about the July 22nd terror attacks carried out by right wing extremist Anders Breivik in Oslo and on the island of Utøya will be produced by streaming giant Netflix.

English director Paul Greengrass will direct the film, writes deadline.com.

The film will, according to the report, use Norwegian actors, and has a budget of \$20 million (180 million kroner).

Preparations have already begun for the filming of the movie, which is scheduled to take place during the autumn.

In February this year, newspaper Bergens Tidende reported that Greengrass would collaborate with Norwegian journalist Åsne Seierstad on the film.

"Åsne's book 'En av oss' [One of Us] was a thorough piece of work that made a deep impression on me. She conveyed the truth about what happened and how those involved experienced the atrocities," Greengrass told the newspaper.

Seierstad told Bergens Tidende in February that she had spoken with a national support group established after the 22nd July 2011 atrocity.

"A film can be very hard for many people no matter what, because the wounds are still open. That's why I contacted the support group and those involved in the book. It's important that they think a film is the right thing to do now for it to go ahead," she said.

Greengrass is known for film dramatisations of real-life events.

He won a Golden Bear award at the 2002 Berlin International Film Festival for the film *Bloody Sunday* about the 1972 shootings in Northern Ireland.

He also directed *Captain Phillips* (2013), about a ship hijacked by Somalian pirates, and *Green Zone* (2010) about the 2003 invasion of Baghdad; and *United 93* (2006), for which he won the BAFTA Award for Best Director.

Other films he has directed include three in the Bourne action-thriller series: *The Bourne Supremacy* (2004), *The Bourne Ultimatum* (2007), and *Jason Bourne* (2016)

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