



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

The First Lodge in Ohio
Sons, Daughters and Friends of Norway
December 2010

Meeting Schedule:
Juletreffest



Remember Juletreffest from last year? It's that time again, don't miss out on the fun.

Saturday, December 4, 2010 marks our Sixth Annual Juletreffest and the 10th Anniversary of our Lodge! This Norwegian Family Celebration will be held at Friendship United Methodist Church, 1025 Springfield Pike, Wyoming, OH 45215 from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Cost is \$5.00 per person ages 5 and up. The Lodge will provide the main course, please bring an appetizer or dessert to share. We will be socializing, honoring members with membership and Cultural pins, dancing around the Christmas tree, shopping at the Butikk and expecting a visit from the Julenisse for the children. We hope it is on your calendar to attend and look forward to seeing you and your family!

January Meeting

Our January Lodge meeting will be held Saturday, January 15, 2011 at 2:30 PM. Several members of our Reading Circle will discuss their favorite book/s. Location to be announced.

President's Message

Hei Allesammen!

It is with sadness that I write this last Presidents message of the year as your President as it means that Jerry and Tillie Elvrum are gone. A big thanks to them both for their dedication, contributions and service to our Lodge. They will be sorely missed!



Nina Downs making waffles at the October meeting, photo by Carol Stone

A big thank you to Carol Luiso and Sandy Nelson for a wonderful October meeting with our Wafflefest and Children's Talent Show. What a successful and fun meeting it was! October is Foundation Month so not only did we raise money to send to the Foundation of Sons of Norway, but we raised some to offset costs of our new projector.

Our November meeting was enjoyed by all who attended and learned about Norwegian sweaters. Thank you so much Trine Wernes for your warm hospitality and the DELICIOUS fiskepudding!

The holiday season is about traditions and along with baking Christmas cookies, putting a puzzle together and our annual Christmas hike, Juletreffest is one my family has adopted. I hope you are looking

forward to it as much as we are and that we see you on December 4th!

Warm wishes for a peaceful and joyous holiday season, God Jul og Godt Nytt År!

Nina T Downs

Foundation News

Tusen takk to all who attended and contributed to the "Variety Show, Waffles and Raffle" Foundation Fundraiser in Oct. Over \$360 was donated from the afternoon and passing the "Piggy" at our monthly meetings.



Picture of Michael Luiso by Carol Stone

Four of our youth entertained us with songs and jokes for the Variety Show. Nina Downs and Anders Marstrander were kept busy manning the two waffle stations. Many wonderful raffle items were donated by members.

"The Sons of Norway Foundation awards scholarships and grants to promote heritage and culture of Norway, and provide assistance to our members, lodges and their communities." - *Mission Statement*

To find more information on the Sons of Norway Foundation, go to www.sonsofnorway.com and click on foundation.

Fraternally,
Carol Luiso, Foundation Chair

Reading Circle

Our next Reading Circle (Book Club) meeting will be Saturday, January 8, 2011, 2:30 PM at Panera Bread, 5095 Deerfield Blvd, Mason, OH 45040.

We will be discussing Per Petterson's new book, *I Curse the River of Time* and any other Norwegian related books you wish to read.

The Cincinnati/Hamilton County Library system has nine copies and three CD's of Petterson's book.

Everyone welcome!

For additional information, contact Carol Luiso 513.683.3631 or CHLuiso@aol.com

From the Editor:

If you want to see an amazing Military Marching Band from Norway, go to:

<http://sorisomail.com/email/16993/exibicao-de-banda-militar--um-espectaculo-imperdivel.html>

Membership

Are you pondering what to get your Norwegian relative or friend for Christmas? How about a gift of membership in Sons of Norway! Several of our members have done this over the years. It is a very easy process to do.

We need your help in finding ways to promote our Sons of Norway lodge. If you know of places that we can post a flyer, contact me. We do usually try and keep the Scandinavian room at Jungle Jim's up to date with flyers. Maybe you know of some community event where we could have a table or booth to talk to people about Sons of Norway. We have several of our members to keep in our thoughts over the holidays.

Bob Buselmeier called to let us know that his wife Chris was in an assisted living facility in Woodbury, Minnesota. They had been visiting their daughter near St. Paul when Chris fell and broke her hip. Chris is one of our Charter Members and is proud to be in Sons of Norway, even though she was not able to get to our lodge meetings. After being in the hospital and a rehab center it was decided that an assisted living facility would be the best place for her. Now Bob has the task of getting their house ready to sell and move to Minnesota to be with Chris.

In chatting with Fred Sanborn's wife, Janet has been the caretaker for her ill mother for many years. As her mother is not in this area, it has necessitated much travel back and forth from where she is. We hope that Fred, Janet along with their grandsons will be able to attend our Juletefest.

Nelda Chandler is going to have back surgery soon. At this point she is just waiting for it to be scheduled.

Let's keep these people in our prayers during the holidays.

If you have questions on the membership process or have ideas on promoting our lodge, contact me.

Thanks, Esther Charlton, Membership Secretary

For Cincinnati Skiers



Never before have so many Norwegians taken to rollerskiing. Sales have skyrocketed, special competitions have been held and the local ski association *Skiforeningen* offered courses in rollerskiing techniques for the first time this fall. They were all fully booked.

“Rollerskiing is a natural extension of *Skiforeningen*’s activities,” Mette Habberstad of the association told newspaper *Dagens Næringsliv (DN)* earlier this autumn.

Habberstad attributes the sudden popularity of rollerskiing to an upswing in cross-country skiing itself and a desire by many Norwegians to improve their technique, even though they allegedly were “born with skis.” *Skiforeningen*’s courses in general have enjoyed increased popularity in recent years. Views and News from Norway/Nina Berlund

Best country in the world in which to live



Norwegians can wave their flag over the latest UN index ranking their country as the best place in the world to live. PHOTO: Views and News

Norway has topped the list several times in recent years, after scoring highest in terms of such factors as life expectancy, earnings, education levels, the likelihood to be the victim of crime and equality between men and women. Norwegians, according to the UN, can expect to live to age 81, have nearly 13 years of schooling on average and only 33 of every 100,000 are vulnerable to being affected by crime.

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From Anders Marstrander

On Christmas Eve PBS will broadcast a Christmas Concert from Vang church in Norway. Princess Martha Louise will host the concert.

Here is a link to the article in Aftenposten:

<http://www.aftenposten.no/nyheter/kongelige/article3917902.ece>

Hilsen Anders

Birthdays

December

Lois Evensen[5], Susie Mikaloff[7], Kari Poe[8], Carole Hanson Burge[10], Esther Charlton[12], Yvonne Iversen[12], Leah Burge Sedler[12], Nicholas Chandler[13], Ed Charlton[13], JD Elvrum[13], Teresa Lowen[15], Neil Sorum[15], Carol Olson[16], Konrad Nelson[29], Iver Bradley[30].

January

Francis Kosobud[1], Ray Olson[1], Sissel Rasdal Unneland[1], Rod Krokrum[3], Carolyn Hahn Mack[4], Aaron Nelson[5], Connie Holman[10], Anna Catherine Reeder[11], Lee Luiso[12], Karn Erlandson[17], Adelheid Price[19], Kelly Lawson[28], Margie Mays[29], Donna Marstrander[30], Deborah Bowman[31].

February

Luke Sutphin[1], Tillie Elvrum[5], Patsy Bannick[6], Richard Glatfelter[6], Sylvia Casas[15], Robert Bowman[17], Linda Burge[17], Cassi Rice[19], Mark Kosobud[20], Helge Bjorvik[21], Jennifer Burge Reeder[26], George Bjorvik[28].

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Saturday January 15, at 2:30

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