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Skjold News

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KOMMENTAR fra Presidenten



Jostein Bakken

Hello Friends of Skjold Lodge,

I would like to start out by saying thank you for all the “get-well wishes” and for the cactus plant from Skjold. A big tusen takk to all the folks who kept the lodge running in my absence, Particularly Lester Amack, for running the board and lodge meetings. Good job, Lester! It is so nice to have friends who care so much. Most of you know, I was hit by a car while biking. I have made a lot of progress, but it will take some time before getting back to normal. I am thankful that the 10 broken bones I did receive were clean breaks and nothing is dislocated. My advice to everyone and their families is to wear your helmets when biking or skating, it saved my life.

I want EVERYONE to mark his or her calendar for the morning of October 16, 1999. On this Saturday morning we are going to be hosting a free membership breakfast. You and a potential member are invited to come out and enjoy good food, see a slide show and hear interesting facts about Sons of Norway. With the potential changes taking place in our

lodge, we need to continue to build our membership.

In October we are having our annual Foundation Night. This evening is not just an excuse to get out and have a great dinner, but a chance to raise some money for the foundation. Foundation has so much to offer in scholarships for any youngster to take advantage of them.

One way to contribute to both membership and foundation, is by helping out at Vasa Park on September 12 in South Elgin. We are having a membership booth as well as a book sale for the foundation fund. It really is a lot of fun and a tremendous help to our club.

Also, coming in October is Leif Erickson Day! This year we have the pleasure of having a traveling book museum right here in Arlington Heights! This is the National League’s 100th Anniversary with the theme of “The Year of the Child”. We are fortunate enough to have the “Trolls, Mrs. Pepperpot and Beyond” exhibit. Come see!

Obviously, our next few months are important and entertaining! The monthly lodge meetings are also important and entertaining ...so don’t forget to invite friends and family to them. I heard we had some children at the ice cream social, they are our future and I hope families continue to involve all members in Skjold!

Ha Det,

Jostein Bakken

Har du hørt?



Evelyn Eck

On Sunday July 11, **Jostein Bakken** suffered many broken bones when a car hit his bike from behind. The driver of the car just left him on the bike path. He spent five days at Good Shepherd Hospital in Barrington. Jostein was then transferred to Lutheran General Hospital for therapy for ten days and was finally able to return home on Tuesday, July 27th. He will continue receiving therapy for some time as his body heals. He was wearing a helmet when he was hit, fortunately, otherwise he may not even be with us today. Our best wishes to you, Jostein, we are all thinking about you.

Gene and Tordis Kaczmarek were married on Saturday May 8, 1999. The ceremony took place at St. Hilary Catholic Church. This was followed by a reception for the family at Monasteros restaurant on the north side of Chicago. The bride and groom left for Seattle Washington a few days later and spent several days visiting with Gene's son, Dennis. They also took a trip up Mt. Rainier. The weather was beautiful in Seattle, making a wonderful time even better!

Anne Grevstad-Nordbrock, daughter of **David and Connie Grevstad**, was recently awarded a grant from the German government for archival pre-dissertation research in Germany. Anne, nearing completion of her doctoral thesis in Art History, has accepted a position teaching at Lawrence University in September. David and Connie joined Anne and their son-in-law for a splendid vacation in Paris in June.

Arthur Kleven's cousin, Knut Buene, spent a few days with him in Arlington Heights. Knut, a student at Trondheim University is now working at the Norwegian Center at Disney World in Florida. He will complete his year at Disney World in August and return to the University where he is majoring in geography and expects to become a teacher in Norway's secondary schools.

Martha and Ken Johnson took a 5-day trip to Mackinac Island. They traveled by bus and then boarded a ferry to reach their destination. Their hotel on the island was lovely and they had a beautiful room overlooking Lake Michigan. They found their stay there to be unhurried and peaceful. Only the clop-clop of the horses disturbed the quiet surroundings. That is the way to do it for a restful vacation!

Ted and Judy Torgersen enjoyed a dinner cruise on the Odyssey recently. Good food and a gorgeous view of the Chicago skyline at night made for a delightful evening. Ted and his son, Steven, went fishing for a week at the end of July to Ely, Minnesota. We hope they caught their limit and had many good fish dinners.

The grandson of **Carol and Ron Bentsen**, Michael and Andrew Morrison, were each winners of a \$50 savings bond awarded by the National League at the Syttende Mai celebration in Park Ridge!

The Bentsens returned on July 26th from a trip to Norway. While in Norway, they visited family in Drobak and Horton. A day spent with "cousin" Terje Korterud resulted in visits to the family farm, a 700 year old church, cemetery, Viking ship digs and the castle in Tonsberg that traced the family back to the 1500's. Boarding the coastal ship Kong Harold began a 6-day cruise to Bergen. After 3 days in Bergen, they took the M/S "Vingtor" express Flaggruten to Stavanger. Carol did some genealogy work and located records on her great-grandparents and other family back to the 1500's. The weekend was spent touring Stavanger followed by the flight back to Chicago. Carol and Ron didn't rest long, for on Thursday they left for the Bygdelag Centennial in Decorah, Iowa. There they enjoyed a program of Educational Forums presented by experts from the U.S. and Norway. In addition, there were craft demonstrations, genealogy seminars, musicians, Norwegian dancers and live Fjord horses and reindeer. Guess who they meet in the crowd? Our own **Lillian Berge!**

Speaking of **Lillian Berge**, she has retired after 31 years of apartment managing and the building sold as of June 24th. Temporarily, she is living with her daughter in Marengo. She is awaiting her home to be built by December (Hopefully!) in Huntley. She too has been quit the traveler! Lillian went to Minnesota and was also spotted in Decorah, Iowa for the Bygdelag Centennial 1899-1999. While in Decorah, she planned to visit Skjold member, **Helen Basler**, and see her progress for the remodeled Hotel Winneshiek.

We were happy to see **Ray Haakonsen** at our last Skjold meeting. The cast has been removed from his ankle and he gets around well with a walker. Therapy continues and he hopes to be able to disregard that assistance soon.

Ole Diesen is recovering from a fall he had in his home a few weeks ago and **Margrethe Andersen** will be having some chemotherapy starting in August. To both our members we send good wishes for a complete recovery. God Bedring, Ole and Margarethe.

Vasa Park! (look out bees, 'cause here we come!)



This years Vasa Park celebration will be held on Sunday, September 12, 1999 starting at 9 a.m. and running through 6 p.m. Vasa Park is located just off of highway 31 in South Elgin, Illinois. Come for the day or come for a few hours to enjoy Scandinavian food, entertainment and crafts.

Skjold will be having a food booth. Our booth will include lelse, polse, homemade goodies and coffee. Volunteers are needed. Please contact **Gene Kaczmarek (773) 878-3762** if you can help.

This year, the Foundation committee has added a used book sale. The sale of these books will be used to raise funds for the Skjold Scholarship Committee and the Sons of Norway Foundation. If you have any books to donate (hard cover or paperbacks), please bring them to Vasa Park or call **Arthur Kleven (847) 870-1679** and arrange for a pick up.

Please come out and endure the bees and help out with this important club fund-raiser. It's a lot of fun!

Skjold News Benefit



It's that special time again where we gather together to enjoy good food and company as we bid to own some of the most beautiful Scandinavian items in our silent auction. The Editor of Skjold News (yours truly) cordially invites you to attend the benefit which will be held on Sunday, September 26, 1999 at the Scandinavian Club located in Arlington Heights, Illinois. Cocktails begin at 4:00 p.m. with dinner starting at 5:00. The cost to you is \$20.00 and reservations should be made no later than September 16th. The cost is \$22.00 after the 16th. Children are welcome to attend (\$10.00 a plate for children 12 and younger).

If you are donating items to be auctioned, please have them wrapped and ready with a brief description of the item as well as its worth and origin. This will help our auctioneer to obtain a fair market price.

By the way, come REALLY hungry, the buffet will be available for us to enjoy with all the favorites. Save room for desserts too! Call me with any questions, **Krista Bachman at (630) 372-8446**.

New Member Brunch

This year, we are hosting a new member on Saturday, October 16th beginning at 10:00 a.m. The brunch will be at The Scandinavian Club in Arlington Heights and reservations for you and a perspective member can be made to **Ron Bentsen** or **Krista Bachman** on or before October 9, 1999. The cost is free if you bring a perspective member, it is \$20.00 a person otherwise.

The brunch will focus on all the enjoyable activities we do throughout the year, with a brief slide show presentation. We are also delighted to have a benefit representative to speak about Sons of Norway.

It's Foundation Time ☺

October 24, 1999 is the date for this year's Foundation banquet. The evening will begin with cocktails at 4:00 p.m. with dinner at 5:00. We will be able to enjoy a delicious buffet for \$20.00 a person. Reservations are necessary so please contact **Marge Wittrock at (847) 392-4525** or **Arthur Kleven at (847) 870-1679** on or before October 15th.

Dr. Charles Peterson, of the Center for Scandinavian Studies at North Park University, Chicago, will be the featured speaker. Dr. Peterson will discuss important historical events of Norway, as well as new cultural and economic trends. There will also be musical entertainment.

There will be a raffle and any prize donations would be greatly appreciated! You are invited to donate to the various scholarship programs. Sons of Norway Foundation as well as Skjold Scholarships appreciate your support!

If you cannot attend the Foundation dinner, we invite you to contribute to our scholarship funds. Thank You!

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And Now for Some Sports Updates...

The Skjold Lodge Golf Outing

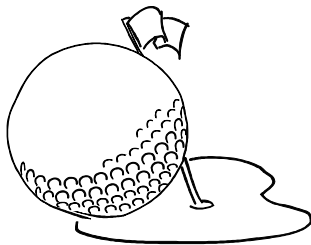
By, Clifford Christensen and Steinar Steine

The outing was a great success at Salt Creek. We had 27 golfers and 6 extra for lunch. The weather was nice! Bill Manika came in first for the men with a score of 74. Lillian Danielsen came in first for the ladies with a score of 93. Second place went to Don Hoganson with a score of 77 and Ann Tinnes with a score of 98.

Other awards went to Richard Bentsen and Lynn Maxon for the longest drive. Jostein Bakken picked up the closest to the pin award.

The lunch was also a success! Followed by a raffle we will never forget...so many prizes! Takk to all those folks who helped with the raffle and the set up. They are Gene Kaczmarek, June Steine, Krista Bachman, Tordis Kaczmarek, Lorraine Cummings, Amy Johnston, and Michelle Smith.

Over 60 prizes were collected and we celebrated Vic Garbrielsen's 80th Birthday as well as Tordis and Gene's recent marriage (heard they were still on their "honeymoon??")! It was a wonderful event, hope we can maybe do it again.



THEY WON! The Women's World Cup

By, Judy Torgersen

On Saturday, June 26th, 38 hearty souls went on a bus to attend a double header soccer game, along with 35,000+ fans at Soldier Field.



The first game was Sweden against Ghana. Talk about loyalty! There was a torrential rainfall near the end of the first game (although we tried to take cover). Ghana had a very large cheering section behind us, in costume with instruments (DRUMS!) etc. Must have been 75 strong cause we really got the beat! Sweden won with a score of 2-0.

The rain cleared for the game between Norway and Japan. Japan had some special drummers near the field, also in costume, who kept a steady beat for 2 hours. We joined them with the beat in chanting "Norway, Norway, Norway". We had lots of flags to wave whenever we scored, we really made ourselves known.

Then guess what? Another torrential rainfall during the half time! We were getting bogged down, we looked like drowned rats. (Enthusiastic ones, though!)

After Norway beat Japan (4-0), the Norwegian team and coaches bowed to the spectators on each side of the 20-yard line. It looked like they were going to leave, but due to our persistence in cheering and waving the flags, they came out and bowed to us also.

It was quite a thrilling afternoon even though we were soaked to the bone.

By the way, it wasn't supposed to rain until Sunday evening, Ha! Ha! They were wrong again!

NORGE SKI CLUB 1999 SUMMER SKI JUMPING TOURNAMENT!

Norway's Favorite Sport-Ski Jumping! *By, June Waters*

Norge Ski Club will host their annual summer tournament on Sunday, September 19th beginning at 1:00 p.m. in Fox River Grove, Illinois. It will be held on the 60-meter hill! Skiers can actually jump as far on plastic as they can on snow. The weather will be more favorable so bring your lawn chairs, relax and enjoy ski jumping in mild weather conditions! Food and refreshments will be available on the grounds. No Carry-in please.

Norge is building a new clubhouse, which replace the old one that was built over 85 years ago. They have kept a lot of the old things even the minutes books which for many years was written in Norwegian. The old timers were known as "those crazy ski jumping Norwegians". If you desire more information, please contact **June Waters at (847) 639-2991**. See you there!

Gratulaere Med Dagen!

By, Lois Amack

September Birthdays

- 04 Louise Chouinard
- 05 Rodney Bjerke, Martha Johnson
- 06 Ronald J. Bakken, Delores M. Trainor
- 07 Krista J. Bachman
- 10 Jostein O. Bakken, Lorraine I. Zivalich
- 12 Karin I. Baseler
- 13 Nellie B. Shimer
- 14 Ralph S. Haug
- 18 Susanne M. Hoover
- 19 Agnes Tollefson
- 20 Ellen A. Ankrum
- 21 Kjell Larsen
- 23 Erling Petersen, Elsie A. Victorson
- 26 Charles S. Beesley, Benjamin Luscalzo
- 28 Else Sorensen
- 30 James E. Lee

October Birthdays

- 01 Margarethe Andersen
- 02 Waldemar Eiseland
- 06 Vicky L. Schmalz
- 07 Parkman T. Kongslie
- 12 Pamela Strack
- 13 Robert E. Foswold
- 14 Jan F. Drangsholt
- 15 Lisa A. Bakken
- 17 Phyllis M. Hagedorn, Royal D. Haugsness
- 18 Knute Repaal
- 19 Connie S. Grevstad
- 24 Casper N. Johnson
- 26 Marvin A. Lodin
- 28 Joan (Edith J.) Rygg, Gregory D. Wittrock
- 29 Roy Benson
- 31 Kari Diesen Dahl



TAKK TAKK TAKK

♥ The Skjold lodge would like to thank **Lillian Berge** for her generous donation to the club; you are such a sweetheart, Lillian!

♥ *A Tribute to our SUNSHINE Ladies!* By, **Ray Haakonsen**: We are pleased when the ladies inform us of the Sons of Norway members who are ill or recovering. I don't think we realize how much time and devotion they spend spreading a little good cheer, until it happens to you. I now realize the wonderful effort they make in spreading GOOD CHEER and news of our lodge members. I sincerely appreciate all the cards, phone calls and kind words extended to me since I broke my ankle. I want to say THANKS A MILLION EVELYN AND ALICE!

♥ Rebecca Naniak (Grand daughter of **Arthur Kleven**) sent along a note of thanks for the scholarship to attend Heritage Camp. Unfortunately, due to a car accident Becky was unable to attend, but was very thankful for the opportunity offered to her by Skjold #100! (Get well soon, Becky!) Becky is also thankful for her prize-winning essay from the National League. She states that she will treasure the honor for the rest of her life. Another proud Norwegian!

♥ On behalf of **Arthur Kleven's** first cousins, Albert and Bjorg Kleven, he would like to express his appreciation for the hospitality at the potluck dinner. They all enjoyed the friendly conversation with the lodge members (especially those who spoke Norwegian!). They had an interesting three-week visit here in the United States with excursions to Door County, Madison, and Stoughton, Wisconsin. They also enjoyed staying with Art and seeing the big city of Chicago!

Recipe of the Month

Wafer Cones or Crumb Cake Krumkake

- 3 Eggs well beaten
- ½ cup sugar
- ½ cup melted butter
- ¼ tsp. Salt
- ½ cup flour
- 1 tsp. flavoring (almond and lemon extract)

Beat eggs well. Add sugar, melted butter, salt and flavoring. Beat well. Stir in flour.

Heat krumkake iron on medium heat.

Put a teaspoon of batter on iron. Bake one minute or less, turn iron over and bake until very lightly browned. Remove from iron and quickly roll on a cone –shape form. Store in tight container.

Recipe comes from "Notably Norwegian" by, Louise Roalson

HA HA HA

A young man saw an elderly couple sitting down to lunch at Mc Donald's. He noticed that they had ordered one meal and an extra drink cup. As he watched Ole carefully divided the hamburger in half, then counting the fries, one for him, one for her, until each had half of them. Then he poured half of the soft drink into the extra cup and set that in front of Lena.

Ole then began to eat, and Lena sat watching with her hands folded on her lap. The young man decided to ask if they would allow him to purchase another meal for them so that they didn't have to split theirs.

Ole replied "Oh no, we've been married for 50 years and everything has always been and will always be shared, 50-50." The young man then asked Lena if she was going to eat, and she replied, "It's his turn with the teeth."

-Thank you, Bob Bolstad, for making us laugh.

These 3 fellows, a Dane, Swede and a Norwegian are standing in front of the pearly gates waiting to see St. Peter. The Dane goes first, he told St. Peter that he hasn't been very good, he has cheated many times on his wife. So, St. Peter told him "In that case, I have to give you a small car to drive around heaven."

The Swede tells St. Peter that he only has cheated twice so St. Peter gave him a medium sized car to drive around heaven.

Lars, the Norwegian finally steps up and tells St. Peter that all the years he was married, he never cheated on his wife. So, St. Peter told Lars that he could have a Cadillac to drive around heaven.

After a while, these 3 fellows met on a crossroads, Lars the Norwegian had tears in his eyes. The other fellows asked what was wrong...Lars replied "I just saw my wife on a skate board!"

-Thank you Clifford Christensen for making us laugh

Uff Da is an Irish man who goes downtown to buy a pair of loafers and comes back with two Norwegians!

Uff Da is a Norwegian that eats beans on Friday so he can have a bubble bath on Saturday!

-Thank you Lillian Berge for making us laugh

Monthly Social Meetings

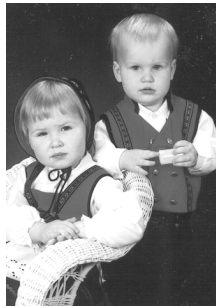
September 28 is Potluck night! The fun begins at **6:30**, so bring a favorite dish to pass

October 26 is the attendance "winner" night. Yes, the ladies have out numbered the men, so a filet mignon dinner is expected (hehehe, or pizza). Men cook us deserving women a nice spread 😊 The fun begins at **6:30**.

For the Good of the Order! BUNADS!



Tordis Kaczmarek and Karin Baseler



Holly and Ryan Bachman

Leif Erickson

Leif Erickson's discovery of the North American continent can be said to have started with his father, Eirik Raude. Outlawed from both Norway and Iceland, Raude managed to discover and settle the western shore of Greenland.

It was just a matter of time before Eirik Raude wanted to explore farther west, but he was starting to get old, and a new voyage might not serve him well. His son, Leif Erickson, was the one who would fulfill his father's wish of sailing farther west.

After a long and dangerous journey, Leif and his men soon reached the shores of the North American continent. Leif called his discovery "Vinland", which is believed to be the extreme north of Newfoundland.

Even though Leif and his men liked Vinland, and they most certainly intended to colonize it, they did not get along with the native Indians who were already there. After several violent encounters with the native Indians and Leif's men, the Norsemen were on their way back to Greenland after only two years.

Several expeditions to Vinland were completed after Leif Erickson's return to Greenland. Some explorers even stayed there quite some time, but no permanent settlement of Vinland can be said to have taken place. Nevertheless, Leif Erickson's voyages over dangerous waters to distant shores is an intriguing story well worth celebrating.

—From SON Newsletter Service by, Lars Samuelsson

Leif Erickson Spelling

"Kjoert barn har mange navn"—Norwegian saying (Beloved child has many names)

May we paraphrase and say "revered explorer has many names." Leif, Leifur, Leifr, Leiv are all spellings of the famous explorer's first name. Erikson, Eirikson, Erickson, Eirikson, Ericksson, Eiriksson are some of the spellings we have seen for his family name. Sons of Norway's current spelling is Leif Erickson. Feel free to use any of the above spellings for this revered explorer!

National League

The Norwegian National League of Chicago, celebrating 100 years, proudly presents Norwegian award winning author and illustrator, Torill Torstad Hauger as the featured attraction for **Leif Erickson Day**. She will be at the Arlington Heights library, 500 N. Dunton Ave. on Thursday October 7, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. On Saturday, October 9th, Torill will be at the Niles Library, 6960 Oakton for a morning story hour and a 2:00 p.m. reception. This is in conjunction with "Trolls, Mrs. Pepperpot and Beyond"; a traveling Norwegian Children's book exhibit from the Capital Children's Museum in Washington DC. The exhibit will be at the Niles Library for the entire month of October.

What is Happening Around Us? (District 5 Information)

Saturday, September 18, 1999 "Valhall Open"—This is a 5th District golf outing held in Rockford, Illinois. There will to be prizes for golfers and the lodge usually has a dinner at their clubhouse afterwards. For more information, please call Clifford Christensen at (773) 777-4298.

The District Five 85th Anniversary party will be at the Courtyard Marriott and Giovanni's Restaurant in Rockford, Illinois on October 30, 1999. Please call Jostein for details.



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Correction!

In the previous *Skjold News*, **Barney Jacobson's** name was misspelled twice in the article about Barney's birthday, it's JacobSON not JacobsEN, my apologies to you Barney.

-Krista Bachman, Skjold News Editor