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First I'd like to thank everyone for their get well cards, calls, flower, etc. It's a wonderful feeling to know that someone takes the time to wish you well. It warms your heart. It's always a surprise when you end up in the hospital for 5 days. Everything worked out fine, I am well. Thanks again.

This article for the newsletter is one of the hardest things to do. Trying to think two months ahead is tough. I am writing the article at the end of May for the July/August edition. I hope everyone enjoys their vacations!

Skjold's next venture is the 4th of July parade in Arlington Heights. We are scheduled to participate once again. The Norwegian elk hound dogs will be joining us!! Come on out and see how cute they are (and how cute we all are too!) I used to think people went away for the 4th, but looking at the crowds lined up 4 and 5 people deep along the parade route tells me differently. Hope to see you there!

Keep in mind the Skjold News Benefit this September, and pick up something in your travels to be auctioned off. This is a fundraiser to help defray the cost of our newsletter; like everything else, the cost keeps going up.

Fraternally,

Judy

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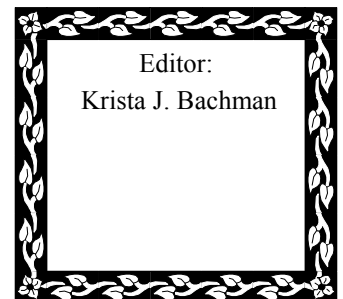
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Syttende Mai Celebration!



The Norwegian angels must have been in charge of the weather for on May 21, 2000 we had "near perfect conditions" for our Syttende Mai celebration in Park Ridge. Our 90th Anniversary float sailed through the parade! We had banners, flags, walkers, riders, children, the young at heart and everyone in between. The one hour parade was well received by all PROUD Norwegians!





Har Du Hørt?

By Evelyn Eck

Lillian Berge flew to Marathon in the Florida Keys for a two week vacation last March. She took a dive/snorkeling trip to the beautiful Looie Reef Key which is located off Big Pine Key. Lillian said they fished for many years for sizable grouper and yellow tail fish in the area but for the past six years this reef has been on a reservation list and no fishing is allowed. She is afraid her family was very guilty in the past of racking up the beautiful coral with constant anchoring. Her daughter and family came from St. Louis to join her for the last week. Lillian videoed her family in the barracuda and shark waters. They continued to Key West to see the sights and visit a favorite Cuban restaurant, the Siboney. She said not to miss this eating spot! If travels take you to the area, call her to learn of a few others she thinks are enjoyable.

Bjarne Kristiansen went to Norway on May 9th and stayed with his sister and brother-in-law in Lillehammer. On Syttende Mai, he viewed a wonderful parade held there and was surprised and happy to see some of his friends from long ago. They called out and greeted him by name when they caught sight of him in the crowd. They had a fun reunion reminiscing about old times when they were teenagers skiing together. Bjarne had a second Syttende Mai celebration when he returned to United States on May 19th and was able to attend the parade in Park Ridge on May 21st.

Karin Baseler flew to San Francisco at the end of March to be with her daughter for the birth of her first child. The little one took her time making her arrival but on April 11th, they welcomed beautiful baby Naomi Karin Heinen, the first grandchild for Karin and Tom. Karin reported baby, mother and father are doing well. (Bestemor and grandpa too!) Grandpa Baseler had not been able to be there for the birth as he had to go to Chile. He has not seen Naomi yet, but they will all be together in Maine this summer. The Baselers are driving there at the end of June and will return at the end of August. Two cousins will be coming from Norway to visit them in Maine, so it will be a fun time for all.

Guess who's pregnant? Your Editor, **Krista Bachman** is expecting her third child in mid November. As you may know, Krista has a daughter (Holly) who will be 4 this summer and a son (Ryan) who will be 3 right before baby #3 comes! Unfortunately, Krista had a difficult first trimester. In her 11th week, she had surgery to remove 2 grape sized lumps that were benign, but could have grown into cancer! We are all glad she is okay and hope for a healthy pregnancy from here on out.

Diane and Don Overby will be leaving us at the end of June as they retire and move to Sister Bay in Door County, Wisconsin. That is where Don came from and he is happy he can return to that lovely area. They have a home in Sister Bay which they plan to convert into a bed and breakfast tourist facility, a task Don said will probably take about a year. We are sad to have these active Skjold members leave us, but we are happy for them so they can pursue something they have thought about for a long time. Lykke til, (Good Luck) Diane and Don!



Don and Diane Overby at their last Skjold appearance - our May Lodge Meeting. Skjold Lodge would like to say mange tusen takk to both of you for all your years of dedication, friendship and hard work. Please keep in touch.

At the 17th of May celebration in Park Ridge, Lynn Sove Maxon, President of the National League, announced the League's scholarship winners for 2000. Among the winners were Sarah Rose Naniak, a \$50 award for the Elementary School coloring contest. Also receiving an award was Andrew Naniak for the Junior High School essay contest. Andrew earned a \$100 prize. Both of these fine individuals are **Arthur Kleven's** grandchildren. Congratulations to the Kleven family!!



In Memoriam

Belatedly we learned of the death of **Margaret Breckan** in September, 1999. We extend our sincere sympathy to her husband Clifford, other members of her family and to her friends.

Stella J. Johnson passed away on April 12, 2000 in Cornell, Wisconsin. To Stella's family and friends, we extend our sympathy.

Coming Events! Mark your Calendars!!!

Scandinavian Day Festival In the Makings Sunday September 10, 2000

The committee is planning the annual Scandinavian Festival, the old "Viking Fest". There will be a variety of foods, Nordic Games and arts and craft booths representing all the Scandinavian countries. It is always a great time so please mark your calendars.

Skjold Lodge has had a food booth at the fest in recent years and it is likely the lodge will be there again this year—possibly serving Norwegian Pølse, lefse and delicious pastries. More details will follow!



Lodge Meetings!!

July 25, 2000 at 7:30 we are going to have a fun fun time! It's time for our summer ice cream social. The ice cream is "on the house" but it's always nice to have some cookies to compliment the dessert. SO, if you feel like baking or bringing, please do so.

Major George W. Guderley, U.S. Air Force Retired, will be our guest speaker at ice cream night. Major Guderley was a crew member on a B-17 heavy bomber with the 463rd Bomb Group stationed in Foggia, Italy when he was shot down over Nazi Germany. He spent most of 1944-45 as a prisoner of war. After being liberated, he returned to the USA and continued to serve his country. He was later recalled to duty during the Korean conflict and the Cuban Missile Crisis. Major Guderley has appeared before many organizations in the past years. We are very fortunate to have him share his experiences with us this evening.

August 22, 2000 at 6:30 p.m. we are having a salad potluck! Bring your favorite tasty treat for us all to try.



I Love a Parade!



On July 4, 2000, we are scheduled to participate in the Arlington Heights Parade stepping off at 10:00 a.m. If you plan on marching please be there by 9:30 a.m. Come on out and celebrate "25 years of Volunteers!"

Foundation Information

By Marge Wittrock, Foundation Director

As foundation director of Skjold Lodge, it is my responsibility to inform the members of the purpose of the Sons of Norway Foundation.

The major objectives are to provide scholarships, promote cultural exchange, promote Norwegian heritage and to support humanitarian causes.

The scholarships that are available are:

- The Astrid G. Cates Scholarship Fund
- The Nancy Lorraine Jensen Memorial Scholarship
- The Oslo International Summer School Scholarship
- The Camp Norway Language and Culture Institute

I understand three new scholarships have been added to this list recently. More information to follow.

Several years ago, Myrtle Beinhauer from the 5th District donated a sizable amount of money to the Foundation. There now is a \$3000.00 scholarship in her name. I would like to see some young person from our district receive that scholarship.

For more information about any of these scholarships, please write to or call the Sons of Norway in Minneapolis—Attention Liv Dahl at 1455 W. Lake Street Minneapolis, MN 55408. The telephone number is (612) 827-3611 and the fax is (612)827-0658.

In addition, Skjold Lodge has a scholarship in the amount of \$350.00 which is available to a member or child of a parent or grandparent who is a member of Skjold. This could be used for college tuition, trade school or books. If interested, please call me at (847) 392-4525 for an application.

October is Foundation month! Our Foundation evening is set for October 29, 2000 and is sure to be a fun evening of good food,, entertainment and fellowship. Keep your eyes peeled in the newsletter for more information about Foundation Night.

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Dates to Note on Your Calendars

- September 24, 2000—The Skjold News Benefit
- October 29, 2000—Foundation Night
- December 8, 2000—Skjold Christmas Party

The 90th was a Success!!

(Looking forward to the NEXT 90 years!)

People spoke, people listened, laughed and enjoyed the whole evening. There was dancing, drinking and delicious food for our crowd of crazy Norwegians. In case you were unable to join us, the winners of the raffles are as follows:

\$500 cash prize	Gregg LeDuc
Needlepoint	Commander, VFW Elk Grove Village
Chicago Framed Picture	Elizabeth Johnson
Wikstrom's Basket of Goodies	Luvern Anderson
Erickson's Deli Food Basket	Jill Placko
Afghan	Lee and Ann Grady

Takk Takk Takk

(A special 90th Anniversary edition of "Takk Takk Takk")

—Special thanks goes out to the committee who worked on the Anniversary dinner, great job everyone, it was a success!

—Tusen Takk to our special guests for the evening: Pastor Bernhard Pedersen; Charles Nilsen, International President of the Sons of Norway; Paul Anderson, Honorary Norwegian Consul General. It is always nice to hear from **Judy Torgersen** and **Jostein Bakken** as well.

—You'll never believe what **Gregg LeDuc** did with his winnings? He has generously donated the money back to Skjold. MANGE TAKK Gregg, you are a real class act.

Jostein Bakken Recognized

By Arthur Kleven, Assistant Cultural Director

For his outstanding contributions to the Sons of Norway, both as a past president of Skjold Lodge and as a District president, **Jostein Bakken** was selected by the Skjold Board of Directors to be honored with a plaque at the Leif Erikson Immigration Memorial in Trondheim, Norway.

Jostein's name and date of immigration (1950) will be among 500 immigrants to the United States who are being honored by the Leif Erikson International Foundation in Seattle, Washington. The highlight of this event will be the dedication on July 29, 2000 in Trondheim. There will be several programs, parties, and dinners, with Prince Hakken representing the crown.

In my travels this summer, I planned a trip to Trondheim and plan to attend part of the celebrations!

Bethesda Visit

By Judy Torgersen, President

Our yearly trip on the first Sunday in May, Skjold Lodge along with Bjørnstjerne Bjørnson Lodge visited the residents in the Bethesda Norwegian Home for the elderly. We bring cookies, waffles, julekake with goat cheese and coffee. We were thrilled that so many residents attended this fun event!

The folks really seem to enjoy our coming to visit. Along with our attending, the residents are also treated to the Leikarringen Heimhug dancers. The sing-a-long with **Lester Amack** at the piano is also a treat. We could hear the residents singing along too!

The afghan that was won at the 90th Anniversary party was donated to the Bethesda event. **Ann Grady**, who originally won the prize, donated it under the stipulation it be given to a resident having a name starting with "G". Well, a woman named Ginny won the afghan and was so thrilled to have it.

From there, Skjold members went on to the Leif Erikson lodge meeting which is always an enjoyable evening.!

Fosselyngen #82 Opens it's NEW Doors!

By Gene Kaczmarek, Secretary

The grand opening for the new Norway house in Milwaukee, Wisconsin was held on May 5, 2000. A large crowd gathered to celebrate the opening of the new club house—members and guests enjoyed excellent food, dinner music and a program which featured the Mayor of Milwaukee and other distinguished guests. Fifth District board member, Ron Engebretson, was the M.C. and our own **Jostein Bakken** was persuaded to say a few words!

The new club house is beautiful and the membership is very proud after many years of work and dreams! **Tordis** and I were present and enjoyed visiting with the friendly folks of Fosselyngen lodge!



Happy 4th of July!



Greetings Friends!!

It's that time of year when we all scatter around the world during our travels. It is also the time of year that I start badgering everyone about the Skjold News Benefit.

This year, **Tordis and Gene Kaczmarek** have graciously offered to help me in my quest for a successful evening. BUT, it is not up to myself, Tordis and Gene alone. No no...we need YOUR help too. We need assistance with preparations, selling of dinner tickets, taking dinner tickets, floaters during the evening and most of all, we need ITEMS to be raffled. These such items should be something you would love to have in your home.

I am so thankful for everybody's help with this event. As you may have heard (or seen), I'm well on my way to having my third child in early November, so I am certainly not as quick as I used to be! Thank you in advance for thinking of the Skjold News Benefit in your travels and ABOVE ALL, have a safe summer!

Fondly,

Krista ☺

PS: Mange tusen takk for all the donations that we receive for mailing the newsletter. Every little bit helps!

The Year of the Viking



The Vikings have been featured in the National Geographic magazine (May issue). Channel 11 had a special for one hour on May 9th. These were both very informational and gave facts that even we Norwegians were not aware of! The Norwegians are finally being recognized. Years ago, everyone thought Scandinavians were all Swedes!

Ha Ha Ha

☺ The last accurate weather report was when God told Noah it was going to rain.

☺ If you look like your passport photo, you NEED a trip.

☺ We're living in the land of plenty; everything we want costs plenty!

Thanks to the Torgersens for the quick laughs!



Potlucks, Bad Luck??

It was a normal St. Patrick's Day celebration in Brainerd, Minnesota while a Sons of Norway Lodge was busy enjoying their potluck meal. Because this particular event was being advertised in the local paper and the invitation was open to the public, some state Health Department officials can say no-no to such events. Why you ask? The reason is that people are not allowed to prepare or serve food unless it is from a state-approved kitchen. One might call those mighty Norwegians OUTLAWS! Thankfully, no inspectors showed up to spoil their fun!

According to Colleen Paulus, Manager of the Health Department's Environmental Health Services, it is not likely that the inspectors would show up at such an event, rather they concentrate on bigger gatherings, such as state fairs.

Al Juhnke, a Minnesota state representative, did however say that he was stopped at a similar event and told to bring his crock pot back to the car. That annoyed him so much he introduced the "hotdish bill" that exempts organizations holding potlucks from state food handling regulations. The Senate moved the bill along with a resounding voice vote of "ya, sure" (no kidding!) several weeks ago! Health officials make no apologies for enforcement, however they haven't tried to block legislation. They have worked towards a compromise.

For now, enjoy potlucks while we can still get away with them. Just be cautious of preparation and keeping foods at their appropriate temperatures.

Information for this article was taken from an article from the Associated Press written by Josh L. Dickey for publication April 1, 2000.

What's Happening Around Town



► The 7th Annual Norwegian American Fest is on Saturday, August 19, 2000 at the Mt. Horeb High School in Mt. Horeb, Wisconsin. The fun begins at 10 a.m. and runs until 5 p.m. The Dane County Sons of Norway Lodges are sponsoring this fest which includes crafts, entertainment, Norwegian foods, Fjord Horses, a Viking Village plus much more! Information can be obtained by calling (888) 765-5929 or call your Editor, **Krista at (630) 372-8446**.

► October 8, 2000, Leif Erikson Lodge #189 is sponsoring a celebration for Leif Erikson Day. Please call (630) 969-5477 for information and reservations after August 1, 2000.

Gratulære med dagen!
by Lois Amack

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 01 Elsie A. Bond
- 03 Florence Hestad, Howard W. Johnson,
Margaret Wittrock
- 06 Roy E. Dakin
- 08 Diane L. Overby, Olaf E. Stenersen
- 09 Kenneth P. Stromsland
- 10 Sverre Overland
- 11 Paul W. Arndt
- 12 Eleanor A. Brown, Norma Damm,
Peter A. Olberg
- 13 Einar Hovland
- 14 Peggy K. Engebretson
- 15 Lois A. Suter
- 16 Carol F. Bentsen, Irene O. Geerds,
Richard Nellis, Melvin O. Ness
- 18 Kenneth J. Berke, Marcella E. Butcher
- 19 Betty Larsen
- 21 Thor Skarsgor
- 22 Clair D. Husby
- 23 Iris T. Berke
- 24 Lillian E. Danielson
- 28 Harold C. Nelson, Judith K. Rabe
- 31 Lorraine G. Cummings, Irwin Dahlstrom,
Gail Klima

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 01 Donald Hoganson
- 02 Leon P. Grady, David J. Jeglum,
Einar Tenold
- 03 Ellen Juenger
- 05 Robert Cornwell, Ann L. Grady,
Ronald K. Jonassen, Grant Vevang
- 06 Eva Sorensen
- 07 Arthur Klima
- 08 Norma Berke
- 12 Ruth Ecklund, Cora Judkins,
Theodore Ness
- 13 Gerd M. Juell
- 14 Walt Winney
- 16 Lee Shuler
- 17 Muriel Flubacker
- 18 Marilyn J. Jeglum
- 20 Cynthia M. Angelaccio
- 21 Lester Amack
- 22 Bernice Birney, Carol Ann Carlsen
- 24 Karen Brown
- 25 Ione J. Rice
- 29 Mique A. Armato
- 31 Margaret Benson



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Velkommen to you,
Lisa Christopher



Genealogy

Lisa Christopher is originally from Moline, Illinois. She was a Rotary exchange student to Aalesund, Norway during the 1983-84 school year. Lisa graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison with a Bachelors Degree in Scandinavian Studies. She then moved to Chicago in 1994 and married Dave Tyrell. She is currently employed with Nordstroms at Old Orchard in Skokie. Last summer, Lisa got to visit Norway! She loved seeing her family and using the research she had done with genealogy—a truly rewarding interest Lisa has. We welcome you, Lisa!!

