



Skjold

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“Remember When”

As we enter the new millennium, we can reflect on the past years and what changes we have seen. Just when you think they have invented everything and there is nothing new... WOOP!, they find something new to boggle our minds. No matter what age we are, we can all look back on changes.

There comes a point in our lives when we look to the past for our roots. Sons of Norway has kept up with the times (we're even on a

website!). They have information on genealogy and how you can trace your ancestors.

There are various booklets on Norwegian programs, crafts, reading material and sports. They believe in fitness and would like to reward you for this (see your sports director).

Summer camps are available for adults and children in Wisconsin. There are also scholarships available, check your *Viking* magazine and the *Skjold News* for more information on this throughout the year.

We are here for you. Any questions or suggestions, please contact me or any officer. We would be glad to hear from you.

Fraternally,

Judy Torgersen

Happy Anniversary to Skjold!!

This year, we are celebrating the 90th year of Skjold Lodge, and we're doing it with style! Our celebration is on April 29, 2000 at the Sheraton Arlington Park Hotel starting with cocktails at 6 p.m. We have the privilege of having the Sons of Norway's International President, **Charles Nilsen** as our guest speaker. Our very own **Judy Torgersen** is our Mistress-of-Ceremonies for the evening.

Get all geared up for a night of good food, dancing and fellowship! Be sure to get some raffle tickets. You could go home a very happy Norwegian with an extra \$500 cash in your pocket! See Lester Amack if you need any raffle tickets. Participants don't need to be present to win.

Reservations are being taken by **Lois and Lester Amack** at (847) 676-1237 and **Tordis and Gene Kaczmarek** at (847) 222-9244. Reservations must be received by April 15, 2000. The cost for the evening is \$30 and there will also be a cash bar available.

Congratulations Skjold!



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Har Du Hørt?



By Evelyn Eck

Don Hoganson has a special love—his 1916 Hupmobile car which was his grandfather's first and only car. The cost when purchased was \$1,300 and included two options, a huge spotlight and a rear - mounted spare tire. Later a front bumper was added! This vintage 4-door touring sedan is two-toned, black with brewster green doors, the top is cloth and there are side curtains; the "glove compartment" is actually side pockets in each door. The car has a reserve gas tank. Don's dad and uncle grew tired of cranking, so they had a German Bosch magneto and starter installed. Recently, Don found four new spark plugs for it (they are huge!) at the old Chicago Warshawsky auto parts store. The owners manual emphasizes weekly scrapping of mud from under the fenders and draining the water from the radiator to prevent freezing when parked for several hours in cold weather. This definitely was pre-antifreeze days! The Hup Motor Corporation in Detroit was the manufacturer and closed operations in 1930. Don still has a book of tickets issued by the dealer (long gone) for several hours of free labor. He recalls many funny stories his dad told about the car. In one, his grandfather came up the road, turned into a barnyard, which was closed by a wooden gate and yelled "whoa, whoa", then crashed right through the gate! The Hup was not injured—it's built like a tank!!

On December 2, 1999, **Arthur Kleven** and his daughter, Lisa, took a trip to Guatemala City, Guatemala to see a child Lisa planned to adopt. They enjoyed meeting 7 month old Albert and the many adoption parents at the hotel. On a tour of the city, they were surprised to see private guards armed with automatic weapons at every place of business as well as the garages. Banks had 5 guards outside and 5 guards inside. The last revolution was over in 1996, but Art said it was like visiting a war zone. The American Embassy where they went for an adoption procedure had about 30 guards and all documents were inspected thoroughly before they could gain entrance. On tour of the city, the Klevens requested the tour bus stop at the Norwegian Consulate. Arthur, speaking Norwegian, was able to get into the heavily guarded compound and visit with some of the Norwegian Nationals present, but he was not allowed to enter the building. Later they took a one day trip to Antigua, visited many religious sites and saw a Scandinavian Ship which unfortunately wasn't open that day. About two weeks later, Lisa returned to Guatemala City to complete the adoption and bring the baby back to the U.S.A. Little Albert enjoyed the excitement and gifts of Christmas in his new home. In May he will be one year old. More time for happiness and gifts!

Welcome Albert!



Rose and Ray Haakonsen spent the holiday season in San Pedro, California with their son, Kevin and his wife Sara. They were treated to the Christmas pageant, The Glory of Christmas, at the Chrystal Cathedral in Garden Grove. After celebrating the New Year, they enjoyed a trip to Las Vegas. They soaked up sunshine at the beach, visited Rose's brother and returned to Chicago on January 19th in a snow storm with the temperature near zero—Brrrrrrrrrr, back to reality!

Lillian Berge made a trip to her daughter's home in St. Louis for a short Christmas celebration with the family. She arrived there on Thursday, December 23rd and was happy to be with her grandchildren for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day festivities. On Sunday the 26th, she started the drive back to Chicago for her move into her new home in Huntley on Monday, December 27th. She said she loves her new home very much and expects to enjoy it even more when she is settled.

Tordis and Gene Kaczmarek had visitors from Plano, Texas for a few days during the Christmas holiday. Tordis' daughter, son-in-law, and grandson enjoyed a pleasant visit which included Christmas Eve dinner served with candles and food specially prepared for the occasion. Tordis and Gene will be flying to Dallas in March to return the visit.

Gail and Arthur Klima have moved to Ellison Bay, Wisconsin. Before they left, Gail called to express their thanks to all Skjold members for the get well wishes they had received at the times they were ill and to say how much they enjoyed attending the meetings and various Skjold special events. When they return to this area to see family members, they will try to visit a Skjold meeting as well. We wish them good luck in their home in Door County.

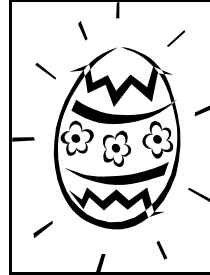
Barney Jacobson sent greetings from North Carolina and a thank-you for the beautiful get well card he received from Skjold. He is feeling fine after getting medication for a bad cough and fever and is planning to be back at Skjold in time to celebrate his 90th birthday at the meeting on March 29th. He also extended an open invitation to attend an open house his granddaughter, Solveig, is having for him. See the next page for details!

Marilyn Halvorsen is planning a trip to Norway with the Hallinglag this June. Almost 200 Hallings are going on the trip. Every room in the Hallingdahl Valley will be filled with Lag members. As part of this trip, the group is going to visit Tubfrim. If you have stamps for Tubfrim, Marilyn can deliver them for you.



In Memoriam

We are sorry to report the death of **Lawrence Knudsen** of St. Charles who passed away last June. **Margrethe Ullenbrauck** passed away on January 21, 2000. Margrethe was the daughter of **Teddy Boe**, past president of Skjold Lodge serving in 1926-32-44 and 45. A former member who some may remember, **Ted Meland**, also passed away. To the family and friends of these people, we offer our sincere sympathies.



Happy Easter!

God Påske!

Heritage Fest 2000

On April 2, 2000, the Skjold Lodge will be hosting their annual Heritage Fest beginning at 4:30 p.m. There will be a variety of crafters, cultural exhibits and entertainment. Some things to look forward to are: lefse making, hardanger, knitting, genealogy, quilting, bobbin lace and rosemaling. New this year: our own **Kari Diesen-Dahl** is available to answer questions and tell us about the Norwegian Lutheran Memorial Church in Chicago.

Other fun things planned are a bake sale and a raffle. Members please come equipped with lots of your home baked yummys for the bake sale. Tusen takk in advance!

The cost of the event is \$20.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children. Reservations must be made by March 26, 2000 to **Diane Overby (773)286-1363** or **Art Kleven (847) 870-1679**. Lets have a good turnout and celebrate our heritage together.

Where are you From????

Where in Norway did your relatives come from? For the Heritage Fest, the Cultural Director is planning a map to highlight the Norwegian towns from which our Norwegian ancestors originated. This applies to parents, grandparents, great-grandparents or even yourself. Please complete the form below and hand it to Diane Overby or Art Kleven or drop it in the mail to the Editor (mailing information on front page) Tusen Takk!

Your Name:

Your Relative's Name and Relationship:

The City or Area in Norway:

The Approximate Date of Arrival in USA:

Barney's Birthday Celebration!



Barney Jacobson has extended an invitation for all of us to attend an open house celebrating his birthday. The party is being hosted by his Granddaughter, Solveig. The celebration will be on March 25, 2000 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Solveig and Gregory Cooney's home: 814 S. Salem in Arlington Heights. PLEASE call and let them know if you are coming (847) 670-9248. Barney says: "We will all be happy to see you there".

Wishing everyone the luck of the Irish!



The Page of Opportunities!



Norwegian Heritage Camp for the Youth

The 22nd year for heritage camp is planned for July 16-29, 2000 in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. District 5 youth ranging in age from 9 through 15 are welcome to participate in the joy of the Norwegian culture, heritage and fun! There are scholarships available through Skjold as well as District 5. If you desire more information or an application, please see contact **Harland Anderson (920) 739-2989** or **Judy Torgersen (847) 605-2126**. The deadline for applications is May 17, 2000.

BINGO

Tusen Takk to all those from Skjold who volunteered their time for this money-making event. Bingo was a huge success last year! We all benefit from the successful results, so we are in need of volunteers for the third Wednesday of each month. Each volunteer is entitled to a free plate of whatever is being served that evening and a certificate for "Sunday Brunch for One" every time six full evenings of working Bingo is completed. Please call **Judy Torgersen (847) 605-2126** if you would like to volunteer your time-it's fun!

...and how about the adults?

Well, there is an adult heritage retreat being held July 30 - August 4, 2000 at the same place in Eau Claire at the County Youth Camp (also known as Beaver Creek). There are several fun activities, programs, crafts, sports and other cultural skills planned. It is sure to be a great time! Just like the youth camp, contact **Harland Anderson (920) 739-2989** or **Judy Torgersen (847) 605-2126** for an application or information.



Don't forget that Skjold offers a \$350 scholarship to an eligible Skjold member, child or grandchild of a member. If you would like an application or if you are interested in this opportunity, please call **Marge Wittrock (847) 392-4525**.

Norwegian Language Classes

Classes have begun for the winter/spring language classes, however, it's not too late to join in on the fun! The Norwegian Intermediate Language classes held at SACS on Thursdays, began on February 3rd and are running through April 27th (with no class on April 20th). If you



Lights...Camera...Action!

Here's your OPPORTUNITY to exercise your theatrical abilities. The Norwegian National League is planning a Leif Erickson play to be held October 6 and 7, 2000. The league is looking for anyone who would like to take part with acting, directing, lighting, painting, building sets or any way you can use your talents to enhance the production. Children are indeed welcome! Please contact **Ron Bentsen (847) 506-9488** or any National League Representative.

Officer's Seminar

This year, the officer's seminar is scheduled for April 1, 2000 (no, I'm not foolin'). Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. with the meeting beginning at 9:00. The seminar will be held in Delavan, Wisconsin at the Norsemen of the Lakes Lodge 5-650. Lunch will be \$4.00 for officers and \$9.00 for others.

There will be more information on directions to follow, **contact Jostein Bakken with any questions (847) 526-6486**. Come with notebook in hand and ideas in your head.

Meet our New Members! Velkommen to Skjold 5-100

Fred Gilbertsen

(sorry no photo available)

Fred and his wife, Dorothy live in Des Plaines. He has three children and 6 grandchildren. Fred was a Consulting Engineer before he retired. He now has more time to enjoy traveling, skiing, wood carving and stamp collecting.

Mr. Gilbertsen is also interested in genealogy. His father and parts of his mother's family came from the southern end of Norway, Farsund.

Look for Fred at our Skjold meetings and the Torske club too!



Mark Heuer

Mark lives in Barrington with his wife, Ellen, and their 7 year old son, Brett. Mark works as a Marketing Manager for MetLife Auto and Home. He

is a graduate of Concordia College in River Forest, Illinois. In his spare time, he likes to lift weights, listen to music, read and go to the movies.

Mark joined the Sons of Norway to learn more about his Norwegian heritage.



Becca and Jan Thomassen

Jan Ivar Thomassen (can't get more Norwegian than THAT name, can ya?) met his bride, Becca the ultimate 20th century way, in a chat room on the internet! In January 1999, they met via the computer and the following October, they were married! Jan

works as a hydraulic technician for Certified Power, Inc. (CPI) in Mundelein and Becca works as a regional administrative assistant for a non-profit social service agency in downtown Chicago.

Jan was born in Hammerfest, Norway and Becca was born in Waukesha, Wisconsin. (She openly calls herself a "cheesehead!")

They are both big "football" enthusiasts, but the definition of the sport will vary depending on which one of them you ask. Ask Jan, and the answer is soccer, ask Becca and she'll say GO PACKERS!!



New Members!

Velkommen!

Fred O. Gilbertsen
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Des Plaines, Illinois 60016
(847) 827-3473

Mark W. Heuer
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Barrington, Illinois 60010
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(847) 549-1341

Walt Winney
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If you are a new member and would like for us to know about you, please send or email a brief biography to the editor.

PS: A picture would be great too! Thanks.

Your Y2K Officers

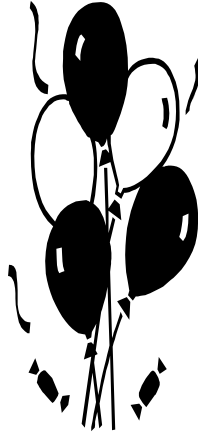


Front Row (L to R): Tordis Kaczmarek, Gene Kaczmarek, Carol Bentsen, Jostein Bakken, Judy Torgersen, Lester Amack, Lois Amack and Gregg LeDuc. **Second Row (L to R):** Marge Wittrock, Ann Christiansen, Lillian Berge, Ted Torgersen, Krista Bachman, Bjarne Kristiansen, and Evelyn Eck. **Last Row (L to R):** Ray Haakonsen, Roger Larson, Dave Grevstad, Art Kleven, Clifford Christensen and Diane Overby.

Gratulære med dagen!
by Lois Amack

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 01 Michele Michelet Boyer, Steve Fehn
- 02 Ann Norstad Collins
- 03 Lynton E. Norstad
- 04 Richard L. Byvik
- 05 Berit Abbrescia, Edna A. Holmes
- 06 Jill K. Crooker, Anne K. Meland,
Myron Tollefson
- 07 John D. Hill
- 09 Michael D. Schmalz, Jr.
- 10 Lois Amack
- 11 Alfred Haugsness, Bette Oldeen
- 12 Cheryl Noah Burseth, John Schaad
- 13 Donald W. Lund
- 18 Judith A. Stromsland
- 19 Neal D. Marshall
- 20 Margaret Breckan
- 22 Vivian R. Isaksen
- 24 Bjarne Kristiansen
- 25 Bernard Jacobson
- 26 Eric P. Burseth, Kari T. Hoel
- 30 Lillian Bogstrand



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 06 John F. Schussler
- 07 Jacquelyn L. Foswold
- 09 Mette L. Baran, Elmer Severson
- 10 William M. Borndahl, Margot K.
Hofman, Steinar Steine
- 11 Barbra A. Mogil
- 12 Maureen Larsen
- 13 Karen L. Stromley
- 15 Deanna M. Norlin
- 16 A. Margareta Hovland, Earl B. Jensen
- 18 Dennis Gross
- 19 David J. Engebretson, David J. Hardy
- 23 Edith K. Mueser, Herbert Sorensen
- 24 Aage S. Nordli, Otto Vatne
- 25 Kenneth E. Moe, Karen B. Sveinsvoll
- 27 Aase K. Ponsbach
- 28 Kenneth K. Holt

Lodge Meetings!!

Our next lodge meeting will be on **March 28, 2000 starting at 7:30**. We are having our monthly meeting plus we are celebrating BARNEY JACOBSON'S 90th BIRTHDAY!! The guest of honor is going to speak and then he has graciously offered to supply all the goodies for the evening. This meeting is NOT a potluck as previously reported, so no need to ponder on what to bring, just bring yourself!

We are having our April lodge meeting on **April 25, 2000 starting at 7:30 p.m.** Our hosts for the evening are Tordis and Gene Kaczmarek and Marge Wittrock. The evening will be a relaxing time for business and socializing.

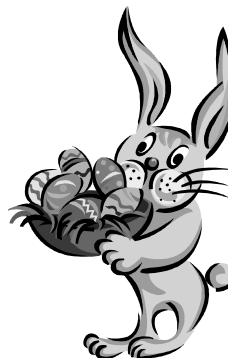
Change Of Address

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11986 Tuliptree Lane
Huntley, Illinois 60142
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Arthur and Gail Klima
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Ellison Bay, Wisconsin 54210

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Recipe of the Month

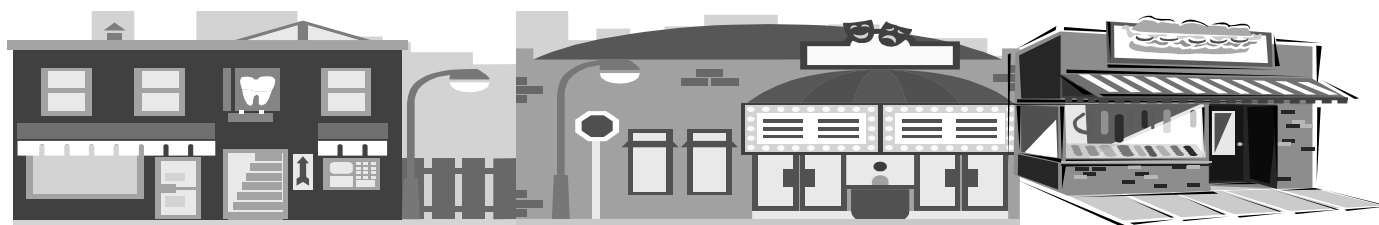
Norwegian Rumagroust

- 2 C butter
- 2 C boiling water
- 1 C flour
- 4 C milk
- Salt
- Cinnamon

Boil the butter and water together for 5 minutes. Then slowly add the flour. The butter will come up to the top, remove butter and save. Boil the milk and combine it with the mixture above. Add salt to taste and the butter that was set aside. Serve hot with cinnamon.

—Clifford Christensen





What's Happening Around Town

SACS

Friday, March 3-Akvafifth Luncheon
 Saturday, March 11-Torske Klub Luncheon
 Friday, March 31-Normennenes Singing Society Singers Night
 Sunday, April 23-Easter Sunday Brunch

National League

It's not too late to enter your youngster in the National League's scholarships. The deadline is March 15, 2000 and is available to children of Norwegian descent from Chicago or the six surrounding metropolitan areas. There are four scholarships available, ranging from first grade through high school. Lynn Sove Maxon will be happy to give anyone information or an application (she even emails them out!). Contact **Lynn at (847) 297-1656** or email her at somax@chicago.avenew.com.

News From Norway

Norway's Oldest Portrait

Restoration work at the Nidaros Cathedral in Trondheim has led to the discovery of several grave stones dating back to the 1200s. One portrayed "Gudrid", an unknown noblewoman who died in the 13th century.

—From *Norway Now, Media November 1999*

Viking Home

The remains of a house from the early Viking period, dated between AD 660 and 880, has been found in Hustad, a community in Møre og Romsdal county.

Viking King Øystein Magnusson was known to live close to Hustad until he died in 1123. The dimensions of the house will remain unknown because the poles that supported it continue under a street that local authorities don't want put out of commission.

Finds of Viking houses are uncommon because they were usually a venerable surface construction—log cabins with cog joints at the corners. The house at Hustad was built with heavy vertical poles sunk into the sandy soil, and these have been preserved.

—From *Norway Now, Media December 1999*

Some District 5 Lodge Meetings

Leif Erikson #189

Ted Knusman Amvet Hall, Chicago, Illinois
 Meets: 1st Sunday at 3:00 p.m.

Polar Star #472 (Hi Burt)

St. Olaf Church, Montgomery, Illinois
 Meets: 1st Sunday at 1:00 p.m.

Elvesund #593

VFW Hall, North Riverside, Illinois
 Meets: 4th Sunday at 3 p.m.

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