



Skjold

Sons of Norway-A Fraternal Benefit Society

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Kommentar Fra



Judy Torgersen

Hello!!! Where are you?

This president's letter is a cry for help. The Scandinavian Day Festival at VASA Park in South Elgin on September 10, 2000 is a great day. Many people come out and it's a wonderful opportunity for Skjold to make money. The officers can only do so much to make sure these events run smoothly and efficiently. What we need is for people to VOLUNTEER to help. Help can be in set up in the morning, serve pølse and lefse throughout the day, bring some home baked goodies (those are pure profit!) or volunteer at our member-

ship table. Can you spare an hour to help keep the tables manned?

There will be no bazaar this year (members will be receiving a letter from the Skjold Building Society later in reference to this) so lets make a good showing at Vasa this year!

Finally, as another reminder, our Editor needs information to be submitted to her for the newsletters. The newsletter is a vital link between members.

NEWS FLASH!! As we enter the new century, we owe a thank you to Roger Larson who is putting Skjold on a web site. So, click on!

See you at Vasa park.

Fraternally,

Judy

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21st Annual Scandinavian Day Festival

A Viking Festival

Mark your calendars for September 10, 2000 because you definitely won't want to miss the annual Scandinavian Day Fest at Vasa Park in South Elgin (off of Route 31). The fun begins at 9 a.m. and runs to 6 p.m.

Skjold will have a food booth this year. We will be selling lefse-pølse, lefse packages and Norwegian

pastries and cookies. Members are encouraged to donate homemade bakery goods and sign up to work in the booth. For more information about the food booth, contact **Gene Kaczmarek at (847) 222-9244.**

We are also having a membership booth and could use folks to help man that station. Please

contact your membership chairman, **Mr. Lester Amack at (847) 676-1237** for information.

What else is there to do at the Fest you ask? Well, there are lots of goodies to taste, many crafts to see and/or purchase as well as entertainment galore! It really is a fun time and keeps you in touch with your heritage.



Editor:
Krista J. Bachman



Har Du Hørt?



By Evelyn Eck

Arthur Kleven left on June 14th for a two month visit to Norway. Art has many relatives in the beautiful country and his lengthy itinerary allows him to visit them on many of his stops. Starting in Stavanger, he visited his cousin Eva Espensen and then Albert and Bjorg Kleiven in Savda. Next, on to a boat trip headed for Bergen for visits with Olga Kleiven Melkerson and others. Bergen, of course, is where a trip to Mt. Fløien and the fish market were a must! Then another boat trip on the Sognefjord was made, followed by a bus to take him to Gjerde where Art has several cousins. A bus to Øvre-Årdal, on to Lardal and a train ride to Nesbyen, covers an area where many of Art's cousins live. The next seven days were spent traveling and visiting still more cousins in the various towns. Another bus ride to Oslo and Drammen brought him in contact with many others. By this time, Art was full of great Norwegian food: lefse, fish, cheese and more, Uff Da! He also took time to boat over to Copenhagen, another boat trip to Germany and a train ride to Berlin. He then returned to Stavanger on August 10, 2000 to attend meetings and parties at the Sons of Norway International Convention. He flew home on August 14th from Amsterdam. We all hope Art will share with us the many pictures he must have taken and tell us of some of his experiences on his lengthy visit.

Steinar and June Steine said they had a terrific trip to Norway for 3 weeks in May and June. They spent 9 days in Bergen and Norheimsund enjoying a reunion with Steinar's 4 brothers and 4 sisters. A family photo was taken-the first in 44 years! The highlight of the trip was a 7 day excursion on the Hurtigruten's M/S Nordkapp. They enjoyed seeing the midnight sun for 5 days passing the Artic Circle. The scenery along the coast from Bergen to Kirkenes was awesome, they said, and better than anything they had seen in Alaska. This trip was a gift to June for her 70th birthday celebrated in June! After 3 days in Oslo visiting June's family, they returned home to find 16" of dirty water in their basement and a freezer full of spoiled food! YUCK! However, the Steines said "we still have our wonderful memories".

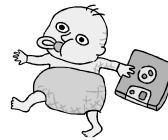
Ted and Judy Torgersen were hosts to Ted's sister, Edith and her grandson, Keino when they visited here for 2 weeks in June. They are from Egersund, an island outside of Egersund, Norway. Ted's cousin, Marion and her husband came from Sun City, Arizona via Knife River, Minnesota to visit the Torgersens too. They were on their way to a Methodist Convention in Madison, Wisconsin, something in which Marion's husband is very involved.

Lillian Berge visited Door County, Wisconsin where she was born and raised. She met a high school clique of girls and shared an album that brought back fun memories. She celebrated a nephew's 40th birthday with family at Cherry Hill in Sturgeon

Bay and visited with Don Overby in Sister Bay. Diane was not there she was back in Chicago closing out their former home. Don sends greetings to Skjold members. There is much Scandinavian culture in Door County and Lillian recommends not only the lovely bed and breakfast place the Overby's will have, but the Sister Bay Café which serves only Norwegian food. Contact Lillian for a Door County vacation guide if you like.

Gene Kaczmarek had a fatty tumor removed from the top of his head on June 29th. The pathology report indicated it was a benign condition. **Tordis** had gall bladder surgery on July 8th and spent a few days in the hospital in Downers Grove. She thanks everyone for the flowers and cards she received during and after her hospital stay. She is doing fine and will be ready for the trip to Stavanger the first week in August. Like many Skjold members, the Kaczmarek's are sturdy people and weather physical problems quickly to go on and do what they enjoy most—their activities in Skjold Lodge and Sons of Norway.

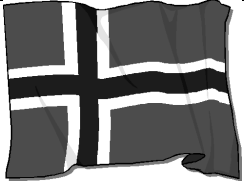
Birth Announcements



Congratulations are in order for **Martha and Ken Johnson** on the birth of their first granddaughter. Allie Rose was born on May 26th and has two older brothers, Travis and Justin. **Ann Christiansen** and her husband, Bob, welcomed their first grandchild, a baby boy, Evan Mark, born on July 8th weighing in at 8 lbs. Congratulations to the Christiansens too!

Get Well Wishes

Vivian R. Isaksen, of Urbana IL, had a triple by-pass at the beginning of July and is now home recuperating. **Victor Gabrielson** was recently found at home in a diabetic coma and was saved by paramedics. He also is home recovering. Holly Bachman, daughter of **Krista Bachman** is recovering from eye muscle surgery which took place on July 31st at Children's Memorial Hospital. This was Holly's 3rd eye surgery in her short 4 year life. She is recovering nicely at home. Heather Segar, daughter of **Ann Christiansen**, suffered 5 strokes a few days following the birth of Evan. Heather has since been relocated from University Hospital in Cincinnati to Drake Rehabilitation Center for therapy and is expected to make a full recovery over time. She was so thankful for the cards she has received from Skjold. To these Skjold members and families as well as **Ole Diesen** and **Maxine and Curtis Leckman**, we send our best wishes for a return to good health. Maxine called to say many thanks for the cards they have received from Skjold wishing them well. She said they are so happy to receive them and find them encouraging.



Coming Events



October is Foundation Month!

The month of October has always been set aside to raise money for the Foundation. We in Skjold Lodge are having a Foundation Night on October 29th at the Scandinavian Club with dinner and entertainment. Doors open at 4 p.m. and a delicious buffet dinner for \$20 will begin at 5 p.m. There will also be a raffle to raise money. Donations of any new or like new raffle prizes will be gratefully accepted. Entertainment will be by the Bjornson Male Chorus and Skjold Lodge member Elizabeth Fjortoft.

In addition to the scholarships listed in the previous Skjold News, we also have the Kenneth Algot Nelsen Fund for Norwegian heritage and Norwegian culture activities. This fund will become operational this year.

More recently, the Foundation is also seeing the importance of Humanitarian Funds. We saw an outpouring of generosity by Sons of Norway members in 1997 when the flood relief was needed in the Midwest. This again led to the development of the Sons of Norway Foundation Humanitarian Fund. His Majesty, King Harald V lent his name and likeness to a medallion. The medallion is made in silver and for a minimum donation of \$250, you can receive a King Harald V medallion (\$225 of this donation is tax deductible). Also keep in mind any donation to the Foundation is tax deductible.

The King Olav V Norwegian American Heritage Fund, in operation since 1984, had awarded scholarships to a total of 178 students by the end of 1999. No money is spent from the capital of the fund, only from interest. The endowment was established through the sale of the King Olav V medallion in silver and gold with a likeness of His Majesty on one side and the emblem of Sons of Norway Foundation on the other.

Gifts given in memorials or in honor of someone still living are gratefully appreciated. Such a gift helps perpetuate the Norwegian heritage and the noble ideals on which Sons of Norway Foundation was built.

Please also keep in mind the Skjold Lodge's own scholarship in the amount of \$350. Additional information about any of these scholarships can be obtained either from **Marge Wittrock (847) 392-4525** or **Jostein Bakken (847) 526-6486**. For Sons of Norway Foundation scholarships, Liv Dahl at the SON Minneapolis office (800) 945-8851.

Mark those calendars for October 29th and find out more about the Sons of Norway Foundation. Thank you in advance for your help in supporting the Foundation.

Lodge Meetings

September 26th is going to be a fun evening! Our guest speaker, Nancy Larsen-Odalen will be starting at **7:30 p.m.** Nancy is a member of the Norsemen of the Lakes Lodge and she is going to share her trip to Antarctica. Following her presentation, we are having our lodge meeting (goodies provided by **Art Kleven and Lorraine Cummings**) and a nominating committee will be selected for the 2001 officers for the lodge.

October 24th at 7:30, plan an evening with us and PIE. Yes, it's the "Pie O My" dessert night. Pies will be provided by **Lois Amack, Lillian Berge, Bjarne Kristiansen and Doris Lodin**. Our attention will also be on **Marilyn Halvorsen** and her trip to the Hallingdal Valley and Tubfrim. We will also be having initiation of new members this evening. Whew! Busy night!

News on Norge



Fall ski jumping at the Norge Ski Club in Fox River Grove is scheduled for September 17, 2000. Gates open at noon and the competition begins at 1:00 p.m. Relax and bring your lawn chairs and watch skiers show off their graceful air flight.

As usual, there will be food and beverages available on the grounds. Parking is free and if you need information, **call Ed and June Waters at (847) 639-2991** or the club number at (847) 639-9718.

Notable Notes

- We will be taking inventory shortly. If anyone is holding property belonging to Skjold, please make a list and give it to **Ray Haakonsen** or **Roger Larson**.
- Sons of Norway Heritage Membership is FREE for children/grandchildren to age 15. Heritage members receive a quarterly newsletter filled with lots of fun activities and information on Norway past and present. If you would like an application, call **Judy Torgersen at (847) 605-2126**.

Here's Where the Skjold News Benefit would be Advertised...

By **Krista J. Bachman**

As you may or may not have heard, this year's Skjold News Benefit was cancelled. Not because everyone was afraid the pregnant Editor would have eaten the buffet by herself (although she may have), it was cancelled due to miscommunication. Being too late in the year to find a new place to hold the event, we decided to go ahead and cancel the event for this year.

This is unfortunate not only because we love to see **Ted Torgersen** "up the bid" immediately following the auctioneer's first asking bid, but it is a shame because now we are not going to have the funds available to finance the newsletter for next year. I know what you are thinking...you would like to give a little moneys towards the newsletter—and I like that thinking.

Here's my idea: each year, we offer the option to have Christmas greetings in the last *Skjold News* of the year. We usually charge a minimal fee for this exciting privilege (hehehe). This year, I am asking that you dig a little deeper into the billfold and purse for this greeting and have the *benefit* in mind. Think about how much you usually give that evening. Please send your donation along with your message to me and I will print it up really nice for you. Mange Takk for your support!

Please send donations and notes no later than October 2, 2000 to Krista J. Bachman at 562 Adare Road Bartlett, Illinois 60103 (make checks payable to Skjold Lodge).

Takk Takk Takk

"An Honor"

By **Jostein Bakken**

I am extending a big thank you to Skjold Lodge #5-100 for making a request to the International Leif Erikson Foundation. My name along with fifty other names of immigrants will be on a plaque on the Leif Erikson statue erected in the harbor in Trondheim, Norway where it can be seen by people taking their coastal steamer.

I have received a certificate of record from the Leif Erikson International Foundation verifying that my name will be on the statue. Dedication of the statue was on July 29, 2000 in Trondheim.

Mange tusend takk for the honor Skjold Lodge has bestowed upon me.

"A Compliment to the News"

By **Barney Jacobson**

To the readers of *Skjold News*, the news comes to your house 6 times a year. I hope you read it, because a lot of work goes into it and now you have the opportunity to help. We have been blessed with many good Editors and helpers to get the news to you.

☺ Editor's note: Barney made a generous donation to the *Skjold News* last month. I would personally like to thank him for his on going support and confidence in me. Mange Takk from the bottom of my heart.

Check out our Website at:

<http://dwp.bigplanet.com/skjold5100>

Please submit a picture of yourself to **Roger Larson** for our website!

Does Everyone Know What Tubfrim is?

(If not, read on!)

Tubfrim is a humanitarian organization owned by the Norwegian Health Service. It was founded in 1928 and its original purpose was to help finance research into tuberculosis and aid children inflicted by the disease.

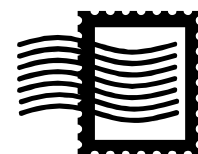
Used postage stamps are collected, packaged and resold to wholesalers and philatelists all around the world. The profits earned from this are used to provide care

and aid to handicapped children in Norway.

Please never throw away canceled stamps. Cut or tear stamps off the envelope leaving a slight (approx. 1/2 inch) to keep the perforation intact. Tubfrim gladly accepts stamp collections, old envelopes, covers and postcards. If the stamps happen to be over 40 years old, don't cut the stamps, rather, send the

whole thing! They accept stamps from any country. Send your stamps to:

TUBFRIM
N-3540 Nesbyen, Norway



Convention 2000

Sailing into the New Millennium



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Delegates from L to R: Lester Amack, Gene Kaczmarek, Marge Wittrock, Krista Bachman, Lois Amack and Judy Torgersen

Judy Torgersen, Delegate and Member of the Committee on Resolutions

On behalf of all the delegates that Skjold Lodge sent to the 5th District, we wish to thank you for your confidence in us.

This has been an exciting year for me and Skjold. Skjold Lodge received a gold award for the lodge and a gold award for the president, **Don Hoganson** in 1998 and one for **Jostein Bakken** for 1999 (I have my work cut out for me!). **Krista Bachman**, our Editor, received 2nd place in her class for our beautiful and informative newsletter.

At the convention, I had the honor to have been elected to go to Stavanger, Norway for the international convention this last August. I was also elected to a director on the board. All and all, a successful convention!

Lois Amack, Delegate and Chairman Teller 5th District Officers elected June 2000:

President—Ray Knutson—Valhall #168
Vice President—Oleif Olsaker—Scandiana #600
Secretary--Mary Jane Bennett-Idun #74
Treasurer—John Johnson—Leif Erikson#189
Recreation Director—Gil Bergsrud—Samhold #473
Publicity Director—Dave Fisher—Trygvasson #220
Cultural Director—Lee Olsen—Polar Star #472
Youth Director—Harland Anderson—Norse Valley #491

Directors:

Ron Engebretson—Fosselyngen #82
Judith Torgersen—Skjold #100 (Wooohooo!)
Wauneta Averill—Norrøna #27
Bjorg Corneliussen—Ostestaden #642
Ken Nyland—Vennelag #513
Tom Boudreau—Elvedal #556
Galen Berg—Fagerness #616

Gene Kaczmarek, Delegate and Member of the Committee on Laws

The District Board submitted a by-law change that would give flexibility in setting the traveling expense (fare) for delegates attending the International Convention. This change was approved by 2/3 majority vote. The delegates also approved having the International Board do all the billing and collecting of the dues. This would eliminate the confusion that lodge members have experienced in the past.

Regarding resolutions, the following action was taken:

- That the International Board of S/N cause a pin to be developed, known as the Dovre pin, that will be awarded to all S/N members that hold a benefit certificate—approved.
- That S/N International begin to list the names of Heritage members in all local membership print-outs—approved.
- That the International Board of S/N come up with a way to identify SNYC members...other than a “Y”—approved.
- That the name and address of all District Local Lodge Presidents, Secretaries and Financial Secretaries continue to be printed in the March issue of the Viking magazine each year beginning in 2001—approved.
- That the S/N International redesign the volunteer/member services sheet to help the local lodge members understand the volunteer forms and the implications of not filling out the NFCA form—approved.
- That representatives to the International Lodge meetings in the year 2000 shall receive an expense allowance of \$1,000—approved.
- That the following 5th District officer’s salaries be set for the coming biennium: President -\$500 per year; Treasurer-\$600 per year; Secretary-\$1000 per year; Publicity Director-\$400 per year—approved.

Marge Wittrock, Delegate

When the convention adjourned for the day on Friday, delegates and friends (190 in all) went to The Cotillion for a delicious dinner of prime rib or salmon. Following dinner, we were entertained by the Town Criers of Elk Grove High School. The Town Criers are a young, talented and energetic group that sing and dance. Some of the kids had already graduated but came back to sing with the group!

There was a bunad style show narrated by Mary Jane Bennett with about 15 people in their various Norwegian costumes. After the bunad show, Gil Bergsrud presented the golf and bowling awards to the lucky winners.

Table decorations made by **Jostein Bakken** were given to the guests at the table with the closest birthday. It was a fun evening enjoyed by all.

Gratulære med dagen!
by Lois Amack

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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



More Convention 2000 Reports
Sailing into the New Millennium

Krista Bachman, Delegate

My first experience as a delegate was nothing but positive. I learned a whole bunch, enjoyed the company and made some friends. I really noticed how long time friendships can be developed through Sons of Norway. Above all, I was SO HONORED to be chosen by my peers to represent a lodge I have come to know as my second family.

Not only that, but I won a newsletter award that sits right in front of me as I work on my newsletter...thank you all for trusting me to represent you and to be your Editor for the last two years.



Lester Amack, Delegate

Ted Torgersen, Raffle Master

The raffle was a huge success raising over \$2,000. Here are the winners of the big raffle held on Saturday evening at the banquet:

- \$500—Carol Marking
- \$300—Harry Bentsen
- \$200—Brian Lachman
- \$100—**Jostein Bakken** (Wooohooo)
- Sewing Kit—H. Anderson
- Putter—Jerry Strizic, Marlien Berg
- Picture—Patricia Baker
- Weekend at the Sheraton—Kronberg
- Skis—Don Everson



