



Skjold News

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Sons of Norway—A Fraternal Benefit Society

July-August 2002

Kommentar Fra Presidenten



Jostein Bakken

We have had some nice days lately. Some cool, rainy days have been mixed in, but the flowers are blooming and the grass is growing too fast. It is nice to be outside and enjoying nature coming to life.

On April 6, 2002, Skjold Lodge sponsored a singing group from Norway at Minnekirken (the Norwegian Lutheran Church). The group was led by Terje Solheim, International Director of Sons of Norway, playing piano and singing. A young excellent guitarist and a violinist played a hardange fiddle and Terje's son sang and played the accordion along with another young member of the group, making a total of five wonderful musicians. We were entertained with songs of Norway. We also enjoyed a sing-a-long of good Norwegian and American songs. It was a very enjoyable evening with coffee and cake served afterwards. The only disappointment was the lack of participation by Skjold Lodge members. I can assure you it was an evening to remember.

Programs for Skjold meeting nights for every month for the rest of the year were listed in the last Skjold News by Social Director **Jon Satrum**. Put these on your calendar. I hope the members of Skjold Lodge can find something of interest and will attend our meetings.

At our April meeting, Skjold Lodge had initiation of new members. We had a very good turnout. Many of the new members were present for initiation, which can be both enjoyable and meaningful.

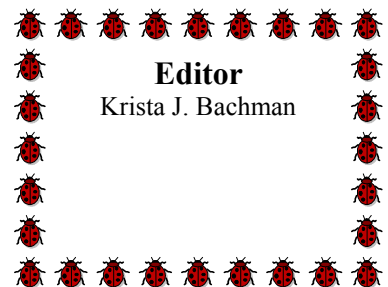
As I write this message, the Seventeenth of May celebration is only a few days away. Seventeenth of May, 1814, was when our ancestors finished drafting the Norwegian Constitution and has been celebrated as the Norwegian Constitution Day ever since. I remember clearly the 17th of May, celebration in 1945 in Bergen, Norway, when after five years of occupation, Norway was a free country. I am looking forward to celebrating this important day in Norwegian history with my brothers and sisters of Sons of Norway.

Fraternally,

Jostein Bakken

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Har Du Hart? By Evelyn Eck



Evelyn Eck



Send personal news to Evelyn Eck

Gene and Tordis Kaczmarek had a special guest staying at their home just recently. Tordis' sister, Bodil, arrived from Oslo and was able to enjoy the 17 de Mai weekend and then attend the wedding of Tordis' granddaughter held on the campus of Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa. During the visit there was time for shopping, a trip to Navy Pier and dinners with family and friends.

Ann Christiansen called from Cincinnati, Ohio on June 1st to send greetings to her friends at Skjold. She said her daughter Heather has improved somewhat from the strokes she suffered after the birth of her son, Evan, two years ago. She is getting stronger and walks quite well now and is able to take trips to local shops. Little Evan is a joy to Ann and her husband, Bob, as they observe his steady growth and listen to his ever increasing vocabulary. Ann has joined the Edvard Grieg Lodge #5-657 in her area and enjoys getting out to the meetings. She said the lodge has about 100 active members. We are happy she can again be part of a Sons of Norway lodge.

It's always fun to report the births of little ones. The Amacks, Lois and Les, reported the arrival of their second great grandchild, Hailey Grace Cardona. She was born on April 22, 2002, weighing 8lbs, 12oz and 20 1/2" long. The Amacks were right there in the birthing room when Hailey arrived! Her parents are Karli and Ted Cardona and she has a big brother Teydy Cardona who is 28 months old. Congratulations to all!



(L to R) Karli and Hailey, Lorrie Amack, Lois Amack, Luella Trinrud

A pair of happy grandparents were David and Connie Grevstad as they welcomed their first grandchild in Appleton, Wisconsin, on May 24, 2002. They hurried up to Appleton when they heard the birth was imminent and arrived just in time for the big event. Their daughter, Anne, gave birth to a boy who was named Fritz David. Little Fritz was not so little weighing 9lbs, 9oz and 22" long with (as Connie reported) "big hands and big feet." A potential football player? Congratulations to the parents Anne and Ted Grevstad-Nordbrock, as well as to David and Connie.

Late Breaking News...

On June 4th, Barney Jacobson became a great-grandfather once again! Wolfie and Anne Marie are the proud parents of TWINS! One of each! They are tiny at 4lbs, 1oz for Julia Mary and 4lbs, 7oz for Christian Jacob. Born at Lutheran General Hospital, and now in their neo-natal nursery until they are "ready" to come home with mom and dad. Congratulations to the whole Jacobson family!

In Sympathy



Muriel Flubacker passed away May 19, 2002 at her home in Palatine. Her birthday was August 17, 1919. She was a member of Skjold since October, 1978. Muriel was a former editor of *Skjold News*.

Carol Hoidahl's mother passed away May 30, 2002. Carol is very involved in the Norwegian National League and Bjørnson Ladies Auxiliary.

Evie Somer, a member of Leif Erikson Lodge 189, passed away on May 21, 2002. Evie was in the Norwegian National League and Normennenes Ladies Auxiliary. She was a friend of many Skjold members.

We extend our deepest sympathies to their family and friends. They will be missed.

Programs 2002

By Jon Satrum

26 JULI

"CAKEWALK". Similar to an old fashioned cake walk, but with a Norwegian theme. Each member wishing to participate brings a baked item that will later be a "prize" (for non-bakers - that's why they invented Jewel and Dominicks). One difference from a regular cake walk - EVERY participant eventually wins an item. People with limited mobility can also participate (you don't have to walk a step).

23 AUGUST

"NORDKAPP" An award winning video of magnificent natural scenery, winter darkness and raging storms.

27 SEPTEMBER

"The Hurtigruten"- Norwegian Coastal Voyages". **Judy and Ted Torgersen** will discuss their trip.

25 OKTOBER

Video: "Leif Ericson - Voyages of a Viking". What prompted his travels? How did he end up discovering North America?

22 NOVEMBER

"Sons of Norway Structure" (International / District / Lodge). Who does what, and how it all relates to our own lodge.

DESEMBER

No members meeting in December



Sons of Norway Foundation What is it?

By Judy Torgersen

The Sons of Norway Foundation was established in 1966 for the purpose of collecting funds by bequests, donations and gifts to be used for charitable, scientific, literacy and educational endeavors in the form of scholarships and grants. It is a 501(c)(3) organization, so contributions are deductible.

"Major Objectives"

1. Provide scholarships and promote cultural exchange.
2. Promote Norwegian heritage programs.
3. Support humanitarian causes.

Channeling funds through the foundation offers members and lodges a way to provide charitable contributions to a wide variety of benevolent organizations. It is important for Sons of Norway to document the generosity of its members to the National Fraternal Congress as well as the tax authorities. They are pleased to perform the services of channeling 100% of the gifts to chosen charities. Anyone who channels their gifts will promptly receive a letter of appreciation from the S/N Foundation. Additionally, a letter is sent to the appropriate charity giving them the name of the donor and the amount donated.

FUN FACT

(A cute little story that will make you smile)

If you eat or bake with raisins, you surely have looked at the adorable Sun-Maid girl on every box of Sun Maid raisins. But what you maybe didn't realize, is that you are looking at a Norwegian girl on the box! Her name was Lorraine Collett Petersen!

Yes, that lovely young lady in the red bonnet is one of America's best known trademarks. What few people know is that her background is Norwegian and that she is portrayed on raisin boxes in the land of her roots.

Thank you, Judy Torgersen for the fun article!



CONVENTION 2002 NOTES AND REPORTS

Lois Amack Delegate

John Johnsen and **Judith Torgersen** were elected to be District 5 Board Members – (their alternates, George Hardison and **Lois Amack**). **Judith Torgersen** was re-elected to the 5th District Board of Directors as Viking Magazine Correspondent, a newly created board position.

Jostein Bakken was elected as a Fifth District Representative on the International Board with Raymond Knutson as his alternate.

Elected as delegates to the International Lodge Meeting in Madison, WI – **Judith Torgersen** and **Jostein Bakken** – 1st alternate is George Hardison. **Gene Kaczmarek** was elected as a delegate from the pool.

The *Skjold News* editor, **Krista Bachman**, was awarded first prize for newsletter published by a larger lodge. Skjold Lodge and its president **Judith Torgersen** earned the Silver Award for 2000 & 2001 Lodge of the Year.

Skjold Lodge submitted a resolution to the District Lodge meeting concerning the Sons of Norway Foundation Board of Governors. The purpose of the resolution was to require the International Board of Directors to have a member from District 5 on the Board of Governors at all times. This resolution passed and will be sent to the International Lodge Meeting in August.

The new officers for the 5th District are: Ray Knutson, President; Harland Anderson, Vice President; Mary Jane Bennett, Secretary; Oleif Olsaker, Treasurer; Gary Melby, Recreation Director; Dwight Anderson, Ole Bull News Editor; Mary Zoroufy, Cultural Director; Tom Boudreau, Youth Director; and **Judith Torgersen**, Viking Magazine Correspondent.

Former Skjold member, **Diane Overby**, now a member of H. R. Holand 549 in Sturgeon Bay, WI was elected to be a General Director on the 5th District Board. Valhall Lodge did an outstanding job as host of the 5th District Convention, especially convention chair, Connie Rew.

Gregg LeDuc Delegate

The Sons of Norway District 5 Convention in Rockford has come and gone. It was my first time as a delegate. For the most part, I enjoyed it and thought it was worthwhile, however there were also aspects I didn't care for.

The most important thing about the Convention was getting so many people together from such a large area in one hotel. That was an accomplishment in itself. A lot of important issues were addressed at the Convention. Joanne Simons from the International Office made a telling presentation on declining membership over the years. She said their research shows people join to get more involved with Norwegian culture, and they leave when they don't get it. The moral: more Norwegian events at our meetings.

The Convention had two important cultural things I really enjoyed. One was a room next to our meeting room where vendors sold all kinds of Norwegian clothes and knick-knacks. It was fun to look at everything. Also, there was a one-man play about Edvard Grieg. I learned that his family originally came from Scotland. Also, he was admitted to the Leipzig Music Conservatory at the age of 15, and two of his classmates were Brahms and Tchaikowsky. I was impressed.

On the negative side, I think the Convention was too long. Way too much time was spent on amending rules. In conjunction with that, it was too expensive. Less time would mean less expense, and more money for other Sons of Norway things. Finally, the hotel was next to the highway and it was very noisy when you were trying to sleep.

Ray Haakonsen Delegate

I would just like to thank everyone for sending me to the convention this year in Rockford. Although I have been to several in the past, I learn something new at each one! I was able to attend some of the workshops and Rose and I truly enjoyed all the fun food and fellowship.

I was so impressed by Rolf Stang in his performance of Edvard Grieg. I also enjoyed the keynote speaker, Joanne Simons from Sons of Norway too.

I am very proud of **Jostein Bakken** for being elected to represent the 5th District as our International Director.

Again, I'm so thankful to be chosen to be a delegate for this convention. All and all, it was a great time!

Jostein Bakken Delegate



The convention started with a golf outing on Wednesday, June 5, 2002. Due to all the rain we had the day before, golf carts were not allowed. The fairways were somewhat soggy to walk on but it was still fun. I played in a foursome with Fred Haugen. Fred and MaryBeth Haugen are past members of Skjold Lodge that now live in Duluth, Minnesota.

I was appointed by the District President to serve on the Laws Committee. We started meetings on Thursday morning. Thursday afternoon was the opening ceremony with workshops in the afternoon.

Friday was all business meetings with a dinner theater that evening. Saturday, the business meeting continued with the election of Officers and the election of Delegates to the International Convention. **Judith Torgersen** was elected to the office of the Viking Correspondent. Judith, Gene and I were elected Delegates to the International Convention. I was also elected to serve as International Director on the International Board representing District 5 for the next four years.

In the newsletter competition, Skjold Lodge received First Place in Division 1. **Krista Bachman**, Editor of *Skjold News*, received a rosemaled plate which I will present to her at our next meeting.. That is quite an honor. Congratulations Krista!

The District Bowling Tournament, which was held earlier this year, **Rick Severson** received a low scratch game for men.

The Convention ended with a banquet Saturday evening. I would like to thank Skjold members for sending me as delegate for this convention. I will do my best in serving the 5th District and Skjold Lodge as International Director.

Judith Torgersen District 5 Board Member



The convention at the Clock Tower resort was a success as usual. It did get a little warm in the meeting hall as the air went out, but being the hardy Vikings that we are we endured the hardship. As for Skjold Lodge, **Jostein Bakken** is International Director. Yours truly and **Gene Kaczmarek** are going to the International Convention in Madison, Wisconsin.

To me and many others the highlight of the convention was Rolf Stang (a member of Valhall Lodge) in his performance of Edvard Grieg on Friday evening.

After the convention on Sunday morning, we went to Valhall's hall for a delicious breakfast buffet. Thank you to all the bakers for all those delicious cookies (there was such a variety!). I also want to congratulate Valhall on all the good work they did in putting the convention together. It takes many people doing many things.

Gene Kaczmarek Delegate

I would have to say that this convention was a true success. Having been a part of the convention committee in 2000, I know how hard it is to pull off such a huge event. It was nice being back to Rockford and the Clock Tower Inn. My first convention was there in 1980. There have been some changes since then, but it still remains a nice place to hold our convention.

One of the high points, in my opinion, was the opening presentation from the Director of Fraternal of Sons of Norway, Joanne Simons. She spoke mainly on membership and how we need to **change**. She suggested strong Norwegian programs to aid in keeping our active members as well as enticing new membership. Folks are looking to hold onto their roots and they want to expand on their heritage and learn more.



Another high point was the speaker for Ski for Light. Together with her seeing eye dog, she explained that as many as 100 skiers come out each year with a sponsor. It is a large and beneficial event for all who participate.

One unfortunate piece of information is that the Adult Heritage Camp has been canceled for this year, due to lack of interest and commitment. However, they do have 50 plus children signed up for the youth camp.

I would also like to congratulate our editor, **Krista Bachman** on bringing in a first place award for the *Skjold News*! Way to Go, Krista!

I am very excited about being a delegate for the International Convention in August. Overall, it was a fun and educational experience.



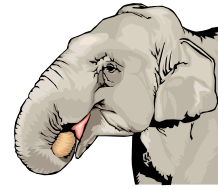
Gratulære med dagen!
by Lois Amack

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 01 Elsie A. Bond
- 02 Donald A. Topper
- 03 Florence Hestad
Howard W. Johnson
Margaret Wittrock
- 06 Roy E. Dakin
- 08 Olaf E. Stenersen
- 09 Kenneth P. Stromsland
- 10 Sverre Overland
- 11 Paul W. Arndt
- 12 Eleanor A. Brown
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
- 26 Elizabeth A. Gallanis
- 28 Harold C. Nelson
Judith K. Rabe
- 31 Lorraine G. Cummings
Irwin Dahlstrom
Gail Klima

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 01 Donald Hoganson
- 02 David J. Jeglum
Einar Tenold
- 03 Ellen Juenger
- 05 Robert Cornwell
Donald K. Jonassen
Grant Vevang
- 06 Eva Sorensen
Grayce Behrendt
- 08 Norma Berke
- 12 Ruth Ecklund
Theodore Ness
- 13 Gerd M. Juell
- 14 Walt Winney
- 18 Marilyn J. Jeglum
- 20 Edward C. Ohlson
- 21 Lester Amack
- 22 Bernice Birney
Carol Ann Carlsen
- 24 Karen Brown
Roy O. Roe
- 25 Ione J. Rice
- 29 Mique A. Armato
- 31 Margaret Benson



Elephant Stew

Ingredients:

- 1 Elephant
- Brown Gravy
- Salt and Pepper (to taste)
- 2 Rabbits (optional)



Cut elephant in to bite sized pieces (this could take about 2 months).
Cook over kerosene fire about 4 weeks at 465 degrees. This will serve 3,800 people. If more are expected, 2 rabbits may be added, but do this only if necessary as most people get upset to find a hare in their stew.

Thank you (I think ☺) to **Judy Torgersen** for the recipe that she found in the book "Spis og Drikk

Note...

If your email has changed or if you are new to email altogether, please call or email **Lois Amack** so she can update her files. Tusen Takk!!!

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Happy Summer!





News Around the Globe



L to R-Lester Amack, Jackie Moe and Judy Torgersen

Well, it was sunny, yet a bit chilly for the annual 17 Mai parade in Park Ridge, Illinois on May 19, 2002. We of Skjold had a nice turnout for the event. We had walkers, float riders, car drivers, flag carriers and a few "itty bitty Norse" (hi Hailey!) being held or strolled. If you missed it this year, never fear...the Norwegian National League sponsors a parade each year. Plan on the closest Sunday to the 17th of May of 2003 and pray for sunshine and warm weather.



International Convention Information



This year's international convention is being held August 14-17, 2002 in Madison, Wisconsin.

From Skjold, **Jostein Bakken, Judy Torgersen and Gene Kaczmarek** are delegates. George Sievers (son-in-law to our own **Marge Witrock**) is the convention chairman. George and the committee have a fantastic week of meetings and programs planned.

August 14-opening ceremony with an immigrant pageant, complete with ladies in bunads. That afternoon and eve-

ning there will be a tailgate party. Remember to pack clothes of your favorite football team for this event.

August 15- "The Fish Boil Express". Board the Spirit of Wisconsin and ride the Wisconsin & Southern rails to the Old Feed Mill for an old fashioned Wisconsin Cod Boil.

August 16-The traditional President's reception.

August 17-Director of the International Board, **Jostein Bakken**, will be installed on Saturday morning during the

election of officers. Saturday evening there will be the Grand Banquet and dance. The finale of the week.

Note: Packets are available for the International Folk Art Exhibit and competition on the website, www.sofn.com or www.sonsofnorway.com. Please check it out or call **Judy Torgersen** for more information at (847) 605-2126.



The 4th of July Parade



We Norwegians will again be featured at this year's 4th of July parade in Arlington Heights! We will be assembling at St. Peter's Lutheran Church (Olive and Highland). Please come between 9:15-9:30 a.m. on July 4th.

If you park in the church lot, we should be assembling around that vicinity for step off, which is at 10:00 a.m. The parade begins at Dunton and Oakton roads. Please start the holiday off well, and come out to march with other fellow Skjold members! See you there! If you need more information or directions, call **Gene Kaczmarek** at (847) 222-9244.

Happy Fourth Of July!

Kaffe Stue Anyone?



Kaffe Stue is being held on July 20, 2002 in Mt. Horeb, Wisconsin. There will be good food and crafts as well as exhibits and demonstrations.

There are car pools being set up, so give **Gene and Tordis Kaczmarek** a call if you want to join in on the summer fun (847) 222-9422.



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Coming Events

July

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| 04 Thursday | 4th of July parade, 10:00 a.m., .Arlington Heights |
| 16 Tuesday | Skjold Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., American Legion Hall |
| 20 Saturday | Kaffe Stue, Mt. Horeb, Wisconsin |
| 26 Friday | Skjold Lodge Meeting, 7:30 p.m., American Legion Hall |

August

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| 14-17 | International Convention for Sons of Norway, Madison, Wisconsin |
| 20 Tuesday | Skjold Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., American Legion Hall |
| 23 Friday | Skjold Lodge Meeting, 7:30 p.m., American Legion Hall |