



# Skjold News

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## Kommentar Fra Presidenten



**Jostein Bakken**

It sure has been a hot summer so far. I hope we have rain pretty soon because the grass is getting really brown.

On August 14, 2002, the International Convention will come to order. **Judith Torgersen, Eugene Kaczmarek** and myself are three of nineteen delegates elected to represent District 5. It is an honor to be elected as a delegate to the International Convention, it is not only an honor, but also a big responsibility. What is decided at the International Lodge meeting will affect all members of Sons of Norway.

I have received the report book for the convention. I read the reports from the International President, Sons of Norway CEO, Director of Marketing, Actuary, Controller, and the Fraternal Report. I am very happy to learn how the Sons of Norway is doing financially and the new benefits that are coming out in Sons of Norway. The surplus has increased by millions of dollars. This is always good news! But the Fraternal Report was much less encouraging with membership declining at an alarming rate. Of course, this has been with us for some years, but it is getting more and more critical. The International Fraternal Director reported that we are losing three members for every two we sign up. I think we are doing a fair job

of signing up new members, but a very poor job of keeping them.

The report mentioned programs as being one reason for losing members. We have programs that have nothing to do with being a Norwegian or with Norwegian culture. I have members come to me to tell me the reason for joining Skjold Lodge was to learn about Norwegian culture and heritage. Are we doing that? The International Fraternal Director mentioned in her report that a few programs being used by some lodges include "Hula Night", "Dog Training" and "a slide show of Indonesia". I think programs like that have no place in our Sons of Norway lodge.

But, I think programming is only one reason for not keeping our members. I'm sure there are other reasons as well. We need help from the membership. We need to know what the members like and what they don't like. Feel free to bring up suggestions and make any comments you may have. You know my phone number and address.

In September, Skjold Lodge will be electing a nominating committee. If asked to be an officer, say "yes". If you would like to be an officer, let the committee know. You might like it! We will soon be making plans for meetings and programs for next year. We need your help.

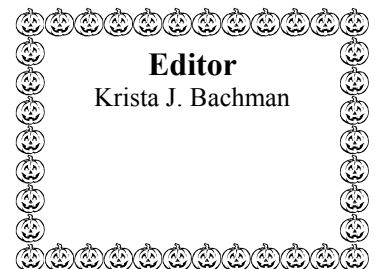
"Til neste gang" ("til next time).

Fraternally,

Jostein Bakken, President

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**Editor**  
Krista J. Bachman

# Har Du Hart? By Evelyn Eck



On June 3rd **Karin Wulf Jaeger** and her husband, Bob, flew to Anchorage, Alaska. They took a cruise south along the coast stopping at various towns where there is so much history. She also said it was just like being back along the Norwegian coast from Bergen to Hammerfest. They stayed overnight in Vancouver, B.C. and spent a day visiting the Capilano Canyon and Stanley Park. They visited a fish hatchery where they watched the salmon returning for spawning jumping up the steps constructed by the government. The natural habitats for the salmon have been disturbed in the area. The Jaegers returned home on June 11th having had a beautiful trip.

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**Anne Meland's** sister Liv came for a visit from Norway - something she does every other year, usually staying four weeks. Anne and Liv enjoyed shopping together at Woodfield Mall as well as other stores. They visited Anne's daughter and son-in-law in Englewood Colorado, traveled to Vail and Walsenburg and saw planes dropping fire controlling materials on the forest fires that raged in Colorado this summer. Anne's sister lived for three years in Chicago some time ago, and she is familiar with it and took the train downtown to enjoy some of her favorite places. This was fortunate as Anne could not always join her because of her "bum" knees. Liv returned to Norway July 20th.

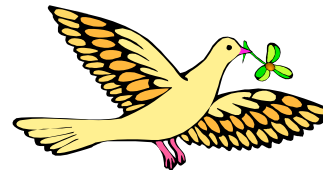
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**Jeannie and Harold Hagenson** enjoy a special type of sport---roller skating. They do this at least twice a week. Jeannie stopped skate dancing about 15 years ago. Since she and Harold have retired, they have begun doing just plain skating, (nothing fancy), as Jeannie found her legs and feet don't want to cooperate with her mind. There are good health benefits to be gained from this exercise, but in addition to that, they have formed many new and delightful friendships with the people they meet at the various rinks. Sounds like fun!

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**Judy and Ted Torgersen** returned recently from a vacation in Norway. Come to the regular September Skjold meeting to hear all about it as they will be the featured program for the evening.

## IN MEMORIAM



**Bjarne Kristiansen** lost his dear little 7 year old granddaughter, Kari Anne Flessland in Hutchinson, Minnesota. When Kari was 5 years old, she started kindergarten, and shortly thereafter a tumor was discovered on her brain. She endured chemo therapy and radiation treatments with all the accompanying discomforts but remained a cheerful, loving little girl, eager to go to school and learn all she could. Unfortunately, when she entered first grade the tumor began growing again. She gradually lost control of her muscles and balance so it became necessary for her to remain at home. There she spent most of her time making "I love you" cards for family and friends. Kari's life came to an end peacefully on June 8th. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Bjarne, his wife Luann, Kari's parents Carol and Larry Flessland (Carol is Bjarne's daughter) her grandparents, Kari's three siblings and all her aunts, uncles, cousins and friends who mourn for her.

**George A Lodin**, husband of **Doris** and father of **Marvin**, passed away on June 28th. George attended Skjold meetings regularly until just a few years ago. George and Doris would have celebrated 65 years of marriage on July 24 and his 92nd birthday on July 25. We extend our deepest sympathy to Doris, Marvin and the family.

Send personal news to Evelyn Eck

# How Fun! Foundation Night 2002 is here at last!

By Judy Torgersen and Krista Bachman

The Foundation night festivities will be held at the Watercress banquet hall in Palatine on October 20, 2002. Please come ready for the fun at 4:00 p.m. for your "attitude adjustment" (ahem, Judy wrote that!) and dinner starts at 5:00 p.m. Prepare yourself for delicious Chicken Marsala (sautéed chicken with Marsala wine sauce and fresh mushrooms). The editor highly recommends this dish because it was served at her wedding reception at Watercress. That is a true story! If you can't wait till the 20th to hear the side dishes - read on. You will be treated to chicken tortellini soup, duchess potatoes, julienne carrots with green and yellow zucchini and a chocolate sundae to top it all off.

Just when you think it couldn't get better, the Elk Grove Town Criers will be there to entertain us!! They will successfully make you tired just by *watching* all that enthusiasm and energy. If you haven't had the opportunity to see them, or if you are a Town Crier groupie, it is sure to be a fun evening.

The Watercress is located at 1200 West Northwest Highway in Palatine. You get all this for the low price of \$20. Please call **Marge Wittrock (847) 392-4525** or **Anne Meland (847) 534-2905** to make your reservation.



## Come Rain, Come Bees, the Skjold Lodge will be There! (Vasa Park Information)



With our fingers crossed for favorable weather conditions, we are once again participating in the Vasa Park festivities. The fun is on September 8, 2002 on Route 31 in South Elgin. The park opens at 9:00 a.m. and runs until 6:00 p.m.

Skjold will have a membership table and some items to sell. **But there is no food booth this year!**

The Scandinavian festival will feature several unique ethnic items to view and purchase. Also, get ready to experience vari-

ous Scandinavian musical groups, folk dancers and other local talent to entertain. There will be plenty of opportunity to enjoy the beer garden and to eat yourself silly with Swedish pancakes.

If you require further information, please call the Vasa Park Hotline at (847) 695-6720 or contact **Gregg LeDuc at (847) 835-0709**.

### Congratulations are in Order

By Marge Wittrock

Skjold Lodge recently awarded Philip Mauro a \$350 Scholarship. He is the son of Skjold member, Ingrid Mauro of Addison.

Philip attends Northeastern Illinois University. Due to his love for sports, he is majoring in Physical Education and hopes to be a P.E. Teacher at the High School level.



Phil coaches little league football and, in his spare time, teaches kids football and umpires at little league baseball games. Way to go! Congratulations from all your friends here at Skjold Lodge!

### Attention!!

Bethesda Home visit is scheduled for Sunday, September 22. The home is located at 2833 N. Nordica Avenue in Chicago. The program begins at 1:30 p.m. and **Gene Kaczmarek** is available at **(847) 222-9244** with details. PLEASE help us out by donating homemade cookies for this event. Thank you.

### NORGE SKI CLUB SUMMER JUMP

By Ed Waters

On September 15, 2002 at 1:00 p.m., Norge Ski Club will hold the annual Summer Ski Jumping Tournament.



Norge will have 8-9 junior skiers showing their skills. Five of the skiers have been named to the Central Division USSA Elite Team! The Russian skier who won last year will be back to defend his title.

Admission is \$10 at the gate and \$7 if you have a presale button. Children under the age of 12 are free and so is parking.

Food is available on the grounds and the bar will be open. Please don't carry - in food or drinks. There are NO PETS allowed!

If you need any information or directions, please call **June and Ed Waters** at (847) 639-2991.

# Programs 2002

27 SEPTEMBER

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

25 OKTOBER

Video: "Leif Erikson - 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 Lodge meeting in December

## In case you missed the last meeting...

By Jon Satrum

**In June** - June's program on "Det Kongelige Bryllup" (Prince Haakon's wedding), was enjoyed by all. Many thanks to Carol Hoidahl for the use of her video.

**In July**- We had fun at the July meeting with a "cake walk", winning some baked goods, and learning a few Norwegian words. Here are a few more words (ordene). See if you know them.

Spørsmål (questions)

Tingene i soverom (Things in the bedroom)

1. Seng
2. Pute
3. Dyne
4. Vekkerklokke
5. Klesskap

Look below to see what you know or remember!

*1. Bed 2. Pillow 3. Conforter 4. Alarm clock 5. Wardrobe*

**Happy  
Halloween!!**



## Takk Takk Takk

By Jon Satrum

Mange takk to all who have brought treats for our meetings this year and takk to all who have signed up for the rest of the year. We all appreciate the wonderful food.

Those who have brought food so far:

**Lois Amack**  
**Jostein Bakken**  
**Carol Carlsen**  
**Jeannie Hagenson (2 times)**  
**Esther Kenning**  
**Barbra Mogil**  
**Jon Satrum**  
**Judy Torgersen**

Those who have signed up for future lodge meetings:

SEPTEMBER  
**Gene & Tordis Kaczmarek**  
**Marge Wittrock.**

OCTOBER

**Jim Severson**  
**Ann Shabez**

NOVEMBER

**Marilyn Halvorsen**  
**Arlene Gomoll**





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## *Coming Events*

### September

- 08 Sunday Vasa Park, 9:00 a.m., South Elgin
- 15 Sunday Norge Ski Tournament, 1:00 p.m., Fox River Grove, Illinois
- 17 Tuesday Skjold Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., American Legion Hall
- 22 Sunday Bethesda Home visit, 1:30 p.m., Chicago
- 27 Friday Skjold Lodge Meeting, 7:30 p.m., American Legion Hall

### October

- 01 Tuesday **SKJOLD NEWS DEADLINE** (note different day of the week)
- 9-12 Norsk Host Fest, Minot, N.D.
- 15 Tuesday Skjold Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., American Legion Hall
- 20 Sunday Foundation Night, 4:00 p.m., Watercress Banquet Hall in Palatine
- 25 Friday Skjold Lodge Meeting, 7:30 p.m., American Legion Hall