



Skjold News

Sons of Norway-A Fraternal Benefit Society

American Legion Hall
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2003

Kommentar Fra Presidenten



Jostein Bakken

Dear Members,

By the time you read this, we will be into a new year, 2003. Happy New Year! I'd like to thank all of you for the help and support I have had this last year.

Officers for 2003 were elected last November and will be installed on January 24, at the lodge meeting, starting at 6:30 with open face sandwiches and installation at 7:30. This has always been a festive occasion and I hope for a good turnout.

The officers have planned programs for 2003 and this will be posted in *Skjold News* for the whole year. I hope there is something there that everybody will enjoy.

Skjold Lodge is still losing more members than we are taking in. We have to turn this around. I hope this

year we will see a growth in the membership. This is every lodge member's responsibility. At the last membership breakfast, Skjold Lodge had eight perspective members who made a reservation to come; four showed up and one signed up for membership. This is not good enough. We have to put our heads and minds together and come up with something that will interest more members so they will become part of Sons of Norway.

I believe Sons of Norway is a remarkable organization. In a very unique way, we are preserving and promoting Norwegian heritage and tradition. But we should also be interested in finding out about the modern Norway of today. I'm amazed to learn that the country I left 53 years ago for lack of economic opportunity has become one of the world's most prestigious societies. Norway was recently rated by the United Nations as the best country to live in! We should be proud to be part of Sons of Norway, an organization which promotes and preserves the Norwegian culture and heritage.

Fraternally,

Jostein Bakken

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Editor

Krista J. Bachman




Har Du Hart? By Anne Shabez


Anne Shabez

 **Gene and Tordis Kaczmarek** were in Champaign-Urbana in November for the Illinois-Ohio State football game. It was an exciting game with the score tied at the end of regulation play. Unfortunately, Illinois lost in overtime.

Gene and Tordis went to Dallas, Texas to visit Tordis' family for the Thanksgiving holiday this year. Tordis and daughter Denise, baked Sandkaker for the holiday.

 Gene's granddaughter Kelly gave birth to a 6 lb. 2 oz. baby boy on November 13. The boy, Tyler, is Gene's second great-grandchild.

Congratulations on this happy event!

 **Carolyn and Jon Satrum** took a trip earlier this year to New Zealand and Australia. The trip was a two-week cruise followed by two extra days in Sydney. The flights each way took about 24 hours (17 hours actual flying time).

One highlight in New Zealand was Rotorua, which is similar to Yellowstone Park with geysers and boiling pools of water. Some people in the area heat their homes with geothermal energy. Another highlight was the FJORDS! of New Zealand - they were absolutely magnificent!


While the people taking the trip two weeks earlier had two good days and twelve days of rain and high seas, Carolyn and Jon had the opposite, and the two days of rain just made the waterfalls in the fjords that much more spectacular. The dark night skies while at sea allow you to see a starlit sky that can't be described. The skies in the southern hemisphere are fantastic!

Tasmania really has Tasmanian devils. Jon learned that Tasmania is an island state of Australia just like the Hawaiian Islands are for us.

In Sydney, the harbor area, the opera house and the historic district stood out. Two weeks is just not enough time!

Lorraine and Bob Cummings flew to San Diego, California in October with six family members to attend the graduation of their grandson, Ryan Cummings, in the United States Marines.

It was a very impressive ceremony and they enjoyed visiting beautiful San Diego. The two day program included 495 graduates marching onto the field accompanied by the US Marine band. We're proud to have such distinguished accomplishments among our lodge family members. Congratulations!

 **Marge Wittrock** enjoyed Thanksgiving a week early (complete with turkey and all the trimmings) with a visit from granddaughter Kristi

Strack from Colorado. Janice and George Wittrock, son and daughter-in-law of Marge, came down from Mt. Horeb for a visit too. Since Kristi won't be able to come back in the end of December, they celebrated Christmas also! On Thanksgiving, Marge spent the day with daughter Pam Strack and her husband, Steve, in Algonquin. Pam is a member of Skjold, and occasionally is able to make it to our gatherings. The next day, the group went to Andersonville for a fun day of shopping!

This year, for his European trip, **Arthur Kleven** flew to London and took the Queen II back to New York City. In London, he saw the Queen's Jubilee art collection at Buckingham Palace, plus many shows and points of interest.

Then he took the train to Scotland and saw the royal yacht, Britannia, and the Edinburgh castle. The six day trip back

on the ship had many live shows, gambling, dancing and too much good food. Two severe storms added to the excitement -- some were injured by flying objects, but Arthur was not, and he did not get sick.

In New York, Arthur saw the 911 site at the Guggenheim Museum, and saw a great display of the world's famous glaciers. One was the Nigardbreen, located across the road from Arthur's grandfather's old hotel in Jostedal, Norway.

Marilyn Halvorsen's brother Bob visited from New Jersey in November. He was in the area to take part in a class at the Vesterheim Genealogy Center in Madison, Wisconsin with a cousin from Mississippi. Marilyn drove up to Madison with them, and brought Bob to visit **Ray and Rose Haakonsen** in Fox River Grove.

June and Ed Waters then took them for a tour of the beautiful Norge Ski Club in Fox River Grove. It was a really enjoyable visit.

Lillian Berge reports a recent trip to Door county where she visited with former Skjold members, **Diane and Don Overby**. Diane was elected President to her Sons of Norway lodge! The Overby's home is being remodeled and a restaurant/gallery will be opening in June of 2003.

Lillian also visited her brother who is recuperating from surgery. We wish him well, Lillian.

PLEASE send all personal information for this column to:

Anne Shabez

Places to be in 2003

Below is a list of the programs that are planned for the year 2003. Keep in mind that this is just a tentative list of events. Look for more information and details in the *Skjold News*.

January

- Installation of officers .
- Meeting begins at 6:30 p.m.
- Bring open faced sandwiches to share

February

- Charles Peterson from North Park College is invited to speak at the lodge.

March

- *Skjold News* Benefit
- Bring wrapped gifts to be auctioned off by **Jon Satrum**.
- Food will be available at 6:30 p.m.

April

- Look for Heritage Fest on April 6, at the American Legion Hall
- Initiation of new members
- Per Ohrstrom will be invited to speak
- Pot luck at 6:30 p.m.

May

- Video on Norwegian culture

June

- Kari Donahue from SAS will be invited to speak

July

- Pal Anderson, Honorary Counsel Guard, will be speaking

August

- Jim Van Winkle from Polar Star Lodge will conduct "Norwegian Bingo" game for members and guests will participate

September

- Berhard Pedersen from Minnekirke to be invited to speak to the lodge

October

- Initiation of new members
- Leif Erikson program and Sons of Norway Foundation month

November

- Norwegian Genealogy

December

- Christmas party

Skjold Building Society Yearly Meeting

On Thursday, January 16th at 7:30, we will be having our annual Skjold Building Society meeting at the American Legion hall. Everyone who is a member is welcome to come. The agenda includes:

- A financial report
- Information regarding the sale of the Scandinavian Club and where the money was invested
- Election of new officers

If you require more information, please call **Jostein Bakken** at (847) 526-6486.

Happy New Year to all our
Friends from
Gene and Tordis Kaczmarek



**HAPPY NEW
YEAR**

to all of our Skjold
Lodge friends!!!

CHEERS! from
**Ted and Judy
Torgersen**



Anyone for a workshop? By Judy Torgersen

The Norwegian tree at the museum of Science and Industry is in need of fresh ornaments. Call me if you would like to meet and make some simple ornaments (such as felt hearts, yarn dolls, etc...). I would like to set up a time and a place so we can start on the ornaments for the 2003 Christmas holiday. **Judy (847) 605-2126.**

More places to be in 2003

Norge Fun !

By June and Ed Waters



The **NORGE SKI CLUB** annual winter ski jumping tournament will be held at the Norge Hill in Fox River Grove on January 19th 2003. The Central Division of the United States Ski Association has established a 10 member elite team of young skiers. Norge Ski Club has 5 of their ski jumpers assigned to this team. Come and see for yourself how well they perform against other Central Division competitors.

Admission is \$10.00 at the gate and presale fee is \$7.00, children age 12 and under are free. The Norge Training Center will be selling food on the grounds and Norge will have bars set up. We asked that there be no carry-in and to leave your pets at home.

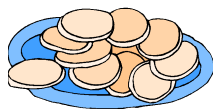
Barnebirkie 2003



The Barnebirkie cross-country ski race will be held on Thursday, February 20, 2003 on the golf course in Hayward, Wisconsin. The Barnebirkie is a family event where children ages 3-13 participate in a ski race. Parents too can ski along side the children, or cheer them on from the sidelines.

At the finish line, the children receive medals for participation. Refreshments for all are available. If you would like to attend this event, contact **Gene Kaczmarek** for details (847) 222-9244.

Speaking of refreshments, cookie donations are in high demand!!! Contact **Gene and Tordis Kaczmarek** if you can send along some treats for the youngsters. Thank you!!



How About a Joke??



Sven was flying on an airliner when the plane encountered extremely turbulent conditions. A nervous lady, expecting disaster, turned to Sven and implored, "Please do something religious." So, Sven started a Bingo game.

—Taken From "Norwegian Home Companion" by Red Stangland

Sports Sports and More Sports

There are several opportunities to participate in some physical activities here at Skjold Lodge.

January— A cross country ski trip is tentatively planned for a weekend in January. This date is dependant on weather and location. Keep your ears open and eyes peeled for more details.

February—On February 9, 2003, Skjold lodge is offering a day of bowling. The fun begins at 2:00 p.m. at the "Bowling and Beyond" in Arlington Heights (formally Arlington Heights Lanes). This event is open to families and friends of members—come one come all!!

May—The annual Skjold golf outing is returning to Salt Creek Golf Course in May. More details to follow!

If you have any questions about the sports activities or need details, contact **Jim Severson** at (847) 888-2028.



**Happy Valentines
Day**

Gratulære med dagen!

by Lois Amack

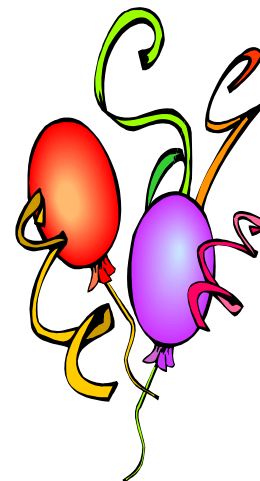


JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 01 Norman L. Hjul
- 02 Jacqueline Moe
Christine Larsen
- 03 Roy E. Rasmussen
- 08 Janet E. Gollberg
- 11 Maxine L. Leckman
- 12 Theodor Torgersen
- 14 Synnove M. Eiseman
Jon P. Knudsen
Kay Overland
Karen G. Rogers
Kaarina T. Tenold
- 15 William L. Korstad
- 16 Jim E. Broberg
- 18 Otto I. Eik
- 22 Eileen A. Dawson
- 23 Geraldine Hanson
Ellen L. Hartman
- 24 Liv Ohrstrom
Glenna Pearson
- 25 Mildred B. Huff
- 28 Willard R. Horne
- 29 Donald R. Jacobsen

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 01 John M. Bakken
Gregg K. LeDuc
- 02 Clifford W. Breckan
- 05 Thor Jondahl
- 07 Marie E. Broberg
- 08 Elizabeth C. Johnson
Gunvor J. Sorensen
- 10 Kari A. Kronberg
- 11 Lorraine Amack-Brenner
Roger E. Larson, Jr.
- 12 Elizabeth Fjortoft
- 14 Robert W. Jones
- 15 Arthur R. Anderson
- 20 Daniel S. Hendrickson
Judith Torgersen
- 21 Katherine S. Bilodeau
Arthur G. Kleven
- 22 Dorothy Chouinard
- 23 David J. Grevstad
Raymond E. Perry
- 24 Eva G. Stone
- 25 Karen E. Severson
- 28 Kenneth Brown



Foundation News

By Judith Torgersen

A heartfelt "thank you" to the foundation committee. They helped make our foundation dinner a success. Thank you to all who made monetary donations to the Sons of Norway Foundation.

The Sons of Norway Foundation is the charitable arm of the Sons of Norway. The International Board of Directors of the Sons of Norway appoints a board of governors, and the staff administers the work of the foundation from the home office in Minneapolis. This board serves without pay, so all funds donated go directly to the work of the foundation.

There are several scholarships available to children and grandchildren of Sons of Norway members. Last year, THREE scholarships were NOT awarded because of lack of applicants. Funds were then diverted to other foundation programs.

Applications are simple and most of them have a March 1st deadline. So, spread the word to family members. Applications

are available from the foundation director. You can also receive more information from the Sons of Norway website at: www.sonsofnorway.com

The Humanitarian Fund offers emergency aid to our members, lodges and communities experiencing distress or disaster. Over \$100,000 was directed to the 911 disaster. Over \$300,000 was provided during the Red River flood in 1997. The Lady-smith Wisconsin tornado of September 2nd will be the next project.

Helping Hand to children provides matching funds to lodges mentoring or tutoring children (this is a new project).

The foundation has a 501c (3), so any donations funneled through the foundation are tax deductible.

As one can see, the Sons of Norway is not just a social organization, we have many outreach programs.

Skjold Lodge Officers for 2003 (applause!)

President	Jostein Bakken
Vice President	Gregg Leduc
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Asst. Marshal	Jon Satrum
Sports Director	James Severson
Asst. Sports Director	Richard Severson
Youth Director	Theodor Torgersen
Historian	Tordis Kaczmarek
Musician	Lester Amack
Trustees	Marge Wittrock (03)
	June Waters (03-04)
	Marilyn Halvorsen (03, 04, 05)
Auditors	Lorraine Cummings
	Raymond Haakonsen
	Edward Waters
Sunshine Committee	Alice Freier
Personal News	Anne Shabez

Reminder from our Secretary, Gene Kaczmarek

Volunteer Hours

Just a reminder that lodge members should be working on the report that indicates volunteer events and hours accumulated during the year 2002. In order for Sons of Norway to maintain a tax-exempt status, lodges are required to submit a report on the volunteer activities of the lodge.

A copy of this form was included in one of the recent issues of the newsletter and is self-explanatory. Please turn in the form to me by year's end.

Scholarship Information

Sons of Norway District 5 once again offered the following scholarships to members and family:

Two \$500 Camp Norway Scholarships

Two \$300 Book Scholarships

One \$1000 International Summer School Scholarship

Applications are available from **Gene Kaczmarek**. For additional information about these scholarships, call **Jostein Bakken (847) 526-6486** or the District 5 Youth Director, **Tom Boudreau (715) 886-4514**.

Applications for scholarships must be submitted by March 15, 2003.

Letter from the Editor



Krista Bachman

Happy New Year friends at Skjold Lodge! Looks like we are headed for an exciting year with great speakers and programs lined up for this year. Congratulations to all our new officers and returning officers.

I would like to welcome our new "Har Du Hørt" columnist, **Anne Shabez**! Please help Anne by giving her your personal news before the newsletter deadline so she can organize her column. All of Anne's contact information is on page 2 in this newsletter.

I would also like to thank our dear friend, **Evelyn Eck** for her many years of service to the newsletter. It was such a pleasure working with you, Evelyn.

Many of you have asked if you can help out with the newsletter; I really appreciate all of the offers. Writing information out in "story" form and making deadlines helps out so much. If you would like to donate time, talk to **Lorraine Cummings**. Lorraine will give you information about sorting the newsletter for mailing—she can always use volunteers!

I love hearing from everyone. Please get a hold of me anyway possible to pass on your Ole and Lena jokes, Norwegian facts and recipes too.

Make 2003 a fun and safe year!

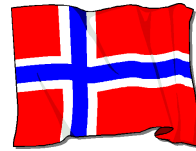
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NEWS AROUND THE WORLD

Here's what's new in our town, district, country and world.

5th District News to Know

- Start thinking about summer camps for children and adults. It all happens in Eau Claire Wisconsin. Keep in mind that there are matching funds for both camps.
Children's (ages 9-15)—July 13-26
Adult's—July 27-August 1
- District 5 has a new web site:
<http://sofn.homeattbi.com>
- January 24-26 is the date for the Wisconsin regional "Ski for Light" event. Please consider being a guide for the skiers.
- The 5th district convention for 2004 will be hosted by Fosselyngen, Wisconsin.



Velkommen New Member!

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We are very happy to have you in our lodge!

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* Mange Tusen Takk!! *

Names and Numbers

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Bjørnstjerne Bjørnson #97
Park Ridge VFW Club-20 W. Higgins
Park Ridge, IL 1st Thursday at 8:00 p.m.

Trollhaugen #417
American Legion Hall 433 E. 157th Street
South Holland, IL 4th Friday at 8:00 p.m.

Polar Star #472
St. Olaf Church
Montgomery, IL 1st Sunday at 1:00 p.m.

Leif Erikson Lodge #189
5516 W. Lawrence Avenue
Chicago, IL 2nd Sunday at 1:30 p.m.

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Coming Events

January

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| 16 Thursday | Skjold Building Society Meeting, 7:30 p.m., American Legion Hall |
| 19 Sunday | Norge Ski Jump, Fox River Grove, Illinois |
| 21 Tuesday | Skjold Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m., American Legion Hall |
| 24 Friday | Skjold Lodge Meeting, 6:30 p.m., American Legion Hall (note earlier time) |

February

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| 03 Monday | <i>Skjold News Deadline</i> |
| 09 Sunday | Bowling Day, 2:00 p.m., Arlington Heights |
| 18 Tuesday | Skjold Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m., American Legion Hall |
| 20 Thursday | Barnebirkie Ski Tournament, Hayward, Wisconsin |
| 28 Friday | Skjold Lodge Meeting, 7:30 p.m., American Legion Hall |