



Skjold News

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Kommentar Fra Presidenten



Jostein Bakken

In the last issue of *Skjold News*, I mentioned programs adopted by Sons of Norway which are actively promoted at the International level as well as District level. One of these programs is membership. Two incentive programs for lodge members are being offered by District 5 to encourage membership goals in our district. Beginning June 1, 2003, any member signing up a new member will have their name put into a drawing for each member signed up. This drive will end April 30, 2004, and the drawing will be held at the District Convention in 2004. The first award will be \$250; second award is \$150; third award is \$100.

There is also an incentive for lodges with the overall net gain. Lodge incentives are divided up into two categories. The lodge with 80 members or more between June 1, 2003 and April 30, 2004, will receive \$200 for the largest overall net gain. The lodge with 79 members or less will receive \$200 for the largest overall net gain between June 1, 2003 and April 30, 2004. The awards will be announced at the 2004 District Convention. I compliment the District Board for the decision to issue this incentive program. Now it is up to us, the membership to make this membership drive successful.

But signing up members is only the beginning. The next step is just as important—to keep our members, both new and those who have been members for some time. We must find ways to keep the interest in Sons of Norway in our lodge.

It has been my aim to have business meetings as short as possible but to still give members and officers a chance to give a report, express an opinion and make comments, and also, for the good of the order, to tell interesting stories about an experience or something that might have been read. This is interesting and productive for all of us, but the comments should be kept short. Three minutes is a good barometer to go by. If it's too long, it could become boring. As we read in the opening ceremony, we also meet for the fellowship that is a vital part of our lodge, and we in Skjold Lodge are doing that. After the meeting, over coffee and cookies, it's a good time to share experiences or tell stories. We have had some good programs this year and will continue to strive for a variety of good programs for the rest of the year.

Fraternally,

Jostein

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Editor

Krista J. Bachman

Har Du Hart? By Anne Shabez



Anne Shabez

Ted & Judy Torgersen had visitors from Eigeroy Norway. Ted's niece Solfrid & her husband Alf Meinart Ostebrod. They came to see how we celebrated the 17th Mai. They were impressed with the church, the Banquet and the parade which they marched in. They could not get over how friendly everyone was.

April 30th, **Marge Wittrock** left for Scandinavia with her son Greg, his wife Susan and their two children Cindy, Michael and his wife Jenny. In twelve days they visited four countries, Denmark, Norway, Germany and Sweden, taking in many points of interest in Oslo and Copenhagen.

There was much to see involving heritage of the Wittrock family and also where Marge's Mother came from, the island of Egeroy. While taking pictures of the house where she was raised, the owners invited them in. She has many cousins and relatives in Egersund and Stavanger; so they did a fair amount of visiting. While there, they took trips by car to Byrkedal and a very old town, Sagndal. It was a wonderful trip and over much too quickly but, Marge felt so fortunate that she could be with her family.

Get Well Wishes

Anne Meland and **Dorothy Chouniard** had cataract surgery. Hope you both are 100% real soon!

Golden Member

Our new Golden Member is **Darlene S. Wenz**, 294 Walnut St., Elmhurst IL 60126-2259! Congratulations, Darlene!

New Members

We at Skjold would like to welcome the following people into our lodge! We are so happy to have you all join us in celebrating our heritage!

Wendell J. Brenner, 22306 Central St., Evanston, IL 60201-1466 (847) 440-3224

Transfers from Leif Erikson 5-97
Alfhild & William A. Kronborg, 412 N. Redfield Ct., Park Ridge, IL 60068 (847) 698-2583

Address Changes:

Laurence & Marion Haugsness, 1221 Claremont Dr.-Apt. 21, Lake Havasu City, AZ 86406-8687

Just for Fun

By **Harold Hagenson**

I brought this dish to the May 23rd lodge meeting and it seemed to go over pretty well, so thought I'd put it in the newsletter. My Mom brought it from Denmark and it was always such a treat over the years. YUM YUM! Thanks for all your gracious comments regarding the Danish apple cake we brought. In response to your many requests, here is the recipe. ENJOY!

Danish Apple Cake

(aeblekage)

- 1 16oz. Kool Whip (or whipped cream)
- 1 box Holland Rusk
- 2 24oz. jars applesauce
- 1 small jar red raspberry preserves
- 2/3 stick butter or margarine
- 2 Tbsp. sugar

- (1) Roll out Rusk into crumbs.
- (2) Add 2 T. sugar to crumbs.
- (3) Brown mixture, in butter, until golden brown. Try not to burn it.
- (4) Spread 1/3 of crumbs in spring form pan.
- (5) Spread 16oz. applesauce evenly over crumbs.
- (6) Scatter dollops of preserves (about 1/3 tsp. ea.) over applesauce.
- (7) Repeat steps 4 and 5 and 6 twice more.
- (8) Top with Kool Whip (or whipped cream)
- (9) Refrigerate until ready to serve.
- (10) Remove spring and "dive in".

PLEASE send all personal information for this column to:
Anne Shabez

Hot News and Events

Adopt-A-School

By Jon Satrum

Please re-read the article titled "Partners in Progress" on pages 15-18 in your March 2003 issue of "Viking" magazine.

This article describes the "Adopt-A-School" program where lodges become involved with a school as tutors, mentors, storytellers and demonstrators. This is a volunteer capacity that is well suited for local lodge members and matches the needs of that school.

Skjold Lodge wants volunteers to participate in this program. While this would be for the 2003/2004 school year, we need to start now. Our lodge program should start small, build a relationship with a school, and develop across time.

To that end, we need just 2-3 volunteers to participate on the committee with our lodge coordinator. We also need 1 person (or two people working together) who would actually work with an individual school. Individuals who already have a relationship with a school would be excellent participants.

We would like to target a school in the northwest suburbs of Chicago where the majority of our members live. We can participate with ANY school (public, private, parochial) in this program

Please contact our Adopt-A-School coordinator **Jon Satrum at 630-969-9146** or send an e-mail to adoptaschool@skjoldlodge.com for further details or to volunteer.



Frontier Days

4th of July Parade in Arlington Heights

By Gene Kaczmarek



Skjold Lodge will be in the 4th of July parade in Arlington Heights on Friday, July 4th. The theme of the parade this year is "Celebrating America's Heroes." An entry form has been sent in and the lodge is planning to have a group of marchers carrying the lodge banner and flags of the U.S.A. and Norway. There is a good possibility that we will have one or two cars and a few dogs from the Norwegian Elkhound Association in the parade. The parade steps off at 10:00 a.m. at Dunton and Oakton with parking at St. Peter's Lutheran Church on Olive and Highland. Call **Gene Kaczmarek at (847) 222-9244** for more information.

Skjold Scholarship Winners!

Vanessa Lynn

She is the granddaughter of member, **Torliev Moi**. Vanessa has been accepted to Loyola University in Chicago and will study business finance and administration. Vanessa was the Valedictorian of her class at Huntley High School in Huntley, Illinois.

Scott Bakken

Scott is the grandson of our president, **Jostein Bakken** and will attend the University of Wisconsin—Barron County. Scott is interested in business management, marketing, sales and graphic design.

Rebecca Naniak

Rebecca is the granddaughter of **Art Kleven**. She will be attending Harper College in Palatine for two years and then plans to go to the University of Illinois, Chicago for her B.S. After those achievements, she wants to attend Northwestern or Loyola Law School to study corporate law.

Scholarships of \$350 were recommended by the scholarship committee and approved by the board. We sincerely congratulate these students and wish them well!

Programs

July

- Paul Anderson, Honorary Consul General, will be speaking

August

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

September

- *Skjold News* Benefit

October

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

November

- "Norwegian Genealogy - The Basics - How to get started".

December

- Christmas party

*Norwegian Bingo Anyone?



On Friday, August 22, 2003, Skjold members and guests will be treated to a special program following the meeting. Jim Van Winkle from Polar Star lodge in Aurora will introduce a new concept in playing Bingo. Gene and Tordis played Norwegian Bingo at Polar Star Lodge several months ago and it was really a lot of fun! Players have an opportunity to use the Norwegian language. This variation makes this form of Bingo different and exciting.

There is one request for players—members and guest are encouraged to bring an inexpensive item for the prize table because there are several winners every time a game is played. Please plan on attending, you won't be disappointed!

Cultural Skills

By Carol Carlson

Cultural Skills Program

A special set of activities has been developed for Sons of Norway members and lodges - the Norwegian Cultural Skills Program. Individuals or small groups are invited to request guidelines for activities which range from food preparation and stamp collecting, to crafts, genealogy, language and culture. Beautiful specialists or generalists pins may be earned and are awarded free of charge to lodge members. Interested parties may contact Sons of Norway, 1455 W. Lake Street, Minneapolis, MN 55408, to request guidelines for any of the 14 Cultural Skills. There are also several of the cultural skills documents that can be printed from the Sons of Norway website.

Skjold Lodge encourages all of its members to participate in the Cultural Skills Program. Should you have any questions regarding this program, please contact **Carol (847-362-8030)** or visit the Skjold News Website at www.skjoldlodge.com for more information.

Cultural Skills Awards

At the May lodge social meeting, the following individuals received Sons of Norway Cultural Skills Program Medals:

Carol Carlsen, Specialist Medal for completing Parts 1, 2, and 3 of Reading Norwegian and Norwegian/North American Authors.

Judy Torgersen, Generalist Medal for completing Part 1 of Music and Musicians of Norway.

Ted Torgersen, Generalist Medal for completing Part 1 of Music and Musicians of Norway.

Congratulations!

Norwegian Lessons

Kari Diesen-Dahl, a Skjold member, has offered to teach Norwegian to anyone who would like to learn the language. Please contact **Carol Carlson (847) 362-8030** if you are interested. Carol has taken lessons from Kari and can provide you with more information. Once we secure a list of interested participants, we will work on the dates and times for the classes.

*Gratulaere med dagen!
by Lois Amack*

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 01 Elsie A. Bond
- 03 Florence Hestad
Howard W. Johnson
Margaret Wittrock
- 06 Roy E. Dakin
- 08 Olaf E. Stenersen
- 09 Kenneth P. Stromsland
- 10 Norris C. Harstad
Sverre Overland
- 11 Paul W. Arndt
- 12 Eleanor A. Brown
Peter A. Olberg
- 14 Peggy K. Engebretson
- 15 Lois A. Suter
- 16 Carol F. Bentsen
Irene O. Geerdts
Richard Nellis
Melvin O. Ness
- 18 Marcella E. Butcher
- 19 Betty Larsen
- 21 Thor Skarsgor
- 22 Clair D. Husby
- 23 Iris T. Berke
- 24 Lillian E. Danielson
- 26 Robert D. Bolstad
Elizabeth A. Gallanis
- 28 Harold C. Nelson
Judith K. Rabe
- 31 Lorraine G. Cummings
Irwin Dahlstrom



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 01 Donald Hoganson
- 02 David J. Jeglum
Einar Tenold
- 03 Ellen Juenger
- 04 Wendell J. Brenner
- 05 Robert Cornwell
Ronald 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
- 19 Paul Anderson
- 20 Edward C. Ohlson
- 21 Lester Amack
- 22 Bernice Birney
Carol Ann Carlsen
- 24 Karen Brown
Roy O. Roe
- 25 Ione J. Rice
- 31 Margaret Benson



SKJOLD LODGE WEB SITE NOW AVAILABLE

By Jon Satrum (Web Master!)

Visit us on the web at www.skjoldlodge.com. The site was created to provide information for current members and attract new members.

When visiting the site you may learn things you didn't know about Sons of Norway and Skjold Lodge, or the Norwegian language, culture and history. There is even a page that plays the music of the Norwegian national anthem and has the words in Norwegian and English, along with a phonetic pronunciation.

The site also has a complete program and event schedule for the entire year, a news section that complements *Skjold News*, a detailed listing of the cultural skills program, a lodge history with a list of all current officers and past presidents, as well as links to a large number of sites to those interested in Norway and Norwegian culture.

Please visit and let us know how you like the site. Suggestions for corrections, changes, and additions should be sent to webmaster@skjoldlodge.com.



MANGE TAKK!

By Lois Amack

At Skjold's April meeting, I was given the honor of receiving a King Olav V medallion. This was presented to me by President **Jostein Bakken** on behalf of **Margaret Haugsness**. The medallion originally belonged to her husband, **Richard Haugsness**, a Life member of Skjold Lodge, who passed away in March, 1994.

Dick Haugsness was president of Skjold Lodge from 1951-1952 and from 1967-1968. He served on the Fifth District Board from 1968-1978 – as President from 1974-1978. Margaret and Dick were honored at Skjold's 68th anniversary banquet on February 25, 1978.

The Haugsness's were on the *Skjold News* circulation staff in the 60's and Dick was co-editor for a number of years.

Dick joined the lodge in 1944; Marge in 1951. They moved to Colorado after retirement, but kept their Skjold membership.

Margaret asked Jostein to select someone in the lodge to receive the medallion and I was the lucky recipient. I will wear it with pride and I thank Margaret for her thoughtfulness in passing it along.

—Lois Trinrud Amack

Kudos! for Carol!

Carol Carlsen's fellow officers and lodge members join in applauding her untiring efforts in coordinating our recent Heritage Fest. Her organizational skills and willingness to accept a challenge are commend, and reflect great credit to herself as well as Skjold Lodge. Thanks, Carol

Have you noticed the little "touches" that grace the tables at our lodge meetings? Do they kind of complement the tasty treats and warm fellowship we share? Well, you can give a big hug to the Social co-chairs **Kate Bilodeau** and **Liz Galanis** for the creativity they display every month. YOU GO, GIRLS!



Happy 4th of July!!!

National League News...

By Barbra Kronborg-Mogil

The Norwegian National League is pleased to announce the following winners of the annual scholarship program:

Grades 1-4	Brandon Buck Crystal Lake	\$50 bond
Grades 5-8	Kate Kinsella Downers Grove	\$100 bond
Grades 9-11	Per Birkeland LaGrange	\$100 bond
Grade 12	Christopher Lind Angelica Downers Grove	\$1000 award

All winners were acknowledged at the Norway Day Festivities in Hodges Park on Sunday May 18th. They were also been invited to ride on the Viking Ship from Valders, Wisc. in the parade the same day.

Wanted...

Raffle gift donations! Please donate an item worth \$5.00 to our monthly raffles. The item can be new or a treasure not finding use in your home. Everyone loves a raffle. Please only donate something you would like to win yourself.

This is Skjold's only means of raising money. It helps to pay the rent and other miscellaneous expenses.

So let's all try to make the raffles more interesting. Mange Tusen Takk!

Names and Numbers

President	Jostein Bakken	(847) 526-6486
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A LOOK AHEAD ...

Here's what's coming to our town, district, country and world

LEIF ERIKSSON DAY

Mark October 11th and 12th on your calendar - the entire Scandinavian community will be commemorating Leif Eriksson Day.

Danes, Finns, Icelanders, Norwegians, and Swedes will celebrate at Friendship Park, Mount Prospect, on Saturday, October 11, between 10 am and 4 pm. Admission is free and there will be food and drinks, entertainment, exhibits, and games and stories for kids.

On Sunday, October 12, everyone is invited to join in the annual wreath laying at the Statue of Leif Eriksson in Humboldt Park. The ceremony will begin at 12:30 pm after which all are invited over to Minnekirken for a short program and refreshments.

These events are organized by the Norwegian National League. Further details can be found at the League website which can be reached through Skjold's website www.skjoldlodge.com or by contacting **Les Amack, Committee Chairman (847) 676-1237**.

Find a Lodge List

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.

Scandinavian Day Festival

Skjold Lodge is once again planning on having a food booth and membership table in Vasa Park, South Elgin on Sunday, September 7, 2004. The lodge will be selling lefse and pølsa and home made bakery goods. The fest will open at 9:00 a.m. and close at 6:00 p.m. The committee will be looking for volunteers to help out at Vasa Park. Please call **Gene Kaczmarek at (847) 222-9244** or **Lester Amack at (847) 676-1237** for more information.

SKJOLD NEWS BENEFIT

On Friday, September 26, 2003 there will **not** be a lodge meeting. Instead, there will be the *Skjold News* Benefit which includes an auction and dinner!

The evening will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the American Legion Hall in Arlington Heights with a catered dinner consisting of three hot entrees. There will be a variety of food on the buffet table for the price of \$7.50 per person. At 7:30 p.m., the auction of parcels will begin. Our auctioneer is **Jon Satrum!!**

The auction is a benefit to help defray the expenses of printing and distributing the newsletter. Lodge members are encouraged to purchase an item while traveling this summer. The parcel should be wrapped and have a value of at least \$15.

Although it is open seating, reservations are necessary to cater the food. Please call **Barbra Mogil at (847) 823-7596** or **Tordis Kaczmarek at (847) 222-9244**. Checks should be made out to Skjold Lodge.

OCTOBER IS FOUNDATION MONTH!

Mark, Sunday October 26th on your calendar for Skjold's Foundation dinner. The foundation is Sons of Norway's outreach program.

Skjold Lodge was very pleased to award 3 book scholarships this year to students of members of our lodge. Now we will have to build up our book scholarship for next year. This is done by your momentary donations (tax deductible) and also from our foundation dinner. A specified amount (determined by us) is funneled back to Skjold to be used for this purpose. If you have any questions talk to your Foundation Director, **Judy Torgersen**.

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Coming Events

July

04 Friday 4th of July Parade, 10:00 a.m., Arlington Heights
15 Tuesday Skjold Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m., American Legion Hall
25 Friday Skjold Lodge Meeting, 7:30 p.m., American Legion Hall

August

04 Monday ***Skjold News Deadline***
19 Tuesday Skjold Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m., American Legion Hall
22 Friday Skjold Lodge Meeting, 7:30 p.m., American Legion Hall