



# Skjold News

Sons of Norway - A Fraternal Benefit Society

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Skjold Lodge #5-100  
121 N. Douglas  
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## Kommentar Fra Presidenten



Jostein Bakken

Dear Members:

At the Skjold Lodge meeting on January 24, the new officers at Skjold Lodge were installed. The District President, Ray Knudsen, was the installing officer. The evening began with open-faced sandwiches and ended with coffee and cake. It was an enjoyable evening. I extend my sincere thanks to all of last year's officers, committee members, and those who served refreshments at the meeting, as well as all you members who came to take part in our monthly meetings.

I also want to congratulate all the new officers for 2003. At the officers' meeting, we will be setting goals for the year and for the future. We need all the officers to attend the meetings. At the January officers' meeting, we spent some time on membership and we will continue to do that.

On March 15, there will be an officer's seminar in Kenosha, Wisconsin. This is where officers go to listen to presenters, ask questions, exchange ideas, and learn from each other. If any of you need a ride, we will try to provide transportation for as many as possible. Call me at 847-526-6486. For more information, see page 3 of this newsletter.

On the 20<sup>th</sup> of February, Barnebirkie (Children's Race), will be held in Hayward, Wisconsin. This is a race sponsored by Sons of Norway and run by volunteers for about fifteen years. A few of us from Skjold Lodge will be going up to help out. We have done that almost from "day one" and enjoy it. Some of my grandchildren have taken part in the Barnebirkie.

Til neste gang,

Jostein Bakken

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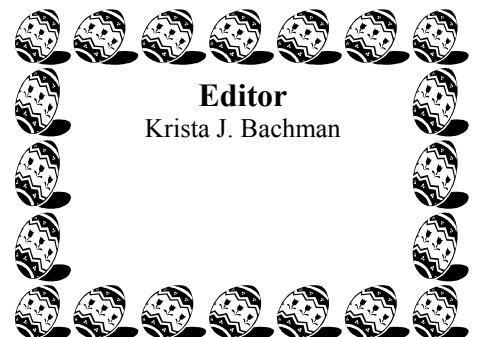
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### CORRECTION:

The Editor would like to apologize for the mistakes in the Jan./Feb. edition of the *Skjold News*:

**Paul Anderson is Honorary Consul General** of Norway and the correct spelling is:

**Pastor Bernhard Pedersen**  
Please pardon my errors in printing their names.



**Editor**

Krista J. Bachman

# Har Du Hart? By Anne Shabez



Anne Shabez

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



**Karin Baseler**, a former Skjold member who recently moved home to Maine, sent along an account of her recent trip to Norway. Karin, her husband, Tom, her son and daughter-in-law traveled there last summer. They stayed with friends in Drammen, went sight seeing in Oslo, visited Karin's niece in Fredrikstad and went on a boat trip on the Oslo fjord. They ate the best fish soup at an outdoor restaurant there.

They took a train ride to Bergen and did more sight seeing. They rented a car and drove around the fjord country. Tom calls Norway "terminal scenery". They stayed at some nice inns and hotels, Aurland, Norddal and they went on a boat trip on Geiranger fjord. They also went to a working seter where they had over 400 goats.

They then drove up to Trondheim where they visited friends and did more sight seeing. They took a plane ride to Bodo where they spent time with Karin's "87 year young" aunt and many cousins.

After Bodo they took the hurtigruten "Finmarken" to Tromso (Karin's home town). Finmarken was brand new this year complete with a swimming pool and hot tub on the deck. Although it was cold and windy, some people tried it! They stayed with another one of Karin's nieces in Tromso where they celebrated Karin's cousin's 65th birthday. They flew back to Maine on August 4.

The Baselers also went to San Francisco to visit their new granddaughter, Fiona Claire Heinen who was born on July 31, 2002. Naomi Karin, her big sister, is 2 years old! They are (of course) adorable.

Karin would love to have Chicago visitors, as she writes that she would love to see all the Skjold folks again.

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Happy New Year to all Skjold members from **Jill Crooker**. Jill recently returned from a three week trip to Sweden and Denmark. She visited family and friends. She enjoyed the way the countries decorated in preparation for Christmas.

In Stockholm, she attended the opera and a musical play on the life of Greta Garbo. She rode a spark (kid sled) in Northern

Sweden (Ornskoldsvik) and went to a Swedish baptism of a friend's son in Linstad (Skane), Sweden.

Denmark was great with Tivoli Gardens decorated with a julmarknad. We had glogg and pepparkakor. Yum-yum!

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**Les and Lois Amack** are happy to announce their daughter,

**Lorraine Amack** (also a Skjold member) was married to Wendell Brenner on November 20, 2002 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Evanston.

They both share a musical background. Our best wishes to the newlyweds for a lifetime of happiness together.

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**Jeanne and Harold Hagenson** joined their two daughters and son and their families to spend a weekend at Christmas Mountain (near Wisconsin Dells). They had a three bedroom condo. This was for their Christmas get together and opening of gifts. The "guys" went skiing while everyone else watched. A good time was had by all.

New Year's Eve day their son (who was in from Florida) and daughter and families went to Lake Lawn Lodge in Delavan, Wisconsin for swimming, dinner, New Year's Eve party and dancing etc. Everyone stayed overnight and again, a great time had by all!

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**Marge Wittrock** had some wonderful family gatherings this past holiday season. Her daughter and son-in-law came in Christmas Eve from Mt. Horeb, Wisconsin.; her son, Greg and daughter-in-law, Susan, came in from Plymouth, Michigan; grandson, Michael, his wife, Jenni and granddaughter, Cindy and great-grandchildren, Melanie and Mark. They had a great three days together and celebrated a couple of birthdays during that time.

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**Rose and Ray Haakonsen** spent a month with their son, Kevin, his wife, Sarah, and new twin granddaughters in Agoura Hills California. Jade and Malia Haakonsen were born on December 2nd, 2002. Jade weighed in at 6 lbs. 14 oz, and Malia weighed 8 lbs. 3 oz.. Kevin and Sarah are thrilled to be blessed with two little girls. Twins are so special. Rose and Ray loved spending time with all of them.

They were there for Christmas and New Years. Their son, Ron, from Rockford, IL and his daughter, Christy Haakonsen, from Pennsylvania, came out for the week of Christmas. Christy is 17 years old and got to meet her new cousins, Jade and Malia. Now the Haakonsen's have three granddaughters! It was so nice to have the Haakonsen family together.

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Sending along a special "get well" wish from your friends at Skjold to **Myron Tollefson** and **Anne Meland**. Wishing you both a speedy recovery!

## Skjold Scholarship By Marge Wittrock

Once again Skjold Lodge is offering a \$350 scholarship to its members. Deadline for applying is fast approaching. The regulations are:

1. Skjold Lodge 5-100 Sons of Norway may award an annual scholarship for study at a college or technical school. The scholarship will be in the amount of \$350 unless otherwise decided by Skjold Lodge officers.
2. The recipient of a scholarship must be a member of Skjold Lodge or be related to a member (such as a parent, grandparent, aunts, uncles), who has been a member for at least six months.
3. Only one scholarship will be awarded to any one applicant in the same family in a calendar year.
4. Applicants must have a grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 or above.
5. The deadline for applying for the scholarship is May 1st.
6. If the scholarship is awarded a scholarship check will be issued to the school where the student has been accepted.

Please note that the deadline is May 1, 2003. To receive an application, call **Marge Wittrock at (847) 392-4525** or **Judy Torgersen at (847) 605-2126**.

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## The Norwegian National League Scholarships

The Norwegian National League of Chicago is proud to announce it will again offer scholarships to deserving students of Norwegian heritage. Scholarships will be awarded in 4 age group categories: High School Senior (\$1000 cash to selected university), 9th- 11th grade (\$100 savings bond), 5th-8th (\$100 savings bond), 1st-4th (\$50 savings bond). To qualify, older students must submit an original essay on a Norwegian topic. Students in grades 1-4 must submit an original drawing on a Norwegian topic.

For information on the scholarships and application forms, contact:

Betty Durkin at (847) 956-4316, e-mail [durqkleth@aol.com](mailto:durqkleth@aol.com)

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**Keep your eyes peeled for information on Syttende Mai fun. Just WAIT till you see who our Grand Marshals are for the parade!**



## HERITAGE FEST 2003

**By Carol Carlsen**

Preparations are being made for the annual Skjold Lodge Heritage Fest. The fest will be held on Sunday, April 6, 2003 from 1:00—4:00 pm. The fest will be at the American Legion Hall located at the corner of Douglas and Miner Streets in Arlington Heights. Mark your calendar now so you won't miss this lodge event!

We are planning on having many guest instructors who will be able to demonstrate/discuss the different cultural skills that are associated with our Norwegian heritage. They include rosemaling, hardanger embroidery, baking demonstrations, genealogy, bunad show/display, etc. If you are involved in any of our cultural skills programs and would like to demonstrate your skills, please give us a call.

There will also be plenty of delicious Norwegian foods for you to taste. Speaking of which, **we'll need volunteers to bake goodies and to help work in the bakery section and at the refreshment tables.** In order to have a successful fest, we'll need your help. Sign-up sheets for donations for the "bakery," individuals to work the bakery, and set up/clean up, etc, will be available at the next lodge meeting.

Mark your calendar now: Sunday, April 6th! Put a smile on your face, wear your bunad (if you have one) and come on down to our annual Heritage Fest!

For more information or if you would like to help out, please contact the **Cultural Skills Director, Carol Carlsen at (847) 362-8030.**

## Leadership Training Day

A leadership training seminar is available to Sub-Districts Five and Six on Saturday, March 15, 2003. The seminar is being held in Kenosha Wisconsin at St. John's Lutheran Church. Exciting new issues will be discussed including the new Adopt-A-School program, the 30/55 Committee and the District Five website.

The seminar is not limited to officers; guests are encouraged to come (guests need to include a check for \$11 with registration). Please return a registration form by February 28, 2003. You can obtain a form by calling **Jostein Bakken at (847) 526-6486.**

### Directions:

- From highway I-94, take exit #340 East (Hwy 142 or Burlington Road)
- Take Hwy 142 east to 8th Avenue
- Turn left (north) on 8th Avenue to 3833 8th Avenue
- Park on the street or in the church parking lot



## Velkommen New Members!

**Michael Schmalz, Sr.**  
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**Laila J. Wiegren**  
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**Laila** has a strong Scandinavian background—her parents were born in Finland and she has Swedish roots. She enjoys reading, politics, and spending time with her three grown daughters. Laila is recently retired from being an Administrative Assistant in Risk Management. We are thrilled to have you with us!

## Membership Committee for 2003

The following Skjold members are part of the membership committee for the year 2003:

- Lester Amack
- Lois Amack
- Gregg LeDuc
- Jim Severson
- Karen Severson



Happy St. Patrick's Day!

## Gratulære med dagen! by Lois Amack

### March BIRTHDAYS

- 01 Michele Michelet Boyer
- 02 Ann Norstad Collins
- 03 Lynton E. Norstad
- 04 Richard L. Byvik
- 05 Berit Abbrescia
- 06 Jill K. Crooker
- Anne K. Meland
- Myron Tollefson
- 07 John D. Hill
- 08 Arlene Gomoll
- 09 Michael Schmalz, Jr.
- 10 Lois Amack
- 12 John Schaad
- 13 Donald W. Lund
- 15 Liv Marit Bell
- 18 Judith A. Stromsland
- 22 Vivian R. Isaksen
- 24 Bjarne Kristiansen
- 25 Bernard Jacobson
- 26 Kari T. Hoel
- 30 Lillian Bogstrand



### April Birthdays

- 02 James E. Severson
- 05 Lisa M. Christopher
- Ingvar E. Wikstrom
- 06 John F. Schussler
- 07 Jacquelyn L. Foswold
- 08 Arlene Gomoll
- 10 William M. Borndahl
- Steinar Steine
- 11 Barbra A. Mogil
- 12 Maureen Larsen
- 15 Jon Satrum
- 16 A. Margareta Hovland
- 18 Dennis Gross
- 19 David J. Hardy
- 21 Kathleen A. Secora
- 24 Otto Vatne
- 25 Kenneth E. Moe
- Karen B. Sveinsvoll
- 27 Aase K. Ponsbach
- James C. Secora



## Skjold News Benefit Postponed! (Stop the Press!)

In our previous report, the *Skjold News* Benefit was scheduled for March, however, due to tradition and practicality, the benefit will be in September. PLEASE, in your summer travels, pick up a nice gift to be auctioned off in September. All the proceeds from the event are donated to the printing and the distribution of the news. There will be more details in the coming months. Thank you in advance for supporting our *Skjold News!*

## Thinking Spring?



Well, spring is right around the corner and so is the Annual Skjold Golf Outing! Please mark your calendars for Saturday, June 7th at the Salt Creek Golf Course. Tee time is 8:00 a.m. and there is going to be fun for non-golfers too!! More details to follow!

## TUSEN TAKK!!!

Thank you, **Joan Edith Rygg** for the generous donation to the *Skjold News!* We sincerely appreciate it!!



# HAPPY EASTER!!

# NEWS AROUND THE WORLD

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

## ADVENTURE TIL NORD NORGE !!



With members of SONS OF NORWAY

IDUN LODGE OF MADISON, WI

September 3 - 14, 2003

*"We invite you to join us on this adventure and experience North Norway - the land of the Midnight Sun, Northern Lights as well as fjords, pounding seas, rugged mountains and the sheltered bays. Enjoy unspoiled nature, fresh air, pure water - share and experience the history and culture of the Sami's. Velkommen til Nord Norge".*

### Names and Numbers

President	Jostein Bakken	(847) 526-6486
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Personal News	Anne Shabez	(847) 818-8641
Editor	Krista Bachman	(630) 372-8446

### Leif Eriksen Day 2003

The Norwegian National League is planning a celebration for Leif Eriksen Day on Saturday, Oct. 11, 2003. Festivities will be held at Friendship Park on Algonquin Road, just west of Mt. Prospect Road, between 10:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

The celebration will include a wreath-laying ceremony at the Leif Eriksen statue in Humboldt Park and a visit to Minnekirken will be held on Sunday, Oct. 12th - details on both will be forthcoming.

**Les Amack, Committee Chairman (847) 676-1237  
leslois@rcn.com**



The owner of this drug store walks in to find a guy leaning heavily against a wall. The owner asks Ole, who was working for the pharmacist, "What's with that guy over there by the wall?"

Ole says "Vell, he came in here dis morning to get something for his cough. I couldn't find the cough syrup, so I gave him an entire bottle of laxative."

The owner, wide-eyed and excited yells, "you can't treat a cough with a bottle of laxatives!"

Ole calmly responds, "Of course you can! Look at him; he's afraid to cough!"

*Thanks, Bob Bolstad for making us laugh!!*

If you have any change of address, phone or email, please let **Lois Amack** know at :

**(847) 676-1237 or  
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## *Coming Events*

### March

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| 15 Saturday | Leadership Training Seminar, 8:00 a.m., Kenosha, Wisconsin |
| 18 Tuesday  | Skjold Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m., American Legion Hall      |
| 28 Friday   | Skjold Lodge Meeting, 7:30 p.m., American Legion Hall      |

### April

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| 06 Sunday  | Heritage Fest!, 1:00—4:00 p.m., American Legion Hall   |
| 15 Tuesday | Skjold Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m., American Legion Hall  |
| 25 Friday  | Skjold Lodge Meeting, <b>6:30 p.m.</b> , American Legion Hall (note earlier time for Potluck!) |