



Skjold News

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Jostein Bakken

Soon we will go into the fall months. The summer has gone by awfully fast; it seems that way to me. It has been a busy summer and the fall will be just as busy.

In **July**, I was invited by the Sons of Norway Lodge #5-353 to celebrate with them their 75th anniversary held in Richland, Wisconsin. While I was in the area, I stopped in Eau Claire, Wisconsin and spent a few days with my son and his family. I had the opportunity to play golf with my son and two grandsons, (an opportunity I don't have very often).

On **July 23, 2003**, some of us from Skjold Lodge took part in a Scandinavian reception hosted by Cook County Treasurer, Maria Pappas. It was held at the Cook County Building in Chicago. Skjold Lodge was awarded a certificate of recognition by the treasurer for the work Skjold Lodge has done in the community.

In **August**, I have to do some traveling for Sons of Norway in the state of Michigan and visit with two lodges, Tvilling Fjordene and Christianradich. **On September 7, 2003**, Skjold Lodge will take part in the Scandinavian Day picnic in South Elgin. We will be selling our famous pølse and lefse and will have a membership table. On September 26, Skjold Lodge will have a Skjold News Benefit. We are not having a regular meeting, but instead, we will have a buffet dinner catered by Wickstrom, followed by the auction. We are asking everybody who can to bring an item to be auctioned off. The item should be

worth \$15 or more. We used to have this at the Scandinavian Club, but haven't had this for some time. It will be fun.

October is also Foundation Month in Sons of Norway. This is when every lodge in Sons of Norway will be raising money for the Foundation. We in Skjold Lodge also have to raise money for our scholarship.

The Leif Eriksson celebration in Friendship Park in Des Plaines will be on **October 11th**. On **October 12th**, there will be a celebration at the Leif Eriksson statue in Humboldt Park, Chicago.

On October 24, we will have our regular meeting with a potluck dinner at 6:30, followed by the meeting and initiation of new members. In **October and November**, the officers will make up the program list for next year. It would be nice if we had some input from our membership—things you like and don't like. In the past, when I have asked for input, I have not received any. Maybe this time it will be different. What a surprise that would be!

In **November**, we will have an election of new officers. A nominating committee will be elected a month earlier due to the Skjold News Benefit in September.

The Skjold Christmas party will be held on **December 14**, at the Wellington in Arlington Heights. Bring children of any age. We will give more information in the next *Skjold News*, but put this date on your calendar.

I'm being called for dinner, so it is time to say Ha Det,

Jostein Bakken

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Har Du Hort? By Anne Shabez



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The beautiful blue Caribbean Seas were the setting for a most memorable cruise for the Shabez family. **Anne Shabez**, daughter Lisa, son David and daughter-in-law Peggy, along with grandchildren Jake and Jamie, sailed to the Bahamas and the Virgin Islands for a week of fun in the sun. The cruise ship was huge, the dining superb, and there were lots of activities on board for all to enjoy. Several side trips to individual islands for swimming, relaxing and shopping added to our enjoyment. One island, St. John, was featured in National Geographic magazine as having "one of the 10 most beautiful beaches in the world".

Six year old Jamie was thrilled by the huge ocean waves which knocked her over as they broke on the beach. Twelve year old Jake and his dad most enjoyed snorkeling the reefs off the rocky edge of Trunk Bay, St. John. Lisa and Peg took in some sun on the sandy beaches and Anne was happy to sit under the palm trees sipping cool drinks and taking in the beauty of it all. What a great way to enjoy some special family time together. Be sure to watch for a gift from the Islands being raffled off at the Skjold News Benefit in September!



Evelyn Eck attended the wedding of her granddaughter Julie on May 17th. The ceremony took place at the Lutheran Church of the Atonement in Barrington and the reception was held at the Hamilton in Lake Bluff. With all Evelyn's relatives in attendance it was a family reunion as well as a celebration of the marriage.

Then on June 14th she attended another wedding. This time it was for a grandson, Stephen, and it was held in Duluth, Minnesota. Evelyn made the trip there by car with family members. Again, the wedding was a joyous one with a reception following in a banquet hall located on the shore of Lake Superior. The weather was perfect that day, a real bonus especially for Duluth. Leaving the reception hall to return to the hotel, a full and bright moon cast a lovely track over the rippling waters of Lake Superior. It was picture perfect!

Tordis and Gene Kaczmarek spent the weekend of May 4 & 5 visiting family in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Tordis' grandson, Ina

Dutkiewicz, was confirmed at the cathedral in Fort Wayne. There were over 140 young people in the confirmation group. After mass and the ceremony, a reception was held for family and friends. Later in the evening, the entire family went out to dinner to celebrate the occasion.

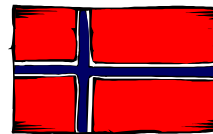
Gene and Tordis Kaczmarek were in Oslo, Norway for two weeks visiting family and taking short trips in and around Oslo. The weather was beautiful and they did a lot of walking. The day before Gene and Tordis left Oslo, Tordis' daughter and grandchildren arrived in Oslo and the family enjoyed a pleasant day together.

Several Skjold members drove to Mt. Horeb for the annual "Kaffe Stue" on Saturday, July 19. **Jostein Bakken, Gene and Tordis Kaczmarek, Marge Wittrock and Alice Freier** spent the afternoon enjoying delicious food prepared by the members of Vennelag Lodge and visiting the many shops and craft booths along the main street of Mt. Horeb. It was also pleasant visiting with George and Janice Sievers and the Open Imports shop that has so many beautiful Scandinavian items. The weather was great and it was an enjoyable day.



Krista Bachman's son, Ryan, had two eye surgeries this summer to remove his cataracts. Krista's family has a history of the eye imperfections. Krista was 4 years old when she had her cataracts removed and her daughter, Holly had hers out when she was only 2. Both Holly and Ryan wear contact lenses everyday! So far, Krista's youngest, Tracy Lynn, has not shown signs of having congenital cataracts, but if she does get them, she'll have lots of support from her parents and siblings!

Welcome New Members



Richard (Ricky) Amack—Ricky is **Lester and Lois Amack's** grandson. He works in Skokie and we want to say "Velkommen"!

David L. Bakken—David is **Jostein and Lillian Bakken's** grandson. He lives in Wisconsin and we are happy to have him as part of the club.

Scott A. Bakken—Scott is also one of Jostein and Lillian's grandsons. He also lives in Wisconsin. Scott was one of the winners of Skjold's scholarships. Way to go and welcome!

Hot News and Events

The 24th Annual Scandinavian Day Festival

Skjold Lodge will be serving lefse and pølse at our food booth in Vasa Park, South Elgin on Sunday, September 7, **2003**. (*Pardon the Editor in the previous Skjold News who was ahead of herself on the year!*) Home made bakery goods and coffee will also be available. The fest opens at 9:00 a.m. and closes at 6:00 p.m. The committee will be looking for volunteers to help in the food booth and the membership table. 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 two hot entrees. The dinner will be catered by Wickstroms Deli and will feature a variety of food for the price of \$7.50 per person. The auction will begin immediately following the dinner. 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.



On September 21, 2003 Norge Ski Club will host its 19th Annual Summer Ski Jumping Tournament. It's just north of the intersection of Hwy. 14 and Hwy 22 in Fox River Grove, Illinois.

Leif Eriksson Celebration

By Lois Amack

On October 11th come on out to Friendship Park, 395 Algonquin Road, Des Plaines, to celebrate the **1000th Anniversary of Leif Eriksson's discovery of America**.

Festivities begin at 10:00 a.m. with entertainment and foods from all five Scandinavian ethnic groups lasting until 4:00 p.m. There will be continuous games, crafts, and stories for the kids - and some foods from Iceland and Finland that may be new to you.

Come to the 11:00 a.m. service at Minnekirken, 2614 N. Kedzie Blvd. on October 12th to hear Pastor Bernhard Pedersen. Following the service, at about 12:30, we will gather at the statue of Leif Eriksson in nearby Humboldt Park for a wreath laying ceremony. Afterwards, we will return to the church for coffee and cake to conclude the celebration of this great Nordic accomplishment.

OCTOBER IS FOUNDATION MONTH!

Mark Sunday October 26th on your calendar for Skjold's Foundation dinner. The evening will begin at 5:00 p.m. (for an attitude adjustment!) at the Wellington in Arlington Heights. Dinner is served at 6:00 p.m. with a choice of entrees. Get ready for a 16 piece band for your dining, listening and dancing pleasure! Please call **Anne Meland at (847) 534-2905** or **Barbara Kronborg-Mogil at (847) 823-7596** for reservations. Please call before October 20th to ensure your spot.

**Remember, all monetary donations are tax deductible and much appreciated!*

Programs

September

Skjold News Benefit

October

—Initiation of new members

—Leif Eriksson program and Sons of Norway Foundation month

November

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

December

Christmas party

Check this Out—

The New Membership Incentive Plan

The following incentive plan was approved by the International Board of Directors on June 10, 2003 for the lodges and individuals

Lodges

In addition to existing membership incentives, the following Lodge incentive plan has been instituted by International:

1. Lodges in each district will be divided into two groupings: large lodges about the median size for the district and smaller lodges at the median size and below for that district.
2. A King Harald Medallion will be awarded to the larger lodge and to the smaller lodge achieving the greatest percentage gain in membership in each district. A total of 16 medallions will be awarded.
3. Of the 8 lodges in each category, the one lodge achieving the greatest percentage gain in membership will receive \$1000 in addition to the King Harald Medallion. A total of \$2000 will be awarded.
4. The time period for this program is June 1, 2003 to May 31, 2004.
5. Median size will be determined on the basis of membership count as of June 1, 2003.
6. Lodges participating in the free membership program that has been instituted will not be eligible for this program if the trial takes place during any part of the time period for this program.
7. For a lodge to qualify, the lodge must have increased its membership count by at least 16 people.

Individuals

The following incentives for individuals has been instituted by International beginning in 2004:

1. Individuals recruiting 15 members in a calendar year will receive a Sons of Norway logo t-shirt.
2. Individuals recruiting 40 or more members in a calendar year will receive a Scandinavian wool sweater.

Names and Numbers

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With Sympathy

Ole T. Diesen, a member of Skjold Lodge since 1945, passed away May 27, 2003, six days short of his 87th birthday. He remained active in Skjold over the years and was especially involved at the Scandinavian Club with the Christmas bazaars. He and his wife Margaret were always there to assist the crafters; Ole brought his tape player and provided them with Norwegian music.

Ole was preceded in death by his wife Margaret in November 1995. He lived for the past five years at Bethany Terrace in Morton Grove, but kept his house and car in Skokie with the hope of returning home and resuming his life there.

He was a life-long member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Evanston, holding many offices there, including President of the congregation. Memorial services were held at Trinity at both of the morning services on Sunday, June 1. He was a very caring and lovable person and will be missed by all who knew him.

Irving Gunderson was 101 years old at the time of his death (June, 2003). He joined Skjold Lodge in September 1920. You may remember that a group of Skjold members visited him on his 100th birthday 12/16/2001. I think our picture was in the next Skjold News. He is survived by his wife Selma and her sister, Bernice Birney, who are also Life Members of Skjold.

Ellen Juenger passed away in June at the age of 85. She had been a Skjold member since 1981. Ellen liked backpacking through Norway and stayed at the elder-hostels. She was active in the lodge during the early years at the Scandinavian Club. A very interesting lady.

We at Skjold Lodge would like to extend our deepest sympathies to the families and friends of these fine people. They will be missed.

FYI

The sign of the order is the manner in which we vote in Sons of Norway.

You start with an open right hand; then you close the little finger to the palm to represent **FREEDOM**; then you close the next finger to the palm to represent **FRATERNITY**; folding the next finger to the palm represents **PROGRESS**. Then they all are surrounded by the thumb to the palm representing **BROTHERLY LOVE**. Finally, the index finger then points up to the North Star as your hand is raised.

Congratulations, Scandinavians!

By Lois Amack

Maria Pappas held a reception for Scandinavians at her Cook County Treasurer's Office on July 23rd. It was very well attended by Danes, Norwegians, Swedes, a few Finns and even an Icelander or two.

Awards were presented to the various ethnic organizations in recognition of their contributions to the Chicago area.

Jostein Bakken accepted the award for Skjold Lodge. **Les Amack** accompanied the singing of the six national anthems. As part of the entertainment, about eight Skjold Lodge members (the Skjold Singers) sang "Nidelven" and "Hils fra meg der Hjemme" also accompanied by Les at the piano.

The refreshments were delicious, and it was great fun to see so many friends from the other Scandinavian groups.



Our own Les Amack and Maria Pappas

**Happy
Halloween!!**



Gratulære med dagen! by Lois Amack

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 04 Louis Chouinard
- 05 Rodney Bjerke
Gry Finvold-Hunt
Martha Johnson
- 06 Ronald J. Bakken
Delores M. Trainor
- 07 Krista J. Bachman
Kenneth Berke
- 10 Jostein O. Bakken
- 11 Karen S. Briskey
- 12 Karin I. Baseler
- 14 Ralph S. Haug
- 18 Susanne M. Koss-Hoover
- 19 Agnes Tollefson
Steven Torgersen
- 20 Ellen A. Ankrum
- 21 Kjell Larsen
- 23 Elsie Victorson
- 26 Charles S. Beesley
Jean L. Bowles
- 27 Michael Schmalz, Sr.
Linda Steffensen
- 30 James L. Lee



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 01 Margarethe Andersen
- 02 Waldemar Eiseland
Kenneth E. Olson
- 05 Erin A. Martin
- 06 Roger C. Christiansen
- 12 Pamela Strack
- 13 Robert E. Foswold
Nadine A. Lee
- 14 Jan F. Drangsholt
William A. Kronborg
- 15 Lisa A. Bakken
- 16 Richard E. Severson
- 17 Richard F. Amack
Phyllis M. Hagedorn
Royal D. Haugsness
- 18 Knut Repaal
- 23 Carol R. Ehnert
- 26 Jean Hagenson
Marvin A. Lodin
- 28 Joan (Edith J.) Rygg
Gregory D. Wittrock
- 29 Roy Benson
- 31 Kari Diesen Dahl

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Coming Events

September

- 07 Sunday Vasa Park, 9:00 a.m., South Elgin
- 16 Tuesday Skjold Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m., American Legion Hall
- 21 Sunday Norge Ski Jump Tournament, Fox River Grove, Illinois
- 26 Friday *Skjold News* Benefit, 6:30 p.m. American Legion Hall

October

- 06 Monday **Skjold News Deadline**
- 11 Saturday 1000th Anniversary of Leif Eriksson's Discovery, 10:00 a.m., Des Plaines
- 12 Sunday Minnekirken Church Service, 11:00 a.m., Chicago, Illinois
- 21 Tuesday Skjold Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m., American Legion Hall
- 24 Friday Skjold Lodge Meeting, 7:30 p.m., American Legion Hall
- 26 Sunday Foundation Night Dinner, 5:00 p.m., Arlington Heights, Illinois