

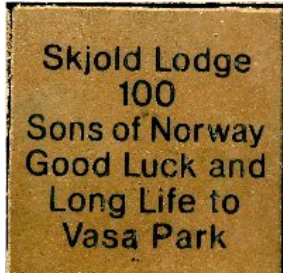
Skjold News



July-August 2009

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Scandinavian (VASA) park dedicated its Heritage Walkway and Skjold Lodge was there.

The Heritage Walkway dedication day on June 7 was a wonderful event. Skjold's brick is at the beginning of the left entryway – the walkway is a beautiful creation that went from a dream to a reality with a lot of planning and skilled hard work.

Purchases of personalized paving stones – ours is pictured at the top of this article – helped make this possible.

Take time to visit Scandinavian/ Vasa Park in Elgin for the 30th Annual Festival on Sunday, September 13, 2009 from 9am to 5pm - Scandinavian Entertainment, Foods & Crafts - Skjold has a booth with food, beverages and bakery goods, and last, but not least – trolls.
Come Join Us for a fun SON day!

Social Snakk by Lorrie Brenner and Judy Torgersen

Summer Fun at Skjold - upon receipt of this July/August issue of Skjold News we will be entering the hot months, and have had our first Sunday 3pm meeting/social event on June 28, our always popular Uff-Da BINGO!

Coming on Sunday, July 26 at 3pm is a brief synopsis of "Norway and the Cinema: 1900 to Present" with some film clip sample snippets to view as part of the presentation. Please bring a dish to share for our monthly SMORGASBORD/POTLUCK. As you enjoy an array of scrumptious foods and thirst quenching beverages, you may be surprised to learn how highly involved Norway is in the movie industry.

Then, into the next month on Sunday August 23 at 3pm . . . POPCORN & a MOVIE: "KITCHEN STORIES" (Norwegian: Salmer fra Kjøkkenet) is a 2003 Norwegian Comedy Film by Bent Hamer. Here is a brief summary of the film: Swedish efficiency

researchers come to Norway for a study of Norwegian men, to optimize their use of their kitchen. Folke Nilsson (Tomas Norstro) is assigned to study the habits of Isak Bjørvik (Joachim Calmeyer). By the rules of the research institute, Folke has to sit on an umpire's chair in Isak's kitchen and observe him from there, but never talk to him. Isak stops using his kitchen and observes Folke through a hole in the ceiling instead. However, the two lonely men slowly overcome the initial post-war Norwegian-Swede distrust and become friends.

We really hope this new Sunday schedule works for all members. Please come and visit, bring a dish to share in the monthly SMORGASBORD/POTLUCK, enjoy great food, delicious coffee, tea, lemonade and - let's have some FUN!! Mange tusen takk,

Lorrie Brenner & Judy Torgersen
Social Director Co-chairpersons.

Getting to Know you – Marilyn Turchi (Continued on Page 4)

As far back as I can remember I have attended Sons of Norway events. My grandparents belonged to Oslo Lodge #2 in Minneapolis. I especially remember the Christmas parties at Norway Hall, dancing around the tree, getting bags of candy, and chasing up and down the many stairways with other children.

My grandfather, Andrew Espeland, was born in Aardal i Ryfylke in 1886. His parents were from Sauda, way in the back of Boknafjorden. My grandfather and his father, Rasmus, were both painters. Andrew left home in 1905 when he was eighteen and came to Eagle Grove, Iowa. Later he moved to Minneapolis. In 1909 he married and started a family. Andrew's two sisters also immigrated to the US sometime in the

1920's. After Andrew's father, Rasmus, died in 1925. His mother, Maria, alone in Norway wrote that she wanted him to return to help with the small farm. Andrew's plans to return were canceled when one of his children became sick. Instead, my great-grandmother, Maria, immigrated to the US aboard the Stavangerfjord in 1931. The ancestors of my grandfather, Andrew Espeland, have been traced back to the 1480's in Sauda.

Growing up in Minneapolis there were Norwegian influences everywhere - in churches, bakeries and celebrations. When I attended Roosevelt High School I studied Norwegian with Mr. Eggan and belonged to the Norse Club where we learned Norwegian folk dances. At the University of Minnesota I majored in Art History and took some classes in Scandinavian Art and Architecture with

Kommentar fra Presidenten



Wendell Brenner

Summer is upon us in full swing and the second most important thing you should be thinking about is the fact that in August, your president turns half a century young!! A great present to me would be to have a full house of members [new and old] at our August meeting!

The first and foremost important thing this summer is to support your lodge!

Everything we do as officers is to ensure that you (the members of Skjold) have a place once a month to go and be with friends and family to learn about our Scandinavian heritage.

Sons of Norway has so much to offer and so many fun things to do . . . let's show the Friendly 5th District that Skjold 5-100 knows how to have a good time.

Perhaps we can even create some new traditions to pass on to future generations of Skjold members.

So from June 21 until September 22 let's have a "FUN AT SON" summer. See you at our next Lodge Meeting!!

Brother President,
Wendell Brenner

Har du Hørt?

If you hold a Norwegian passport and renew it in the United States, the renewal process is going to change. Read the note from Paul S. Anderson on page 8.

A little bit of Norwegian in Minnesota's north woods: Norwegian Elderhostel - #6799 - September 27-October 3, 2009. Cost for room, board, meals and instruction is \$660. This is an immersion setting where they'll treat you to authentic and freshly

prepared meals representing Denmark, Norway and Sweden. You will speak Norwegian for your entire visit. Contact Concordia Language Villages for more information 800-450-2214, or go to www.concordiaLanguageVillages.org and click on "Programs" and then to either "Adults" or "Families".

We extend our condolences to Marian Seaholm on the death of her husband David,

a man who dedicated much of his life to making life more pleasant for those who served our country, especially the veterans at North Chicago and Hines Veterans Hospitals. On his own, or as a member of the Des Plaines Elks, he helped veterans through programs, bringing gifts, or just visiting the men and women at the hospitals.

Our sincere sympathy goes out to the family.



Anne Shabez

Please send all information for the Har Du Hørt column to Anne Shabez postmaster@skjoldlodge.com

Was Wilhelm Tell Norwegian?

According to an 18th-century story by Gilg Tschudi, Wilhelm Tell performed his heroic deeds in 1307. But that puts him several centuries behind two 11th-century Norwegians named Eindridi and Hemingr. To force Eindridi to accept Christianity, King Olaf is said to have ordered him to shoot a "writing plate" from his son's head. Eindridi's wife persuaded the king to drop the matter. Hemingr was not so lucky. After the hunter won several athletic challenges, an irate King Harald ordered him to shoot not a mere apple, but a hazelnut from his son's head. Hemingr made the shot and, like Tell, took his revenge on the ruler.

A century later, a Danish tippler named Toko bragged about his skill with a bow. The Dane was forced by a king to shoot an apple off his son's head. As Tell would later do, Toko kept an arrow destined for the king should he fail. Toko was then

forced to ski down a cliff into the North Sea, a feat he miraculously survived.

A 17th-century English ballad tells of Adam Bell, Clim of the Clough, and William of Cloudesley - outlaws who lived off the king's deer, Robin Hood style. In the ballad, William of Cloudesley is the man with the bow:

- "An apple upon his [son's] head he set
- And then his bowe he bent;
- Syxe score paces they were outmet
- And therefore Cloudesley went. . .

Toko's story was in a book that includes the tale of Amleth, a Danish prince, which Shakespeare used for his play Hamlet. If Shakespeare had chosen Toko's story, who knows what form Tell's legend might have taken?

Credits, Fodor's Switzerland Travel Guide

Book Review—"Norwegians on the Prairie" by Jon Satrum

Gratulerer med dagen

Norwegians on the Prairie
Ethnicity and the Development of the
Country Town.

By: Odd S. Lovoll
ISBN 9780873516037

This book is the result of the author's study of 3 small towns in west central Minnesota (Benson, Starbuck, and Madison). While an "academic" book can be pretty dry reading, Norwegians on the Prairie's narrative style makes it more enjoyable. It certainly gives you insight to the Norwegian immigrants and how their lives on their farms and in their small towns were interconnected. Those small towns and farms are recognizable to many of us who belong to Sons of Norway, and for many of us they were a significant part of our lives. No matter where your ancestors actually settled, the stories in the book can apply to you, especially if they settled in the Midwest.

One comment by Ann M. Legried of Central Missouri State University gives us a feel for the book: "The book advances a deeper understanding of the Nordic experience in America. We listen to stories of individual settlers and watch and interact with them as each community evolves through the decades. The towns glisten with tidbits of Nordic American life from saloons and lutefisk to Norwegian American festivals."

The book had special interest for me as one set of my great grandparents moved from Goodhue County, Minnesota, to a farm near Madison, and were involved with a church created the year after they arrived. Several are buried in that church cemetery and many of their descendants live in the area today.

SOME HIGHLIGHTS:

An interesting part of the book discusses Sons of Norway. Our view of bygdelags, Sons of Norway, and other Norwegian heritage organizations is not necessarily the same as that held by some people

and some organizations in the early 1900's. Churches in general and the Norwegian church in particular, were the major cultural influences at that time and did not want their influence diminished. The Lutheran church also had a suspicion that Sons of Norway was a secret society.

We focus on our Norwegian heritage and are proud of our connection, but there was a time in the early 1900's and during WWI when it was unpopular to hold those views regardless of your immigrant heritage. Sometimes referred to as a period of "100% Americanism" there was a decrease in festivals and even Syttende Mai celebrations were cancelled or became patriotic rallies. People were asking questions such as "Can we as Norwegians speak Norwegian and still be loyal Americans?"

In 1914 the bygdelags took the initiative to arrange a centennial jubilee on Syttende Mai celebrating 100 years after the signing of the Norwegian constitution. There was tremendous interest as this occurred at the time of the third and final wave of Norwegian immigrants to America and immigrants fresh from Norway were involved. Over 50,000 people went to Minneapolis and special trains carried thousands to the celebration. But the bygdelags were seen as a threat to Norwegians in the middle class who rejected the idea of being seen as a "nation of peasants". Only after a threat of a "competing celebration" did the bygdelags expand the involvement of others.

Hopefully this review gives you a sense of the tone of the book and helps you to decide whether to read it. You can often get this book on inter-library loan if your library does not have a copy.

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Culture Column by Solveig Bender

Happy summer! Enjoy it and try to get out to some of our Norwegian (and other Scandinavian) doings this year. Visit the Viking Ship when you attend Swedish Days in late June in Geneva, and don't miss Scandinavian Days at Scandinavian (VASA) Park in South Elgin on Sunday, September 13. Of course, it would be great to see you all at our afternoon gatherings of Skjold Lodge on the 4th Sundays of each month at Bethel Lutheran church. Hey, we might even eat picnic style on the lawn!

I've been thinking a little about the meaning of the word "Culture". My two-cent definition is the way you practice living and your own set of do's and don'ts. I've been thinking of how the culture of today differs for my grandchildren compared to that of mine X years ago. So here are a couple of light hearted thoughts I have had:

Birthday party favors: Then – nut cups. Now – loot bags.

The media after school: Then--Jack Armstrong and the Cinnamon Bear on a sometime staticky radio. Now—cable and satellite television in HD with more programming (not necessarily better) than I can think of or am familiar with.

Comics in the Newspaper: Then—the funnies at a child's level. Now –certainly not funny and often a political or way of life comment. And can you read the print?

Recycling: Then -- the "Ragsaline" man with his horse cart in the alley (Rags and Old Iron) who paid you. Now -- two green recycling buckets on the curb picked up by the Groot or WM truck that bill you each month (at least in my town).

Communicating with friends: Then -- by phone if given permission by mom. Now -- IM-instant messaging on your own cell phone.

Getting into trouble at school: Then – chewing gum or talking. Now – where does the list end?

The price of gasoline: Then – 34 cents a gallon with "premiums" (trading stamps, toys, mugs, etc.). Now – gas goes up 34 cents a gallon in less than a week and "premium" is even more expensive gasoline.

There's more, but you get the drift. If you have any more to share, e-mail me at sbender935@aol.com and I will pass them along in future columns.

Correction: In the last issue we stated a Gudbrandsdal bunad had a checkered skirt. The Gudbrandsdal everyday bunad has a striped skirt, not a checkered one. It is also made of wool, which adds to the cost.

Getting to Know you (continued from Page 1)

Professor Marion Nelson.

Many years later my husband and I took a wonderful trip to Norway, driving all around the southern end of the country, amazed at the roads that ended with a stop sign and a gate indicating a ferry, or the stop-and-go light in the middle of a single-lane tunnel. We visited Aardal and saw the house my grandfather and his family had lived in, the church his family attended and the cemetery where Rasmus was buried. We also drove to Sauda. While walking around town we saw a jewelry and gift store with Espeland in its name and inquired within. The attendants didn't speak much English but called a husband to come to the shop; his hobby was genealogy. He copied the list I had of my family in America and my records of what we knew of the family in Norway. He explained that his wife was an Espeland and took us to his home to show us in his books

how we were related. He gave me copies of pages from his books. Later he drove us to the Espeland area of Sauda to show us the houses where my great great grandparents had lived.

While a member of Sons of Norway I have taken Norwegian classes with Kari Dahl, learned how to make lefse from Lillian Berge (along with my daughter, daughter-in-law, nieces, cousin, and granddaughter) and learned Rosemaling with my daughter. I especially enjoyed taking my grandchildren, when they were younger, to the Sons of Norway Christmas parties and dancing around the tree.

Coming Events (always check our web site for the latest details)

June

June 24-27 Illinois Norsk Rosemalers Association Annual Norwegian Rosemaling Show and Sale, Geneva History Center, Geneva, IL

June 27 – The 4th Annual Scandinavian Midsommar Celebration at Vasa Park, Route 31, South Elgin from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Adults \$5.00, Children 12 & Under FREE.

June 28, 3:00PM – Lodge Meeting: Our first meeting at the new date and time.

July

NOW - through July 25: HEDDA GABLER at the Raven Theater in Chicago.

July 14 at 7 p.m. Tuesday Board meeting

July 18 Sons of Norway "Kaffee Stue" & Craft Fair, Community Center, Mt.

Horeb, WI 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM, www.trollway.com

July 26 at 3:00 p.m. SUNDAY - LODGE MEETING. Program: "Norway and the Cinema: 1900 to Present".

July 26-August 8: 31st Annual Masse Moro Norwegian Heritage Camp

August

August 8 - Steak Fry with Crayfish Sampling -- Vasa Park, South Elgin

August 11 at 7 p.m. Tuesday Board meeting

August 23 at 3:00 p.m. SUNDAY - LODGE MEETING. Program: POPCORN & a MOVIE: "KITCHEN STORIES" (Norwegian: Salmer fra Kjøkkenet) is a 2003 Norwegian Comedy Film by

Bent Hamer.

September

September 8 at 7 p.m. Tuesday Board meeting

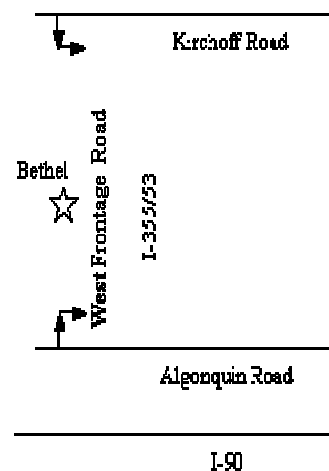
We do not have a regular lodge meeting in September but have our Skjold News Benefit and Auction instead.

September 13. 29th Annual Scandinavian Day – Vasa Park. (Skjold will have a booth. Look for more details in our next issue of Skjold News). 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ADMISSION: Adults \$10.00 Children 12 & Under FREE. FREE PARKING

September 25, Friday, at 7:30 PM: Skjold News Benefit (in place of meeting). Look for details in our next issue of Skjold News.

WHERE WE MEET

Skjold meetings and events are held at Bethel Lutheran Church, 3839 West Frontage Road, Palatine, IL (Board Meetings in the "Small Meeting Room", and events and lodge meetings in the "Hospitality Room" on the lower level), unless otherwise noted.



Sons of Norway Embraces Popular Technology

Are you following Sons of Norway?

Are you on Twitter? How about Facebook? Are you blogging or posting videos to YouTube? - Sons of Norway is, and we'd love for all members and lodges to be a part of our online community.

Twitter:

If you're interested in getting Sons of Norway updates while you're on the go, consider joining us on Twitter. By going to twitter.com/sonsofnorway you can follow along with us at events, learn about new resources and be alerted to new posts at the Sons of Norway blog. The best part is you can follow us on your computer or via cell phone so you never have to miss out on the latest from Sons of Norway!

Sons of Norway Blog:

Since last summer Sons of Norway has been blogging about everything from Norwegian language to news items of interest to members. Go to sonsofnorwayblog.blogspot.com to read more and see what Sons of Norway is up to.

Facebook:

Did you know there are more than 40 groups on Facebook that are dedicated to Sons of Norway? Some pages are for specific lodges and districts, while others are for the organization as a whole. Just log into your Facebook page and search for "Sons of Norway" to see all the different groups available to members.



Snakker du Norsk?

A Little in English...

Many Advantages to Multilingualism

Sofija Thoresen (7) speaks both Norwegian and Russian. Sofija moved from Russia to Norway as a one year-old. Now she's in second grade at Ila school in Oslo, where she speaks fluent Norwegian. At home she speaks Russian with her mom, and with her father Bjørn she speaks mostly Norwegian.

"The idea that multilingualism leads to confusion is still hanging on in many schools and kindergartens. Today we know that it is actually an advantage for children to speak multiple languages, and not a disadvantage," says Bente Ailin Svendsen, a researcher at the Institute for Linguistic and Nordic Studies at the University of Oslo.

According to Svendsen there are many advantages to being multilingual. Bilingual children react more quickly to stimuli than monolingual kids. Studies from the US and Norway show that students with long-term bilingual instruction are among the best students in school. In addition, it seems that the mental exercise of speaking more than one language can slow Alzheimer's in older people.

But holding on to a second language demands extra effort from parents, teachers and the child herself. Several days a week Sofija attends a Russian after-school program, after she's done with her Norwegian school day. While her Norwegian homework gets done in a few minutes, she has to work much harder on her Russian materials.

"Raising a child in two languages requires a good portion of patience. In order to stimulate both languages it's important that the language that has the least support in society is especially emphasized. The parents should speak with the child on various topics so that the child can develop a rich understanding of the language," says Svendsen.

Litt på norsk...

Mange fordeler med flerspråklighet
Sofija Thoresen (7) snakker både norsk og russisk. Sofija flyttet fra Russland til Norge som ettåring. Nå går hun på andre trinn på Ila skole i Oslo, der hun snakker flytende norsk. Hjemme snakker hun russisk med mor, og med faren Bjørn, går det mest i norsk.

Forestillingen om at flerspråklighet fører til språkforvirring henger fortsatt igjen i mange skoler og barnehager. I dag vet vi at det er en fordel for barn å snakke flere språk, og ikke en ulempe, sier Bente Ailin Svendsen, forsker ved Institutt for lingvistiske og nordiske studier på Universitetet i Oslo.

Ifølge Svendsen er det mange fordeler med å være flerspråklig. Tospråklige reagerer raskere på stimuli enn enspråklige. Studier fra USA og Norge viser at elever med langvarig tospråklige opplæring er blant de som lykkes best på skolen. Dessuten ser hjernetrimmen også ut til å kunne forhindre Alzheimer hos eldre som praktisere flere språk.

Men å holde på et annet språk krever stor innsats fra foreldre, lærere og barnet selv. Flere dager i uken går Sofija på russisk ettermiddagsskole, etter at hun er ferdig med den norske skoledagen. Mens de norske leksene er unnagjort på få minutter, jobber hun mye mer med de russiske leksene.

Det kreves en god porsjon tålmodighet for å oppdra barn i to språk. For å stimulere begge språkene er det viktig at det språket som har minst støtte i samfunnet stimuleres spesielt. Foreldre bør snakke med barnet om varierte temaer slik at barnet tilbys et rikt språk, sier Svendsen.

Articles Adapted from: www.forskning.no

Skjold Lodge 100th Anniversary Dinner – April 10, 2010



Mark Your Calendars!

Celebrating 100 years, Skjold's Anniversary Dinner will be held at the Wellington of Arlington Heights at 2121 S Arlington Heights Rd Arlington Heights, IL.

It may seem like a long time from now, but please save this date for this special event.

We are honored to have guest speaker Dan Rude, International President and, his wife Betty, joining us for this special event!

In future issues of Skjold News and at a Centennial page at our website (to be released shortly) we will include all the details of this celebration.

Kids Corner

The Bear and The FOX (A Norwegian Folk Tale)



THE big bear and the clever fox bought some butter together; they were saving it for Christmas, and hid it till then under a thick spruce bush.

After that, they went a little way off and lay down on a sunny bank to sleep. So, when they had slept for a while the fox got up, shook himself, and bawled out "YES."

Then he ran off straight to the hiding place and ate about a third of the butter. But when he came back and the bear asked him where he had been, since he looked so fat, he said,

"Don't you believe that I was at a children's party."

"Maybe," said the bear. "What was the young one's name?"

"Just-begun," said the fox.

So they lay down to sleep again. In a little while up jumped the fox again, bawled out "YES," and ran

off to the hiding place.

This time, too, he ate a good amount. When he came back, and the bear asked him again where he had been, he said,

"Oh wasn't I invited to a children's party again, don't you think?"

"And pray, what was the young one's name this time?" asked the bear.

"Half-eaten," said the fox.

The bear thought that a very queer name, but he hadn't wondered long over it before he began to yawn and fell asleep. Well, he hadn't lain long before the fox jumped up as he had done twice before, bawled out "YES," and ran off to the hiding place, where this time he ate the rest of the butter. When he got back, he said he had been to another feast, and when the bear wanted to know the young one's name he answered,

"Licked-to-the-bottom."

After that they lay down again, and slept a long time; but then they were to go to the hiding place to look at the butter, and when they found it eaten up, the bear

blamed the fox, and the fox blamed the bear; and each said the one had been at the hiding place while the other slept.

"Well, well," said the fox, "we'll soon find out, which of us has eaten the butter. We'll just lay down in the sunshine, and he whose cheeks and paws are greasiest when we wake, he is the thief."

Yes, the bear was ready for that test as he knew in his heart he had never so much as tasted the butter.

Then the fox went for some the butter, which stuck there in a crack. Then he crept back to the bear that now lay without a care, sleeping in the sun, and greased his paws and cheeks with it. Then he, too, lay down to sleep as if nothing had happened.

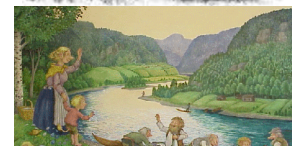
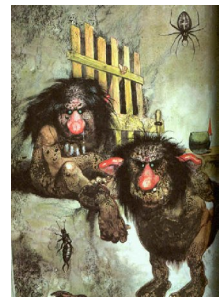
So when they both woke, the sun had melted the butter, and the bear's whiskers were all greasy; so it was the bear after all, and no one else, who had eaten the butter.

But, who really ate the butter?

The Bear and the Fox is a Norwegian Folk Tale taken from the web site (<http://oaks.nvg.org/norwegian-folktales.html>) which contains a copyright entry of: © 1997–2009, Tormod Kinnes.

TROLLS:

The Norwegian trolls have very distinct features. They have long crooked noses, only four fingers and toes on each limb, and most of them have a long bushy tail. Some trolls are giants - others are small. There are stories of two-headed as well as three-headed trolls, and even a few with only one eye in the middle of their wrinkled foreheads. Others have trees and rough moss-like growth all over their heads and noses. The trolls come out after sunset. The sun would cause them to crack, turn into stone and burst. They have supernatural powers, and do usually bring good luck.



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Renewing Norwegian Passports in the U.S.
Currently, Norwegian passports may be renewed in the U.S. by appearing in person at a "Career Consulate" (New York, Houston, San Francisco), or at the various Honorary Consulates or Honorary Consulates General. The application must be signed with a special pen, in person, at the consulate and appropriate fees paid. After processing, the passport is then sent directly to the applicant and there is no need to physically appear at the Consulate.

This practice will change in the relatively near future (probably January 2010), so that passport renewal will require appearance at one of the 3 Career Consulates mentioned above. Because of security requirements and related issues, the passport renewal process will require special biometric machines located only at the Career Consulates. Therefore it will require people in Illinois to travel to New York or Houston.

For further details contact Paul S. Anderson, Honorary Consul General at 312-377-5050

HAVE YOU MOVED?

Name and address changes:
Remember to submit your name, address, and e-mail changes to:
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1410 Westbury Dr.
Hoffman Estates, Illinois
60192-1347
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SPECIAL NOTE: We need your auction item donations for our Annual Skjold News Benefit on Friday, September 25 at 7:30pm held in place of our September social event.

This important yearly event raises money to help pay for production and distribution of Skjold News and our lodge website. Please remember to buy a \$15 auction item while you're on vacation this summer and perusing the local Scandinavian stores - we will auction it off to the highest bidder!