

Skjold News



March-April 2009

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Here's hoping for a little sunshine in your lives

We wish you well.

Well wishes go out to Judy (my partner in Social Snakk) and Ted Torgersen, who have been having a tough time this winter – we miss them and hope they'll be able to come around more soon!

Also well wishes go out to Krista Bachman's father [Richard Skibski], Dorothy Chouinard, Solveig Bender's husband, Richard, and Jim Severson.

Isn't it peculiar that when we have good health we often take it for granted and it goes unappreciated for long periods of time, when in reality it is everything!

Lorrie Brenner



Social Snakk by Lorrie Brenner and Judy Torgersen

Thanks not only to mother nature for cooperating with good weather on Friday, January 23 (no blizzard anyway) but, also, to the troopers who came out in the frigid cold to attend our lovely January meeting – after a [as always] delicious array of Pot Luck foods, we had the Installation of Officers (accompanied by delightfully appropriate and lighthearted songs chosen and played on the piano by our musician and Treasurer, Les Amack) with Jostein Bakken as installing officer, and Marshalls, Lois Amack and Kathy Secora, pinning and presenting the newly elected officers to our lodge members. Following those formalities, we had a visit from the "Lefse Lady", our own Lillian Berge and her wonderful helper,

daughter Lisa. We were shown - from start to finish - the fine art of making that one-of-a-kind, delectable treat... lefse! We hope to have the video taken that night of Lillian's presentation uploaded to our website and a DVD added to our library collection to share soon. Mange tusen takk!!

Our March program is Lorraine Straw's presentation on the history and current status of the "Viking Ship". Lorraine Straw was instrumental in encouraging others to vote for restoration funding. She will give a history of this fragile and irreplaceable keepsake from our Norwegian heritage.

Our April meeting starts at 6:30 PM

with a Pot Luck supper and includes the evening's program of Cindy Stark's (Judy and Ted Torgersen's daughter) brass ensemble playing for us.

PLEASE JOIN US!

We urge you to spend a few hours each month attending lodge meetings and functions.

We do it all for you to help keep Scandinavian traditions, culture and heritage here in America alive and well - as important today and tomorrow as they have always been in the past. It's part of what makes our United States [land of the free and home of the brave] as diversified, ever interesting and exciting a country as it is.

From the Editors:

Many thanks to Odd-Steinar Dybvad Raneng for the information used in our Harald Fairhair article.

Odd-Steinar, living in Australia, has added valuable information about Norwegian history to his genealogy site: <http://www.vikingsaga.tribalpages.com/>.

Don't be surprised if we use more of his articles in future issues.

Mange takk Odd-Steinar

Getting To Know You - Luella Lee Trinrud

My father, Oluf Hans Lee, was born in New Hope, Wisconsin; and my mother, Mathia Bjorge Lee, was born in Ostre Gausdal, Norway. They met in Wisconsin and married in 1892.

We were nine in the family, a first-born brother died at a few months. I am next to the youngest. I was born in New Hope, Wisconsin, May 10, 1910.

We lived on a farm and we had cows, horses, pigs and chickens. We raised corn, potatoes, oats and hay.

My father's mother, Grandma Ingeborg Lee, lived with us. She had also immigrated from Ostre Gausdal, Norway. She used to sit and knit all our caps, mittens, stockings and scarves for winter. I used to hear her clicking her needles. She wore her hair in a "tull" roll on her head. She had a room all of her

own upstairs. We used to go up there and sit with her sometimes. She lived to be 94 years old.

My mother's mother (Christine Bjorge) died the year I was born. I never got to know any of my grandfathers.

In the winter we would go riding in the sleigh with two horses. When we went for a ride, Mother used to take some bricks and heat them in the stove. She wrapped them in a cloth, put them by our feet, and covered us up with a blanket. It kept our feet warm. The horses had a strap or belt around their stomach with bells. So, when the horses ran, the bells would ring. We enjoyed hearing that. My father, as I remember him, was not very well. He had heart trouble; in those days nothing could be done. The doctor used to come and see him once in awhile. On nice days, Irene (my younger sister) and I used to go for a walk

with him outside, each holding a hand. I was five years old when he died in 1916.

Then my mother sold this farm and bought a smaller one. We moved to Northland, Wisconsin. There was a grocery store nearby, also a post office, and we could walk to church. It was there that I started school, which was in walking distance. It was a white building on top of a hill and had only one room for all classes. One teacher taught us all.

In the winter we always had a lot of snow and very cold weather. We wore long underwear and warm clothes as we walked to school. But it never bothered us; we rather enjoyed it. We went sliding down the hill on our sled, and we also had homemade skis. We were never bored, as we always found something to do.

When we came home from school, we always had some

Kommentar fra Presidenten



Wendell Brenner

March is upon us, and as we dig ourselves out of the

last of that winter white stuff we can start getting ourselves ready for the springtime fun we will be having this year.

I want to thank everyone who has been involved with making our Lodge events run so smoothly.

I especially want to thank my wife, Lorrie, for giving me the extra strength I needed to run things smoothly as your President.....as behind every president there is the real power of government.

Let's make our March and April meetings fun and exciting. Remember, Skjold Lodge's continued success depends on you.

Our 100th anniversary is next year. As in the past, we need your help to keep Skjold Lodge strong for another 100 years.

We are considering changing our meeting date and time – please read the article on page 6.



Kathy and Jim Secora

Har du hørt?

Travels of our Members:
Kathy and Jim Secora

We returned November 21st from a trip to Israel, Palestine, and Jordan. We enjoyed the Mediterranean climate, middle-eastern cuisine (think pita, hummus, dates, and olives) and sites with great religious and historical significance. We visited ruins of sites constructed by Herod the Great (builder) from around the 1st century including Caesarea-by-the-Sea and Masada. We sailed on the Sea of Galilee and saw many sites in Galilee and Jerusalem where Jesus lived, walked, and taught. We also saw Petra, the desert city in Jordan highlighted in the Indiana Jones movie. It was moving to walk where Jesus walked. It was eye-opening to see the layers of history here: older cities and caves inhabited by different generations and governments, e.g., Moses' brother Aaron buried on the mountain near Petra,

then inhabited by the desert traders who built it and the Romans who succeeded them. Sites of historical significance to King David intermingled with those of significance in Jesus life. In many the Roman presence was followed by a Muslim presence, then Crusader forts, then Muslim, then the state of Israel, etc. Of note, also, was the wall separating occupied Palestine from Israel: protecting, yet cutting off families, work, and religious sites.

Check out the pictures above and to the right, of Kathy riding a donkey in Petra, Jordan and Jim standing by old olive trees in Garden of Gethsemane, Jerusalem, Israel.

New Grandson for
Kathy and Jim Secora

Our son and daughter-in-law are adopting a baby boy. Robert James Secora was born on 2/1 at 6:23 in the morning in Geneseo, IL.

Baby weighed 6lb, 3oz at birth and was 19.5 in long. Steve and Beth Secora are ecstatic to have their first child. They took RJ home to McHenry on Wednesday, Feb. 10.

Lorrie Brenner Sings:

If you attended the 104th Annual Norge Ski club January tournament, you not only would have seen some great skiing, you would have heard Skjold member, Lorrie Brenner open the tournament singing the Norwegian National Anthem, a capella,

Welcome back
Gregg LeDuc

After spending more than a year overseas, member Gregg LeDuc is back with us. Gregg was voted in as one of our Marshalls. Gregg – thank you for the raffle prizes and your donations to the Christmas Party.



Anne Shabez

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

Harald Fairhair – First King of Norway (872-930)



Harald Fairhair or Harald Finehair (Old Norse: Haraldr hárfagri, Norwegian: Harald Hårfagre), (c. 850 – c. 933) was the first king (872 – 930) of Norway.
Picture: King Harald, in an illustration from the 14th century Flateyjarbók.

Little is known of the historical Harald. The only contemporary sources mentioning him are the two skaldic poems Haraldskvæði and Glymdrápa, by Þorbjörn Hornklofi. The first poem describes life at Harald's court, mentions that he took a Danish wife, and that he won a victory at Hafrsfjord. The second relates a series of battles Harald has won. He is not mentioned in any contemporary foreign sources. His life was described in several of the Kings' sagas, but the first of these were not written until the end of the 12th century, over 250 years after his death. Their accounts of Harald and his life differ on several points, and much of the content is clearly mythological. He is credited with having unified Norway into one kingdom. Modern historians assume that his rule was limited to the coastal areas of southern Norway.

The saga descriptions

The sagas tell us that Harald succeeded, on the death of his father Halfdan the Black Gudrødsson in A.D. 860, to the sovereignty of several small and somewhat scattered kingdoms in Vestfold, which had come into his father's hands through conquest and inheritance.

The unification of Norway is, according to a tale, somewhat of a love story. The tale begins with a marriage proposal that resulted in rejection and scorn from Gyda, the daughter of Eirik, king of Hordaland. She said she refused to marry Harald "before he was king over all of Norway". Harald was therefore induced to take a vow not to cut nor comb his hair until he was sole king of Norway, and that ten years later, he was justified in trimming it; whereupon he exchanged the epithet "Shockhead" or "Tanglehair" for the one by which he is usually known. Most scholars today regard this story as a literary tale inspired by the Romance stories popular at the courts, by the time Heimskringla was written.

In 866, Harald made the first of a series of conquests over the many petty kingdoms which would compose Norway, including Värmland in Sweden, and modern day south-eastern Norway, which had sworn allegiance to the Swedish king Erik Eymundsson. In 872, after a great victory at Hafrsfjord near Stavanger, Harald found himself king over the whole country. His realm was, however, threatened by dangers from without, as large numbers of his opponents had taken refuge, not only in Iceland, then recently discovered; but also in the Orkney Islands, Shetland Islands, Hebrides Islands, Faroe Islands and

the northern European mainland. However, his opponent's leaving wasn't entirely voluntary. Many Norwegian chieftains who were wealthy and respected posed a threat to Harald; therefore, they were subjected to much harassment from Harald, prompting them to vacate the land. At last, Harald was forced to make an expedition to the West, to clear the islands and the Scottish mainland of some Vikings who tried to hide there.

It was long thought that Harald thus caused the Norse settlement of Iceland and beyond. According to this view, Iceland was settled by "malcontents" from Norway, who resented Harald's claim of rights of taxation over lands, which the possessors appear to have previously held in absolute ownership. This view has been largely abandoned by modern historians, as archaeological finds have shown that the settlement of Iceland started before Harald's reign in Norway.

There are several accounts of large feasting mead halls constructed for important feasts when Scandinavian royalty was invited. According to a legend recorded by Snorri Sturluson, in the Heimskringla, the late 9th century Värmlandish chieftain Áki invited both the Norwegian king Harald Fairhair and the Swedish king Eric Eymundsson, but had the Norwegian king stay in the newly constructed and sumptuous one, because he was the youngest one of the kings and the one who had the greatest prospects. The older Swedish king, on the other hand, had to stay in the old feasting hall. The Swedish king was so humiliated that he killed Áki.

The latter part of Harald's reign was disturbed by the strife of his many sons. He gave them all the royal title and assigned lands to them, which they were to govern as his representatives; but this arrangement did not put an end to the discord, which continued into the next reign. When he grew old, Harald handed over the supreme power to his favorite son Eirik Bloodaxe, whom he intended to be his successor. Eirik I ruled side-by-side with his father when Harald was 80 years old. Harald died three years later due to age in approximately 933. The number of sons he left varies in the different saga accounts, from 11 to 20. Twelve of his sons are named as kings, two of them over the whole country.

Credit: Odd-Steinar Dybvad Raneng
www.vikingsaga.tribalpages.com

Culture Column by Solveig R. Bender

What fun to read Jon Satrum’s column about the “Bunads of Skjold Lodge!” Thanks to members who share their bunads with us.

It is also a treat to have our members wear their bunads at our various festivals and celebrations. I hope those of you who own a bunad will wear it and join us at the 17th of May festivities. Other opportunities include our Heritage Fest in November, and our December Christmas party. Doesn’t fit anymore? Perhaps you would consider having someone else wear it.

In Norway, these bunader are considered very special clothes – bunad (singular), bunader (plural) – and to be worn to what we Americans would consider to be dressy or black tie events. Norway considers them national treasures and there is a movement to preserve, improve, and maintain the bunad tradition. Queen Sonja of Norway has made this her special project as a royal.

If you are interested in bunader, consider checking with the Vesterheim museum in Decorah, Iowa (www.vesterheim.org - 1-800-979-3346). They receive a quarterly magazine, BUNAD, from Norway (in Norwegian) which illustrates in marvelous

photos, old and new, bunader especially bunads as they are being produced today. There is a movement called “reconstruction” which is improving the production of regional bunader and researching old clothing and developing new bunader, mostly representing clothing of the 18th century. BUNAD first appeared in April 2004 and I was lucky enough to get the first issue when I visited Norway later that summer. I have bought every issue since. Vesterheim also carries books about bunader. The latest is a three volume set which has tried to include a picture and the history of every bunad produced in Norway. It costs about \$350, but when you see a copy you will understand the price. Incidentally, it isn’t cheaper to buy it in Norway – not to mention carrying it home.

I would appreciate hearing from any of you who have a bunad story to tell.

What about a drakt?

Or a stakk?

Drakt? Stakk? - Learn more in our next issue.

The Bunads of Skjold Lodge – The Nordland Bunad (Lorraine Straw)



This bunad is made of blue wool. The skirt and bodice are made of the same fabric and color. The skirt is pleated in the front and finely pleated in the back with a band of floral wool embroidery at the hem. The bodice, which is attached to the skirt at the back and sides, has floral design wool embroidery on the front as well as on the back, and closes with pressed or engraved silver hooks.

The unattached purse is of the same color wool fabric as the skirt with similar wool floral embroidery on the front, closing with a silver clasp with a pressed floral design. The apron and shawl are made of blue and gold plaid mercerized cotton and the shawl has a knotted fringe. The shawl is worn tucked into the bodice.

The blouse is made of white linen with a band of white

embroidery at the neck and cuffs. The silver jewelry is specific to this bunad and was designed by goldsmith Rørvik in Mosjøen.

The sølje jewelry can be a small or large brooch, or both, in either oxidized or polished silver. The cufflinks are made of pewter with a pressed floral design.

Another version of the Nordland bunad is made of green wool. Lorraine does not own the hat or the cape that are available.

The first Nordland bunad for women was presented at the Hålogaland Young People’s Society in 1928. The background information was gathered by a group from within the Society and was also designed by them. It was meant to be the formal costume for all of North-Norway.

In the 1800s women from this area of Norway wore plain dresses for everyday life and silk dresses for formal occasions. When this bunad was designed the group wanted to get away from imported fabrics and to use traditional Norwegian fabrics.

The construction design was copied from a bride’s dress from Ravassåsen in Vefsn, and the embroidery on the bodice and hem of the skirt was copied from embroidery found on the fabric of a plastron (breastplate) and purse from Røyten in Vefsn. The apron pattern came from Hartfjeldal.

Coming Events

Moving our meeting date:

We are asking our members for approval to move our meeting date to the 4th Sunday of each month at 3:00PM.

See page 6 for more details and check our May-June issue for meeting dates and times. Also check our website's "Programs and Events" page.

MARCH

10: 7:00 p.m. Tuesday Board meeting.

12: Skjold Building Society Meeting Thursday, March 12, 2009 7:30 PM. This meeting was originally to be held in January but was rescheduled due to

inclement weather. (See Page 8 for details).

27: 7:30 p.m. Friday, Lodge Meeting: Program: Viking Ship presentation by Lorraine Straw.

APRIL

14: 7:00 p.m. Tuesday Board meeting.

24: 6:30 p.m. Friday, Lodge Meeting: The meeting starts with a potluck supper. Members, bring a dish to pass. 7:30. Program: Cyndi Stark music ensemble performing Norwegian songs.

MAY

12: 7:00 p.m. Tuesday Board meeting.

17: Early registration deadline for Masse Moro. A \$50 nonrefundable deposit and processing fee must accompany the application form by the early registration deadline of May 17, 2009.

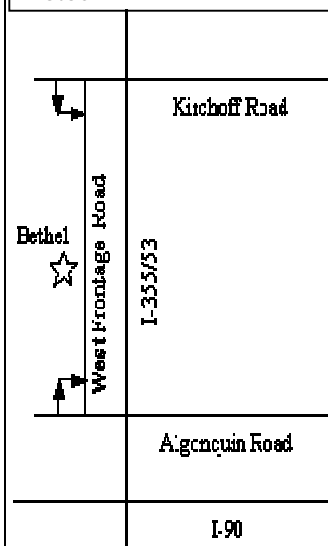
22: Our May lodge meeting date will be posted when we determine if we will change our meeting date and time.

Syttende Mai:

May 2009 Syttende Mai activity details will be included in our May-June, 2009 issue.

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.



Getting To Know You - Continued

chores to do. We carried in wood for the kitchen stove. There was a wood box next to the stove, so we had to fill it. We did not have electricity or running water. We carried in water from the outside pump. Attached to the back of the stove was a reservoir. We filled it with water, and it kept warm. We had to go out to the toilet and during the winter, that was very cold. We had pots we used during the night.

We had lamps filled with kerosene. I remember we had one that hung from the ceiling. We didn't have a telephone or radio. Irene and I always had the job to wash and dry dishes after dinner. Mother had to wash her clothes by hand. She would rub the clothes on a washboard and wring them out by hand. She always baked all of our bread, cookies, and doughnuts. We never heard of going to the store for bakery goods or meat. All they sold was cookies and crackers. Most of the things were sold in bulk - even peanut butter.

The only items they bought when they went shopping were flour, sugar, and coffee as they grew all kinds of vegetables and, of course, potatoes. Mother would do a lot of canning for the winter. They bought peaches by the bushel. We used to peel them, add sugar, and put them in jars. We had an apple orchard and a big patch of strawberries, and we

picked raspberries and blackberries in the woods. These were preserved in jars also. In the fall they would butcher a pig. We didn't have refrigeration, so Mom cold packed the meat. We ground our own meat for meatballs. The hams were smoked. Mother cooked the pig's head and made "head cheese" - picked off all the meat and chopped it up and added other things to it. Then she would put it all in a white cloth and tie up the ends real tight and pack it in a crock with a heavy weight on it so it was pressed. She could then slice it. It was so good! She also prepared pickled pigs feet. We always had chicken for dinner on Sundays. We had a hand-operated ice cream machine, so we took turns turning it until it was thick. That was real ice cream from pure cream. It was a lot of effort making it, but it was worth it, as it was so good.

Our neighbors had a player piano, so we would go up there and put on rolls and play it. Then we would dance. They had a lot of children, so we had a good time. People didn't have cars at that time. We either walked or harnessed the horses if we went somewhere.

During Christmas, we all went Christmas Fooling, "Jule Bukk" in Norwegian. We dressed up silly and went from one neighbor to the next. Rapped on the door, and they would always give us something to eat and try to find out who we were.

In the spring, we couldn't wait to take off our shoes and stockings and go barefoot. We didn't wear shoes unless we were going somewhere.

In May, we would make pretty colored baskets, then fill them with violets and different wild flowers. We would go to the neighbors and hang the baskets on their doorknobs and holler "May basket."

After some time we did get a telephone - not very private as there were many parties on the same line.

Snakker du Norsk?



A Little in English...
Sword from the 1700s Found at Oslo S

In June work was stopped at Jernbanetorget, the central Oslo train station, which was then under renovation, after large archeological discoveries were made there. Among the other things found was a sword that probably fell or was thrown overboard from a boat in the 1700s.

Archeologists have excavated wooden construction materials that may date from the 1700s, making them the first buildings on the train station site. The area was a good harbor at that time, according to the Norwegian Maritime Museum.

The discoveries made the first week lay no deeper than one meter under the ground level. The team of archeologists will dig in an area of approximately 50 meters square. This is an area where little excavation has been done previously, and therefore is of great historical interest. From www.nrk.no



Litt på norsk...
Fant sverd fra 1700-tallet ved Oslo S

I juni stanset Byantikvaren anleggsarbeidet på Jernbanetorget, som da var under oppussing, etter at det hadde blitt gjort større arkeologiske funn på stedet. Blant annet ble det funnet et sverd som trolig har falt eller var kastet overbord fra en båt på 1700-tallet.

Arkeologer har gravd fram konstruksjonsmateriell i tre som kan stamme fra 1700-tallet og dermed første byggetrinn på Jernbanetorget. Området var en god havn på den tiden, ifølge Det Norske Sjøfartsmuseet.

Funnene som ble gjort første uken lå ikke mer enn en meter under veibanen. Arkeologene skal grave et areal på omlag 50 ganger 50 meter. Dette er et område der det har vært lite anleggsarbeide tidligere, og derfor har stedet stor historisk interesse.

Fra www.nrk.no

Happy Birthday

Gratulerer Med Dagen

March Birthdays

1 Michele Michelet Boyer
4 Richard L. Byvik
4 Thomas H. Quick
5 Berit Abbrescia
6 Anne K. Meland
6 Scott A. Bakken
9 John E. Halversen
10 Lois T. Amack
15 Liv Marit Bell
15 Sarah G. Cooney
16 David P. Seaholm
17 Benjamin Vowels
17 Adeline Vowels
18 Judith A. Stromsland
21 James E. Tarbet
21 Jacob T. Shabez
23 Lillian M. Amack
25 Ron Grand
26 Kari T. Hoel
26 Ashton R. Behan
27 Karli I. Barber

April Birthdays

2 James E. Severson
3 Kyra Klein
5 Lisa M. Christopher
6 Alfild Kronborg
6 John F. Schussler
7 Jacqueline L. Foswold
8 Arlene R. Gomoll
9 Emma Madany Klein
10 William M. Borndahl
11 Barbra Kronborg-Mogil
11 David L. Bakken
12 Maureen Larsen
15 Jon M. Satrum
16 A. Margareta Hovland
18 Dennis Gross
19 David J. Hardy
21 Kathleen A. Secora
22 Peggy Shabez
22 Hailey Grace Barber
24 Otto Vatne
25 Marian L. Seaholm
25 Karen B. Sveinsvoll
27 James C. Secora



Meeting date change being considered

We are considering changing our meeting date and time.

FROM: The 4th Friday of each month at 7:30PM

TO: The 4th Sunday of each month at 3:00PM.

Please contact us to let us know if you agree with changing our meeting date and time to the 4th Sunday at 3:00PM.

We are also considering changing the format of our meeting to include a pot luck meal at the beginning of our meeting, followed by our program; and then, optionally for those who wish to attend, the business portion of our meeting.

Contact Wendell Brenner at (847)-894-5448
Or send him an e-mail regarding the change from our web site www.skjoldlodge.com
See our Meeting Change Web Page

Kids Corner

Amusement parks and zoos in Norway

Children's Activities In Norway

Families visiting the country will find that Norway offers a wide selection of attractions aimed at keeping both young and old occupied for days on end. Zoos and amusement parks provide much of the entertainment and give kids a chance to experience a bit of nature as well as some entirely man-made thrills.



Bø Sommarland:

Bø Sommarland is the country's biggest water-park and one of the most popular attractions in the Telemark area. Visitors can while away the hours in the park's extensive number of pools where slides of varying height and length provide thrills for children and adults alike. A dry area includes a playground with mini-golf, a climbing mountain, a stage with clown shows and an entertainment centre called Las Bøgas which features a fun fair, casino and show stage with live performances.



Kristiansand Zoo and Amusement Park

An ideal place for children and their parents to visit, the Kristiansand zoo and amusement park has a large variety of things to occupy visitors with the safari-park style zoo among the most popular. Unlike other zoos, the animals here roam freely and can be viewed from the safety of a vehicle. A summer island in the middle of the park is ideal for bathing in with its warm pool and gentle waves. A haunted house, a Caribbean pirate town and Kardemomme featuring figures from the books written by Norwegian author Thorbjørn Egner, are among the attractions available.



Kongeparken

Situated in the Stavanger Municipality, Kongeparken is Western Norway's biggest amusement park and the most popular attraction in Rogaland. Attractions in the park are aimed at all of the family and include favourites such as the Humla, which is the country's biggest merry-

go-round; brumleband, the longest bob run in Norway and the Airship, Norway's highest Ferris wheel. The magic chocolate factory will delight kids and adult-chocoholics alike with its various chocolate related interests with the highlight being the chance to make your own genuine Freia milk chocolate bar.



Polar Zoo

Hailed as the world's northernmost park that features predatory animals, Polar Zoo is a great day out for kids and animal loving adults featuring an extensive selection of wildlife. Animals are kept in conditions that attempt to mimic their natural environments and among those housed at the facility; you'll find reindeer, lynxes, wolves, mountain foxes and musk oxen. Feeding time is a good time to see some interesting sights. The zoo also offers horse riding, a children's playground, a souvenir shop and a cafeteria.



TusenFryd Amusement Park Hailed as Norway's best amusement park, TusenFryd will keep the kids amused for the day with its selection of attractions that include 33 carousels and 74 games. Popular rides include the ThunderCoaster, SuperSplash, RollOver and SpaceShot. A water-fun area provides more family fun while the Barnas Fryd area offers small rides for very young visitors. The highlight of the park is the SpeedMonster ride which boasts being the biggest rollercoaster in Scandinavia. Pay one entry price for everything in the park excepting horse riding and the SkyCoaster.

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 CHANGE OUR MEETING TIME???

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HAVE YOU MOVED?
 Name and address changes:
 Remember to submit your name,
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 procedures in that issue)

Getting to Know You
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When it was time to harvest the potatoes, the men would dig them up with a large handled fork. Farmers didn't have any kind of machine for their work on the fields. My sister and I would take a box and pick up the potatoes.

At home we all talked Norwegian. When I started school, the teacher told us not to speak a different language - only English. I was confirmed in Norwegian. I cannot remember having any difficulty learning to speak English.

BUILDING SOCIETY MEETING
 Thursday, March 12, 2009 7:30 PM

The annual meeting of the Skjold Building Society will be held at Bethel Lutheran Church, 3839 W. Frontage Road, Palatine, Hospitality Room -- lower level, on Thursday, March 12, 2009, at 7:30PM. The agenda will include a financial report, election of officers, meeting locations, and general discussion. All members of Skjold Lodge are members of Skjold Building Society and can vote at the annual meeting. The Skjold Building Society was initially created to own property for the lodge and to provide a meeting location for the lodge. For more information, please call Jostein Bakken at 847-526-6486.