



NORDEN NEWS

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Longtime Members Honored

The following received pins at the June 7th meeting. Norden 2 would like to thank you all for your many years of membership.

50 Years

Arne Campbell, Robert & Eva Caspersen, Ingvar & Alma Drage and Jon Feste

25 Years

Joyce Ames, Eleanor Bystrom, Alberta Rasmussen, Orville Rolf, John Sandstrom and Marlene Wirsing.



Russ Gunderson made coffee at the March Social.

Norden 2 Computer Classes:

Norden 2 finished their first session of 6 computer classes. Classes were held on Sundays, with four 1-hour classes. Everyone had an assigned hour of when they were to attend, and everyone followed the same structured format. We had a total of 17 students in attendance, with at least four people in each class. The classes were well attended, and as we found out, there's a lot more to learn about computers than we have time for.

During the summer, scheduled classes are difficult to keep, so we have decided to offer another six weeks of "Open Lab" format of computer classes. This means that people can reserve a time to come down to the lodge for an hour of help or review on the subject that the student wants to learn.

Will &/or Kathy Fry will be available on Tuesday evenings, starting on June 18th and continuing every Tuesday night through July 23rd.

There will be one "open lab" class from 6:30pm to 7:30pm and a second "open lab" class from 7:30pm to 8:30pm.

Please note: RESERVATIONS must be made prior to class and for a specific time available. Remember, we only have room for four people in each class, excluding those who bring their own laptops.

This is also a nice time to come down and see our new library !!

We will have more classes with a "structured format" in the Fall. We'll keep you posted.

~ Kathy Fry

Norden 2 Scholarships:

Norden 2 has awarded three Camp Scholarships for this summer. The lucky winners are:

Karen Feroe -- attending Camp Trollhaugen
Tor Caspersen -- attending Camp Trollhaugen
Karin Erwin -- attending Camp Trollhaugen

Congratulations !!!! The campers will come and talk to us at our Sept. 6th business meeting.

Rummage Sale

November 1 & 2

Drag out the velvet Elvis....
Clean out the attic....

We will be holding another Rummage Sale. Bring those treasures down to the hall and we will try to raise some money for the lodge. Our last sale brought in almost \$1200.00, so this is a great fundraising event for us.

Many wonderful things have already been donated. Please help us make this the best sale ever.

For more information, call Iona at 253-845-5446. There is a great deal of work to be done, so let's all pitch in and give a hand.

A Little in English

Increasing the speed limit to 100 km/h

Making big news earlier this year in Norway was this exciting development. Authorities are experimenting with a 'new' plan to increase the speed



limit on two stretches of highway near Oslo from 90 to 100 kilometers per hour, or approximately 60 miles per hour. The new limits are to be implemented in two stages, first in Buskerud County around June 20, 2002, then the rest about a year later. Currently there are two stretches of highway with the new limit: one heading southwest from Oslo to Østfold County, and the other heading north from Oslo to the Gardermoen Airport.

From *Aftenposten*

Litt på norsk

Øker fartsgrensen til 100 km/t

Som en prøveordning skal fartsgrensen på enkelte strekninger i Oslo området økes til 100 kilometer i timen, som er omtrent 60 engelske mil i timen. En strekning i Buskerud fylke får ny fartsgrense rundt 20. juni i år, mens de andre blir skiltet med 100 km/t om ett år. Fra før er to strekninger på E6 – fra Horgenkrysset utenfor Oslo til Østfold fylkesgrense og fra Oslos byg rense til Skedsmovollen sør for Gardermoen – omfattet av prøveordningen

Fra *Aftenposten*



Shirley Jolliffe, Marge Kunschak and Karen Kunkle served dessert at the March Corned Beef Dinner.

Sons of Norway Map Services

New County Maps Available

A new series of fylke, or county, maps are now available through Sons of Norway. Maps include both a detailed topographic map of the county and an array of historical and other information about the county and the individual communities within. The cost, including shipping and handling, is \$23 for members and \$31 for non-members.

You can also learn more about specific counties or areas of Norway by taking advantage of the free, members-only slide and video loan program, which includes a number of programs on various parts of Norway. For more information, call 800-945-8851 or email culture@sofn.com.

"Fond Summer Memories" by Sissel Hartun Barrett

Ahhh summer!! Just the thought of it sends us Nordic dwellers into a dizzy spin of warm thoughts of sunny long days, swimming in the lakes and in the ocean, bare feet, sandals and sun hats, meals outside in the garden or under a colorful parasol on the veranda.

We long for this season of the year and I would dare to say that every Scandinavian braving the long hard winters deserve every warm, sun filled day during the summer months. We have certainly earned it and we don't take it for granted.

The parents of my little friend "Tertit" (Turid Ingvild) owned a charming little red cabin out in the Oslofjord on a small island called "Heggholmen." Tertit's grandpa was a lighthouse keeper on that island. I remember going there to talk to him and to listen to his stories about how he would guide the ships and boats through the mist and fog safely into harbor. Tertit's grandparents also owned a large dog, a German Shepherd named Pilot who would greet us girls with a throaty growl, all the time wagging his tail. What had happened was that the Germans had cut its vocal cords so that the poor dog would not be able to bark and to warn the people on the island of any seafaring activity. This was right after the war so as a small child this made a deep impression on me, and I thought it was a cruel injustice done to a friendly and innocent animal.

I also have many fond memories of that island in the sun. Mr. Iversen, Tertit's Dad, would catch a ride with a motor boat which was running a regular route picking up other commuters who needed to get off the island for various reasons and onto the mainland. Mr. Iversen would go to work and commute this way 2-3 days a week while the mother and us girls would stay at the cabin. Sometimes we would take a rowboat to a bigger island close by to go grocery shopping, always with Mr. Iversen at the helm, rowing with strong steady strokes. At night we would go to bed in a small upstairs bedroom under a slanted ceiling. At the end of the room was a small window and outside the window grew a tall old craggily pear tree. Heaven was near when we would open the window and pick a plump juicy pear by merely stretching out our hand. Whenever I think of summer I think of Heggholmen and how much fun we had in the water and on the beach and on the island itself.

I was very fortunate growing up away from the city in a beautiful place close to a huge forest. There we would swim in a deep dark lake called "Trollvannet" eat sweet rolls and drink "Solo" at the nearby cafe in the woods. In the latter part of summer we would pick succulent blueberries and cranberries. I still remember the melancholic sound the first few berries made hitting the bottom of our tin bucket. It didn't take long however until our container was full, and how good they tasted back home with cream and sugar, making fascinating tiny blue rings dancing around in the bowl.

The cranberries were tart and juicy and not very plentiful where I lived so we would pop them in our mouths and eat them right away. If we were real lucky we would stumble upon a patch of tiny wild strawberries, we would thread them on to a long straw and make necklaces out of them. Needless to say, that kind of edible jewelry would not last long, but how sweet they tasted.

I remember how fond we were of swimming either in the cool lake or out in the Oslofjord. A real thrill was a place called "Ingierstrand", there they had a kind of rollercoaster on tracks that would send us into the water with a roar and a splash. They also had a 3-tiered diving board, and we would sit on the cliffs between swims and watch the brave divers perform a highflying act from the tallest board. How good it felt to feel the warmth of the rock and the sun baking on our backs where we sat shivering in wet bathing suits between dips in the salty water. My fair friends and I would get brown as coconuts, a sure sign of a good summer and lots of outdoor activity. That was before the seriousness of Melanoma and other skin diseases, to us back then it just looked plain good and healthy.

What a happy and carefree time, what warm and wonderful memories, and I thank you for letting me open a small window into my past and share them with you.

Warm sunny greetings from Sissel





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Norden 2 would like to extend a warm welcome to each of you and we hope to see you often at our meetings and lodge activities.

DIRECTORY CHANGES:

Take a moment to update your Lodge Directory. If you do not have your copy, they are still available at all Norden 2 functions.

It is important to keep us informed. If you change your address or phone number, contact Don Barrett at (253) 847-8191. He is also able to assist with other membership issues. If you are not getting a Viking Magazine or Newsletter, please let him know.

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Sissel Barrett, Selma Feroy and Janice Yost

This is from the book
“Bull Cook and Authentic Historic Recipes and Practices”.
Submitted by Cliff Magnussen....Tusen Takk

NORWEGIAN METHOD OF GETTING RID OF RATS

If rats get into your home, cabin or boat, they simply must be destroyed quickly. If left unchecked they will actually devour your food faster than you can provide it. The Norwegian or brown rat that we have in North America is supposed to have originated in Norway. The Norwegian people in Norway are always plagued with both brown Norwegian rats and black rats. They come in on the many ships that land there. Rats are very difficult to get rid of. The Norwegians discovered centuries ago a simple, quick way to get rid of rats that has never been equaled. They brought this unique method to Minnesota with them. It never fails and is very easy to do. Simply take fresh white bread. Sprinkle it medium lightly with lye on one side. The Standard Lewis Lye that you get in grocery stores will do very well. Pour syrup over the lye and spread the syrup evenly on the bread with a wood stick. Place the bread in the runways of the rats, being very careful to cover it so that children, dogs or cats will not be able to get at it. You will have no rats on your premises within three days. If more move in simply repeat.

Events Calendar and Experts Directory Now Available Online

To better serve the needs of our members, as well as the broader Scandinavian community, Sons of Norway has introduced two wonderful features on www.sonsofnorway.com.

The Norwegian Events Calendar allows you to find an upcoming Norwegian-related event in North America or Europe. If there is an upcoming Norwegian-related event, such as folk festivals, concerts or heritage camps, that you want posted on the calendar, all you need to do is visit the website and select 'Post Your Event' under the Events category.

The Norwegian Experts Directory allows you to search for people skilled in various Norwegian arts, crafts and disciplines to present or teach their skill. Areas of specialty listed include rosemaling, history, storytelling, woodcarving, translation, travel advice, genealogy and much more. As the Expert Directory grows, it should be a great asset for lodge programming. If you possess a skill in any Norwegian-related discipline that you want to share, you can add yourself to the directory from www.sonsofnorway.com.

God bedring

Russ Gunderson broke his arm.
Helen Fosen has been ill.
Liv Engen was hospitalized in Norway.
Wally Pochek was hurt.
Egil Bjerke is recuperating.
Jim Lowe had surgery.
Inger Gregersen also had surgery.
Gladys Marr is home recuperating.
Arne Anderson is still trying to mend.

Our sincere condolences go to the family of Nancy Doughty who passed away on July 25th. We all enjoyed her cheerful manner and will miss her very much.

The Lodge sends its best wishes to each of these members, as well as to any we haven't heard about. Call Frances Lingwall at (253) 531-5023 when you know of a member who is ill, injured or hospitalized.



Upcoming Events:

*Summer Potluck Picnic
August 24th
Starting 12:00 noon*

*Norwegian Pancake Breakfast
Sunday, Sept. 8th
9am to 1pm*

Trollhaugen Steak Fry

August 3, 2002



Erick Balstad and Mark Boggioni were cooks for the afternoon

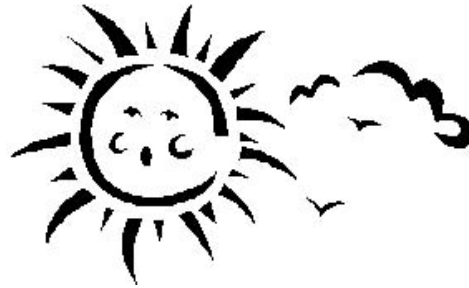


Iona Dhaese with District 2 President, Bill Fosmoe



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Kalender

Saturday, August 24th

Picnic and celebration of Norden 2's 98th anniversary.

Friday, September 6th

Complimentary Dinner: 7pm, Business Meeting: 8pm

Sunday, September 8th

Norwegian Pancake Breakfast
Call Iona (253) 845-5446 to come and help.

Saturday, September 21st

Social Dinner and Dancing
Salmon Dinner by Erick & Quinn Balstad.

Friday, October 4th

Complimentary Dinner: 7pm, Business Meeting: 8pm

Sunday, October 13th

Lutefisk Dinner 11am to 4pm

Summer Potluck Picnic

Saturday, August 24th

Starting 12:00 Noon

Normanna Hall

Norden 2 will once again join with Eribla 2, for a Summer Picnic and Celebration of our Lodge's 98th Anniversary.

Come on down for an afternoon of fun, games and prizes. We'll be serving a great picnic dinner including hamburgers and fresh corn on the cob.

Bring the family for a fun-filled day.

Salmon Dinner

Saturday, September 21st.

Music by the 'Smilin' Scandinavians'

Contact Alyce Fletcher for tickets and information.

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