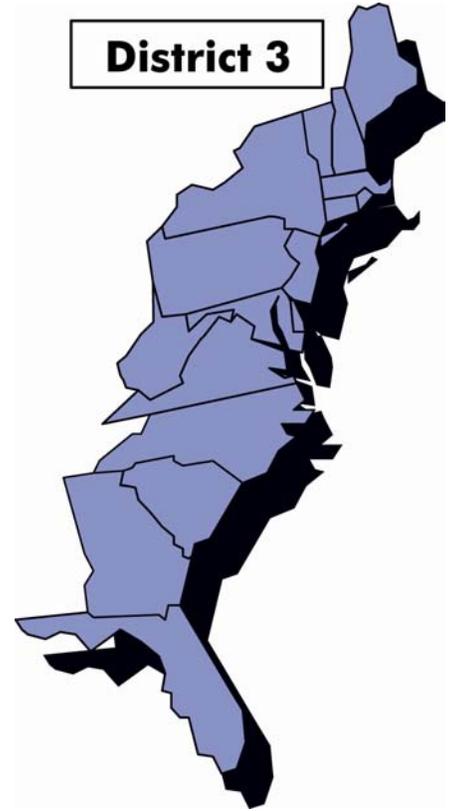




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District 3



Third District Today

2008 Convention Issue

Fra Presidenten Ralph Peterson

Hei alle sammen. First I would like to thank you for electing me as your President for the next two years. I would also like to thank you for the excellent board that I will be working with. We had a great convention and the delegates left with a lot of ideas and enthusiasm. We did have a few lodges that for one reason or another did not have delegates present. I hope at that next convention we can have all the lodges attend. Conventions are not only fun, they give you a chance to meet SON members from the entire East Coast and are very important as our necessary business is conducted. Membership growth and retention will remain as our number one priority. I hope that you will give Gail the same great effort that you gave me during the past two years.

I have been talking about membership committees for the past two years. I want to point out that the majority of the lodges that won Lodge of the Year, Membership contests or received Gold level certificates had membership committees. That should be an excellent reason for those lodges without a membership committee to form one ASAP.

I am sure that many of you are wondering about the gas lease at LOV. We do know that a test well is being drilled near our property but no contact has been made with us concerning seismic testing or drilling. We will keep you advised.

I am very excited about the convention passing the resolution reestablishing the position of Cultural Director. Our headquarters arranged for several studies that were conducted to determine why our new members joined the SON. The primary reason the majority joined was to learn more about their culture and heritage. Based on that, it only made sense to add a director so the board would have enough manpower to focus more on those subjects. Your new Cultural Director, Karen Ladderud Doty, has been on the job since the convention closed. We have exchanged many emails discussing several different possibilities for the local lodges. I am very excited about the new position and the energy and ideas that Karen brings to the table. If you need some help in this area please contact Karen.

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One project that we have started is to add more information to our web site. It will take some time but we will be upgrading the site during the summer. We are trying to increase our ability to rapidly and more frequently communicate with all the members and lodges by utilizing electronic means. This will not replace all our current communications but will increase our ability to communicate with you in a timely manner.

I am looking forward to visiting with all of you during the next two years.

Hope you are having a great summer.

Med Vennlig Hilsen
Ralph Peterson
President
District 3 Sons of Norway



“Please remember the 2 A’s: Ask and Advertise.”

Fra Vise Presidenten Gail Ekloff

Well, we are off and running...the Convention is over and it is time to address the future.

Ralph and I have already been contacted by a Norwegian lady from Connecticut interested in starting a new lodge. What a great start!

At the Fall Board meeting the Membership Committee will set up our goals for 2009, so be prepared for a productive, yet fun-filled, 2009.

Please remember the 2 A’s: Ask and Advertise. Ask someone to join Sons of Norway. Use your local community papers to **advertise** your lodge meetings, events and cultural events, i.e.: language classes, knitting, etc. There could be a person interested in learning these skills who doesn’t know where to find them. **Ask and advertise**, and you may have a new member!

Alt for denna ganeg,
Gail Ekloff



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Third District Convention

Meet your Board!



Meet Your Board

First row seated from left to right:
Dr. Louis Olson—Counselor
Gail Ekloff—Vice President
Ralph Peterson—President
Marci Larson—Secretary
John Gregg—Treasurer

Your Directors

Second row standing from left to right:

Mary Andersen—Publicity
Evelyn Karpack—Youth
Kathy Dollymore—Zone 6
Carol Anderson—Zone 5
Arnold Johnson—Zone 4
Judith Mack—Zone 2
Joan McKillop—Zone 3
Kris Rasmussen—Zone 1
Karen Ladderud Doty—Cultural
Phil Nelsen—Sports/Social

A View of the Convention

United through Heritage

Over 200 people attended the 2008 convention in Virginia Beach! As you can see, we elected a new Board. Attendees were spellbound at the presentation of the wreck of the Dictator; as reported by Karen Ladderud Doty “The significance of the statue of *The Norwegian Lady* was brought to life for delegates and friends in the opening session of the 3rd District Sons of Norway convention as Derek Leonidoff, professional actor, presented his one-man dramatization of the events of the night the Norwegian bark *Dictator* sank in tumultuous seas, within sight of the Seatack Life Saving Station, later a U.S. Coast Guard Station, at Virginia Beach, VA.” Fifteen amendments were discussed and our International Delegate, former President Barbara Bernsten was elected.

The following pages provide and summary in words and pictures of the activities at the convention. Visit our website for more pictures. Mark your calendars for the 2010 convention; reconnect with old friends, make new friends and learn another piece of our Norwegian heritage!!



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Bernt Balchen



Memorial Service



Hand Knitting



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King Harold Medals



Norske Chorus Line



Folk costume finery



Cookies, cookies, cookies



Ardis Morton receiving Lifetime Achievement Award





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Convention business

As you can see by the pictures, you can have a good time while conducting business! Summarized below are the resolutions discussed and voted on:

1. A resolution to change the position of Social Director/Cultural/ Public Relations Director was introduced proposing that the Social Director position be eliminated while Cultural/Public Relations be separated into two distinct positions. **This was carried.**
2. A resolution was introduced that would permit the immediate Past President to be a voting member of the Third District Board. **This was defeated.**
3. A resolution was introduced which would require certain items in any bids submitted to the District Board of Directors (e.g., proposed dates, full pricing detail etc.). **This was carried.**
4. A resolution was introduced to provide that the term of office for an International Director be two years with no International Director being allowed to serve more than two consecutive two year terms. **This was carried.**
5. A resolution was introduced to have the Sons of Norway headquarters send membership data and information to the Vice President and to either the Financial Secretary or to the Membership Secretary at each local lodge (currently such information is sent to the Vice President and Financial Secretary). **This was carried.**
6. A resolution to make generic changes to the bylaws to reflect the current state of communication tools (e.g., removal of telegram and addition of e-mail) was proposed. **This was carried.**
7. A resolution regarding adding the words “and other Nordic countries” (effectively going back to what was in the mission statement from 1996 to 2006 when such language was removed) to the mission statement generated much discussion and multiple amendments to the original amendment. The result was that the mission statement be revised as follows “The mission of Sons of Norway is to promote and preserve the heritage and culture of Norway, celebrating our relationship with other Nordic Countries, and provide quality financial products”. **This was carried.**
8. A resolution was made that, in effect, reinforced current policy and procedure regarding lodge presidents instructing new members never to introduce any matters of political nature into the lodge and extended such policy to all members and groups that are a part of the Sons of Norway. **This was carried.**



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Lodge of the Year

There were a number of awards presented at the Convention including:

Lodge of the Year

Newsletter

Cultural

Special Recognition

Merit Awards

Lifetime Achievement

Leif Erikson Award



Norwegian Lady
Photo by Karen Ladderud Doty

2006 Large Lodge
Small Lodge
Family Lodge

Bernt Balchen #566
Tampa Bay #515
Norden #407

2007 Large Lodge
Small Lodge
Family

Gateway to Florida #541
Bondelandet #612
Loyal #242

Newsletter Contest Winners

Large Lodge 1st place tie

Nor-Bu #427 &
Washington #428

Medium 3rd
1st

Loyal #242
Hampton Roads #522

Small Lodge 2nd
3rd

Norden #407
Henrik Ibsen #393

1st
2nd
3rd

Sarasota #539
Roald #280
Fram #564

Cultural

We have a lot of talented members in the Third District and cultural awards were many; there isn't enough room here to list all the various folk art skills represented.

See page 9 for a complete list of award winners!!

Special Recognition

A number of lodges received special recognition awards. Please refer to Merit Awards for further information.

Lifetime achievement awards were presented to Ardis Morton and Cliff Sjursen in recognition of their tremendous contributions to the Sons of Norway.



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William O. Foss given Leif Erikson award by Sons of Norway's 3rd District *By Karen Ladderud Doty*

Every two years, the 3rd District of the Sons of Norway's presents its *Leif Erikson Award* to someone who raises awareness of Norway's life and culture. The recipient is rarely a Sons of Norway member, but at their June convention, the group presented the award to one of their own, William O. Foss, author of *The Norwegian Lady* and *the Wreck of the Dictator* and 11 other books.

Foss was born in the Boston, MA of Norwegian parents. After his mother died, his father sent him to Norway to live with a loving extended family of grandparents, aunts and uncles. He entertained his Norwegian classmates at an early age with creative and wild stories. His family was supportive of his literary interests and saw to it that he had plenty of good reading material. At his confirmation in Norway, he was given a complete set of Bjørnstjerne Bjørnson books which is still a valued part of his library today. Bill came back to his father in the United States at age 14.

His ongoing interest in writing began when he was in the US Navy aboard the USS Foote. Bill conceived and developed a bi-weekly newspaper which he called the "Foote Notes" which brought the crew a well-needed lift with a menu of humor, satire and internal gossip. He began writing fiction pieces and articles while serving aboard the ship, and was published in a wide range of national magazines.

Bill continued a career as a journalist, and turned to his own writing full time after his retirement. He became acquainted with the *Norwegian Lady* after moving to Virginia Beach, and hearing many conflicting stories about the statue, decided to do some serious research to clear up mysteries and resolve conflicting stories. After two years of research his book was published in 1977. The story has been so popular and he so taken with it that he added a chapter in 2002 to bring it up to date and self-published the revised version. His writing style is both informative and captivating as he presents the details of the story of the sinking of the *Dictator*, and transitions into the continuing story of the *Norwegian Lady*.

Now 89, Bill is now working on his thirteenth book, a story of John Adams. He says he will need to live many more years to complete all the projects he has underway or in his mind. Always young at heart, Bill and his wife Wilma married in 2000 after meeting and getting acquainted through Sons of Norway activities.

While the selection of the recipient of the Leif Erikson award was done independently of convention planning, the two activities were significantly intertwined as the convention committee selected the *Norwegian Lady* as the logo for the convention and *United Through Heritage* as their theme. Bill was presented his award at the convention's June 7th banquet.



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Cultural Award winners

Folk Art Awards

Figure Carving

Expert

- 1 - Carl E. Johnson
- 2 - Carl E. Johnson

Relief Carving

Expert

- 1 - Olav Olsen
- 2 - Carl E. Johnson

Woodworking

Professional

- 1 - Bjarne Livollen

Novice

- 1 - Robert Boylestad

Rosemaling

Professional

- 1 - Linda Miller
- 2 - Lisa Lorentzen

Expert

- 1 - Else Andersen
- 2 - Else Andersen
- 3 - Amy Shader

Novice

- 1 - Deborah Landvik-Larsen
- 2 - Deborah Landvik-Larsen

Knitting

Expert

- 1 - Margaret Gythfeldt
- 2 - Rannveig Klinge

Novice

- 1 - Dorothy Fredrikson

Hardanger

Expert

- 1 - Emilie Pade
- 2 - Elizabeth Baumgardt

Needlework

Novice

- 1 - Mary Zimmerman

Embroidery

Novice

- 1 - AnneGrete Peterson



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Best in Show

Best in Show for her Hardanger work was Emilie Pade.

Emilie Pade's hardanger was complimented for the fineness and evenness of the stitching on linen



Best in Show Runners Up

Best in Show runners-up were Carl E. Johnson and Linda Miller.



Judges were impressed with the detail of Carl Jacobson's figure carving. The facial expressions on Pancho and Sanchez earned 1st place. Kaffedrikker won second



The beautiful rosemaled bowl by Linda Miller, gold medal rosemalar



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Merit Awards

The following list contains the awards presented at the convention. Congratulations to all!!!

2006 Merit Awards for Lodge and Presidents Golden Awards

3-407 Norden	Eugene R Okray
3-410 Nansen	Leonard P Dahl
3-427 Nor-Bu	Evelyn M Karpack
3-428 Washington	Karen M Doty
3-432 Hudson Valley	Anne Marie Seddon
3-466 Noreg	Ellen Hansen
3-467 Norrøna	Svein O. Sedeniussen
3-506 Norumbega	Peter M Vatne
3-515 Tampa Bay	John F Hlivyak
3-522 Hampton Roads	Ralph D Peterson
3-541 Gateway To Florida	Franklin R Morrison Jr.
3-562 Suncoast	Christine M Taylor
3-566 Bernt Balchen	Joan M Nilsen
3-612 Bondelandet	Holly Girard

Silver Awards

3-265 Garborg	Gilbert Deninger Jr.
3-474 Hartford	Rosemary K Donnestad
3-215 Nordkap	David William Tønnessen
3-643 Norsemen Harbour	Sonja A Moreno
3-439 Pleasant Point	Liv S Svendsen
3-607 Sun Viking	Carole F Woodruff

Bronze Awards

3-243 Brooklyn	Sigrun Larsen
3-539 Sarasota	Mary E Larsen
3-545 Morgensolen	Harry G Widman
3-555 Restauration	Sonia M Forrest
3-572 Norsemen	Clara B Johnsen
3-630 Southern Star	Karen A Mc Ilrath
3-646 Blåfjell	Lawrence I Norman



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2007 Merit Awards for Lodge and Presidents

Golden Awards

3-252 Loyal	Alf Kristian Rasmussen
3-407 Norden	Karen Olsen
3-410 Nansen	Leonard P Dahl
3-427 Nor-Bu	Joseph C Zarnitz
3-466 Noreg	Ellen Hansen
3-467 Norrøna	Svein O. Sedeniussen
3-474 Hartford	Rosemary K Donnestad
3-515 Tampa Bay	John F Hliviak
3-522 Hampton Roads	Edward T McCarthy
3-541 Gateway To Florida	Eugene H Yerkes
3-562 Suncoast	Philip A Nelsen
3-566 Bernt Balchen	Christine M Vehstedt
3-607 Sun Viking	Jan Link
3-612 Bondelandet	Holly Girard

Silver Awards

3-215 Nordkap	David William Tønnessen
3-514 Gulfstream	Charles H Nilsen
3-539 Sarasota	Mary E Larsen

Bronze Awards

3-265 Garborg	Gilbert Deninger Jr.
3-439 Pleasant Point	Liv S Svendsen
3-615 Space Coast Viking	Diana C Sivertsen
3-636 Lillehammer	Winifred I Olsen
3-643 Norsemen Harbour	Sonja A Moreno
3-646 Blåfjell	Jeffrey L Rigdon

International Convention

There's less than two weeks left until things kick off at Sons of Norway's [60th Biennial International Convention](#). Sons of Norway is hosting a [blog](#) that will be running a series, along with its regular content, called Countdown to Convention. Over the next couple of weeks SON will be posting information about the convention; to view the blog, all you have to do is go to: <http://sonsofnorwayblog.blogspot.com/>. Then, make sure to keep checking back every day or two as new, helpful information is added.

Also, make sure to tell the members of your lodge about the blog because there will be postings of information for those who were unable to attend--in fact, starting on Monday, August 25th, there will be a series of posts from the convention hotel, so everyone can follow the excitement in real time.

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