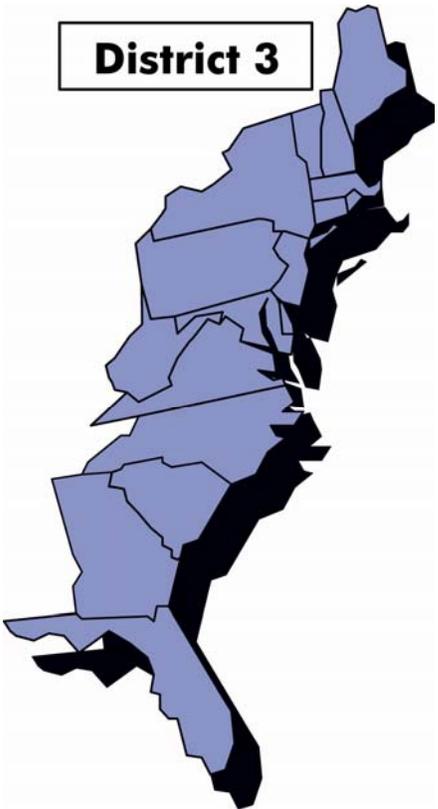




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District 3



November, 2008

Third District Today

Fra Presidenten Ralph Peterson

Hei Alle Sammen,

What a great weekend in Jensen Beach FL for the Leif Erikson regatta. The weather trolls were nearby all weekend but they never made a full appearance and the festivities all went without any major problems. We had to look for a lee to conduct the races but that meant just shifting our chairs form one side of the causeway to the other side. President Nilsen and the entire lodge deserve a lot of credit for putting on a great weekend. Congratulations to all the participants and a special well done to the winner Gateway to Florida and a welcome back to competition for the Lauderdale lodge who not only looked good but came in third. It was fraternalism at its best as we had representatives in attendance from almost 20 lodges including two lodges from Norway. Put this event on your schedule for next year.

As usual, Gulfstream had its membership table well manned. At last count they had signed up 3 new members and collected names of over 30 potential members. If you don't ask people to join, they probably won't join, so please ask.

The fall brings SON lodges many opportunities. For many of our lodges this is the time of year when they generate most of their income to carry them through the year. This is also the time of the year when our membership normally grows. Our fall bazaars and Christmas functions are very important in both categories. Headquarters can help in many ways to enhance your events from publicity on the web site to handouts, ideas and posters. Check the supply catalog.

With all the many lodge functions going on in the next few months I hope that we all can all find time to visit other lodges. To me one of the greatest benefits of the SON is the many friendships that develop through meeting other SON members. This is a great time of the year to take a short ride and say hello to another lodge.

Our fall board meeting will take place November 1 at LOV. In addition to the board and the LOV board we will have representatives from Headquarters in attendance along with our International Director and the International Secretary and we normally have a few guests who come up for the fellowship. While the meeting hours are long we normally find time to enjoy each other's company.

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Please keep the Secretary and Publicity Director advised of any events or schedule changes that your lodge may have.

I am looking forward to meeting with many of you this fall during my travels around the District.

Fraternally

Ralph Peterson
President

Fra Vise Presidenten Gail Ekloff



“Remember the 2 A’s: Ask and Advertise”

Bazaars-----November and December are times when the Lodges have their Holiday Bazaars. Do you advertise them? Put flyers at churches and stores? And, posters? The posters from the International Office are eye catching and attractive and would look great at your events!

*****Utilize your bazaar to expose our wonderful heritage and culture. *****

Amongst the tables of Scandinavian ornaments, goods, jewelry, and food, do you have a membership table? Have a member (your VP or a person from your membership committee) be there to greet people as they enter your bazaar. Be sure to ask if they would be interested in joining your lodge. Contact your Financial Benefits Advisor. Have your Financial Benefits Advisor with you at the membership table; they can let people know what Sons of Norway has to offer. Order an EVENTS KIT from the International office. It is Free and has all the information on SON and our new BANNER. Post upcoming events so they know what other events are going on in the lodge. Let them know they are welcome to attend these events and see what your lodge is all about!

If your lodge doesn't have a bazaar and you think you would like to start one, contact me and I will be glad to come and discuss it with the lodge members. Maybe next year will be your first one! It is a great fund raiser for your lodge.

There are a couple of things I need to know from you, too.

Please let me know if you sell **Scandinavian goods, other than food** at your bazaar. The International office is trying to see if we pool all of the SON lodges together if we can get "wholesale" prices from companies. Estimate how much you purchase so we can put together an amount we could order as a District.

I am putting together a list of bazaars, fairs or festivals (outside SON), so that the Order could be represented or participate in them. If you know of any or have visited some, please forward the information to me. Thanks

Alt for denne gangen,
Gail



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Publicity

Copied by Mary Andersen

Lodge program of the year kicks off for 2008

Seize the opportunity to highlight the accomplishments of your lodge during this past year! Lodge of the Year forms and Family Lodge of the Year forms will be mailed out to all 2008 lodge secretaries in November of this year (2008). Forms can also be downloaded from the member area of www.sonsofnorway.com. These forms are to be filled out by the secretary with the help of fellow officers and submitted to the Zone Director no later than March 1, 2009. The highest scoring lodges will be awarded Gold Merit Awards certificates and will be eligible to win Lodge of the Year for their district and for Sons of Norway International. Lodges which score in the middle-high and mid ranges will receive handsome Silver or Bronze Merit Award certificates. Also, there will be one Family Lodge of the Year awarded in each district for 2008. These awards will be presented at the 2010 district and international conventions. Please contact your zone director, district president or Sons of Norway Headquarters with any questions.

New Membership Dinners

A winning combination! Has your lodge taken advantage of the New Membership Dinners, which are sponsored by the Marketing Department? Those lodges that have utilized this great benefit have seen excellent results. Check out these tips from two lodges for ideas on how your lodge can gain new members without spending any lodge funds.

Working closely with their Financial Benefits Counselor and taking advantage of money available through the Marketing Department two SofN lodges achieved these phenomenal results by:

- Promoting their dinners under "Community Events" in the local paper to gain exposure without the expense of paying for an advertisement (Hint: don't forget to include a contact phone number and a picture, if allowed.)
- Holding their dinners on Saturday afternoons to accommodate those who work during the week.
- Encouraging members to invite friends and family, and provide names of attendees to the organizers prior to the dinner.
- Having a catered buffet so that members could devote their time to their guests, rather than spend time in the kitchen.
- Providing guests with a Sons of Norway information packet, including a membership application, upon their arrival.
- Training officers on how to complete the membership applications, what dues to charge and how to respond to commonly asked questions.
- Providing entertainment, such as music, demonstrations of Norwegian arts & crafts, small raffles/door prizes, etc.
- Focusing only on membership during the dinners, holding regular lodge meetings or celebrations at another time.
- Keeping the dinner within a reasonable time period (approximately 2 hours).
- Holding a prize drawing for the new members at the conclusion of the dinner to encourage attendees to sign up at the event.



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- Strongly encouraging the sponsors to help the new members after the dinner to become acquainted with the lodge. The importance/value of being a mentor was stressed.

Don't be left out! By having at least ten prospective members in attendance for a membership breakfast, brunch, lunch or dinner your lodge could receive up to a \$400 reimbursement. Try some of these hints and see if your lodge can add new members. Contact your lodge's Financial Benefits Counselor or Len Carlson, Director of Agencies, at (800) 945-8851 ext 609 or lcarlson@sofn.com for more information.

Lodge Brochures

A lodge brochure is a fantastic method to publicize your lodge, educate non-members on Sons of Norway and what opportunities your lodge offers and to highlight all the good your lodge does! If no one at your lodge has the technical know-how or interest in creating a brochure, you may contact the design department in Fraternal, who will create one for your lodge for a nominal fee. Request forms for this service may be obtained online in the member's section. If your lodge decides to create its own brochure, make sure you consult the logo usage guidelines.

Logo Usage

Sons of Norway Headquarters can provide a copy of the logo, in the size needed, for your project. Here are a few basic guidelines that need to be followed when using the Sons of Norway logo:

- the shield and the words "Sons of Norway" should be placed side by side
- proper proportions need to be maintained
- if the logo is used as part of a fundraiser, or to make money for the lodge, the lodge name and number must be included underneath the logo
- a sample of the logo piece needs to be sent to Sons of Norway Headquarters for the files

If you have any questions about the Sons of Norway logo and how it can be used, please contact Michael Brandjord at mbrandjord@sofn.com or 800-945-8851 ext 658.

Remember - when submitting pictures for the Viking, please send them via email to publicity@sofn3d.org. Digital photos at a very large scale, with low pixel resolution are acceptable for use in *Viking* (e.g. 21" X 28" at 72 dpi). Smaller scale photos with higher pixel resolution can also be submitted (e.g. 3" X 5" at 300 dpi). Photos taken and saved at a small size with small resolution are not useable (e.g. 3" X 5" at 72 dpi)



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Sports & Recreation

By Phil Nelsen, Sports & Recreation Director

Third time is a charm!

THE ZONE SPORTS MEDAL CHALLENGE

Introducing the first zone sports medal challenge! Bronze, silver, gold or enamel medals will be awarded.



Here's how it works:

1. Each zone in the 3rd district will compete against each other.
2. The object is for each member of each lodge to start the sports medal program.... NOW!
3. This annual program will be from June 1st 2008 - May 31st 2009 and also June 1st 2009-May 31st 2010 and the winning zone for each year will be announced at the 2010 convention in June.
4. The awards for each zone will be on a per capita basis...in other words number of medals divided by the number of members in the zone (based on the most recent 3-D directory). In other words if there are 27 medals earned in a zone of 550 members (27 divided by 550=.049 or 4.9%). The highest percentage wins. The awards will be provided by the third district and have not yet been determined. Just start moving now!

Remember, this is by ZONE and possibly it will bring zones together and work and/or socialize with each other giving strength and comradery to the district...use your imagination. The Zone director will get the award and distribute within the zone as he or she sees fit.

Zone directors have enough work to do so I will not ask them to police it but I am asking them to announce and introduce it to the presidents and/or sports directors of each lodge in your zone and have them send the medal forms to Phil Nelsen, 3D Sports Director, not the zone director.

They can fax it, e-mail it or snail mail it; Fax number is the same as my home phone, 727-461-7746.

Go to <http://www.sofn.com/members/showPage.jsp?document=SportsMedalProgram.html> to learn more about the various sports medal programs.



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What's LOV got to do with us?

LOV, nestled in the northeast corner of Pennsylvania, is the cultural and recreational center for District 3 of the Sons of Norway; the fall foliage is beautiful at this time of year.

Scenes from Oktoberfest 2008



you don't want to know the name of this game



some serious shuffle board



Dancing the night away!



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The Basket Social

Don't forget

By Luana Marie Jøsvold, LOV Marketing Director

The people who live in the area around Land of the Vikings enjoy basket socials, known to Sons of Norway members as Viking auctions. In order to bring in a little extra revenue and to make Land of the Vikings known to local residents who might never have been there, we have scheduled a basket social the weekend of November 22nd.

We are asking that Third District lodges consider donating a basket of goodies or other items (or money to buy a basket of goodies) to support the event. In order to make it easier to get your donation to LOV, it would be great if participating lodges would give their "baskets" or other items to their Zone Directors to bring with them to LOV at the upcoming Third District Board meeting the weekend of October 31st.

The basket social will give us an opportunity to bring in some funds from the local community and to introduce the facility to people we would like to encourage to schedule weddings, business seminars, birthday celebrations, holiday celebrations, and other events at LOV. I hope your lodge will consider making a donation of some kind to help us do so.

“In the Zone”

2007 Lodge of the Year winners

As reported in the Convention Issue of the TDT, the 2007 Lodge of the Year winners were:

Large Lodge	Gateway to Florida #541
Small Lodge	Bondelandet #612
Family	Loyal #242

Let's spend a little time and focus on our winners.

2007 Large Lodge of the Year - Gateway to Florida #612

by Mary Andersen, Gateway to Florida President and 3D Secretary



George and Beverly Tiegland, Kent Larson, Barbara Berntsen and Marci Larson receiving the award

When asked “why we won large lodge of the year” I didn't have to think very hard. We did what we always do, no more, no less. I reflected on the scores of hard working members and the myriad of activities we were involved in during 2007. All I can say is “wow!” What an amazing group of people we have at Gateway to Florida in Jacksonville.



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The centerpiece of 2007 was our participation for the second year in the City of Jacksonville's 16th annual World of Nations, a four-day multicultural festival that draws 12,000 school-age children and 60,000 public in early May. At our SON lodge/ Norway Pavilion we featured our culture and heritage with a celebrated Norwegian chef who prepared and served Scandinavian favorites. Members demonstrated and sold several Scandinavian desserts. We had unique and assorted heritage merchandise available for sale along with rosemaling demonstrations and products. A show stopper included two live celebrity reindeer and the ever popular and very rare Norwegian Lundehunds. A traveling Sami exhibit including a "lavuu" piqued interest as did members dressed in Bunads. Hagar, our famous fjord Viking boat, was displayed with Viking costumes available for those who wished to be photographed. We were the "media darlings" featured on four television interviews of approximately five minutes in length; our Hagar boat crew in Viking costume was featured on the April cover of Mint Magazine, a regional publication; and we were mentioned in several print articles. Approximately 10 members were the core planning committee with another 90 member/friends volunteering during the four-day event. Several members took from one to three days vacation to assist with this event. We also included our mature members who stamped passports.

After our World of Nations extravaganza, we still kept moving. Our lodge children's programs included October Fest with Radio Disney as the centerpiece along with games, rides on Hagar, our fjord Viking boat, and other activities attended by 75 adults and children; the St. Lucia program held annually during our Julfest with participation by eight-12 children dressed appropriately; and An Evening in Norway with a travelogue power point presentation given by two lodge members with the children seated in the front row. Our members worked Saturdays stocking shelves, emptying boxes and sorting food at the Second Harvest Food Bank, part of Lutheran Social Services that provides food to agencies in 18 counties. We also maintain an Adopt A School and have contributed clothing to Dignity-U-Wear.

Over the past couple years our membership has grown substantially from 75 members to 175 members including Heritage and Unge Venner members. We work diligently in recruiting 000 and 999 members to our lodge. We host an annual New Member Brunch and Welcome Ceremony which is quite popular. Both our new members and our seasoned members attend and we encourage our nine golden members to attend if possible. We talk about SON, our Scandinavian heritage, lodge activities and volunteer opportunities.

And believe it or not the list goes on. Our lodge members are committed to preserving our heritage and committed to helping each other. We are extremely proud of our lodge legacy and our achievements in membership growth and lodge excellence.



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2007 Small Lodge of the Year - Bondelandet #612

by Mary Andersen, Bondelandet Publicity Director and 3D Publicity Director.

The Bondelandet lodge was sponsored by Restauration Lodge and instituted on May 11, 1990. Bondelandet, in the heart of Amish farm lands in Lancaster, PA, literally means "the farm country". I was thrilled to accept the Lodge of the Year award at the convention on behalf of our lodge as well as all the other awards that were earned by our Past President Holly Girard with the help and support of all of our lodge members. At our last ice cream social of the year (in October bundled in our sweatshirts); I asked a number of the attendees, some of them charter members of the lodge (Gene and Nalda Olson, Molly and Arne Solbak) "how did we win the award". The response I received was underwhelming, "because we keep good records". I then asked Holly Girard and Tom and Cathy Heckles, "how did we win the award?" again, the response was "because we keep good records"; I said, "I can't say we won the award because we keep good records"; they looked at me probably the same way I was looking at them. So that cool, blustery evening as my mouth was getting numb eating ice cream that didn't melt, couldn't melt, I sat quietly and listened.....and then I understood. I heard talk of manning the daily soup lines at a local church; concern for members who were recovering from surgery; work at LOV, remember when we painted ; our LOV weekends graciously shared by Garbog, will you ever forget the canoe trip; adopt a school; our contributions to the Foundation; going in to the Syttende Mai parade in Brooklyn on the bus with Frederiksten and Restauration; Gene always on the prowl for new members; everyone holding a position within the lodge at one time or another and doing it again if need be; our fledgling but determined attempts to learn Norwegian; the gentle caring humor of our newsletters prepared diligently by Nalda Olson; our great cultural programs; I recalled how members who have moved out of the area, always come back for a visit and finally, as our current President Astrid Mullen has said a number of times "we are like a family" and there you have it in a nutshell. After looking at the lodge of the year forms, I can now add "and we keep good records" thanks to our Secretary, Judy Leece!



Kathy Dollymore presenting merit awards and lodge of the year award to past President Holly Girard and current Vice President Mark Strunk.



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2007 Family Lodge of the Year Loyal Lodge #252 St. James, New York

By Kris Rasmussen, Loyal Lodge President and Zone 1 Director

The last several years Loyal Lodge has been committed to bringing in “younger” members than have typically joined the lodge in the past by introducing programs and activities designed for young children. One of the most important ways this has been done is with the creation of our youth group, the Little Vikings Club, five years ago. Our co-directors of the Little Vikings Club, Meredith Johansson and Monica Carlsen, plan and implement various cultural and educational activities for children aged four to twelve at their monthly meetings. Once the children are engaged in the activities of the club, their parents join and we have a whole new generation of members in the Sons of Norway!

As of today, Loyal has 44 Heritage members in our lodge of which approximately 25 belong to the Little Vikings Club. Meredith and Monica, along with Claire Olsen of Norden Lodge, also have planned and conducted an annual *Children's Heritage Fair* for members of all the lodges in Zone 1 as well as people just interested in Norwegian culture. This has been another fantastic way to introduce people to the Sons of Norway and the membership table at the *Fair* always brings in new members for the local lodges to “fight” over.

If we want our organization to prosper and grow in the future we will all have to think of ways to get families involved in the activities of the lodge and the Sons of Norway. It is by involving families that we can bring in the next generation of Sons of Norway members. Sign up your children or grandchildren for Sons of Norway Heritage Membership which is free up to age 15. They will receive a quarterly newsletter filled with lots of fun activities and information on Norway past and present. When they turn 16 they can become Unge Venners which entitles them to free membership to age 21 and they can vote at lodge meetings and hold offices within the lodge as well.



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Golf outing

By Phil Nelsen

Mark your calendars for next year's golf tournament. It will be at Myrtle Beach Sept 17, 18 & 19, 2009. Once again, Keith Lavin did a great job....after starting it 8 years ago it keeps getting better. Thank you Keith! Of course thanks must be given to Helen Timoney and the Southern Star lodge members along with the other helpers for the wonderful lapskaus dinner.

We had 28 golfers and non-golfers totaling about 40 people and of course we must shoot for more next year and keep on making bigger and better.

You see, it's not just golf, it's about getting people together and having some good family fun.....Oh did I mention the family? Yes I did! If you have never been to Myrtle Beach, It is one of the best places in the world (my opinion of course) for dining out, shopping, all kinds of recreation and of course the Hotel is right on the beach of the Atlantic.

As far as the rates are concerned, the info is not in yet but you can bet on them going up about 10% from the 2008 pricing and if the rates stay the same or go down that will be wonderful. **DO NOT TRY TO MAKE RESERVATIONS UNTIL THE PRICING IS AVAILABLE AND WE HAVE PLENTY OF TIME FOR THAT, SO I AM TOLD.**

OH! by the way, The Florida team of Stu Richardson, Jergen Fidge, Charlie Nilsen & Phil Nelsen won.

If you think you are not good enough, think again, the teams of four play in a best ball scramble format.

ScanFest – Fun in the Carolinas on November 8th

by Carol King President Elect Norsk Carolina Lodge

ScanFest 2008 Charlotte North Carolina. This is the 5th Annual; over 4000 people attended last year's ScanFest. There have been Norwegians in the area that have helped in the past but this is the first time that Sons of Norway, Norsk Carolina Lodge will provide and cover the Cultural Booth. We have displays that have been made that cover everything from history to the Royal Family to holidays and traditional clothing. We will have Viking Ships and trolls as well as samples of Norwegian cheeses and chocolates. This year we have a Lodge sponsored Vendor Booth. We have made items to sell such as Crocheted and Woodcarved Christmas Ornaments, Norwegian Cod Oven Pulls, aprons, framed art and chocolate. We have worked with several suppliers and artists to have their goods for sale including Norwegian perfume, hats and sweaters as well as brochures and contact information for people to pick up information and put in orders for items from home afterwards. Artisans and shops specializing in Norwegian items both in the US and in Norway will be represented. Our





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Vendor table will also have many items related to travel to Norway and feature items and brochures that have been sent to us to distribute FIåm and FIåmsbana, Travel Norway, Oslo, Bergen, Sandefjord, Borton Overseas TrollAktiv and much more. We'll have a special section on just SON, Benefits and Lodge activities such as our Edvard Grieg Concert November 30th and

Christmas Dinner/Juletefest and May 16th, 2009 Syttende Mai Picnic and Parade. We'll have membership sign up forms right there at the ScanFest. We hope to sign up many new members. All of the Scandinavian countries will be represented and they have a food Cafe. There will be folk dancing groups and performers. There are children's activities like crafts, Pippi contests and Lego building. There is also a Viking Village set up and this year a special Sami Exhibit. We hope you can come this year; if you do, make sure you stop by and say hello.

Lots going on in Zone 5!

By Carol Anderson

On October 6th, the Suncoast Players from Suncoast Lodge, Clearwater traveled to Sarasota Lodge to present a skit "Comin to America," about a group of Norwegians who row all the way to Brooklyn from Norway to compete in a Syttende Mai Regatta.

October 8th, Tampa Bay Lodge hosted a spaghetti dinner in memory of Joe Centineo with proceeds going to the SON Foundation. Turid prepared Joe's famous spaghetti sauce for the event which was well attended by members throughout the zone and the 3rd District.

Karen McIlrath, President, Southern Star Lodge, Myrtle Beach is working to fulfill requirements to achieve her second bar in the Hardanger cultural skills program. Karen has completed a Hardanger blouse for a bunad and will next have a public exhibit and working demonstration of this needle art.

SunViking Lodge, SpringHill has selected Robert Virgilio as the winner of a \$500.00 scholarship. Robert is the son of Victor and Ellen Virgilio and grandson of Paul and Vivian Halvorsen.

A Zone 5 meeting was held Saturday, Oct. 11 at Port St. Lucie, FL, as part of the Leif Erikson Regatta week-end. We were honored to have a very distinguished list of attendees and presenters in Audun Gythfeldt, who talked about our reordered constitution and Wall St vs. SON; Barbara Berntsen explained her role as 3rd District International Director; Ralph Peterson covered membership and lodge stability; Phil Nelsen, explained the Sports Medal Challenge; Marci Larson, gave us the news there will be a Springfest Regatta and spring concert by Norwegian pianist Knut Eric Jensen in March 2009; and, Helge Aursland talked about SON insurance being in great shape. Wow! We also continue to evaluate the feasibility of a summer youth camp in Florida. To be successful it will take all of the Zone 5 lodges working together.

At the regatta on Sunday, Suncoast Lodge with a crew of just 4 rowers and a helmsman were on point to win first place ahead of a strong team from Gateway to Florida, Jacksonville. As the Solkyst (Suncoast boat) approached the final buoy, ready to take down the sail and row for home, a gust of wind caught the sail, the seat surrounding the mast broke in two and mast, boom and sail fell into the water. By the time Suncoast could gather everything into the boat, Jacksonville had



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crossed the finish line. Fortunately no one was injured and so it becomes just another funny story of the one that got away. At Springfest in March as Suncoast was in the lead their tiller broke.

Then there was the time they lost when they snagged a crab trap and wondered why they weren't going anywhere and, oh yes, the list goes on. Suncoast has learned wins may come and wins may go but these stories can be told over and over.



Jacksonville



Suncoast & Gulf Stream



Lauderdale

Happy Thanksgiving to all from Zone 5.

The Norsk Høstfest, an Incredible Event

By Marci Larson, D3 Secretary

If you are of Scandinavian descent or a "wannabe," at least one trip to the long running Norsk Høstfest held in early October annually in Minot, N.D., is a must do. As a native North Dakotan, I had heard for many years about the Norsk Høstfest and listened to family and friends describe it. In my wildest imagination I could not understand what anyone could do for several days at an event in Minot, ND. But after attending the event the past two years I completely understand and highly encourage every member in Sons of Norway, their family and friends to enjoy this awesome event.

For anyone unfamiliar with the Norsk Høstfest, it is the largest Scandinavian event in North America drawing crowds of 150,000 people and just celebrated its 31st year. The idea for this event was conceived by the Minot Mayor, who continues as the chairman, and is held at the North Dakota State Fairgrounds in a complex that is approximately the size of six football fields under one roof. People attend the four-day event from around the world with many journeying from Norway, other Scandinavian countries and Canada. This year over 6,000 RVs were parked and hotels are filled from 60-90-125 miles away. The tour buses roll in and out. The event requires 7-8,000 volunteers who come from everywhere.

So, what exactly happens during Norsk Høstfest? The event is centered within six halls- Oslo, Copenhagen, Helsinki, Stockholm, Trondheim and Reykjavik- and is one vast marketplace with both imported and made-in-the USA items. Each hall has entertainment every hour from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and ethnic cuisine ranging from exotic to down-home. World-class crafters demonstrate their skills and offer a wide variety of products. As you stroll the halls you'll meet trolls, roving musicians, interactive characters and folks dressed in bunads. General admission of \$25 includes access to the event and the general entertainment, which is outstanding. In addition, big name entertainers are featured throughout the event and this year included the Beach Boys for the Tuesday evening opening; Kenny Rogers, Randy Travis, Charley Pride and Danny O'Donnell, who



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each performed twice at midday and evening. The featured performers require an additional admission fee.

Our Sons of Norway was a major sponsor in the Oslo Hall with staff and members meeting and greeting attendees, helping them to purchase a SON membership or renew their current one.

The 2009 event will be held Sept. 29-Oct. 3 so start making your plans to attend now. I highly encourage anyone to attend all four days, if possible, but at least two days to enjoy the fabulous experience.

International News

Check out the following link and read an interview with the International Secretary, our own Audun Gythfeldt!

<http://sonsofnorwayblog.blogspot.com/2008/09/getting-to-knowinternational-secretary.html>

This 'n That

Norman Arntzen submitted some great information (copies sent to lodge publicity directors with email addresses on record) regarding Leif Erikson after last month's TDT was issued. Given the numerous variations in spelling presented in our monthly lodge newsletters and given the feedback received, the following is excerpted from Norman's material and might be of interest to some of you:

CONTROVERSIAL SPELLING OF LEIF ERIKSON

The "correct" spelling of "Leif Erikson" has been a debated issue for many years. As a result, some have suggested that any spelling is acceptable so long as Leif gets his rightfully due publicity. To set the records straight however, and to suggest that a standard spelling be used, it would be good to examine the reasons for the "LEIF ERIKSON" spelling.

1. The letter "C" is seldom if ever used in the Old Norse language. Even today, newspapers of Iceland, where they still use a modern version Norse, usually only use the letter "C" when it is included in foreign words.
2. Since the letter "C" was seldom, if ever, used in the Norse Sagas, Leif's fathers name was spelled, ERIK THE RED. Since Leif (born in Iceland) was the son of Erik (born in Norway), Leif's last name became ERIKS'SON, or Erikson.
3. In books, and in newspapers in Norway, the spelling most commonly used, is ERIKSON.
4. The spelling usually used in Iceland is, Leifur Eiriksson. Since this spelling would be cumbersome and difficult to use in America, the traditional spelling of, LEIF ERIKSON was used in all U.S. Congressional records and hearings, and is used in the annual Presidential Leif Erikson Day Proclamations.

Next: Juletrefest, is it Jultre fest or Julefest or ?????



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Upcoming Events

October

13th-17th LOV - Rosemaling and Scandinavian Flat plane Carving classes –Contact LOV directly
16th – Bernt Balchen –Leif Erikson Fest
17th – Bondelandet Lodge -the Society of Creative Anachronism (SCA) who will give a presentation on the skills of Viking Women in the Middle Ages
23rd Sarasota – annual Linda Pedersen Picnic
25th – Sarasota –Høst Fest

November

1st – Hartford – Scandinavian Heritage Day Exhibit and Sale
2nd- 11 - Zone 4 Meeting at LOV.
2nd Fram Polse Dinner
2nd Gulfstream – Takke Fest
8th – Oslo Lodge Tentative Date for Focus on Iceland.
8th Hudson Valley Men's Night at Maennerchor, 7 pm
8th Loyal Lodge Scandinavian Bazaar
8th Hampton Roads Christmas Bazaar, Francis Asbury United Methodist Church
8th Norsk Carolina will have a booth at the ScanFest in downtown Charlotte
8th Loyal Orienteering Challenge at Sunken Meadow State Park
8th Fredriksten will have its annual flea market and bazaar
8th Troll Christmas Fair
9th Norden – “Night on the Town” dinner theater
14th Restauration – Show and Tell – Norwegian crafts shown/discussed
15th Gateway to Florida Trip to IKEA
15th Norumbega – Scandinavian Fair
21st SunCoast presents a Medieval Viking Fest
21st Henrik Ibsen – Pot Luck Dinner
22nd Norrona 50th Anniversary at Marriot Hotel, Park Ridge, NJ
22nd Norumbega – Scandinavian Fair, Acton
23-23 Noreg Bazaar, Old Bridge, NJ
25th Washington – Lutefisk dinner

29th Gateway to Florida – Boat Light Parade, Downtown Jacksonville

December

5th – 7th 30th Anniversary of LOV
5th Gateway to Florida –Jul Fest Italian American Club
5th Tampa Bay – Annual Julefest
5th & 6th Washington – Holiday Bazaar
6th Hampton Roads bus trip to Raleigh for Scandinavian Christmas Festival
6th Loyal Lodge Juletrefest
6th Norsk Carolina –Scandinavian Christmas Fair, Raleigh
6th Gateway to Florida Palm Valley Light Parade
7th Hartford - Juletrefest
7th – Oslo Lodge Juletre Fest. Come bring in the holidays the Nordic way by celebrating all Nordic cultures.
7th Restauration – Juletrefest at Springhaven Country Club, Wallingford
7th Gulfstream - Julefest
12th Norge Juletrefest
12th Norumbega – Julefest
12th Washington - Juletrefest
13th Fredriksten Adult's Christmas party
13th Hudson Valley Christmas Party at Maennorchor
13th Norsk Carolina Jule Dinner and Festival with Juletre
13th Hampton Roads Christmas Party/Dinner at 67th Street Officers Club
14th Hudson Valley Children's Christmas Party at Maennorchor
14th Hartford –Juletrefest and Christmas Party
14th Norden –Family Christmas Party
19th Suncoast - Julefest
20th Norumbega Children's Christmas Party
31st LOV – New Year's Eve Party



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