

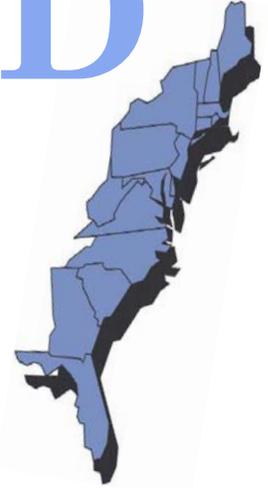


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MAY 2012
Third District Today
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 **Hurra for syttende mai!** 

The mission of Sons of Norway is to promote and to preserve the heritage and culture of Norway, to celebrate our relationship with other Nordic countries, and to provide quality insurance and financial products to its members.



Fra Presidenten, Ralph Peterson

Well I am on the road again. Today I am writing you from Melville, Long Island where AnneGrete and I will attend Norden's 75th anniversary. The last time I came to Long Island for an anniversary I got lost and the storm that hit while I was on the road combined to make me an hour late. This time we came a day early and I see we have a storm coming so we made a good decision.

I just finished reviewing the Lodge Achievement forms (LAF) to determine the lodges of the year (LOY). There were some very impressive lodges to review but unfortunately there are only two awards for LOY. The rest will be recognized by merit awards. These merit awards, like the LOY awards, are given for excellence. The information reported on the NFCA form is used by Headquarters to help justify our tax situation. I was disappointed by the lack of participation (but not the quality of the information sent in by the participating lodges) in District 3. Hopefully all the lodges will submit reports for the next time period. One easy way to pick up extra points is to make sure your lodge submits their Form 17 (financial report, form D63 (Report of Lodge officers) and pay the lodge liability insurance on time.

It's a day later and I can tell you that Norden's 75 Anniversary was a great success. This was the second anniversary I have attended in two weeks as last week I was at Hampton Roads 40th and that as well was a great event. I am sorry that I will miss Fredriksten's Centennial celebration. I will certainly be there in spirit if not in person. One last thing about Norden's event and that was the weather. It was wet and windy. When you add the weather together with the normal activities found near JFK airport and on the belt parkway, the trip home was almost as long as the party.

Convention planning is in full swing. Delegate packages, non-delegate packages and registration forms are on the web site <http://3dsofn.org/convention/index.html> You will also find registration forms for the golf tournament and the cultural show. When its ready the reports book will also be on the web site. We had to change the venues for the Friday piano concert and the Saturday regatta. The concert and seafood dinner will be held at the convention hotel. The regatta will be held at the Old Dominion University Yacht center.

You recently received word that we would be drawing for a Hurtigruten cruise (1 cabin/2 people) the night of our convention banquet. Tickets (5 to a book. \$5 a ticket or \$20 for the book) will be sent to each lodge and if you



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want a book of tickets to be sent directly to you please send an email to Nellie Larson nellarson@verzion.net and she will send the tickets to you. Last year's winner, Ian Pate, from Gulfstream Lodge wrote about his experience and it is on the web site <http://www.3dsofn.org/docs/2012HurtigrutenWinner.PDF> Past District Cultural Director Asbjørn Lageraen has done a great job with our centennial book. We will have a book available for each lodge at the convention. If you want a book for yourself, email Asbjørn at asbjorn44@msn.com. The cost is \$30. Your order will be included in our first printing. We may have a second printing if there is enough interest but if you want to be sure to get a book order now. If you will be at the convention your book will be delivered to you there.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the convention, either as a delegate or as someone out to have a great time. Hislen

Fraternally, Ralph Peterson, President

Vice President Gail Ekloff

Gratulerer med Dagen---Syttende Mai...



The time all Norwegians commemorate their independence!! Every lodge participates in some type of event. Whether it's a parade or a picnic, multi-generations come together to celebrate this Norwegian holiday. What a perfect time for us to "strut our stuff" and remind people of our roots. Marching in a parade is great "advertising" — it makes more people aware of the Sons of Norway. And what a treat, members from the whole District joining together to show off their "Norwegian Pride". The array of floats, banners, and bunads is a sight, whether on the streets of Brooklyn or the streets of your local lodge's choice.

Since families are together celebrating, this would be a good base for you to generate more family interest in Norway/Scandinavia. One vital way would be to make sure all our children, grandchildren and great grandchildren are members. Every lodge should have Heritage Members---they are the future of our order. If your kids 15 and under aren't members, sign them up!!

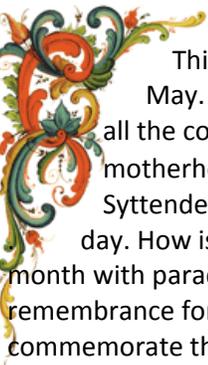
Enjoy the parade!!!!!!

Alt for denne gangen, Gail

Remember the 2 A's; Ask & Advertise

Remember the 2 M's; Mentor and Mingle

Kathy Dollymore PR Director



This is a wonderful time of the year- we have many wonderful celebrations in this Merry Month of May. Here in the Northeast we see Mother Nature in all her glory. Beautiful azaleas, dogwoods, lilacs - all the colors of the rainbow to enjoy. Mother's Day is a celebration honoring mothers and celebrating motherhood, maternal bonds and the influence of mothers in society. We're getting ready for the Syttende Mai celebrations. Many of the lodges have parades or special programs to celebrate this special day. How is your lodge celebrating? Don't forget to fly your flags. Memorial Day is also celebrated this month with parades and picnics- It is a celebration originally called Decoration Day, Memorial Day is a day of remembrance for those who have died in service to our country. It was first widely observed on May 30, 1868, to commemorate the sacrifices of Civil War soldiers. So before we slice open the hot dog packages and throw some burgers on the grill, it might be appropriate to remember the true meaning of Memorial Day. If you know a veteran, an active member of the military, or recall someone who fought for this country but has passed on, take a moment to consider their service. We are all better off for their sacrifice.



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Learn Norwegian Online

One of the great benefits available to Sons of Norway members is the opportunity to learn Norwegian online.

Don't forget to post your events to the 3D Events Calendar. The Events Calendar and LOV are the most frequently visited pages; you are missing an opportunity to inform your members and prospective members of your activities.

Did you know you can find out what is going on in other lodges by clicking on About Us and then lodges on the 3D website. This will take you to the Sons of Norway page which contains all of our lodges. Lodge names highlighted in blue means they have their own website; check out what they are doing and if you are travelling in the area, drop in and say hello!!

Kristin Stone Cultural Director



Do you celebrate Syttende Mai? On March 17 – St. Patrick's Day – it is claimed, "Everyone is IRISH or wishes he were!" On Syttende Mai – we should encourage others to celebrate with us, why not "Everyone is NORWEGIAN or wishes he were!" for May 17th celebrations! May 17th is the anniversary of the signing of the Norwegian Constitution which was signed in 1814 in Eidsvoll. It is the national holiday of Norway (like our July 4th) and is observed on May 17th every year. The celebration day varies in other parts of the world where May 17th is not a national holiday. There are some major Syttende Mai celebrations held each year throughout the US including those in New York, Washington DC, San Francisco, Seattle, Petersburg (AK), Stoughton (WI) and many more. The parade in

Brooklyn is the biggest celebration on the east coast.

Everyone dresses up for Syttende Mai in Norway – most wear a *bunad* (traditional national costumes), and there are parades through every city, town and tiny outpost. There is nothing military about the parades because *Syttende mai* is for children and children are a major participant in the Syttende Mai parades marching with their school classes. Flags are everywhere for May 17th.

I hope your lodge is planning a special May 17th celebration or if you're not near a lodge you'll create your own celebration.

GOD SYTTENDE MAI! Ha det bra!

FOLK ART COMPETITION AND CULTURAL SKILLS EXHIBITION

Are you planning to submit an item to be judged in the Folk Art Competition at the District Convention this June? Or are you planning to submit an item to be exhibited? Information was mailed to every lodge in March and is posted on the Third District Website under the convention section at: http://3dsofn.org/convention/folk_art.html where you will find entry forms and rules. Email Kristin Stone, cultural director, at: torchbearer76@yahoo.com if you have any questions or need additional information.





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Gene Olson Sports & Recreation Director

THIRD DISTRICT SPORTS & RECREATION DIRECTOR

Gene Olson – mais@comcast.net

The 2012 District Bowling Tournament is over. The results will be announced at the District Convention. The Tournament is not only over, but so is my term as the District Sports and Recreation Director. I will throw my whole self into any assistance I can help with our next Director.

I am disappointed with the poor response from 90 % of the District Lodges.

Next year we can all do better !!!!!

I know there have been Lodge members participating in the Sports Medal Challenge however, have not been sending me copies of the form when ordering Metals from International

Gene Olson 717-569-1747- leave message and I will return call.

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Counselor's Corner

By Mary B. Andersen, 3D Counsel

The Charitable Trust - *taking care of our own.* How did it all begin? A motion made at the 1936 District Convention to start an old age fund became a reality in 1938. Over time, the old age fund became known as the Benevolent Fund.



New York and Brooklyn in particular, was the destination for many Norwegian immigrants. Our Norwegian brethren came with little but the clothes on the back, hearts filled with hope and strong backs ready to work. The newly arrived Norwegians, learning of the Sons of Norway, were drawn to the familiar sounds, tastes and companionship in the Third District lodges. It became apparent that some of the new immigrants needed help over the rough spots and the Benevolent Fund was the mechanism.

Eventually the Benevolent Fund was formalized in 1971 as the Charitable Trust. For over 40 years, the Charitable Trust has provided modest support to District 3 members with subsistence support critical to their physical, social and psychological well being.

Thank you for keeping the Charitable Trust in your heart. Mary

From the Secretary Marci Larson

Thanks to the 23 or so lodges who have sent me copies of their lodge Bylaws as I had requested about a month ago. I want to be certain that the District has copies of this very important document. Of course, I expect to receive copies either in writing or electronically from all lodges. I know in some instances the Bylaws have been mislaid or have not been updated recently, so this is an excellent opportunity to make sure this very important document is current and copies available. If you have any questions, please let me know. And for the nearly 30 lodges yet to send me a copy, please do so as soon as possible. I appreciate your help.

For lodge members who will serve as delegates to the District Convention in late June, I will e-mail and mail for those without e-mail a copy of the Convention Reports Book by early May to each delegate and one copy to each lodge secretary. The Convention Reports Book has reports from the District Officers, a list of the delegates, very important audited financial information for the various businesses in District 3, the proposed resolutions, a history of the District Officers since 1912 and other pertinent material. If you have any questions about the Book please let me know.



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ZONE NEWS

ZONE 1: Kris Rasmussen Director

ZONE 2: Judy Mack Director

Zone 2 Happenings

April 22, Zone 2 was treated to a delicious lunch prepared by Maine Nordmenn Lodge.

Following the meal we met and updated the news of the zone. Ideas were shared for fund raising, organization, and upcoming activities. Following the meeting we held our annual Memorial Service honoring the 17 members who have passed to Lodge Eternal.

May 18, Dovre Lodge will observe their 90th Anniversary at their May meeting featuring a concert. They meet at the Scandinavian Home in Cranston, RI at 7:00PM. Some members may travel to Brooklyn with Norumbega Lodge.

May 19, Maine Nordmenn Lodge will host their Syttende Mai celebration at Maine Wildlife Park in Gray, ME.

Parade - Music - Cook-out.

May 19, Norumbega Lodge will host their annual 17. Mai family day.

May 20, Norumbega Lodge travels to Brooklyn by bus for the 17th Mai Parade. Contact Luana for more information.

May 20, Hartford Lodge will a 17th May Fest. They will have vendors, a baked foods table, Stabbur, and polser.

ZONE 3: Barbara Bensen Director

ZONE 3 TIDBITS:

As July 4th is significant in the history of the United States, so too, is Syttende Mai significant in the history of Norway. Syttende Mai is also referred to as Nasjonaldagen (National Day) or Grunnlovsdagen (Constitution Day). It is on this day, in cities and in towns throughout Norway, that there will be special food prepared, festivities and parades. Both the young and the old will be waving their flags for "Gamle Norge". On May 20th, Zone 3 will join their fellow Lodges and march in the Brooklyn Syttende Mai Parade waving Norway's colors.....the Rodt, Hvitt, og Blatt. Some Lodges will have celebration dinners, while others will have picnics or parties in commemoration of this special day. Yes, it is Hip! Hip! Hurrah! for Norway on Syttende Mai.

The Zone 3 Scholarship Dinner/Dance was hosted by Nansen Lodge on April 15th. A scrumptious pork dinner and all of the trimmings was enjoyed by all. Don't forget, enrollment for Third District Youth Camp must be submitted to Evelyn Karpack, Youth Director, by May 15th. A \$25 Zone 3 LOV Campership will be given to qualified Zone 3 campers attending the Third District Youth Camp. A form must be submitted to Peg Gerding. Forms and details are contained in the letter sent to Zone 3 Lodge Presidents. The Noreg Ladies Auxiliary will hold their annual Tea Party on May 12th, and Bernt Balchen resumed their monthly Business Meetings in March. Currently, members are working on plans for their 35th Anniversary Celebration. Nor-Bu Lodge is in the process of planning their 70th Anniversary Journal, and invites everyone to place an ad in the Journal. The deadline for an ad is July 1st. Contact Anne-Lise Meisner at 973-663-1070 or e-mail her at anne.meisner@verizon.net for details. If you enjoy golf, join fellow golfers, in May, for the annual John Karlsen Memorial Golf Tournament at LOV. A reminder to Zone 3 Lodges....if you plan to send a gift for the Convention Viking Auction, be sure to let Gail Martinson - Viking Auction Coordinator, know by May 15th. Otherwise, have a safe and enjoyable Memorial Day weekend.

From Zone 3 "HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY" to all of those special Moms

Zone 4 - Karin Gudbranson McCadam, Director

Hurra! Hurra! Hurra for Syttende Mai! All of the Zone 4 lodges wish each member of the Third District a wonderful May 17th celebration where ever you may find yourself.



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There are seven lodges in Zone 4, all outside of New York City and Long Island. So they call us upstate New York, even if only an hour outside of the City or six hours away.

Many of the members who belong to the lodges closer to New York City will participate in the May 17th Parade in Brooklyn on Sunday May 20th. It is always a great time. Members march in bunads, Nordic t-shirts or sweaters, and, even in some Troll costumes. Sons of Norway Lodge banners (including those from Troll and Hudson Valley) proceeds each lodge marching. Hudson Valley lodge decorates a float each year and has been awarded for having the best float. Some members of Norrøna Lodge often march, although they will also have a local lodge celebration this year.



The other upstate lodges (Fram, Norsemen, Oslo and Scandinavian Heritage) will have opportunity to participate in the Syttende Mai celebration on **Saturday May 19th** at **Land of the Vikings**. Although it cannot be compared in size or scope to the Brooklyn Parade, children and adults all have a great time. You will see both in their best Nordic colors, whether in traditional bunads or festdrakts, Nordic inspired T-shirts or beautiful Norwegian sweaters. The festivities begin with the 17de Mai Proclamation and the singing of Ja Vi Elsker. Then after a traditional village parade at 12:00, there is a picnic lunch and fun and games for all follows. We are prepared for rain, but are hopeful for a beautiful day of sunshine to complement the event.

If you have the opportunity to visit an upstate New York lodge, you can be assured of a warm welcome, great cultural activities and delectable food with good coffee. Just look us up on the Sons of Norway website for details and contact information. See you soon!

A bevy of beautiful women clad in bunads at LOV.

ZONE 5: Gail Martinsen, Director

This was a busy month for the lodges here in Florida. Many snowbirds were busy packing up to return to the north. We are saddened to see them go, but, look forward to their coming back in the fall. Suncoast had a Family Feud Scandinavian Style this month. Their members had to bone up on their knowledge of all Scandinavians including Danes, Swedes and Norwegians! It must have been a very interesting and fun evening. Also, this past month, Suncoast enjoyed lunch and a concert by the Florida Suncoast Symphony Orchestra. Suncoast's Greeter, Bente MacLean's daughter, Heide is a violinist in the orchestra. Suncoast's members are busy preparing for their Annual Syttende Mai Regatta Weekend. Gateway to Florida enjoyed a really fun day for the whole family, a Sock Hop!! Cheryl Peterson from DJHARMONY was their DJ. They served finger sandwiches, ice cream, cookies, soda, hot chocolate, tea and of course, coffee, but, also, ROOT BEER FLOATS and an Anniversary cake! YUM! They danced, played games and had several surprises. VikingWorld had a "Heritage Show & Tell". They asked their members to bring a cultural item from home and be prepared to describe it and give the members its origin and/or history. A dinner of Ham with raisin sauce, scalloped potatoes, carrot casserole and pie was served. A trip to IKEA is being planned by Scandia for the near future. They had an April Social at the Club at Longshore Lake with a Ham Dinner and the restaurant even served limpe bread! Port Orange Lodge's President, Larry Frohock has asked his members to bring Norwegian music new and old to enjoy at their meetings. Norsemen Harbour started in April to have their meetings at a restaurant to save on rent and it will be easier on the members (no set-up and



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clean-up). This month they met at Golden Corral. They collect food for the food banks, soda can tabs for Ronald McDonald House and stamps for Tubfrim every month. Sun Viking had an Easter Parade at their meeting with prizes for the most original, most beautiful and funniest hats. There were 4 winners, Nellie Larson, President, Lois Jensen, Erin Link (9 years old) and Gail Martinsen. (But, also, there were only 4 participants in the contest!) Oh well, it was fun! Hot Cross Buns and homemade Bolle were served at the meeting. The ladies of Sun Viking's Craft Group made up and distributed over 200 little Easter Baskets for the residents at Hospice, Consulate Health Care & Nursing Home and the children of Holy Cross Lutheran School. Sun Viking had their Annual Crews Lake Park Picnic in April. Good food, fun games and wonderful company were enjoyed by all, plus some April Showers! Thank goodness we were under a pavilion, it really poured, of course, until it was time to leave. Sarasota had a Spring Hat Contest with both men and women participating. Mary told the men to get out their baseball caps to decorate! They enjoyed a fiskebolle dinner. Tampa Bay's meeting was a Soup Night with an Edvard Grieg presentation including some of his wonderful music. I hope to see members from all of our lodges at Suncoast's Syttende Mai Regatta and the Zone 5 meeting that Sunday.

Have a very Happy Syttende Mai and Memorial Day!

ZONE 6: Carol Goral, Director

Bondelandet continues with wonderful programming. They are working on genealogy and getting their stories into print. This is so important and exciting. At their last meeting Svein Klinge spoke of his youth in Norway. The ice cream Wednesday socials are starting again at the Oregon Dairy. What a great get together!

Fredriksten is super busy these days with the 100th celebration. It will be April 28 at Bensalem Country Club. Members and friends top 150 so far. More focus has been put on culture and the members are now reading Gunnar's Daughter. They report on 50 pages at each meeting. The lodge is also working on the float for the 17th of May Celebration in Brooklyn. They have a bus and all are invited to join. There will be a party following at the lodge hall.

Nordkap has announced the delegates to the Centennial Convention. They are David Tonnessen, Arvida Cash, Rannveig Klinge, and Shirley Knutsen. They are planning to celebrate 17th of May together at their park and will also participate in the caucus at Fredriksten.

Restauration Lodge will be sending three delegates. They also will have the Publicity Director in their group so they will be well represented at the Convention. They have had an interesting year with many cultural activities including books, tales, and even baking. They are working on the Skills programs as well. Restauration is a very active lodge.

Washington Lodge is working on the 17th of May celebration to be held at their Cultural Center. it will be a wonderful event. The lodge has done some great things with culture and I was fortunate to attend one of their book chats.

ZONE 7: Edward McCarthy, Director

Hampton Roads #522 has busy April and May. April will see the lodge marching once again with their float and longboat in the NATO Fest parade in Norfolk. This includes military members from the Norwegian NATO contingent in uniform. This will take place on 28 April. On 21 April the lodge will have a booth set up at the International Childrens Festival in Hampton, Virginia. This is an all day event featuring over 135 countries and is attended by thousands! The lodge has continued with its "fellowship" lunches to bring members together outside the lodge setting. Lodge board members will be attending the NATO Syttende Mai celebration and then having their own lodge picnic at Naval Station, Oceana on 19 May.

North Carolina Vikings #675 will be having a guest speaker from Norsk Carolina Lodge in Charlotte. His name is Tim Boyce and he will be presenting a program on the Norwegian hero and humanitarian Odd Nansen and his WWII



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concentration camp diary. The lodge will be celebrating Syttende Mai with the Friends of Scandinavia on 19 May. Norsk Carolina #679 will be celebrating Syttende Mai on 20 May with a picnic and parade including Norwegian hot dogs, side dishes and a surprise for the lodge members. They will also have a special surprise guest speaker. Vennekretsen #678 will be having a delicious strawberry festival at their May meeting and will have their celebration and parade for Syttende Mai on 19 May.

Don't forget to..... PASS THE PIGGY.....

The SON Foundation has given out multiple awards and grants this year to individual Lodges for special events, activities and for the Communities they are in. The SON Foundation also helps with hardship and other special needs after disasters or crisis.

The Norwegian National Anthem

In 1864, 50 years after the Constitution was written, Bjornstjerne Bjornson completed the lyrics of the Norwegian national anthem, "Ja, vi elsker dette landet" (Norway, Thine is our Devotion). Richard Nordaak composed the music. He was Bjørnson's cousin, and put music to several of Bjornson's poems, but composing the music to the national anthem is what gained him the most fame and recognition.

Yes, we love this country

Yes, we love this country as it rises forth,
rugged, weathered, above the sea, with the thousands of homes.
Love, love it and think of our father and mother
and the saga night that sends dreams to our earth.

Norseman in house and cabin, thank your great God!
The country he wanted to protect, although things looked dark.
All the fights fathers have fought, and the mothers have wept,
the Lord has quietly moved so we won our rights.

Yes, we love this country as it rises forth,
rugged, weathered, above the sea, with those thousand homes.
And as the fathers' struggle has raised it from need to victory,
even we, when it is demanded, for its peace will encamp (for
defence).

JA VI ELSKER DETTE LANDET

Ja vi elsker dette landet som det stiger frem.
Furet, værbitte over vannet med de tusen hjem.
Elsker, elsker det å tenker, på vår far og mor.
/: Og den saganatt som senker, drømme på vår jord. :/

Norske mann i hus og hytte takk din store Gud.
Landet ville han beskytte skjønt det mørkt så ut.
Alt hva fedrene har kjempet, mødrene har grett.
/: Har den Herre stille lempet så vi vant vår rett:/

Ja vi elsker dette landet som det stiger frem.
Furet, værbitte over vannet med de tusen hjem.
Og som fedres kamp har hevet, det av nød til seir.
/: Også vi når det blir krevet, for dets fred slår leir. :/

- Bjørnstjerne Bjørnson



VE Day in Norway (from April edition of the Viking E-Post: your informative and entertaining monthly newsletter from Sons of Norway.) In a few weeks Norwegians will be celebrating the 67th anniversary of the end of the Nazi occupation of Norway. On May 8, 1945 Norwegians everywhere could finally celebrate their freedom after spending five long years under unyielding Nazi rule.

When the day of liberation came, "Hurrah! Hurrah!" was all that could be heard and the streets of every Norwegian city were flooded with flags. This momentous day was celebrated with singing, parades, and the warm embrace of fellow countrymen. Towns throughout Norway were awash in red, blue, and white.



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Broadcasts from BBC were heard through the streets as people began emerging with flags and smiles of joy restored to full strength. Infamous Nazi supporter Vidkun Quisling was tried and quickly found guilty of high treason, which brought an end to his reign as Minister-President of Norway.

Unfortunately the end of the occupation did not mean the cessation of all hardships experienced by Norwegians. Because of the loss of their trading partners and the German confiscation of food staples during the occupation, Norwegians were on the brink of famine. This would have a profound and long-lasting effect on the Norwegian psyche. It instilled a habit of frugality and fear of economic shortage. This, in turn, affected the way citizens voted in local and national elections and gave rise to the Norwegian government's Labour Party.

With the Labour Party's motto being "working for the people," Norway recognized the importance of industrialization and the exportation of lumber and fish. But they needed help in beginning this long road back to recovery. America's world influence and economic strength was the answer. Aid was sent to Norway under The Marshall Plan, devised and powered by U.S. Secretary of State George Marshall, President Harry Truman, and the American people.

The U.S. and Norway's cooperation and friendship strengthened during this time of rebuilding. Norway became a stronger economic force in the world. Things had gone back to normal and the Norwegian people began anew. Norway continued to progress.

In the end Germany's occupation became a scar on Norway's history but strengthened their national pride and secured their strong relationship with America that continues into the present day.



TUBFRIM: Please remember to save used postage stamps for Tubfrim. Please cut the stamps from envelopes with scissors, leaving a 1/4 inch margin of paper around the stamp for ease of handling. Picture post cards should be left whole. Tubfrim also collects used telephone cards. The money realized from the sale of stamps benefits disabled children and youth in Norway.



Over 200 Easter Baskets made and distributed by Sun Viking's Craft Group for the Residents at Hospice, Consulate Health Care & Nursing Home and the Children at the Holy Cross Lutheran School.



Southern Star Lodge 3-630 marched in the St Patrick's Parade with the littlest Viking Roxie Christensen and her grandma Lois.

