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Third District Today

Fra Presidenten Ralph Peterson

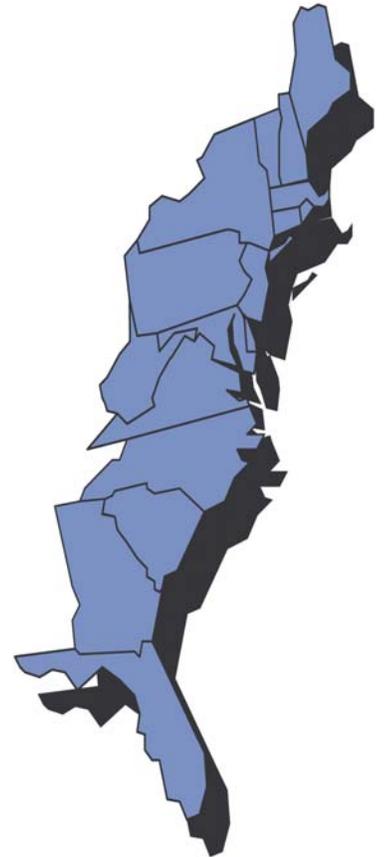
Hei Alle Sammen,

Today I am writing to you from Tampa, FL where it was in the high 80's yesterday, ahhhhhh, what more can I say! We had a nice leisurely drive down and have got the RV in position for the month. We are ready for the weekend regatta. It is looking to be a great weekend that the Gateway to Florida has put together.

We all know that increasing membership continues to be our top priority. District 3 had three members who were honored for their recruiting efforts in 2008. The number two recruiter in the entire order was Kent Larson from Gateway to Florida with 26 new members; Vennekretsen had not one but two members honored (no wonder that they are growing), Erik Kind with 14 members and Nina Roswell with 11 members. We all send our congratulations to these members for their great effort. Thank you very much!

At our recent District Board meeting we reviewed the status of our goals. It is a little early to get a good handle on everything but almost half of the lodges have recruited at least one new member. We have started one new lodge and are working on a second, New Bern 3-682(11 members including 6 new SON members). So far several lodges have earned sports medals. No Cultural Medals have been reported as earned so far but several are in progress. The one goal that has not seen much progress is the goal of increasing the number of Lodges with Membership Committees to 70%. The Constitution requires 100%. We are currently at 30% so we have a long way to go. If 100% of our lodges have active Membership committees we will be taking care of our membership goals. We also decided to add one additional goal and that is to add 75 new Benefit Members. With the products we have to offer, especially the new Viking 26 policy, I think we can make this goal.

The youth camp letters are on their way. We are hoping for a sold out camp this year. District 3 has some Campership money available and there are matching funds available from the SON Foundation. I know that some of the Lodges and Zones have camperships available so there is financial help available for the tuition. Our Youth Director has all the information available. We





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will have information about our Sports Medal and the Juvenile Cultural Medal available for the campers. Perhaps some of them will help your lodge meet their goals.

We have had some changes at the District Level Leadership level. Ken Fagerheim had to resign his post as LOV Chair because of personal reasons. We were very fortunate that Rolf Ekloff has agreed to finish out Ken's tour. We want to thank Ken for his efforts and welcome Rolf on Board. Gene and Nalda Olson have accepted the position of the D3 Adopt a School coordinator. Please send them your Adopt a School information and for those Lodges who work with/in schools or other youth groups and have not informed the District that you have a program please let Gene and Nalda know so we can give your lodge the appropriate credit and take some for the District as well.

The District receives (\$6.50) from most adult member dues paid to Sons of Norway. This is our main source of income. It is not enough to meet all our financial requirements (Lodge visitations, Installations, District & International Conventions, New Lodge Starts, Administrative costs, etc). In order to balance the budget we need to hold fund raisers. This year we have a great fund raiser. The Hurtigruten group has donated two voyages (2 people on each voyage) to District 3. The voyage goes from Bergen to Kirkenes. The tickets are valid from 1 October 2009 through 31 March 2010 and the drawing will be held at LOV in early September. Kris Rasmussen and Rolf Ekloff are running the raffle for the District. The Local Lodge Presidents will be receiving more information about the raffle shortly. This will be a great deal for someone!. Buy often!!. Hurtigruten will be supplying the District with more information about their cruises and sales. Feel free to use this material in your newsletters and web sites.

I visited the 2010 convention site near Harrisburg, PA with the convention committee last week. It looks great. There are many interesting places close by so plan on coming early and stay later. More on this later; check the District Web site frequently.

Fraternally

Ralph Peterson





Fra Vise Presidenten Gail Ekloff



District Membership Meeting was very productive!

March will be known as "MEMBERSHIP MADNESS MONTH". Of course, March is over...so this year we thought we'd get things going in May!

The emphasis for your May meeting is "*membership*". Set up your meeting to motivate members. Some suggestions:

- highlight members who are working on their cultural or sports medals – they may inspire others to take up the challenge, or
- spotlight a member who does volunteer work in your community and
- what about a "Parade Of Past Presidents" so that lodge members see who their leaders were and how they shaped the lodge's future.

Please have your lodge members fill out the "Membership Satisfaction Survey" at your May meeting. It is on the Sons of Norway web site (www.sofn.com) in the "lodge management" , select "lodge forms" section. Review these and the "Healthy Lodge Checklist" (also on the site) at your Board meeting. These two forms will be invaluable tools for the lodge's officers. Draw on the results of these two surveys to set goals for your lodge and see what you can do to enhance your lodge; they can be used as an annual lodge check up!

For more tools, go to the 3D website (www.sofn3d.org). Download a brochure (available in April) template which explains how your lodge runs to new members. It can be edited to be a perfect fit for what your lodge has to offer. Put this in the initiation packet for them to read and become more comfortable. Also, there is a list of very simple yet effective ideas on how to enhance your monthly meetings at the site. Here are just two that are mentioned: **MENTOR and MINGLE**

Please feel free to contact me if you need assistance in getting the information I have described. I will be happy to help you. If you have any problem down loading these forms, please contact me. I will be glad to email or snail mail them to you.

Remember the 2 A's Ask & Advertise? Now there are also the 2 M's: Mentor and Mingle.

Don't you think "Membership Madness Month" sounds great? Don't forget to send information on how this went! You might find yourself in 3D Today or on the 3D website!!

Alt for denne gangen,

Gail



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Financial News

By Len Carlson, Director of Agencies, Sons of Norway

THE STRENGTH and SECURITY OF SONS OF NORWAY

With the financial world changing daily, we, at Sons of Norway headquarters, want to remind you of our financial strength and stability. Since our inception more than a century ago, Sons of Norway has been committed to the idea of financial protection for its members. We are very proud to tell you that in the 114-years of our existence, we have never defaulted on an obligation.

Protecting and growing the financial interests of our members has always been as important to us as the promotion of Norwegian heritage and culture.

Because of this, we see many of our members turning to Sons of Norway during these economically challenging times to help them attain a proper diversification of risk in their portfolio. They are looking for the safety and stability that is becoming increasingly absent from the financial arena.

That's why we are happy to report that the current troubles affecting most of the financial world have had no major impact on our business. Thanks to our quality life insurance and annuity products, as well as our conservative investment philosophy, we are as strong as ever.

Looking to the future, we are just as confident. Members who have entrusted their financial future to Sons of Norway can rest easy knowing that their money is in great hands. Because of our investment philosophy, all elements of our investment portfolio will:

- Meet our conservative investment policy
- Provide financial integrity to meet our obligations
- Provide competitive rates of return on life insurance and annuity certificates held by our members

Prudent business practices and our conservative investment policy have served our members very well in the past and we are confident that they will continue to do so in the future, keeping Sons of Norway safe, strong, and secure.

Leonard Carlson, Director of Agencies



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Foundation News

By Cindy Olson, Director Sons of Norway Foundations

Greetings from the Sons of Norway Foundation office!

The 2009 Helping Hands to Children Grants have been awarded. I am attaching a [word document listing](#). These grants are awarded to financially support Adopt A School and children's heritage programming. We have 25 awards this year. Donations from our lodges and members to the Sons of Norway Foundation Humanitarian Fund make these grants possible.

Our lodges are making a difference in the lives of children in their communities by partnering with local schools through Sons of Norway's Adopt A School to bring in Norwegian programming, purchase books, collaborate with musicians, teach lefse and krumkake baking and a variety of other innovative ideas. We are helping to sponsor Barneløpet events, Mini Norwegian Day Camps and Children's Heritage Fairs.

Your Sons of Norway Foundation is active in so many ways. Soon you will be hearing from us on the 2009 General Heritage and Culture Grants, Local Lodge Partnership Grants and, of course, all of our scholarships. We invite you to visit the Foundation section of the Sons of Norway website for details on the grant and scholarship applications and guidelines and to view listings of grant and scholarship recipients.

Thank you for all you do to promote both the grant and scholarship opportunities to our members and how giving to our Foundation is making a difference.

Hilsen,

Cindy Olson
Director
Sons of Norway Foundation

Don't forget to:





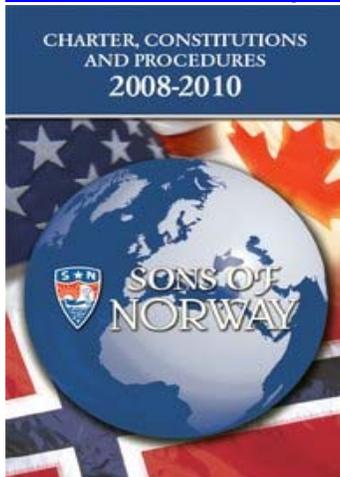
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Publicity

by Mary Andersen

[New Sons of Norway Charter & Constitution](#)



Recently Sons of Norway unveiled the reboot of its [Charter and Constitution](#). The resulting document is the culmination of more than two years of hard work on the part of a committee who have shown great dedication. This new document constitutes a big change in layout and organization of information. Our own Auden Gythfeldt was Chairman of the Committee responsible for the reboot.

Click on the link above and read the interview with Auden.

Utveksling av ideer (exchange of ideas)

At the March Third District Board Meeting, our President asked each Board member to one recommendation on how to improve to improve the Sons of Norway. The results are ideas we can all apply:

- every member is a mentor
- meet enthusiasm with enthusiasm
- feed them and they will come
- have activities that keep people involved
- have someone demonstrating some kind of craft
- publicize your events
- communicate with a personal touch
- get kids involved
- develop succession planning
- inform people of new Norway as well as old Norway
- friendliness - have an experienced member as your greeter
- encourage members to be more friendly with prospects and new members
- before a member's first renewal, send them a card
- successful programs and outing are because two people get together outside of a meeting
- communication, communication, communication



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Extract from a local lodge newsletter

One benefit of being Public Relations director is having the opportunity to see many of the great newsletters prepared by all of you!

Excerpt from the Norumbega's President Andrew Holman April letter

We've finally made it through winter. And what a long winter it has been. It was like an unwelcome guest who wouldn't leave. There is a Norwegian expression: *Når våren kommer, er vintren glemt.* (When spring comes, winter is forgotten.) In the Roman Empire April was the second month of the year. The word April is related to the Latin word *aperire* which means to open or to make ready. We can see nature opening up through the early flowers that are beginning to bloom. Leaves are budding on the trees. The earth opens up to receive seeds and sunshine. In the Old Norse calendar we have the very last part of winter. April 14 is called Summer Day, the first day of summer. This was an important pagan festival in the pre-Christian Viking era. On this day you should turn your *primstav*, the stick calendar, to the summer side. This day was seen as a new beginning by some, as many people (especially servants) moved on this day.

Another excerpt from Norumbega's April Tidende

A Bit Norwegian History

It is estimated that over the years and extending well into the first quarter of the twentieth century nearly twenty law suits have been brought against Trinity Church in an effort to recover the property. It has also been the object of various schemes perpetrated by swindlers seeking to attract investors with hopes of sharing in the inheritance. As one writer describes it, Anneke and her husband Roelof Jansen could never have dreamed that what once had been their plot of land would become perhaps the most expensive piece of real estate on the entire continent and also, "a *cause célèbre* in the annals of American jurisprudence." Marriage between the Dutch and Norwegians in New Amsterdam was not uncommon. Perhaps the most celebrated was when Dutch landowner Jan Van der Bilt married Anneken Hendricks from Bergen, thus marking the beginning of one of the oldest and wealthiest families in America. From this same line came the Remsen and Rosenkrantz families, resulting from intermarriages which can ultimately be traced back to Norway.

Another of the early Norwegian settlers in New Amsterdam, who arrived in 1633, was Hans Hansen Bergen, also known as Hans Hansen Noorman, signifying his Norwegian origin. It is often suggested that what is today the largest and most populous county in New Jersey, and once a part of New Amsterdam, derives its name from that early settler or the Norwegian city, but that is merely conjecture.

The Andriessen family, originally from Fredrikstad, is especially well documented. Arriving in New Amsterdam in 1637, Albert Andriessen became a tobacco planter and later operated two sawmills, and was involved in numerous legal disputes resulting from his business dealings and relationships. Overall some fifty or sixty Norwegians are thought to have settled in America during the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, prior to the beginning of the emigration movement in 1825. In some cases they came as families under contract with merchants or landowners. In others they arrived as sailors or tradesmen aboard Dutch or English ships, and chose to remain. Virtually all settled in New Amsterdam, under the Dutch, or in Boston, under the English. In any case their



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numbers were small, but over time their influence great. Who was the first to arrive and when may never be known. The earliest firm date seems to be 1631, when an English sea captain brought Hugh Gunnison to Boston. Gunnison later became a judge in the Massachusetts courts, and his ancestors spread from New England to the West where in Colorado a city, a river and a national monument all bear the Gunnison name. And so it was years later, when the flood of Norwegian immigrants arrived on the eastern shores and soon made their way to the plains of the Midwest and across the mountains and desert to Washington in the north and California in the south - "from sea to shining sea."

Richard C. Gilman
Pasadena, California April 2009

Excerpt for Southern Star's The Strand

THE TERM ROSEMALING refers to a style of decorative painting characterized by vine foliage and flowers but also including live figure representations and landscapes in religious and secular scenes. It was used to decorate furnishings and equipment, drinking vessels and eating utensils, and the interiors of houses and storehouses. This colorful decorative painting flourished for a comparatively short time in the country districts of Norway. Roughly speaking, it lasted from the beginning of the eighteenth century to the last half of the nineteenth, a factor it has in common with European rosemaling in general. In certain parts of Central Europe such as Bavaria and Switzerland, a similar style of decorative painting penetrated the country districts about a hundred years earlier. Geographical conditions there made an early diffusion from urban to rural areas comparatively easy. The high point in rosemaling in Europe was reached about 1800. At that point, decorative painting activity declined or took other forms, such as imitations of the grain of costly wood.

The growth of rosemaling in Norway must be seen against a background of economic and cultural conditions. Growth and prosperity in both urban and rural society came as a result of improvements in agriculture as well as expansion of trade and communications. Farmers had more money in their pockets and this affluence, especially among freehold farmers, led to greater possibilities for the development of the arts and crafts. Among other things, this was expressed by improvements in farmhouses. By the eighteenth century, most houses had a fireplace with flue and chimney instead of the earlier open hearth in the center of the room with a smoke vent in the ceiling. The smoke nuisance, previously very great, was reduced considerably and walls and furniture were now relatively free of soot. In many places, windows and wooden floors appeared simultaneously with the fireplace as new elements in rural building patterns. More and finer furniture was also to be found, much of it painted and decorated.

The inspiration for rosemaling in the countryside came from the professional handicrafts in the towns. Into Renaissance and baroque styles decorative painting was incorporated, with vine foliage and flowers as important elements in style expression. Urban artisans took rosemaling as well as wood carving to the country churches. In the seventeenth century more and more country churches were painted; on ceilings, walls, and furnishings vine foliage and flowers now appeared in happy combination with religious scenes deriving from European art. Gradually the more urbanized upper classes and wealthy farmers acquired articles in the new fashion for their homes. It took several generations, however, before rural craftsmen adopted this urban style. It was well



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into the eighteenth century, when urban painters were already turning to a Rococo manner, that a few rural painters began to apply Renaissance and Baroque motifs to domestic painting. A contributing factor in the slow development of decorative painting may have been the absence of such a tradition in country regions. It is not without significance that, because the craft of painting was new, working methods had to be learned, tools made, and unfamiliar materials obtained. Then, too, urban painters regarded their rural counterparts as competition, and offered resistance rather than encouragement.

Some of our lodges offer Rosemaling classes; in addition, classes are offered annually at LOV. Rosemaling is part of the Sons of Norway Cultural Skills Program for the benefit of all members.

Youth Camp

By Evelyn Karpack, Youth Camp Director

Do you have a skill you can share?

Do you like working with children?

Looking to escape the heat and spend some time in the mountains?

We are finalizing our list of camp counselors for the 2009 Youth camp and there is always room for more!! Let me know if you can help in the following areas:

- **Language**- Young group- teach table prayer and anthem - with both groups can teach basic language, history, culture, games, etc.
- **Wood carving**- Actual wood carving with the older group and just simple wood working with the younger group.
- **Archery** - teach the basics.
- **Hardanger** - for beginners may use plastic canvas and then graduate to aida cloth according to the ability of the camper.
- **Nurse** - Mostly handle headaches, small bruises etc. and dispense medication as needed.

The classes are 40 minute periods each morning.

Besides conducting classes in the morning, we all help prepare meals, clean up after meals and chaperone activities which include transporting campers to the movies and to go canoeing. Counselors also help organize games and crafts in the afternoon and plan activities for the evening.

If you are willing to do what is needed and want to have some fun at the same time, please contact me to find out which spots are open.

Thank you,

Evelyn Karpack Third District Youth Director farmorkar@msn.com or 973-627-5634



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Sports

By Brad Thorson

Atlanta Lodge Jumps into Sports Medal Program with Both Feet

ATLANTA - Lodge 3-678 - Vennekretsen-Atlanta may be one of the newer lodges, but it is determined to make its mark both within Sons of Norway as well as the Atlanta Scandinavian community.

Just a year old, Vennekretsen-Atlanta has grown from its initial 40 members to more than 120. They have proven to be quite an active lodge and many members have been sought by other local Scandinavian organizations to join their own memberships or their boards. Their activities are not just social events. Many have found the Sons of Norway Sports Medal Program and are tracking their workout routines as well as other activities and earning medals by the handfuls.

Since they began working on the SoN Sports Medal Program in October 2008, the Atlanta members have earned a total of 40 medals. From young to old and even those in between, sports medals are becoming a major focus of the fledgling lodge.

At their March meeting, the number of medals they were earning really showed itself. The lodge handed out 15 medals that had been earned. The youngest person was 5-year-old Heritage Member Colleen Thorson who earned her 2009 Bronze Gangmerke. The oldest was 72-year-old Delores Johnson who earned her 2009 Bronze Idrettsmerke and 72-year-old Sonja Siders who earned her 2008 Bronze through Gold Idrettsmerke.

While everyone's medal is a story, these members show it truly does not matter your age or even your physical ability. Colleen walked with her dad. Delores who is wheelchair-bound did water aerobics with her husband.

Two members were brother and sister and took on the challenge -- Kristin Speer (11) who earned a Bronze and Silver Idrettsmerke and Michael Speer (8) who earned his Bronze through Gold Idrettsmerke.

Two others are cousins who proved being from Georgia did not mean they could not ski. Both Robert Bollin (8) and Jack Young (8) earned their Bronze and Silver Skimerke. Jack also earned his 2009 Bronze Idrettsmerke.

The middle of the pack was represented by Brad Thorson, the lodge Treasurer, interim Sports Director and self proclaimed cheerleader. Brad earned his 2009 Gold Idrettsmerke and his 2009 Bronze Gangmerke.

Brad also recently earned his 2009 Silver President's Champions Medal. As members are tracking their efforts for Sons Of Norway, they can also enter that information on the President's Champions website. While not related to Sons of Norway, both programs award points for



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physical activity all in an effort to encourage people to lead more active lifestyles. Brad decided that he may as well enter the information in both places and earn awards

"I have found myself pushing a little more in my workouts just to get the next award," he said. "It's just a piece of tin, but if that's what it takes to push a little harder or do another workout, who can put a value on it?"

The presentation of the 15 medals had an immediate impact on the other members. Two members decided they had taken a brake from exercising long enough. They both jumped back into their workouts, finished up the point requirements and earned their medals. They will be just two of the 12 medals the lodge plans on handing out at their April meeting - and that's as of the writing of this article. With the warm weather, that has settled in and spring sports kicking off, the lodge expects to earn even more medals and quickly.



Members of Lodge 3-678 show off their recently awarded Sports Medals. The lodge handed out a whopping 15 medals at their March meeting and plans to issue an additional 12 at their April meeting (as of March 17). Pictured are (from left to right): Erik Kind - lodge president; Jack Young who earned his Bronze & Silver Skimerke and Bronze Idrettsmerke; Colleen Thorson who earned her Bronze Gangmerke; Kristin Speer who earned her Bronze and Silver Idrettsmerke; Delores Johnson (seated) who earned her Bronze Idrettsmerke; Sonja Siders who earned her Bronze through Gold Idrettsmerke; Brad Thorson who earned his Gold Idrettsmerke and Bronze Gangmerke; Michael Speer who earned his Bronze through Gold Idrettsmerke.

Attention Third District Members! - At the March Third District Board meeting, President Ralph Peterson through down the gauntlet and challenged other Board members to earn a medal. (the gauntlet was a rather lovely garden glove with flower motif decorated with miscellaneous medals, thankfully Ralph did not model it for the Board). Our President said he would earn a sports medal and a cultural medal before the next Board Meeting!!! So far, three Board Members have taken up the gauntlet. To date the challenge has been accepted by Evelyn Karpack, Audun Gythfeldt and Marv Andersen. We will keep you posted!!! *If these auvs can do it. so can you!!!*



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“District Doings”

2010 Harrisburg, PA Convention Update

The contract is signed and the convention committee is going forward with the details!

61st Biennial Third District Convention June 9-13, 2010 Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

(The following is adapted from an introductory email sent by Kathy Dollymore, Zone 6 Director and Convention Chairperson)

Restauration and Fredriksten Lodges are pleased to announce that they are the host lodges for the 2010 3rd District Sons of Norway Convention. Although it is quite a distance in the future, we believe that you might be interested in information about the area and consider coming to the New Cumberland, Pennsylvania area either as a delegate to the convention or an attendee. We believe that we have a lot to offer in the area both for individuals and families and hope you might visit us in the future. The internet link <http://www.yorkpa.org> will take you to the Visitors Center which has a lot of valuable information about the area and local attractions.

As we get closer to the convention in June 2010, we will be posting additional information on the 3rd District website and emails to keep you apprised of items of possible interest.

Fraternally, Kathy Dollymore, Chairperson

Attention RVers!!!

Anyone interested in a District 3 RV rally? Our President is putting together a list of members who might like to attend a rally if someone wants to organize one. If you are interested please email the following information to NODAKRALPH@aol.com , preferably on an excel spread sheet, in the following format.

Name, Lodge, Street Address, City, State, Zip, Telephone, email address, cell phone number, type of RV (Class a, B etc), length

Ralph will collect the info and if someone wants to run a rally we will have the info ready.

Get on Board!!!

Norsk Carolina is planning a bus trip to LOV in September! For more details read their February newsletter <http://norskcarolina.org/News0209.pdf>



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Gotta get going and GOLF!

Mark your calendars!!

[Fourth Annual LOV Golf Tournament](#) in May (1st-3rd)

[District 3 Golf Outing](#) in September (17th-20th)

Celebrate Culture

Traditional Norwegian [Dance Workshop](#) at Land of the Vikings May 29 - 31, 2009

Are you travelling west for the Memorial Day Weekend? Hverdags Bunad Sewing Workshop at Trollhaugen Friday to Sunday - May 29 - 31 Call or email for information Phone - 509-452-9790 donnainwa@q.com

Will you be in the NYC area? Check out <http://www.norway.org/> for some cultural activities.

What's LOV got to do with us?

What Do You Think?

The LOV Operating Board would like to find names for four of the buildings at Land of the Vikings. The four buildings are: 1) the main lodge; 2) the "white house"; 3) the managers' house; and 4) the "butikk" building. The "white house" is a house next to the main lodge sometimes used for overflow housing for family reunions, weddings, and hunting season. The "butikk" building has two bedrooms upstairs and store space downstairs, currently used for storage. We would like suggestions from Third District members for names for these buildings, preferably something in keeping with the viking/Nordic theme of LOV. So: What do you think? Send your suggestions to any member of the LOV Operating Board and we'll announce the winning suggestions after the fall board meeting.

Tusen takk!

Rolf Ekloff, Chair (roek928@catskill.net)
Roy Berntsen, Buildings and Grounds (royb50@optonline.net)
Helen Timoney, Treasurer (helen953@optonline.net)
Luana Marie Jøsvold, Marketing (LMJ1705@comcast.net)
June Cooper, Secretary (junecooper@mindspring.com)

Show them some LOV

Join the festivities at LOV on April 25th and celebrate Oslo's [60th Anniversary!](#)



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“In the Zone”

Zone 1

Loyal Lodge

Loyal Lodge marched in the St James, NY St Patrick's Day Parade!



Zone 2

Morgensolen *Taken from the Morgensolen Nyheter*

Morgensolen held a Kjøttkaker Kookoff Kontest!



Congratulations to Joanne Graves who won the Kjøttkaker Kookoff Kontest. Congratulations to Debbie Jackson who lost the meatball contest by only ONE vote!!

Zone Director Judi Mack presents Joanne Graves with the Meatball Chef Award! Note the meatball tiara!!

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Suncoast Soup and Sweater Night *taken from the Suncoast News*





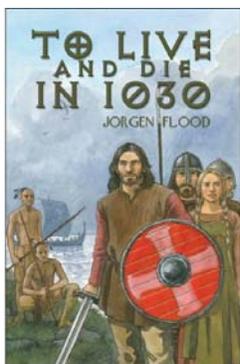
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Zone 6

submitted by Kathy Dollymore, Zone 6 Director

Restauration Lodge is honored to have author Jorgen Flood discussing and autographing his latest book at the April 10th meeting, Wallingford Presbyterian Church at 7PM.



For 250 years, the Vikings sailed the oceans of the world. Their exploits are legendary; they reached far into Russia, sailed the Mediterranean from one end to the other, and crossed the Atlantic to Iceland, Greenland and North America. At one point, they ruled much of England and Ireland. Few cities, even those far from the coastline, were safe from them. But it was not all raiding; they were also settlers and explorers. Leiv Ericsson had paved the way to North America; others followed. In 1030, Einar Sigvaldsson and his crew departed Norway, their plan to win gold riches in the land far off to the west. This is their story

Washington Lodge will be having a fantastic program with the wonderful group The Berntsons on April 17th &pm. Meetings are usually on the 3rd Friday of the month at 7:00 P.M. Most meetings are held at Christ Lutheran Church 3810 Meredith Drive Fairfax Virginia) or the Lodge Cultural Center 3846 Meredith Drive Fairfax Virginia



Norsk Carolina Lodge



Norsk Carolina spent the St. Patrick's Day weekend celebrating with Southern Star Lodge in Myrtle Beach.

Hampton Roads Lodge will be having a busy April. One of the highlights will be held on April 26 -The Norwegian Lady Ceremony at the beach. The King's Guard will play and Meyera Oberndorf will be presented with a framed picture of the "Dictator". A reception follows at the Lifesaving Museum.

Blafjell Lodge

April 25 "Land of Fire and Ice" Iceland-- Next up for us will be a Viking History Program at Wasena Elementary on the Leif Ericsson Saga on, then the Local Colors Festival in May, where we will bring our great heritage and culture to the Roanoke Valley and celebrate the 19th Local Colors Festival in Elmwood Park



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[The Hurtigruten Raffle](#)

Click on the link

As noted in last month's TDT, Hurtigruten has generously donated two cabins for our fund raising raffle. The logistics are still being ironed out and you will know as soon as they become available. In the meantime, if you are planning a trip to Norway, consider Hurtigruten!

Wintertime in Norway with Hurtigruten

Hurtigruten is truly once in a lifetime vacation. Authentic voyages to pristine lands.

Experience a spectacular Norwegian coastal voyage aboard Hurtigruten. Known internationally as "The World's Most Beautiful Voyage," this enchanting vacation showcases Norway's dazzling scenery of fjords, snow-capped mountains, bustling villages and picturesque towns. Our journey takes you to 34 charming ports between Bergen in the south and Kirkenes in the north, close to the Russian border.

Winter may be the most special time to experience the Norwegian Coastal voyage - a hidden gem. A truly spectacular time to see Norway's northern reaches with majestic scenery, the Polar Light and a surreal experience not found anywhere else.



Unique to the winter voyage are the exciting shore excursions including dog sledding in Tromso, snowmobiling over the frozen fjords of Lapland and the King Crab Safari. Here you'll dive into the Barents Sea where your guide will catch the mighty crustacean and prepare it for you for dinner!

Plus, what winter wonderland would be complete without an encounter with the awe-inspiring Northern Lights? Aurora Borealis is a truly rare phenomenon only occurring in the winter.



Check out some Hurtigruten deals: [Greenland expedition](#); also trips for [50% off](#)



Upcoming Events

April

2nd Norumbega - movie night
3rd Norumbega - potluck supper
3rd Loyal- Ham Dinner
3rd Sun Viking - Easter Program
4th Sun Viking - annual picnic
4th Zone 4 Scholarship Dinner at LOV
5th Nor-Bu - Får I Kål (lamb) dinner
5th Færder - Sister's night and Easter Parade
9th Norumbega - celebrating the life of Victor Borge
10th Morgensolen - Stan's Auction
10th Restauration -author Jorgen Flood discusses his book
11th Hudson Valley - Yutes night
11th - Junior lodge Easter Egg hung
13th Nansen - make your own sundaes
15th Scandia - luncheon
16th Bernt Balchen - Leadership Phase III
17th Loyal - Viking Auction
17th Nansen - Do Wop Night
17th Norrøna - Candle Lights
17th-19th [Zone 2 weekend](#) at LOV
18th Hampton Roads - International Children's Festival
18th Nor-bu - Brothers Night
18th Southern Star - Brookgreen Gardens Picnic
18th Sarasota - Inter-lodge picnic
19th Henrik Ibsen - *75th Anniversary Celebration*
19th Zone 3 Memorial Service
24th Loyal - Little Vikings
25th Oslo - [60th Anniversary Celebration](#) at LOV
25th Loyal - New Member open house
25th Blåfjell - Land of Fire and Ice/Iceland
25th Norumbega - Norwegian Folk Song Suite
26th Zone 1 (Brooklyn) Memorial Service
26th Zone 4 Memorial Service

May

1st Loyal - Cultural Dinner
1st Norumbega - Norwegian Singer Anette Haave Åsheim
1st-3rd [LOV Golf tournament](#)
1st Roald - Syttende Mai Fest
2nd Norumbega - Peer Gynt
2nd Hampton Roads - Azalea parade
2nd Southern Star- Lodge Anniversary Cruise
2nd Hudson Valley - clean up day at Elvedal

2nd Suncoast - 3D bowling tournament
3rd Zone 1 (Long Island) Memorial Service
3rd Færder - 17th of May Fest
7th Norumbega - movie night
8th Morgensolen - Syttende Mai
8th Norge - ice cream social
8th Sun Viking - Constitution Day Smorgasbord
9th Hartford - [45th Anniversary Celebration](#)
14th Bernt Balchen - 17th of May celebration
15th Norrøna - Syttende Mai Dinner Dance
15th Suncoast - Histor of Oslo
16th Nor-Bu - Syttende Mai Party
16th Nansen - Syttende Mai Picnic
16th Blåfjell - Local Colors
16th Norumbega - 17th of May family picnic
17th Syttende Mai Parade in Brooklyn, NY
22nd -23rd Suncoast Lodge - Syttende Mai Viking boat Regatta and Dinner Dance
23rd Norden - garage sale
28th Loyal - Ladies Auxiliary
29th Loyal - Little Vikings
31st Zone 1 - scholarship play

June

4th Norumbega - movie night
5th Norumbega - Innovation Norway
5th-8th Norge - Sunny Hill weekend
5th Loyal - Barbeque and St. Hans celebration
5th Roald - Ice Cream Social
6th Garbog - Atlantic City trip
6th Bernt Balchen - Viking Pork Dinner
7th Fram - Pot Luck Luncheon
12th Sun Viking -Ice Cream Social
12th Peconic - Barbeque & Viking Sail
14th Loyal - Lobster Party
14th Færder - dinner and Bingo
16th Nansen - St. Hans
18th Bernt Balchen - Strawberry festival
20th Hudson Valley - St. Hans Celebration at Elvedal
20th Norrøna - St. Hans Day at Budd Lake
20th Morgensolen - Midsommer Dag
23rd Nor-Bu - St. Hans (midsummer bonfire)
27th Blåfjell -Annual Smith Mountain Lake Picnic



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21st Blåfjell - Traditional Seven Cookies (3pm)

July

- 4th Sun Viking - Indoor Picnic
- 4th Bern Balchen - march in Hawley July 4th parade
- 4th Hudson Valley - Saugerties parade
- 12th Zone 1 - LI Ducks baseball game
- 16th Bernt Balchen - Surprise Social
- 25th Zone 4 picnic at Elvedal

August

- 9th Garbog - Picnic
- 9th Hudson Valley - 3 month picnic at Elvedal
- 16th Loyal - Family Picnic
- 16th Nor-Bu - Annual Picnic
- 22nd Blåfjell - Scandinavian Culture/Norway
- TBD Bernt Balchen - Annual Lodge Picnic

September

- 11th Loyal - Sister's Eve
- 11th Norge - Game night
- 11th Sun Viking Cultural Night Viking Auction & Craft Fair
- 12th Bernt Balchen - Annual Scandinavian Craft Fair
- 13th Hudson Valley - Soup Day; close Elvedal
- 19th Nor-Bu - Anniversary Month (67th)
- 17th Bernt Balchen - Financial planning
- 24th Loyal - Ladies Auxiliary
- 25th Loyal - Little Vikings
- 27th Loyal - booth at St. James Fair

October

- 2nd Roald - Viking Auction
- 9th Loyal - Octoberfest
- 9th Norge - Brother's night
- 10th Hudson Valley - Leif Ericsson Dinner
- 15th Bernt Balchen - Leif Erikson celebration
- 17th Nor-Bu - Heritage/Foundation Month
- 18th Loyal - *85th Anniversary Dinner*
- 22nd Loyal - Ladies Auxiliary
- 23rd Loyal - Little Vikings
- 24th Blåfjell - 13th Anniversary Dinner

November

- 9th Hartford - Scandinavian Heritage Day
- 14th Bernt Balchen - membership drive luncheon
- 14th Hudson Valley - Men's night at Maennerchor
- 19th Bernt Balchen - Ellis Island presentation
- 21st Nor-Bu - Fall Dance
- 21st Blåfjell - Grandin Holiday Parade (10 am)

December

- 5th Bernt Balchen - Annual Christmas Party
- 11th Sun Viking - Juletrefest
- 12th Hudson Valley - Christmas Dinner
- 13th Hudson Valley - Children's Christmas Party
- 19th Blåfjell - Julefest
- 19th Nor-Bu - Julefest



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