



# SONS OF NORWAY

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November, 2009

## Third District Today

### Fra Presidenten Ralph Peterson

Hei alle sammen,

The chill is definitely in the air in the Northern part of the District but it is still hot in Florida.

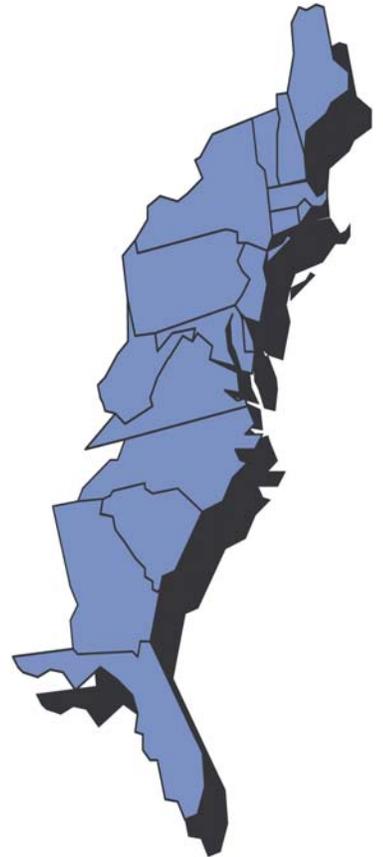
I attended the Leif Erikson regatta in Jensen Beach last week. It was a great event. The new accommodations were excellent and the Championship race between Gulfstream, Gateway to Florida and Lauderdale was very exciting with the onlookers on their feet for much of the race. The Gulfstream crew prevailed over the Jacksonville crew by a nose. The banquet was also great and had a big surprise for most attendees. Len Carlson, the head of agencies for SON, presented Helge Aursland with a beautiful gift in honor of Helge's 50 years of employment with the SON. I didn't think it could have been done but it was a very well kept secret and Helge was truly surprised. It was a great weekend and our thanks to the Gulfstream members who put on a great show.

By the way, if your lodge is interested in a new "Viking Ship" the Gulfstream Lodge is taking orders. They can provide a "shell" that you can finish off or they can provide the boat fully rigged. I understand that they have received two orders already. If your lodge is interested in obtaining a new boat contact Stu Richardson at [vikingstu@comcast.net](mailto:vikingstu@comcast.net) for more details. Perhaps our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary bash can include a Viking Boat Race.

AnneGrete and I attended the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Eidvsold lodge in Eidvsoll, Norway. It was a wonderful 3 day celebration. International President Dan Rude and his wife Betty also attended the celebration. It was a great event and one thing that really stood out was the high percentage of lodges in District 8 that attended the event. Over 60 % of the lodges in D8 had a representative there. They came by car and plane. That is fraternalism.

We will be presenting the NORSK CARLONIA Lodge with their charter on November 21, 2009. The New Bern Lodge is moving along with 37 members. If you know of anyone in the area who would like to join that lodge have them contact the President, Art Ellision, at 252 636 7547.

More lodges are adding their events to our 3D <http://www.3dsofn.org/home.html>. On several occasions I have heard comments like "I didn't know you were having that event". Make sure that





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your lodge information gets added to the events list and check out the list to see what is going on in the District. Don't miss out on the action.

We now have over 20 Financial Benefit Counselors assigned to our District with more coming. You can see a full list of the District 3 FBCs on our District web site as well as the home office site.

[http://www.sofn.com/financial\\_products/showPage.jsp?document=index.html](http://www.sofn.com/financial_products/showPage.jsp?document=index.html)

Your District, along with the rest of the Order, has lost about 4% of its membership this year. If you are one of the lodges who have lost membership I would suggest it is time to find out why. Take a look at how you are attracting new members and probably more important, what are you doing to keep your present members. I have seen lodges that use their membership committees get positive results. If you don't have a membership committee in your lodge I would suggest you set one up and if you have a membership committee but are not using it, I would suggest that you start using it. Survey after survey tells us that good programs get members to meetings and keep them coming back. Let's provide our members with those good programs. Think about setting up a mentor program and get your greeters going.



Some of you have already had a fall bazaar and many more are getting ready to host one. Some will be huge events and some will be a bit modest. But these are all very important events for many of us no matter what the size. They are not only fund raisers but they are also a significant source of new members. Besides that, it's a great time for all of us to get together. Good luck in your event and don't forget to put it on the 3D website.

For the second time this year Nansen lodge has signed up 10 members in a month. Go NANSEN!!!!!! Great job!

Fraternally

Ralph Peterson  
President  
District Three  
Sons of Norway

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Don't forget to:





## *Fra Vise Presidenten Gail Ekloff*



November -the time new officers are elected; when incumbent officers are planning for the year ahead. Now is the time to see what new ideas might improve your lodge. *"Many hands make light the work,"* they say, so as you plan your 2010 year calendar, why not get chairpersons for the first six dinners, events or programs you are having? They in turn can get their committees started. Modesty is a Scandinavian trait, but this year why not step up and help in **ONE** event. This will prevent "burn out" in the few who normally volunteer, and you'd be amazed at how much you get out of it in return.

Having used your membership satisfaction survey, you know which way your lodge wants to proceed and grow. Is it time you become a *"family friendly"* lodge? Where you meet, is there an area where young members can bring their children so they don't need a sitter? Have crayons and books for them to use. I'm sure many members with children or grandchildren can donate toys and items they have outgrown. Why not collect them and store them in an old toy box or crate to pull out at each meeting. Would your Cultural Director be willing to be in charge of this "box"? Don't forget to have "Viking for Kids" in the mix! You can order back issues or collect old copies and have those available for the kids to learn about Norway.

Not ready for an *"all out" family friendly lodge*, why not try 3 meetings a year oriented toward families and see how that works. Announce which meeting will be "family night" with all young children welcome. Make this meeting short, and a multi-generational cultural night. Try it and let us know what you did and how it went. Don't forget to post pictures on the 3D Website and in your newsletter.

As November is when we celebrate Thanksgiving, I would like to take this opportunity to THANK all the District, Zone, and Lodge officers for the time and effort they devote to help their lodge flourish; to all the lodge officers who give of themselves to help their lodge flourish; to all the members who make up Sons of Norway; to the ones who run bazaars; to the ones who donate items; to the cookie and sandwich makers, chefs and clean up crew; to the meeting setter-uppers; to the editors; to every member who makes up a Lodge, a Zone, a District...let us give a "Hipp Hipp Hurrah!", and my sincerest "THANKS" for "giving".

Alt for denne gangen,

Gail



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*Medlemskap scorer bord\**

LODGE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	TOTAL
Nansen # 410	1									
Washington # 428	1									
Oslo #438		1								
Hampton Rd. #522		1								

\*number of 999 members that transfer to a lodge- source activity report /Minneapolis

**REMEMBER THE 2 A'S TO GET NEW MEMBERS--- ASK AND ADVERTISE  
AND, TO KEEP MEMBERS, THE 2 M'S -----MENTOR AND MINGLE**

## Our Secretary Says

*By Marci Larson – Gateway to Florida, President and Third District Secretary*

During the fall, lodges have several administrative responsibilities that I'd like to remind our secretaries and presidents about so we can handle them in a smooth process. If you have any questions, please call me at 904-306-7513 or e-mail at [mlarson@northfloridatpo.com](mailto:mlarson@northfloridatpo.com).

For lodges who are changing officers, your Nominating Committees should have been hard at work preparing a slate of candidates since we must elect in November. If your lodge is changing officers, I'd appreciate your telling me so I can note it for both installation scheduling and the 2010 Membership Directory. I will be communicating with you in late October/early November so we can schedule a District officer to install your lodge officers. Would you please not make your own invitation with a district officer, but work with me re: your request. We'll schedule individuals based on their availability and travel funds available, etc., but we'll make every effort to honor your lodge choice as well.

It is extremely important that you complete the D63 Change of Officers form which will be sent to Lodge Secretaries shortly from SON in Minneapolis with a requested copy to me by Dec. 15. Even if you are not changing officers, you must complete the form and submit it. We had some confusion last year, so if you are unclear what to do, please let me know. Please pay close attention to this matter.

I plan to make changes to the Membership Directory so all pertinent lodge information can be listed on one page vs. two or more pages now, which means increasing the size. If possible, I'd like to reduce the cost for extra copies to the lodges, but that will depend on advertising that I can secure. If you have a business or vendor in your lodge/area who'd like to reach a sizable audience, let me know. I will send a directory order form in mid November and have it posted on the web site as well. Please return to me by Jan. 31 so I'll know how many to print. Updating the directory is a huge undertaking so making it error free is my goal. I will need your assistance to make that happen, so receiving a copy of the Change of Officers form is extremely important.



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As always if you have questions or need assistance, please let me know. It's always a pleasure to work with the members and lodge and district leaders.

## **Charitable Trust**

*By Louis O. Olsen, M.D., Counselor*

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the District Lodge No. 3

It is very gratifying to read the personal notes and letters you send with your donations. The sentiments you express continue to reinforce the fraternalism of your membership in the Sons of Norway. They can express "thank you", "appreciation", "gratitude", or "memorials". And they reassure us that you appreciate fully the role the Charitable Trust serves for our brothers and sisters going through hard times.

Regarding memorial gifts...Although these generally recognize deceased lodge members, for some they recognize family members, friends or a personal cause. All donors receive a letter of appreciation and a letter of recognition is sent to the recipient family members. As a memorial donation with a specific name attached to it, there is a special connotation. Although all donations become part of the fund, when an individual's name is to be recognized, each monthly check essentially celebrates that individual. In this way it is recognized as an ongoing memorial. This serves the Charitable Trust Fund's fraternal intentions for those beneficiary brothers and sisters of our district lodges who receive this assistance. It becomes a gift in perpetuity and is indeed a living memorial.

Fraternally,

Louis O. Olsen, M.D., Counselor

Please send your donations to me at 7 Farnham Way, Timonium, MD 21093

## **International Insights**

*By Barbara Berntsen, International Director*

The international Board of Directors meets the first week in November. Please let me know if you have any concerns for me to bring to the International Board.

**JOHN LUND RETIRES ON AUGUST 1<sup>ST</sup>** and **EIVIND HEIBERG WAS HIRED AS CEO** - by the International Board of Directors. There were 71 applicants and we congratulate Eivind and believe we have a bright future with him at the helm.

**FALL MEMBERSHIP BLITZ** - There is a new membership blitz that lasts from September 15 - December 15<sup>th</sup>. There are two categories for the lodges - small and large. Only dues paying members will be counted but Two lodges—one from the small category and one from the large category--that have the greatest percentage growth will each receive \$500, to be spent as the lodge wishes. Plus don't forget to take advantage of funds available through your Financial Benefits Counselor and host a membership recruitment dinner.



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**NEW ADOPT A SCHOOL COORDINATOR is Nicole Newman** - In addition to her role as Membership Coordinator, Nichole Neuman is assuming responsibility for coordination of Sons of Norway's Adopt A School program. Contact her with program success stories, questions and ideas at [adoptaschool@sofn.com](mailto:adoptaschool@sofn.com) or (800) 945-8851 ext 697.

**FOUNDATION NEWS -- THE THIRD DISTRICT AWARDS** - I would like to congratulate all of the scholarship and grant recipients.

**2009 Sons of Norway Local Lodge Partnership Grant**

Hudson Valley 3-432 Parade Float \$600 + Norsk Carolina 3-679 Syttende Mai Picnic and Parade \$350 + Gateway to Florida 3-541 Knut Erik Jensen Concert \$200 + Vennekretsen 3-678 Knut Erik Jensen Concert \$200

Cates Lodge - Madeline Lund University of Massachusetts, Amherst \$1,000, / Norumbega Tronvold Folk High School - Gabriel Cabrera Pasvik Hogeskole \$2,000 / Washington Lodge Oslo Summer School - Margaret Granum \$1,500 / Atlanta Vennekretsen Lodge Nancy Lorraine Jensen Memorial - Amanda Lund \$5,866 / Norumbega Lodge

**SONS OF NORWAY SURVEYS** - in recent year the Sons of Norway has conducted membership and information surveys. When questions are asked you will get answers that help us serve better serve members. You may receive a survey either in the mail or on-line. If you have any concerns about participating in surveys that relate to issues of privacy, security of information and anonymity because of identity theft and e-mail scams, all the information is anonymous and we do not collect or track IP addresses of respondents and avoid identifying information. In addition, we use a survey host, called Zoomerang, it complies with CASRO (Council of American Survey Research Organizations) guidelines to protect all respondents confidentiality with respect to surveys conducted. The data are reviewed and audited by both the State of Minnesota and a private consulting firm. Careful steps are taken so that members feel as comfortable as possible in taking the surveys. Remember these Sons of Norway surveys are always voluntary. If a member feels uncomfortable about any information requested, they should not complete the survey.

**NEW BENEFIT COUNSELORS** - These five new benefit counselors have been hired since the last board meeting. Please remind everyone to welcome them when they visit your lodges.

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**SALES UPDATE** - First year life sales are ahead of last year numbers and only 2% behind forecast. Our annuity sales continue to be strong. First year premium is at 127% of forecast and single premium is at 156% of forecast. The Financial Benefits Counselors are hard at work and getting into their busy season.

**TECH TALK** - We are very excited to announce some new features that have been added to the online signup function on [www.sonsofnorway.com](http://www.sonsofnorway.com). These enhancements should help your lodge make contact with new or prospective members sooner than in the past. Applicable enhancements depend on whether your lodge accepts members upon payment of dues or if your lodge requires a vote. **Does your lodge accept new members upon payment of dues?** If so, people signing up as new members on website can assign themselves directly to your lodge. They fill out the application for membership online and pay their dues with a credit card, hit 'submit' and immediately appear on your membership list. At the same time, your lodge vice president will receive an e-mail with contact information for the new member. No longer will your lodge have to wait until the monthly membership activity report to make contact with these new members. **Does your lodge require a vote to accept new members?** The about sign-on is the same except when the prospective member clicks the 'submit' button, an e-mail is instantly sent to the lodge vice president, and other lodge officers. The lodge vice president can then contact the prospective member with the application process and to answer any questions.

#### **NEW MEMBER BENEFIT - COUNTRY INNS & SUITES**

Country Inns & Suites will offer the members of Sons of Norway a brand-wide discount of 13%. This discount will be good at all County Inns & Suites hotels in the U.S. and Canada. Linda Nelson accomplished the negotiations to bring this discount to all the members,

*Have a wonderful Thanksgiving.*

*Barbara*

### **Past President's Post**

One of pleasures of my job as Publicity Director is interacting with members. After each TDT, I generally get a very nice call from one of the 3D's Past Presidents, Ed Trabulsy. I then noticed that Ed sometimes contributes to Færder's Glimt, so asked him to send in something for the TDT. Ed sent me a "Sons of Norway Bulletin" from 1974; as you read it, think about some of the themes and how it can be applied today. Thanks Ed!!

[1974 Sons of Norway Bulletin by District Lodge 3](#)



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## Adopt A School

*By Nalda Olson, Bondelandet 3-612, Adopt A School Coordinators*

The school year is well under way and so is the Adopt A School Program.

Tusen Takk to the lodges who responded to our appeal for success stories.

Tampa Bay Lodge members spend a morning each week with elementary students, helping with math studies and telling Norwegian Folk Tales. At Christmas time, they put on a skit, "Christmas in Norway". They wear their bunads and give each student a kurv (basket) for the tree. The baskets are filled with candy kisses. Tampa Bay Lodge, along with Home Office Helping Hands, they were able to buy Deltona Elementary School an outdoor table, chairs and umbrella for an outdoor classroom study area. The table is called - what else- the Norwegian Table!

Hampton Roads Lodge reports they were able to donate two books of Norwegian Folk Tales, printed in English, to be placed in the library for their reading programs. Also a monetary gift to purchase six copies of The Continuum of Literacy, A Guide to Teaching. The lucky school to receive these books is Diamond Springs Elementary School in Virginia Beach, VA.

Thanks to grandchildren, Bondelandet Lodge in Lancaster, Pa is able to "entertain" the 2<sup>nd</sup> graders at Highland Elementary School in Ephrata, Pa at Christmas time. They love dancing around the Christmas tree. And, they love the Norwegian heart waffles with jam and crackers with brown cheese. We were able to recruit two members from the newspaper publicity we received last year. One of the reporters asked if Norway was anywhere near Switzerland! The kids aren't the only ones we "educate"!

Third District Publicity Director, Mary Andersen, is "attempting" to teach me how to blog. Is it possible to teach old dogs new tricks? We shall see! Stay tuned.

Has anyone tried the public library for reaching out? Some have had problems with getting into the schools. Scouts, Cubs and Brownies are other possibilities. Let's hear from you. I'd sign off in Norwegian, but I'm Swedish - sorry about that!



## Publicity

by Mary Andersen

I have received a few comments regarding our new website and the TDT that I would like to address:

1. The Third District Today is for all members of the district, not just lodge officers; it is also accessible to anyone who visits our website. You can find the Third District Today by clicking on [District Newsletter](#) on the home page of our website. Since the website is a public website, the words "District Newsletter" were chosen as it was believed that "District Newsletter" would be understood by the majority of visitors to the website and implicit in the words "District Newsletter" is Third District Today. Hopefully, this will clear up some consternation.
2. The President's and Vice-President's monthly letter are generally distributed via email within a few days of receipt of both letters (schedule permitting). The letters are sent to lodge publicity directors and newsletter editors for whom I have email addresses; since I haven't received any rejects lately, I believe the email addresses I have are valid. The letters are sent before they are posted to the website; if you have not been receiving them it is either because I do not have your email address, you do not have an email address or my email is going to your junk or spam file.
3. The President's monthly letter can be found on the [President's page](#) in the [About Us](#) section of the website.
4. The Vice-President's monthly letter can be found on the [Vice-President's page](#) in the [About Us](#) section of the website.
5. Multiple web addresses - unfortunately, we currently have two web addresses and this can be confusing; ([www.sofn3d.org](http://www.sofn3d.org), and [www.d3sofn.org](http://www.d3sofn.org) ; the transfer of the [www.sofn3d.org](http://www.sofn3d.org) domain name has been a cumbersome and time consuming process and I am pleased to report it has just been completed; in the next month or so, we will have one address [www.sofn3d.org](http://www.sofn3d.org); thank you for your patience and understanding)
6. Compare the events in the TDT to the [Calendar of Events](#) on the events page of the website. Website analytics indicate that the events page is among the most frequently visited page; ***each lodge must enter their own events on the 3D website***; three separate emails have been sent with instructions; if you don't have them, let me know.

I hope this helps; if you have questions or comments please let me know; as mentioned in previous emails, the website and the TDT are works in progress, there is always room for improvement. You can email me at [publicity@sofn3d.org](mailto:publicity@sofn3d.org).



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## Sports

*By Phil Nelsen, Third District Sports & Recreation Director*

### Sports medal program

The program continues to grow with a few more lodges starting to send updates to me when their members earn a medal. There seems to be a great increase in the 3<sup>rd</sup> District for earning medals with various numbers that are coming out of headquarters and along with my own records, we may see an increase in medal earners of about 100% over previous years. It's difficult to tell since home office numbers run from Jan. - Dec. and my records run from June till May. (fiscal year for contest).

I attribute it to more and more to people being health conscious and also the fact that more members are learning about the program. There is, however, a need for improvement in communicating with me as far as recording results and I am now working on a consistent reporting avenue which will also help me keep records without much difficulty.

I have stated before that Zone 5 won the medal contest, but it must be noted that the most productive lodges were 1<sup>st</sup> - Atlanta, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Hampton Roads, 3<sup>rd</sup> Suncoast. All in all, a great effort.

### Bowling Tournament

The 3D Bowling tournament got off to a rocky start and ended up with a rocky finish. As soon as I announced the tournament, several lodges started off right away and then had to wait several months (until the other lodges bowled) to get the final results and trophies. Next year my intentions are to get it done by the end of April and also get more lodges to participate. Many thanks to the people who helped get other lodges together for the fun and competition. All the results have been announced and trophies delivered through various volunteers. Thanks to them also.

### Golf Tournament , Myrtle Beach Sept 17, 18, 19

The tournament, well organized by Keith Lavin, went off as scheduled. We played golf (best ball scramble) on Thurs and then feasted on a delicious laupskaus dinner prepared by Helen Timoney and her sister Marge with special assistance from Barbara Berntsen, Evelyn Karpack, Karen Doty, and others who worked hard behind the scenes. The hospitality room was covered by Helen, Evelyn, Karen & Phil Nelsen.

Friday night was dinner on our own. Saturday night after golf was the banquet where Keith announced the winners and introduced the featured speaker, Phil Nelsen, Third District Sports Director (and athletic supporter) who reported on the bowling tournament and also the sports medal program. The winning team, by the way was the Zone 5 Florida team of Stuart Richardson, Charles Nilsen, Jergen Fidge & Phil Nelsen. We had 32 golfers and about 25 non-golfers and hopefully next year we will have more of each and utilize the same Crown Reef Resort right on the beach.



## Celebrate Culture

*Taken from the The Strand – the newsletter of Southern Star Lodge*

### THE CREATION OF TIME

Norse creation myths were permeated by the natural elements that were regular features of the people's environment. The engendering of life, the formation of the cosmos, and the establishment of the heavenly bodies were all seen as determined by the dramatic collision of heat with cold, most vividly typified by volcanic activity in a sub-arctic landscape.

At the beginning of time, before the earth had been formed, there was nothing in existence-just a gaping void called Ginnungagap. To the south of this was Muspell, an impassable region which was bright, burning hot and full of flames. Freezing cold Niflheim ( which later became the land of the dead ) lay to the north. In the midst of Niflheim was Hvergelmir, a spring from which flowed eleven rivers collectively known as Elivagar. As these rivers flowed away from their source, the poisonous lees that the deposited began to harden and turned to ice. When the ice came to a halt the vapor rising from the poison froze into rime, layer upon layer until it had spread right across Ginnungagap.

Grim cold now emanated from Niflheim and that part of Ginnungagap that faced northwards, but the southernmost part was warmed by the sparks and hot wind that blew out of Muspell. As the rime met the hot gusts it melted, and from the moisture life began.

While the gods were creating the universe and life they also organized the cycle of night and day and the passage of time - the days, weeks, months and seasons.They did this by enlisting the aid of a giantess called Night, who was black and dark. She had three husbands, the last of whom, Delling, was of the race of the Aesir. Their son was called Day, and he was bright and fair, like his father. Odin took Night and Day and placed them in horsedrawn chariots up in the sky to ride around the earth every twenty-four hours. Night was drawn by a horse called Hrimfaxi ("Rime-mane"), who bedewed the earth with drips from his bit. Day's horse, called Skinfaxi ("Shining-mane"), lit up the sky and the earth with his luminous mane.

A man called Mundilfari had a son and a daughter whom he thought so beautiful that he named them Sun and Moon. Angry at such presumption, the gods stole away the children and put them in the sky to drive the chariots of their own son and daughter.

The sun and the moon moved fast on their journey, for two wolves, descended from the offspring of an ancient giantess who lived in a forest called Jarnvid ("Ironwood") east of Midgard, perpetually chased them. The one that pursued the sun was called Skoll, and he was destined to catch her. Running ahead of the sun, trying to catch the moon, (which he too would do someday) was a wolf called Hati Hrodvitnisson.



## What's LOV got to do with us?

### LAND OF THE VIKINGS

#### *A District 3 Cultural and Recreational Center*

For our new members and as a refresher for our more seasoned members, Land of the Vikings in Sherman, PA, may be a new vacation idea for you and your family. Owned by District 3, of which our lodge is one of 52, LOV is tucked away on 150 acres of peaceful valley in Northeastern Pennsylvania 35 miles east of Binghamton, NY surrounded by 5,000 acres of state game land and offers fun for the whole family. Hunting, fishing, swimming, golf, cross country skiing, snowmobiling and hiking are just some of the activities available on the premises or nearby. LOV is open year round and has all-inclusive packages at reasonable rates. Land of the Vikings is ideally suited for group retreats such as sports clinics, seminars, family reunions, weddings or anniversaries, providing privacy in a relaxed and comfortable setting. LOV also offers cultural and fitness programs such as rosemaling, folk dancing, wood carving, children's summer camp, Ski for Light and Sports for Health. To learn more access the District 3 website at [www.sofn3D.org](http://www.sofn3D.org) or call LOV at 570-461-3500.

## Basket Social

*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 December 6<sup>th</sup>.

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.

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.

Tusen takk!!

***Make your reservations for New Year's Eve now!!! Over 90 people attended the festivities last year***



## “In the Zone”

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!!

### Zone 1

*By Kris Rasmussen, Director*

To recap some of the activities in Zone 1 since the March Board meeting:

- Long Island and Brooklyn Memorial services were held in April and May respectively for our departed brothers and sisters in the Zone
- The Zone Committee met in April, May, September and October since the last 3D board meeting to report on and plan events in the Zone
- The annual Zone 1 bowling tournament was held in late March and hosted by Henrik Ibsen lodge - there were 5 lodges in attendance, 8 teams, 33 bowlers and 37 for lapskus at Ibsen afterwards
- Annual scholarship play fundraiser was held in a new venue with over 110 members in attendance to see “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat”, nearly \$2000 was raised
- Joint Zone Social meeting was held in June with Norden Lodge hosting the event at an all-you-can-eat-bbq held at the stadium before the minor league Long Island Ducks ballgame that featured Italian heritage night. In the spirit of Norwegian fraternalism I asked that members attending wear their sweaters, S/N shirts, etc. and we distributed over 50 Norwegian flags that we waved at every hit or play. I think we were noticed and we hope that in the future a Norwegian heritage night will be considered. Over 65 members attended
- A Zone lobsterfest was hosted by yours truly and the Mrs. on the grounds at Loyal’s Norway Hall - over 55 people attended representing 5 lodges - someday I might even have time to eat a lobster at a lobsterfest!

Upcoming activities:

- 18<sup>th</sup> annual Dave Morris Orienteering Challenge will be held in conjunction with The Long Island Orienteering Club meet November 8 at Avalon park in Stony Brook, NY
- December Zone meeting will host the annual Jul party for Zone committee members and a 10 basket raffle with all proceeds going to the scholarship fund
- Bus trip to the NYC Norwegian Seaman’s Church for their bimonthly Wednesday “businesslunsj” (smorgasbord) is in the planning stages for early spring
- Færder Lodge is hosting the annual bowling tournament 3/21/10 at Maple Lanes in Brooklyn



## **Zone 2**

*By Judy Mack, Director*

- A joint installation was held by Maine Nordmenn, Morgensolen and Norumbega Lodges the end of March. It was hosted by Maine Nordmenn Lodge.
- Zone 2 hosted a Viking Weekend at LOV with Luana as hostess.
- In May Zone 2 held a meeting followed by an impressive Memorial Service hosted by Hartford Lodge.
- Hartford Lodge celebrated their 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a dinner and dancing in May.
- Maine Nordmenn Lodge changed presidents in June.
- Maine Nordmenn hosted their annual Hummerfest with 13 lodges represented in August. The zone was well represented.
- In September the Zone was invited to gather at the Working Waterfront Festival in New Bedford, MA.
- The Zone has explored different activities which would encourage inter-lodge visitations and gatherings.
- Heritage fairs planned for the fall are as follows: Scandinavian Heritage Day, November 7, 10-3 hosted by Hartford lodge; Scandinavian Fair (Danvers, MA), November 7, 9-3 hosted by Morgensolen Lodge; and Scandinavian Fair (Acton, MA), November 21, hosted by Norumbega Lodge.

## **Zone 3**

*By Joan McKillop, Director*

The Lodges of Zone 3 continue to actively plan and hold meetings and special events for the Holidays, including Christmas Fairs to raise funds and other social events. Our Zone Scholarship Dinner Dance was held at Nansen Lodge.

The number of new members welcomed into our Zone 3 Lodges since our last Board Meeting:

- Nansen - more than 25 new members
- Noreg - more than 20 new members
- Bernt Balchen is a very active Lodge in their community and has published a book on the history of Norwegians in their area, and a second book is going to the printer...they are well recognized in their community.
- Nansen Lodge is also very busy and trying to keep up the Lodge and Picnic Grounds along with the caterer who helps a great deal in that respect.
- NorBu is also active with their community and regularly brings in neighborhood school children for a demonstration of Norwegian baking and the kids love it.
- Noreg keeps busy with extracurricular events such as music Sundays and Dinners once a week, open to all.
- Pleasant Point had no meetings during the summer but held their 60th anniversary Sept. 27 with a dinner at the Quality Inn in Toms River. The Christmas party is December 13 for adults and children. They have socials after every meeting which is the second Friday monthly. A few of the ladies knitted an afghan to be raffled off at the Zone meeting with



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the winner in attendance. The money will go to the scholarship fund. (The afghan was raffled off after the Zone meeting and it was won by Millie Johnson of Noreg Lodge).

## **Zone 4**

*By Arnold Johnsen, Director*

The 4<sup>th</sup> Zone held its annual Scholarship presentation and dinner dance at LOV April 4. Seven \$500 scholarships were awarded.

May 2nd Scandinavian Heritage Society; Rochester hosted the Zone 4 Memorial Service. The lodge planned a nice weekend for the seven Zone 4 lodges in attendance. The weekend included a historical tour of the "Sloopers" Norwegian immigrant sites located near Lake Ontario. A Zone Committee meeting was also held during the weekend.

On July 25 Zone 4 held their annual picnic at "Elvedal", Hudson Valley's summer meeting area in Saugerties. In conjunction with the picnic, the Zone held their summer Zone Committee meeting. Asst Zone Director Kari Williams conducted the zone meeting in the absence of the Zone Director, who was vacationing in Germany. The next Zone meeting was held at LOV Oct. 25 following the District Board meeting.

### Lodge Reports

#### *Hudson Valley Lodge 3-432*

Activity in HVL has been productive and rewarding. We all worked together to create a float for the Brooklyn Syttende Mai parade, which won First Place for Sons of Norway! We designed and built a different float using some of the main ingredients from the Brooklyn parade for our local Saugerties July 4 Parade. We won First Place for Best Float out of approximately 70 entries!

HVL celebrated St. Hans with our annual Pig Roast at Elvedal, which was very well attended by both members and visitors. HVL hosted the Zone 4 Picnic at Elvedal in July. Both events succeeded in spite of the weather. We closed Elvedal in September with our famous Soup Day.

#### *Scandinavian Heritage Society Lodge 3-433*

We hosted the 4th Zone Memorial Service at the historic Cobblestone Church in Childs. Our member, the Reverend Susan Maybeck, officiated. We also provided a guided tour of sites in the area associated with the Sloopers, first group of Norwegian immigrants to North America after the Vikings, and arranged for lunch at the Village Inn. Following the service, Bill Lattin, President of the Cobblestone Society of America and Orleans County Official Historian, led a tour of the Cobblestone Museum. Also, for our regular monthly meeting May 16, we celebrated 17 Syttende Mai at the home of Hjordis Einset on Seneca Lake.

June 20--The Lodge held its June meeting as a picnic at Swedish Hill Scandinavian Festival in Lodi.  
July 10-13--Some members and their families went on a camping trip to Alger Island in the Adirondacks.

July 18-19--The Lodge participated in the Jamestown Scandinavian Folk Festival with a display of Norwegian folk art and photography.

September 14--The Lodge hosted a group of 22 members of the Tysvaer History Club, led by Knut



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Djupedal, who were retracing the path of Cleng Peerson of the Sloopers. Peerson came from Tysvaer. They had a tour of Mt. Hope Cemetery in Rochester where Sloopers' leader Lars Larson and his family are buried, guided by Richard Reisem, visited sites associated with the Sloopers in Holley and Kendall, heard presentations on the Sloopers by Bill Andrews and Kendall Town Historian Joette Knapp, and had lunch at the Village Inn in Childs, which was an inn when the Sloopers arrived in 1825.

September 19--We resumed our monthly meeting schedule. The program was an account of the Norgesskolen by Nina Lutz who has attended two summers. We elected a nominating committee that will propose a new slate of officers at our October meeting for election at our November meeting and installation in January for a two-year term.

October 17- Adrienne Dahl will present a slide show on her trip on the Hurtigruten this summer.

November 21 - We will read Knut Hamsun's "Hunger" for this meeting and participate in a discussion of Hamsun, led by Mette Stromnes, as part of the celebration of the 150th anniversary of Hamsun's birth.

December 5 - Will be our 13th annual lutefisk dinner

December 19 - Our annual Christmas party

On a related note, I presented a slide show on "Anders Beer Wilse: World-Class Norwegian Photographer" to the monthly meeting of The Photographic Historical Society in Rochester and had an article on Wilse published in The Norseman, magazine of the Norse Federation.

### *Oslo Lodge 3-438*

It is with great pleasure that we affirm that Oslo Lodge is still growing. We continue to meet new people, invite them to events and ask them to join the Lodge!

We had a beautiful program April 19 presented by Sallie Steiner, one of our Unge Venner members and a recipient of a Zone 4 Scholarship. She had designed a video for a school project (she received an A) on the May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008 Parade in New York City that she and her mother attended. It was a delight to see such a poised young woman involved in Oslo Lodge. She attends Luther College and has already submitted an update of her activities for our lodge newsletter.

On April 25<sup>th</sup> we celebrated our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at Land of the Vikings. We had approximately 70 for dinner on the 25<sup>th</sup> with events all weekend. There was a Genealogy & Family History Workshop presented by Janet Brown, Membership Secretary; a card-making & scrap-booking room as well as a Scavenger Hunt for Kids, all organized by Amy Raimey; and, games and prizes for the kids. Saturday afternoon began with appetizers in Viking Ship Lounge and continued with dinner in the beautiful Land of the Vikings Dining Room, where Lorraine & Charlie Bentley and Fred Watt artfully displayed Oslo Lodge memorabilia. Arnie Johnsen, Zone 4 Director, was an exceptional emcee and congratulated everyone for bringing Oslo Lodge out of the ashes! Gail Eckloff, Third District Vice President, was an inspirational guest speaker and reminded us of the creativity that resides in the collective membership as we press forward. We were delighted that Third District Publicity Director Mary Andersen joined us. She also donated a lovely watercolor to our Viking Silent Auction, which was a wonderful success! We were very grateful for the members represented from various New York State and Pennsylvania lodges.

Although we did not have any formal entertainment, the Oslo Lodge Madrigals (a loose band of singers rounded up before dinner) lead "I Jesus Navn" sung to the Doxology melody, which was



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very nice. There was another important celebration as Martha Williams, a former Oslo Lodge President and former Zone Director had her 70<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration with family and friends. It was a great party! Martha's photo even made the Viking magazine! Although we captured much of the evening's event on video, our one regret is that in all our excitement we did not take a group photo. We hope that we all look good enough for the group photo for the next celebration! June brought a fun picnic at President Bjorn Solli's home, followed by a business meeting. Members were recognized for their recruitment efforts. Oslo Lodge was once again recognized with a certificate and a check for \$50! And in August we had a lovely picnic at Land of the Vikings, with 10 new people there! We were happy to have seven boys (ages 8-12) present! We had 30 people present, including three new members!

September 13 we had an optional event at St. Olaf's Chapel in the Adirondack Mountains. It was a unique experience - an unexpected touch of Norwegian culture. We followed it with an old-fashioned train ride through the foliage and ice cream!

October 18 is a new lodge event: **Central New York Scandinavian Day** (i.e., membership dinner). It will be a fun day and we hope that many will be so interested after their "Viking Voyage" that they will want to return for our **November Nordic Christmas Preparations** and the **December Juletre Fest**. The New Year brings an afternoon with Ole, Lena & Friends among other events. Come join us!

### **Oslo Lodge Ski for Light Update**

In the past Oslo Lodge had an active committee dedicated to raising funds to benefit persons with vision impairments. These funds were the result of dedicated Oslo Lodge members who promoted this worthy cause via community activities and involved businesses in fund raising activities in the Central New York area. The money raised was used for the Ski for Light programs including the orienteering and biking programs. Anne Larsen was the most recent Treasurer of this committee. Anne along with her husband Sarge and other long-time members worked diligently to raise these monies. Recently the account was dissolved and the \$2,986.36 was donated to the North East Pennsylvania Area Regional Ski for Light (EPARS) which will use the funds to help sponsor persons with vision challenges and their guides at LOV. As you may know, Bjorg Dunlop is the EPARS Treasurer and has been very active in this endeavor the world over. Thanks to Anne and Sarge Larsen for taking care of this on behalf of Oslo Lodge and thank you to all the members who champion this cause.

### *Nørrona Lodge 3-467*

#### **May 15 - Membership Drive Dinner & Dance**

Nørrøna hosted their second annual new member drive dinner & dance, co-sponsored by Field Staff representative, Sverre Aasgaarden, resulting in a gain of eight (8) new members.

#### **May 17 - Syttende Mai Parade**

The lodge marched in the 17<sup>th</sup> of May parade in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, with a nice group of young adults participating; one group was a three generational family. Nørrøna's parade marshal, Mike Frerichs, posted pictures on his blog site as well as on the 3D web page.

#### **June 20 - St. Hans Dag Fest**

A hardy group of Vikings braved the summer showers to attend a St. Hans celebration on Swartmore Lake in New Jersey. Large tents kept everyone dry for the barbecue and SON hospitality made it a great day in spite of the rain.



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## **September 18 - Pot Luck Supper & Brown Bag Auction**

The supper, with a wonderful variety of Norwegian foods, had a good turnout of members. Everyone enjoyed the Brown Bag auction, a fundraiser that netted over \$100 for the lodge.

## **October 16 - Heritage Night**

Norrøna will host a lapskaus dinner and video presentation by the Norwegian Immigration Association with Chairperson Rigmor Swensen as guest speaker. The topic: the Ellis Island exhibit "Norwegians in New York, Builders of City, Community and Culture". The exhibit is now housed at Heritage Hall in the Norwegian Christian Home and Health Center, Brooklyn, NY.

## **November 20 - Folk & Modern Dance Lessons**

Norrøna will have dance instructors teaching folk steps with some modern ballroom dance lessons. Accordion music provided by Eric Johansen.

## **December 13 - Children's Juletrefest**

Traditional Julefest and a visit from Julenissen with a gift for each child.

## **December 18 - Adult Christmas Party**

Traditional Julebord with Santa Claus giving out the warm Christmas Glögg. Music by the Eric Johansen band.

### ***Troll Lodge 3-476***

Troll Lodge had their first meeting of the fall season Friday Sept. 11.

The lodge served breakfast to members and parishioners of the Methodist church where we meet on Sunday, Sept. 13 after services. Our waffles were very popular.

Troll Lodge meeting Friday, Oct. 16 at 7:30, followed by OKTOBERFEST, we will serve sauerbraten, rolls and sauerkraut, also coffee and dessert.

Troll Lodge has the Annual Holiday Fair Sat. Nov. 14 at the United Methodist Church in Mahopac. Many vendors, Norwegian Bakery, cafe serving homemade pea soup, meatballs, lapskaus, hot dogs for the kids. Waffles made fresh all day 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Troll Lodge's Christmas Party will be Saturday Dec. 12, place to be announced.

### ***Norsemen Lodge 3-572***

In May we had a Membership Seminar presented by Arnold Johnsen after our regular meeting. On Memorial Day Week end we had a picnic at the Kris & Clara Johnsen farm. In July, another picnic was held at the K & C Johnsen farm.

September meeting included a slide show by one of our members' trip to Norway for the 1994 Olympics.

October meeting will be followed by Information on Genealogy and Bingo.

The November meeting will include making Christmas tree decorations and planning our Christmas party for December and future meetings for the New Year.



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## **Zone 5**

*By Carol Anderson, Director*

We have held two Zone 5 meetings this year -the first on May 23, after the Suncoast Lodge, Syttende Mai Regatta at Clearwater where the zone voted to set up a scholarship fund to be chaired by Viking World Orlando President, Keith Lavin; the second held on October, 11 after the Gulfstream Lodge, Leif Erikson Regatta at Jensen Beach, we discussed how in Zone 5 "no lodge is an island" and the need to start devoting part of the meeting to the sharing of ideas; successful lodge programs, outside activities, and membership ideas. In addition, Luana Jøsvold and Helen Timmony provided a LOV presentation at our Oct. Zone Mtg. Assistant Zone Director Gail Martinsen agreed to head a "Trip to LOV" committee. Both of these meetings were well attended by delegates and members, 3D and International officers.

Pleased to announce that Zone 5 won all of the 3D bowling trophies in the mixed and ladies competition. Thanks to the Atlanta lodge, with a little help from Suncoast lodge, Zone 5 won the Sports Medal Challenge for the first year.

The 8<sup>th</sup> annual Florida West Coast picnic was held in April.

Most of our lodges take the summer off and have just resumed for the fall months.

## **Zone 6**

*By Kathy Dollymore, Director*

The lodges in Zone 6 have all started back to fall meetings with new activities and September meetings being fall fests and pot lucks. A number of lodges are holding flea markets and putting the Sons of Norway name out to the public. Other lodges are inviting the public to activities / programs at their lodges to increase awareness of SON. Interesting speakers make for an interesting meeting making for an interest in Sons of Norway. Zone 6 is lucky to have Norse park. If you have not visited this beautiful piece of property try to get down to this little part of Norway in Freeland, Md. The Cultural Center in Washington, D.C. has a number of interesting articles and books, movies and the comfortable reading room is open before and after meetings and during other cultural center activities.

After making visits to 7 of 9 lodges and talking with officers of all these lodges the feeling is "love for the Sons of Norway, anxious to find a way to retain and increase membership, provide interesting programs, increase the young attendees at a meeting. These comments resonated within all the lodges I visited with good back and forth conversations concerning these issues.

**Hampton Roads President:** Edward T McCarthy <http://sites.google.com/site/hrsofn/>

The lodge will have its first meeting since June September 24 with a pot luck dinner and a "Meet and Greet" theme to welcome everyone back from the summer hiatus. Upcoming lodge events include marching in the Neptune Festival Parade at the Virginia Beach waterfront on September 26, our annual Christmas bazaar in November and our Christmas Party in December. We will have as our guest in November, Captain Vidar Tollefsen of the Norwegian contingent to the NATO Command here in Norfolk. All in all, it is a busy season coming up. I expect that we will be asked to march in the Virginia Beach Christmas parade as well.



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**North Carolina Vikings-President- Mike Tilder** [www.northcarolinavikings.org](http://www.northcarolinavikings.org)

Check out the events section of the TDT for upcoming events.

**Norsk Carolina Lodge- President Carol King**

[www.norskcarolina.org](http://www.norskcarolina.org)

Bruce Frazin our new SON D3 Financial Advisor, October 11, 1-4 p.m. Hardanger Embroidery at Holy Trinity October 17th – Geography of Norway -Plus Seasons & Climate; November 21st – Famous Norwegians & Norwegian Americans; Bowling starting back up- 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sat. in Sept & Oct and 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. Nov & Dec.; Norwegian Language Classes- October 11, 25, November 8, 22, Dec. 6,20- 1-3 p.m.

#### GET READY FOR A TRIP TO NORWAY

July 26–Aug 5, 2010: The cost will be about \$2500 each and will include transportation, all accommodations, many meals, excursions and much more! We have an Early Registration Form that requires a \$50 deposit. For the full Itinerary, detailed information and the form, please email or call Carol. This trip is “first come, first serve” and we do expect to fill it fast! We will be in Oslo for 2 nights and then to Sandefjord for 7 nights. We’ll be going to the Telemark Canal on a day trip, a boat trip to a lighthouse, swimming, shopping and much more!

**Fredriksten-President - George Gaunt**

Nov 14-Annual Flea Market; Dec- Juletreffest / music / dancing/ good food

The lodge is focusing on activities associated with the upcoming convention. There is active participation in the sports medal program.

**Bondelandet-President - Astrid Mullen** Monthly meetings held on the third Friday of the month- 7:30, at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, St Thomas Road, Lancaster, Pa

October 16- fall program on the Hardanger Fiddle- a beautiful decorated instrument was first made around 1650 in the Hardanger area of Norway. The fiddle has an extra set of strings that gives it a unique sound. November’s program will feature a program on Edward Munch, famous Norwegian Artist. One of his best known paintings is the Screamer. Christmas at the Olson’s Sat. 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Restauration-President- Kathy Dollymore** General Meetings - 2nd Friday of the month - held at Wallingford Presbyterian Church,

6 p.m. - Book Group-7 p.m.-Regular meeting

Oct. 9 Celebrate Leif Erikson Day - Show your spirit- Fly your Norwegian Flag-

Leif Erickson Viking Ship, Inc will be with us to give us a program on Leif Erikson & Vikings

Nov. 13 Visit with our Third District Public Relations Director / Financial Advisor Mary Andersen

Dec. 13 Juletreffest 1-5 p.m. at Springhaven Country Club

Restauration and Fredriksten Lodges are working diligently for the 2010 District Convention - We are aiming to make this a most family friendly convention incorporating quality vacation time with family along with Sons of Norway business.



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Now is the time to start thinking of new memberships as Christmas gifts for friends and family and introducing them to the lodge. Restauration has gained new members AND OFFICERS from this practice.

Washington-President Richard Nelson <http://www.son-dc.org/>

Oct 16-Annual Norwegian Arts, Crafts, hobbies Exhibition; Nov 20-Norwegian Missionaries in China 1900-1949 talk and film with Dr. Liliane Willens; Dec. 11- Annual Juletefest featuring Nordic Dancers of Washington, D.C. The reading circle was launched in 2009. Participants will be working on the Norwegian Literature Cultural Skills Program. Our Genealogy Interest Group now has an up and running wiki! Here you will find information on what the group is doing, how to track down your Norwegian ancestors, and how to complete the Sons of Norway Genealogy Cultural Skills program.

- 6,000 items in [Lodge Library](#) incl. 3,000 books, 233 films, 100 CDs.
- [Genealogy Interest Group](#)
- [Reading Circle book club](#)
- Picnics, Board Meetings, Classes
- [Hiking and Sports Activities](#)
- Earning points toward the [SON Cultural Skills and Sports Medal Programs](#)

Blafjell Lodge- President-Jeffrey Rigdon <http://www.lars1.com/sofn/index.html>

Regularly scheduled meetings, 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month, 3 p.m., College Lutheran Church, 210 South College Ave, Salem, except for special events. October 24- 13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner; November 21- Grandin Road Holiday Parade (10 am) and General Meeting (3 pm) featuring "The Traditional Seven Cookies"; December 19- Julefest 2009

Nordkap-President David Tønnessen Nordkap News has gone to a bi-monthly distribution. By contacting the lodge you can be included on the e-mail distribution. Only lodge members will receive hard copy newsletters via US Post. Nordkap had a wonderful Crabfest at Norske Park. We are now settling in to the fall and winter meetings. December 16 (Wednesday) Norwegian-American Club Dinner Meeting 6:30 p.m. - Attitude Adjustment 7:30 p.m. - Annual Lutefisk Dinner. For Reservations call Harald Jolle: 410.666.7107 or Einar Skretting: 410.667.6235



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**Remember our Veterans**



**Happy Thanksgiving to All!!**





## Upcoming Events

### November

- 1<sup>st</sup> Norumbega - Cultural meeting
- 1<sup>st</sup> Fram - Scandinavian Arts & Crafts
- 6<sup>th</sup> Loyal - Thanksgiving dinner
- 6<sup>th</sup> Roald - Thanksgiving dinner
- 7<sup>th</sup> Morgensolen - Scandinavian Fair
- 8<sup>th</sup> Færder - Annual meeting
- 9<sup>th</sup> Hartford - Scandinavian Heritage Day
- 9<sup>th</sup> Nor-bu - folk dancing
- 12<sup>th</sup> Norge - meeting, Church play
- 13<sup>th</sup> Sun Viking - Soup Dinner
- 13<sup>th</sup> Gateway to Florida - Thanksgiving dinner
- 14<sup>th</sup> Fredriksten - Flea market
- 14<sup>th</sup> Loyal - Bazaar
- 14<sup>th</sup> Bernt Balchen - membership drive luncheon
- 14<sup>th</sup> Hampton Roads - Norwegian Christmas Bazaar
- 14<sup>th</sup> Hudson Valley - Men's night at Maennerchor
- 14<sup>th</sup> Tampa Bay - Fall Festival
- 14<sup>th</sup> Troll -Annual Scandinavian Holiday Fair
- 15<sup>th</sup> Nor-bu - Tricky tray
- 19<sup>th</sup> Bernt Balchen - Ellis Island presentation
- 20<sup>th</sup> Loyal - Little Vikings
- 20<sup>th</sup> Henrik Ibsen - Sisters night
- 20<sup>th</sup> Nansen - Brother's Night
- 20<sup>th</sup> Norrøna - Folk & Modern Dance Lessons
- 20<sup>th</sup> Suncoast - International Amnesty Night
- 21<sup>st</sup> Nor-bu -rosemaling & carving (tentative date)
- 21<sup>st</sup> Noreg - Bazaar in Old Bridge, NJ
- 21<sup>st</sup> Norumbega - [Scandinavian Fair](#)
- 21<sup>st</sup> Nor-Bu - Fall Dance
- 21<sup>st</sup> Blåfjell - Grandin Holiday Parade (10 am)
- 21<sup>st</sup> Blåfjell - Traditional Seven Cookies exchange (3pm)
- 21<sup>st</sup> Southern Star - Christmas Bazaar
- 21<sup>st</sup> Gateway to Florida - Breast Cancer Row
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Nor-bu - folk dancing
- 28<sup>th</sup> Gateway to Florida - City of Jacksonville Light Parade
- 29<sup>th</sup> Nansen - Deck the Hall for Christmastime

### December

- 4<sup>th</sup> Loyal - Initiation
- 4<sup>th</sup> Nansen - First Christmas Party
- 4<sup>th</sup> Norumbega - Juletefest
- 4<sup>th</sup> Suncoast - Julefest
- 4<sup>th</sup> Tampa Bay - Julefest
- 5<sup>th</sup> Bernt Balchen - Annual Christmas Party
- 5<sup>th</sup> Loyal - Deck the Halls Glogg Party
- 5<sup>th</sup> Lauderdale - Christmas Party

- 5<sup>th</sup> Southern Star - Jultrefest
- 6<sup>th</sup> Færder - Children's Christmas Party
- 6<sup>th</sup> Fram - Holiday Dinner
- 6<sup>th</sup> Gateway to Florida - Julefest
- 6<sup>th</sup> Loyal - Children's Christmas Party
- 6<sup>th</sup> Nor-bu - annual food sale
- 10<sup>th</sup> Norge -Children's Christmas party
- 11<sup>th</sup> Sun Viking - Juletefest
- 12<sup>th</sup> Fredriksten - Christmas Party
- 12<sup>th</sup> Hampton Roads - Norwegian Christmas Dinner
- 12<sup>th</sup> Hudson Valley - Christmas Dinner
- 12<sup>th</sup> Lauderdale - Winterfest Boat Parade
- 12<sup>th</sup> Loyal - Adult Christmas Party
- 12<sup>th</sup> Henrik Ibsen - Children's Christmas Party at 1
- 12<sup>th</sup> Henrik Ibsen - Adult's Christmas Party at 7:30
- 12<sup>th</sup> Nor-bu - rosemaling & carving (tentative date)
- 13<sup>th</sup> Hudson Valley - Children's Christmas Party
- 13<sup>th</sup> Nansen - Children's Christmas Party
- 13<sup>th</sup> Norden - Christmas Party
- 13<sup>th</sup> Restauration - Christmas/JulFest
- 13<sup>th</sup> Roald - Christmas Luncheon
- 14<sup>th</sup> Nor-bu - folk dancing
- 17<sup>th</sup> North Carolina Vikings - Christmas Dinner
- 18<sup>th</sup> Nansen-Jultrefest - St. Lucia
- 18<sup>th</sup> Suncoast - Christmas Smorgasbord
- 19<sup>th</sup> Blåfjell - Julefest
- 19<sup>th</sup> Færder - Christmas Party
- 19<sup>th</sup> Norumbega - Juletefest for children
- 19<sup>th</sup> Nor-Bu - Julefest
- 20<sup>th</sup> Hartford - Jultrefest

### January 2010

- 6<sup>th</sup> Fram - Installation of Officers
- 10<sup>th</sup> Færder - Installation of Officers
- 10<sup>th</sup> Southern Star - Installation of Officers
- 11<sup>th</sup> Nor-bu - folk dancing
- 25<sup>th</sup> Nor-bu - folk dancing

### February

- 7<sup>th</sup> Southern Star - Super Bowl Party
- 7<sup>th</sup> Fram - Annual cod fish dinner
- 8<sup>th</sup> Nor-bu - folk dancing
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Nor-bu - folk dancing

### March

- 8<sup>th</sup> Nor-bu - folk dancing
- 12<sup>th</sup> Troll - Installation of Officers
- 13<sup>th</sup> Southern Star - St. Patrick's Day Parade
- 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> Gateway to Florida Viking Boat Regatta
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Nor-bu - folk dancing



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