



Elvesvingen Lodge 1-582 P.O. Box 1091 Mankato, Mn 56002

Blue Earth
Minnesota River

The Valle concert was a huge success. A big “thank you” to all who helped. This includes Chairman Linda Stelter, Irene Mickelson, Karen Abbott, Curt Eidhammer, Joel Brude, Stan Stelter, Stella Molloy, Kris & Dick Norland, Adrian Lo and Paul & Phyllis Olson.

Also to those who hosted the students in their homes and provided food for a potluck – Synnove & Robin Grinnell, Phyllis & Paul Olson, Linda and Stan Stelter & Jodie & Joe Wallschlaeger, to First Bank which provided 15 free tickets for high school students in our area and Bethany Lutheran College which provided housing for leaders of the group and space for practice and a family get-together. Once again, tusen takk to all of you!!

A hearty welcome to the following new members voted in at our March meeting: Michael and Judith Lokensgard, Jean Schimmele, Ruth Davidson, Janice Flowers, Don Anderson and Alan and Jane Torgerson. And congratulations to Curt Bjornson, who recently received the “Golden Member” recognition pin and certificate. Curt has been a Sons of Norway member for 30 years! He is to be commended for this support to our lodge and the International organization.

We have two special meetings in April. On Sat., the 24th, at our meeting at Bethlehem, the Lin-Hans-Rud members from Hanska will be our guests. Joel Botten, Jr. will show slides and sing songs about “Hanska – From Norway to the Prairie.” He has done extensive research about Hanska residents –where they came from in Norway, why they came to the Hanska area, etc.

On Sun, the 25th, we will celebrate our 23rd anniversary with a potluck lunch at 1:00 pm in the American Legion, Post 11 basement at 222 East Walnut. Past lodge presidents will be honored.

If you would like go to Hanska for their 5:30 pm Syttende Mai presentation on Sat., May 15th, send a check made out to Sons of Norway for \$14.00 to Linda Stelter, 228 Bittersweet Lane in Mankato as soon as possible. Seats are available now, but they often go very fast. If you need a ride to Hanska, or if you want to drive and take others, give Jodie a call at 388-2303. The bus trip to Stoughton, Wisconsin on May 14-16 was cancelled. Several people sent in reservations, but not enough to meet Wendinger’s requirements.

Recently, we lost Stella Molloy, a faithful and involved member. She passed away at Hennepin County Medical Center on Sun., March 28th, following a brief illness. Stella will be missed by many and we extend our sincere sympathy to her family.

.Keep collecting and marking items you no longer need, to prepare for our Elvesvingen Lodge garage sale. We probably will hold it in May but time and place are undetermined at this time.

Events concerning Denmark: The Danish Immigrant Museum located in Elk Horn, Iowa, is having special events soon. An exhibition of Danish Folk Costumes opens on April 21 and on May 29-30 there will be a Tivoli Fest in Elk Horn. Call 877-764-7008 for more information.

See page 42 of the April Viking magazine for a list of Bygdelag meetings starting in June. These organizations share ancestry from the same locality in Norway. Is yours listed?

Are any of you interested in getting together to sing familiar Norwegian songs and sing “for the fun of it”? If so, please contact Jodie at 388-2303. Ann Carlberg, Editor, 388-7334

Sons of Norway Elvessingen Lodge 1-582 Calendar, April, 2004

April 7-13 – Art show by Elisabeth Jenssen, student from Norway, at Conkling Gallery, MSU-389-1476

April 10 – 9 am to 2 pm - Nordic Brunch at Sheraton Bloomington Hotel to benefit Vesterheim Norwegian-American Museum. Cost \$38.00. Contact Jodie at 388-2303 or www.vesterheim.org

April 18 – 11 am to 4 pm – International Festival at East High School.

April 24 – 5:30 pm - Elvessingen Lodge meeting at Bethlehem Luth. Church. Talk by Joel Botten, Jr.

April 25 – 1 p.m. Elvessingen Lodge anniversary potluck at American Legion Post 11, 222 E. Walnut.

April 27 – 5:30 pm to 7:30 – Program on Sami oral traditions at U of Minn., West Bank. 612-625-4421

May 8 – 5:30 pm Elvessingen Lodge meeting at Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

May 14 – 7:30 pm – Swedish Club at Grace Lutheran Church. C. Elmgren - Recent video about Vikings.

May 14-15 – Hendricks – Syttende Mai – Main Street – 507-275-3192

May 15 – Syttende Mai program in Hanska. Call Jodie at 388-2303

May 15 – Starbuck – Lefse Dagen – Depot – 320-239-4604

May 16 – Minneapolis – Syttende Mai Minnesota - Mindekirken Church – 800-945-8851

June 4-5 – Story City, Iowa – Scandinavian Days. 515-733-4214, or www.storycity.net

June 11-12 – Nisswa – Scandinavian Folk Festival – 218-764-2994

June 11-13 – Roseau – Scandinavian Festival – 800-815-1824

June 12 – Calvary Lutheran Church, Rapidan 3 pm – 5 pm Activities, 5:30 picnic, 7 pm program.

June 12 – Embarrass – Finnish-American Summer Festival – 218-229-2198

June 17-19 – District 1 Convention in Rapid City, South Dakota.

June 17-20 – Faribault – Heritage Celebration- 507-334-4381

June 19 – Midsommar Celebration – American Swedish Institute – 612-871-4907

June 25-27 – Moorhead – Scandinavian Hjemkomst Festival - 218-299-5452

June 27 – Parade in Nicollet. Line up at noon.

June 27 – Minneapolis – Svenskarnas Dag: Swedish Heritage Day – 612-825-8808

July 4 – Parade in St. Peter. Line up at 9 am.

July 7-10 – Willmar – 7 Lag Stevne – Holiday Inn Convention Center – 320-222-1613

July 9 – Bemidji - International Day - Concordia Language Village – 800-450-2214

July 11 – Minneapolis – Norway Day – Minnehaha Park – 952-832-0164

July 18 – District 1 golf outing in Owatonna, starting at 9:30 am. Call Ann at 388-7334 for information.

July 24 – Bus trip to Nordic Fest in Decorah, Iowa.