



Greetings: I am sorry I missed the November meeting. I did get to view Rick Steves' videos about traveling in Scandinavia, but missed out on the sharing of ideas. A "big thank you" to Dick Norland for presiding in my absence. -- Jodie

Fra Presidenten, Jodie Wallschlaeger:

Bake Sale Very Successful

I want to thank Irene Mickelson, Linda Stelter, Carol Budde and Delores Buege for organizing and working at the bake sale on November 20th. And appreciation to all others who worked, purchased and contributed to this event.

Julebord on December 11th

We soon will celebrate the Christmas Holiday by our yearly Julebord. This is a potluck meal where each member is asked to bring their favorite holiday foods. If you have traditional Nordic foods you serve during the holiday season, please bring some to share with the group. We are asking the following in selecting what you will bring: If your last name begins with A-E - bring salads; HE-OD - desserts; Ol-Sk- snacks (cheese, crackers, etc.); and Sp-Z - main entrees. If this is a problem for anyone, bring what you are able to bring. I will call F-Ha people concerning serving help and food to bring. For this Julebord we meet in the basement of Bethlehem. Suzuki violinists, students of Mary Carlson (one of our members), will present a program. If you have Norwegian sweaters or red clothing, please wear them that night. We want to "set the stage" for a festive mood. We are asking that everyone help out as you are able when it comes to "clean up" time. We rent the church for four hours, and if we require additional time, it means more rent. We encourage all members to attend this celebration. We promise a time of good food and fellowship. Need a ride? Please call Dick Norland at 625-6060.

Cranberry Cakes for January Meeting

Call me at 388-2303 if you are willing to bring a Cranberry Cake to our Jan. 15th meeting at the Mankato Lutheran Home. Purchase and freeze 2 bags of cranberries now. They may not be available later. See recipe with the calendar, on other side.

Skogfjorden and Masse Moro Camps

Scholarships are available from the District and our lodge for parents or grandparents interested in sending their children or grandchildren to Skogfjorden, the Norwegian Language Village near Bemidji, MN or Masse Moro, near Eau Claire, WI. The deadline for applications is February 1st. They must be sent to our Elvesvingen Lodge first. If interested, contact Dick Norland at 625-6060 or Florence Netland at jnorseke@hotmail.com or 952-473-3180.

Fra Vise Presidenten, Dick Norland:

Gledlig jul og godt nyttar! (Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!) We had trouble making coffee for our November meeting, but will work hard to provide hot coffee in December. I would like to thank the many members that shared travel tips and experiences at this meeting.

Christmas in Oslo

My relative in Oslo celebrates Christmas Eve with a porkribs dinner, although other Norwegian families serve a variety of other types of meals. They used to do a lot of baking for Christmas, but now they purchase many of their holiday goodies.

Sympathy to Family of Mary Sampson

In November Mary Sampson passed away after a brief illness. Mary was a longtime member of Elvesvingen Lodge and served the organization in many ways over those years. We extend our sympathy to Orville and his family in their loss.

Play and Genealogy Expo

Twenty-four members and guests took the bus to Minneapolis for the "Don't Hug Me" play. It was a delightful musical. Nine lodge members attended the very informative Genealogy Expo at MSU.

Gift Items and Raffle Tickets

Special sale! At our December meeting, you may purchase Ekta Norsk Norwegian traditions books for \$10.00, instead of \$12.00. Other excellent gifts are calendars, crafts and greeting cards. Also, \$5 raffle tickets will be available for the two King Harold medallions before the drawing for them. Proceeds from these tickets will go towards our scholarship Fund.

District #1 Dues

At the District #1 Convention this June, yearly dues were raised \$1.50. Our dues, effective 11-1-04 are \$33.00 for the primary person and \$29.50 for the spouse. There is also a new family membership. Effective 1-1-05, youth aged 16-23 residing in the home of a parent or grandparent who is a member do not need to pay the \$19.00 dues charged before.

Know Your Community

On Nov. 23rd Jodie and Dick were interviewed about our lodge on the "Know Your Community" program on St. Peter Public Access, Channel 7.

Ann Carlberg, Editor 388-7334

SONS OF NORWAY ELVESVINGEN LODGE 1-582

Calendar, December, 2004

We are planning to serve Cranberry Cake at our January 15, 2005 meeting at the Mankato Lutheran Home: Call Jodie at 388-2303 if you are willing to furnish one.

CRANBERRY CAKE

3 cups flour (regular white)

2 ¼ cups sugar

¾ tsp. salt

3 tsp. baking powder

6 Tbsp. butter, melted

1 ½ cup milk

Mix the above, then add:

4 ½ cups raw whole cranberries, washed
and dried (Cut in ½, if you wish)

Bake at 350 for 50 – 60 minutes.

TOPPING

2 cups sugar

2 tsp. corn starch

1 cup whipping cream

1 cup butter (2 sticks)

Heat well and add 2 tsps. vanilla.

Boil rapidly for 2 minutes. Serve
warm over cake.

December 9 (Thursday) – 6 :00 pm – German Club Christmas potluck at Morson-Ario.

December 11 (Saturday) – 5:30 pm – Elvesvingen Lodge Julebord (Christmas table) at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Music by Mary Carlson's Suzuki violinists, readings, Christmas carol sing-alongs and more.

December 12 (Sunday) – 8:00 pm - "Defiant Courage", docu-drama on the History Channel.

December 16 (Thursday) – 6:30 – 8 pm - Lotsa Lotsa Lefse and Fruit Soup, Too! At St. Peter Food Co-op. Free. Register by Thursday, December 9. 507-934-3048 May register for classes and see entire brochure on website: www.stpetercommunityedonline.com

January 7 (Friday) – 7:30 pm - Swedish Club at Grace Lutheran Church, 320 East Main. Visitors welcome!

January 15 (Saturday) – 2:00 pm – Elvesvingen Lodge meeting at Mankato Lutheran Home, 718 Mound Avenue. Program by Adrian Lo and his students. Adrian will play his Hardanger fiddle!!

February 1, 2005 (Tuesday) – Deadline for applications for District and local lodge scholarship funds for camps at Skogfjorden, near Bemidji, MN and Masse Moro, near Eau Claire, WI. Applications must go through our local Elvesvingen lodge first. Contact Dick at 625-6060.

April 28 – May 1 (Thursday – Sunday) – Norwegian Adult Weekend at Concordia Language Villages near Bemidji. 1-800-450-2214

June 14 – August 18 (8 sessions) - Skogfjorden Language Camp near Bemidji, MN for ages 7-18. Contact Dick Norland at 625-6060 or norland@hickorytech.net or Florence Netland at 952-473-3180 or jnorseke@hotmail.com. See information about deadlines on February 1st entry above.

July 17 – July 30 – Masse Moro Heritage Camp near Eau Claire, WI for ages 9 – 15. Cost \$520.00. See information about deadlines on February 1st entry above.

Please welcome the following new members and add them to your 2004 yearbook:

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SAVE STAMPS FROM CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR THE TUBFRIM PROJECT!!

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