



Fra Presidenten - Jodie Wallschlaeger: May was a busy month for active Sons of Norway members. Many attended the Syttended Mai celebration dinner and show in Hanska and others attended another Syttende Mai dinner there. Hats off to Hanska! Both were great !

VIDEO OF NORWAY

Our May Sons of Norway meeting was well attended and Dick and Kris Norland shared a video and stories of their recent trip to Norway. It was very interesting and enjoyable for all!

STAMPS FOR TUBFRIM

As members left the May meeting, we distributed used stamped envelopes to them. One of our service projects is clipping cancelled stamps for Tubfrim, a program which sells them to stamp collectors to raise funds for children in Norway with disabilities. If you have time at home to help us with this project, please call Jodie at 388-2303. And as a reminder, keep track of the time you spend on this project. At the end of the year, we report all hours spent on service projects to help us maintain our non-profit status.

GARAGE SALE THANK YOU'S

On the 21st and 22nd of May, our annual garage sale raised \$168. A big "thank you" to those who hosted, donated, and helped with this. The fellowship and enjoyment in all of the above was fantastic!

OLD-FASHIONED PICNIC

Now for summer plans. In Norway Midsommer is a special celebration surrounding the shortest night and longest day of the year. Many bonfires signify the defeat of darkness. The trolls, nisse, and huldres are all part of this merriment. Please join us in celebration of Midsommer by attending the picnic on June 12th. Location and times are listed in the calendar. Bring the whole family! There will be carriage rides, games, demonstrations, potluck and a free Hanska dancer program! If you need transportation to Rapidan, please call Jodie at 388-2303.

DISTRICT 1 CONVENTION

On June 17-19, four delegates will represent our lodge at the District 1 Sons of Norway Convention in Rapid City, South Dakota: Carol Budde, Joel Brude, Linda Stelter and Jodie Wallschlaeger. They will attend several workshops and nominate Mankato as the site of the 2008 convention.

Joel Brude and Dick Norland will represent our lodge at the District 1 Golf Outing in Owatonna, MN on July 18th. If you are interested in joining them, please

call Dick Norland at 625-6060.

GREAT TRIP TO NORDIC FEST

We want to encourage member and guest participation in the July 24th trip to Decorah, Iowa, to attend the annual Nordic Fest. We have a full day planned with food, a parade, and a visit to the Vesterheim Museum! Send in your reservation soon. The registration fee includes transportation by coach bus.

Fra Vise Presidenten - Dick Norland:

BANQUET AT APPLEWOOD

Add September 18th to your calendar for our Fall Kickoff Banquet/New Member Event to be held at Applewood! Our featured speaker will be Reidar Dittman. He will be speaking on "Growing up in Norway's oldest and largest city, Oslo." Reidar presented a program to our group last year and he is an outstanding speaker! This event will also be a special opportunity to have our current members bring along a prospective member. Dinner will cost \$11.00 for each person. For those Sons of Norway members who bring a prospective new member, both the prospective new members' and the current Elvesvingen Lodge members' dinners will be paid for by the International Sons of Norway. This is a real opportunity to bring a potential new member to a fine event. So add the date to your calendar and begin thinking of a guest you wish to invite!

YEARBOOK PACKET

In preparation for the Fall Kickoff, we are putting together a yearbook/new member packet. It will include basic information about the Sons of Norway organization and specific information about our lodge, what a membership entails, what occurs at a board meeting and a general monthly meeting, what programs are planned for the 2004-2005 year, and a membership directory. The membership directory will also include members' Norwegian ancestry. If you are interested in including your ancestors' roots, please call Dick at 625-6060 to list the town or area of your heritage.

SONS OF NORWAY ELVESVINGEN LODGE 1-582 CALENDAR, JUNE, 2004

LOCAL EVENTS

June 4 – 6:00 pm Swedish Club potluck picnic at Seven Mile Creek. Bring dish to pass, beverage and utensils. Visitors welcome!

June 12 – 8:00 am – Make lefse at Grace Lutheran Church, 4th and Main.

June 12 - 3 pm – 5 pm At Calvary Lutheran Church, Rapidan - Activities including games, horse and buggy rides, food and craft demonstrations, hiking, biking and more; 5:30 potluck picnic; 6:45 FREE program by Lin-Hans-Rud dancers from Hanska.

June 27 – Parade in Nicollet. Line up at noon by the schoolhouse.

July 4 – Parade in St. Peter. Line up at 9 am at corner of 7th and Grace.

July 18 – District 1 golf outing in Owatonna, starting at 9:30 am. Call Dick at 625-6060 for more information.

July 24 – One-day bus trip to Nordic Fest, Decorah, Iowa. Reserve with Wendinger Travel – 507- 359-3111. Cost \$69.00 per person. Leave Bethlehem at 6:15 am. For more information, see blue flyer sent with the May newsletter.

July 29 – August 1 – Lefse stand at Blue Earth County Fair in Garden City.

August 11-15 – Lefse stand at Nicollet County Fair in St. Peter.

September 18 – **New Member Event at Applewood with Reidar Dittman as speaker.**

October 7-9 – Historyfest at Jack McGowan farm.

REGIONAL EVENTS

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

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

The Scandinavian Studies Program at MSU – Mankato offers opportunities for language studies in Norwegian, Swedish and German as well as many other courses that teach about the heritage of Scandinavia from the Vikings to modern design and the role of the Nordic nations in the modern world. Call the Modern Language Department at 389-2116 for more information about the courses. Call the Registrar's Office, 389-6266, to find out the charges for them. Golden Agers are allowed special rates.

Please note: We do not have our regular Saturday evening meetings in July and August, but we look forward to seeing you at other special times listed above.