



## God Jul og Godt Nyttaar!!!

**Welcome new members: Selma Braun, Kay Hubbard, Jan and Jerry Kallheim, Azad and Karen Mesrobian, Carol and Tom Severson. Maria-Claudia Tomanv. and Ruth Wold**

December Lodge Meeting: **Saturday, Dec. 9, 5:30pm, Bethlehem Lutheran Church**  
 Program: Julebord and Entertainment - (note room change: lower level dining room)  
 Potluck: See information below  
 Serving Committee: Norlands, Jan Prehn, and members (Bo-D)  
 Transportation Available for non- night time drivers: call Dick Norland at 625-6060

Hilsen Fra Presidenten- Audrey Morken. This will be my last greeting to you as your president. I am amazed at how time has flown. It has been a little over 2 years since I have joined Sons of Norway. I want to share with you how rewarding of an experience this has been for me. It wasn't more than 3 or 4 months after I joined when I received a call from the then Vice President- Dick Norland - asking if I would like to serve our board in some way. "Wow" I thought to myself. What an honor- he is asking me to serve on the Sons of Norway board. I was a little leery at first, not sure of what I was getting myself into. But after a few days, I thought what the heck. There is nothing like being baptized by fire, let me tell you! Fast forward two years and many board meetings, lodge meetings, committee meetings, bus trips, Lodge celebrations, Membership banquets, hot dog stands, and bake sales, I must say that I have enjoyed being in a leadership role for this club. I have met many wonderful people who are proud to be Norwegian. But most importantly, I have learned that it does take a village to make good things happen. There are many of you who work so hard behind the scenes to make certain events happen in our lodge. To them, I give the credit. They are the ones who volunteer at every fundraising event- even if it's just an hour of their time. They are the ones who pick up the phone to call members to remind them of an upcoming event. They are the ones who go out of their way to make some one else's job not so overwhelming. Yes, in spite of all of the not so nice things happening in our world today, there are people doing good things. Now it is time for me to move ahead as past president in hopes that our lodge will continue to grow. I thank every one of you for your support throughout the years! Keep up the good work and may you and your family have a happy holiday season!

**Apologies** - A sincere apology from Dorothy Viker for putting in the wrong Post Office Box for monetary donations for the Bake sale.

**Wanted:** Are you energetic and giving of your time? Do you have good ideas for programs and how to attract more members to our lodge? If so, we want you! We are looking for new future board members to lend us a hand. Please contact any of the following Nominating committee members: Dick Norland, Linda Stelter, or Audrey Morken if you would like to help us out.

**Language Camp Scholarships** - Scholarships are now available from our local lodge for parents or grandparents interested in sending their children or grandchildren to next year's summer language camps (Skogfjorden in Bemidji, MN or Masse Moro in Eau Claire, WI). The deadline for applications is Feb 1, 2007. Please contact Audrey Morken @ 387-2223, if interested. We



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We have 3- one- week scholarships to offer. We would like to see more of our members take advantage of this.

**The Annual non-profit Bake/Craft Sale** - The bake/craft sale committee (Irene Mickelson, Dorothy Viker, Linda Stelter and Delores Buege) says "Thank you" to everyone who volunteered in any way to help out with the annual bake and craft sale at Madison East Mall. They were very proud of the wonderful and colorful array of baked goods and crafts at the Elvesvingen Lodge table. We managed to raise close to \$1000!!! That surpasses last year's revenue. So again, Mange tusen takk to all the bakers, craft makers, candle stick makers (a little humor never hurt anyone!!), and to those who helped staff the event. Thanks also to those of you who made monetary donations. Some of the leftover baked goods will be sold at the Julebord.

**Looking for some great holiday gifts?** Stop by our info booth to see the new 2007 Norwegian calendars and Ekte Norsk Books. We also have troll coloring books for your children or grandchildren.

**December Meeting:** We will celebrate the Christmas holiday at our December meeting – our annual Julebord. This is a potluck meal- each member brings their favorite holiday food. If you have traditional Nordic food you serve during the holiday season, please bring some to share. Use "tried and true" Scandinavian recipes or "traditional" American recipes! If you wish, label food items with their Scandinavian name or American translation. **As a reminder: label your serving dishes/silverware so you take home your own items.**

**We ask that you bring the following potluck item- if your last name begins with:**

**A-L (fruits, vegetables, or salads)**

**M-Z (potatoes, breads or desserts)**

**\*Meat and beverages will be provided**

We encourage all members to attend this year's Julebord. **As an annual tradition- the German Club has been invited.** It will be a perfect time to wear your Norwegian sweaters- a time for good food, fellowship, and entertainment! We have a special entertainer, Tillie Tangler, who has been singing all her life. She won a karaoke contest one evening, which qualified her to be a finalist- and she beat out "Elvis"!! Uffda! Since then, she has performed at the Minnesota Nurses' Association at Gustavus Adolphus College, entertained retirees from the St. Peter Regional Treatment Center, and shown up at several anniversary and birthday parties. Life itself has brought about many funny stories, but Tillie also relies on stories from family and friends. A mix of humor with bits of wisdom will provide an evening of entertainment, thoughtful insights, songs, stories and laughter!

**Men's Choir** - If any male members are interested in forming a Norwegian Men's Choir please call Orrin Ausen at 387-7509 or Joel Brude at 278-3506.



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Blue Earth  
River  
Minnesota River

**Tubfrim Stamps.** When you receive extra mail over the holidays, please save those envelopes/stamps! Our lodge supports the Tubfrim organization in Norway. Canceled postage stamps are sold to collectors and dealers - the profits assist disabled children via the Norwegian Health Service. We have a former lodge member living in an area nursing home who is willing to trim the stamps to be forwarded on to Tubfrim. We are also looking for a local business interested in donating monthly billing envelopes. If your business or family can assist in this project, please call Jodie Wallschlaeger, 388-2303

**Bus trip planned for Sunday, Jan. 14.** Several of you have been asking about our next bus trip. We have one planned to go to the **Mindekirken Church** and to see the **Viking film at the Omni Theatre in the Science Museum on Sunday, Jan. 14.** The bus will leave from Madison East Mall parking lot next to Dairy Queen at 9:00am and return at 5:30pm. The cost for the bus fare and admission to the Omni Theatre is \$36 per person. The Norwegian church service starts at 11:00am followed by coffee hour at 12:00pm. We will then head to the Science Museum for the one hour Viking movie which starts at 2:00pm. Lunch will be on your own- you may want to even bring a sack lunch with you. The science museum has a few places to eat as well. There will be a light snack on the way back. This will be a fun trip. For more info and to sign up, please call Linda Stelter at 388-7139 or Kris Norland at 625-6060.

Check out the Information Table at our monthly meetings- pick up information on area event; SON financial products; sign up for lodge events/volunteer opportunities; view a copy of rec minutes/treasurer's report; check out the SON magazine for children under 15; purchase gift by the District One Sons of Norway fundraising committee; or simply ask questions.

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## SONS OF NORWAY ELVESVINGEN LODGE 1-582 CALENDAR December, 2006

- Dec. 1 - (Friday) 6:30 pm Swedish Club smorgasbord potluck at Grace Lutheran Church, 320 East Main St, Mankato. Visitors welcome! Bring a dish to pass and some Christmas cookies.
- Dec. 9 - Julebord, Bethlehem Lutheran Church Basement, 5:30pm
- Dec. 10 - Skandia Festival 11am-4pm, Scandinavian festival- music, food, vendors, Landmark Center - 75 W. 5th St., St. Paul, 651-292-3233.
- Jan. 14 - Bus trip to Mindekirken and Omni Theatre, 9:00am-5:30pm.