



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

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**Please help!!! Serving Chairs for 2007-2008 needed.
See below**

Lodge Meeting: **Potluck Picnic, Sat., June 9, 5:30pm- Land of Memories Park**
Serving Committee: Serving Chairs Sheimos, Stelters and Members (S-Sp) will provide desserts. Everyone else please bring a dish to pass.

Hilsen Fra Presidenten- Linda Stelter: Thanks to Warren and Irene Mickelson for the wonderful presentation of their trip to Norway and Denmark. Their pictures made everyone excited about going to Norway. Also thanks to Delores Buege and Dale and Gail Mikkalson and their serving committee for the meal and to Kris Norland for her piano accompaniment.

We have just concluded the last day of the bratwagon at Cubs. In spite of the rain, it appears that it was successful. I would like to thank all that helped: Joel Brude, Ilene Blume, Mary Jane Patchin, Karen Mesrobian, Kris Norland, Don Felch, Harlan Vee, Mark DeGarmeaux, Pat Jensen, Sig Svensen, Wayne Brekke, Ann Carlberg, and Duane and Janice Ahlness. And special thanks to Barry Bliesmer for the use of his grill, Audrey Morken for scheduling, Clancy Olson for opening and closing every day, and to everyone who supported us.

Some of us celebrated Syttende Mai by going to see Hanska's 23rd Annual Celebration. We will be celebrating Midsommars Eve on June 9th at Land of Memories Park in Mankato. I hope to see everyone there as this is our last meeting and last newsletter until September. Have a great summer.

June Picnic - Once again, the June picnic will be held at Land Of Memories park- just off of 169S. We ask everyone to bring a dish to pass for the potluck. We will have games and great fellowship with a "bonfire" to follow at dusk. It's that time of year again so it might be wise to bring along your lawn chairs and bug spray.

Echo Food Donation - Thanks to all who donated food items or money to help the Echo Food Shelf at our May lodge meeting. Our members donated 90 pounds of food and \$70 in cash.

Upcoming Summer Bus Trip , June 16 The American Swedish Institute in Minneapolis is celebrating midsommar with music, folk costumes, folk dances, food, games, and other outdoor activities plus offering open admission to the 100-year-old Turnblad mansion, museum, gift shop and bookstore. Scandinavian and local musicians will perform throughout the day. A mid-afternoon highlight includes the raising of the midsommar pole. Visitors can make flowered head wreaths, learn folk dances and songs, or just sit back and enjoy the festivity. A great way to celebrate the return of daylight after a long dark winter – a great way to celebrate the beginning of summer!

We have reserved a bus for Saturday, June 16. If interested, call Clancy Olson by **June 10** at 345-7818. Send a \$30 check - made payable to Sons of Norway – to P O Box 1091, Mankato MN 56002. Meet in the Madison East parking lot for an 8:30am departure. We will spend about 3 hours at the American Swedish Institute and then travel to Ingebretsen's Scandinavian Gifts and Foods for a short shopping spree. Bring a cooler if you anticipate purchasing food products. Approximate return time to Mankato is 4:00pm.

2008 Convention Planning Committee update - The committee welcomes suggestions for entertainment and decorations, etc. - from all lodge members! Contact tri-chairs Dick Norland, Jodie Wallschlaeger, or Audrey Morken . Mange Takk to DorothyViker for drafting the them- "Norse Star to North Star" and also to Marlys Heller for designing the logo, as well as Duane and Janice Ahlness for donating prizes.

Book Club - Anyone interested in forming a book club based on Norwegian literature please contact Linda Stelter.



Sons of Norway

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Serving Committee Co-Chairs needed for 2007-2008. We ONLY need 8 more volunteers- we'll provide the dates, serving tips, and names of members willing to help once per year-- YOU plan the menu! Call Kris Norland at 625-6060.

Scandinavian Hjemkomst Festival - Don't forget about this annual festival in Fargo, ND from June 22-24. There will be plenty of Norwegian food, arts, and music. Learn more by visiting www.scandinavianHjemkomstFestival.org

Books Warren Mickelson referenced:

Flight from occupied Norway to Sweden, across Russia to Japan & US

"Return To the Future" by Sigrid Undset, who was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature 1928

Publisher: Scandinavian Marketplace 1942

About the Norwegian Resistance:

1. "We Die Alone" by David Howarth
Publisher: The Lion Press 1955
2. "Assault In Norway" by Thomas Gallagher
Publisher: The Lion Press 1975 & 2002
3. "Two Eggs On My Plate" by Oluf Reed Olsen
Publisher: Rand McNally & Co 1952

News from the Norwegian American weekly/Western Viking Newspaper:

- Are you a golfer or watch golf on TV? Norway's best female golfer, Suzann 'Tutta' Pettersen has been making the rounds lately in the LPGA tour. Be sure to follow this exciting young star.
- Tromso, Norway got the nod to host the 2018 Winter Olympics should it decide to apply.
- Global warming is affecting Norway's landscape and glaciers. Over the past 10 years, Storbreen, a glacial area located in southern Norway has retreated almost 60 meters (more than 1/2 the length of a football field) due to melting.
- Oil found in Norway's North Cape- good news or bad news? Oil drilling in this region could yield about 500million barrels of oil, which would amount to 16 billion dollars. Environmentalists are not happy as they are concerned with oil spills and hindering Norway's beauty in this popular tourist spot.

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June, 2007 CALENDAR

- June 9 – Midsommar's Eve Picnic and Games- 5:30pm -?? Land of Memories Park off of HWY 169,
- June 16- Bus trip to Swedish American Institute
- June 22-24- Hjemkomst Festival- Fargo-Moorhead- visit www.ScandinavianHjemkomstFestival.org
- July 26-28 Nordic Fest- Decorah- visit website at www.nordicfest.com

SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!!!!