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President's Column

Hei og god dag til deg.

(Hello and good day to you.)

Last month I wrote about the coming of spring. It seems spring has sprung now along with typical North Dakota weather. It is shirt sleeves one day and full winter gear the next. No matter what, the days continue to lengthen and we can enjoy the longer hours of sunshine for several months to come.

Also mentioned last month was the intention of resuming monthly lodge socials. I'd like to thank all of you who came out to the Eagles Club on the night of the 26th and I pray that more of our members might feel comfortable attending in the future. I was very gratified with the turnout, the upbeat atmosphere, and the fellowship that occurred. The highlight of the evening was Todd Hanson's display of Norwegian antiques and the interesting presentation he gave explaining what each item was originally used for and how he had acquired each piece. For those of you unable to attend or interested in seeing more, Todd indicated that he loves to do private showings at his apartment in Mandan.

Interest has been expressed in resuming activities other than just monthly socials. Sons of Norway choir members want to raise their voices during the Syttende Mai picnic. We are in need of someone with musical talent to be our choir director. Please contact me, Audrey Solheim or Kenneth Lien if you would be willing to share your talent. There is also interest in resuming language and dance classes.

As stated last month, we will be having socials in April and May. Would everyone planning on attending please contact Nanc Skaret. As we get going again, we need to continue to be aware of the pandemic and act responsibly. If you're feeling ill, stay home and we will see you the next month. The Syttende Mai picnic will be Sunday May 16th at 1:00 pm at the First Lutheran Church on North 7th Street. We will keep you posted as plans for summer activities get developed. An update for members who have Sons of Norway insurance or annuities. Until further notice, your contact person is Michael Godbout with the Sales and Marketing team at the Minneapolis office. His direct phone line is 612-821-4632.

Ta vare og hold deg frisk.

(Take care and stay well.)

Dave Phillips



April Calendar

- 16 Social 6:15 p.m. Eagles Club
Menu: Ham, scalloped potatoes, carrots, salad, dessert
Program—The Fjords of Norway
- 22 Business Meeting—
1st Lutheran 7 p.m.

Future Calendar—May

- 1 Install Norwegian Exhibit,
Bismarck Public Library
- 16 Tree Dedication/Memorial
Service—1st Lutheran 1 p.m.
- 21 May Social—Eagles
- 27 May Business Meeting—1st
Lutheran 7 p.m.

If you need a gluten free meal let Nanc know when you call for your reservation.

Call at least one week prior for reservations. This includes all members planning to attend, "regular" status will not be in effect at this time. \$15/meal

For Reservations Call Nanc Skaret, 258-4703 or e-mail skaret@bis.midco.net





April Birthdays

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| Earl G Aune | 1 |
| Sophie Caldwell | 2 |
| Loretta Roningen | 3 |
| Garrett Blondin | 3 |
| Lynne Lafer-Halvorson | 5 |
| Louise J Benz | 6 |
| Milton O Lindvig | 7 |
| Katherine Henjum | 8 |
| Norma Jean Anfinson | 16 |
| Kenneth B Lien | 16 |
| Dorice M Oynes | 17 |
| Reese M Blondin | 18 |
| Evangeline Schultz | 18 |
| Bonita Lindgren | 19 |
| Myron Fischer | 22 |
| Pamela Lee | 22 |
| Tom Marple | 24 |

March Social

After three cancellations because of bad weather and Covid in 2020, lodge member Todd Hanson presented his program on March 26. Before dinner he talked with (l to r) Marilyn Campbell, Val Otto, Erlys Fardall, Helen Swenson, and Shirley Svanes explaining objects from his extensive personal collection of Norwegian artifacts.



Members wave hello at our first social since March 2020. There were 56 members who were comfortable attending the first social in a year.



Gratulerer Med Dagen



Congratulations on Your Day

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Current Membership 245



New Member

Scott W Woodham, Mandan

In Memory

Sylvia Watson, Bismarck, Golden Member



President Dave Phillips, at the March social, presented certificates to new Golden Members, (l to r) Eugene Weekes, Dennis Wang, and Bonnie Johnson.



Lodge officers, Foundation Director Duane Svanes and Meals on Wheels chairperson, new Cultural Director Steve Olson and new Vice President Ken Lien chatted after Todd Hanson's program on March 26th.

Heritage Center Donations

On March 16 Sverdrup a few Sverdrup members gathered to present items to the Heritage Center including are the bunader of Ella and LeRoy Naves. L to R are Jerry Saude, Dave Phillips, Marilyn Campbell Audrey Solheim, Margaret Phillips and Claudia Berg.



In addition our lodge records dating back to 1910 were presented to the repository, as shown below.

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Lodge Marshal Tom Marple received a recruitment certificate from President Dave Phillips.

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