



Sverdrup Nyheter

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President's Brev

Hei og god dag til deg. (Hello and good day to you.)

Sons of Norway encourages Lodges to have membership dinners once a year as increasing membership is an important goal. So, I encourage everyone to invite someone to the dinner. This year's dinner is scheduled for Tuesday April 18th at 6 PM at the Eagles. The social hour starts at 6 PM with dinner at 6:30. Since, ND does not have a SN Financial Advisor at present, a short video on financial products will be shown. Judith Hammer will present a program on Norwegian culture. The meal is free to all prospective members and to lodge members who invite them. Others attending will be charged \$18. Nanc Skaret 701-400-1371 or skaret@bis.midco.net needs your reservations by Saturday, April 8th.



Nanc is also taking reservations for the Thursday, June 15th intra-lodge lunch at the Eagles. Our Lodge is hosting a lunch followed by a riverboat ride and visit to the Heritage Center with the Fargo Kringen Lodge bus tour. Some people from the Maddock, ND lodge will also be on this tour. Cost will be \$31 for the lunch and boat ride. Boat capacity is 102 people with bus max about 50 so about 52 slots are available.

I have updated our formerly outdated website with current information.

I have also placed a link to this year's Trollfjorden Family Camp brochure under the Youth Camp tab. Located at Lake Metigoshe in the Turtle Mountains, the camp offers Norwegian language and cultural opportunities in a family retreat setting. The camp is open to Sons of Norway members, or the children or grandchildren of Sons of Norway members age 8 and older. This year it meets June 8 -11 with a registration deadline of May 17th.

I have placed a link under the Culture Groups/Sverdrup Folk Dancers tab to a list of folk dancing classes on You Tube videos. If you are not familiar with folk dancing, try to learn these basic steps at home. We are planning to have live music and a grand march after the program at the April social.

Tusen Takk to Jerry Saude for arranging the Family Bowling Event. It was a lot of fun for the 25+ people who attended.

Ha det godt (Have it good)

Ken Lien

Kalendar

April 2023

- 3, 10, 24 Language Classes
- 18 Membership Dinner, Eagles
RSVP 258-4703
- 21 Social Eagle 6:15 p.m.
Menu: \$15 Ham Scalloped
potatoes vegetable. dessert
Program—Dave Kolding on
Scandinavian Royalty.
8 p.m. Jim Geiger Music
- 27 Business Meeting, 7 p.m. First
Lutheran

If you have food allergies let Nanc know when you make your reservation.

***This is now being strictly enforced by the Eagles.
Make your reservations no later than the
SUNDAY prior to the social.***

For reservations, unless you are on the
"regular" list, contact Nanc at 258-4703
or skaret@bis.midco.net

**Wear your Sverdrup name tag to our
lodge events!**

May 2023

- 19 Talking Trails by Shawn Brannon
Menu \$15—Meatballs potatoes,
gravy, salad and dessert
- 21 Memorial Service and Tree
Dedication—potluck noon at 1st
Lutheran
- 25 Business Meeting 7 p.m.





April Bursdager

Earl G Aune	1
Sophie Caldwell	2
Garrett Blondin	3
Loretta W Roningen	3
Lynne Lafer- Halvorson	5
Louise J Benz	6
Milton O Lindvig	7
Katherine Jean Henjum	8
Sarah Johnson	15
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

Gratulerer med dagen

Hjelp Vår Ungdom” (helping our youth)

Our lodge's campaign to donate items for our community youth is continuing.

Plan to bring items for donation to our social meeting. This month we will again concentrate on hygiene products.

If you have questions, Sue Hammer Schneider, chair, can be contacted at 701-220-8559.

SN Bowling Party,



Recreation Director Jerry Saude encouraged members to attend the upcoming bowling party on March 26th. Jerry's encouragement worked- thirty lodge members enjoyed an afternoon of bowling.

As director of Trollfjorden Camp, Jerry also updated everyone on the camp to be held June 8-11

Pictured is Halvor Placek one of the bowlers enjoying the bowling party!

Easter in Norway

In Norway, Easter is known as påske. The period begins with *Palm Sunday*, known as *palmesøndag*. A Norwegian Easter is all about the *color yellow*. *Dandelions and daffodils bloom in the early spring* and are commonly found on their Easter tables.



Norway does not have the Easter Bunny tradition as enjoyed in the U.S. instead, Norwegians celebrate Easter chickens and eggs. Eggs are a symbol of rebirth and chickens are a symbol of fertility, which is why both are symbols of Easter in Norway.

Norwegians often spend Easter vacation in the mountains where they can ski and hike, and enjoy the outdoors.

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Current Membership 271 youth and adults



All in the Family

Harold Rolfsrud was thrilled to bring his daughter, Kelli Rolfsrud McCo, to the March social. Kelli was visiting from Alabama. She borrowed a Norwegian sweater from her father; it was a little cooler in Bismarck.

Families Around the World was held at the Bismarck Public Library on March 27th. Sverdrup Lodge had a booth again this year. Youth Director Elisha Placek designed an Easter egg craft using Norwegian folk art designs. The kids could turn the eggs into a necklace or bracelet. One young man decided to draw his own design. He drew the Sons of Norway Park stabbur pictured next to him in the exhibit. There were about 200 people in attendance at this event.

Eunice Wolf, Elisha Placek and Claudia Berg attended the library event. Elisha and Claudia staffed the lodge booth.



L to r, Greeter Carol Christianson, Treasurer Greta Bradley and Assistant Social Director Nanc Skaret staff the registration table at lodge socials.

FREE GENETIC GENEALOGY WORKSHOP

This session is open to the public!

Saturday, April 29, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

BSC National Energy Center Room 304

By Ron Stieglitz, Author, public speaker, researcher

Understanding DNA for the Genetic Genealogist
(Bring your laptop if you like.)



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