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President's Brev

Godt Nytt År Til Deg
(Good New Year to you)



Mild weather made for a great Christmas Holiday in Bismarck. Steve Olson put together a great program for the January social. Tusen Takk to Jerry Saude's exchange students for their sharing on Christmas Traditions in Norway and Spain.

This is my last column as the installation of officers is at the January Social. With my term of office coming to an end, I'd like to thank all of you for allowing me to serve as your lodge president for the last two years. I very much enjoyed the experience. The support received from our members and District 4 has been exceptional and much appreciated. Congratulations to Tom Marple who will be installed as your new president at this month's social.

Remember to come for the installation service if you have been selected to serve as a lodge officer. I am taking a trustee position on the new officer slate. I will also continue to maintain the website and am offering to assist others with computer problems.

Our lodge will continue spending a grant from the Scandinavian Foundation along with other community organizations to finance a Vinterfest celebration. This will be from mid-January to mid-February. There is a link to our website for this festival on our home page. We are hoping for more snow for some of the outdoor activities such as ski kick sledding. This didn't happen last year due to no snow.

I wish to remind you that while our mailed copy of the newsletter is in black and white, the one on the website is in color. So, you can print colored pictures from there or save a screenshot of a picture. If you don't know how to do that, get a younger person to help you.

Norwegian language classes are continuing with both beginner and advanced classes. Classes can be attended in person or virtually via zoom. The classes are free for our lodge members and a nominal fee is required for non-members or members of other lodges. Contact our instructor Tom Marple for more details at 701-663-1147.

Ha der godt (Have it good)

Ken Lien

Kalender January

- 17 Social: Bismarck Eagles 6:15 p.m.
Menu: Chicken breasts in gravy, mashed potatoes, peas; salad, dessert
Installation of Officers
A Deeper Look at Crossings and Norwegian Immigration
Overall (see page 2 for more info)
- 23 Business Meeting - 1st Luth 7 p.m.

February

- 21 Social: Bismarck Eagles 6:15 p.m.
Menu: Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, broccoli almondine, garlic toast, salad, dessert
- 22 Strategy Meeting at 10 a.m. - noon,
1st Lutheran, pizza for lunch
- 27 Business Meeting 7 p.m. 1st Lutheran Church

If you have food allergies or will have a child with you needing a child's meal, let Nanc know when you make your reservation.

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

This is now being strictly enforced by the Eagles.

Make your reservations no later than the SUNDAY prior to the social.



Enjoying coffee and homemade cookies are, l to r, Carol Christianson, Dave Soma, and Shelly Doyle.



January Bursdager

Catherine M Bergan	1
Beverly Tibke	1
Daryl Gronfur	2
Lance O Rustand	3
Julie C Schwartz	5
Conrad Jordheim	11
Lily Kroh	11
Robert W McCallum	12
Leonard Bjerklie	14
Ronald Larson	15
Erik M Hjemvik	16
Daniel Sauerwein	16
Karen L Fenster	17
Sharon Liudahl	18
Martha Zander	18
Marit M Erdmann	20
Ronald E Fox	21
Stephen Schilling	21
Sandra Holkup	22
Alice O Falkenstein	23
Elisha Placek	27
Karen A Vossler	27
Steven K Hamar	28
Keira R Knight	29
Jack Kom	30
Shirley J Nelson	30
Duane C Svanes	30
Cassius Placek	31

Crossings

Lori Ann Reinhall, editor-in-chief of *The Norwegian American*, North America's oldest and only Norwegian newspaper, will talk about this year's bicentennial celebration of 200 years of Norwegian immigration. Starting with the voyage of the *Restauration* from Stavanger to New York, Lori Ann will tell the tale of Cleng Peerson and the Sloopers and what their story means for us today. Find out about what is being planned by the Crossings planning committee and how you can get involved.

Liens

Ken Lien's family attending the social included, l to r, granddaughter Marit Erdmann, Kathryn Lien, and granddaughter Eva Erdmann.



Christmas



Sisters Judith Hammer and Susan Hammer Schneider pose with Susan's granddaughter Kenzie. Kenzie assisted with handing out the door prizes. Susan invited everyone to bring school donations to the January social. Personal hygiene products are needed and requested for both Bismarck and Mandan schools.



Lefse

The second lefse sale was held December 14th. Member Traci Juhala and two young shoppers hold their bags of lefse along with Susan Hammer Schneider, Jim Skaret and Claudia Berg staffing the Sverdrup booth.

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Welcome to Our New Members

Donna Pretzen, Nathan Kroh, Lilly Kroh, Levi Kroh, Beth Kroh, Lois Adsem, David Soma, Sandy Mundahl, Mike Mundahl, Kelly Pierce

The **December Social Program** featured Christmas traditions in Norway and Spain. Pictured is Lavrons Johnsgard, Jerry Saude's Norwegian exchange student, explaining traditional Christmas decorations. (pictured to the right)



Vinterfest

Vinterfest! is coming! January 19 through February 16, 2025. Numerous events are sponsored by Sverdrup Lodge and other events have a Nordic theme. Coming soon is the website, <http://www.vinterfest.org>, with a calendar listing all events. There are indoor, outdoor, educational, recreational, and creative events at community-wide locations.

A few events to get on your calendar now:

- The kick-off event! January 19- Snow sculpture event, 1:00 to 4:00 PM at the ND Heritage Center. Open and free to the public. Sponsored by Sverdrup Lodge, try your hand at carving snow and watch the pros complete a 10-foot, Norwegian themed snow sculpture.
- Crossings: 200 Years of Norwegian Immigration, with Ann Vadnie, January 30, 5:30- 7:00 pm at BSC. An OLLI program, register at [Osher Lifelong Learning Institute | Bismarck State College](http://www.osherlifelonglearning.org) or call us at (701) 224-5600, OLLI membership not required.
- Join Bismarck Parks and Recreation District and the Sons of Norway Sverdrup Lodge for an introduction to kicksledding, at Riverwood Gold Course, February 1, 1:00 to 3:00. Fun for all ages, attendees can expect to watch, learn, and practice kicksledding—a foot-powered Scandinavian sled used for winter transportation. Seven kicksleds of various sizes will be available; attendees will have the opportunity to take turns trying them out on a groomed route in Riverwood.
- It's Not Your Grandparents' Norway! with Tami Carmichael, Humanities North Dakota. This is a 4-meeting virtual class using the Zoom platform, Tuesdays, Feb 4, 11, 18, 25 - 2-3:30 pm CT. Classes are taught asynchronously, which means you can watch a recording of the class later if you miss the live session. To register go to <https://www.humanitiesnd.org/event-details>. Watch for more events and activities!



Retiring Lodge Musician Eunice Wolf has been the social pianist for several years. We are looking for a pianist to play a few songs at the monthly socials.

Visiting: Cathy Bergan and Vern Monger catch up on things along with Cathy's guests, DelRay and Deb Bergan.



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