



# Sverdrup Nyheter

Sverdrup 4-107  
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## President's Column

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

I'd like to start by thanking all of our Sverdrup Lodge members who took time to visit with the volunteers by conducted a telephone survey over the last few weeks. Your input is important when decisions are made concerning future lodge activities. Unfortunately, due to outdated telephone numbers in the records, the volunteers were unable to contact some lodge members. If you have changed phone numbers you may want to contact the international office at [www.sofn.com](http://www.sofn.com) or phone 612-827-3611 to update their records, which we use to communicate with you..



Before starting to write this newsletter article I heard a prediction for 50 and/or 60-degree temperatures coming in the next few days. That kind of forecast makes me think of spring and new beginnings. As it happens, "new beginnings" was the basis of what I hoped to communicate this month. After a year of no monthly socials because of the COVID - 19 pandemic, the decision was made at the February business meeting to resume having a social starting on Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup>. Much discussion occurred and many factors were considered before making this decision. The member survey responses indicated a strong desire to start up again. This was considered along with recent decline in the virus infection rate, the rapid roll out of vaccines plus reports of how the Eagles Club has done a very good job of adopting COVID responsible policies and procedures. Please know that it is understood that some members may not yet feel comfortable attending. Your decisions to attend or not to attend will be equally respected.

Currently the plan is to have April / May socials and a Syttende Mai picnic likely on May 16<sup>th</sup>. Historically we didn't get together in the summer other than for a Saint Olaf's picnic. Members have expressed interest in having more events at the Sons of Norway Park this summer. We hope this will give our "snowbird" members more opportunity to participate in activities. I will share more information as plans get finalized.

Ta vare og hold deg frisk  
(Take care and stay well.)

Dave Phillips

## March Calendar

- 25 Business Meeting—  
1st Lutheran 7 p.m.  
26 Social 6:15 p.m. Eagles Club  
\$15/meal  
Menu: Shrimp, rice, peas with  
pearl onions, salad and dessert  
***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.***

**For Reservations Call** Nanc Skaret,  
258-4703 or e-mail [skaret@bis.midco.net](mailto:skaret@bis.midco.net)

Cultural program to be announced.

### Upcoming Schedule

April 16—Social

May 16—Memorial/Tree dedication



**17th of May 2019**

Addie and Ted Thiede folk dancing with  
the Sons of Norway Choir standing in the  
background



## March Birthdays

Jordan P Davis	3
Mavis Anderson	7
Wyatt McCallum Miller	7
Harold A Rolfsrud	8
Delores M Johnson	9
Alex D Stein	12
Boston H Porter	14
Orville J Erickson	14
Susan O Lundberg	15
Archie Picchioni	17
Kay Joann York	19
Roger K Hagen	19
Mariah Svanes	22
Myrtrice D Ecklund	22
Dennis Wang	23
Brian Bjella	24
Dennis Svanes	26
Paulette A Vetter	26
Stephanie Kom	26
Bernard Falkenstein	29
Janice E Kolding	30
Joan Onstad	30
Margaret Phillips	30
Jackson Sommerville	31

List includes juvenile members



## Did You Know That . . .

*In Norway, Mother's Day is always on the  
**second Sunday in February.***

It is a day for showing appreciation towards mothers  
and mother figures.

A warm hug may be the best gift on Mother's Day.

## Gratulerer Med Dagen



**Congratulations on Your Day**

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## New Member

Lori Ronningen—Lincoln, ND

## In Memory

Amy Wisness, Bismarck  
Golden Member

Carol Svanes, Bismarck  
Harold Loritz, Bismarck

## Financial Benefits Counselor

Ann Krause has been our financial benefits counselor for a number of years and has attended many of our meetings and provided advice to our lodge members regarding the financial benefits Sons of Norway provides. Ann retired December 31, 2020 and now we have a new name to contact. The information is below. I believe this is a winter address.

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## Norway Reintroduces Dual Citizenship

Following a global trend of connecting worldwide, the Parliament of Norway approved changes to the Citizenship Act in December 2019 to allow for dual citizenship. This change, which took effect in 2020, means that both Norwegians living abroad and those living in Norway can have passports in their country of birth as well as their country of residence. Foreign nationals living in Norway no longer have to renounce their original citizenship in order to become Norwegian citizens.

Additionally, Norwegians living abroad may now become citizens of other nations without giving up their Norwegian citizenship. In some instances, people who previously surrendered their Norwegian citizenship in order to become citizens elsewhere may now apply to regain their nationality.

More than 26,000 people applied for dual citizenship in Norway in the first 6 months of the new law. Due to the surge in applications, and delays from the coronavirus pandemic, the wait times for citizenship are currently very long.

To learn more, visit the Norwegian Directorate of Immigration (UDI) website: [udi.no](http://udi.no).

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