



# Sverdrup Nyheter

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## President's Brev

Hei og god dag til deg. (Hi and good day to you.)  
My wife and I enjoyed the Vinterfest activities we attended. I hope you did also.



On Saturday Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>, we held a brainstorming and strategic planning meeting. Among the ideas presented were ones to restart dormant cultural skills groups for hardanger and rosemaling. Nanc Skaret may lead a hardanger group and Molly McLean may hold a rosemaling workshop in the fall. Vinterfest follow up is being planned – grants to finance are being pursued. Another Mystery bus trip will be planned in July and we may invite members from Germans from Russia and the Three Crowns Society to help fill the bus. Dave Helland has agreed to lead this year's Lutefisk Dinner in October. Thank you, Dave.

I encourage you all to come out and get some exercise on Family Bowling Afternoon at Midway Lanes from 4-6 PM on Sunday March 24<sup>th</sup>. We are reserving six lanes based on last year's attendance of 30 people. We will be serving pizza for supper. Call me at 701-850-0370 or email me [kenlien@midco.net](mailto:kenlien@midco.net) to let me know you are coming in case I need to reserve more lanes. Bumper lanes will be provided for young children.

This year's budget contains support for community, District 4 and International Lodge activities. These include Bismarck Arbor Day celebration, sponsorship for youth baseball, soccer and softball teams through Bismarck Park & Recreation and the ND Historical Society's Heritage Center. Also supported are Ski for Light, Trollfjorden Family Camp and supplies for Adopt a School.

We are hosting the 2024 District 4 Convention at the Radisson Hotel in Bismarck on June 27-29<sup>th</sup>. Our Lodge will have 7 delegates. We hope to have at least 7 alternates also. They will be selected at the March Business Meeting. Please attend the meeting if you wish to be a delegate or alternate. If you can't make it, send me an email stating your wishes. Alternates must be listed to be seated if a delegate is not present. Also, we will have a sign-up sheet for convention help at the March social.

We will be celebrating Syttende Mai on the Friday of the May social this year. The Memorial Service and tree dedication will be then. The member(s) to be honored with a tree dedication will be selected at the April Business Meeting.

Ha det godt (Have it Good)  
Ken

## Kalender

### March

- 15 Social—Bismarck Eagles 6:15 p.m.  
Menu: Cod, rice, vegetables, salad, dessert  
Program "Fun with Trolls?"
- 21 Business Meeting—Ist Lutheran 7 p.m.
- 24 Bowling—Midway Lanes 4-6 p.m.

*If you have food allergies 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](mailto: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.*

Wear your Sverdrup nametag to our lodge events!

### April

- 19 Social—Bismarck Eagles  
Program—Strolling Strings
- 25 Business—Ist Lutheran, Bismarck

## New S/N Mission Statement

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## Mars Bursdager

Delores M Johnson	9
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Kay Joann York	19
Norma M Sipma	20
Bonnie Hoghaug	21
Myrtrice D Ecklund	22
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Dennis Wang	23
Brian Bjella	24
Dennis Svanes	26
Paulette A Vetter	26
Aaron Barth	30
Margaret Ann Phillips	30
Jackson T Sommerville	31



Every February past lodge presidents are recognized, and those attending the social were Audrey Solheim, Lowell Jensen, Susan Hammer Schneider, Vern Monger, Jerry Saude, and Bob Johnson.



Also pictured is past president Louise Benz. This photo was taken on a Valentines Day visit to Touchmark.



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Current Membership 282 youth and adults





## Welcome New Members Nathan and Beth Kroh and children Levi and Lily



Steve Schilling's informative and entertaining presentation on Norse Myths was featured at the February social.

Sverdrup members wear their Norwegian sweaters for every February social.



February was a busy month, the annual strategy meeting was held Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup> and the budget was finalized at the February 22<sup>nd</sup> business meeting.

Lodge member Kevin Tengesdal, in the Viking helmet, and his guest Steve Rustand who borrowed props from the social presentation, they are naturals!



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