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President's Brev

Hei Alle Sammen

Tusen takk to everyone that made the May Social extra special this year: Dan Sauerwein, Judith Hammer, Jim and Nanc Skaret, Steve and Stephanie Olson and Jerry Saude. Last but not least a heartfelt Sverdrup Lodge takk to First Lady Kjersti Armstrong. The First Lady shared her Syttende Mai experience growing up in Norway. The First Lady was sincere and generous with her time. If she was not the last person out the door at May's social she was second to last.

Trollfjorden Language and Cultural Camp will take place from June 12 –15 at Lake Metigoshe. The theme this year is Christmas in Norway. Contact Jerry Saude at 527-4068 for information on registration.

We have several events coming up this summer that Sverdrup Lodge is participating in. We need volunteers and helpers for all of these events. They are:

1. **The International Festival at Dykshoorn Park**, Mandan, Saturday, June 21, from 10 am to 4 pm. This is a new event and we need help to share our culture with others. Contact me, Tom Marple, at 663-1147 to signup.

2. **Mandan 4th of July Parade**. Check the City of Mandan website to see where we will be staging for the start of the parade. Because of construction on Memorial Highway (The Strip), the staging area has been moved. No viewing will be allowed on the strip. Contact me at 663-1147 to ride the float or hand out candy.

3. **Ice Cream Social and Crossings Event** at the Former Governors' Mansion. Sunday, August 10th, 1– 4 pm. This is shaping up to be a great event. Hot dogs on lefse, entertainment from several of our own, very talented Lodge members. Contact Claudia Berg to sign up to help at cjberg3@outlook.com.

4. **Mystery Bus Tour**, July 9th, Jerry's got this one covered, all you have to do is save the date and sign up. Contact Jerry at 527-4068 to signup.

Because of the busy event schedule listed above we will not have a Mid Summer or St. Olaf picnic this year.

Finally, as most of you know Jerry Saude had two foreign exchange students this year. One of them, Lavrans Johnsgard, is from Norway. He helped out with the language class this year. He was a valuable asset in helping all the participants to become better Norwegian speakers. Vi ses og takk Lavrans!

Hilsen

Tom Marple



Kalendar

June

- 12-15 Trollfjorden Language Camp
- 21 International Festival,
Dykshoorn Park, 511 E Main,
Mandan - 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- 26 Business Meeting 7 p.m. 1st
Lutheran Church

July

- 4 Mandan 4th of July Parade
- 9 Mystery Bus Tour
- 24 Business Meeting 7 p.m. 1st
Lutheran Church

August

- 10 Ice Cream Social - Former
Governors' Mansion 1-4 p.m.
- 21 Business Meeting 7 p.m. 1st
Lutheran Church

Arbor Day
May 2

Custer
Park



Bismarck Parks and Recreation's annual Arbor Day was held May 2nd at Custer Park. Sverdrup Lodge is a contributing sponsor to this event. Members attending the event were, l to r, Aaron Barth, Molly McLain, Änja Barth and her friend Tachame Bashale, Emily Sakariassen, and Claudia Berg.



June Bursdager

Mark Holkup	01
James A Skaret	02
Dale L Johnson	04
Helen C Swenson	04
Norma S Lundstrom	06
Eunice A Wolf	06
Margaret Nordlie Gibson	10
Susan Hammer Schneider	14
Katherine Svanes	16
Harlan G Thiede	16
Tyler Rossow	17
Rose Ellen Larson	19
K lone Leet	19
Todd A Hanson	20
Shelly Doyle	21
Eldon Hagen	21
Judy G Johnson	21
Wayne Maurice Granfor	23
Brett Landwehr	24
Halvor Gustav Placek	24
Madeline Welder McCullough	25
Greta Bradley	27
Beth Kroh	27
Ruth A Olson	27
Nathan Kroh	30
Susan Wefald	30



Enjoying the May social are: l to r, Susan Wefald, Bob Wefald, Bob McCallum, and Ken Lein.

Dan Haugland

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Woodcarving

To help celebrate Syttende Mai at Missouri Slope Assisted Living Center Becky Barnes, a member of the Flickertail Woodcarvers, provided an acanthus woodcarving demonstration. Our member Vern Monger, who requested a little program in recognition of May 17th also attended the demonstration. Attendees were also treated to lefse and coffee.



Memorial Service



Relatives and friends of those departed lodge members are introduced and given a red rose at the Memorial Service. This year we remembered eight lodge members.

Here Jerry Saude and Judith Hammer pose with Anne Peterson Farrell and Catherine, of Herman Eggers' family.

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Current Membership 238 youth and adults



Tree Dedication Recipients



The 2025 Memorial Tree Dedication recipients are Steve and Stephanie Olson. A tree is planted at Sons of Norway Park in recognition of Steve and Stephanie's support for and dedication to Sverdrup Lodge.

17th of May Parade

Norwegian exchange student Lavrans Johnsgard and Navy veteran Bob Wefald led the Syttende Mai flag parade.



Some of the Participants in the Flag Parade



A festive group photo after the Flag Parade, l to r, President Tom Marple, Editor Audrey Solheim, Vice President Dan Sauerwein, former President Susan Hammer Schneider, First Lady Kjersti Armstrong, exchange student Lavrans Johnsgard, Marshal Paula Schilling, and Secretary Claudia Berg.



Special guest, First Lady of North Dakota Kjersti Armstrong, shared childhood memories of growing up in Oslo and the Syttende Mai celebrations that included parades with flags and lots of hotdogs and ice cream.

Although not as grand as on the streets of Oslo, the First Lady enjoyed our Flag Parade.

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