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President's Brev

Hei Alle Sammen (Hi Everyone)

To quote a familiar Norwegian song: *"Alle fugler små de er kommet nå tilbake!"* (All the little birds have now returned!) in other words spring has sprung! Thank you Joy Flynn for a great program on lesser traveled spots in Norway at the April Social.

Member Updates. At the last social Claudia helped everyone who attended in updating member information such as addresses, phone numbers and emails; it's important to update your information on the Sons of Norway website. If you do not have access to your Sons of Norway account, contact Claudia Berg with your corrections. We updated 40 members' contact information at the April social.

May Social The May social is important as we honor those members who have passed in the last year: Helen Binegar, Tom Dahle, Bruce Hagen, and Harold Rolfsrud. We are also honoring Carol Christianson with a tree in Sons of Norway Park for her hard work and dedication to Sverdrup lodge.

A group of us got together to practice a few songs to sing during the social. It was a great success. We will do the same at the May Social. If you are interested in joining us to practice a few songs **meet us at 5:30 pm before the May Social at the Eagles to practice.**

Syttende Mai Celebration Sunday, May 17th, 1– 4 pm, Heritage Center. Sverdrup Lodge is partnering with the Heritage Center. Wear your bunads or Sunday best and join us for an afternoon of refreshments, barnetoget and music by Project Constellation. We need Scandinavian treats for this event. If you are interested in bringing some bring them to the Heritage Center before 1 pm.

Trollfjorden Language and Cultural Camp, June 11-14, 2026

Do not pass up this Norwegian Cultural Experience on the shores of Lake Metigoshe. Registration forms are now available online: www.sofn-district4.com/camps. The deadline is May 15th. Scholarships are available for adults and children. Talk to me or Jerry if you have any questions.

THE DISTRICT IV CONVENTION, June 18 – 20, Bismarck, Radisson Hotel. As the host Lodge we are working on the schedule and programming. We need volunteers to help with the convention. If you are willing to help call me at 701-663-1147. Also we are asking for as many members as possible to signup and come to the Thursday social and Saturday Banquet. Chuck Suchy will be performing at the Saturday Banquet.

Larks Game — July 29th We as a lodge have purchased a block of tickets for this game. Note that the date has changed from July 12th to July 29th. The 29th is also Saint Olaf's Day! Watch future newsletters on how to reserve your tickets.

Mystery Bus Tour — Early August (5th or 6th) We have a plan. Cost will be from \$75 to \$100. Paid in full Members will receive a \$50 scholarship for going! All are welcome, bring a guest. We need a full



bus for this to happen. To add Mystery to the mystery, you will need a passport or your drivers license and a birth certificate. There is minimal walking for those concerned with mobility issues, the bus will get you everywhere. However more active members can walk to their hearts content. We will have a sign-up at the May social.

Kalendar

May

- 15 Registration for Trollfjorden
- 15 Social Meeting 6:15 p.m. Bis Eagles
Menu: Meatloaf with brown gravy, mashed potatoes, salad, dessert
Memorial Service, 17th of Mai Celebration, Tree Dedication
- 17 Syttende Mai Celebration at the Heritage Center 1 - 4 p.m.
- 28 Convention Meeting - 6 p.m.
- 28 Business Meeting 7 p.m.

June

- 11-14 Trollfjorden Camp
- 18-21 District Convention in Bismarck
- 25 Business Meeting - 7 p.m.
- 27 Global Neighbors International Event, SON booth, Mandan 10 - 4

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.***



Mai Bursdager

Joyce O Harnden	04
Lynne Lafer- Halvorson	05
Parker S Heintle	08
David L Helland	10
Dan Halvorson	11
Evelyn E Hildebrand	12
Debbie Helland	13
Donna M Hamar	14
Gary A Halvorson	18
Judith A Hammer	18
Karen I Halldorson	20
Todd A Hanson	20
Gail A Heinert	25
Steven K Hamar	28



Language classes have concluded for the summer months. Thank you to instructor Tom Marple and Jerry Saude. Sverdrup hosted language students, via Zoom, from Maddock, Minot, and Fargo.

The annual Families Around the World event attracted Bismarck-Mandan families. A few hands-on activities kept children engaged at our Sons of Norway booth.



Nanc Skaret helped some of the younger attendees with an art project at Families Around the World at the Bismarck Public Library on April 27.

Claudia Berg and Dan Sauerwein hosted the Sons of Norway booth at Families Around the World that presented all things Norwegian.



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Current Membership 219 youth and adults



Every social begins with the Pledge of Allegiance and the three national anthems of Canada, Norway and the USA. Jerry Saude leads the singing, keeping most of us in tune.



Joy Flynn, a tour guide with Brekke Tour and Travel provided insights to areas less traveled in Norway. Joy, a Bismarck native, began working for Brekke during her years as an art student at UND. She has hosted tours for over 40 years. President Tom Marple and his wife Shelly traveled to Norway last summer on Brekke Tour. Joy was their guide on a very memorable tour.

Guest Becky Lindstrom attended the April social with her dad, Sverdrup member Vern Monger.



There was a return to very chilly weather for the April social, it was a nice opportunity to wear Norwegian sweaters one more time fore the arrival of warmer spring weather. L to r are Ken Halldorson, Bob Johnson, Lynn Lafer-Halvorson, Gary Halvorson, Bonnie Johnson, Karen Halldorson, Shirley Svanes and Duane Svanes.



The advanced *language* class rehearsed a few Norwegian language songs and performed them at the April Social. We hope that this might be the revival of the Sverdrup choir, in a more informal arrangement. We rehearse at 5:30 p.m. prior to the monthly socials. All are welcome to participate. Those leading the singing at the social were l to r Mark Holkup, Shirley Svanes, Sandy Holkup, Addie Thiede, Tom Marple, Paula Schilling, Jerry Saude and pianist Audrey Solheim.



The Sverdrup Choir in May 2008 performed at the New Salem nursing home, where Marj Peterson was a resident. Photo courtesy of Ruth Olson. Ruth recently donated photos of Sverdrup activities from 2004 to 2008. The photos will be added to the Sverdrup Collection at the State Archives.

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