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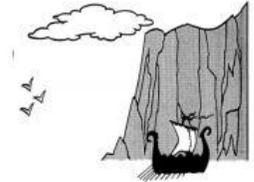
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NORDKAP CALENDAR

Nov. 20 – Nature Hike,
9 a.m., Kensington Metropark

Saturday, Dec. 11 – Christmas Party,
2 p.m., Fox Hills Golf & Banquet
Center, Plymouth, MI

Nordkap 2020 Officers

President: Erik Duus

Vice President: Haley Vingsness

Treasurer & Scholarship Chair:

Carmen Collins

Secretary: Mary Morehead

Membership Secretary

& Sports Director: Carol Jehle

Cultural Director: Karen Herche

Social Director: Connie Hart

Foundation Director:

Derrick Hendricks

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We're Back with our Annual Christmas Party

Nordkap's "annual" Christmas Party is back on for Saturday, December 11! We had to forego the event last year, but plans are in full swing now to host our party in 2021. It will be held again at the Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center at 8768 N. Territorial Road in Plymouth, MI, at the rustic Fox Classic Clubhouse many people love for its resemblance to Norway.

We will begin at 2 p.m. with our social hour and silent auction to benefit the Nordkap Scholarship Fund. Dinner will follow at 3 p.m. with a choice of salmon, ham, or vegetable lasagna. A children's meal of chicken strips or grilled cheese will also be offered for \$15. Adult meals will be \$40 if payment is received before November 22. After November 22, adult meals will cost \$45.

You must have reserved in

advance to attend. Invitations and

reservation forms with all the details

were mailed to members by Mary Morehead in mid-October

(see Mary's photo at right). See attachments to this newsletter.

Please Note: Attendance is being limited to just upward of 60 people, and face masks will be strongly recommended (with mouth and nose covered), unless eating or drinking. As we "go to press," virtually all available spaces are filled, but you can send in your form and check and ask to be put on the waiting list.

Meanwhile, **advance** donations of items for the silent auction are needed! Contact silent auction chair Carmen Collins at skicarmen@att.net or Louise Giles at louiseagiles@gmail.com to drop your items at their homes or arrange for a pickup. Only perishable articles, such as homemade foods, will be accepted directly at the auction.



Sunshine Updates

So sorry to report that Nordkap President **Erik Duus** has contracted COVID-19 as well as his wife **Kristin** and daughter **Lolly!** Erik reports that all three were fully vaccinated, so it appears theirs are breakthrough cases. Erik and Kristin have received the Monoclonal Antibody Infusion and feel it has helped. Lolly seems to have had a milder case. While he recovers, Erik will not have a President's Letter in this newsletter but promises to have much more to say in our January edition.

Best wishes to **Sam Trupiano** who's been dealing with multiple migraines and recently pulled a muscle in his leg.

Coco Bruner reports that her relative has made a website about rosemaling. You may find it a useful reference for this decorative folk painting. See <https://www.rosemalingclasses.com/>

GRATULERER MED DAGEN!



November Birthdays:

Erik Bryhn, Carmen Collins, Inger Ehrenfeld, Karen Herche, Sheldon Johnson, Paul Michalsen, Nancy Radwan, Geir Skorpen, Stacy Torgerson, Mike Zarin

December Birthdays:

Bob Bruner, Derrick Hendricks, Chet Jehle, Elsa Jorgensen, Marlene Kehoe, Sue Kohl, Karen Lafnear, Leiv Erik Lundberg, Gary Olson, David Pederson, Ed Radwan, Louise Sherwin, Russ Simms, Merete Stenersen-Eelnurme, Knut Erik Thomassen, Natalie Flessland Vaal

Join Nordkap's Nature Hike at Kensington Metropark Nov 20th

--By **Cathy Johnson**

Come join Nordkap Lodge members and friends on Saturday, Nov. 20th, at 9 a.m. to do some hiking at Kensington Metropark, a 4,481-acre wonderland.

We will meet at the Nature Center parking lot located inside the park. There are signs inside the park directing you to the Nature Center or ask at the entrance booths for directions. A number of trails can be accessed from this



Cathy Johnson (Mary Morehead photo)

parking lot – up to 7 miles of them. Most are very well-groomed, wandering thru various sections including forests, wetlands, and lakes.

If you like bird watching, this is a great place to spot them. Bring your camera and binoculars. I do suggest hiking boots or good tennis shoes as most paths we will be on are dirt, so they could be muddy in spots, depending on the weather.

Bring your own water, as all drinking fountains are turned off. The Nature Center building is open from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Bathrooms are open during park hours (6 a.m. – 10 p.m.).

Please note that there is a fee to enter Kensington Metropark. If you have a 2021 Metropark pass, it is included in your membership. If not, a single day pass is \$10 per vehicle.

This event will take place rain/sunshine/snow – we are Norwegians after all! If you have questions, please contact Cathy Johnson at cjmichigan@comcast.net or 248-961-0326.

I'll be organizing this event and am looking forward to seeing everyone on **Saturday, Nov 20th, 9 a.m. at the Nature Center parking lot in Kensington Metropark.** I'll make sure to wear a Norwegian shirt in case you don't know me. Hope to see you all soon!

New This Year! Officer Election Scheduled for Christmas Party

Officers to lead Nordkap Lodge next year will be elected at the annual Christmas party on Saturday, December 11, at Fox Hills Golf and Baquet Center in Plymouth.

If you want to run for election, there's still time to place your name in nomination. Please contact the nominating committee at Nordkap@DetroitNorwegians.com.

The slate of candidates to date is as follows:

President: Erik Duus
Vice President: Haley Vingsness
Secretary: Mary Morehead
Treasurer: Carmen Collins
Membership Secretary: Carol Jehle
Social Director: Eli Viik Steyskal
Co-Cultural Directors: Karen Herche and Magda Pecsénye
Sports and Recreation Director: Cathy Johnson
Co-Youth Directors: Yana and David Thompson
Foundation Director: Derrick Hendricks
Co-Store Directors: Natalie Vaal and Dennis Flessland
Sunshine Director: Carol Jehle
Greeter: Eli Viik Steyskal
Editor/Publicity Director: Louise Giles
Counselor: Bob Giles



Thanks from a 2021 Scholarship Winner

Scholarship Chair Carmen Collins received the following from Simon Bryhn-Lee, who had previously been a student in our Norwegian language class:

“Please accept this letter as a formal Thank You to the lodge for supporting my education with the \$1,000 scholarship awarded to me.

“As an International Studies student, I will do my best to represent the lodge and Norwegian Culture during my undergraduate training at the University of Kansas.

“Thank you to my local lodge for helping to prepare me for my time in Norway and for awarding this scholarship to me.”

*Sincerely,
Simon H. Bryhn-Lee*

Nordkap Supports the Sons of Norway Foundation

In recognition of the October fundraising campaign for the Sons of Norway Foundation, Nordkap Lodge has donated \$100 for use by the Foundation.

As Foundation Chair **Derrick Hendricks** wrote in our last newsletter, the Foundation annually awards thousands of dollars in scholarships, in grants for Nordic culture and heritage programs, and in humanitarian aid to members and children in need. Our own lodge has received grants from the Sons of Norway in the past. Nordkap is pleased to help the Foundation.



Finnish Center Adopts Restrictive Covid Mandates Affecting Scandinavian Market; Nordkap Drops Plans to Participate

The Finnish Center will hold its Scandinavian Market on November 13 but will restrict attendance to people who have had a covid vaccination and are wearing a face mask.

The policy makes exceptions for children under the age of 15 and those who have a documented medical or religious exception.

The policy reads as follows:

"The Finnish Center asks that all indoor visitors to the Finnish Center (including all members) be vaccinated and to wear face masks. This request does not apply to children under the age of 15 or those individuals that have a documented religious or medical exception.

To show proof of vaccination, we ask that all visitors (i) show their CDC vaccination card OR (ii) sign a statement attesting to their vaccination status. Individuals that do not have a vaccination card and that refuse to sign the statement will not be allowed indoors."

This mandate was not included in earlier publicity distributed by the Finnish Center about the Market. It is reasonable to expect that many visitors arriving at the market will react negatively to not have been made aware in advance that they needed proof of vaccination to be admitted.

Nordkap had been planning to sell import items and waffles at the market, but with the new covid restrictions and their likely effect in reducing attendance and possibly causing ill will, the lodge decided it was not in our best interests to participate.

The event--without Nordkap--is planned to run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, November 13th, at the Finnish Center at 35200 Eight Mile Rd, Farmington Hills, Michigan. A \$2 donation for the Finnish Center will be requested at the door.

Baking for the Holidays: New Norwegian Cooking Classes—for Free!

Connie Aiello's 6-week online Norwegian Cooking Class earlier this year received rave reviews. The class was sponsored by Sons of Norway District 5.

The classes were so popular the District has asked Connie back to teach more online Cultural cooking classes. This time around, she's offering Norwegian Holiday Baking throughout November and December.

As a bonus, the District is offering all classes for FREE to all Sons of Norway Lodge members!

You can see the schedule in a Sons of Norway District 5 Facebook posting at

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1410575062591249/permalink/3057606964554709>

To register, see the instructions at

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1410575062591249/permalink/3057610541221018>



We Welcomed Fall with Families, Cider, Donuts, and Friends

We celebrated the fall at Plymouth Orchards & Cider Mill on Saturday, October 16, with a great turnout of 30 people including lodge members, their families, and friends. After many days of rain, we had a sunny, dry day to enjoy warm donuts and fresh apple cider, plus a pleasant place to catch up with members we hadn't seen for a long time. *(Continued next page)*



Photos, starting with the upper left and proceeding clockwise: Sue and Pat Schotts, on the right, with their daughter Kristin Schotts and their granddaughters Huda Harris (sitting on the table) and Nadia Harris; Natalie Vaal and son Lewis; Eli Viik Steyskal (center) with Trish and Geir Skorpen; Dennis Flessland (left) with granddaughter Olivia Vaal and Bob Giles; Dennis Flessland (left) and Sven Hahr.



Clockwise, from lower left: Eli Viik Skeyskal, Louise Giles, Derrick Hendricks, David Thompson, and Heather Vingsness

(Cider Mill, continued from previous page)

The family-friendly venue offered special attractions for youngsters. There were farm animals to visit, a U-pick pumpkin patch to explore, hay bales to climb, and a hay wagon to ride.



Orchard workers fill up a pumpkin patch for U-pick customers.



Mary Morehead's photos show her grandchildren, Katie and James Zawicki, trying out a hayride (above), seeing the heights from the tops of hay bales (right), and visiting farm animals (far right).

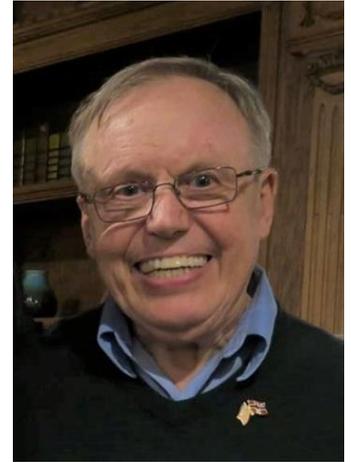


Fifth District President Invites You to an Online Meeting November 6

Our Fifth District Sons of Norway President Andy Johnson has extended an invitation to our Nordkap members to attend a special Zoom video conference for all lodges in our Zone 6 of the District.

The online meeting is scheduled for Saturday, November 6, starting at 10 a.m. Eastern Time.

The online gathering will begin with introductory remarks followed by District Vice President Cheryl Wille-Schlessler reporting on membership issues relating to our District. Mike Palecek, District Treasurer, will give a historical presentation on the Manistee, Michigan, Norwegian Colony. Next Dee Bumpers and Andy will speak. To conclude the meeting, everyone will have a chance to voice any issues and/or concerns related to the Sons of Norway.



Andy Johnson

To Join the SofN D5 Zone 6 Zoom Meeting at 10 a.m. November 6, click on:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86072335124?pwd=cGlFYjV1VTg1eWtsWmdycWtjVotDQTo9>

Meeting ID: 860 7233 5124

Passcode: SofN-D5

The following should help explain how Sons of Norway is structured, what a zone is, and how attending a zone meeting could members in our lodge connect to other Sons of Norway members in our area:

The International Sons of Norway has eight geographical districts. Our district, District Five—in the Central United States—is comprised of 45 active lodges in Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Tennessee. The 45 lodges in our district are divided into six zones. Each zone has one or more zone directors who are members of the District's Board of Directors. The zone directors serve as special resources, offering guidance and special help to the lodges assigned to them.

Nordkap is one of 12 lodges in Zone 6. Andy Johnson is the zone director for our lodge and five other lodges. Dee Bumpers is the zone director for the other six lodges in our zone.

The lodges under Andy's leadership are Askeladden 610 in Kalamazoo, MI; Christian Radich 568 in Suttons Bay, MI; Nordkap 378 in Farmington Hills, MI; Scandiana 600 (Andy's lodge) in Chesterton, IN; Sognefjord 523 in Muskegon, MI; and Sonja Henie 490 in Lansing, MI.

The lodges assigned to Dee are Arctic Circle 662 in Akron, OH; Circle City 614 in Carmel, IN (near Indianapolis); Edvard Grieg 657 in Cincinnati, OH; Music City Vikings 681 in Nashville, TN; Shawnee Skogen 689 in Carbondale, IL (in Southern Illinois); and Vikings of the Smokies 677 in Knoxville, TN (Dee's lodge).

We Give Thanks for You

In this season of Thanksgiving, we are grateful for all our Nordkap members, their loyalty and support. Our members make our lodge feel like a home. Our lives are richer because of them, and we are grateful.

As we approach Christmas and the New Year's holiday, we wish our members and friends all the best for a

God Jul og Godt Nyttår!



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