



NORDKAPEN

**NORDKAP LODGE 5-378
SONS OF NORWAY**

The North Cape 71° 10'21" North Latitude The Top of Europe
A Congenial Society of Sons, Daughters and Friends of Norway
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Norwegians are modest. We are content with living in *Steinrøysa* up north – in the dark, in the cold – minding our own business. We do a little bit of hiking, fishing, skiing, oil exploring – and making fun of the Swedes.

We don't expect much in life so when things are not exactly going our way – well, we did not have high hopes anyway. But when we are good – we can be very, very good. Occasionally we need to be creative in recognizing our own greatness.

Back in February, as I was walking half a mile at Oslo's Gardermoen Airport, I noticed how Norway is guaranteed to soon claim another global #1 title.

No, it was not the colossal Munch paintings displayed on the way into the arrival hall – announcing the 150 year celebration of the artist's birth. (BTW: It is impossible to ignore the painting of the two naked old men (full frontal) which must have been the inspiration/cause for the Scream painting)

Or, no it was not the number of customers at the duty-free store where carry-on luggage was being filled with various tax-free items – mainly bottled.

Or, no it was not the length of time waiting for your luggage that when it finally arrived, needed to be scraped clear of snow (or "de-iced" in correct frequent flier terminology)

It was the sight of Norway's first Starbucks. This outlet opened a year ago and despite terrible reviews (weak, no flavor, too hot, too much or not enough cinnamon) – there will soon add a few more pouring stations in "downtown" Oslo.

According to a reliable source (Wikipedia!), Norway is currently in 2nd place in coffee consumption per capita. The average Norwegian consume 9.9 kg (~20 lbs) a year – only the Finns are ahead (26 lbs).

**Sunday, April 21, 2013
4:00 PM**

**Swedish Club
22398 Ruth Street
Farmington Hills
248-478-2563**

4:00P-4:30pm: Social Hour.

Catch-up on cultural skills

4:30-5:00pm.

Rome/Italy is the favorite travel destination for Norwegians. Please join us in having a special pasta dish - hope you like garlic!

5:00pm - New member initiation

Rosemaling presentation

Getting ready for May 17

Starbucks claim that their coffee is universal – except for the selling price. The price of a Starbucks Grande Latte at Gardermoen Airport is only \$9.83 (which by the way is another world record!) compared to about \$3.50 in Detroit

Some Norwegians like their coffee with milk, some like it with "*me' no' godt i*", some like it with *småkaker* and some (my parents) like it so thin that when you look through the clear coffee pot - you can read a newspaper.

In honor of this pursuit in catching the Finns, please come to our next lodge meeting on April 21 and enjoy a cup of decaf or "real" coffee while we will welcome new members, see an excellent presentation on *Rosemaling*, plan for the May 17th celebration, and – if time allows – see a few more glorious moments in Norwegian sports history.

Med vennlig hilsen,

Geir

The mission of Sons of Norway is to promote and to preserve the heritage and culture of Norway, to celebrate our relationship with other Nordic Countries, and to provide quality insurance and financial products to our members.



Parents please note: We are now offering supervised activities for youngsters during our meetings.

Nordkap members and friends who have internet access:

Be sure to check our website <http://www.detroitnorwegians.com> for our *Calendar of Events* and other up-to-date information. Copies of our newsletter are also posted on the site.

If you are receiving a paper copy of Nordkapen in the mail and would rather be on our email list, let Marge Sorensen know.

Those of you who need paper copies, we will continue to keep you informed that way!

Thanks to Louise Giles for keeping our website up to date.

Is Your Name Here?

If you have not been initiated and your name was inadvertently omitted from this list, we urge you to come for the initiation in February. You will sign the membership logbook which has been used since 1930's.

Please contact Carol Jehle, Membership Chairperson, that you are **coming**. Her phone number is (248) 626-2148.

Randy Aardal	Judy Kirsch
Peter Blom	Norm Kirsch
Arne Borgnes	Marina Kozlova
Erik Duus	Roy Marvel
Myrtle Ebert	Timothy Nilsen
Ernie Halvorson	Maxine Paul
Eileen Hanson	Annele Richards
Judy Hildre	Gail Ritchie
Kenneth Hildre	Christine Sommer
Greydon Hyde	

Happy April Birthday

03 Clarence Myrold
09 Wade Tornquist
10 Andy Fischer
11 Thad Aardal
12 Howard Skovlund
13 Rigmor Cuolahan
20 Erik Sorensen
23 Ian Sorensen
25 Constance Pike
25 Eunice Turnbull



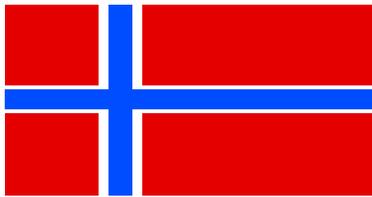
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Save the Date!
May 18, 2013

**Nordkap's Sytennde Mai
 Celebration!**

Swedish Club

**Details in May issue of
 Nordkapen**



A Name Change

for Sons of Norway in the Future?

Sons of Norway's District 5 has asked its lodges to provide input to a proposed name change for the organization. The Nordkap Lodge has discussed the issue in recent meetings and strongly recommends a change to a gender-neutral name - in the spirit of "Sons and Daughters of Norway" - in order for the organization to appeal to current and future members. All lodges are facing the threat of declining membership and we cannot afford to seemingly discourage interest from - and membership by - half of the population just by the name alone.

Nordkap 2013 Scholarship Applications Due June 30, 2013

Scholarship applications will be available soon.

If you have any questions or need an application, please contact Natalie Vaal at
nordkap.scholarships@gmail.com
 or see Natalie at a lodge meeting.

To be considered for this scholarship, applicants must

- Be a lodge member or child/grandchild of a member for minimum 1 year prior to scholarship submission
- Be 17-23 years of age
- Be working towards a bachelor's or associate's degree from an accredited educational institution
- Be in good standing at school, have a GPA of 2.0 or better
- Please note you may qualify up to 4 times for this scholarship

All Trails Lead to Nordic Fest in Decorah, Iowa —July 25-27, 2013!

In 2013, Nordic Fest will celebrate its 47th anniversary. Since 1967, over 1 1/2 million visitors from all over the world have attended our festival. The board announced the theme for the event- All Trails Lead to Nordic Fest.

Your whole family will enjoy delicious food, traditional crafts, a colorful parade, lively entertainment, sporting events and our Saturday night fireworks display.

Events begin with Thursday night's opening ceremonies at 6:45 p.m., followed by two full days of fun activities for the whole family.

Finn Roed says: "If you haven't been, you haven't lived."

www.nordicfest.com

Tubfrim Winner Announced

Thursday, January 10, 2013 was a lucky day for Thor 2-042, Salem, OR. The lodge was the winner of the Tubfrim drawing to give away a ticket to Norway, worth up to \$1,000. Their postcard was drawn from among 1,769 other cards. With one card for every pound sent to Norway that means that Sons of Norway sent 1,770 pounds of stamps to Tubfrim in 2012.

For the past 27 years, our members have been clipping canceled postage stamps and sending them to Tubfrim, who then sells them to dealers and collectors.

Originally the money raised went to help children afflicted by tuberculosis. Since tuberculosis is no longer the threat to health that it once was, today the proceeds from the resale of stamps helps improve the quality of life for children and youth with disabilities and special needs. Sons of Norway members are the largest contributor outside of Norway to Tubfrim's efforts, sending nearly 50% of all stamps collected.

While helping children is a great motivation for our members to participate, there is a special incentive to say "thank you". For every pound of stamps collected, the member or lodge is entered in the drawing, held in mid-January every year, to win a round trip ticket to Norway, worth up to \$1,000.

If you would like to participate in the Tubfrim contest and get a chance to win a free ticket to Norway, visit the Tubfrim page on the Sons of Norway website. For more information or questions, email Sons of Norway Tubfrim chairperson, Gene Brandvold, at genegbrand@aol.com

Carol Jehle collects cancelled postage stamps for Tubfrim at our meetings.

Oslo is Ready to Shine

Rio de Janeiro, Accra, Ningxia and Oslo. All towns listed in the New York Times as destinations that should not be missed in the coming year. Among the list of 46 carefully selected destinations, Oslo is the only city in Scandinavia mentioned

Despite the fact that it has been easy to overlook small Oslo in the company of other Scandinavian capitals, the Tjuvholmen and Astrup Fearnley Museums helped to change this impression, writes the American newspaper Tuesday.

They emphasize that the interior and the architecture of Oslo's waterfront gives the neighborhood an artistic touch.

Furthermore, the newspaper said, the Maaemo restaurant has captured the world's eyes after receiving two Michelin stars after being open for only one year. Again, this proves why Oslo is ready to shine.

"This is associated with urban development in Oslo in recent years, especially with a phenomenal attention from the U.S. regarding the opening of the Astrup Fearnley last September. The sale of Scream peaked international media attention around Oslo in many ways", says a delighted Tor E. Sannerud, CEO of Visit Oslo, told Aftenposten.

He believes that Norway could be better off emphasizing the capital as a tourism product rather than just focusing on the fjords and mountains.

Old industrial areas are converted to cultural and recreational areas. Just look at the Norwegian Opera with 1.6 million visitors in 2012. The Holmenkollen area with both the cross country and biathlon stadium are also strong cultural investments. And there will definitely be new investments in the near future. "We may not have seen so many cultural investments in Oslo ever that we have experienced over the last decade says Sannerud to Aftenposten.

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