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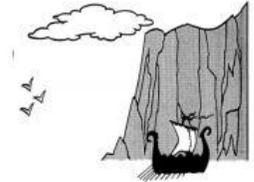
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2016 NORDKAP EVENTS

Ongoing every Wednesday night

through April 27– Norwegian language class, 7:00 – 8:30 pm, at the Swedish Club, 22398 Ruth St., Farmington Hills, MI

April 24 – Lodge Meeting, 4 pm at the Swedish Club

May 14 – Norwegian Constitution Day, 11 am to 3 pm at the Swedish Club

June 21 – St. Hans/Midsummer celebration, 6 pm, Farmington Heritage Park

July 16 – Farmington Founders Festival Parade, 9 am

September 11 – Steak and Corn Roast benefit at the Swedish Club, 1 pm

October 23 – Lodge Meeting, 4 pm at the Swedish Club

November 12 – Scandinavian bazaar, 10 am to 4 pm at the Finnish Center

November 20 – Lodge Meeting, 4 pm at the Swedish Club

December 11 – Christmas party, 2 pm at Western Golf and Country Club

APRIL 24TH MEETING: A HEARTY STEW & THE SAMI

The Far North of Norway, Sweden, and Finland and the Kola Peninsula of Russia are home to a colorful indigenous people known as the Sami. But who are they really, and what is their story?

That will be the subject of Nordkap's April 24th meeting at the Swedish Club, as we explore the subject of these fascinating people with a presentation and supporting materials. Thanks to Judy Kirsch for suggesting this idea for a program. (If you have a program idea, please let your lodge officers know.)

And as we consider Scandinavia's Far North, what better time to enjoy the warmth of a hearty Norwegian Lapskaus, or beef stew? Dennis Flessland will again don his Norwegian chef's hat to prepare this traditional dish, to be served with flatbrød and dessert. As usual, we will ask for a \$5 donation for dinner.

The timeline for the meeting is:

- 4 p.m.: Social time at the Swedish Club, 22398 Ruth St., Farmington Hills
- 4:30 p.m.: Lapskaus (beef stew) dinner
- 5:30 p.m.: Sami presentation



Doll in Sami clothing owned by Merete Stenerson-Eelnurme. Below: Sami people in traditional dress.



Lapskaus





GRATULERER MED DAGEN

April

Thad Aardal, Kenneth Hildre, Annette Lundberg, Clarence "Doc" Myrold, Constance Pike, Howard Skovlund, Erik Sorensen, Ian Sorensen, Wade Tornquist, Eunice Turnbull

May

Anton Anderssen, Arne Borgnes, Myrtle Ebert, Olive Engman, Norman Kirsch, Kathleen Hanlon-Lundberg, Zachary Marko, Ralph Pedersen, Gail Ritchie, Finn Roed, Laura Roed, Susan Schotts, Patricia Smith, Jennifer Vingsness

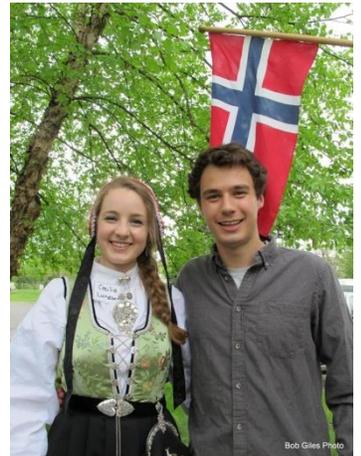


Mark and Merete Eelnurme

NORWEGIAN CONSTITUTION DAY SET FOR MAY 14

Come out to the Swedish Club on Saturday, May 14th, and help us celebrate Norway's National Day, or Constitution Day. There will be a parade, Scandinavian music, games, the General Store, pølse (hot dogs), Norwegian waffles, and other Norwegian treats. Wear your bunad for the bunad show. It's a great time for the whole family.

The free event, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., is open to all, but includes many activities for young people and families with small children. The Swedish Club is located at 22398 Ruth Street in Farmington Hills.



Photos by Bob Giles

Times and events are:

- 11 a.m. Swedish Club opens with Norwegian food imports and gift items for sale
- 11:30 a.m. Parade for all attendees begins
- 12 noon Greetings from Nordkap Lodge and Norway's honorary consul to Michigan, Dennis Flessland
- 12:30 p.m. Picnic-style foods and Norwegian waffles available
- 1 p.m. Special activities and games, including the "cod toss"
- 2 p.m. Norwegian dessert buffet opens
- 3 p.m. Event concludes

The Constitution Day national holiday, commemorates the day in 1814 when a new Norwegian Constitution was signed.



SUNSHINE UPDATES

We extend good wishes to those who have been dealing with special health issues, including Tove Bruning, Alexa Francis, Norman Kirsch, Sam Trupiano, Shirley Torgerson, and Winfield Arneson (husband of Karen Arneson).

Also best wishes to those scheduled for surgery this month: Carol Jehle (knee replacement) and Marge Sorensen (cataract surgery).

Congratulations to newly-weds Mark Eelnurme and Merete Stenersen-Eelnurme—and to Adrienne Shepard, expecting her second child in September.

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NORDKAP BOWLERS PRODUCE \$270 FOR 5TH DIST.

Six bowling lanes, 30 bowlers, 8 “Viking cheerleaders,” and 6 “angels” were the winning ingredients last month in raising wall-to-wall smiles at the Luxury Lanes Bowling Alley in Ferndale—and \$270 for the scholarship fund of the 5th District of the Sons of Norway.

With Nordkap sponsoring the event, each bowler or cheerleader contributed \$5 toward the scholarship fund. Bowlers received rented bowling shoes, bowling balls, and three complete games of bowling. Pizza and pop were enjoyed by all. The “angels” (those who couldn’t be present) generously sent in donations to the cause. They included Norm and Judy Kirsch, Judy Rutkowski, Finn and Georgia Roed, and Cathy Johnson.

The top bowlers for the day were Mike Jehle, in the male adult category, with a score of 532; Stacy Torgerson, female adult, with 401;



and Ian Sorensen, youth aged 12-17, with 331. The winners were awarded “good luck” shamrock plants and will have their names and scores sent to the 5th District to determine district winners.

The other bowlers were

Ian Sorensen, Stacy Torgerson, Mike Jehle Sheryl Dalton, Trevor Dalton, Laura Roth, Marge Sorensen, Malcolm Alestra, Alex Briskey, Lynn Herche, Debbie Simms, Russ Simms, Mark Eelnurme, Merete Stenersen-Eelnurme, Adrienne Shepard, Carmen Collins, Mary Morehead, Paul and Jan Wiekierak, Geir Gronstad, Dennis and Jan Flessland, Ernie Halvorson, Marina Kozlova, Louise Giles, Pat and Sue Schotts, Dan Nelson, Heather Vingsness, and Jarrod Brown.



The Viking cheerleaders included Thad Aardal, Alexa Francis, Karen Herche, Carol Jehle, Bob Giles, Derrick Hendricks, Natalie Vaal, and Gladys Baldwin. Also in attendance were the littlest Vikings, Olivia Vaal and Teddy

Natalie & Olivia Vaal, Teddy & Adrienne Shepard Shepard. Many thanks to all our bowlers, cheerleaders, and angels for their support!

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Bob and I had been taking weekly Norwegian language classes on and off for the past several years, so the opportunity last month to attend the Palm Sunday service at the Norwegian Seamen's Church while visiting New York City proved just too tempting to pass up.

Off we went to the church on East 52nd Street in Manhattan. We went hoping to try out our budding language skills and to stay for coffee afterwards to meet some new Norwegian friends.



Photos by Bob Giles

We were richly rewarded for our efforts—but maybe not quite in the manner we had anticipated. Our language skills, alas, proved sorely deficit in following the spoken Norwegian language of the service. But the experience was beautiful, complete with palm fronds, hymn singing, communion, and the lighting of candles. The church itself was a light and airy Scandinavian design with a full-rigged ship's model hanging from the ceiling. And we were warmly welcomed during the coffee hour—actually a full buffet luncheon.

Best of all, for this church service, there was a performance by the highly accomplished string quartet, Quartetto Testosterone, from Norway—along with the professional Norwegian harpist, Uno Alexander Vesje, and the very talented Norwegian soprano, Margrethe Fredheim. They performed several numbers during the service. Afterwards they announced they were giving a concert the next night at Carnegie Hall. All the people at the church service—including

us—were invited. Of course, we did accept the invitation, as their guests. And at Carnegie Hall, we saw and spoke with some of the Norwegians we had befriended at the church.

Learning another language and experiencing another culture opens the world to you—but you can't always predict how that might turn out.

If you visit New York City, you should consider stopping by the Norwegian Seamen's Church. For our next adventure, Bob and I are thinking of visiting the Norwegian Lutheran Memorial Church in Chicago. Many thanks to Peter Blom for forwarding the church's newsletter!

To enjoy Norwegian culture and hospitality closer to home, please join us at the Swedish Club for our monthly meeting on April 24 and for our celebration of Norwegian Constitution Day on May 14.

Med vennlig hilsen (With best regards),

Louise Giles



DEADLINE FOR NORDKAP'S COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS IS JUNE 30

Remember the deadline to apply for college scholarships from Nordkap Lodge is June 30. Please visit our web site to learn more and to download a form at <http://www.detroitnorwegians.com/scholarship.html>.

APPLICATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED FOR YOUTH CAMP IN WISCONSIN

Masse Moro, the District 5 two-week Norwegian Heritage Camp for youth near Fall Creek, Wisconsin, is gearing up for a tremendous summer season from July 17 through July 30. Campers may enroll beginning at age 9 and continue attendance through age 15.

The cost for two weeks of camp and its all-inclusive activities and meals is \$700.00. **Nordkap Lodge has just established a program to award one qualifying camper from our lodge (must be a heritage member or child or grandchild of a member) a scholarship of \$250.** The camper must have completed the camper application, lodge endorsement, and matching funds forms and put them in the mail by May 17 to qualify for matching funds up to \$150 from District 5.

Visit the District 5 webpage at: sonsofnorway5.com for further information and to download forms. Also check-out the camp's website: massemoro.org. Send enrollment applications to Cheryl Wille-Schlesser, District 5 Youth Director, 200 Beth Circle, Mt. Horeb, WI 53572. Contact her at 608-219-4464 or rogcher@mhtc.net.

DELEGATES ELECTED TO ATTEND DISTRICT CONVENTION IN JULY

Nordkap in February elected as delegates to the 5th District Convention Dennis Flessland, Louise Giles, and Geir Gronstad; alternates elected are Bob Giles, Carol Jehle, and Marge Sorensen.

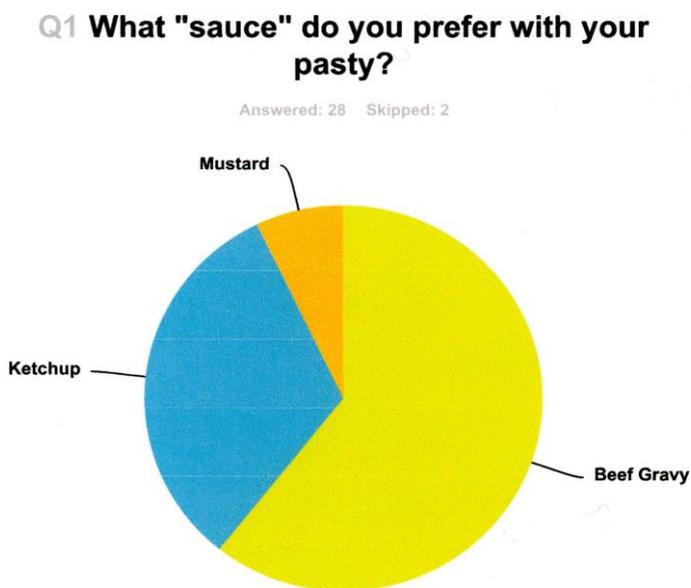
KETCHUP OR GRAVY?

It's one of life's imponderables, so it's nice to finally have the answer!

What do people prefer to put on their pasty—that delicious cold-weather meat-pie staple from Michigan's Upper Peninsula? According to an online survey conducted after our pasty dinner in February, Nordkap diners choose gravy by nearly two-to-one over ketchup. That's right, gravy—beef gravy, of course. About 61% opt for gravy and 32% for ketchup.

The surprising outlier is mustard—something we never tried at our house. Mustard is the favorite of 7% of our diners—or about a tenth as many who prefer gravy.

Altogether 28 people revealed their choices in the survey, with two people skipping the opportunity speak out on this important issue. (Note to self: Must try that mustard next time.)



EXPEDITION AMERICA 2016:

- **A Viking longship plans a voyage across the North Atlantic Ocean**
- **Visitors will have a chance to see the ship in July in Bay City**

In late April 2016, Draken Harald Hårfagre, the world's largest Viking ship built in modern times, will leave her home port in Haugesund, Norway, and sail off for a challenging voyage across the North Atlantic Ocean.

The aim is to explore and relive one of the most mythological sea voyages – the first transatlantic crossing and the Viking discovery of the New World more than a thousand years ago.

Draken Harald Hårfagre is 35 meters long, 8 meters wide, and the mast reaches 24 meters. She is sailed with a 260-square-meter large sail and rowed with 25 pairs of oars. During the trial sailing the summer of 2014, she reached a top speed of 14 knots. When sailing Expedition America, she will be crewed by 32 skilled sailors.

Reaching the American continent, Expedition America 2016 will visit ports in Canada and the United States. The 1st of July, Draken will join the Tall Ships Challenge Great Lakes 2016 in Toronto and participate in the Redpath Waterfront Festival. The race begins, and the next port of call will be Fairport Harbor in Lake Erie July 8-10. Then off to Bay City, Michigan, and the Tall Ships Celebration in Lake Huron, July 15-17. [Nordkap Lodge will be looking into ways for our members and guests to visit the ship and its crew during their Bay City stop.]

After Bay City, the itinerary calls for Draken to dock in Chicago; Green Bay; Duluth; Oswego, New York; and New York City, before overwintering in Mystic Seaport, Connecticut.

--Information Taken From the Draken web site

For more see: <http://www.drakenexpeditionamerica.com>



Draken Harald Hårfagre

WE ‘WAVE OFF’ FEAR TO SEE NORWEGIAN DIASTER FILM

If the safest way to see a scary movie is in a group, then the Nordkap members and friends who ventured out to Royal Oak to see the Norwegian disaster film, "The Wave," had it right!

About a dozen of us—including several students from our Norwegian language class—met at The Main Art



Photo Credit: Karen Schmidt

Theater on a chilly night in March to see this highly acclaimed new film set in Norway’s Geirangerfjord region.

The story concerns the small Norwegian village, Geiranger, which is threatened when a huge mass of rock tumbles into the fjord, setting off a huge 300-foot tsunami. With only 10 minutes to escape, the villagers must rush to the mountains before the wave engulfs them all. The film was Norway's submission for

the Academy Award for Best Foreign Language

Film at the 88th Academy Awards in February. Although it didn’t receive an Oscar nomination, it was our choice for a great night out with Norwegian-American friends.

NORDKAP HOLDS INITIATION CERMONIES FOR SEVEN MEMBERS

Pledging to stand “united and true” until the Dovre mountain range in Central Norway falls, seven initiates were officially sworn in as Nordkap members at the lodge’s February meeting at the Swedish Club.

Following the ceremony, each initiate signed the Nordkap membership roster dating back to the 1930s and received a Sons of Norway membership pin.

The class of initiates included, from left to right, Heather Vingsness, Adrienne Shepard, Derrick Hendricks, Merete Stenersen-Eelnurme, Alexis Francis (a heritage member), Mark Eelnurme, and Cathy Johnson.

Congratulations to our newly initiated members! Nordkap’s active members now total 117.



Photo Credit: Bob Giles

IT'S A SMALL WORLD, AFTER ALL-- IN NORWEGIAN CLASS!

Students in our Norwegian language classes on Wednesday nights have come to know each other fairly well, to the point that we sometimes feel almost like family.

In the case of students Dennis Nordmoe and Merete Stenersen-Eelnurme, there's a really good reason for that. They had never met before the class. But they discovered in the course of conversation during a break one night that Dennis' Norwegian family and Merete herself come from the same little town in Norway. What are the odds of that, we wonder?

They took time to locate Rossfjordstraumen (near Tromso) on the map of Norway, along with Dennis' daughter Laura Goretski, lower left, also a member of the class.



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