



Nordkapen

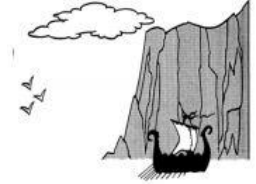
Nordkap Lodge 5-378 - Sons of Norway

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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2016 NORDKAP EVENTS

Ongoing every Wednesday night through Feb. 24– Norwegian language class, 7:00 – 8:30 pm, at the Swedish Club

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

February 28 – Lodge Meeting, 4 pm at the Swedish Club

March 13 – Bowling fundraiser, 2pm at Luxury Lanes, Ferndale, 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

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



MEATBALLS AND NORDIC DANCING TO HIGHLIGHT JANUARY MEETING

Looking to add a little dance in your step to make it through the “dark time” of winter?

Plan on joining your Nordkap friends at 4 p.m. on Sunday, January 24th, at the Swedish Club at 22398 Ruth Street in Farmington Hills for a delicious hot meatball dinner and a presentation about the Nordic dances of Norway, Sweden, Denmark, and Finland.

The meeting will also include the final selection of a name for the troll figure outside the Swedish Club and the installation of Nordkap’s officers for 2016.

The timeline for the meeting will be:

- **4 p.m.: Social Time**
- **4:30 p.m.: Dinner**
- **5 p.m.: Installation of officers, Announcements**
- **5:10 p.m.: Name the Troll conclusion**
- **5:15 p.m.: Speaker, Glendene Thornbloom**

Glendene was a Nordic folk dance instructor for 25 years and directed four performing Nordic folk dance groups. Although retired from teaching folk dancing for many years, she recently came out of retirement to teach a folk dance workshop at the Finnish Center. (See related story on page 4.)

She has offered to include instruction in some simple folk dance steps as part of her Nordkap presentation.



GRATULERER MED DAGEN

January

Peter Blom, Lillian Bryant,
Nina Bryhn, Veda Bryhn,
Erik Duus, Cecilia Lundberg,
Timothy Nilsen, Deborah
Simms, Annelisa Sturgeon.

February

Kristine Nicolaysen
Dowhan, Mark Kalle
Eelnurme, Dennis
Flessland, Louise Giles,
Deborah Gummerus,
Sven Hahr, Greydon
Hyde, Emma Jehle,
Judith Kirsch, Michael
Lindemann, Erik
Lundberg, David Nelsen,
Arthur Peterson, Hannah
Peterson, Annele
Richards, Linda Stinson



Christmas party celebrants
Tove Bruning & Erika LeBarre

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

2016 was barely out of the blocks when our Norwegian language classes took off again at a sprint on January 6th. Under the expert leadership of teacher Adrienne Shepard, some 16 students are learning to “snakker Norsk” and to have fun doing it. Classes at 7 p.m. on Wednesday nights at the Swedish Club will continue for eight weeks, with tuition just \$80.

Meanwhile, our lodge is starting the year with new Nordkap members Mark Eelnurme and Merete Stenersen and with reinstated member Linda Viik. Welcome to all!

Congratulations are in order for several Nordkap members who earned special Sons of Norway pins for membership and were recognized at the Christmas party:

- 5-years: Anton Anderssen and Jeannine Sturgeon
- 10 years: Haley Vingsness, Heather Vingsness, Wade Tornquist, and Natalie Flessland Vaal
- 15 years: Sheryl Dalton
- 30 years: Gary Olson
- 40 years: Lillian Bryant
- 45 years: Debbie Simms
- 55 years: Olive Engman and Constance Pike

We also owe a debt of gratitude to the Nordkap members who volunteered at the Scandinavian Bazaar at the Finnish Center in November. With their help, Nordkap sold about 150 meatball dinners, 50 plates of waffles, and approximately \$1,000 of goods at our Norwegian imports table.

We have many good events planned for the coming year—including our upcoming dinner meeting on January 24th and the Family Bowling Fundraiser for the 5th District’s Scholarship Fund on March 13th.

To stay up to date on what your lodge is doing, become a regular reader of this outstanding Nordkapen newsletter—and regularly check our Web site at **www.DetroitNorwegians.com** and the Facebook page, **Norwegians in Michigan**.

Med vennlig hilsen (With best regards),
Louise Giles



SUNSHINE UPDATES

We recently received a Christmas card from longtime member, Gudrun Aune, who often attended our lodge events and donated items to our silent auction with her sister, Louise Lund. (Louise celebrated her 95th birthday in December.) Gudrun wrote: "We appreciated the cards from Nordkap from the group that Louise and I received recently. It was very thoughtful. Louise has left the American House and is now at a nursing home in Warren. Best wishes for the new year— Sincerely, Gudrun Aune."

2016 Officers

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Louise Giles

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SCHOLARSHIP FUND GROWS WITH SILENT AUCTION PROCEEDS

Nordkap's Scholarship Fund received a healthy boost from the silent auction held at our annual Christmas Party on December 13th at the Western Golf and Country Club.

A total of \$1113.50 was raised from the sale and additional cash donations

All of the items in the auction were donated by Nordkap, its members, and friends. Many thanks to the donors and those who purchased auction items. Special thanks to the volunteers who worked on the auction: Carol Jehle, Karen Herche, Erik and Ian Sorensen, Judy Kirsch, Elsa Jorgensen, and Bob and Louise Giles. Tusen, tusen takk!

The Scholarship Fund in 2015 awarded three \$1,000 scholarships to deserving college students. Other sources of revenue for the Fund are donations made to celebrate milestone birthdays or anniversaries or to honor departed family members or friends.



SONS OF NORWAY SCHOLARSHIPS - DEADLINE MARCH 1, 2016

Did you know that the Sons of Norway Foundation also offers college scholarships starting at \$1,000 for current members, children, or grandchildren of current members? This is a great member benefit.

Have the college students in your family check out www.sonsofnorway.com/foundation. The Foundation currently offers seven categories of scholarships for different areas of study. Applications are done online.

NORDIC FOLK DANCE WORKSHOP

GOAL: To have fun while preserving our Norwegian, Swedish, Danish, and Finnish culture through folk dancing.

FOR: Everyone, 6 to 106 years, who would like to have fun learning basic steps and simple dances from the Nordic countries along with more complex dances for the experienced folk dancer.

WHEN: 2 to 5 p.m., Sunday, January 17, 2016

WHERE: Finnish Center Association, 35200 West 8 Mile Road, Farmington Hills

If you have any questions, please e-mail Glendenne Thornbloom at gathorn4@gmail.com or call Hilka Ketola at (517) 548-4461. Sponsored by the FAC Cultural Committee



SAVE USED POSTAGE STAMPS FOR TUBFRIM

Instead of throwing away those old envelopes with used postage stamps attached, did you know you could donate them to a Norwegian charity dedicated to helping handicapped children and youth in Norway?

The Norwegian charity, TUBFRIM, has been collecting and selling used stamps since 1928. The profits are used to help handicapped children and youth in Norway, and to finance the efforts to eradicate tuberculosis. Since its beginning, TUBFRIM has donated over 21 million NOK to charity.

TUBFRIM was started by Norwegian Postmaster Ditlef Frantzen in Nesbyen and is owned by the Norwegian Health Association (Nasjonalforeningen for folkehelsen).

So please, never throw away canceled stamps and phone cards. Stamps and phone cards from any country in the world can be used. Just cut or tear the stamps off the envelopes, leaving a slight margin (approx. 1/2 inch) to keep the perforation intact. Damaged stamps (damaged perforation, edges etc.) and damaged phone cards are worthless and are to be thrown away.

Then bring your donation to one of our Nordkap meetings and give it to our Lodge Membership Secretary and Financial Secretary Carol Jehle, who processes and forwards our lodge donations.

TUBFRIM is also happy to receive stamp collections, old envelopes, covers, and postcards. If envelopes, postcards, etc. are more than 50 years old, then please do not cut off the stamp, but donate the whole envelope/postcard.

2015 NORDAP CHRISTMAS PARTY PHOTO ALBUM -- photos by Bob Giles



Family Bowling in March

Nordkap Lodge Bowling Fundraiser for 5th District Scholarship Fund

GREAT FAMILY EVENT! REGISTER NOW!

For your \$5.00 donation you get: three games, shoe rental and freshly baked pizza & pop.

Cheerleaders (non-bowlers) also welcome for the same low price.

SUNDAY March 13, 2016, 2:00 pm at Luxury Lanes 600 E. 9 Mile Ferndale, MI

You don't have to be a professional bowler to have fun with us, but you need to register!

To register or for more information contact Bob Giles (248-302-2222)



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