



# Nordkapen

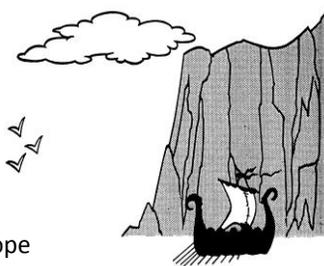
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## *Fra Presidenten*

### Almost a 100!!

We are sooooo close to reach the magic number of 100 members of the Nordkap Lodge. If you know anyone who has been holding out in order to become the 100th member, encourage them to send in their application.

### Attention Norwegian nationals

Norwegian election is September 9, 2013. Dennis Flessland, Consul of Norway for Michigan, Hon. has received election materials, and ballots can be accepted between July 1, 2013 and August 30, 2013. If any Norwegian nationals are interested in voting, please contact Dennis to make practical arrangements.

### God sommer!

Over 30 members and friends of Nordkap Lodge enjoyed the annual celebration of mid-summer on St. Hans Day (June 23) in Heritage Park, Farmington. It was not as hot as it was last year, still temperature at around 90 degrees made the choice easy to sit in the shade while the sun was out.

The Viking Trail was marked by young member Sonja and her trailblazer friend Bella. To accommodate walkers of all abilities, the Vikings of the day were led downhill through the forest, maybe catching a glimpse of semi-wild deer, pushing a *sunnmøring* (Ken Hildre from Ålesund) with a broken ankle back up the hill making a loop "to the right" leading back to *festplassen*. (cont'd on Page 2)

With help from a professional bonfire-starter (read Park Ranger), we soon had the traditional St. Hans bonfire going, on which the hot dogs were cooked in true Viking style. Thanks to all who brought food and drinks as evidently the Viking Trail creates a healthy appetite.

The newfound energy was channeled into the Djenga game and the Viking Decathlon – of which questions and answers are below. (cont'd on Page 4)

## Saturday, July 20, 2013

Farmington Founder's Day  
Parade

Grand River between Powers and  
Farmington Roads  
(details on page 4)

## Sunday, Sept 8, 2013

Nordkap Hosts  
Swedish Club Steak & Corn Roast  
Swedish Club

## Sunday, Sept 15, 2013

Nordkap Hosts  
Scandinavian Youth Day  
Swedish Club  
(more info on page 4)

## Welcome New Members!

Judith Rutkowski  
Jakob & Daniel Rutkowski

Linda Stinson



## Audrey Aardal

If you were looking for the perfect image of loyalty, dedication, commitment, dependability, and faithfulness, you would look no farther than Audrey Aardal.

For over 50 years, Audrey was a member of Nordkap Lodge and--along with her equally devoted husband Thad--worked tirelessly to ensure the success of countless lodge activities, such as the Scandinavian Festivals on Detroit's waterfront in the 1970s.

She also was the solid anchor for many years of the lodge's "sunshine" effort to keep track of important events in our members' lives and to inform the lodge of all the significant accomplishments (weddings, births, graduations, awards) as well as the more unfortunate occurrences (illnesses, operations, and deaths) affecting our members. To make sure the members knew each other, she was the loyal custodian of Nordkap's nametags, making certain they were on hand at each meeting and tirelessly handing them out.

Audrey and Thad made sure that the fun and benefits of belonging to Nordkap were shared with family, as each of their children became members of the lodge, and their two grandsons both won Nordkap scholarships.

One of Audrey's most enduring efforts was her longtime role as lodge historian. For decades, she quietly documented the undertakings of the lodge, collecting and assembling various letters, photos, and news articles into sturdy albums to ensure that Nordkap's achievements would not be forgotten.

Most importantly, Audrey was that smiling, welcoming face you could count on when you attended a Nordkap event. She was that genuinely friendly person you'd been seeking when you joined the lodge. You knew she'd be interested in talking to you and hearing what was happening in your life.

She graced our lives for so long—and is now very dearly missed.

-- Louise Giles



**At the 2012 Christmas party, three members of Nordkap Lodge proudly displayed their Sons of Norway pins awarded for a total of 170 years of membership. Clarence "Doc" Myrold (left) showed off his 70-year pin while admiring the 50-year pins won by Thad Aardal and his wife, Audrey Aardal.**



After our participation in the Farmington Parade, it will be 302 days until we celebrate the bicentennial of Norway's Constitution!



## Nordkap's Rosemaling Class

On June 22, Linda Stinson, one of our new members, taught the first Rosemaling class to nine members of Nordkap Lodge. Linda discussed the two Rosemaling techniques, the supplies and the brush strokes needed to complete our project, a ten inch wooden plate. She gave everyone a paper plate with different color oil paints and directions for the various brush strokes that we needed to practice.

Returning on June 29<sup>th</sup>, we began to paint the design that we had traced onto the plate, with help from Linda.

We are enjoying this activity and look forward to our next class and we are our way to complete Level 1 of Sons of Norway's Cultural Skills. -- Carol Jehle

## Hello, Genealogists

Another Cultural Skill in popular demand is Family History. If we can agree upon a location with wifi/internet connection, we can meet and learn how we can accomplish the Level 1 requirement. Basically we need to show descendants of one set of grandparents and to document (indicate sources) for birth and wedding data for ourselves, parents and one set of grandparents. Contact Geir for details (datsnorg@gmail.com)

## Happy July & August Birthday

### July

04 Benjamin Lanham  
07 Arnold Hagen  
14 Gladys Brinson  
16 Erik Vingsness  
30 Frode Maaseidvaag  
31 Monica Dowhan

### August

1 Lynn Herche  
1 Richard Hole  
1 Kristen Schotts  
8 Alisha Schrader  
9 Emil Berentsen  
10 Margit Hansen  
12 Rick Aardal  
14 Tove Bruning  
18 Marina Kozlova  
18 Torgie Torgerson  
19 Halee Spalmack  
23 Lou Amundsen  
26 Karin Arneson  
28 Marge Sorensen  
31 Peggy Gjerpen  
31 Georgia Roed



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Louise provided the historical background and certain traditions associated with this Norwegian day – including the witch burning. Jennifer provided the hand-made witches. This year, there seemed to be a few extra bad curses being put on the witches before they were tossed on the fire.

The team winners of the Viking Decathlon – showing tremendous educated guessing abilities were #1 Judy and Judy, #2 Faith and Erik, and #3 Louise and Howard – the rest came in tied for 4th. The first prize winners received two jars of cloudberry jam, second place finishers received a puffin (*lundefugl*) doll and Norwegian Christmas tree flags, and third place finishers received potato mittens and *rømmegrøt*. (Prizes provided by the Gronstad family) . It was a super day for all who attended, and on the way home, we saw that even the moon agreed. (Super moon – get it?)

## Viking Decathlon Challenge

1. Create teams of 2 and 2 by lining up alphabetically by the third letter in your first name. (The winner was Howard since he has a birthday in June!)
2. How many words are in the Norwegian national anthem? (289)
3. How many registered bowlers are there in Norway (5,000)
4. For how many days can you see the midnight sun from the North Cape? (78 – May 14th-July 31st)
5. How heavy was the largest ever cod caught with a fishing rod? (103 lbs)
6. How many different styles of bunads – for men and women – are registered in Norway (400)
7. Out of the 169 representatives in the Norwegian parliament, how many are women? (67)
8. Draw an ugly troll (see some of them roaming in this newsletter)
9. How many movie tickets have been sold to see Norway's most popular film – *Flåklypa Grand Prix* (Pinchcliffe Grand Prix). (5.5 million)
10. In the U.S. Census of 1940, how many people in Metro Detroit said they were born in Norway? (1,365)



## Coming Events

**Farmington Parade** July 20 brings the chance of showing Farmington what we are all about. The Nordkap lodge will join the Swedish Club in the Founders Festival Parade. We will repeat the Scream theme from last year – in honor of artist Edward Munch's 150th anniversary. We need young people of all ages to come along. Since the theme of the parade is "Cartoons and Comic Books", you may dress accordingly, such as a t-shirt showing Norway's most popular *tegneseriefigur* – Donald Duck, but please bring your flags, helmets, Norway shirts/attire, hearing protection, fish toss trophies, and anybody who wants to Norwegian-ish for a day.

**Special Instructions for Parade marchers.** People planning to march with Nordkap can park at Farmington High School on Shiawassee Road just west of Orchard Lake Road, and shuttles will take them to the assembly point near Grand River Avenue and Power Road to join our unit. Look for the big, blue Viking helmet. We line up by 9 a.m to give us some time for last minute preparations. The parade begins at Power Rd. and Grand River Ave traveling west through Downtown Farmington ending at Liberty St. The parade is scheduled to start at 9:40 a.m. and end 20 minutes later,

## Steak and Corn on September 8

In appreciation of using the facilities at the Swedish Club, the Nordkap Lodge is hosting this event for our Swedish siblings. Bob Giles is the Grill Master and will distribute assignments as we get closer to the event

## Youth Day September 14 (2pm – dark and beyond)

The second annual classic Youth Day has been moved to September and to a Saturday. The format is unchanged, however great efforts are being made to include younger members of the Scandinavian heritage clubs in the Metro Detroit area in the planning for, hosting, and – most of all – participating in the event.

We need volunteers – preferably young school-age members. In return, we will issue letters of volunteerism that the participants can use to support any college and/or scholarship application. There are informal planning committees for the following activities, but note that specific content can still be changed at the discretion of the committee– the following is the preliminary plan: **Games.** Djenga, Kubb and soccer skills , **Bonfire.** Obtain permit, collect firewood, keep it burning, glow-in-the dark dance , **Music.** Setup of loudspeakers next to/around bonfire, creation of playlists of current Scandinavian "raving" artists (think Swedish House Mafia, Donkeyboy, Avici, Ørjan Nilsen, Darude) , **Indoor Cultural Activity.** Recap of Eurovision Song Contest 2013, **Movies.** Setup of outdoor screen Trollhunter. Indoor Pinchcliffe Grand Prix, **Food** Pizza and ice cream, what else? , **Cleanup.** Well, it has to be done...