



Nordkapen

Nordkap Lodge 5-378 - Sons of Norway

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2015 NORDKAP EVENTS

July 18 – Founder’s Day Parade “There is No Place Like Home, USA” – 9 a.m.

August 29 – Bus trip to Chicago; Viking exhibition at Field Museum – departure 8 a.m.

September 12 – Youth Day

September 13 – Corn & Steak

October 25 – Lodge Meeting

November 14 – Scandinavian Bazaar

November 22 – Lodge Meeting

December 13 – Christmas Party

Ole and Lena Joke:

H: Ole and Lena had an argument while they were driving down a country road. After a while they got tired of repeating themselves and neither wanted to back down, so they drove along not saying a word.

Then, as they passed a barnyard of mules and pigs, Lena sarcastically asked, "Relatives of yours?"

"Yup." Ole replied. "In-laws."

MARCH WITH NORDKAP IN THE FARMINGTON PARADE JULY 18

Nordkap members along with their kids, grandkids, and friends are invited to march in front of the Swedish Club’s giant helmet float on Saturday, July 18, in the



Farmington Founders Festival Parade. If you’ve never been in a parade, this is a great opportunity to do it!

Where: Park at the Swedish Club and walk over to join us as we form up before 9 a.m. on Grand River Avenue, between Orchard Lake and Power roads. Nordkap plans to have a convertible to transport Norway’s honorary consul to Michigan, Dennis Flessland.



Parade Apparel:

Wear your red Detroit Norwegians T-shirt, if you have one. But come in in any event. Horned helmets, always appropriate! See Bob Giles’ photos from last year’s parade.

The parade replaces our regular monthly meeting.

YOUTH DAY

Our 4th annual Youth Day has been scheduled for Saturday, September 12. The Swedes have challenged us in a game of miniature golf – or putt-putt – and we intend to open the day at the Sport-n-Fun facilities, next to/east of the Swedish Club. We established this day with focus on youthful Scandinavian activities, and to ensure success **we need volunteers** to support the planning and setup of the following activities: Music, Movies, games, Food & Drinks and Bonfire.

Please contact Geir at datsnorg@gmail.com by **August 2** for further details and to sign up as a volunteer.

LANGUAGE CLASS STARTS AGAIN

Our favorite Norwegian language teacher Adrienne is willing to start up again with lessons in the fall. Most likely they will take place at the Swedish Club on Wednesday nights. We have already conducted 4 semesters, however we would like to include beginners. If you are interested, please send a note to Geir (datsnorg@gmail.com) and state how proficient you are already in speaking/understanding Norwegian so we can start to create the lesson plans accordingly

SIGN UP NOW! DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE TO JOIN NORDKAP'S TRIP TO VIKINGS EXHIBIT

The deadline is fast approaching to register your name for Nordkap's trip to see the Vikings exhibit in Chicago. **The deadline of July 20** is just a few days away.

When and Where: The one-day trip by luxury motorcoach leaves the Swedish Club at 22398 Ruth Street in Farmington Hills at 8 a.m. on Saturday, August 29. It will return to the Swedish Club late the same day.

Included: The journey will include round-trip bus transportation on a Bianco Travel & Tours Inc. full-size motorcoach and admission to the special exhibit at Chicago's Field Museum. Lunch will be available for purchase at the museum. Cost of the trip, including snacks on the bus, will be \$79.

The Exhibit: "We Call Them Vikings" is the name of the exhibit. It was created by the Swedish History Museum in Stockholm to tour museums in Europe and around the world. Chicago is the only scheduled stop in the U.S.

To see a video about the exhibit, go to: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fcw4nfg8Hbg>

Questions: Contact Louise Giles at louiseagiles@gmail.com or 248-224-3369.

-----RESERVATION DEADLINE JULY 20 -----

To reserve, complete and send with your check made out to Nordkap Lodge to: Louise Giles, P.O. Box 1198, Royal Oak, MI 48068

Please sign me up for the August 29 trip to see the Vikings exhibit at Chicago's Field Museum.

Your name: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Number of reservations at \$79: _____ Total: \$ _____

Names of others in your party: _____



GRATULERER MED DAGEN

June

David Ray Bryhn, Ronald Greenough, Ernest Halvorson, Jeff Hatteberg, Maureen Hatteberg, Adrienne Shepard, Kristi Smythe, Sheryl Dalton, Samuel Trupiano, Edward Vingsness

July

Gladys Baldwin, Monica Dowhan, Arnold Hagen, Benjamin Lanham, Wendy Marko, Judith Rutkowski, Ana Gjesdal Skidmore, Jeannine Sturgeon, Erik Vingsness

August

Derrick Aardal, Louis Amundsen, Karin Arneson, Tove Bruning, Peggy Gjerpen, Geir Gronstad, Margit Hansen, Øystein Gjertsen Hekneby, Lynn Herche, Richard Hole, Marina Kozlova, Georgia Roed, Kristen Schotts, Margaret Sorensen, Halee Spalmack, Lori Renee Tavgian

DECATHLON ANSWERS

1: B, 2:H, 3:H, 4:U, 5:H, 6:U, 7:U, 8:H, 9:U, 10:B, 11:U, 12:H

NORDKAP BRINGS LUCK TO THE DETROIT TIGERS

Nordkap's baseball outing on Sunday, June 28, was lucky for us—and for the Detroit Tigers, who beat the Chicago White Sox 5 to 4. Here's a summary of seven ways our group of 23 had fun:

- **CLIMATE:** The weather was perfect—sunny, not too hot, and no rain. Our seats were together and in the shade.
- **FAMILY:** Many made this a family outing and brought their kids (Judy and Norm Kirsch and Connie Hart, for instance). Some kids brought their dad (Haley and Heather Vingsness) and their boyfriend (Haley). Some siblings brought each other (the 4Torgerson sisters). And some members brought their spouse (Bob and Louise Giles).
- **POLITICALLY CORRECT APPAREL:** For this occasion, our group of 23 shunned horned helmets for baseball caps.
- **FAN ANTICS:** We sang “Take Me Out to the Ball Game,” chanted “Let’s go, Tigers,” did the wave to cheer on the team, and high-fived each other as our Tigers scored runs.
- **FOOD:** We ate our way through the innings and cooled ourselves with refreshing beverages: Summer Shanty brews, soda pop, sushi, and hot dogs--some with green onions and chips on top.



- **SCOREBOARD SHOUT-OUT:** We showed the world that we were there with our red Detroit Norwegians T-shirts and our scoreboard greeting: “Detroit Norwegians Love Lutefisk and the Detroit Tigers.”
- **THRILLING OUTCOME:** Our Tigers beat Chicago with a walk-off home run by rookie catcher James McCann in the 9th inning.

IN MEMORIUM

In memory of two longtime Lodge members, Nordkap has made donations of \$75 each to the Nordkap Scholarship Fund. These gifts honor the late Mildred Beck and Clarence “Torgy” Torgerson.



SUNSHINE UPDATES

Please choose pink yarn when knitting socks for Natalie and Andy Vaal's baby, due to arrive early August

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Ole and Lena Joke:

U: Ole gives Lena a new cell phone for Christmas. The next day she's at Wal-Mart and the phone rings. Ole is on the phone and asks her how she likes her new cell phone.

Lena replies, "Great Ole, but how did you know I was at da Wal-Mart?!"

NORDIC FOLK DANCE WORKSHOP

The following was announced at the Swedish Club Midsummer program on June 20:

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

FOR: Everyone 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.

AGES: 6 – 100

WHEN: Sunday, October 11, 2015

WHERE: Finnish Center Association

35200 West 8 Mile Road

Farmington Hills, Michigan

TIME: 2 to 5 p.m.

QUESTIONS: e-mail Glendene Thornbloom, who will lead the workshop, at gathorn4@gmail.com or call Hilka Ketola at (517) 548-4461.



PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

The weather gods—and maybe the Norse gods—have been with us the past two months as our Lodge celebrated some very special events.

All was sunny and warm for our celebration of Norway's national day, the 17th of May; for our bonfire and picnic at Midsummer on June 23; and again for our Tigers baseball game at Comerica Park on June 28. Whew! It's always a relief when our outdoor events are so favored by Michigan's unpredictable weather.

We hope for more of the same when we march with our friends from the Swedish Club in the Farmington Founders Festival Parade on Saturday, July 18. (See related story.) It's not a very long walk—less than a mile. It doesn't take very long—about half an hour to complete the parade route. And we have great fun promoting our Lodge and the Swedish Club and waving to the crowds that turn out. It's worth it just to see Swedish Club President Dan Nelson parade in his Viking outfit!

But if riding—and learning more about our Viking heritage—is your thing, we have just the trip for you. Your Lodge is hosting a deluxe motorcoach ride to Chicago on August 29 to see an extensive new exhibit from Sweden about the Vikings. The roundtrip journey and museum admission is very affordably priced at just \$79. But we need you to sign up before our reservation deadline of July 20 in order for this trip to happen. (See related article.)

Soon your Board members will be considering applications for Nordkap's Scholarship Awards. These awards are made annually to those young people with a grade point average of 2.0 or better, between the ages of 17 and 23 who are members of our Lodge, or the children or grandchildren of a Lodge member for one year prior to their application for a scholarship.



The deadline of June 30 for applications has just ended. We look forward to continuing the tradition of offering moral—and material support—for our young people who are pursuing a bachelor's or associate's degree from an accredited educational institution.

Let me close with a look back at the beautiful evening we had in Farmington's Heritage Park on Midsummer evening—along with photos by Bob Giles.

Everything started with a robust Viking hike marked along the wooded trails of the park—thanks to Bob for organizing this. Then there were hot dogs roasted over the bonfire--thanks to Dennis Flessland and Malcolm



Alestra--and served in lefse or hot dog buns. We had side dishes and desserts, cold drinks and hot coffee. (Thanks to all the members who brought food and to Carol Jehle and Marge Sorensen for organizing our feast.)

After dinner, what else but a decathlon competition where teams of two competed to answer questions about our Norwegian heritage with prizes going to the top contenders (thanks to Geir Gronstad for getting this together).

We finished with the Norwegian tradition of burning paper witch dolls over our bonfire to dispel the dark forces and bring good luck for the coming year. We topped it off with a "nightcap" of s'mores toasted over the coals of the bonfire--thanks to Elsa Jorgensen for providing the s'more fixings.

Louise Giles, Nordkap President



Ole and Lena Joke

B: Ole bought Lena a piano for her birthday. A few weeks later, Lars inquired how she was doing with it. "Oh," said Ole, "I persuaded her to switch to a clarinet." "How come?" asked Lars. "Vell," Ole answered, "because with a clarinet, she can't sing."

ST. HANS/VIKING “DECATHLON”

Members and friends of Nordkap Lodge were challenged in the annual Viking “Decathlon” – which has been expanded to 12 question – actually 13 this year. The intention is to re-visit topics associated with past, present and future events at the Lodge and the format is multiple choice, but designed in a way that you are not supposed to know the answers. The teams were formed by drawing, assigned a *fylke* (province) of Norway and given a copy of the Norwegian “Tippekupongen” on which to record the answers in a H U B format (instead of A B C).

Try yourself and see if you beat the winning team of 2015: **Team Finnmark - Louise and Inger** - who scored 8 points. (Correct answers are on page 3)

1. In 2015, how many schools participated in the May 17th parade in Oslo, Norway? **H: 53, U: 87, B: 106**
2. Marit Bjørgen and Petter Northug are Norway’s most successful cross-country skiers. Who has the most World Championship gold medals? **H: Marit, U: the same number, B: Petter**
3. Which Ole and Lena joke is the funniest? (See jokes elsewhere in the Newsletter)? **H, U, B**
4. The movie *Rangarok* starts on which ship at the Oslo Vikingship Museum? **H: Tune, U: Oseberg, B: Gokstad**
5. What is Norway’s national dish? **H: Fårikål, U: Lutefisk, B: Pinnekjøtt**
6. When 100,000 Germans invaded Norway in 1940, how many were mobilized in the Norwegian armed forces? **H: 15,000, U: 55,000, B: 93,000**
7. KYGO is Norway’s latest music sensation. What is his real name? **H: Karl-Yngve Grong-Olsen, U: Kyrre Gørvell-Dahll, B: Kristian Yndestad-Gorness**
8. Different breeds of Shetland ponies have different height standards, but the outside ranges are... **H: 28 and 46 inches, U: 40 and 56 inches, B: 36 and 60 inches**
9. What share of the population in Norway has *Nynorsk* as the official language form? **H: 5%, U: 12%, B: 25%**
10. What is the most popular variety of potatoes in Norway? **H: Pimpernel, U: Kerrs Pink, B: Beate**
11. Bergen was considered the capitol of Norway in.... **H: 1180-1185, U: 1217-1314. B: 1314-1349**
12. The first recorded invasion of the Vikings was at Lindisfarne, England in the year of.... **H: 793, U: 973, B: 1010**
13. The purpose of the 13th question was to serve as a tiebreaker, should any of the teams be tied following 12 questions. The teams were asked to guess how many paperclips (Norwegian invention) were in a glass jar. Two teams – including the winning team – actually guessed the correct number – 75.

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