



# NORDKAPEN

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SONS OF NORWAY

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## fra Presidenten

It finally hit me after experiencing another typical, yet unpredictable season in Lower Michigan where the months of March and most of April were very cold – at least compared to last year. One day it is snowing for hours – one week later the a/c is blasting at full speed and now it is amazing to see how fast nature is catching up with the calendar. We had a Norwegian Spring!

Just to illustrate how a typical Norwegian springtime progresses into the May 17th celebration; please see the following – slightly fictitious – headlines from Norwegian newspapers in somewhat chronological order:

- High School graduates (*russ*) are playing (too loud) music.
- Kindergartners finding handfuls of *hestehov*.
- The *russ* partied overnight at the Tryvann Tower parking lot – some dressed in blue.
- Soccer games postponed due to too much snow.
- Norway did not win the European Song Contest.
- Kindergartners finding handfuls of *blåveis*.
- Cross-country ski races postponed due to lack of snow – try again next week.
- Don't walk across the lake (usually found on the obituary page).
- Norway almost beat Sweden in ice hockey.
- The *russ* complaining about national exams being too close to May 17th celebration.
- The elderly hoping that May 17th celebrations are close enough to national exams.
- How to get into your *bunad* in ten days.
- A *bunad* is supposed to be snug.
- It is only 8 months until Christmas, wear your *bunad* then.
- Where will it not rain on May 17th?
- More than a 100 schools will be in the parade in front of the Royal Palace on May 17th.

Saturday, May 18, 2013

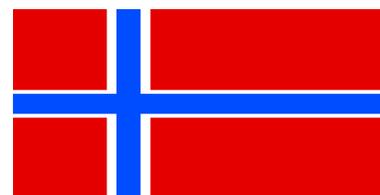
## Nordkap's Syttende Mai Celebration

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

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Everyone Welcome

If you wish, bring a dessert  
for our complimentary  
dessert table



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## Happy May Birthday

05 Laura Roed  
 07 Anton Anderssen  
 07 Alexander Roed  
 09 Jennifer Vingsness  
 14 Finn Roed  
 21 Myrtle Ebert  
 23 Arne Borgnes  
 23 Kaela Foley  
 23 Norman Kirsch  
 24 Olive Engman  
 25 Gail Ritchie  
 26 Lori Gronstad  
 26 Susan Schotts  
 26 Patricia Smith  
 27 Helen Fischer  
 28 Ralph Pedersen



## *fra Presidenten* (cont'd from page 1)

- What is best — *Lollipop* or *Krone-is*?
- How many hot dogs can you safely eat in one day?
- One good reason not to wear your wool *bunad* in the rain.
- Chinese-made *bunader* on sale – new patterns: “Telefold” and “Vestmark”
- Grandma’s *riskrem* recipe from before calories were invented.
- 50 russebuses stopped in traffic control or how to get more knots in your *russ* cap.
- What did the Crown Princess wear and what was wrong with her hat?
- Cod toss – Olympic event, but winter or summer?
- The snow plow led the parade in Karasjok.
- May 17th should not be on Fridays!
- LSK fans beaten up by Vaalerenga fans – again.
- The national exams were too difficult.
- How many more public holidays are needed in the month of May.

Have a great May 17th celebration and a wonderful Michigan spring-winter-spring. And – you never know – we may get a Norwegian summer this year!

—Geir Gronstad

## 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](mailto:nordkap.scholarships@gmail.com) or see Natalie at a lodge meeting.

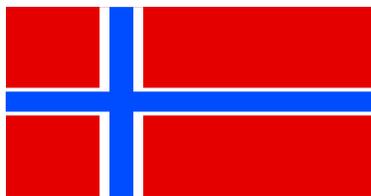
To be considered for this scholarship, applicants must

- Be a lodge member or child/grandchild of a members 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

**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.**



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## Norwegians Celebrate Independence with Kickoff to Bicentennial

Norway's biggest holiday, Norwegian Constitution Day, will be celebrated in Farmington Hills this year with an invitation to the public--especially members of other international clubs and groups--to join in the festivities starting the countdown to next year's bicentennial celebration.

The day officially celebrates the signing of the constitution in 1814 establishing Norway as an independent sovereign state.

This year's 199<sup>th</sup> celebration is scheduled for Saturday, May 18, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Swedish Club at 22398 Ruth Street in Farmington Hills. The free event is open to people of all ages, but includes many activities for young people and families with small children.

To help kick off the countdown to next year's bicentennial, representatives of other international groups and clubs are being invited to attend in their ethnic costumes and to bring flags of their respective countries.

People with Norwegian heritage are encouraged to attend in the Norwegian national costume, the hand-embroidered bunad.

Of special interest are:

- The parade for everyone led by Scandinavian folk musicians (starts at 11:30 a.m.)
- Gathering around the Memorial Tree, planed in honor of the victims of the 2011 massacre in Norway
- Remarks by Norway's Honorary consul in Michigan, Dennis Flessland of Huntington Woods
- Face-painting, balloon animals, and special games for the children
- The signature "cod toss" in which competitors toss frozen fish for distance
- Sale of imported Norwegian products and foods, such as cheese, herring, soups, lefse (potato flatbread), and Norwegian candy and chocolate bars
- Traditional Norwegian waffles and desserts

For more information, call 248-224-3369.

— Louise Giles

Bring your noisemakers and Norwegian flags  
for the parade!

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Photos of Nordkap's  
2012  
Syttende Mai  
Celebration

