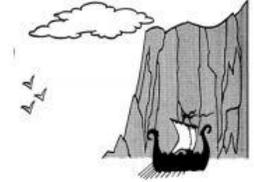




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2015 NORDKAP EVENTS

Ongoing every Wednesday night through Nov. 25– Norwegian language class, 7:00 – 8:30 pm, at the Swedish Club

October 25 – Lodge Meeting, 4pm at the Swedish Club

November 14 – Scandinavian Bazaar at the Finnish Cultural Center, 10am – 4pm

November 22 – Lodge Meeting 4pm at the Swedish Club

December 13 – Christmas Party, Western Golf and Country Club, 14600 Kinloch, Redford Charter Twp

OCTOBER MEETING TO FEATURE FÅRIKÅL (NORWEGIAN LAMB STEW) AND NORDKAP MEMBER'S ADVENTURES IN NORWAY

Join your Nordkap friends on Sunday, October 25th, at the Swedish Club at 22398 Ruth Street in Farmington Hills for a wonderful meal of Fårikål (the traditional Norwegian fall meal of lamb in cabbage stew) prepared by Honorary Norwegian Consul to Michigan Dennis Flessland.



Photo: Astrid Hals / matprat.no

The featured after-dinner speaker will be Nordkap member Ondrianna Tavgigian, one of our Norwegian language class students, who traveled to Norway as an exchange student this past year and lived with a family in Os, Hordaland - near Bergen. Ondrianna will tell stories from her adventures and share photos from her travels.

Timeline for the meeting as follows:

- **4 p.m: Social Time**
- **4:30 p.m: Dinner**
- **4:45 p.m: Featured speaker, Ondrianna Tavgigian, on the subject of her adventures in Norway as an exchange student**

student

- **5:15 p.m: Name That Troll, part II**



Os, Hordaland



GRATULERER MED DAGEN

September

Eileen Hanson, Connie Hart, John James Mills, Karen Schmidt, Eli Anita Steyskal, Haley Vingsness, Heather Vingsness

October

Michael Anda, Gerald Bayer, Simon Hubert Bryhn, Bob Giles, Kaitlyn Hatteberg, Katherine Hildre, Carol Jehle, Hans Jorgensen, John Mueller, Daniel Rutkowski, Diane Stanard, Oddny Viik

November

Erik Bryhn, Inger Ehrenfeld, Karen Herche, Judy Hildre, Sheldon Johnson, Roy Marvel, Jakob Rutkowski, Alexandria Sturgeon, Ondrianna Tavigian, Stacy Torgerson

NORDKAP DONATES BOOKS TO U. OF M., CONSIDERS OPTIONS FOR REPURPOSING LIBRARY

The University of Michigan's Graduate Library recently received a handsome donation of eleven books on Norwegian subjects from Nordkap Lodge.

The books will add to the library's growing collection in support of U. of M.'s Scandinavian Studies program. The selection included a variety of subjects ranging from the diaries and letters of Edvard Grieg to Norwegian Princess Martha Louise's children's story, "Why Kings and Queens Don't Wear Crowns."

U. of M. librarian Neil Robinson selected the books from Nordkap's library, which were received by him and Johanna Eriksson, a professor in the University's Scandinavian Studies program.



Photo: Lori Gronstad

Nordkap's Geir & Lori Gronstad and Louise Giles made the presentation at the U. of M. library in Ann Arbor. They also visited briefly with members of the student

Scandinavian Club.

The book donation was part of an ongoing effort to cultivate closer relations between our lodge and the University and its students and professors in the Scandinavian Studies program. It was also a first step in repurposing the lodge's library of books and tapes which have gone virtually unused in recent years.

Nordkap has no building of its own in which to store the library. The books and tapes have been maintained and preserved for years in the home of Nordkap librarians Finn and Georgia Roed. (Thank you, Finn and Georgia!)

The Nordkap Board continues to study options for repurposing the remaining contents of the library. Among the choices being considered is offering the 33 books and assorted tapes for sale at our annual Christmas party silent auction.



SUNSHINE UPDATES

Dear Nordkap Lodge:

I'd like to thank the lodge for granting me a college scholarship. I have been a fortunate recipient of the scholarship for 4 years and it has allowed me to participate in a study abroad program and to accelerate my studies so I can graduate one semester early.

Best regards, Lilje Gronstad

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

The year is quickly winding down (were those Christmas decorations I saw in the store this week?), but there are still good events to look forward to at Nordkap Lodge in 2015.

- Our **Norwegian language lessons** have started up again with 19 students in the first class. Lessons will continue at 7 p.m. every Wednesday night at the Swedish Club until just before Thanksgiving. You can still enroll and join returning students along with brand new ones. Worried about catching up with the

experienced students? No problem: Teacher Andrienne Shepard is doing a refresh from the previous sessions, as well as introducing new material to challenge everyone equally. The fee is just \$80 for the eight-week term.



Language class, Fall 2015 Photo: Louise Giles

- On Sunday, October 25, our regular monthly meeting at 4 p.m. at the Swedish Club promises a **wonderful lamb stew dinner** and a great talk by a student who spent the past year in Norway (see related story in this issue).

- Our November 22 meeting will be our popular **Christmas cookie and Christmas crafts workshop** at the Swedish Club. Come on out and hone your skills at making some of the seven traditional Norwegian Christmas cookies and those tricky woven paper hearts for the Christmas tree.

- Speaking of Christmas, **Nordkap's Christmas party**, set for 2 p.m. December 13 at the Western Golf and Country Club, will offer lots of good cheer, as well as a visit from the Julenisse and good shopping at our silent auction. All proceeds from the auction are dedicated to the Nordkap Scholarship Fund (see related story about our scholarships in this issue). **If you have items to donate for the silent auction** (preferably things with a Norwegian theme), please bring them to the October or November meetings or e-mail the Nordkap Board at Nordkap@DetroitNorwegians.com. Items donated at the time of the auction may be held until the following year.

Embracing the Outdoor Lifestyle

So, let's not close the books on 2015 just yet. And please think what a year we've already had! It's said that Norwegians, with their beautiful country, love the outdoors and take part in the outdoor lifestyle whenever they can. Well, if you or your kids and grandkids are also interested in sports and the outdoors, consider the events you and your family had access to just so far this year through Nordkap Lodge:

President's column continued

Remember **skiing** at the Swedish Club at our February meeting? It was a perfect winter day, and the snow was pristine.

Our **March bowling event** drew 24 bowlers and assorted cheerleaders. While none of our bowlers won a 5th District title this year, our event produced \$200—more than half of the \$387 this annual Sons of Norway 5th District fundraiser made for the District's scholarship fund—and more than any of the other 4 lodges that participated. Our bowlers also made up more than a third of the 68 bowlers in this District event.

We had dozens of contenders this year in our annual **Cod Toss**—throwing frozen fish for distance—at our 17th of May celebration. Plus we had our **parade around the clubhouse** and **games for the younger children** as well.

At our Midsummer event on June 23, we offered a robust **Viking hike** through the beautiful woods at Farmington's Heritage Park. We also **enjoyed a bracing bonfire**, perfect for roasting hot dogs, preparing s'mores, and burning paper witches for good luck. And there was a spirited competition in our **Viking decathlon** where teams of two traced the question cards around the park to come up with the right answers about our Norwegian heritage.

On June 28th, a couple dozen Nordkap members and friends attended a **Detroit Tigers baseball game** at Comerica Park, cheering our Tigers as they beat the Chicago White Sox.

In July, several of us **marched in the parade** at the Farmington Founders Festival along with our friends the Swedes and their giant helmet float.



Hole-in-one?



Happy golfers, including a Swede

In September, our Norwegians challenged those same Swedes in a friendly **putt-putt golf match** on Nordkap's Youth Day. (The Swedes won, but wait until next year!) Some of the youths also took part in the ancient **Viking game of kubb**, while others enjoyed the warm of **another beautiful bonfire** on a cool day.

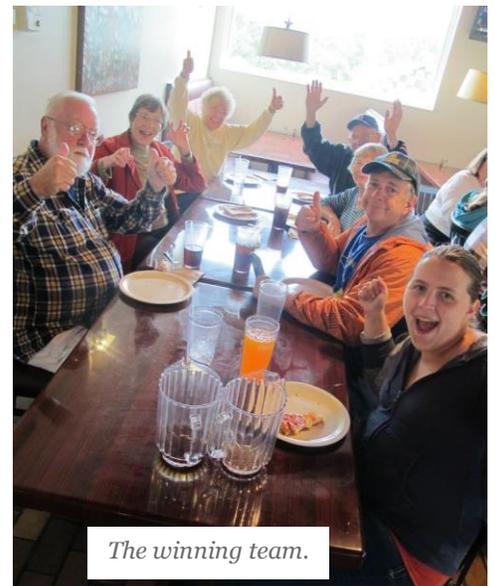
I hope the very thought of these sporty, outdoor events has got your heart going and got you thinking more about the Norwegian



The heat is on.

culture and the outdoor lifestyle that can be available not only in Norway, but also at Nordkap Lodge.

Med vennlig hilsen (With best regards), Louise Giles



The winning team.



Troll children.

All photos: Bob Giles

THREE SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED AT YOUTH DAY

Three deserving college students each received a \$1,000 scholarship award from Nordkap Lodge last month. The awards to Lilje Gronstad, Erik Sorensen, and Lee Stinson were presented by Nordkap President Louise Giles at Nordkap's Youth Day at the Swedish Club on September 12.

- **Lilje**, the daughter of member Geir Gronstad and his wife Lori, is a senior at Oakland University, majoring in film studies. Geir accepted the award on behalf of Lilje.
- **Erik**, the grandson of member Marge Sorensen and son of Ruth and Doug Sorensen, is a sophomore at Kettering University, pursuing a dual major in computer science and mathematics. Ruth and Doug accepted the award for Erik.
- **Lee**, the son of member Linda Stinson and nephew of member Dennis Flessland and his wife Jan, is also a sophomore. He attends Oakland Community College and plans to major in environmental studies and sustainable agriculture at MSU. Lee accepted his award.

Money for Nordkap scholarships is generated mainly through the silent auction at our Christmas party, donations from members, and memorials for loved ones. The scholarship program is chaired by Natalie Vaal. To learn more about Nordkap's scholarships and how to apply, see <http://www.detroitnorwegians.com/scholarship.html>.



Photos: Bob Giles

POSITIVE REVIEWS ON OUR EXCURSION TO THE VIKINGS EXHIBIT

The reviews are in on Nordkap's bus trip to Chicago to see the Vikings exhibit at the Field Museum – and they've been very positive. Among the responses we've received were these:

Nordkap's **Dennis and Jan Flessland** wrote in a note:

"Thank you so much for putting together such a great excursion to Chicago. (I wished we could have stayed longer!) Everything went off like clockwork, and we appreciated your efforts to make it so."

Don and Aura May Rohrbach of the Swedish Club took the trip and offered this feedback:

"Please thank the Norwegian club for inviting their friends at the Swedish Club to join you in the Chicago trip to see the Viking display! Thank you to you [Louise Giles] and Marge [Sorensen] for doing such an excellent job of handling all the details! You kept us right on schedule the entire trip. We found the exhibit to be both interesting and educational. (The Vikings also had a good side.) Thanks, too, for the treats along the way (they proved to be very helpful)...and the excellent choice of supper at the Cracker Barrel."

Bette and Bryant Clary also of the Swedish Club also took the trip. Bette wrote in an e-mail:

"The trip to Chicago to see the exhibit was really GREAT. We thank you so much for all you did to make it happen. It was so interesting, and we learned a lot. So I guess the next time I go 'a Viking' I will know why I did it."

Trip. Trap. Trip. Trap!

In the fairy tale *the Three Billy Goats Gruff*, it was the troll who roared “Who’s that tripping over my bridge?” Now that the Nordkap Lodge has our own troll – appropriately positioned close to the bridge across to the red “stuga” at the Swedish Club – we need to name that troll!

The young participants at the Rune language scavenger hunt during Youth Day have already come up with many good suggestions. Now it is up to the rest of the lodge members to provide creative names.

Please put your thinking caps on and bring your proposals to the next lodge meeting on October 25 . Should you not be able to attend, please send them to nordkap@detroitnorwegians.com prior to the meeting.

We plan to have the final voting during our November activities, and the winner to be announced during the Christmas Party on December 13.

“Snip, snap, snout.

This tale’s told out”



Photo: Bob Giles

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