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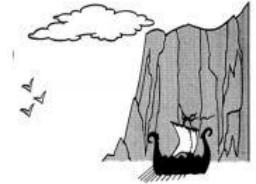
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## 2016 NORDKAP EVENTS

**October 23** – Lodge Meeting, 4 pm at the Swedish Club

**November 12** – Scandinavian bazaar, 10 am to 4 pm at the Finnish Center

**November 16:** Norwegian language classes resume for 4 weeks at the Swedish Club

**November 20** – Lodge Meeting, 4 pm at the Swedish Club

**December 11** – Christmas party, 2 pm at Western Golf and Country Club



**GRATULERER MED DAGEN!**

## October Birthdays

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

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## OCTOBER 23<sup>rd</sup> EVENT: OUR PRESIDENT, FÅRIKÅL, AND A VIKING CHEST, TOO!

Nordkap Lodge will have much to celebrate at 4 p.m. on Sunday, October 23, at the Swedish Club at 22398 Ruth Street, in Farmington Hills:

- Our newly elected Sons of Norway District 5 President Andy Johnsen will attend our monthly gathering.
- Andy will display District 5's Traveling Viking Chest—literally a treasure chest of special Norwegian art and artifacts, contributed by lodges in our District who have had the chest visit their lodges.
- Andy will share his thoughts about how we can "Be All You Can Be As a Lodge."
- Andy has also promised to bring his accordion and play for us some Scandinavian tunes, as he did at the gala banquet at District 5's convention in Wisconsin in June.
- We will all feast on a special meal prepared by Norway's Honorary Consul to Michigan, Dennis Flessland, who will serve Fårikål (the traditional Norwegian fall meal of lamb and cabbage stew).

The Traveling Viking Chest is a handsome wooden box handcrafted by former District 5 President Owen Christianson, seen here with his wife, Elsbeth. At a lodge's request, the District's zone director takes the chest to a lodge's meeting. The lodge then has the opportunity to examine the contents of the box, and is requested to add one new item to it, along with a written description of the item so that other lodges can enjoy it.



*Photo from SoN District Five*

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## SUNSHINE UPDATES

Congratulations to Adrienne Shepard and husband Reid on the birth of their second child, Clara Grace, born Sept. 20.

Best wishes to our newsletter editor Bob Giles and his new right hip installed during surgery Oct. 3.

We offer positive healing thoughts to those facing health challenges—Hans Jorgensen and Shirley Torgerson.

### 2016 Officers

**President:**

Louise Giles

**Vice President:** Elsa Jorgensen

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The District's hope in creating it is that the Traveling Viking Chest will inspire lodges to contribute beautiful crafts or objects to the chest, and each time the chest is opened it will be different because the contents will keep changing and increasing.

Nordkap will have a special object for us to contribute. It is something Geir Gronstad was given specifically for this purpose by the crew of the replica Viking Ship Draken Harald Hårfagre during its stop in Detroit in August. We hope you can join us to see this item--as well as an illustrated presentation about the visit of the Draken and the role of two of our members in arranging its weekend visit to Detroit, where it was toured by over 3,000 people.

### **RESERVE NOV. 12 FOR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING AT SCANDINAVIAN BAZAAR**

If you're hoping to find that perfect Scandinavian-themed gift for a Christmas present, here's your advance warning: The annual Scandinavian Bazaar in November at the Finnish Center Association provides the perfect venue to find that special item.

This year's bazaar is set for Saturday, November 12, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Finnish Center at 35200 E. 8 Mile Rd. in Farmington Hills. There is a \$1 donation for admission.

At the bazaar, you'll typically find vendors representing not only Norway, but also Sweden, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, and the Faroe Islands. You can stock up on Nordic foods and gifts just as the Christmas shopping season begins.



*Preparing waffles (l to r): Jan Flessland, Beth Stinson, Sonja Gronstad*

Nordkap Lodge will be selling imported Norwegian cheese, chocolate, lefse, and herring as well as other foods and an assortment of Nordic-themed gifts. You can also buy our delicious lunch of meatballs, potatoes, red cabbage, and cucumber salad for just \$6 and top it off with a \$2 plate of Norwegian waffles, cream, and lingonberries.

As usual, we depend on our lodge volunteers to make this happen. If you can volunteer an hour or so to help sell our imports or serve a meal, please e-mail Carol Jehle at [jehlecarol@yahoo.com](mailto:jehlecarol@yahoo.com) to sign up.

## **NORWEGIAN LANGUAGE CLASSES TO RESUME!**

By popular demand, our Norwegian language classes are set to resume in mid-November.

Following her maternity leave and giving birth to beautiful daughter, Clara, teacher Adrienne Shepard has agreed to restart the classes with a special 4-week “refresher” session beginning November 16. The 4-week session would be followed with a regular 8-week term early next year.

The 4-weeks of classes are scheduled for Wednesday nights at the Swedish Club, 22398 Ruth Street in Farmington Hills, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The dates are November 16, 23, and 30 and December 7.

Because they are designed as a refresher course to bring previous students up to where they left off in April, the classes may also be appropriate for new students who want to learn Norwegian. The total price for the four weeks is \$40 per person. Payment is due the first night of class. To enroll, contact Nordkap President Louise Giles at [louiseagiles@gmail.com](mailto:louiseagiles@gmail.com).

“At \$10 a class, we consider this a good deal,” Louise said.

“Other national groups in this area, such as the Turkish American Society of Michigan, are charging nearly \$20 a class, including course materials, for their special language courses.”

Teacher Adrienne Shepard majored in Norwegian (and music) at St. Olaf College in Minnesota and studied abroad in Oslo. She taught Norwegian to kids ranging in age from 8 to 17 at the Concordia Language Villages summer camp in Minnesota.

Adrienne lived and studied for a year at Nansenskolen folkhoyskole in Lillehammer, Norway. She taught Beginning Norwegian at the University of Washington while earning a Master’s Degree in Scandinavian Studies, specializing in Norwegian involvement in peace and conflict resolution. She added a Master’s Degree in elementary education and has taught Spanish to kindergarten and first grade at Holly Academy in Michigan.

## **NORDKAP CALLS ON LONGTIME MEMBERS TO HELP PRESERVE OUR HISTORY**

Nordkap is inviting a group of longtime members to help preserve the history and heritage of our 87-year-old lodge.

We have a collection of photos from our long history, but we need help in identifying the people in them--our former members and leaders who built and sustained Nordkap lodge.

To that end, we are inviting some longtime members to a luncheon at the Swedish Club on October 21. After lunch, we will have an opportunity to review the pictures—and call on the memories of our longstanding members to establish who is in them.

### **Snakker du norsk?**

**Continue learning Norwegian at the  
Sons of Norway - Nordkap Lodge**



**4-week refresher class  
on Wednesdays  
Starting November 16  
7:00 – 8:30 p.m.**

**Swedish Club  
Farmington Hills  
22398 Ruth Street  
(at Freedom Road)**

**Price for 4-week session: \$40**

**To enroll, contact Louise Giles at  
[louiseagiles@gmail.com](mailto:louiseagiles@gmail.com)**

**Payment due the 1<sup>st</sup> night of class**

## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

The “Breaking News” for our lodge this month is that our popular Norwegian language classes are about to resume.

We are so lucky to have our skilled and professional teacher Adrienne Shepard coming back to what I think will be a very enthusiastic class of new and former students.

If you've thought about learning Norwegian, now is the time to begin, since Adrienne's first classes will be a refresher course, aimed at both teaching new students and taking her former students back to where they left off in April. (Look for details on p. 3 in this newsletter.)

Importantly, our language classroom will be getting a major upgrade this fall with the laptop computer Nordkap purchased with a matching grant from the Sons of Norway Foundation—and the help of our own “tech guru,” Nordkap member Derrick Hendricks. Thank you, Derrick.

Speaking of fall, we will be featuring a traditional fall meal at our October 23<sup>rd</sup> dinner where 5<sup>th</sup> District President Andy Johnsen will be our guest speaker. The meal will be Fårikål, the traditional Norwegian lamb and cabbage stew. No one makes this better than our own “Norwegian chef” Dennis Flessland, so come on out and enjoy some good Norwegian food. A donation of at least \$5 is suggested. (See related story on p. 1.)

Also with fall comes the election—our lodge election, in this case. On October 23, we'll report the progress of our nominating committee in seeking new officer candidates. There is still time for you to help Nordkap reach its highest potential. Let us know how you would like to serve, and we'll find a position that meets your interests that you can run for. The elections will be held at our November 20<sup>th</sup> gathering.



*The clean-up crew enjoys a taste of Norwegian Linie Aquavit after a long day at the Steak and Corn Roast.*

and teamwork that produced the event—plus some goofy antics like serving moose cookies to the Swedes (whose national animal is the moose) and giving Swedish Club President Dan Nelson moose socks and a moose hat he wore for the rest of the afternoon.

Med vennlig hilsen (With best regards),  
Louise Giles

Serving has a way of bringing unexpected pleasures, of course, as those members who turned out to help with the Steak and Corn Roast in September discovered. This annual fundraiser at, and for, the Swedish Club is Nordkap's way of saying thanks for allowing us to rent their excellent facility. Together we cooked and served approximately 65 New York strip steaks with all the

trimmings. The pleasures came with the comradery



*Dan Nelson has fun with his moose socks and hat.*

## **LEIF ERIKSON DAY 2016 PROCLAIMED BY THE PRESIDENT**

**As authorized by the U. S. Congress in 1964, the President of the United States issued his annual proclamation of October 9 as "Leif Erikson Day."**

**Here are excerpts of this year's proclamation by President Obama, in which he called upon all Americans to honor our rich Nordic-American heritage:**

"More than 1,000 years ago, an intrepid Scandinavian explorer, Leif Erikson, embarked on a voyage that landed him on the North American coast. A son of Iceland and grandson of Norway, Erikson and his crew are believed to be the first Europeans to reach the shores of our continent, founding the Vinland settlement in modern-day Canada. Today, we recall Leif Erikson's historic journey as we seek to carry forward the bold spirit of exploration that has inspired Nordic Americans for generations.



"Eight centuries after Leif Erikson's trip, six families of Norwegians boarded a ship called Restauration bound for New York City. Following in Erikson's footsteps, these individuals sought the promise of freedom and opportunity America offered and became the first group of organized American immigrants from Norway. Millions of Americans proudly trace their ancestry to Nordic countries, raised by parents and grandparents who crossed oceans to carve out new lives for their families and help steer the course of our country. The

United States and our Nordic partners are united by ties of family and friendship, history and heritage. Earlier this year, I was proud to welcome Nordic leaders to the White House. This visit illustrated many of the values and interests we share -- including increasing opportunity for all and recognizing the inherent dignity of every human being.

"On Leif Erikson Day, as we express our appreciation for the myriad contributions of Nordic Americans, let us remember the discovery that set this profound history in motion."

## **NORDKAP CONTRIBUTES TO FOUNDATION DRIVE TO RAISE \$50,000**

The Sons of Norway Foundation, which supports Norwegian culture and heritage through its extensive program of grants and scholarships, is celebrating its 50th anniversary.

As part of the celebration, the Foundation is asking Sons of Norway lodges collectively to help raise \$50,000. A generous matching gift of \$50,000 means that each lodge's gift is doubled. When the goal is reached, each Sons of Norway district will receive a \$1,000 grant to use for Foundation-related purposes.

Nordkap Lodge is joining this effort with its gift of \$50—which will double to \$100—helping to ensure that the Foundation can support more camp and college scholarships, and more educational and cultural programming.

Nordkap, itself, has been a beneficiary of Foundation grants. Most recently we received a matching grant to help us purchase a computer for use in our Norwegian language studies. In 2004, we were the recipient of a generous grant to help fund our lodge's 75th anniversary celebration.

## **NORWAY'S 'THE KING'S CHOICE' TO VIE FOR FOREIGN-LANGUAGE OSCAR NOMINATION**

And the Oscar goes to..... could it be Norway?

Yes, it could, because the historical drama, "The King's Choice," is set to represent Norway in the race for foreign-language-film Oscar nominations at the 89th Academy Awards on February 26, 2017.



*Scene from "The King's Choice"*

"The King's Choice" is set during the German invasion of Norway in 1940. It stars Danish actor Jesper Christensen as King Haakon VII, who refused to surrender to the Germans at all costs.

In her story carried in *Variety*, Elsa Keslassy offered this quote from a leading figure in the Norwegian film scene: "'The King's Choice' tells of a dramatic event for us as a nation, but also examines a part of history that affected large parts of the world. With its engaging themes and strong cinematic qualities, I am sure we have a great candidate in the race," said Sindre Guldvog, who chairs the Oscar committee and heads the Norwegian Film Institute.

Written by Norwegian writers Jan Trygve Røyneland and Harald Rosenløw Eeg, the film is directed by Erik Poppe. Prior to "The King's Choice," Poppe directed the English-language drama "A Thousand Times Goodnight" with Juliette Binoche and Nikolaj Coster-Waldau.

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