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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 its members.

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MEETING TIME:

Monthly business meetings held the second Wednesday of every month (except July) at **7:00 PM** at Viking Hall, 1045 Ford Street, Colorado Springs, CO 80915

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MARCH

COFFE AND DESSERT

Complimentary coffee and dessert party
 Saturday, March 19
 2:00 PM at Viking Hall

Come on out and sample "death by chocolate", "hurricane cake", "Charleston cherry bars" to name a few. There will also be a short program featuring "Joyful Judy", the Rhyming Story teller

APRIL

FROKOST
AUTHENTIC NORWEGIAN BREAKFAST

Sunday, April 10
 11:00AM - 1:30 PM, at Viking Hall
 Members: \$15.00


Non-members: \$17.00
 Children 12 and under: \$8.00
 Children not requiring a seat: free

Menu lovingly prepared by your fellow members wishing a hearty *velkommen til bords!*

Baked honey ham, roast beef, liver sausage, salami, roast pork, head cheese, gjetost, jarlsberg, swiss cheese, tomatoes, cole-slaw, pickled herring, sardines, smoked salmon, scrambled eggs, deviled eggs, salmon mousse, crab salad, potato salad, cucumber salad, pickled beets, dill pickles, lingonberries, vafler, fresh fruit, lefse, jule kake, cardamom bread, apple cake, flat bread, knekkebrød, coffee, orange juice

RSVP by April 6, 2011. Make checks payable to Sons of Norway. Send checks to Laurance and Lucille Moe
 6726 Bitterroot, Colorado Springs, CO 80923
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March 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Game and Card Night - 12:30 PM, Viking Hall	2 Board Meeting - 10:00 AM, Viking Hall Norwegian Language Class - 7:00 PM	3 Viking Sisters - 1 PM	4	5 Barneløpet - Grand Mesa, Grand Junc- tion, CO
6	7	8	9 FMC Board meeting - 6:00 PM, Viking Hall Lodge Meeting - 7:00 PM, Viking Hall <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	10	11	12 Rosemaling class - 9:00 AM, Viking Hall
13  <i>Daylight-Saving Time Begins</i>	14	15	16 Norwegian Language Class - 7:00 PM	17 Ladies Luncheon - 11:30 AM, TBD. June Peterson - 599-3235 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i>	18	19 Coffee and Dessert - 2:00 PM, Viking Hall
20 <i>Spring Begins</i>	21	22	23 Norwegian Language Class - 7:00 PM	24	25	26 Pancake Breakfast - 9:00 AM, Viking Hall
27 Rosemaling class - 9:00 AM, Viking Hall Dine Out - TBD	28	29	30 Norwegian Language Class - 7:00 PM	31		

April 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 <i>April Fools Day</i>	2
3	4	5 Game and Card Night - Viking Hall	6 Board Meeting - 10:00 AM, Viking Hall Norwegian Language Class - 7:00 PM	7 Viking Sisters - 1 PM	8	9
10 FROKOST - 11:00 AM, Viking Hall	11	12	13 FMC Board meeting - 6:00 PM, Viking Hall Lodge Meeting - 7:00 PM, Viking Hall	14	15	16 Rosemaling class - 9:00 AM, Viking Hall
17 <i>Palm Sunday</i>	18	19 <i>Passover</i>	20 Norwegian Language Class - 7:00 PM	21 Ladies Luncheon - 11:30 AM, TBD. June Peterson - 599-3235	22 <i>Good Friday</i>	23
24 Dine Out - TBD <i>Easter Sunday</i>	25	26	27 Norwegian Language Class - 7:00 PM	28	29	30 Rosemaling class - 9:00 AM, Viking Hall

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

MARCH

- 1 Dean Tollefson
- 3 Rory Foresman
- 3 Teresa Halvorson
- 14 Avery Oldervik
- 14 Al Wonstolen
- 17 Kristi Erdal
- 18 Darlene Aaland
- 18 Delores Gagnon
- 23 Owen Bergland
- 24 Karen Ravnaas
- 25 Tove Palmer
- 29 Fernon Gustafson

APRIL

- 1 Tyrone Steen
- 2 Barbara Ann Nelson
- 5 Doris Lake
- 5 Kristen Lindholm
- 6 Stasia Erickson
- 6 Troy Erickson
- 6 Jacob Russell
- 12 Vickie Bross
- 12 Lyn Wonstolen
- 15 Lorraine Timm
- 17 Lyle Berge
- 22 Jennifer Forbes
- 24 Tyler Taskerud
- 25 Paul Greenfield
- 27 Marjorie Erickson
- 27 Randy M Johnson
- 29 Peder Breivik
- 30 Torin Berge
- 30 Carlton J Johnson

HERITAGE AND YOUTH MARCH

- 3 Robert Gavin
- 3 Drew Wiest
- 7 Amanda Oldervik
- 8 Caleb Olive
- 24 Tyler Leitte
- 31 Abby Allgood

APRIL

- 2 Kolben Erdal Barney
- 6 Audrey Goodnight
- 10 Henrik Lyby
- 18 Brock Allen
- 24 Timothy Coltrin
- 24 Chyanne Foresman

GRATULERER MED DAGEN ALLE SAMMEN!!

GAME AND CARD SOCIAL

PLEASE NOTE NEW TIME - THIS WILL BE OUR NEW MEETING TIME THROUGH MARCH.

Tuesday, March 1, **12:30 PM**, Viking Hall
Tuesday, April 5, **Time to be announced**, Viking Hall

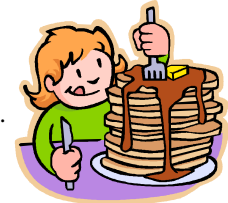
A pot luck meal followed by cards and games. Hope to see you there.
If you have any questions, please call Grace Johnson at 632-4885.



PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Breakfast Social - March 26 - 9:00am to 11:00am at Fjellheim Lodge. Serving Pancakes, sausage, bacon, fruit, and coffee and juice.
\$8.00 for adults, \$6.00 for children.

Reservations to Millie Sullivan at 597-0381



CULTURAL CORNER

Let's get to know something new about one of our members at our Lodge Meeting each month. It could be something you collect, a hobby, a story about a part of Norway you or your ancestors came from, something of interest that has been passed down in your family, etc. Just five minutes at the end of our meetings to share with our group.

*Thanks,
Larue Hanson*

BOARD MEETING TIME CHANGE

Please note that starting on January 5th, our monthly Board meeting will start at 10:00AM at Viking Hall.

ROSEMALING CLASSES

At the January Business Meeting, an announcement was made regarding the start of rosemaling classes. Classes will be held at the Lodge and each class will cost \$20 per person, per class. Classes will be held on a Saturday from 9 AM to 1 PM, or on a Sunday from 12 PM. Planned class dates will occur twice a month, dates will vary based on teacher availability and scheduled Fjellheim Lodge activities. The first series of classes were January 22, and February 12 and 27. Upcoming classes are Saturday, March 12, 9 AM to 1 PM; and Sunday, 27 March from 12-4 PM. Also, classes will be held on Saturday, April 16, 9 AM to 1 PM; and on Saturday, April 30, 9 AM to 1 PM. Future classes for May and June will be noted on the Lodge calendar as well as in future Flammen issues.

Sissel Disbrow

KEEP THE DATES

Sunday April 10th – Frokost
Sunday May 15th – 17 Mai Celebration
June 25-26 - Scandinavian Festival, Estes Park
September 16-18 - Kretssteve, Green Mountain Falls



COFFE AND DESSERT

As a special thanks to all of our Lodge members and their guests, we are going to have a complimentary coffee and dessert party on Saturday, March 19, 2011 at 2 PM at Viking Hall.

Come on out and sample "death by chocolate", "hurricane cake", "Charleston cherry bars" to name a few. There is no cost involved; only your smiling faces are required.

There will also be a short program featuring "Joyful Judy", the Rhyming Story teller. Judy inspires, delights and reminds us to live, laugh and to be joyful... always.

Sissel Disbrow

COLD GREETINGS FROM TROLLHEIM

Due to the cold weather recently, our pipes in the lodge froze and caused major damage to the library, kitchen, and Butikken. The General Meeting and Member Recognition night on February 21st has been rescheduled to March 21st. Also, the Butikken will be closed for approximately the next 2 months for remodeling. Please make a note of the date change and pass this information along to other members.

Thank you for sharing the information with others and we look forward to seeing you at the March 21st General Meeting!

Dawn Nelsen

RECRUIT TO WIN IN 2011!

Oslo. Bergen. Coastal Norway. Holmenkollen. The Flam Railway. Hadeland Glassworks. All this and more could be yours if you recruit to win in 2011!

This year, when you recruit new, dues-paying members you are entering yourself into the 2011 Norwegian Experience Recruitment Contest, courtesy of Borton Overseas and Sons of Norway. The prize, which will be awarded in January of 2012, is a free trip of a lifetime for the winner and one guest that includes airfare, meals, exclusive travel opportunities and upscale accommodations!

Just imagine taking a 10 day land-tour of Norway enjoying some of the most beautiful scenery that Scandinavia has to offer! The best part is that the winner gets to choose their own adventure! Whether you prefer an active trip full of sightseeing and touring, or a more laid-back vacation, it's up to you!

To enter this year's Norwegian Experience Recruitment Contest all you have to do is recruit one new, dues-paying member and make sure your name is listed in the "Referred By" field. It's as easy as that! Entries are taken from members recruited between January 1st and December 31st, 2011. Also, remember that you can enter as many times as you recruit throughout the year, which increases your chances of winning!

To learn more about the contest or its rules, contact Sons of Norway at 1-800-945-8851.

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Gavin, Louella and Dan
3688 Camino Arroyo
Sierra Vista, AZ 85650

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Palmen, Carol H.
Suntken, Anne B.
Guyer, Ina
Forsa, Gerd S.
Moore, Kerry B. and Marianne F.
Jackson, Joan

FMC

To our board member, please remember our meeting at 6 PM on the day of our monthly business meeting!

The Managers Contract for 2011 has been signed.

During that cold weather the kitchen water pipes froze, but did not break. The small circulating pump had quit running. Paul and Chuck thawed out the pipes and replaced the pump. Thank you.

The other bad news is that on the night of 2-11-11 another large window was broken.

Swede

THE SUNNY CORNER



Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to all who are celebrating these special occasions during March and April 2011. Happy Belated Birthday to those of you who were not listed in the last issue and we apologize for leaving you off the list – uff-da.

Beverly Skrukruud has been in the hospital but is now recovering at home. Earl Helseth has been ill and is now doing much better. Slim Osleson had a heart attack and had 2 stints inserted; they are doing their job and Slim reports that he is feeling much better and doing well. Ken Halvorson has also been ill and is doing better. Gus Gustafson was fighting the stomach flu and hopefully is on the mend. Get better, Gus. Larry Moe was in the hospital a couple of times because of HBP and has since been released. He is still undergoing tests and we wish him the best. Marge Erickson underwent a muscle biopsy and is recovering from this painful procedure. She is doing better and we hope she continues to improve. Sara Ostrem is recovering from 3 very painful DVT's in her right leg: we wish you a speedy recovery and hope that you are feeling better soon. Please keep all our members in your thoughts and prayers.

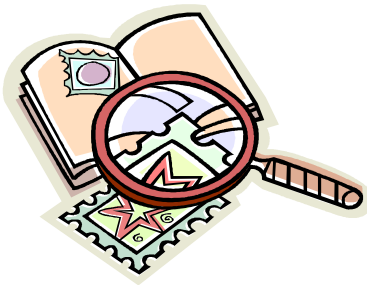
And now for some really good news: Darlene Aaland is cancer free!!! This is awesome and we hope to see you soon, Darlene.

On a very sad note, we lost Bill Hill on February 7. His funeral was in Pueblo on Feb 11 and we will surely miss him at our meetings and socials. He was a loyal member and we send condolences to his family and friends.

Just a note to sign off: "Friends are angels who lift us to our feet when our wings have trouble remembering how to fly."

*Karen Ravnaas, Sunshine Director
390-0621*

TUBFRIM WINNER ANNOUNCED!



As you may, Sons of Norway is an annual contributor to the Norwegian Tubfrim program, which raises money to help children. For the past 27 years, our members have been clipping canceled postage stamps and sending them to Tubfrim, who then turns around and sells them to dealers and collectors.

Originally the money went to assist children afflicted by tuberculosis. Today, however, the organization also works to improve the quality of life for children and youth living with a variety of handicaps. Sons of Norway members play an integral role in providing this much-needed assistance.

Here's some of fun facts about Sons of Norway's participation in Tubfrim:

- From January 1, 2010 to January 31st 2011, Sons of Norway members contributed more than 4,000lbs (1,835 kilos)! That's nearly 2 TONS of postage stamps!
- Sons of Norway's contribution equals nearly 50% of all stamps sent to Tubfrim in a given year!
- Tubfrim has a Facebook page.
- Tubfrim is owned by the Norwegian Health Association (Nasjonalforeningen for folkehelsen). Today the profits are used to help handicapped children and youth in Norway, and to finance the efforts to eradicate tuberculosis.

While helping children is probably incentive enough for our members, Sons of Norway does something to thank those who participate by holding an annual drawing for a free plane ticket to Norway. For every pound of stamps collected, the member or lodge is entered into the drawing which is held every January.

This year's winner was drawn during an installation ceremony held at the Sons of Norway Valhall lodge 6-025 in San Diego, California. I'm pleased to announce that the winner is Lollo Sievert, a member from Vegas Viking lodge 6-152! Congratulations, Lollo and have a great time in Norway!

If you'd like to participate in the Tubfrim contest and get the chance to win a free ticket to Norway, visit the Tubfrim page on the Sons of Norway website.

SKI FOR LIGHT AND OUR MAGNIFICENT ZONE 8 MEMBERS!!!

I can't tell you how many times I heard "the Sons of Norway people are amazing" (or any number of complimentary adjectives!) from Sunday Jan 30 through Sunday Feb 6, from the participants in the 2011 Ski For Light event at Snow Mountain Ranch (SMR), Grand County, CO! There were approximately 280 participants at this year's event, and our SON efforts were to assist their DIA arrival and departure, their SMR arrival, Norway Day, and race day. We had 50 members from 6 of our 7 Colorado lodges (the 7th lodge being on Colorado's Western Slope) volunteer to help however they could throughout this week. 22 from 6 lodges: Stein Fjell – **Ras & Marian Erdal, Bill Nesse & Marianne Workman-Nesse, JoAnn Kison**; Vesterheim – **Steve Persson**; Trollheim – **Kevin & Janelle Mebust, Perry Monkeliën, Bjorn Dahl**; Fjellheim – **Michael Johaneson**; Storfjell – **Diane Molter**; and Fjellaldalen – **Lloyd & Donna Newland, Heidi Erickson, Jeanne Tucker, Dan Schauer, Helen Mulhern, Bonnie Hegge, Erik Collett, Gary Atkinson, Crystal Sundet** spent long days at DIA – some from 7:00AM to 7:00PM - for arrivals and delayed arrivals - on the 30th. Everyone arrived, we got them to the buses, and they were on their way to a fun-filled week! Upon arrival at SMR they were met by members of Storfjell Lodge. With close to 150 visually and/or mobility impaired individuals, approximately 20 guide dogs (luggage & dog food!) to be escorted to 3 lodges with no elevators, in the cold and dark – this would be an achievement! **Alan Sommerfeld**, of Storfjell Lodge in Grand County, enlisted 28 Lodge volunteers plus members of Grand Nordic Ski Club and other local friends, to assist with participant arrival at SMR and to help with Saturday's race. Lodge volunteers were **Alan & Karen Sommerfeld, Jon & Lois Hodne, Ransom Rice, Ken & Muriel Johnson, Jim & Sandy Pedersen, Debbe Knutson, Kent & Debbie Wehmeyer, Steve & Joan Ophaug, Toshiko & Yasuaki Ogishi, Josh & Maria Shreve, Joe & Julie Cunningham, Marian Barry & Bud Crawford, Bob and Kathy Mean, Mike & Jacque Ossian, Gary deVries and Ryan Jones**. Monday and Tuesday were brutally cold, and many of the participants were feeling the effects of the altitude and the extreme cold. Some got out and checked out the race trail, some checked out other ski locations, some stayed out of the cold!

Friday celebrates Norway. Storfjell members outdid themselves, providing Norwegian cookies and riskrem for their Friday lunch. Friday evening Storfjell members and friends, Dist 6 President **Lyle Berge**, and Zone 8 Director **Crystal Sundet** joined them for their Norway Night Dinner and a short program from the Norwegian skiers. There were 12 participants from Norway – most of them guides. Saturday was the final race – it was cold and windy - and snowing! Alan, Debbe, Ransom, Muriel, Kenn and Kent were ski marshals along the race trail. On Sunday – when the participants returned to DIA – they had had a good week.

Our eastern slope volunteers were at DIA waiting for buses at 7:30-8:00AM on Sunday. After 18 hours of blowing snow, the 1st bus arrived late, but everyone made their flights. TV and radio reported that Berthoud Pass (the route from SMR!) closed – it closed just before the 2nd bus got there and they were told to turn around and go through Kremmling. Arriving 4 hours later – all had missed their flights and had to re-book for later flights. The last 2 buses didn't even make it up to SMR before the pass was closed. So we stayed at the airport – tending to those with late departures and waiting to hear when the pass would re-open. Late afternoon it was finally determined that the people still waiting at SMR for the last 2 buses would be bussed back to Denver yet that night, but to airport hotels, and they would be rescheduling their travel for Monday. Fortunately there were many guides on those buses, but it was a bitter-sweet ending for those of us wanting to be of help to these participants. It was a great week, and as your Zone 8 Director, I thank all of you who so willingly gave of your time!

You are awesome!!!

Crystal Sundet, District 6, Zone 8 Director

IN MEMORIAM

William Dean Hill

February 29, 1928 -
February 7, 2011



William Dean Hill, 82, passed away Feb. 7, 2011. Survived by his siblings, Patricia Salvucci of Denver, Shirley (Robert) Kettner of McMinnville, Ore., Louise (Earl) Potter of Lakewood, Mary (Marvin) Motz of Alamosa, James (Janet) Hill of Toledo, Ohio and John (Cheryl) Hill of Phoenix, Ariz.; and sister-in-law, Linda Hill of Silver Spring, Md., Preceded in death by his brother, Perry Hill. William was born to Perry and Helen Hill on Feb. 29, 1928, in Hartman, Colo.

He was raised on a farm in Las Animas, Colorado, educated at Ft. Hays College in Kansas and at USC in Pueblo. He retired as a Master Sergeant after a 27 year military career in the US Army as a counterintelligence investigator and a historian in retirement. He spent over half his military service in the US in Kentucky, Maryland, Georgia, California, Colorado, and two long tours at the Pentagon. Overseas he served in Korea at Pusan after the Korean War was over, then 2 tours on Okinawa. His last Asian assignment was in Vietnam and from there he was sent to Germany. After returning to the Pentagon he worked for the Department of Defense. He was awarded 2 Army Commendation medals and a DOD Commendation medal.

Bill was a member of Christ The King Church, Sons of Norway, Pikes Peak Posse of Westerners and he was a life member of the American Legion, serving as Adjutant for about 8 years. But most importantly, Bill loved his family. In his love of children, he always remembered nieces and nephews and grand-nieces and nephews on their birthdays.

A funeral Mass was held at Christ the King Church. Interment will be at Arlington National Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Christ the King Church through Montgomery & Steward Funeral Directors, 1317 N. Main St., Pueblo, CO 81003.

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT**

As your President, during Jan. and Feb, I've had the privilege of partaking in various meetings pertaining to the operation and activities of the lodge. The lodge manager's contract has been reviewed, discussed and approved. A few grey areas due to lack of communication, will be eliminated.

A very interesting meeting to review and document lodge activities and achievements for 2010 was held in late January. The meeting brought to light many great activities we experienced and a few areas we can improve on in 2011. A couple of those areas are Youth and school/ community awareness! We need a Youth activities director.

As members of Fjellheim Lodge, each and every one of you are ambassadors for the lodge. If you know of an organization or group of people that may be looking for a place to hold an event, please speak up!

A final word on volunteering in any capacity, to help perpetuate the future of our lodge. The lodge doesn't run itself! Due to the tireless efforts of a small percentage of members, we are surviving in these difficult times. Please join your fellow members and help out! You will find the experience very rewarding and you'll meet the nicest people.

Respectfully,
Paul Wiig



**FROM YOUR FINANCIAL BENEFITS
COUNSELOR**

Retirement plans are often among your largest assets. Unfortunately they are subject to some of the most complicated taxation; income taxes, premature distribution penalties, and estate taxes. Uncle Sam will one day get his piece of your retirement savings. This can lead to IRA implosion. You can overcome this with some careful planning and help from your Sons of Norway Financial Benefits Counselor. The choice is yours, ultimately liquidate the IRA you have spent a lifetime building or let us help you with a plan to protect your wealth and give you control. Sons of Norway wants to help you be in charge of your financial dreams.

p.s. It's not too late to add to your 2010 IRA!

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NORWAY DONATES TO UNICEF

In late 2010, Norway forged a two-year agreement to donate NOK 1 billion to UNICEF's education and girls' rights initiatives.

The agreement comes as one of many instances when Norway has played an important role in supporting UNICEF's educational development efforts in poor countries. Norwegian Minister of Environment and International Development Erik Solheim says, "More children than ever before now have the opportunity to go to school. However, we must remember that a great deal remains to be done before we can say that we are satisfied. All children must have the opportunity to go to school, including those that are most vulnerable. We must also seek to further improve the quality of schools."

Solheim also points out that in situations of crisis and conflict, like the earthquake in Haiti, schools do much more than provide a place of learning. "After a disaster, schools can often be a safe haven for children. Here they can find protection, support, and not least health care and food," says Solheim.

Norway is the second largest donor to UNICEF, providing a total of NOK 1.3 billion a year. Adapted from NRK