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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)
7:00 PM
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Deadline for the December issue is Monday November 14.

OCTOBER

VIKING FAIR/BAZAAR

Saturday, October 22,
 Viking Hall, 1045 Ford St
 9:00 AM TO 1:00 PM

Breakfast, bazaar, crafts, music, baked goods--including Scandinavian items

For information and vendor procedures call Eunice Bluhm at 719-351-3554.

Sponsored by Sons of Norway for fun and funds for disaster relief, building support and scholarships.

NOVEMBER

LUTEFISK DINNER

Saturday, November 5
 Viking Hall, 1045 Ford St

First Seating 2:00 PM
 Second Seating 6:00 PM
 \$18.00 (members 12 & Up)
 \$20.00 (non-members)
 \$8.00 (ages 5-12)

Lutefisk with Butter/Cream Sauce, Meatballs, Steamed Potatoes, Vegetables, Cranberry Sauce, Lefse, Desert and Coffee.

For sale in our lobby; Lutefisk, Herring, Lingonberries, Baked goods, and Gift Items.

For Reservations Call June Peterson, 599-3235

SCANDINAVIAN CHRISTMAS TEA

Saturday, December 3 at 2:00 PM
 Viking Hall, 1045 Ford Street
 See you there! Details on p. 4

October 2011

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2	3	4 Game and Card Night - 12:30 PM, Viking Hall - NOTE NEW TIME	5 Board Meeting - 9:00 AM, Viking Hall Norwegian Language Class - 7:00 PM	6	7	8
9 "Leif Erikson Day"	10 Lefse Baking - 9 AM, Viking Hall	11	12 FMC Board meeting - 6:00 PM, Viking Hall Lodge Meeting - 7:00 PM, Viking Hall	13	14	15
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23	24 Lefse Baking - 9 AM, Viking Hall "United Nations Day"	25	26 Norwegian Language Class - 7:00 PM	27	28	29
30 Dine Out - 1 PM, Black Eyed Pea, 887 N. Academy, Marie Berggren, Betty McIntyre - 635-5294	31 HAPPY HALLOWEEN					

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MEMBER BIRTHDAYS



OCTOBER

- 3 Ellen Rubi May
- 4 Joan C Corder
- 5 Adelle E Steinseifer
- 7 Gloria L Mitchell
- 13 Marjorie Lindskog
- 13 Doris F Olson
- 16 Jill K Johnson
- 19 Kathryn E Oldervik
- 21 Nathan S Hollenbeck
- 23 Emma Josephine Greek
- 24 Sonja Sue Gund
- 26 Lenora B Larson
- 27 Virginia L Nelson
- 28 June T Aune
- 30 Geir S Ostrem
- 31 Agnes Barilovich

NOVEMBER

- 3 Elizabeth Ann Skrukrud
- 5 Sarah G Ostrem
- 8 Bjorn Lindholm
- 13 Knut Lyby
- 14 Kimberly A Roseland
- 18 Alex B Parra
- 20 Edith M Rodvold
- 21 Elsie Dorcas Kuns
- 22 Lawrence C Miller
- 28 Marvin E Adams
- 28 Orlin "Swede" Knutson

BIRTHDAYS FOR HERITAGE AND YOUTH MEMBERS

OCTOBER

- 14 Madison L Ben
- 16 Joshua R Lysne
- 23 Thor Gavin
- 24 Austin Allgood
- 27 Will M Berge
- 27 Mason Wiest
- 31 Madeleine R Erickson
- 31 Sissel M Erickson

NOVEMBER

- 12 Karston Erdal Barney

**GRATULERER MED DAGEN
ALLE SAMMEN!**

GAME AND CARD SOCIAL



Note new time

October 5, 12:30 PM at Viking Lodge.

Join us for a potluck followed by cards and games. Everyone welcome for an afternoon of good food, fellowship and fun.

Contact Ginny Johnson 495-0253 if you have questions.

DINE OUT



October 30, 1 PM at Black Eyed Pea, 887 N. Academy Blvd. (Citadel Crossing Shopping Center). Hosted by Marie Berggren, Betty McIntyre - 635-5294.

We are taking a holiday break in November and December. See you in 2012.

LADIES LUNCHEON

October 20, 11:30 AM, Olive Garden Restaurant at 513 N. Academy Blvd. Hosted by Betty McIntyre and Marie Berggren, 635-5294.

November 17, 11:30 AM, Old Chicago at 4110 N. Academy Blvd. Hosted by Rosa Strand, 598-2624.

As Always, men are welcome at their own table.

FJELLHEIM ROSEMALING CLASSES

October 08, 2011 - 9:00-1:00. October 16, 2011 - 12:00-4:00

November 13, 2011 - 12:00-4:00. November 20, 2011 - 12:00-4:00

Please call Sissel Disbrow at 719-540-2737 or Kathy Oldervik at 719-596-6927.

LEFSE BAKING TIMES

October 10th, 17th, 31st. We may have to add a couple more dates as we are making all the Lefse for our dinner and to sell. All times start at 9:00 am if you can't make it at that set time we still will welcome you when it works for you.

Lois

HELP NEEDED

There will be sign up sheets to help prepare for Lutefisk Dinner Friday November 4th.

We need potato peelers, carrot peelers, and help to set up tables. We will not be making meet balls as we will use the ready made meat balls. Cakes will be put together and what ever other things need to be done.

Please see Lois at meetings to sign up.

DECK THE HALL

We will decorate Viking Hall for the Christmas season on Sunday, November 27th at 10:00 AM. Please come out and help us to spruce up the Hall with trees, garlands and wreaths. A little lunch will be served.

SCANDINAVIAN CHRISTMAS TEA

Mark your calendars for Saturday, December 3, 2:00 PM, for this special Lodge holiday event. This is a great beginning to the Christmas season and we are looking forward to our members and guests attending.



Homemade Scandinavian holiday treats will be served along with holiday tea. There will be a program and door prizes will be awarded. The cost is \$13.00.

Please call June Peterson, 719-599-3235, for reservations. Call early because seating is limited.

Sissel Disbrow

DECEMBER SOCIAL

On Sunday, December 18th at 3:00 PM, Fjellheim Lodge will present a "Julebord" (Christmas Table).

Please plan to join us for this special celebration. Our extensive buffet menu will include at least 31 tasty items. This is an early announcement and more information will be available in the December Flammen.

VIKING FAIR/BAZAAR DONATION PICK UP

Anyone having items to donate for the October 22 sale can call me for a pick-up or bring them to the October business meeting.

*Thanks,
Paul Wiig, 596-6159*

EXCITING NEWS ABOUT YOUR NEWSLETTER

Beginning in January 2012, we will start doing a monthly newsletter again, with a break in July.

We are also making some changes to the mailing. The not-for-profit permit will be discontinued and we are hoping to email the newsletter to as many of our members as possible to cut back on the cost. This way you will have access to the newsletter a little sooner and it will be in color! Many of you have been getting the newsletter both printed and by email for a while. If you have an email address and are currently not getting an email copy, please let Knut Lyby know by sending him an email at kmlby@q.com and you will help our Lodge save money on both printing and postage.

By discontinuing the not-for-profit status, we are also able to advertise in the newsletter. If you have any interest in placing a paid advertisement, please let Knut know. Any money generated by ads will be used to off set the cost of printing and mailing.

Current and older newsletters can also be found on our website. Go to www.sonsofnorwaycs.com

Knut



FMC REPORT

We had to repair the kitchen cooler.

On September 20th we did the interior framing to cover the West windows in the foyer.

The next FMC Board meeting is Oct 12, 2011 at 6:00 PM at the Lodge.

Swede

TEA TIME AT TROLLHEIM

Trollheim Dameklubb invites you to tea, snacks and entertainment on October 8 at 1 PM at Trollheim Lodge, 6610 West 14th Avenue, Lakewood. Cost is \$15 per person, proceeds will be donated to Jeffco Action Center.

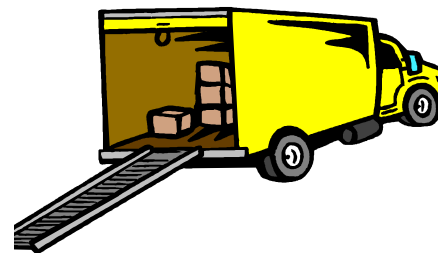
Den Norske Butikken will be open.

Contact Barb Hessel for more information or to RSVP by October 1. 303-989-4496.

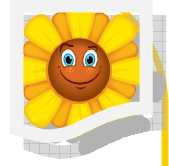
TWO SPECIAL LADIES

When Grace Johnson returned to her home from the care center in August, she needed assistance on a 24 hour basis. When a friend and roommate of more than 50 years ago heard of it, she and one of her friends traveled from Minnesota and spent 11 days helping Grace with her health care and also in sorting and packing her belongings in preparation for her move to Minneapolis accompanied by her niece. Lou Ann Rested (the roommate) and her friend Betsy Nurnan are a spirited and well-traveled duo who charmed all of us who had the opportunity to meet them.

Thank you for all you did for our sister. Come back and see us!



THE SUNNY CORNER



Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to everyone who is celebrating these special occasions in October and November. Autumn is here and the turning of the colors and smells of the harvest are among us. Take the time to enjoy these awesome things that let us know it is time to rest and enjoy the upcoming holiday seasons.

We have lost two very influential members of our lodge. Anne Beahler passed away on August 10, never recovering from the trauma of the broken hip. Clarence "Slim" Osleson passed on August 29 after a brief illness and hospitalization. We had just seen Slim at the September lodge meeting, so this came as a shock to the membership. We pay our condolences and sympathies to the family and friends of these two wonderful people – both of whom will leave a huge hole in our hearts.

Our dear friend, Grace Johnson, had moved to Minneapolis and is settling into her new home and new routine. She is continuing with her physical therapy and getting stronger. Grace, we wish you a good recovery so that you can once again get around and come visit us. Grace can be contacted @ 8500 Tessman Farm Rd N, Brooklyn Park, MN 55445 or 763-416-4110.

This month's little diddy: "When I lack the strength to fly - my Guardian Angel loans me her wings"
May you always have love to share, health to spare, and friends that care.

Regards,
Karen Ravnaas,
Sunshine Director, 390-0621

IN MEMORIAM



Slim Osleson, **February 22, 1923 - August 29, 2011**

Slim was born on a farm near Spring Grove, Minnesota, the son of Martin and Hilda Osleson. He was one of seven children. He served in the Army Air Corps in WWII and recently participated in the Rocky Mountain Honor Flight to honor veterans of his era. He moved to Pueblo, Colorado in 1944 and worked for School District 60 and King Lumber Company in cabinetry.

He is survived by his son Curtis, daughter Lisa Knafelc, and special friend and caregiver, Darlene Smith, as well as several grandchildren, great grandchildren and other relatives. He loved his family, his '56 Ford, country music, traveling, and serving his country and community.

Slim is well-known and highly regarded in our Lodge. When he first arrived 25 years ago, it took him all of 15 minutes to get acquainted. He had a kind word for all, a ready smile, and a supply of jokes to enliven the "Remarks for the Good of the Order".

We will remember our Good Humor man with thanks and a chuckle.

Anne Sofey Beahler, **July 19, 1915 - August 10, 2011**

Anne was born on a farm near Kampeska, South Dakota, one of seven children. After high school and the advent of WWII, she joined the Waves and served in Pearl Harbor where she served as an escort for visiting First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt. After receiving her discharge from the Waves, Anne was a court reporter for the U.S.-Russian Joint Committee on the postwar Korean question. While there she met and married Lee Beahler, a career army man whose assignments took them to numerous posts in the U.S. and the World.

She is survived by her daughter Christine of Seattle, Washington, and her son John of Columbia, Missouri and other relatives.

Anne is regarded as the First Lady of our Lodge for her outstanding service and loyalty. From the very beginning she and Lee were constant supporters and volunteers. She was the premier hostess, the lodge memory bank, the initiator of the Frokost, and the good will ambassador for our group at events social or serious.

She is an inspiration to us all as we hold her kindly and tenderly in our hearts.

GREETINGS DISTRICT # 6!

October is designated as Foundation Month throughout Sons of Norway. As you know, Thor Lodge 4-067 in Minot, ND, had many families affected by the severe June flooding of the Souris River.

We are currently in the process of mailing out \$38,000 in \$1,000 Helping Hands to Member Grants to all of the Sons of Norway families that have been affected by the floods. This will help them in their clean-up and recovery efforts to purchase much needed cleaning supplies, bottled water and other basic necessities. To help our members in their time of need is the true meaning of fraternalism. This is the purpose of the Humanitarian Fund.

This year we are asking for something special. We ask that donations collected during October, Foundation Month, be given to the Humanitarian Fund. This will insure that the Humanitarian Fund stands ready to assist our members during the next disaster. For every individual \$250 donation to the Humanitarian Fund the donor will receive a King Harald V medallion as a sign of their support.

The Sons of Norway Foundation is our members Foundation. You are the financial supporters as well as the grant and scholarship recipients. Tusen takk!

*Fraternally,
Cindy Olson, Sons of Norway Foundation*

KRETSSTEVNE 2011

MANGE TUSEN TAKK! to Fjellheim gals and guys! When you offered to host our Kretsstevne gathering in Green Mountain Falls this year, I knew it would be good. And you outdid yourself! It was a wonderful weekend from arrival on Friday to departure at noon on Sunday. Having connected with Kathy Oldervik earlier in the summer, I knew we were in good hands! – and she took it from there! Kathy, BJ Mapstone, Elaine Hellem, LaRue and Dorothy Hanson, Millie Sullivan, Virginia Nelson, Lois Halvorson, Paul Wiig, Mike Johaneson and Ole Bakken are an amazing team! and worked that kitchen like pros! The food was fantastic! Friday evening no one could think of going out for dinner after hors d'oeuvres of meatballs, cheeses, crackers, veggies and dips, and yes, a bit of wine and beer. Saturday morning Jennifer Forbes and Myrna Wey led the hearty on trail hikes – and they came back eager for the Lefse Bake, headed by Lois Halvorson, to begin! We rolled and baked, and ate a lot of lefse - before a box lunch with Kathy's chicken salad sandwich! After lunch Jennifer Forbes gave us a demonstration of how she gathers wool and the preparations before she spins it into yarn. This was followed by Fjellheim Rosemaling teacher Cindy Bauer demonstrating the primary strokes for rosemaling and continued with 6 brave ladies trying their hand at rosemaling, along with 2 who are currently students. They all went home with a Christmas tree ornament! During all this the men found their way to the horseshoe field. They didn't keep score this year, but I suspect they were watching to see who they want on their teams next year! And now - it's time to eat again! A fantastic pulled pork BBQ sandwich with baked beans and slaw, followed by an ice cream topped brownie with homemade hot chocolate, caramel and nuts! (I am so full...and so happy! J) Sunday morning we all went to The Pantry for breakfast and then packed up to return home. It was truly a fantastic weekend, and those of you who did not join us really missed a good time! I am so thankful for getting to know so many of our members so much better than I knew them before! One injury, unfortunately – Elaine Hellem was closing a sliding door when the door took charge and slammed her hand – a really nasty bump and bruise covered the top of her right hand, and you know what? – she wrapped it in ice and kept on working! Oh these Norwegians!!!

As promised, we “unveiled” our new Zone 8 Fana (banner)! Donna Newland (Fjelldalen Lodge) did a fabulous job creating this new banner with logo designed by John Neverdahl (Trollheim Lodge), as well as Lloyd Newland (Fjelldalen) making a stand for displaying it! A big Tusen Takk to you all! And also to all who joined us for this weekend event! We look for more of you next year!

Fraternally, Crystal Sundet, Director, SON District 6, Zone 8

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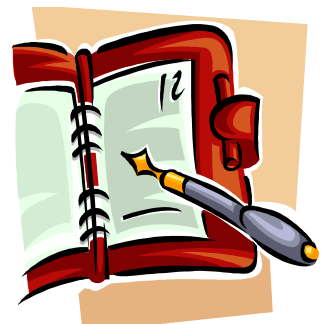
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719-434-7965

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

I'm writing this on the day after the September meeting. Last night was a cold and rainy night with many roads closed and traveling was not very enjoyable. Yet we had over 35 people show up for the business meeting. What awesome dedication. Thanks to all and our thanks to Swede for that very informative talk and display.

With the fall season fast approaching, the Lodge schedule "plate" is full. We have the Viking Fair on the 22nd of October. This promises to be an exciting day at the Lodge. The breakfast starts the day off at 9am. Followed by the craft fair and Treasures Sale. Many of the "treasures" will be on display at the next meeting for you to preview.

Next comes the Lutefisk dinner on the 5th of November. This is a great chance to get involved and what a great way for You new members to get to know your fellow members and participate in a fun event. So give Lois Halvorson a call. 632-6003

The November meeting will include the election of your Lodge Officers for the year 2012. We have been so fortunate this past year with the team of dedicated and hard working officers. Here is hoping We can all continue to serve the membership in 2012.

December 3rd is the Christmas Tea. This is always a very festive event. I wonder what Sissel puts in that tea??? Get your reservations in early for this function.

The Christmas party on the 18th of December will be great fun for the kids as well as the adults. More on that in the next Flammen.

In closing, I'd like to mention the passing of two long time members. Ann

Beahler and Slim Osleson. It's very hard to imagine a Lodge function without a "yoke" from Slim or a helping hand from Ann. Their presence will be missed but their deeds will be remembered for a long time.

Respectfully,
Paul Wiig, President



FROM YOUR FINANCIAL BENEFITS COUNSELOR GIVING TO CHARITY

Many of you are regular givers. You give to the church, a favorite foundation, your alma mater and other places. What happens when you die? Will the giving stop? It doesn't have to.

If you have an IRA or other retirement plan you know it is taxed as income when you withdraw from it. Many prudent savers find they don't need this money and plan to leave it to the kids. Did you know this can be a costly mistake? The kids may be taxed at a higher rate than you are and your hard earned IRA can shrink up to 60%. Using the IRA for charitable purposes can eliminate taxes on this money all together.

But what about the kids? Using a portion of that IRA money to purchase a life insurance contract on yourself can produce a generous, income-tax free inheritance to the kids and your favorite charity gets a nice bequest from your estate at the same time.

This is a win-win situation.

To find out more about charitable planning call your Sons of Norway Financial Benefits Counselor today, for a FREE consultation to see if you are maximizing your options.

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NORWEGIANS HOPE TO RECOVER AMUNDSEN SHIP FROM CANADA

Norwegian investors hope to reclaim an almost 100 year-old piece of Norwegian history from Canadian waters. For the past 80 years the wreck of the Maud, named for Queen Maud of Norway and built for Roald Amundsen's second Arctic expedition in 1916, has weathered the ice of Cambridge Bay in Nunavut, Canada.

After the second phase of the Northeast Passage expedition, the Maud was sold in 1925 and used as a floating trading post. Five years later the ship sank at its mooring. Ownership of the Maud stayed with Hudson Bay Co. until 1990 when the ship was purchased by Asker, Norway for \$1.

Today, investors behind the group Maud Returns Home are working to return the Maud to Norway--an endeavor that could cost as much as \$10 million (USD)--in the hopes of creating a new museum exhibit around the famous ship. Relocation of the ship would not be an easy task. The wreck would need to be raised with balloons and readied for a long journey aboard a barge. Officials in Asker must also secure a cultural properties permit from the Canadian federal government.

The relocation of the Maud is a very disheartening notion to the Canadian community, who enjoy the ship as a tourist attraction and a piece of local fur trade history. The International Polar Heritage Committee, Parks Canada and the Government of Nunavut are also skeptical of the plan. Susan Barr, President of the International Polar Heritage Committee says, "In Canada, Maud could some day become part of a United Nations world heritage site, organized around the voyages of the early European explorers in the Arctic." Some residents of Asker have also opposed the plan to relocate the ship, saying the proposed futuristic design of the Maud museum would clash with the surrounding idyllic fishing harbor.

Adapted from various sources