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President's Brev

Hei og god dag til deg. (Hi and good day to you.)

My how time flies. April is already here and hopefully winter is over. Most of the snowbirds have arrived back from their winter migration.

If you are looking for an outing this summer, consider signing up to attend Camp Trollfjorden June 6th – 9th. It is located at Lake Metigoshe in the scenic Turtle Mountains of ND. The camp offers Norwegian language instruction and guided instruction in a variety of cultural skills, including cooking, rosemaling, wood crafts, and textile arts. Youth accommodations are dorm room style with multiple youth per area.

The camp is open to Sons of Norway members, or the children or grandchildren of Sons of Norway members age 8 and older. Cost is \$250 for adults and \$200 for youth. Scholarships are available. The deadline to register is May 15th. Consult the District 4 website at www.sofn-district4.com/camps/.

Once again, a Mystery Bus Trip is being planned for July. Plans are to invite members from Germans from Russia and the Three Crowns Society to help fill the bus.

At the business meeting, we selected two sisters, Judith Hammer and Susan Hammer Schneider to be honored with a tree dedication in the Sons of Norway Park. This will be part of the Memorial Service and Tree Dedication Service which is the program for the May Social, which falls on Syttende Mai this year. Wear your bunads!

We are hosting the District 4 convention on June 27th-29th. Convention planning is coming along nicely. We have selected 7 delegates and 7 alternates. There will be a list out for you to sign up for convention help at the socials in April and May.

We are working on hosting a Norwegian band for a performance at Touchmark on Saturday, May 18th. Details are not yet finalized. This means that we will not try to host a youth event on the Syttende Mai weekend. I am looking for ideas for a different event for youth.

Molly McLain submitted a proposal for rosemaling classes in the fall and a mural. We will be working to make the rosemaling classes happen and looking for grants to finance the mural.

Ha der godt (Have it good)
Ken Lien



Kalender

April

- 19 Social—Bismarck Eagles 6:15 p.m.
Meal—Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Carrots, Salad, Dessert
Program—Strolling Strings
- 22 Families Around the World, Veterans' Library 6:30—8 p.m.
- 22 Language Class 1st Lutheran 7 p.m.
- 25 Convention Planning 6 p.m.
Business Meeting 7 p.m. both at 1st Lutheran, Bismarck
- 29 Language Class 1st Lutheran 7 p.m.

Mai

- 1-31 Meals on Wheels Project
- 03 Arbor Day—Bismarck Parks & Rec
- 15 Registration for Trollfjorden
- 17 Social—Bismarck Eagles 6:15 p.m.
Meal—Meatloaf with Brown Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Salad, Dessert
Syttende Mai Celebration
Program—Memorial Service
Tree Dedication Service
- 23 Business Meeting—1st Lutheran 7 p.m.

If you have food allergies or a child's meal, let Nanc know when you make your reservation.

For reservations, unless you are on the "regular" list, contact Nanc at 258-4703 or skaret@bis.midco.net

This is now being strictly enforced by the Eagles.

Make your reservations no later than the SUNDAY prior to the social.

Wear your Sverdrup nametag to our lodge events!



April Bursdager

Sophie Caldwell	2
Loretta W Roningen	3
Lynne Lafer-Halvorson	5
Louise J Benz	6
Milton O Lindvig	7
Katherine Jean Henjum	8
Elsa Erdmann	13
Norma Jean Anfinson	16
Kenneth B Lien	16
Dorice M Oynes	17
Reese M Blondin	18
Evangeline Schultz	18
Bonita Lindgren	19
Myron Fischer	22
Pamela Lee	22
Sandra Lee Stadheim	22
Tom Marple	24



Several lodge members, at the March social, enjoyed conversation around Mark Holkup's door prize, Thorvald's Cream of Lutefisk soup can coffee cup.



Lutefisk Dinner



Foundation Auction

Activities Report

Every year the lodge files annual reports with the Sons of Norway Home Office. In 2023, Sverdrup Lodge held 53 lodge events, such as the annual the Foundation auction, lutefisk dinner, language classes, a mystery bus trip, Syttende Mai celebration, summer potlucks in Sons of Norway Park, monthly business meetings and socials, and much more totaling 4,129 hours.

Community contributions totaled 511 hours for 15 events. These included activities such as Meals on Wheels, Adopt a School program, The Banquet, the Community mural, a float in the July 4th and Autumnfest parades, and much more.



Our group, pictured with the new community mural.



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Welcome New Member Lois Adsem, Mandan



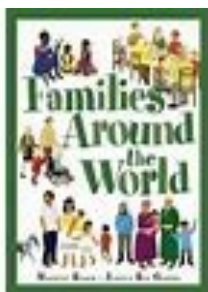
A family bowling event was held on Sunday, March 24, at Midway Lanes. Lodge members Levi Erdmann and daughter Britta were hoping for a strike.

Harley Tibor, a guest at the March social, was the first to order the new \$8 child's meal of chicken fingers and fries, it was delicious! If you have a special guest or lodge member, 16 or younger, who will be attending a social, please contact Nanc Skaret to order the special meal.



Trolfjorden Camp Director Jerry Saude promoted camp attendance at the March social. The District IV language and culture camp will be held at Lake Metigoshe, June 6-9, everyone 8 years and older is welcome. May 15th is the registration deadline.

Our new lutefisk dinner chair is Dave Helland. The dinner is one of Sverdrup's larger annual events. In 2023 we served 442 lbs. of lutefisk, 150 lbs. of meatballs, and 130 dozen cookies baked by lodge members to about 500 guests. The event required over 340 lodge volunteer hours. Our 2024 dinner is October 19 at the Mandan Eagles.



Sverdrup Lodge will participate in the annual celebration of culture in our community Families Around the World celebration on Monday, April 22 from 6:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the Veterans' Library.

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