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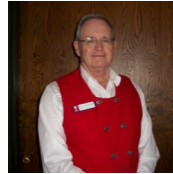
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President's Report

Our long awaited spring weather is scheduled to be here shortly! I have decided to use this column for a couple months, to relay information about the lodge officers. We were all elected by unanimous consent. Personally, I did not know some of the candidates, or knew little about them, Am I the only one? As it turns out they are a wonderful group, bringing a wide variety of experiences, backgrounds and interests to the lodge. This month, features 3 of our board members. So, here goes:



Herb Mittelstedt, President

I am a native of Killdeer, ND, graduating from Killdeer High in 1955 and from NDAC in 1959 with a degree in agriculture. From 1957-1994, I worked as a conservationist with the USDA-SCS at various North Dakota locations, including Killdeer, Beach, New England, Westhope, Mandan and finally Bismarck. I enlisted in the National Guard in 1960 serving until 1980, and retiring in 1997. I have been active on church boards, Lions, SWCS, and Neighborhood Crime Watch. In 1980-81 I attended Rhema Bible School in Broken Arrow, OK.

My only claim to fame is that I married a Norwegian lady, Diane Blessum of Rugby, North Dakota.. (part of the deal was that Diane is a lover of cats, all of which seemed to have eternal life here on earth). We have been married for 52 years. We had one daughter, have 3 granddaughters and 2 great grand sons. Well actually I have one more claim to fame, Diane is a Proverbs 31 wife.

Marlys Readel, Vice President

I have lived in Bismarck/Mandan area for 35 years. I am retired from the Postal Service. My husband and I currently own a property management company in Mandan which keeps me busy. I have 8 grandchildren with one to be born in about two weeks. I am a 2nd generation Norwegian/American and am very proud of my heritage. Being involved in Sons of Norway can hopefully further my education and knowledge of the Norwegian heritage. As Vice President, I feel I will be able to increase my knowledge of the Norwegian heritage, learn more of the culture and serve the Lodge well.

John Olsrud, Secretary

John Olsrud is serving his first year as lodge secretary. He is an attorney who spent 40 years with the North Dakota Legislative Council, the last 25 as director, before retiring in 2007. He teaches an online ethics class for Bismarck State College. Other nonprofit activities for John are participation in SCORE to help people start businesses, VSA North Dakota to extend arts education to students with disabilities, Open Your Heart campaign for the American Legion, and membership in the Bismarck Lions Club. Last year he completed a two-year term as chairman of the West Dakota Chapter of the American Red Cross. His father was a Lutheran minister and John graduated from Beach High School before going to the University of North Dakota for his undergraduate and law degrees. He served as a medic in the Army Reserves. John and Linda have six children, eight grandchildren, four cats and one dog. All of their pets were shelter animals or strays who found them and decided to stay.

Want to see change? Get involved and be the 'agent of change'. Attend the business meetings, they can be exciting!

Calendar of Events

April

- 5 Folk Practice 7-9 p.m.
- 11 Knitting - 1:30 p.m. Arlene Olson's home, 2630 Gateway Ave #203, Bismarck
- 12 Folk Practice 7-9 p.m.
- 13 Bok Møte—7 p.m. Valley View; Ancestor Report by Audrey Solheim
- 14 Rosemaling - 1:30 —4 p.m. Trinity "old kitchen"
- 15 Social—New Member Welcoming Program
- 19 Folk Practice 7—9 p.m.
- 20 Hardanger - 2 p.m. group will not meet this month
- 29 Hardanger 7 p.m. at Lone Leet's home, 1300 Ridgeview Lane, Bismarck
- 25 Knitting -1:30 p.m. Shirley Grondahl's home, 1224 Prospect Place, Bismarck
- 26 Folk Practice 7-9 p.m.
- 28 Business Meeting -Library 7:15-9:00 p.m.

Social

Date: April 15

Location: Bismarck Eagles Club

Time: 6:15 p.m. \$11 ticket
Welcoming of New Members at this meeting

Menu: Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Corn, Lettuce Salad, Relish Tray, Rolls, Butter and Ice Cream with Strawberries

Program: Bonanza Farming by Gary Newborg

Band: Bob Dolajak

Reservations: Reservations—at least one week in advance -

Call Iver Staupe at 255-2734 between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m.



April Birthdays

Earl G Aune	1
Harold Svanes	4
Louise J Benz	6
Deloris P Palmer	6
Ronald A Wutzke	6
Milton O Lindvig	7
Eric T Gertje	9
Cora A Maxie	9
Bernice R Meyer	9
Evelyn A Romig	9
Burton Johnson	10
Alvina Broste	11
Evelyn L Conitz	12
Linda L Hoffman	12
Michael R Ranum	12
Zachary J Holm	14
Paul T Jacobson	15
Lisa Marie Omlid	15
John Malsam	16
Eve Schultz	18
Bonita Lindgren	19
Maxine D Martin	19
Enid M Monger	20
William A Schott	21
Marlys M Opheim	23
Cory G Thrall	25
Rodney W Melby	27
Ethel Thompson	27
Margaret B Olthoff	29

In Memory

Marjorie Dahlen Nygaard
 Dr. Lowell Boyum
 Both Were Golden Members

Membership Information

Primary member \$41.00
 Spouse \$34.00
 Unge Venner—\$22.00 (unless a parent belongs, in which case there is no fee. Age 16-23)

Applications are turned in to Cathy Bergan, Financial Secretary for processing together with a check for the appropriate amount. Address: 1343 Republic, Bismarck, ND 58504 (phone 258-9244)

News from Ann

Spring is in the air.



'Tis the season of renewal and growth. With so many natural and manmade disasters filling the news every day, we mortals still find the optimism to get back at it and try to make life meaningful for ourselves and those we love.

Legacy plans have been compromised for many. People have planned to leave a traditional legacy to a spouse, children or favorite charity. Unstable markets and uncertain retirement funds have wiped out this dream for some folks. Sons of Norway has a solution to help recreate the lost funds with the help of life insurance. A term policy can bridge the gap until lost funds have been restored with a market rebound or can be converted to make the insurance permanent.

Life insurance can be much more than just a tool to leave a legacy; it can be a safety net for families while they overcome hard times and be a bridge to the future of renewal and growth that we all look forward to again.

Contact your Sons of Norway Financial Benefits Counselor and see how we can help you find an affordable solution to help make the future meaningful for those we love.

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Nubs from the March Business Meeting

A grant for the library in the amount of \$800 will be applied for.

Check the Concordia website for information regarding classes at Skogfjorden (Bemidji) in Rosemaling, Genealogy, and languages. On-line registration is available, scholarship funding from our lodge may also be available if applied for to the Vice President, PO Box 1912, Bismarck, ND.

www.concordialanguagevillages.org

The Executive Board will consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, the Cultural or Social director and other such elected officers or Directors that the local Lodge specifies in their bylaws, as indicated by the Local Lodge Section of the 2010-2012 Charter, Constitution and Procedures (page 49). This group will meet from 6—7 the same night as the regular business meeting is scheduled, and that meeting will run from 7:15 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

A committee will be appointed to address the local lodge bylaws, which have not been updated since 2003. Adoption of these changes is done after one reading and another meeting at which a vote takes place; there must be 2/3 majority to adopt the new bylaws.

Bill Schott will provide information on the History Heroes program at the April Executive Board Meeting. A committee of three will be appointed if this project is adopted.

Our new sunshine lady is Lorraine Carlson, phone 663-2824. If you know of members of our lodge who need some sunshine in the form of a phone call or card, please contact Lorraine with the name and address.

Tree dedications on May 15 will go to Lowell and Karen Jenson and to Eugene Weekes. A memorial service will be held that day as well. Weather permitting it will be in the S/N Park on Bismarck Expressway.

Trollfjorden Family Camp

The information and application for our family language camp is now available on our website www.sofn.com. Camp is June 9-12, 2011 at Lake Metigoshe. Our member Sonna Anderson is the camp director this year.

Welcome New Members!

Sharon Jans—Bismarck

Ann Schwartz—Bismarck

Pictures of our new members - in the members only section of our website www.sofnbismarck.com
If you don't remember your password, contact me.

July Bus Trip

Recreation Directors Alice and Bill Schott announce the July 26-27 bus trip to the northwestern quadrant of ND commonly called the "Energy Trail". A bus and rooms have been reserved. If interested in being part of this trip call 663-0066; Of the 59 places available 42 have been reserved. Check our website www.sofnbismarck.com for additional details.

Høstfest Bus Trip

Recreations Schott and Schott are planning a one day bus trip to Minot on 9/30/11, the Gaither Gospel Group are on stage that evening.

NordicFest

Also in the planning stages is a trip to Decorah, Iowa on July 2012 to attend the NordicFest. For more information on this event see www.nordicfest.com/

Request from our Librarian

If you have checked books or videos out from our Sons of Norway Library, please return them as soon as you are finished with them so others may check them out. Thanks.

Genealogy Sites from Larry Thompson

Digital Archives - www.digitalarkivet.uib.no/ - Click on British flag for English; practice using the search engine on the Census and Emigration from Norwegian ports (typed script) before going to the Digitized Parish Registers for Baptism, Confirmation, Marriage, Death, and Emigration\Udflytvedde in hand-written script.

Family Search - www.familysearch.org - Typed script transcribed from Norwegian church records.

Ancestry.com is available at the Bismarck Veterans Memorial Library for U. S. Federal Census and other info at no cost to the user.

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