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## President's Column

### Kjære Medlemmer!

Our "winter wonderland" is here again! Christmas 2010 is already a memory and 2011 is upon us! How quickly time passes and how very important it is to make every moment count! December, as always, was a flurry of activity! Our December Social provided a delicious Prime Rib dinner and featured "An Old-Fashioned Christmas" filled with fun and music under the leadership of Bruce Schwartz. "A good time was had by all!"

Our annual lefse sales, thanks to co-chairmen Jim Skaret and Cory Thrall, many willing Sverdrup members, and the general public's love of lefse, went very well!

Attendance of children at the annual Children's Christmas Party was a little on the lean side this year. All the people who did attend had a wonderful time and all of us who have ever attended a Lodge Children's Christmas Party know how worthwhile and enjoyable they are! Thank you, Jerry and Sonna, for your loyalty to the cause, your creativity and for all your hard work and preparation for the event!

Be sure to mark your calendars for our annual Lutefisk Dinner on Saturday, 22 January 2011, at Trinity Lutheran Church! It's coming soon! It always amazes me how an event of such magnitude can run so smoothly! Our very efficient co-chairs, Vern and Enid Monger, the many committee heads, and the many many willing workers have it all down to a science! Each person does his or her own part and it all flows! Amazing! Please say "yes" if you are asked to help – it's a golden opportunity to be a part of this event! If you'd like to help but haven't been asked, please contact the Mongers. Thank you to everyone involved!

Our next Social on 21 January will feature Ben Dove with a Legacy Program about the immigrants crossing the Atlantic, which actually has affected the lives of nearly every one of us! I'm sure it will be fascinating!

Every two years the January Social is also the time for the Installation of Officers for Sverdrup Lodge. There is a special ceremony to facilitate this important event, so if at all possible, please attend. Congratulations to our new officers for the upcoming two years!

This is my last article for the Newsletter as Sverdrup President. It has truly been an honor to have served in this position for the past two years. I am grateful for the support and teamwork that has been offered so generously and consistently. Thank you for the examples that you set, the wonderful people that you are and the ongoing friendship that you provide. A special thank you to all the other officers with whom I have had the privilege of working. You are amazing! Again – thank you, all, for the opportunity to serve, to learn, to understand, to share, to enjoy and to love! May God bless you all!

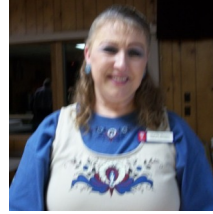
Faternally yours,

Marcia Hansen, President

December President's Quote: "Ta vare på muligheten."

Means: "Seize the opportunity"

"Jeg ønsker alle et godt nytt år!" (I wish everyone a Happy New Year!)"



## Calendar of Events

### January

- 11 Folk Practice—Sr. Center, 7:00—9:00
- 10 No Knitting group this month
- 14 Folk Groups at YCC—10:30—noon
- 18 Folk Practice—Sr. Center
- 19 Hardanger 7 p.m. Arlene Strand's home, 3524 Viewpoint Drive, Bismarck (No afternoon Hardanger session)
- 20 No Rosemaling this month
- 21 Social—Eagles Club
- 22 Lutefisk Dinner 3—7 p.m.
- 25 Folk Practice—Sr. Center

### Social

**Date:** January 21

**Location:** Bismarck Eagles Club

**Time:** 6:15 p.m. \$11 ticket

**Menu:** Meatballs, Mashed Potatoes, Buttered Peas with Mushrooms, Tossed Salad, Relish Tray, Rolls, Butter and Carrot Cake

**Installation of Officers:**

**Program:** Crossing the Atlantic by Ben Dove

**Band:** Jim Geiger

**Reservations:** Reservations—at least one week in advance - Call Lyle Schultz at 223-6982 between 6 a.m. and 9 p.m. You may leave a message.

### Upcoming Social Schedule:

February 18

March 18

April 15

May 20

**S/N Lutefisk Dinner—  
January 22  
At Trinity Lutheran  
Church, Bismarck**



### January Birthdays

Dennis Adams	01
Cathy Bergan	01
Kay Miller	02
JoAnn Winistorfer	04
Howard E. Hanson	05
Margaret A. Hanson	05
Julie Schwartz	05
Iona Hegel	08
Corajean Mount	11
Robert McCallum	12
Sonna Anderson	13
Merton Johnsrud	14
Erik Hjemvik	16
Karen Fenster	17
Rolland Larson	17
Richard Bjornson	19
Harold Loritz	19
Ronald Fox	21
Bernice M. Benson	22
Alice O. Falkenstein	23
Alice Fratjord	24
Mildred Nicholson	25
Freeman Mjolsness	26
Karen Vossler	27
Steven Hamar	28
Cyndy Welken Place	28
Sidney Bergan	29
Earl Nelson	29
Shirley Nelson	30
Duane Svanes	30

### News from Ann



Congratulations and Happy New Year! You made it to another year. The bad news is last year was the “best” year to die because there was NO estate tax. The other bad news is taxation is as confusing as ever and the rules keep changing.

Don't let all of this uncertainty keep you from having a plan. There are two things that all of us face taxes and death. When the latter happens, your family will need additional capital and life insurance is the only asset that will guarantee a certain sum. The estate tax has been changed many times in this country and will be around in one shape or form in the future. It makes good sense to plan for what we know today and adjust that plan in the future. Doesn't it make more sense to leave your family with too much money rather than too little? Never has a family member complained that they were left too much life insurance.

The time to take action on your estate plan is now. Your Sons of Norway Financial Benefits Counselor can help you navigate a plan that works for you and your loved ones. Procrastination can cost you your insurability; it may be here today but gone tomorrow.

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## HAPPY NEW YEAR



## Nubs from the December Business Meeting

Thanks for the food for the food pantry that you so generously brought to the Christmas Social

Budget for 2011 approved

Needed—waitresses for Lutefisk Dinner—call Diane Mittelstedt (note listing attached) 663-6534

All new and continuing officers for 2011—be sure to come to the installation at the January Social.

## Hear ye Hear Ye!

A brain storming session has been set for Feb. 5th at the Bismarck Library. The session will start at 1:00 p.m. and end by 4:00 p.m.

In preparation for the brainstorming please consider the following in advance:

- ▶ What would you like our lodge to look like ten years from now
- ▶ Has Sons of Norway contributed to your quality of life?
- ▶ Suggestions/ideas on how to perpetuate
- ▶ How will we fund new ideas if they involve money?
- ▶ Attracting new members
- ▶ Retaining members
- ▶ Other thoughts

While we will not be doing official business, the items brought forth will be given to the appropriate committee chairman/chairperson (political correctness you know) for discussion, and action.

The session will start at 1:00 pm with a video titled: *This Business of Paradigms*. Paradigms are the edges, boxes, borders and so forth that hinder us from embracing new ideas. Some call them 'ruts' that hinder us from seeing the world around us.

I found the video interesting, as to whether we embrace change or delay it, it still happens. If you don't want to see the video, the brainstorming session will formally start at 1:39 p.m.

Herb Mittelstedt, President Elect

## In Memory

Claudius Wold—Golden Member  
Eldon Lennie—Long Time Member  
Robert Grorud—Member since 1989

## Display

**Table centerpiece and display case items needed for lutefisk supper**

Carved and turned wooden items will be featured this year as centerpieces and in the display case at the lutefisk supper. Several small to medium sized items are needed for the 28 tables. For the display case, we'd like some antique/old carved or turned wooden items such as a carved wedding mangle and practical everyday items like wooden spoons, spoons, bowls and boxes. Old wood working tools and books on carving would be interesting. Be sure to include your name and a short history with the item. Items should be dropped off at Wilma Melstad's home (304 Linden Lane, Bismarck) by Wednesday, January 19, 2011 (call ahead 222-4579). If you have questions about items for the display case contact Karen Oby at 258-6996.

## Schedule for 2011 Socials

Socials are held at the Bismarck Eagles Club and begin with a meal at 6:15 p.m. on the 3rd Friday of the month.

Business Meetings are held at the Bismarck Library on the 4th Thursday of the month unless that day is a holiday.

**REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR  
NAMETAG TO ALL S/N EVENTS**

## Clip Postage Stamps

Remember to clip your stamps and save your phone cards for **Tubfrim**. Erling Olson is our Tubfrim Chairman. His phone number is 222-8420. Plan to bring your stamps to the next social meeting. Proceeds of sales from stamps and cards benefit Norwegian handicapped children.

Lodge members are encouraged to collect stamps and used phone cards that are in good condition. Stamps are cut off the envelope so that there is a slight margin from the stamp edge (ca. 1/2"). If the stamp is found on an envelope or postcover over 50 years of age, it is not cut it off. Instead the entire envelope with the stamp is sent in. *Damaged stamps or telephone cards are not accepted as they are worthless.* Stamps can come from any part of the world.

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