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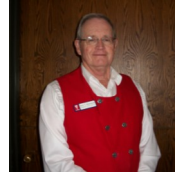
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President's Report

"Wow" was my opening word last month. It seems appropriate for this month also!! Consider this; over 50 of our 400+ members are now involved in the ND Heritage Center, Sons of Norway Room project. The 50 have contributed over \$3400, meaning our goal of at least \$35/member is easily attainable.



In addition to the Heritage Center project, Duane Svanes, our Sons of Norway Foundation Director, organized an auction, supporting S/N members nationwide. The auction featured items donated by Sverdrup Lodge members, and capitalized on the skills of two of our members, Richard Fadness and Tim Lenertz, professional auctioneers. \$800 was raised for the foundation. The S/N Foundation has donated \$38,000 supporting those impacted by the flood in Minot.

As the political season progresses, we hear much about budgets, expenditures and deficits. Alas, we are not immune! A **lively** discussion at the business meeting followed the presentation of a draft budget for 2012, prepared by the budget committee. A copy of the draft budget will be on our website, members only section. Consider reviewing it. Then bring your input to the November Business meeting at which time it will be finalized and adopted. Business as usual, brings the same predictable results. Not participating eliminates all right to complain! Be aware of this however, we have had a negative cash flow 7 of the last 10 years. Can we sustain that? I think not.

The lutefisk committee and the lefse committees have been busy.

Lefse sales are scheduled for the Gateway Mall starting on the 19th of Nov. Call Jim Skaret at 258-4703 to volunteer your time. A great opportunity to demonstrate your public relations and marketing skills!

Vern Monger, the lutefisk committee chairman is making preparations and will also be seeking our help. Why not surprise him and volunteer early!

Reservations will again be needed to attend the socials:

Nanc Skaret had volunteered to be the call center for those planning to attend socials. We tried two months without reservations. We had mixed results, so back to the basics.

There are three options for those planning to attend socials. They are:

1. **A permanent reservation** - those on this list, will automatically be considered, as having a monthly reservation. Failure to cancel, a week prior to the social, and/or not attending could result in a charge of \$12.00/Person, which our treasurer will be handling.
2. **A monthly sign up**, this will require calling **Nanc Skaret at 258-4703**, for each social you are planning to attend. Failure to attend after making a reservation could again result it a charge. These are due the Friday prior to the social.

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Calendar of Events

November

- 1 Folk Practice - 7 - 9 p.m. Sr. Ctr
- 5 Almont Lutefisk Dinner
- 8 Folk Practice 7 - 9 p.m. Sr. Ctr.
- 9 Book Study 7 p.m. Valley View Reporter Larry Thompson on his experiences at the banquet with the Norwegian Royal couple
- 14 Knitting - 1:30 p.m. Beverly Mundell's home at 607 N 32nd Street, Bismarck
- 15 Folk Practice 7 - 9 p.m. Sr. Ctr.
- 16 Hardanger - 2 p.m. Alice Schott's home at 391 Brandon Drive, Bismarck
7 p.m. at Ella Nayes' home 1026 Highland Place, Bismarck
- 17 Business Meeting 7:15 p.m.
- 18 Social Meeting - 6:15 p.m. Eagles Club - Welcoming New Members
- 19 Lefse Sale - Gateway Mall
- 22 Folk Practice
- 24 Thanksgiving Day
- 26 Bell Ringers - Hobby Lobby
- 28 Knitting - Marilyn Kristensen's home at 209 Stuttgart Drive, Bismarck
- 29 Folk Practice

Social

Date: November 18

Location: Bismarck Eagles Club

Time: 6:15 p.m. \$12 meal

Menu: Roast Turkey Dinner

Program: Life on the Prairie by Howard Loftesnes

Welcome New Members

Band: Jim Geiger

Reservations: By Friday Nov 11 for November 18 - call Nanc Skaret, 258-4703 or e mail skaret@bis.midco.net.



November Birthdays

Evelyn E Cowell	1
Lyle D Larson	2
Kathryn L Holle	3
Margaret T Nolte	5
John D Olsrud	5
Debra H Grant-Howard	6
Marjorie G Peterson	6
Claudia J Berg	8
Bjarne J Frafjord	8
Robert A Matz	8
Barbara Arneson	10
Dixie K Lang	10
Dan Halvorson	11
Marlin J E Johnson	11
Marjorie A Robinson	12
Barbara Wetzstein	12
Janyce B Bjornson	18
Alfred W Steinke	18
Amy D Lehn	22
Lyle W Mundell	23
Carol A Anderson	24
Alice F Schott	24
Dianne S Schaeffer	28
Arnold Sakshaug	29

If you have not made your contribution to the Heritage Center Foundation, you may send it to our Treasurer Ruth Olson at 1933 N 5th Street, Bismarck., ND 58501.



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3. **Reservations can be made two ways:** Call Nanc at 258-4703, or by e-mail at: skaret@bis.midco.net

Either way Reservations need to be called in by the Friday the 11th of Nov. for the November 18 social.

A special thanks to Nanc for volunteering!!

To all who served in the military, **"Thank you."**
As we approach another **'Thanksgiving Day'**, we truly have much to be thankful for.

Blessings, Herb

News from Ann

As the holidays approach we look back and reflect on all we have to be thankful for. No matter if you are grandparents, parents or other family members we all have a tie to bind us together. Family is so important to us and the generations keep going on.



We are nearing that time of year of gift giving and often end up buying our grandchildren, great grandchildren, and/or our children, gifts that last only a very short time - either they break, get lost, or just wear out. How about giving a gift this year that "keeps on giving", a legacy for your loved ones or your favorite charity. You may find that it costs less than what you had planned to spend.

Call your field staff representative and I will share with you this "once in a lifetime gift idea." Sons of Norway can help you perpetuate your generosity into the future. Happy Thanksgiving to all.

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Welcome New Members!

Delores Hochalter, Bismarck recommended by
Vern and Enid Monger

Ronald and Denise Stanley, recommended by
Herb and Dianne Mittelstedt

Welcoming Ceremony

A *Welcoming Ceremony* will be held at the November Social, November 18th. This is for anyone who has not been involved with this ceremony previously, and particularly for those people who have become members since April 2011. It will be held after the dinner.

This is also a good time to remind you to invite your friends who are interested in the Scandinavian Culture to join our lodge.

Notable Dates in Norwegian History

- c. 870 Norwegian Vikings colonize Iceland.
- c. 900 Harald I unites Norway.
- c. 985 Erik the Red colonizes Greenland.
- c. 1000 Leif Eriksson sailed to North America.
- 1349-1350 An epidemic of plague kills about half the people of Norway.
- 1380 Norway was united with Denmark.
- 1536 Norway becomes a Danish province. 1814 Denmark gives up Norway to Sweden but kept Norway's island colonies.
- 1884 The cabinet of Norway becomes responsible to the parliament instead of the king.
- 1905 Norway gains independence.
- 1940-1945 German troops occupy Norway in World War II.
- 1945 Norway joins the United Nations.
- 1949 Norway becomes a member of NATO.
- 1957 King Haakon is succeeded by Olav V.
- 1960 Norway and six other nations form the European Free Trade Association.
- 1970's Norway begins producing petroleum and natural gas from North Sea fields, greatly stimulating the economy.
- 1991 King Olav V is succeeded by Harald V.
- 1994 Norway rejects joining the European Union.

Roald Amundsen Commemorative Exhibit

This month Sons of Norway is co-sponsoring a new photo exhibit, celebrating the 100th anniversary of Roald Amundsen's journey to become the first explorer to reach the South Pole, at the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport.

The exhibit, *Cold Recall: Reflections of a Polar Explorer*, from Norway's Fram Museum, will be seen by more than 6 million travelers during its month-long display. Through images and text, on more than 50 panels, it describes the two-year adventure of Roald Amundsen and his crew aboard the Fram.

Each image is an enlargement of hand-colored slides that Amundsen, himself, once used during presentations and speaking engagements about his travels. Included are images of Amundsen, his ship, Fram, and his crew, detailing daily life aboard the ship and at their various camps along the route to the South Pole.

This is the first time this photo-exhibit has visited the United States and was secured through the partnering efforts of Sons of Norway, the Honorary Royal Norwegian Consulate General in Minneapolis, the Bloomington Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Airport Foundation MSP. If you aren't able to see it in person, be sure to check out the Fram Museum's online exhibit at: <http://www.frammuseum.no/Polar-Expedition/The-third-Fram-expedition.aspx>



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