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President's Column

Here we are at the beginning of another decade, wow, 2020. Do you wonder like I do, what is in store for me for the New Year and new decade?

One thing that comes to mind is New Year's resolutions, I heard an interesting statistic the other day on the radio that 16% of Americans have never made a resolution in their life. How many of you do or should I say don't?



Which brings me to our 5 year goals; this is like making long range resolutions for Sverdrup Lodge. At our annual brainstorming session last January we discussed the importance that we set some goals for the lodge. From that discussion, members then met in April and drafted the five year goals. Suggestions for the goals were family lodge activities, partnerships with other organizations, upkeep of the Sons of Norway Park, programming and various projects promoting our Norwegian culture.

We will be meeting on January 11, 2020 at 10 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church for the lutefisk dinner planning meeting and our annual brainstorming session to create a plan of action.

As a friend of my dad's used to say, "Plan the work and work the plan"! I encourage you to attend this meeting, share your ideas and be a part of accomplishing our goals or resolutions, whichever way you want to look at it! I haven't decided what New Year's resolution I will make but I'm hoping I can be successful. "The path to heaven is paved with good intentions"!

What a fabulous social we had for December! It couldn't have been any better – great attendance, an outstanding meal, awesome door prizes, and the marvelous entertainment. It was so delightful to hear all the conversation and laughter, along with everyone lingering at the end. Just a wonderful evening.

Mange tusen takk for everything everyone does to make our community a better place.

Here's wishing all of you a healthy and prosperous 2020!

Susan

January Calendar

- 08 Needlework 1:30 at Arlene Olson's 2630 Gateway Ave #203, Bis (only one meeting in January)
- 11 Lutefisk Chairmen's Meeting and Brainstorming for 2020—10 a.m. at Trinity—pizza for lunch
- 17 Social (note info below)
- 23 Business Meeting, 7 p.m. First Lutheran Church
- 25 50th Annual Lutefisk Supper at Trinity Fellowship Hall

Reservations: If you have food allergies to the items on the menu, please let Nanc Skaret know in advance so the kitchen staff can accommodate you.

Social Date:

*Call one week prior for reservations
This is now being strictly enforced by the
Eagles—Make your reservations early.*

Location: Bismarck Eagles Club

Time: 6:15 p.m. - \$15/meal

Menu: Chicken breasts in gravy, mashed potatoes, peas, creamy coleslaw

Program: 125 Anniversary of S/N and for a great introduction to learning about your family roots, Stephanie Baltzer Kom will be providing information about Scandinavian genealogy research.

This special occasion calls for Norwegian dress—Red Striped Vests, Bunader or Norwegian Sweaters would be very appropriate, or if none of these items are in your closet try for color—red, white or blue would be good.

Dance Music: Jim Geiger

Call Nanc Skaret, 258-4703 or e-mail skaret@bis.midco.net (unless you have established your "regular" status).



January Birthdays

| | |
|---------------------|----|
| Catherine M Bergan | 1 |
| Daryl Gronfur | 2 |
| Vicki L Olson | 2 |
| Margaret A Hanson | 5 |
| Julie C Schwartz | 5 |
| Kyia Beth Zubke | 9 |
| Conrad Jordheim | 11 |
| Robert McCallum | 12 |
| Merton A Johnsrud | 14 |
| Erik M Hjemvik | 16 |
| Christine M Lennon | 16 |
| Karen L Fenster | 17 |
| Dale C Heglund | 18 |
| Richard K Bjornson | 19 |
| June M Sakshaug | 19 |
| Ronald E Fox | 21 |
| Alice O Falkenstein | 23 |
| Susan M Janke | 24 |
| Elisha Anne Placek | 27 |
| Karen A Vossler | 27 |
| Steven K Hamar | 28 |
| Earl Nelson | 29 |
| Shirley J Nelson | 30 |
| Duane C Svanes | 30 |

Gratulerer Med Dagen



Membership Information

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| Single Membership— | \$60.00 |
| Family Membership— | \$95.00 |
| Single Golden— | \$42.00 |
| One Golden/One Regular | \$78.00 |
| Both Golden— | \$60.00 |

A Golden Member is at least 65 years old and has been a member for 30 years.

The local lodge and the district will each receive \$14 from each new and renewal membership.



Christmas Lefse Sales

L-R - Todd Hanson,
Jim Skaret,
Steve Olson,
Ruth Olson,
Vern Monger,
Dave Kolding

110 and 125 Anniversary Celebration

A Double Anniversary Celebration!

Eighteen Norwegian immigrants gathered in Minneapolis on January 14, 1895 with the purpose and goal of protecting our members and their families from the financial hardships experienced during times of sickness or death in the family. The preservation of Norwegian heritage and culture were and continue to be primary to the values of the organization established 125 years ago. It was then called the "Supreme" Lodge, and now is known as the International Lodge with the admission of lodges from Norway, Canada as well as the United States.

On March 31, 1910 thirty-five men in Bismarck organized the Sverdrup Sons of Norway lodge. It was in 1916 the Supreme Lodge gave districts the authority to admit women as members, with certain caveats. Our lodge is part of the 4th District and has been a very active lodge through most of these 110 years.

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Sock It To 'Em

“Sock it to ‘Em Drive” continues until Feb 1. Thank you to all of you who have brought socks. You can still contribute socks! Many have been distributed and the recipients are excited!

December Social

What a great Christmas party we had in December. From singing the Norwegian Christmas Carols, Eating delicious Prime Rib and enjoying the program presented by Mylo Hatzenbuhler and the finale of O Holy Night by Clyde Bauman.



ND Heritage Center Christmas

In the early 1990s Sverdrup members who were part of the Hardanger cultural skills group decorated the former Governor’s Residence. Many of the Norwegian decorations were made by our members.

The Christmas Tree is located at the main entrance of the ND Heritage Center.

Pictures here show the tree as some of these decorations.



Sverdrup’s Norwegian Language Class—December 2019

Our language class is learning new lessons every week. A special treat for the Christmas session was homemade flatbrød with øst. We also learned Norwegian words and sang Christmas songs in Norwegian. The class will take a break until February.

Standing - Marcia Hansen, Lyle Wergeland, Audrey Solheim, Jerry Saude, Gary Sorenson, Tom Marpel, Stephanie Kom
 Seated - Neil Souther, Kathy Henjum, Judith Hammer, Karen Oby and Tom Dahle. Absent were Carol Christenson and Brett Landwehr. Musician for songs and photographer for group photo was Fagerlund 4-203 member Wanda Melchert. Photographer for unposed photos—Steph Kom. Lunch was compliments of Karen Obey and Tom Dahle.

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