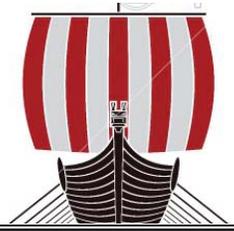


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The President

Hallo, GOD JUL OG GODT NYTT ÅR!!!

Hello, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!

Well, we have come to the end of the year and lots of new and wonderful things will come next year.

We will have a new President; Heidi Albright, and a new Vice President; Ulf Løkke.

So it is almost time for me to say "GOOD BYE" to you all. I will still be a member of the Lodge, but not an officer on the board. I will help out when I can and that will be all.

As you know I was the charter President 26 years ago, and some of our members that started then are still with us, I think that is a good indication that our Lodge has done well.

Our November social meeting of "LAST NAMES FROM SCANDINAVIA" was a nice gathering in the new Social Hall at the church, with lots of food and about 30 members. We learned about "last names" and how they came to be.



And our own David was counting pennies from the pink-pigs, and having a silent action with pictures that had been donated, with all proceeds going to the Sons of Norway Foundation.

Yeah David.

And as you know our Christmas Party will again be at the **Palm Desert CC on Dec. 17 at 4:00**, so be sure you send in your reservation to Luella before Dec. 10. The flyer is in the newsletter.

The menu is the same as last year as we had such good report on it, \$30.00 pr. person all inclusive.

The Lodge is still looking for GREETERS or any other help that you can provide.

Hope you all will have a wonderful Holiday season with friends and family and some good old fashion Norwegian food.

Good Norwegian joke....

A 4 yr. old boy got mad at his mom and threatened to run away. He went to the bedroom and starting packing, his mom could hear him open and closing drawers. When he came out he had two big bags fully packed, the mother asked him where he was going. The boy said;"nowhere, I am not even allowed to cross the street", the mother smiled and asked the boy; "why did you pack two big bags then" the boy answered "they are not for me...THEY ARE FOR YOU".

*Berit Reistad
President*



DATE	EVENT	LOCATION/TIME
Dec 15, Thurs	Business meeting	4:00 Beverly Nabors home call 760-323-7179
Dec 8, Thurs	Hardanger	3:00 RSVP to Charlotte
Dec 9, Fri	Lunch Bunch	11:30 Desert Princess Country Club, CC RSVP to Margie 206-979-8265
Dec 17, Sat	Lucia	Contact VASA –Linda, lkosvic@gmail.com
Dec 17, Sat	Christmas Party	5:00 PDCC See reservation form deadline is December 10th
Jan 7, Sat	Hardanger	11:00 Morongo Valley, RSVP to Luella, 760-363-7704
Jan 21, Sat	Social	4:30 installation of officers & Potluck

Tubfrim

“I would like to inform you that I received 7 lbs. of stamps and they are all boxed and being delivered to the Seaman’s Church in San Pedro. Thanks to Loyd and Ginnie Wilcox for delivering them.

If you are cutting and saving stamps, please, leave ½ inch border around the stamp. Also, no non-profit or presort stamps are accepted.

Every pound of stamps you collect will entitle you to a chance in a drawing for money toward a trip to Norway. A pound of stamps is a gallon plastic bag about 80% full. If you are not saving the stamps for the drawing you can give your stamps to me at any time, otherwise wait until you have a pound and turn them in to me. Thanks for participating in Tubfrim.”

*Submitted by
Norm Larsen*

Scandinavian Heritage Day

Another Scandinavian Heritage Day meeting held and we are getting more excited about the event. Vendors have already started to respond and it looks like this is going to be a great event.

Besides the traditional food that we have offered before, this time we have decided to also serve Scandinavian Waffles, the one that comes with four or five hearts in one piece. They will be served together with sour cream and strawberry jam. If you have one of those irons to lend us for the project, that would be great. Steinar has one iron and Ulf has one. We would need two more, so if you have one, please let Steinar, David or Ulf know.

We have decided to send an invitation to all the Scandinavian counsels to see if they would like to come and visit us. We thought that having a table where visitors could meet their representing counsel would be a nice add-on to the event.

An official opening of the event is planned for 10:30 AM.

We are also looking for entertainment. Our Scandinavian folk music group has confirmed that they will be present. If you know of someone who might want to donate some entertainment for free, we would like to hear from you.

Contact Steinar Johansen, jo60nor@dc.rr.com or David Lutes, davidjlutes@yahoo.com

We are really excited about the event and we hope you are too.

December Birthdays

- 8 ORourke Karin Anne
- 13 Jacobson Margie Elizabeth
- 21 Bjerke Jack
- 23 Ryan Gail F
- 24 Bjerke Corinne J
- 26 Larsen Charlotte A

-Hurra for deg som fyller ditt år! Ja, deg vil vi gratulere!

-Alle i ring omkring deg vi står, og se, nå vil vi marsjere.

-Bukke, nikke, neie, snu oss omkring, danse så for deg med hopp og sprett og spring, ønske deg av hjertet alle gode ting og si meg så, hva vil du mere?

-Gratulere!

SOME INTERESTING NORWEGIAN FACTS

**King Harald of Norway vowed to remain unmarried for life unless he could marry his true love, who was the daughter of a cloth merchant. They later remarried w/ help from the government and she became Queen of NO.

**Norway has the world's largest sovereign fund, where it has been saving almost all the money it gets from the sale of oil and is worth almost a trillion dollars. (Goal is to have funds for future generations)

**Norway introduced salmon sushi to the Japanese.

**Norway has very strict rules on advertising cars as 'green' saying 'cars can do nothing good for the environment except less damage than others'.

**Norway stopped investing into Walmart after determining that the company is guilty of 'serious violations of fundamental ethical norms'.

**Norway has a minimum security island-prison where inmates are almost free to do as they wish. The criminals imprisoned there are among Norway's worst, but it has the lowest rate of re-offenders in Europe, if not the world.

**Norway gets 98-99% of its electricity from hydroelectric power, more than any other country.

**To encourage more men to assume a greater share of care-giving responsibilities, Norwegian law states that 14 weeks of parental care is reserved for fathers. It is the first country to introduce compulsory paternity leave.

**The relative # of English speakers is higher in Sweden, Norway, Denmark and The Netherlands than it is in Canada.

**In Norway, income and wealth are public record, easily viewable online.

**Norway was one of the founding nations of the United Nations in 1945, and the first UN Sec-Gen was Norwegian - NO Prime Minister Trygve Lie.

**Norway was originally called 'Nordweg', meaning the 'Northern Way'.

**Norway has the highest gasoline prices in the world at US\$9.89 a gallon, even though it is one of the biggest exporters of oil in the world.

**Norway has won the largest number of gold, silver and bronze medals of all countries in the Winter Olympics.

**During the Nazi invasion of Norway. The Norwegian King was defended by some members of a local rifle club.

**In 1999, Norway granted refuge to an US drug smuggler because the Norwegian Supreme Court declared that US prisons 'do not meet 'minimum' humanitarian standards'.

**IKEA names sofas, coffee tables, book shelves, media storage and door knobs after places in Sweden; beds, wardrobes and half furniture after places in Norway; carpets after places in Denmark and dining tables and chairs after places in Finland.

**"VOSS" water is just water from the municipal water supply in Iveland, Norway.

**The people of Oslo, NO donate the Trafalgar Square Christmas tree in London every year in gratitude to the people of London for their assistance during World War II.

**Minnesota is the unofficial Norwegian capital of the US, and more Norwegians live in MN than in any other state.

**In Norway, you can only buy alcohol from stores called Vinmonopolet. If caught driving under the influence, there is an automatic 30 days in jail, you lose your license for a year and pay fines up to 10% of your annual income.

**Norwegians love pizza! The Grandiosa frozen pizza is very popular.

**Norway's flag is red with a blue cross outlined in white that extends to the ends of the flag. The vertical part of the flag is shifted to the hoist side in the style of the Dannebrog (Danish flag). The colors recall Norway's past political unions with Denmark (red & white) and Sweden (blue)



Norwegian Coconut Macaroons

Adapted from <http://thanksforthefood.com/kokosmakroner/>

- 4 egg whites
- 8.8 oz (250g) flaked, unsweetened coconut
- 5 oz (150g) powdered sugar
- 1.76 oz (50g) vanilla sugar

Whisk the egg whites until stiff peaks form. Add remaining ingredients and gently fold together. Do not overmix. Line a baking tray with parchment paper and spoon macaroon mixture onto the tray. Cook in 350°F (180°C) oven for 10-12 minutes.

Norway's Best Pepper Cookies

Adapted from allrecipes.com
Makes 30 servings

- 1½ cups butter
- 1 cup white sugar
- ¼ cup heavy whipping cream
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 3¼ cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1 tsp ground black pepper
- 1½ tsp ground cardamom
- 1 tsp baking powder

Mix together the sugar and butter until fluffy. Add cream to mixture and stir. Next, add baking soda and a little water (less than 2 tablespoons) to the butter mixture. Sprinkle the spices, baking powder and flour into the mixture and combine until dough forms. Roll into 2½ inch diameter segments. Wrap tightly and chill thoroughly in refrigerator.

Bring oven to 375°F. Unwrap chilled dough and slice into thin pieces. Place cookie slices on lightly greased cookie sheet and bake for 6 to 8 minutes. Cool cookies on wire rack

These are good Christmas Cookies.

Foundation Pennies from ??



You have heard about “pennies from heaven.” These were “pennies from your plastic, pink pigs.” They were full and they were heavy.

Wow! Thanks to all of you who brought in your plastic, pink pigs for the roundup and weigh-in. I feel it was a huge success.

A total of 27 pigs were turned in for weighing – a total of 124 lbs., 4 oz. YES, they were heavy to carry, but the bank provided a cart to wheel the bags into the bank. With my higher math skills, I decided to leave it up to the machine to count the coins.

After the second trip to the bank, the total amounted to

\$289.28. Fantastic! and all the thanks to those who took the time to save your pennies and bring them to the meeting. (I kept the .28 as gas money.)

13 members were in the running for the Panera Gift cards. Those who entered the small pigs – Dottie, Ginnie, Carinne, and Luella. Ginnie had the heaviest pig at 4 lbs, .14 ozs.

In the large pig category – Berit, Frida, David, Brian (friend of David's & non-member), Ulf & Sharon, Charlotte, Vaughn and Junelle. Junelle had the heaviest large pig weighing 7 lbs.

A special thanks to 1stBank in Palm Desert for processing the coins.

*David
Foundation Director
aka
Farmer Johnson*

New Discount Program Available!

Have you checked out Sons of Norway's newest member benefit, PerkSpot, yet? If not, you're missing out! This exciting discount program offer thousands of deals on everything from vacation packages to electronics to restaurants. With the holidays quickly approaching, PerkSpot is the perfect place to find a gift for the special someone and get a great deal!

To access PerkSpot, log into the Members Section of the Sons of Norway website and click on Member Discounts. Happy shopping!

Thanks to Marlyn Devlon

About a month ago, Marilyn called Debera about several pictures and Hardanger materials she had that she wished to donate with the funds to be placed in the Foundation.

I don't do Hardanger, but if I did these would have been some very useful items – patterns, material, thread, needles and many books.

Thank you Marilyn, \$222 was added to the Foundation account from the sale of your donations.

Foundation Goal ...

Last January, at our first board meeting, a goal was set for our donation to the International Foundation. Through your donations of cash, raffles, and recycling of bottles and cans, the tentative amount raised was \$1,074.00. THANK YOU all for your support.

We will honor our lodge by sending a check for \$1,000 to International.

No Happy Hour in December

Since this is a happy and thankful time of the year, there is really no reason to have a happy hour. Take time with your families and friends, relax and enjoy the Christmas season.

The location of our January Happy Hour will be in this newsletter and on our web site.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

Appreciation from Amistad High School

During the past year, through a donation from our lodge and a \$500 grant from our Foundation, we have presented almost \$1,000 worth of bus passes to Amistad High School in north Indio.



Besides staff and students meeting to accept a facsimile of the passes, thanks has appeared on their school marquee and in the student newsletter.

Often times we take for granted how easy it is for us to get from one place to another. However, without a personal or family car or money to buy buss passes, it

means students are unable to attend school.

The members of Salskinn Lodge are proud to help the students and staff of Amistad High School.



Goal met ... and thank you!!!

As noted in another article of this newsletter, it was noted that we have met our goal of raising \$1,000 for the Foundation. Of course, it would not have been possible without the help of our members.

Amazing how the coins and bills placed in the plastic, pink pigs on the tables at our socials, count up. Sometimes, not so much. Other times, we see the generosity of our members.

You have made me happy and many others who will benefit from your coins and bills you donate each month.

*David
Foundation Dir.*





Richard Selle and David Lutes



Alan and Margie Jacobson



The Ward Family visiting from Minnesota



Frida Jorgensen



Junelle Pearson and Charlotte Larsen



Norm Larsen and JR Fleischner



Louise and Richard Selle



Vaughn Simon

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a little in English...

Why Norwegians are Driving More Slowly

Norwegian motorists have slowed their pace year after year. A wild theory has been that older drivers are slowing things down. Now researchers have studied the trend.

Several times in recent years traffic authorities have been able to determine that motorists of all ages are slowing down. Data from monitors in areas around the country with a speed limit of 80 kilometers per hour (50 miles per hour), show that the average speed has fallen by 1 kilometer per hour (0.62 mph) over the course of five years. It's not very much, but still a clear break with the tendency that traffic authorities were seeing decades earlier, which was that motorists were steadily driving faster.

Surveyed and Interviewed

Traffic researchers stood on the roadside and interviewed 204 motorists who passed the monitors. In addition, they recorded license plates and extracted data from the Motor Vehicle Registry of the 3,750 cars and car owners who passed. One of the goals of this study was to determine how much older age among motorists has had an effect on speed reduction.

Increased age is not important

"We conclude that the increased age of the drivers explains maybe 25 percent of the speed reduction. Most of the decline in speed is explained by other factors," says researcher Torkel Bjørnskau of TØI (Transportøkonomisk institutt, the Institute of Transport Economics). One such factor is that more cars being on the roads causes motorists to slow down. Another factor is that fewer people are driving recklessly on Norwegian roads. Why there are fewer reckless drivers, researchers don't know. One possible explanation is the increase of boxes with speed counters. Another possible explanation is the increased media attention on road safety and speed.

Gender, engine size and make of car

In this study researchers also found that cars with an owner aged 35-44 were driven fastest. After that, speed sinks steadily with increasing age. The researchers also looked at the drivers' gender. They did not find that speed held any connection with the car driver's gender. Some researchers, however, saw that cars with larger engines are driven faster than cars with small engines. And newer cars are driven faster than old cars.

litt på norsk...

Derfor kjører norske bilister stadig saktere

Norske bilister har satt ned farten år etter år. En het teori har vært at flere eldre bilførere får det til å gå saktere. Nå har forskere sett på saken.

Flere ganger de siste årene har trafikmyndighetene kunnet konstatere at bilistene setter ned farten. Tall fra målere plassert ulike steder i landet med fartsgrense på 80 km/t, viser at snitthastigheten her har gått ned med 1 km/t i løpet av fem år. Ikke så veldig mye, men likevel et klart brudd med den tendensen trafikmyndighetene så gjennom flere tiår tidligere, som var at bilistene kjørte stadig fortere.

Målte og intervjuet

Nå har trafikforskere stilt seg opp i veikanten og intervjuet 204 bilister som passerte disse målepunktene. I tillegg registrerte de nummerskiltene og hentet data fra Motorvognregisteret om 3750 biler og bileiere som passerte. Ett av målene med denne studien var å slå fast hvor mye økt alder blant bilistene har hatt å si for fartsnedgangen.

Økt alder ikke viktigst

– Vi konkluderer med at økt alder på bilførerne kanskje forklarer 25 prosent av fartsnedgangen. Det meste av fartsnedgangen skyldes altså andre forhold, sier forsker Torkel Bjørnskau ved TØI (Transportøkonomisk institutt). En slik faktor er at flere biler på veiene, får bilistene til å sette ned farten. En annen faktor er at færre råkjørere på norske veier. Hvorfor færre råkjørere, vet ikke forskerne. En mulig forklaring er stadig flere bokser med fartsmålere. En annen mulig forklaring er den økte medieoppmærksomheten på trafiksikkerhet og fart.

Kjønn, motorstørrelse og bilmerke

I denne studien fant forskerne også at biler med en eier i alderen 35-44 år blir kjørt fortest. Deretter synker hastigheten jevnt og trutt med økende alder. Forskerne så også på bilførernes kjønn. De fant ikke at farten som ble holdt hadde noen sammenheng med bilførers kjønn. Noe forskerne imidlertid så, var at biler med større motor blir kjørt raskere enn biler med liten motor. Og nyere biler blir kjørt fortere enn gamle biler.

Excerpted and translated from: <http://forskning.no/bil-og-trafikk-samfunn-samferdsel/2016/08/derfor-kjorer-norske-bilister-stadig-saktere>

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See flyer for
Christmas Party on our website
<http://solskinn.org>.

Sign up as soon as possible.

See you at the Palm Desert
Country Club
Saturday December 17

Social 4:00 PM.
Dinner 5:00 PM.

Contact Luella at 760-363-7704 or
morongo2@verizon.net as soon as
possible, so they can plan this event
properly.

Save stamps
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