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The April social meeting will be Tuesday, April 14, 2009

7:00 pm

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
3634 1st Avenue NE
Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52403

Program: Cindy Charlson Monroe, REAL Norwegian Trolls

In the old days Norway was populated not only by people but by creatures of the netherworld. Learn about Norwegian trolls, who are not the beautified ones pictured in American children's books.

Buy your Syttende Mai tickets at the April meeting - \$20. Invite your friends and/or prospective members to join us. Please bring a Norwegian dessert to share.

April hosts and hostesses are Ding Sather, Larry and Sara Knutson and Wally Sundet.

Volunteers needed April 4 to stuff 6000 envelopes at Vesterheim. Meet at HyVee at 7 a.m. to carpool.

Fra Presidenten

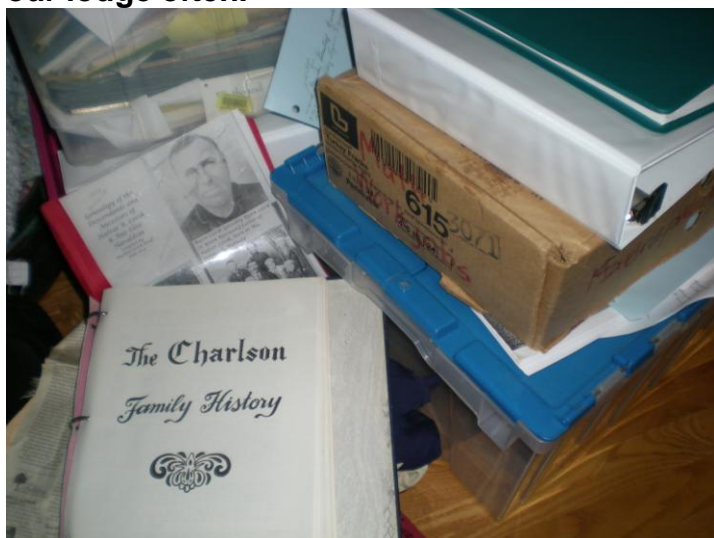
In our last newsletter you met my new friend, Evelyn, who has attended Norwegian language camp. Unfortunately, I lost her picture somewhere in the depths of my computer folders. Her mother sent another and here is Evelyn.



Have you ever heard a voice repeat something to you over and over in your head? In the last several weeks, I have heard "Well, you just have to start." and it sounds just like Ann Gesme! My jumble of family history in boxes, notebooks, etc. need attention. After a day of too much caffeine, I was 'starting' at three o'clock one morning. Exploring on the Internet, I found two email addresses discussing my great-grandfather's sister. I emailed both telling them what I knew and indicated that I was ready to seriously start my genealogy work. Both replied the next morning. Before I could complete my email replies, Ken Moen (formerly of Forest City, my hometown) called me from the Minneapolis area. He has thirty-four years of genealogy research and is willing to share. By the end of the day, he sent me several family pictures and my maternal grandparents' naturalization papers. All because that voice told me I had to start. As genealogy has developed, we have recognized that our history is more

than names, dates and places. There is a story to tell and our lodge can help you with yours. Take advantage of the Lodge trip on April 25 to the Norwegian American Genealogical Center and Naeseth Library in Madison. More details are in the newsletter. In the next few days I will be in Forest City attending a funeral. One of my stops will be the public library. They have a room devoted to genealogy. Ken told me to start with obituaries!

I am also renewing my subscription to Norwegian American Genealogical Center & Naeseth Library (608-255-2224 or <http://www.nagcnl.org>). Their newly-designed website is outstanding. I have included a membership form to tickle your interest. Blaine Hedberg, their Executive Director and Naeseth Chair has worked with our lodge often.



I will turn this pile you into a story to share with my children and family members!

Cindy Charlson Monroe

Board Meeting Date

The next S.O.N. **Board** meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month (April 28) at President Cindy Charlson Monroe's home – 449 Dows Rd. SE (363-7420).

Events of Interest

-April 4 – Volunteers needed at Vesterheim to stuff 6000 envelopes. Meet at HyVee on

32nd St. NE at 7 a.m. to carpool. Return by 6 p.m. Please call Ann Gesme if you can help (319-362-6910)

-April 5 – Edvard Grieg Society Event at Sateren Auditorium in Minneapolis.

-April 18 - The Metropolitan Joint Committee of Lodges, Sons of Norway invites you to bowl (\$20) at 8:30 a.m. at Southtown Lanes in Bloomington, MN and banquet (\$20) at 5:00 p.m. at the Fred Babcock VFW on April 18, 2009. Send your reservation to Dave Kompelien, 1726 Kyllö Lane, St. Paul, MN 55122.

-April 17-19 - 12th Annual Ibsen Festival in Lanesboro, MN

-April 18-19 – 39th Annual Norse Rosemaler's Association Show at the Norway House in Milwaukee.

-April 19 – Annual Norwegian American Genealogical Center Friends Dinner at Madison Marriott West in Middleton, Wisconsin. Cost is \$40. In addition to dinner, vendors and arts and crafts demonstrations will make this a special evening. Call 608-255-2224 to make a reservation.

-April 25 – Lodge visit to Norwegian American Genealogical Center and Naeseth Library in Madison. \$20/person. Call Ann Gesme for details.

-May 12-13 – “Writing Your Family History” seminar at Genealogical Center. Email gpaulson@nagcnl.org for more information.

April 25 Visit to Genealogical Center in Madison

As a follow-up to the Genealogy Seminar held on March 7, a visit to the Norwegian American Genealogical Center and Naeseth Library in Madison is scheduled for Saturday, 25 April 2009. The trip is open to

all members of Restauration Lodge, including all who attended the Genealogy Seminar 7 March 2009. The Center is not usually open on Saturday, but will be open just for our group, Thus an entrance charge of \$20 per peson is necessary. Please email or phone Ann Gesme for details regarding car pools, etc. (319-362-6910 or augdhg@mchsi.com)

Celebrating the Sami

Sami National Day is held on February 6th because that was the date in 1917 when the first Sami National Congress was held in Trondheim. The Sami moved into Norway, probably from Central Asia more than 10,000 years ago. They were Norway's first inhabitants. About half of all Sami live in Norway. Throughout time, they have held on to their traditions and unique cultural heritage. They have their own language, related to Finnish and Hungarian. Their native costume – red clothing and four cornered hats – are distinctive. Their best known livelihood is reindeer herding. You can find additional information about Sami in the Winter 2009 issue of *Viking for Kids*.

Chip Carving Class

Did you notice the beautiful carving on the candle box in our latest issue of the *Viking*? About ten members are learning chip carving every other Monday at the Gesmes' home. The next classes are at 7:00 p.m. on March 30, April 13, and April 27. Joe Reed is our patient instructor.

Bok Forening

The Book Club will meet at the Gesme home (2119 Lincolnshire Dr. SE – Cedar Rapids) on Wednesday, April 15, 2009 at 1 p.m. We start our sessions with dessert and follow with a discussion of the book and author. Cindy Monroe will lead the discussion of *The Cotter's Son, A Story from Sigdal*, by H.A. Foss, translated by Joel G. Winkjer. Ruth Christ will provide refreshments. May's selection is *Out Stealing Horses* by Per Petterson.

Norwegian Facts

Climate: In the summer, the average temperative in Norway ranges from 57° to 65° F. In January it hovers around 27° F degrees – ideal for winter sports.



Senior Discount: People over age 67 are entitled to 50% off the price of first- and second-class train tickets.

Salmon: Norway has long been famous for its salmon and trout fishing, with over 100 salmon rivers flowing into its fjords. The best months for Salmon are June, July and sometimes August.

The Soul of Norway: The Lofoten Islands lie 122 miles above the Arctic Circle. Its population of 35,000 is spread over large and small islands. The midnight sun shines from May 25 to July 7.

Cultural Skills Medals Program

Ask Lois McCormick for help in participating in the Sons of Norway Cultural Skills Program. You can explore Traditional Norwegian Cooking, Reading Norwegian and American-Norwegian Authors, Collecting Norwegian and North American Stamps, Norwegian Rosemaling, Genealogy- Family History, Hand Knitting, Norwegian Language and Culture, Hardanger Embroidery, Figure Carving, Weaving, Ornamental Carving, Chip Carving, Folk Dances, and/or Music and Musicians of Norway.

Save July 10, 2009 to represent S.O.N. at Linn County Fair



Orders for nametags will be take at meetings. If unable to attend, please call Dean Gesme to get information.

Happy Birthday

April

- 4 Norm Erickson – Cedar Rapids
- 4 Quin Cornell -
- 6 Rhonda Kekke - Coralville
- 9 Jeffery Christ -
- 10 Espen Anneling - Coralville
- 11 Karen Mickelson –
- 14 Marcella Martinson – Cedar Rapids
- 16 Patricia Knutson – Cedar Rapids
- 20 Jennifer Rand – Arthur, ND
- 21 Jean Reed – Cedar Rapids
- 22 Shirley Geiger – Cedar Rapids
- 27 Erik St. Louis – Iowa City
- 29 Ann Gesme – Cedar Rapids

If you prefer to not have your name and birthday listed, or there is an error in the date, please let Cindy Charlson Monroe know (319-363-7420)

Proverbs and Literary Quotes

Studying proverbs from all over the world, you will discover that many of them must have traveled from country to country and – over a longer period of time – from culture to culture. Most proverbs are highly applicable to any cultured group since they often reflect the conditions of human nature which, of course, are the same everywhere.

- Bedre sent enn aldri. (Better late than never.) Livius
- Blod er tykkere en vann. (Blood is thicker than water.) Ray, 1692
- Brent barn skyr ilden. (Burnt child shuns the fire.) Hending, 1300's
- Borte bra, men hjemme best. (Away fine, home best.)

Vesterheim's Lifelong Learning

- April 4 – Festive Cakes - \$64 members and \$74 non-members
- May 17 or June 14 – Viking Knit Bracelet – fine silver centuries-old looping technique

Mange Tusen Takk!

- To all of our hosts and hostess who keep us fed and coffeed at each meeting.
- To Carey Trantham, who shared his grandchildren with us at our last meeting.

2009 Lodge Kalendar

- April 4 Stuff 6000 envelopes at Vesterheim
- April 12 Flag Day – Easter
- April 14 Social Meeting
- April 15 Book Club
- April 28 Board Meeting
- April 29 Newsletter Deadline
- May 1 Flag Day – Labor Day
- May 8 Flag Day – VE Day
- May 12 Syttende Mai Banquet \$20
- May 17 Flag Day – Syttende Mai
- May 20 Book Club
- May 21 Flag Day – H.M. King Harald 1937
- May 26 Board Meeting
- May 29 Newsletter Deadline
- May 31 Flag Day - Pentecost

Address, Name, E-mail, Telephone

Change

Please let our membership secretaries know ASAP – Alan and Barbara Erickson at 377-1707. Thank you.

May 12 Syttende Mai Banquet

Catered dinner – tickets are \$20 each. Great evening to invite potential members. Current members are asked to bring Norwegian desserts. Tickets will be on sale at April meeting – or call Mavis Hovden (393-3286), Anna Marie Klein (373-9260) or Jean Murray (393-9560) to reserve yours.

taught by Liz Bucheit and Kary Kilmer. \$85 and \$95 materials fee.

-May 17 – Thor's Velvet Hammer Bracelet – forge silve cuff style bracelet – taught by Liz Bucheit and Kary Kilmer. \$185 and \$95 materials fee.

Call Vesteheim Norwegian-American Museum in Decorah for more details. 563-382-9681

A Little in English...

Record Numbers Lose Their Licenses

2008 earned a dubious record. Numbers from the police show that 6,137 individuals lost their driver's license last year. That's an increase of 12.5% from 2007. Never before have so many lost their license in a single year.

"It's very troubling that license-revocation is still increasing," said police official Odd Reidar Humlegård to TV2. "It's especially serious when you consider the enormous danger reckless drivers pose to themselves and other motorists. In the course of the last five years we have seen a dramatic increase of 68% in the number of revocations" said Humlegård.

5,277 of the motorists lost their license because of speeding. The rest were due to driving under the influence or for other dangerous driving. But even though the number of revocations is record-high, that doesn't mean that Norwegians are driving worse than they were before.

"The increase is due to the focus we have made on shutting down the worst drivers," said Humlegård.

Adapted from:
<http://pub.tv2.no/nettavisen/innenriks/artic/e2494712.ece>

Litt på norsk...

Rekordmange mistet lappen

2008 fikk en tvilsom rekord. Tall fra politiet viser at 6137 personer mistet førerkortet ifjor. Det er enøkning på 12,5 prosent fra 2007. Aldri før har så mange mistet førerkortet i løpet av et år.

- Det er svært bekymringsfullt at førerkortbeslagene fortsatt øker sa politisjef Odd Reidar Humlegård til TV2. Særlig alvorlig er det med tanke på det store skadepotensiale råkjørerne utsetter seg selv og ikke minst andre bilister for. I løpet av en femårsperiode har vi sett en dramatisk utvikling med 68 prosent flere beslag, sa Humlegård.

5277 bilister mistet lappen som følge av fartsovertredelser. Resten mistet førerkortet for å kjørt i ruspåvirket tilstand, eller for annen farlig kjøring. Selv om antall beslag er rekordhøy, betyr ikke det at nordmenn kjører verre enn tidligere.

- Utviklingen er et resultat at det fokuset vi har hatt på å luke ut verstingene i trafikken, sa Humlegård.

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Golden Spice Cake

(Sirupskake)

*From Authentic Norwegian Cooking
by Astrid Kalsen Scott*

Ingredients:

1/2 cup scant butter

2 eggs

3/4 cup syrup, Lyle's Golden

1/4 cup orange marmalade

3/4 tsp. ginger

2 tsp. baking powder

1 1/2 cup flour

2/3 cup cream, light

Cream butter until soft, add eggs, syrup and orange marmalade and blend well. Add ginger and baking powder to the flour. Add to butter mixture alternately with cream. Mix thoroughly. Pour into a greased 1 1/2 quart loaf pan and bake in a preheated 350° (F) oven for 30 minutes. Makes 1 loaf cake.

Norwegian American Genealogic Center and Naesbeth Library Membership Application

Membership in the NAGC & NL is open to anyone with an interest in Norwegian-American genealogical research.

Services Include:

- Genealogical resources are available to visiting NAGC & NL members at no charge. If members need staff assistance for research, they will be billed at the member rate of \$20 per hour.
- Norwegian Tracks, a newsletter published three times a year, detailing information about new NAGC & NL acquisitions and other items of help to genealogists.
- Loan of books and microfilm to NAGC & NL members on a fee basis.
- Sale of topographic maps of Norway showing location of individual farms and churches.
- Translations of Norwegian documents and letters at the hourly research rate.

Membership Levels

Associate (\$30 per year) \$ _____

Contributor (\$50 per year) \$ _____

Supporter (\$100 per year) \$ _____

*Foreign postage (\$8) \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

*Postage fees are \$8 for addresses outside the U.S.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State/Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Mail to:

Norwegian American Genealogical Center & Naeseth Library

415 West Main St.

Madison, WI 53703-3116

Visitor Hours:

10:00 – 5:00 Monday – Friday(excluding holidays)

Call ahead to make an appointment if you will need staff assistance.

Elected Officers:

President – Cindy Monroe 363-7420
Vice President-Dean Gesme 362-6910
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Treasurer-Ding Sather 393-7310
Assistant Treasurer-Dean Gesme 362-6910
Membership Secretary-Alan and Barbara
Erickson 377-1707
Cultural director-Ann Gesme 362-6910
Social directors- Mavis Hovden 393-3286
Anna Marie Klein 373-9260
Jean Murray 393-9560

Sons of Norway representative:

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