# MellomVenner

Brubyen Lodge 4-576, Saskatoon Saskatchewan, Canada



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The mission of Sons of Norway is to promote and to preserve the heritage and culture of Norway,

to celebrate our relationship with other Nordic Countries, and provide quality insurance and financial products to our members.



Special Birthdays, etc.

### Fra presidenten

#### FROM THE PRESIDENT

October 2017 Newsletter

*PURE SCANDIMONIUM*. That was the theme for the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Hostfest in Minot, North Dakota Sept 27-30, 2017. As usual, the entertainment [in the Great Hall of the Vikings and on the free stages] was excellent; you could have four days of "steady grazing" from all of the food booths; and interesting items for sale by vendors. If you haven't experienced a Hostfest, it should be on your bucket list!

Speaking of anniversaries, Brubyen Lodge # 4 – 576 celebrates 35 years as a Sons of Norway lodge on November 6, 2017. A few current members are charter members of the lodge – Mildred Norum, Thor & Margaret Kliev, Lyla Dalen, Alice & Sven Garvik, Diane Berg. We plan to celebrate as part of the Lutefisk & Meatball supper on Sunday, December 3. So put that date on your calendar.

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October .

Become a



Gratulerer med dagen!

1 Solomon Groves 1 Trudy Haraldson 3 Mavis Martinuson 16 Alfred Hovdestad 22 Marcel Voyer 24 Britt Agrey 27 Natasha Tripp



1 Alfred Hovdestad

October is FOUNDATION MONTH for the Sons of Norway Foundation in Canada. For several years we have had a fundraising dinner and sent the personal donations and funds from ticket sales to the Foundation. At the September general meeting it was decided to discontinue these dinners. HOWEVER, personal donations will still be accepted and the Lodge will send a donation. Four people have earned pins for their past donations: Diane Berg, silver pin; Pamela Smith, Susan E. Dalen, Donald Norum, bronze pins.

Cheques should be given to Treasurer Sharon Voyer at the October 19 social/cultural evening. They can be made out to the Sons of Norway Foundation in Canada.

Sharon and Marcel Voyer are coordinating the October meeting. Plans will be sent out in an e-mail later this month. We will still do our "Gee, We're Glad You're Norwegian" certificates to deserving community people but they will be done at the Lutefisk dinner in December. So if you know of anyone who should be honoured please let Sharon know.

CALENDARS. There are still Norwegian Heritage Collector Calenders for sale at \$20 each. See Sharon Voyer.

Do you know someone who may be interested in becoming a lodge member? Our current membership fees are: \$47.50 primary; \$38.75 spouse; \$23.75 UngeVenner [if they do not have a parent or a grandparent who are members]; \$20.00 golden. *It is expected that the fees as of January 1, 2018 will be the same as this year.* There is no separate subscription to the Viking magazine. A member-sponsored Unge Venner may pay \$6 to receive their own Viking magazine. We encourage parents/grandparents to sponsor grandchildren up to age 15 as Heritage members. Unge Venner members are 16-24 years of age.

Cultural Skills Program Pins update. Sons of Norway are redoing the computer system for the Cultural Skills Program BUT in doing so they have lost ALL the previous records. If you have received cultural skills pins please let Phyllis Byers know what pins you have so that she can send the information to head office.

We have been fortunate over the years to have Liv Dahl of Edmonton review our cultural skills documents and award the pins. Liv is retiring

# Kalender

Unless otherwise indicated, all events are held at:

Fairfield Senior Citizens
Centre
103 Fairmont Court
Saskatoon

Dead Fish Society
Social Hour
at Bugsy's Pub in
Market Mall, 6:45 pm
October 6<sup>th</sup>
November 3<sup>rd</sup>
December 1<sup>st</sup>
(1<sup>st</sup> Friday each month)

Norwegian Whist Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 pm Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 pm (2<sup>nd</sup> Wed each month)

Lodge Monthly Meeting Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 pm (3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs each month)

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and we wish her a happy retirement. Now we will have to send our documents to Minneapolis. Phyllis reminded us that we should make a photocopy to send in as they are not returned and you will pay the postage to mail it in. Phyllis has address information for you.

One of our members, Linda Whacker, lives in Regina where she is also a board member of the Regina Scandinavian Club. She is looking for a Rosmalling instructor and wants to coordinate a weekend course. If you know of someone who can teach the art please let me know.

November 11 The Legion runs the annual poppy fund campaign in Saskatoon. Last year \$212,185.00 was raised. All of these funds are spent in our community. We will be ordering a wreath from the Legion and Thor Kliev will lay the wreath on the lodge's behalf at the city Remembrance Day service. Thank you Thor!

Take time to look into our Sports Pin program. Sharon Voyer received her Silver sports pin for participation in a number of sports and Myrtle Dixon received her bronze pin for walking. You can earn 4 pins: bronze, silver, gold, enamel.

We had 6 lodge members and 6 Fairfield Seniors members out for whist in September. More people are needed but we are going to try again in October. Come on out – we can teach you how to play Norwegian whist!

FOLKFEST: Marcel Voyer, assistant pavilion manager for the Norwegian pavilion, reported that the 2017 pavilion was successful in that we had a slightly larger attendance and made a bit of money. The tent experiment at Prairieland Park had some problems so we are glad that our pavilion was at Holy Cross High School. Thanks to Graham, Inger, Myrna, Natasha and Diane for "manning" the Sons of Norway Lodge display table. Thanks to all the lodge members who volunteered one or many shifts at the pavilion – couldn't do it without you!! Thanks to Margaret Kliev [and Thor] for the many years of



Sympathy extended

to

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coordinating the volunteers, making probably thousands of phone calls and arranging schedules for all of the jobs that have to be done. Well done!

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Most of the current officers are staying on for another term. However, we are still in need of a secretary so HELP!!

We spent some time at the September meeting discussing the lodge – future plans, possible programs, how can we improve meetings, what can we accomplish with a reduced work force and aging members, how to recruit and retain new members, can we entice past members to return, etc. Please be thinking about these areas so that we can continue the discussion at the November general meeting.

Hilda Gran from the Salvation Army Christmas Kettle campaign called to see if we could ring the bells again in front of Safeway at Market Mall on the following Wednesdays: November 22; November 29 and December 6 from 10:30 -5:30 pm. That would be 6 shifts of 3.5 hours each [10:30 - 2:00 pm and 2:00 pm - 5:30 pm]. PLEASE let me know ASAP [As Soon As Possible] if you can work one or more of these shifts. I told Hilda we are getting short of volunteers but I would ask the members if you can help out. Call me at 306-373-3156 or e-mail at <a href="mailto:edberg@sasktel.net">edberg@sasktel.net</a> to volunteer for this project.

If we can't get enough volunteers I have to let Hilda know asap so that she can contact another organization.



Thursday, October 19 – social/cultural gathering at the Fairfield Seniors Centre

Thursday, November 16 – general meeting at Fairfield

Sunday, December 3 – Lutefisk & Meatball Supper at Fairfield [we will soon be looking for food donors, lutefisk cookers, set up and cleanup workers, decorations, program, etc.]

Sunday, February 4 – Heritage Festival at the Western Development Museum

Lastly, see you at the Dead Fish Society at 6:30 pm Bugsy's Pub, Market Mall! Come out and enjoy some fellowship and laughter for an hour or so.

FRATERNALLY,

Notify Dorothy if sunshine required at 306-373-6478.



Diane

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#### **CULTURAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

If anyone has received any cultural skills pins in the past, please notify by email to let me know which ones and what levels as I am trying to assist head office in updating our lodge files down there.

I would also like to know who has received any sports pins in the past as well, please notify me by email.

If there is any questions please email me at jp64@shaw.ca.

If anyone has any sports sheets done and ready to send in for their pins, please contact me at jp64@shaw.ca.

If anyone would like any cultural skills or sports record sheets then please contact me at jp64@shaw.ca or go to the Sons of Norway website and find both under member resources.

Mange Takk, Phyllis J. Byers Cultural Director for Brubyen Lodge #4-576

#### MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY REPORT

I am trying to find out whose grandchildren the following names belong to:

Ethan Corriveau Reid Corriveau Nikolas Revoy Lodoen Davilyn Revoy Kaylin Revoy **Evan Thomas** 

I would like you to phone me as soon as possible as I am assisting head quarters in updating our lodge membership list. My phone Number is 306-373-6478.

Thanks Dorothy E Haroldson Membership Secretary/Sunshine Person



Ellwood Jones -

**Assistant Sports Director** 

Mildred Norum - Counselor

**Dorothy Haroldson** - Sunshine

Myrna Kennedy - Greeter

**Graham Begg** - Foundation

**Lyla Dalen** - Historian

Nancy Iverson - Librarian

**Myrtle Dixon** - Assistant Librarian

Wanda Fowler - Assistant

Librarian

Marcel Voyer - Marshall

Chris Byers - Marshall

Natasha Tripp - Marshall

**Lois Campbell** - Trustee

Marcel Voyer - Trustee

Kayla Ingram - Trustee

**Inger Anderson** - Auditor

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40<sup>th</sup> Annual Høstfest

Fraternally,

Alfred

Hovdestad

Deadline for the next newsletter

Oct 28th

# At the Lodge















# SXI

## Litt på norsk...

#### Vi lytter mindre på radio

Færre hører på radio etter at FM-nettet ble slukket. Kanalen P1 har 123.000 færre lyttere hver dag.

Endringen av radio-nettet får følger. Ikke like mange blir med over til radio til det nye DAB-nettet, skriver avisa VG.

Slukkingen av FM-nettet merkes godt hos de store kanalene. Hver dag lyttet 1,517 millioner mennesker til kanalen P1 på NRK. Så ble FM-nettet slukket. Nå er 1,394 millioner innom hver dag. Det er en nedgang på 8 prosent, viser radiotall fra Kantar TNS.

-Overgangen fra FM krever mye av brukeren, sier Ole Jan Larsen I NRK Han er fungerende radiosjef. Larsen forklarer at de merker at færre lytter der FMnettet er slukket, like etter slukkingen.

-Men vi ser også at lytterne kommer tilbake etter hvert, sier han.

En del fylker har stengt av FM-nettet for store kanaler. Dermed må du bruke DAB- digital radio for å lytte til kanaler som P1, P2, P3, P4 og Radio Norge.

Knut-Arne Futsæter er forskningsleder i Kantar TNS. Han sier at nedgangen er som ventet.

-Også mye på grunn av de mange andre radiokanalene. De får flere lyttere, sier han.

Også Larsen sier at folk har flere kanaler å velge mellom på DAB. Dermed hører folk på andre kanaler.

Foreløpig gjelder FM-slukkingen bare de nasjonale kanalene. Over 200 lokalradioer får fortsatt sende på nettet. Det kan de gjøre til og med 2021, skriver nyhetsbyrået NTB.

#### Source:

http://www.klartale.no/kultur/vi-lytter-mindre-paradio-1.992640

## and a little in English

#### We're Listening to Less Radio

Fewer people are listening to the radio after the FM network was turned off. The P1 channel has 123,000 fewer listeners each day.

A change in the radio network has had consequences. Not as many people are following radio to the new DAB (digital audio broadcasting) network, writes the newspaper VG.

The shutdown of the FM network has been noticed by the major channels. Every day, 1.517 million people listened to the channel P1 on NRK (Norwegian Broadcasting Corporation). Then the FM network got turned off. Now there are 1.394 million tuning in every day. This is a decline of 8 percent, numbers from Kantar TNS, (a London-based market research group) reveal.

"The transition from FM requires a lot from the user," said Ole Jan Larsen of NRK. He is the acting radio director. Larsen explains that they noticed that fewer people were listening after the FM network was turned off.

"But we also see that listeners come back eventually," he says.

Some counties have turned off the FM network for large channels. Thus, you must use DAB digital radio to listen to channels such as P1, P2, P3, P4 and Radio Norway.

Knut-Arne Futsæter is a research leader at Kantar TNS. He says that the decline is as expected.

"Also due to the number of radio stations. They get more listeners," he says.

Larsen also says that people have more channels to choose from on DAB. Thus, people listen to other channels.

Currently, the FM shutdown only applies to the national channels. Over 200 local radio channels may still broadcast online. They can do that through 2021, writes news agency NTB (Norwegian News Agency).