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Newsletter

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Members and Guests at the buffet table.

Fra presidenten

FROM THE PRESIDENT

May 2018 Newsletter

Spring

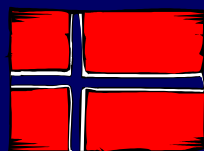
It looks like spring has finally sprung. Sunshine has brightened our daily lives, shirt sleeves and shorts have emerged from their closets.

Our “Spring into Summer” April 19 membership meeting was attended by 14 members and 8 guests. We enjoyed a delicious meal of ham, various salads, buns, pickles and a variety of desserts. The evening was completed by playing bingo.

Don’t forget the Dead Fish Society gathering on Friday, May 4 at Buggy Pub, Market Mall. Most people are there about 6:30 pm – some eat, some don’t!



May 9th is Norwegian Whist night at the Fairfield Seniors Centre. Don’t wait to be called – phone Kathy Fenton (306-374-4505) if you can come to play. We had three tables last month with lodge members and members of the Seniors Centre.



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.



Gratulerer
med
dagen!



- 1 Jason Lawrence
- 11 Finn Fenton
- 12 Charlene Willoughby
- 21 Tyler Lawrence
- 21 Alice Olson
- 25 Margaret Kleiv



16 Phyllis & Doug Byers

Fra presidenten continued...



The next event in the life of our Lodge will be the May 17 celebration hosted by the Saskatoon Norwegian Cultural Society. Look for details of place and plans later in the newsletter. Since the location is out of the city we will try to arrange for car pools particularly for those who do not drive. Call me [306-373-3156] if you plan to go and need a ride.



Only 4 people have registered for the Sports Weekend in Lethbridge June 1-3. Some of our usual attendees are not available to go that weekend. We look forward to a fun time.

COMING EVENTS:

1) There will be a Board meeting on Thursday, June 7 (hopefully) at Legion Manor 7:30 pm.

2) June 21 will be the next Lodge general meeting with Group 1 as host. Please be thinking about Folkfest in August – the Lodge display table will need to be “manned”. I usually divide the days into 2 shifts: 5:00 pm to 8:30 pm and 8:30 pm to midnight on Thursday & Friday and 3 3-hour shifts Saturday starting at 3:00 pm. Having 2 people on each shift is ideal.

3) Alfred is again planning the Summer Solstice (St. Hans Day) celebration at Pike Lake for Friday, June 22. He has booked the same area as last year. Some people took their trailers or tents and stayed overnight. We had fun around the bon fire and feasted on hot dogs. More details to come in the June newsletter.

Lodges are gearing up for the 2018 District IV Convention by sending delegates and resolutions to be considered. Following are 3 resolutions to be presented at the 2018 District IV Convention submitted by Sverdrup 4-107 – Bismark ND:

Resolution # 1

Whereas: Sons of Norway lodges operate independently and are a great distance from one another, and

Whereas, lodges of all sizes, strive to provide quality cultural programming for their members at their regular meetings and socials, and

Whereas, all lodges would benefit by a central “idea bank”, either by maintenance of the District # 4 website or paper reports given at the District Conventions.

Therefore be it resolved: The District President appoint a committee to prepare a form to be completed by the District # 4 lodges, reporting their cultural programming ideas from the past year and their special events that *created* “harmony and good will” within the lodge. The report shall be distributed annually and summarized in the Biennial Report at the next convention.



Fra presidenten continued...

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

May 4th

June 1st

July 6th

(1st Friday each month)

Norwegian Whist

May 9th, 7:30 pm

June 13th, 7:30 pm

(2nd Wed each month)

Resolution # 2

Whereas: Sons of Norway lodges provide programming during the year and use their lodge achievements to enter "Lodge of the Year" contests within the District and international levels, and

Whereas, lodges are selected in the small and large lodge category and receive recognition at the biennial conventions and

Whereas, the current recognition program lack transparency on judging and merits of the winning lodges.

Therefore be it resolved: The District President and International President shall report in detail and highlight the important work of the winning lodges that others might learn from their successes and be able to share those ideas within the 8 Districts of Sons of Norway. The aforementioned Presidents shall in written report, inform the respective convention delegates and alternates and all members through a report to the Sons of Norway monthly publication "VIKING".

Resolution # 3

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Whereas, lodges are selected in the small and large lodge category and receive recognition at the biennial conventions and

Whereas, with changes in the 21st century in digital media and technological innovations, mass communications have evolved.

Therefore be it resolved; The District Board should create additional categories for innovations in lodge activities and expand the convention lodge awards to showcase these innovations, both great and small.

If you have comments or suggestions regarding these resolutions, call Diane or Alfred, your convention delegates.

Lastly, lodge member, Gayle Jones, is now residing in the Veteran's Village at Sherbrook Community Centre on Acadia Drive. She would welcome visits from lodge friends.

Hurrah! Hurrah! For Syttende Mai!!

Fraternally,

Diane

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Fra sekretæren

There is no report from the editor for May. ^{ed}



Condolences

Sympathy extended
to
Mildred Norum and
Ellwood & Gayle
Jones.

Thinking of you to
Gayle Jones.

**GET
WELL!**

*Dorothy E.
Haroldson after her
fall*

*Phyllis J. Byers after
her fall on ice &
injuring her back.*

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



Hurray, It's the 17th of May!

As the nation's most celebrated holiday, Syttende Mai honors the anniversary of the signing of the country's constitution in 1814. Over time the day and what it represents to the people of Norway has evolved greatly. Historically, May 17 stood as a day of politics involving speeches and rallies; today it is filled with national pride, festivities and tradition.

Each year, thousands of people in Norway – and around the world – take part in waving Norwegian flags, marching in city parades and professing their love of Norway. Many of today's festivities are centered on music, food, children and graduating high school students. The largest parade takes place in Oslo and consists of more than 75 schools and marching bands, and is even attended by the Royal Family.

For more facts about Syttende Mai and details on how the day is celebrated, check out the Sons of Norway blog at https://www.sofn.com/blog/2017/05/16/148/syttende_mai_10_fun_facts. Also, while you're celebrating with family, friends or your lodge, remember to take lots of photographs. The Viking magazine's District Happenings Section is the perfect place to showcase your Norwegian celebrations.

For information on how to take and submit photos for consideration in the Viking magazine District Happenings Section, check out the updated Viking Photo Guide found in the Member Resources section of the website: https://www.sofn.com/_asset/wj4q66/District-Pages-Photo-Guide.pdf

REMINDER

Just a reminder to the members to contact me for any forms for Cultural skills programs or sports medal forms wanting to accomplish.

Your Sports Directors are Kathy and Ellwood, I am just helping with the forms for sports medals.

Phyllis



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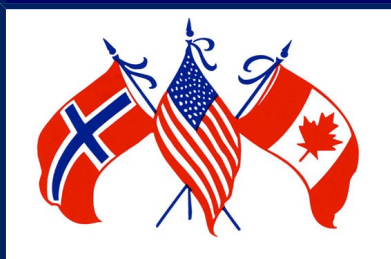
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Norwegian Startup Brings Robots to the Classroom

Norwegian startup company No Isolation is helping children and young adults around the world use robots to battle loneliness and involuntary isolation.

Founded in 2015, No Isolation's mission is simple: to be a thought leader on issues related to loneliness and find solutions for individuals living in vulnerable situations because of it. Research has proven that social isolation and loneliness among children in particular can lead to many lifelong physical and psychological disorders like depression and anxiety. No Isolation believes a big factor in battling this social issue is simply allowing these individuals to participate in everyday normal life.

To help in this endeavor, No Isolation created the world's first telepresence robot called AV1. Specifically developed for children and young adults unable to attend school due to long-term illnesses, AV1 allows them to participate in classes, learning environments and social settings from home, hospital bed or anywhere else they might be.

AV1 is built like an avatar and can be brought indoors and outdoors. It acts as the eyes, ears and voice of the student from inside the classroom as they watch, participate and interact through a hand-held tablet. AV1 is not only instrumental in helping these students learn in ways not possible before, but it also lets them maintain relationships with their school friends – making any return to school easier and more comfortable.

No Isolation currently helps more than 400 individuals across the globe, and has been granted The European Commission's Seal of Excellence Certificate. The company also took home awards for Best Social Tech Startup and Best Newcomer at the 2017 Nordic Startup Awards.



Officers

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St. Hans Day

Pike Lake
Group Site #2
Friday June 22, 2018

Fra redaktøren

Kjære venner,

Wouldn't you know it! We finally had a whist game on April 11th and I couldn't make it! And I cannot make it to whist night on May 9th. Maybe in June before I go to the Convention.

We will be holding a St. Hans Day celebration again this year. We have booked Group Site #2 in Pike Lake for our celebration on Friday, June 22nd. The festivities will start around 5:00pm and last until the last person calls it a night. There will be more information coming as we get closer to the date.

For the first time in years I was unable to make it to the Lefse Bee (I seem to be busier as a retiree than I was when I was working!). Thank you to everyone who turned out to help. Be sure to report your volunteer hours at the next lodge meeting.

SNCS is hosting Syttende Mai this year. The festivities begin at 6:00pm at Nostalgia Hall. 5185 Strathcona Ave, Corman Park. I hope to see you there.

Brubyen Web Site

<http://sofnsaskatoon.wixsite.com/brubyenlodge/>

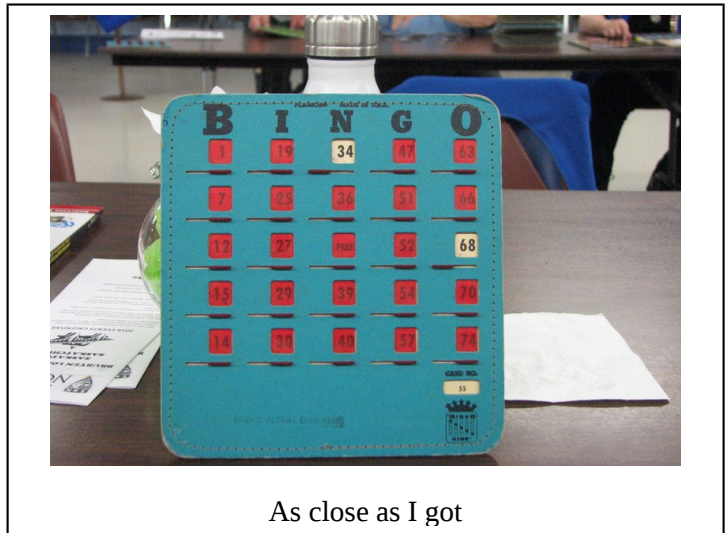
Fraternally,
*Alfred
Hovdestad*

*Deadline for the
next newsletter*

May 31st



At the Lodge





Litt på norsk...

and a little in English

11 000 år gamle knokler funnet på bunnen av Nordsjøen

Mellom Storbritannia og Danmark, midt ute i Nordsjøen, lå et digert landområde for 6000 år siden. Her levde mennesker i flere tusen år. I bildet over ser du en del av en menneskeskalle og en kvegdyr-knokkel som det har blitt skåret et mønster inn i. Mønsteret er laget av mennesker. Hodeskallen er datert til å være rundt 11 000 år gammel, mens kveg-knokkelen er rundt 11 500 år gammel.

Men disse knoklene ble ikke funnet i en arkeologisk utgraving. Begge to har blitt dratt opp fra havbunnen i Nordsjøen mellom Storbritannia og Danmark av fiskebåter i løpet av de siste ti årene.

Og det er ingen som har kastet disse knoklene ut i Nordsjøen en eller annen gang. Det er ikke mer enn 6000 år siden dette var tørt land. Et digert landområde på nesten 750 000 kvadratkilometer ligger nå under havet, og det levde både mennesker og neandertalere der i en lang periode av menneskehetens historie.

Doggerland

Landområdet kalles Doggerland. Det var sannsynligvis et fruktbart landområde, og det har blant annet blitt funnet mammuter på bunnen av Nordsjøen.

Dette er heller ikke første gang menneskeknokler har blitt dratt opp av fiskebåter. I 2009 ble det vist fram en neandertalerskalle som også kommer fra bunnen av Nordsjøen. Den skal ha vært mer enn 40 000 år gammel.

Havnivået var mye lavere den gangen enn det er nå. Mens den nordlige delen av Skandinavia var dekket av et digert islag, var havnivået rundt 60-80 meter under dagens nivå for rundt 13 000 år siden.

Etter hvert som isen smeltet, ble Doggerland sakte men sikkert oversvømt. Da forsvant også store leveområder for menneskene som levde her.

Mønster

Skallen er ikke komplett, så det er ikke så mye forskere klarer å tolke ut av den. Beskrivelsen av skallen og kvegbeinet er publisert i tidsskriftet *Antiquity*.

Forskere klarer ikke å si om det var en kvinne eller mann, men det var et individ på mellom 22 og 45 år. Beinanalyser viser at personen sannsynligvis levde hovedsakelig av mat som kom fra landjorda. Dyrebeinet kommer fra et slags kvegdyr.

Det mest oppsiktsvekkende med dette beinet er at noen har pyntet på det. Noen har risset inn flere rekker med sikk-sakk-mønster med et tynt, spisst redskap.

Det finnes ikke så mange eksempler på beinkunst som er så gamle, så det er et utrolig lykketreff at akkurat denne knokkelen ble dratt opp fra havbunnen. De nederlandske forskerne nevner noen få lignende funn fra Europa: En hestekjeve fra Wales, et elggevir fra Polen og et hjortegevir fra Frankrike, alle med lignende motiv, og alle datert til å være mellom 10 000 og 12 000 år gamle.

Det er sannsynligvis massevis av rester av dyr og mennesker som levde på Doggerland på havbunnen i Nordsjøen, så det er fortsatt mye som kan dukke opp derfra.

11,000 year-old Bones Found at the Bottom of the North Sea

Between Britain and Denmark, in the middle of the North Sea, there was a vast land mass 6,000 years ago. People lived there for thousands of years. [In the picture shown] you see a part of a human skull and a cattle bone in which a pattern has been cut. The pattern has been made by humans. The skull is dated at around 11,000 years old, while the cattle bone is around 11,500 years old.

But these bones were not found in an archaeological excavation. Both of them have been pulled from the seabed in the North Sea between Britain and Denmark by fishing boats over the past 10 years.

And no one threw these bones into the North Sea at any point. It's been no more than 6,000 years since this was dry land. A dense land area of almost 750,000 square kilometers is now below sea level, and both humans and Neanderthals lived there for a long period of human history.

Doggerland

The area is called Doggerland. It was probably a fertile region, and among other things, mammoths have been found at the bottom of the North Sea.

This is also not the first time human bones have been pulled up by fishing boats. In 2009, a Neanderthal skull was pulled from the bottom of the North Sea. It turned out to be more than 40,000 years old.

The sea level was much lower at the time than it is now. While northern Scandinavia was covered by thick ice, about 13,000 years ago the sea level was around 60-80 meters below today's level. As the ice melted, Doggerland became slowly but surely flooded. Hence, the living area for the people who lived here also disappeared.

The Pattern

The skull is not complete, so there's not much for scientists to interpret from it. A description of the skull and cattle bone was published in the journal *Antiquity*.

The researchers can't tell if this was a woman or man, but it was an individual between 22 and 45 years old. Bone analysis shows that the person probably lived mainly from food that came from farming.

The animal bone comes from some kind of cattle. The most sensational thing about this leg is that someone has embellished it. Someone carved several rows of a zigzag pattern with a thin, pointed tool.

There are few examples of bone art that are this old, so it's an amazing stroke of luck that this particular bone was drawn from the seabed. Dutch researchers mention a few similar discoveries from Europe: A horse jaw from Wales, moose antlers from Poland and a deer antler from France, all with similar motifs, and all dated as being between 10,000 and 12,000 years old.

There are probably many more remains from animals and humans who lived on Doggerland on the seabed in the North Sea, so there is still a lot that could emerge.