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21 Oslo Dr., Lake Telemark, NJ, **ONLY FOR GPS NOT MAIL**

Deadline for submission of materials for publication is the 18th of the month prior. PLEASE NOTE!

NOR-BU UP COMING EVENTS

January 21st Meeting and Social 630pm

Delegates to 3rd District Convention in June will be elected at this meeting. If you are interested in being a delegate please attend

February 10-12 LOV Annual Weekend—

Call Evelyn if you are interested, may still have space available.

February 18th—Valentine Social 6:30pm

Program TBA.

Bylaws Revisions

1. Be it resolved that Nor-Bu's By Laws, Article II, paragraph 1 be amended to read:
TO BECOME A MEMBER OF Sons of Norway, the applicant must possess the requirements outlined in the Constitution. Membership in the lodge is effective upon receipt by the lodge secretary of a proper application and payment of dues for one year plus any relevant fees in force at the time of the application.
2. Be it resolved that Article III, paragraph 4, be amended to read:
GOLDEN MEMBERS pay 50% of International and Local Lodge dues, and full District dues.

These by-laws changes will be voted upon at the January meeting.



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To date we have sold over \$20,000.00 in cards.

Thanks for your support with this.

Evelyn Karpack

Fra presidenten



I guess we had our winter in October this year, as I do not see any forecast for snow now. We had our annual food sale on the first Sunday in December and many of the people who came enjoyed just socializing for a little while after they purchased their goodies. On December 17, we had our annual smøgåsbord and I have to thank my committee of Patti and Pete, Sig and Barbara, Judy D. and Evelyn H. for all the great help they gave me in the kitchen. We then had Caroling around the tree and dancing to the music of Bert Stromholm and of course a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Santa with an elf. Our children will be having their party on December 26. If anyone would like to come to Nor Bu's weekend at Land of the Vikings the second weekend in February, we have put in our order for snow so it should be a great time. Also, in January we will be electing delegates to the Third District convention to be held in June in Virginia Beach. If you have never been a delegate, this is your opportunity to come to the convention and see how Sons of Norway is run. I, for one, think it is a great way to make new friends and just socialize with old ones. We are still selling Shoprite cards, so if you want some just contact me. This is about the easiest fundraiser we have. Hoping to see all of you at some of these events, and if you have any questions about any of them, you can just contact me either by phone or by e mail. Lastly, I know it is early but I hope you are all keeping the date of September 23 open, so you can attend our 70th anniversary gala . More information on this affair will follow.

Hilsen *Evelyn*

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We wish to send our sincere condolences to Stan and HESSIE Kjekstad on the loss of their daughter-in-law, Kelly, who passed away recently.

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From the 3rd District President

November 2011

I am hoping that you have had a great Christmas and are looking forward to a great and healthy New Year. Perhaps you even had a "white" Christmas. In Virginia, it doesn't look like we will see that, at least in Virginia Beach, but we have a few days to go. Last year we had 13 inches on Christmas day. The great thing about January 1 is most of us get to start fresh. We have new budgets, new goals have been set, new officers with fresh ideas are taking over and it truly is a time for a new beginning. It's time for District 3 members to step up and make a difference. Let's have **each of us** sign up just **one** new member. That is not that difficult. (We do want Kent Larson to keep signing up the double digit numbers he produces each year, not just one new member). If nothing else give someone a gift membership. Let's keep in touch with all our members. Perhaps some of them need some help but they don't like to ask for it so let's help them out. We are after all, first and foremost a fraternal organization. If you are a lodge officer why don't you check out the leadership manual and read the job description for the office you hold. Even if you have held the office for a while you may learn something new and if you are new to the job then this is where you want to start.

The use of the "constant contact" emails seems to be working very well and is proving to be a useful tool. If you haven't been receiving these emails it probably is because your email is not listed with the SON or you may have changed addresses but didn't update your personal information. You can update your information on line or call headquarters 800 945 8851 and ask for membership. They will take care of it for you. There will be several lodge officer installations occurring over the next couple of months. Please make sure that your lodge's installation information gets on our web sites event list. Plan a visit to another lodge for their installation.

We had a real surge in cultural activities last year. I was very impressed with all the lodges working on cultural skill medals in reading Norwegian and Norwegian American authors. The last edition of the North Carolina Newsletter had a great article about Norwegian authors and books. I have asked their President if he would please post it on our blog, <http://www.3dsofn.org/blog> so keep an eye out for it. There has also been a series of genealogy workshops up and down the coast. Our District Cultural Director and the LOV marketing manager are working to get additional cultural workshops at LOV. If you have any ideas on that, contact them.

As I start down the last few months as your President I can truly say time has flown, it has always been exciting and most of the time fun. We have managed to accomplish several things over the past 3.5 years but we have a few pieces of business left to accomplish prior to 23 June 2012, so I may be calling on you for help.

Let's start planning to have at least 53 lodges at the convention and fill up the hotel. I already have made my reservations; it's time for you to do the same. http://3dsofn.org/convention/hotel_info.html

Fraternally

Ralph Peterson
President
District Three Sons of Norway

Two Norwegian Seamen and the D/S Hestmanden

On November 22, 2011, Olav D. Vedvik and Alfred Ulversøy, long time Rockaway Township residents, met King Harald V of Norway!

Olav, Alfred and approximately 240 other Krigsseileres, or war sailors, were invited to Kristiansand, Norway, to be part of the christening of the D/S Hestmanden. This ship survived WWI and WWII and has been refurbished as a floating museum. The King was part of the celebration and personally honored each war sailor with a shake of the hand and a smile. The event included a special luncheon with the King, as well as musical entertainment and various speeches.

Traveling with Olav were his three daughters, Ellen, Lori and Kim. Attending with Alfred were his wife Harriet and two of their sons, Dennis and Allan.

Olav and Alfred sailed together as merchant marines and became great friends. Olav, who immigrated to America first, helped to find Alfred's first apartment in Brooklyn, NY. They bought property in Rockaway Township in the early 1950's when there was very little development. They were familiar with the area as a result of the Norwegian BUL Cabin in Lake Telemark, a great get away for many Scandinavians. As best friends, they built houses next door to each other and have been neighbors until just this past year when the Ulversoy's moved to Denville, NJ.

On the eve prior to the event in Kristiansand, pictures and interviews took place with the sailors in the hope of documenting their unique stories for future educational purposes and securing their rightful place in history. Many Norwegian men, some as young as 16, left their small villages and families and joined the Merchant Marines. It was a chance to see the world. They had to grow up fast as WWII broke out and they became war sailors. It is estimated that 1100 sailors are still living. The organizers expected 40 or 50 to accept the invitation, however, 240 proudly attended. Ten of them came from America for the event.

Olav described that fateful night in the North Atlantic, when his ship, the steamship "Keret" was torpedoed in the middle of the night by a German submarine. The ship sunk in one minute and 13 lives were lost. Olav was lucky, he had just come on deck, the crewman below had no chance to survive. There was no time to drop the lifeboat and they jumped into the ocean. They managed to right a lifeboat and secure a raft, and after 2 days were rescued by a British ship and taken to Nova Scotia. They had one chance to catch the rope thrown to them, as the British ship could not take the risk of stopping. Olav spoke of the friends he lost, and that afterward he just got back out on another ship and carried on. When asked if he had any positive memories of that time, he responded with, "Yes, I met a girl in Brooklyn!" That girl was of course, his beloved wife of 64 years, Elvy, whom passed away in March of 2010.

Alfred Ulversøy reminisced about the war years he spent as a Norwegian Sailor. One of the days that stand out more than any other was on September 8th, 1943. Alfred, who had just turned 20 the month before had been sailing since the Germans invaded and occupied Norway in 1939. Alfred's ship, the Toronto had just finished off loading more war supplies to help the Allied effort during the Invasion of Italy. They were docked in the port of Syracuse, Sicily and lunch was ten minutes away as they readied the ship for the next port of call.

Out of nowhere three German bombers came over the mountains and unloaded their bombs on a Liberty Ship that was anchored less than 1000 feet away from Alfred's ship. One bomb landed less than 200 feet away from the Toronto with no damage done. Even though the Toronto was empty, it did have on board over 200 Italian POWs and a General as well. Alfred could not believe how quickly the Liberty Ship was lost as this horrific event unfolded right in front of his eyes.

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The Liberty Ship was also empty of cargo; however there was a significant loss of life. That morning the Captain of the Liberty Ship had just informed the Captain of Alfred's ship that their next port of call was New York and they were anxious to get going.

Alfred considered himself to be very lucky during the war as he discovered that every ship that he had been on, and there were seven of them, were all still floating at war's end.

The D/S Hestmanden had its own tale to tell. While in WWI, it was in a convoy of about 20 ships. For reasons unknown, it stayed back in the night and was separated from the others. The Germans succeeded in destroying the entire convoy...all except the lucky Hestmanden.

In WWII, it was again part of a convoy. This time more than half of the ships were lost, while again the Hestmanden survived. On a separate occasion, a German plane flew so close that it broke its mast. Yet, even after hitting her and dropping 5 bombs, she still remained floating proudly.

This ship, Olav, Alfred, and all the other war sailors deserve our thanks and honor for the heroic and unselfish actions of that time. This event in Kristiansand has helped ensure they will always be remembered!



Alfred and Olav



Alfred and the King



Olav and his daughters



Alfred and Harriet with sons

SKOGFJORDEN ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

**ZONE THREE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
THIRD DISTRICT – SONS OF NORWAY**

To be eligible, the applicant must be in one of the following categories:

1. Be a member of one of the local lodges of Zone 3 of District 3, Sons of Norway.
2. Or, the son, daughter, grandchild or legal dependent of a member of one of the local lodges in Zone 3.

High School students who have a B average or higher may apply.

NOTE: You may request the necessary information and application from Skogfjorden at Concordia Language Villages, Concordia College, 901- 8th St. S., Moorhead, MN 56562 – Phone 800-222-4750 or 218-299-3693 (Cheryl Marvig) www.ConcordiaLanguageVillages.org

Please enclose the following supplemental information with our THIRD ZONE APPLICATION:

1. Two 2 official transcripts of your academic progress from your High School.
2. Evidence of good physical and mental health from your own physician.
3. An essay, answering the following questions: Why do you want to attend Skogfjorden and what do you hope to gain from the experience? What will you contribute to your fellow students and to the program as a whole? Please include some information about your activities, likes and dislikes, hobbies and goals.
4. Two (2) letters of recommendation by persons not related to you by blood or marriage, giving information regarding character, intellectual ability and seriousness of purpose. (It is best to ask a teacher, guidance counselor or principal for the recommendation.)

The application and supplementary information listed above must be filed with the committee no later than **February 15, 2010.**

SKOGFJORDEN APPLICATION

THIRD ZONE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

E-MAIL _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____

SEX _____ MALE _____ FEMALE

MEMBERSHIP STATUS (Member, Offspring, Legal Dependent)

NOTE: MAKE SURE YOU UNDERSTAND THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS, AND THAT YOU COMPLETE THEM. ALSO, MAKE SURE THAT THE APPLICATION IS COMPLETELY FILLED OUT.

SIGNATURE _____

RETURN TO MAILING ADDRESS:

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

c/o Peg Gerding

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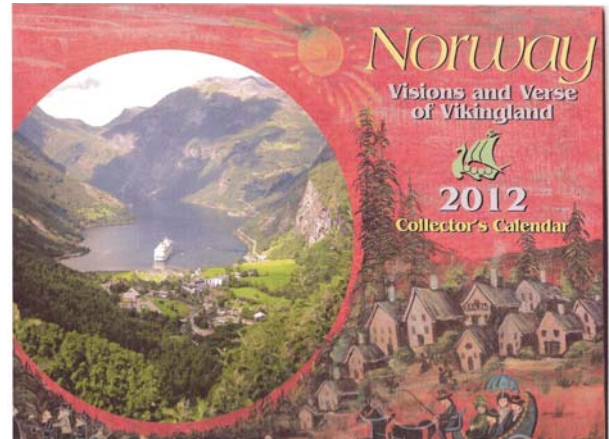
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Evelyn Karpack	1/ 26
Anna Marie Osvold	1/ 30
Kimberly Samuelsen	1/ 30

Please help your Editor keep this list updated. Thank you.

For 2012, the Third Zone Scholarship is being offered to Skogfjorden for High School Students. Amount is \$3000.00

SKOGFJORDEN ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS and APPLICATION See page 7.



LAST CHANCE
We are selling these beautiful Norway Calendars. They make great Christmas Gifts. Cost is \$12.00. If you want 1 or 2 and are not in the area, call Evelyn at 973-627-5634 and we can mail it to you.

GOD BEDRING

Feel better soon!



We'd like to send get well wishes to the following members; Bob Gerding, Sig Syvertsen, Debbie Landvik Fellner, Grethe Zarnitz, and Kari Brescher. Hope you all will feel better soon!

NOTIFY our sunshine lady NOTIFY Sunshine Lady, Sister Evelyn Hammaren, **973-584-8249 ASAP** if you know of anyone who is sick, or if you wish to extend congratulations to someone, for whatever reason It only takes a minute to call.

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JANUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 NEW YEAR'S DAY	2	3 Bridge 1pm 	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 Bridge 1pm	11	12 Language class 7pm	13	14
15	16	17 Bridge 1pm 	18 Board Meeting 7:30pm	19	20	21 Meeting and Social 6:30pm
22	23	24 Bri  pm	25	26 Language class 7pm	27	28
29	30	31 Bridge 1pm 				



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