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Sons of Norway - Cleng Peerson Lodge #1-645

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MIDSUMMER APPROACHES !!!

Summer has come again to Texas! Vacation plans have already been made by most of you. Check our summer calendar because it may give you some great ideas if you are not already committed to visiting grandparents and relatives in the cooler and wetter states. I hope that you stocked up on OLDEN, the Norwegian glacier ice in a bottle that we sold at Viking Fest '98. It was bottled at the source, Blafjellskilden Glacier. It's a zero calorie alternative to lemonade when you are struggling with yardwork this summer.

The joint Syttende mai celebration with our friends from Hovedstad Chapter of NST was great! The NSTs can really throw a party. Hjernevik's ranch was a perfect place to hold the celebration. Although Ivy Hjernevik could not be there, we are most grateful to her and Wes for their hospitality. Signe Griffin, as usual, put together a tremendous program commemorating Norway's premier holiday. Hipp, hipp hurra for Norge!

At the last officer's meeting, Sandy Helle had the great idea of recognizing the Newsletter Boosters. On average, the newsletter is costing 65 cents per issue, including postage, for a total of \$6.50 for the 10 issues a year per member. A member may become a Newsletter Booster by donating any amount once a year towards the cost of production of The Bakke Posten, our newsletter. Members who wish to be a Newsletter Booster should give Phil Erickson, our Financial Secretary, their contribution. Each newsletter will contain the current list of Newsletter Boosters.

Our meeting on June 15 will be a dessert smorgasbord and a time of fellowship where we will greet our newest members. Please bring a dessert to share (maybe Norwegian?). We will not have a regular lodge social meeting in July or August. This month's newsletter is the summer issue and covers June, July, and August. The newsletter will resume again in September. Our next regular S/N meeting will be September 21 at Ascension Lutheran Church. Enjoy your vacations, use sunscreen, and drive carefully.

See you on June 15.

Fred

Fred Bolgen (512) 873-8786

Watermark - Cleng Peerson - Father of Norwegian Emigration to the USA (*Viking* May 1996)

Texas Folklife Festival

The annual Texas Folklife Festival features the music, food, dancing, crafts, and stories of more than 40 ethnic and cultural groups from around the state. Held on the Institute of Texan Culture's 15-acre grounds in downtown San Antonio each August, the Festival was first presented in 1972 with the purpose of providing both an educational and entertaining setting for the folklife activities of Texans. Over the past 25 years it has witnessed growth and change, while maintaining its emphasis on education. This year the Festival will be held August 6-9.

Summer Vacation Tips **Scandinavian Week at Buffalo Gap**

by Bob Olson

Scandinavian Week takes place at Buffalo Gap, West Virginia from June 27 to July 4 this year. I go almost every year. Scandinavian Week happens every summer on the week that includes the 4th of July weekend. Buffalo Gap is two hours west of Washington DC, and is convenient to Dulles Airport. There are nice cabins which all have beds with bedboards, electricity, indoor plumbing, and places for storage. The dance pavilion is one of the best dance spaces in the country. There is also a private lake with sand beach and a delicious log sauna. This year the program features Ditte Andersson, nyckelharpa teacher from Uppland, Sweden. Coming from Smaland, Sweden, will be dance teachers Magnus & Susanne Gustafsson and music teachers Toste Lanne, Marie Lanne Persson and Anders Svensson. Bruce Sagan will teach beginning nyckelharpa as always. For more information, contact Judy Barlas, MFAC, PO Box 7151, Ann Arbor MI 48107-7151; 313/327-3636 (eastern); jbarlas@pilot.msu.edu

Swedish Country Inn in Lindsborg **by Jean Sellstrom**

Highly recommended is the Swedish Country City Inn in Lindsborg, Kansas, including their Bed & Breakfast Buffet Smorgasbord! Here it is: Swedish bread, Knackebrod, cheese, sliced ham and summer sausage, Swedish meatballs with lingonberries, pickled herring, boiled eggs, pickled beets, cereal, muffins, Swedish tea-ring coffeecake, and, of course, Swedish coffee. A sauna and the use of tandem and regular bicycles is included. Also try the Swedish pancakes with lingonberries at Main Street Bakery. They serve pancakes all day! The Swedish Country Inn is at 112 W. Lincoln, Lindsborg, Kan 67456. 913/227-2985 or 1-800-23-0266. Midsummer Day Festival is Saturday, June 20. Take I-135 north from Oklahoma City and Wichita.

Norway Short Facts **by Linnea Olsen Ward**

- * About 160,000 islands lie off the Norwegian coast.
- * The warm North Atlantic current of the Gulf Stream keeps nearly all the seaports ice-free, even in the Arctic.
- * The government-owned Norwegian Broadcasting Corporation operates the country's radio and television systems. Most radio and TV programs are cultural or educational, and less than one-third of the programming time is used for entertainment.
- * In 1349 and 1350, about one-half of the Norwegian people died in an epidemic of bubonic plague.
- * During the 1890's, Norway's merchant fleet was one of the largest in the world. During WW I, Norway remained neutral, but its merchant fleet carried much cargo for the Allies. About one-half of its ships were sunk by German submarines and mines.
- * Last month a new government commission was appointed to study relations between the Church and State. In four years the commission will report whether ties between the Church of Norway and the state should be severed. Previous commissions in 1908 and 1975 voted overwhelmingly against dissolution of the state church. (Aftenposten, 4.28.98)

Syttende Mai Celebration 1998

at Hjernevik Ranch



Linnea, Leslie and Erika Ward

Signe Griffin
with attentive young audience



Grandpa Wes Hjernevik

Sommer Kalender

- 12.juni Anaheim Angels vs Texas Rangers
17-19.juni Annual Sangerfest of Pacific Coast
Norwegian Singer's Assn, Reno, NV
Grand Concert, 18.juni, Nugget Hotel
20.juni Midsummer '98, Lindsborg, KS (Little
Sweden USA); 1-888-227-2227;
www.lindsborg.org
23.juni Sankthansaften
(Norway's Midsummer Eve)
24.juni Sankthans (St. Hans Day)
25-28.juni Scandinavian Hjemkomst Festival,
 Fargo ND & Moorhead MN
(see ad in Viking, May 1998, p32)
27.juni -4.juli Scandinavian Week at
Buffalo Gap, WV (see article)
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24-26.juli Nordic Fest, Decorah, IA
(www.nordicfest.com)
29.juli Olsok (St. Olav Day)
6-9.aug Texas Folklife Festival. Inst Texan
Cultures, San Antonio (see article).
9.aug S/N International Convention Week,
Anaheim CA
21.sept Cleng Peerson S/N Social meeting,
Ascension Lutheran Church, 7:00 pm

Stavekirke Under Construction in Moorhead, Minnesota

A stavekirke based on a Norwegian original has been constructed in Minnesota near the site of the seaworthy Hjemkomst Viking Ship. This stavekirke will be dedicated during the Scandinavian Hjemkomst Festival this summer (June 25-28). Emil Svenkerud, a Cleng Peerson affiliate member from



Moorhead, has donated the beautiful book *Norway's Stave Churches* to our lodge's library.

Correction to May newsletter

Our good friend, Gwen Workman of the Wooden Spoon in Plano, has been receiving our newsletter. To quote Gwen in a letter she sent to the editor: "As I was reading your issue on the Viking Fest, I came across the picture of Mrs. Roger Field. I thought, "My, she looks like me." After checking it out, the picture is of me—you can see my Wooden Spoon pin on the left side. It is very easy for this to happen when you have pictures that possibly someone else took. Just wanted you to know so you can correct this if you are keeping a history of your lodge and all of its publications."

The editor (Ole to his closest friends) can only say, "Uff Da!" Many apologies to Gwen and to both Mr. and Mrs. Roger Field.

[for a Wooden Spoon catalog call Gwen at 1-800-2-NORDIC or e-mail twonordic@aol.com]. Ole says, "Fer goodness sake, how can yew be tew nordic?"

Bakke Land Posten Boosters

Don and Mary Nedrud (6/99)

Erik Svenkerud (6/99)

Leila, Jane, and Ray Tackett (6/99)

Sande and Bob Helle (6/99)

Linda, Pam, and Phil Erickson (6/99)

Carol Tveita DeBoe and Lewis Stimson (6/99)

Russ Larsen (6/99)

Little Ole and the Walls of Jericho

The Norwegian preacher entered a class while the lesson was in progress and decided to ask the children some questions.

"Who broke down da valls of Yericco?" he asked.

"Not me," said little Ole.

The preacher turned to the teacher and asked,

"Is dis da usual standard in dis class?"

The teacher replied,

"Da boy is honest and I believe him. I really don't tink he did it."

Leaving the room in disgust, the preacher sought out a deacon and explained what happened. The deacon said,

"I have known da teacher and da boy for some time, and neither of dem would dew such a ting!"

Now the preacher was heartsick, and he reported it to the elders. The Norwegian elders said,

"Ve see no point in being disturbed. Let's pay da bill for da damage to da valls and sharge it tew upkeep!"

[Here's UFF-DA #3, YA, SURE, YA BETCHA!, Charlene Power, Crosby ND, 1981.]

**Sons of Norway
Cleng Peerson Lodge #1-645
Austin, Texas
Instituted February 14, 1997**

Mission statement. The mission of Sons of Norway is to promote, preserve, and cherish a lasting appreciation of the heritage and culture of Norway and other Nordic countries while growing soundly as a fraternal benefit society and offering maximum benefits to its members.

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**Gratulerer med Fodselsdagen!
(Grah-tew-LEHR-er meh FERDS-els-dah-en!)**

Fer JUNI

2	Fred Bolgen	18	Eleanor Dibble
6	Russ Larsen	18	Michael Boyum
7	Jens Busch	20	Mary Nedrud
15	Donald Thorson	29	Christine Ward

Fer JULI

5	Merrill Austin	21	Robert Johnson
11	Tove Sebring	27	Kate Nelson
16	Margo Harrington	28	Phil Erickson
18	Lois Patterson	28	Glen Larson
18	Robert Phillips		

Fer AUGUST

2	Janis Jackson	22	Jane Bolgen
5	Lynda Vog	31	Solveig Turpin
15	Karen Thorson		

The June Meeting will be Monday (June 15)

Dessert Smorgasbord!!!

Meet & Greet the New Members!

Ascension Lutheran Church, 7:00 pm

Bring godter og matbit --(goodies and snacks!!!)

(extra hipp, hipp, hurras if it's Norwegian)

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c/o Editor

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