



This stamp honors Oslo's founding. (provided by the late William O. Lybeck of Kindred, North Dakota)

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Let's Celebrate Midsummer's Eve!

La oss feire sankthansaften!

The first day of summer this year, the summer solstice, is officially Monday, June 21, 1999. Sunday, June 20, is Midsummer's Eve, an event celebrated in all of Scandinavia and much of Northern Europe. In most parts of Norway the sun shines for 24 hours on this day, a welcome relief after months of winter darkness.

Norwegians for centuries, as well as the old Norse before them, have celebrated this day with festivities. The pagan Norse honored the sun believing that if it would not turn in the right direction humanity would be doomed to perish. It is on this day that trolls and witches were said to roam freely, so bonfires were lit to drive them away and give renewed power to the sun. After Christianity came to Norway around 1000 AD, the midsummer celebrations continued as a religious holiday honoring the birth of John the Baptist. The day was referred to as **jonsok**, St John's Eve, or **sankthans**, St Hans Eve.

Today many celebrations feature bonfires on beaches and there are usually some folks in troll costumes but the emphasis is on celebrating the light summer nights and the life outdoors (**friluftsliv**). Modern midsummer celebrations feature outdoor candles or torches instead of bonfires; music and dancing with a guitar or accordion; a sing-along; and good food (god mat) such as **rømmegrøt**, **kjøttpålegg** (**çeutt**-paw-legg; cold cuts), **svenskabrød** og **flatbrød**. The kids like to make campfire bread (**pinnebrød**).

[Ref: Tanya Gilbakken, *Viking*, June 1998, p18.]

Note: The US Naval Observatory has recorded the 1999 summer solstice as occurring on June 21d 19h 49m. In 2000 it will be June 21d 01h 48m.

Fra Presidenten-Carol Tveita DeBoe

The June social meeting will be the last before our summer break (until September). We will be singing along with the Sky View Baptist Church Kitchen Band after we eat lasagna. I do hope you can all come and tell us what you will be doing this summer. Be sure to call me with reservations so we can plan how much lasagna to have. The cost is \$5.00 for each adult; \$3.00 for children under 12; kids under 6 are free. Please call me at 512/331-0095 by Thursday, June 16.

S/N District 1 has informed us that there will no longer be Life memberships. Instead there are Golden memberships for those who are 65 or over and have been members for a total of 30 years (not necessary continuous). Golden members will automatically receive a Golden Member pin and certificate as well as 50% reduction of the current international and district dues.

We had a great time at the joint Syttende Mai picnic at Walnut Creek Park. There were lots of Norwegian items on sale so it was fun to stock up on flags, windsocks, lefsa, and Norwegian water. It was sunny and windy but that did not deter from the taste of **pølser** (**peul-ser**) and Signe Griffin's signature caramelized fried onions. It is always fun to get together with NST and celebrate this important day together. Signe and Randi Parker have reminded us that all are invited to the NST cooking classes on the 4th Sunday of the month at the Northcross Apartments clubhouse (just south of
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Watermark - Cleng Peerson - Father of Norwegian Emigration to the USA (Viking May 1996)

Sven's Consulting Group Announces Solution to the Y-to-K Problem

Dear CEO,

My staff has completed the 18 months of work on time and on budget. We have gone through every line of code in every program in every system. We have analyzed all databases, all data files, including backups and historic archives, and modified all data to reflect the change. We are proud to report that we have completed the Y-to-K data change mission, and have now implemented all changes to all programs and all data to reflect your new standards:

Januark, Februark, March, April, May, June, Julk, August, September, October, November, December and...

Sundak, Mondak, Tuesdak, Wednesdak, Thursdak, Fridak, Saturdak

I trust that this is satisfactory, because to be honest, none of this Y-to-K business has made any sense to me. But, I understand it is a global problem and our Lillestrøm consulting team is glad to help in any way possible.

Enclosed is the bill for our services. Hilsen,

Sven Svenson,
Solutions, Ltd.
Lillestrøm, Norge

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Luby's on Balcones Dr at Steck). This month they are coaxing Glen Mack to show how to prepare a salmon dish. That should be fun.

Be sure to mark your calendars for the spectacular Sun City picnic on **Saturday, September 18**. Details will appear in the September newsletter. Reservations are required and limited tickets (\$10.00) will be available. Don Nedrud has planned this event (512/869-2852). I hope all of you can make it to our last meeting before the summer break on **June 21at Ascension Lutheran**. Please call me with your reservation. *Carol*

Instructions for Life (part 2)

—see May S/N Bakke Land Posten for part 1

12. Talk slowly but think quickly.
13. Remember great love and great achievements involve great risk.
14. Call your mom.
15. When you lose, don't lose the lesson.
16. Remember the three R's: Respect for self; Respect for others; Responsibility for all your actions.
17. Don't let a little dispute injure a great friendship.
18. When you realize you've made a mistake, take immediate steps to correct it.
19. Smile when picking up the phone. The caller will hear it in your voice.
20. Marry a man/woman you love to talk to. As you get older, their conversational skills will be as important as any other.
21. Spend some time alone.
22. Take time to smell the flowers; do it frequently.
23. Open your arms to change, but don't let go of your values.

[Courtesy of Donald R. Matthews, NST, Midnattsolen Lodge, Arlington]



Darya Mack (3 years "young") says "Oh my, what a beautiful flag Norway has!" at 1999 Syttende Mai celebration at Walnut Creek Park.

Quote of the Month

Vi skal ikkje sova burt
summarnatta.

We shall not sleep away
the summer night.

—Aslaug Låstad Lygre

Jonsok (Midsummer) Superstitions

If you place seven types of flowers under your pillow on Midsummer, you will dream of the one you will marry.

If your livestock eat grass that was picked at midnight on **jonsok**, they will not fall ill the rest of the year.

Slik jonsokværet er, blit sommeren. (Such as jonsok weather is, the summer stays).

The weather for the rest of the summer will be like it is on **jonsok**.

Jonsok rain means an early fall.

Pinnebrød (Campfire Bread)

2¼ cup flour
2 tsp salt
2 tsp baking powder
1 cup water

Blend together all dry ingredients and then add the water. Knead the dough. Use enough flour to keep it from becoming sticky. Roll the dough into the shape and size of a hotdog and attach it to a stick. Grill it over a campfire. The bread is finished when it turns light brown and the dough can be easily pulled from the stick. Eat the bread with a hotdog or else butter it and add a topping such as cinnamon or sugar.

Sommer Kalender

- jun 21 (man) Cleng Peerson Lodge social meeting, Ascension Lutheran Church, 7:00. Lasagna Dinner and Kitchen Band. Last meeting until September.
- jul 29-31 Norwegian-American Bygdelaag Centennial, Luther College, Decorah, Iowa.
(see January article)
- aug 5-8 Folk Life Festival in San Antonio, August 5 - 8. NST has a booth every year. They always need help because it is always hot! However, it is always fun, too.
- aug 18 Nordic Stamp Club - 7:00 pm - Learn about Nordic heritage from the study of Norwegian, Swedish, Danish, Finnish, Greenlandic, and Icelandic stamps - 1003 Justin Lane #2119 - Call Erik at 451-2735 for directions.
- sep 18 (lor) Mark your calendars now! Spectacular Sun City Picnic. Limited tickets available, \$10.00. Reservations required. Please call Don Nedrud. Event includes covered pavilion with picnic/ tour/games/parade/horseshoe tournament. All Scandinavians are welcome! Bring your flags.
- jun 2000 NORWAY 2000— SON International Convention, Stavanger; Host- Cleng Peerson Lodge , Stavanger

man=mandag (Monday), **fre**=fredag (Friday),
lør=lørdag (Saturday), **søn** = søndag (Sunday)

Kirsten Leystra readies for syttende mai parade at Walnut Creek Park



Bakke Land Posten Boosters

- Don and Mary Nedrud (6/1999)
Leila, Jane, and Ray Tackett (6/1999)
Sande and Bob Helle (6/1999)
Linda, Pam, and Phil Erickson (6/1999)
Carol Tveita and Lewis Stimson (6/1999)
Bob Olson (6/1999)
Johanna Wimberly (11/1999)
Emil Svenkerud (6/2000)
Trudy Tommeraasen (2/2000)
Anonymous - 2 (6/2000)

On the Web

Father's Day is June 20!

Send an electronic Father's Day card to Dad from one of the many online greetings services.

1. Use American Greetings Online Service if you have AOL as your service.
2. www2.bluemountain.com Check out the May 17 card with music; customize it for Father's Day! Free!
3. <http://www.marlo.com/card.htm> Free!
4. www.hallmark.com Small charge.
5. www.vg.no *Verdens Gang* online newspaper in color— from Oslo—in Norwegian. Awesome and Free!

USNO Home Page

The home page of the United States Naval Observatory (USNO) in Washington, DC gives the Days until the year 2000 and also the Days until the New Millennium (which officially starts on January 1, 2001). On May 30, 1999 these were 216 and 582, respectively.

<http://www.usno.navy.mil/home.html>

Free Millennium Countdown Clock

Compliments of the US Naval Observatory –Enjoy!
You can add this countdown clock to your home page.
Instructions appear at the following web address.

<http://www.usno.navy.mil/millennium/FreeCountDown.html>

News from Viking Fest 2000

www.vikingfest.com

Sheila Lee is the webmaster who can be contacted at slee@phaenom.com

1. After touring several potential sites for VF2000, San Gabriel River Park in Georgetown was selected to be the site of VF2000. Put April 29/30, 2000 on your calendars!
2. Next Board Meeting: Sat. July 17, 1999 at 12 noon at Wiethorn Visitors Center, Baylor University, Waco, Texas.
3. Volunteers are needed in all areas!!
4. Contact:

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On May 31 at about 2:42 pm Viking Fest 2000 was 214 days, 9 hours, 19 minutes, and 33 seconds away!!
How long do we have to wait **now**?? Go to the Viking Fest 2000 web page address above to see!!

Bakke Land Posten Boosters

Please renew your support of the newsletter for 12 more months. If you are not a **Bakke Land Booster** already, please consider helping to defray the cost of the newsletter. Seven dollars will help cover the production and delivery costs. The newsletter is mailed to 120 addresses each month. Please mail your contribution to Philmon Erickson. We thank you for your support.

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Cleng Peerson Lodge #1-645
Austin, Texas
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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!

Fer juni (yuu-ni)

2 Fred Bolgen	15 Donald Thorson
6 Russ Larsen	18 Michael Boyum
7 Jens Busch	20 Mary Nedrud

Fer juli (yuu-li)

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

Fer august (oh-gust)

2 Janis Haukoos	31 Solveig Turpin
5 Lynda Vog	

Please Return the Enclosed Spring Cleaning Postcard

If you are not a member, please return the card to indicate that you wish to continue receiving the newsletter. Please correct your mailing address. Your name will be removed from the mailing list if you do not return the card by September 1st.

Please consider joining the Cleng Peerson Lodge. An application form is included with this newsletter. We thank you!

The June Meeting will be Monday (June 21st)
Midsummer Celebration
With the Kitchen Band and Lasagna Dinner
at
Ascension Lutheran Church, 7:00 pm

Please RSVP to Carol Tveita (331-0095) by June 16th

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