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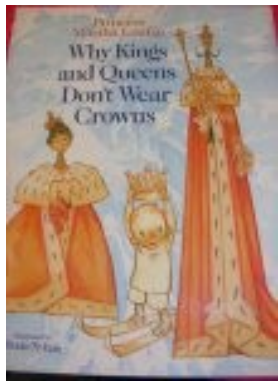
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## The February Meeting...

This past meeting focused on the reading of a book written by the Princess Martha Louise of Norway.

The book: *Why Kings and Queens Don't Wear Crowns* told a story that showed that the crown



that matters most is the one you wear in your heart, not on your head. The story was narrated on CD by Princess Martha Louise, and books were at each table showing the pictures. Special thanks to all those who brought their copies of the books and to Anne Adkins, who ordered the

CD and book for the lodge to enjoy.

The meeting had wonderful food with a Valentine's Day theme.



Valentine's Day Decor



Great Norwegian Food



Reading of the book:

*Why Kings and Queens Don't Wear Crowns*



## About the Author



Princess Martha Louise is the author of the book we read at this meeting. She was born in 1971, being the first child and only daughter of King Harold V and Queen Sonja, the presiding king and queen of Norway. Martha is

4<sup>th</sup> in line of succession to the throne after her brother and his two sons. She married author Ari Behn and has 3 daughters. Martha has established her own commercial entertainment business based on giving performances on TV reciting folk tales and singing with well known Norwegian Choirs.

One interesting note is that the King (with Martha Louise's consent) removed her style of **Her Royal Highness** to instead **Her Highness**. This was meant to help with her business life. She still carries out duties of the king even though they are reduced.

## Within the Lodge....



Some of the lodge members had the opportunity to meet with Christine Ardis (2<sup>nd</sup> to right) whose ggg-grandmother was the sister of Cleng Peerson – The man our lodge was named after.

### February & March Birthdays

<i>Name</i>	<i>Birthday</i>
Duane Wells	02/04/09
Warren Hayward	02/07/09
Kay Knutsen	02/07/09
Don Nedrud	02/07/09
Kirsten Leystra	02/08/09
Erik Svenkerud	02/13/09
Robert Waring	02/15/09
Norma Skaar	02/22/09
Ann Olsen	02/25/09
Robert Coggin	02/27/09
Ivy Hjernevik	03/02/09
Jerry Mcbride	03/04/09
Inger Adams	03/07/09
Ray Tackett	03/08/09
Renee Hermanson	03/10/09
Gervaise Amundson	03/14/09
Betty Bennie	03/27/09
Arianna Kozitza	03/28/09
Jose Moreira	03/28/09
Paul Erikson	03/30/09



### Calendar of Events:

WHAT:	WHEN:
March Meeting	Sunday March 8 <sup>th</sup> (5-7pm)
April meeting	Sunday April 19 <sup>th</sup> (5-7pm)

### March Theme: *Memories of the Homeland*

PLEASE bring photos (in albums &/or frames), maps, favorite purchases from Norway to share. We will have tables for you to put out your favorite things. Then whoever brings items please share a favorite story or two about your visit to Norway and something about the items you brought to the meeting.

### Ideas for memories to share:

a favorite experience at a family church in Norway, meeting your family in Norway, something unusual-tradition, etc., memory of restaurants you enjoyed, food you tried, wonderful music or views you will never forget, etc. Please contact Kristen Kozitza-Cultural Director- if you have any questions.

## Announcements...

- The March and April meetings will be held in Round Rock at New Hope Community Church, **2330 Dry Creek Dr Round Rock, TX 78681**. Map is on the lodge website.
- The April meeting is moved from the second week (12<sup>th</sup>) to the third week (19<sup>th</sup>) due to Easter Sunday

We are going to try the move from Austin to Round Rock to encourage new families in this area to come and enjoy our meetings. Our hope is that we can draw many new sons, daughters, grandchildren, families and FRIENDS of Norway. The Plan for the rest of the year is to go half and half for the Gethsemane Lutheran Church site in Austin, and the New Hope Community Church in Round Rock. For the March and April meetings, we will try meeting at the Round Rock site.



- Come see the wonderful AUGSBURG CHOIR from Minneapolis, MN at Gethsemane Lutheran Church, (200 West Anderson Lane in Austin) **March 26th at 7pm**. They are making a special stop here in Austin on their Spring Break Tour. They will be performing compositions from well known Scandinavian and American composers. Under the direction of Dr. Peter Hendrickson, the choir is celebrating its 75th Anniversary.

## Updated Directions to New Hope Community Church:

### From Austin:

Head North on I-35. Take exit 251. Turn left at the light onto Hester's Crossing. The church is located just a couple of blocks down at the corner of Dry Creek Dr. and Hester's Crossing (near water tower).

### From Georgetown:

Head south on I-35. Take exit 251. Turn Right at the light onto Hester's Crossing. The church is located just a couple of blocks down at the corner of Dry Creek Dr. and Hester's Crossing (near water tower).

Enter via west entrance (side water tower is on)



Large Snowman built in Trysil, Norway



Come see what's new at the lodge website!

[www.clengpeerson.org](http://www.clengpeerson.org)