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I hope everyone has had a great summer! With the start of the school year also comes the start of a new year of Sons of Norway-Cleng Peerson Lodge. We all hope to have a great 2009-2010 year. The Fall Lodge meetings themes and dates are listed on the next page. Below, we have a letter from the President Phil Erickson:

Hello to all and welcome-

As I write this, the weather has abated a bit but this summer may yet set a record for heat. Many of us have traveled over the summer to cooler climates and I suspect we all have had trouble adjusting to Texas heat once we were back. But fall lies just ahead and many exciting opportunities do as well.

In September, we will meet at New Hope Community Church in Round Rock for fun and food. At this meeting, we will need to discuss plans for the Nov and Dec meetings. We will also take a few minutes to recount significant events regarding our heritage from the summer and then play Uff Da Bingo.

The fall is also time to once more think about officers for next year. We will need to have a slate to vote on in a month or two. I encourage all to consider how you can best serve in the year to come.

The latest issue of the Viking Magazine has a sobering article on the need to recruit and retain more members. I challenge each of you to come to the next meeting with an idea for making our Lodge more appealing to young and old alike. Everything is fair game including meeting dates and times, format and program ideas.

I have missed meeting together with you and look forward to seeing all of you on the 13th of Sep. For more information, please visit the Lodge website at Clengpeerson.org.

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Phil

Calendar of Events for Fall 2009

September

Welcome Back/Uff-Da Bingo

Location: New Hope Community Church

Uff-Da bingo family fun night (with prizes)

Sunday, Sept. 13th 5-7pm



October

Fellowship of friends Cookout

Location: To be announced

yard games & other fun/Norwegian and American Games

Sunday, October 11th 4:30-7:30pm



November

Norwegian Cooking and Crafts Festival

Location: Gethsemane Lutheran Church Multipurpose Room (upstairs, north end of building), 200 West Anderson Lane.

Food, games, displays, music, crafts, youth displays, etc.....

Sunday, November 8th 4-6pm



December

Juletefest

Location: Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Multipurpose Room (upstairs, north end of building), 200 West Anderson Lane

Sunday, December 13th 4:30-7:30pm



The Nobel Peace Center



I do not know if any of you have ever visited the Nobel Peace Center in Oslo, Norway, but from what I have researched, it seems like an amazing place. The center honors some of the many people who have helped to bring peace to the World. These are people who spent many years of their lives in an effort to make our planet a better place. Some of the prize winners include: Mother Teresa, Martin Luther King, Jr., Henry Kissinger, Theodore Roosevelt, Jimmy Carter....the list goes on.

When asked where the Nobel Peace Prizes are awarded, most people would probably say Sweden. That is where Alfred Nobel lived and that is where the four other nobel prizes are awarded. Actually, the Peace Prize is awarded by five people that the Norwegian parliament chooses. Because of this, the ceremony is held in Oslo, Norway.

The Nobel Peace Center is made up of two main sections. The first is the *Nobel field* which displays all 96 laureates (Nobel prize winners) on digital LCD screens. Each screen is activated when someone approaches which begins a short presentation of the designated laureate – their contributions, history, ages, etc.

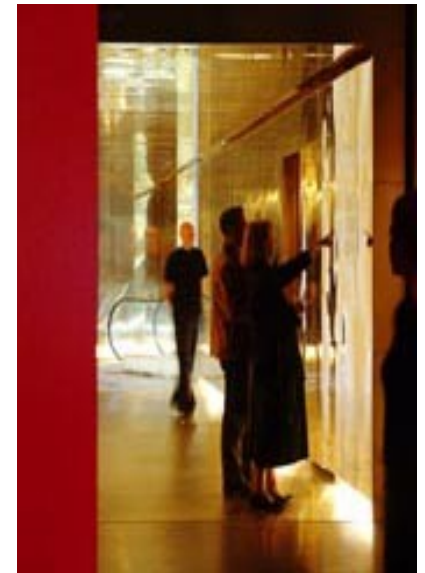


The Nobel Field

The second exhibition is called the Passage of Honour, which displays the latest Nobel Prize Winner and his or her accomplishments. In this section you can also see the first Norwegian to win the Peace Prize: Christian Lous Lange in 1921.

The Nobel Peace Center is planned to open a new Exhibit on September 25th, entitled: From King to Obama. This display will portray the civil rights movement of the 1960s.

The 2009 laureate for the Nobel Peace prize will be announced this October, and the ceremony will be held in the Oslo City Hall.



The Passage of Honour

More about the Nobel Peace Prize:

The Nobel Peace Prize is one of five Nobel Prizes bequeathed by the Swedish industrialist and inventor Alfred Nobel. According to Nobel's will, the Peace Prize should be

awarded ***"to the person who shall have done the most or the best work for fraternity between nations, for the abolition or reduction of standing armies and for the holding and promotion of peace congresses."***

Alfred Nobel's will stated that the prize should be awarded by a committee of five people elected by the Norwegian Parliament. Norway and Sweden were at that time still in union, and with Sweden responsible for all foreign policy, Nobel felt that the prize might be less subject to political corruption if awarded by Norway. The Peace Prize is presented annually in Oslo, in the presence of the king, on December 10 (the anniversary of Nobel's death), and is the only Nobel Prize not presented in Stockholm. "In Oslo, the Chairman of the Norwegian Nobel Committee presents the Nobel Peace Prize in the presence of the King of Norway. Under the eyes of a watching world, the Nobel Laureate receives three things: a diploma, a medal and a document confirming the prize amount." The Nobel Peace Prize Ceremony is held at the Oslo City Hall, followed the next day by the Nobel Peace Prize Concert, which is broadcast to more than 450 million households in over 150 countries around the world. The concert has received worldwide fame and the participation of top celebrity hosts and performers. The selection of Nobel Peace Prize winners sometimes causes controversy, as it has become greatly politicized and not related to issues of peace and the list of winners includes people who formerly used violence and terrorism, but then later made exceptional concessions to non-violence in the attempt to achieve peace.

Photos of some of the Nobel Peace Prize winners:



To see a panoramic view of the exhibits at the Nobel peace center, visit this link. Click the large picture in front to view.

http://www.fullscreenqtv.com/nobel_peace_center/

If you would like to see a video about the Nobel field and an interesting electronic book displaying Alfred Nobel's life, click here. The first video is of the Nobel Field, and The second shows the interesting electronic book.

<http://davidsmall.com/portfolio/nobel-peace-center-nobel-field-nobel-chamber-wallp/>

??? Trivia ???

Out of the 96 Nobel Peace Prize Winners, how many do you think were men? How many do you think were women?

Answers are on the last page



Announcements:

September Birthdays	
Todd Germstad	09/06/09
Tristan Stickly	09/17/09
Leila Tackett	09/22/09

Lodge Announcements:

- **Norwegian Book:** A friend of the Lodge actually knows the author of the book: *The Last Viking*. Here is the Link for those who would like to check it out: <http://www.last-viking.com>



Autumn in Norway

Next Meeting: *Welcome Back/Uff-da Bingo*
 Location: New Hope Community Church
 2330 Dry Creek Dr Round Rock, TX 78681

The next meeting will be held on September 13th from 5-7pm We will have a potluck dinner first, and a fun Uff-Da Bingo night with prizes. Lodge members will also have an opportunity to share about their summer and any interesting vacations they went on.



?? Trivia Answers: ??

Out of the 96 Nobel Peace Prize Winners, 84 were men and 12 were women.

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