



# Bakke Land Posten

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### **VELKOMMEN TIL HØST I BAKKE LANDEN !!!**

(Welcome to Autumn in the Hill Country)

It seems like a very long time since the Cleng Peerson Lodge met in June at Ascension Lutheran Church. It was wonderful to greet all of our new members who were recruited at Viking Fest 98. We currently have 75 members. The newsletter has a circulation of 120, including the Sons of Norway bigwigs in District 1, various S/N newsletter editors, and nonmembers who requested to remain on the mailing list after our mailing list update postcard was sent out in April.

I hope that all of you enjoyed your summer vacations. I hope to hear what all of you did this summer when we have our next social meeting September 21 (remember it is every third Monday of the month—except for our special events in February, May, October, and December). Our upcoming meeting will be a pot-luck and a combined business meeting and social meeting. We hope everyone will take an active role in the business meeting. Please bring your vacation pictures and souvenirs to show everyone at this month's meeting. We especially want to chat with our new members and get to know them better. This year we will have an election of officers. Nominations will be made at the October meeting with elections at the November meeting. The new board will take over in December.

Get ready for the exciting next four months before we need to turn over our 1999 Sons of Norway calendars. In October and December we again will have joint meetings with the Hovedstad NST Chapter (Liev Erikson Day on Oct 11 and Yultrefest on Dec 6). In November we will have at our regular social meeting at which we will make decorations for the yultre (Christmas tree). We need lots of volunteers to help with these events. Let us know about other events and activities that you would like to have.

At all of our social meetings we will still be selling bottles (and cases) of OLDEN water (the Norwegian glacier ice in a bottle bottled at the source, Blafjellskilden Glacier) that we bought for Viking Fest. We also have more Viking ship posters. The custom-made Viking Fest cheering bells (hand-made by Moen Bjollefabrikk in Moi, Norway) were sold out and reordered. At last count we still have three custom Viking Fest bells left, one small Norway soccer bell (Offisielt lisenprodukt of Norges Fotballforbund), one remaining limited edition Nagano/Salt Lake City 2002 Friendship bell with a certificate of authenticity (#1151 of the limited edition of 2002), and one large bell with a troll embossed on a leather strap. These items all make great Christmas presents. We have a video from the Moen factory that shows how the bells are made. Please see Russ Larsen if you would like to be included in a special order for God Yul! (Good Christmas) bells—order them for a Christmas (Jultid) present or to hang on your yultre. It takes about two months to get the bells after an order is placed. Also, for those of you who collect pins, there are three Lillehammer Winter Olympic pins left—also collectors items.

The outgoing Viking Fest '98 Board of Directors will meet in Waco on October 17. The membership of Cleng Peerson Lodge needs to convey its wishes concerning if, when, and where the next Viking Fest will take place.

See you on September 21.

*Fred*

Fred Bolgen (512) 873-8786

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

## Norway's Lump of Sugar Yields Clues on Anthrax in War

When scientists examined what was thought to be a harmless lump of sugar dating from World War I they found living anthrax spores. They were apparently placed there 80 years ago by a German intent on disrupting the Allies' horse- and reindeer-drawn supply lines across northern Norway. The curator of a police museum in Trondheim found in an archive a bottle with two sugar lumps. An attached note translated, "A piece of sugar containing anthrax bacilli, found in the luggage of Baron Otto Karl von Rosen, when he was apprehended in Karasjok in January 1917, suspected of espionage and sabotage." The Baron, a Swedish/German/Finnish aristocrat, was expelled to Sweden. A belated inspection of his baggage produced bottles of deadly curare, microbial cultures, and 19 sugar cubes. The museum curator inspected the lumps and found each to be pierced by a small hole. Alarmed he sent the exhibition to Norwegian defense authorities whose scientists set in motion the detailed analyses. The contents were cultured and confirmed to be *Bacillus anthracis*. Anthrax spores can survive for centuries. Berlin had approved a microbial assault on reindeer used for sledging British arms across northern Norway. Local newspapers of the day were convinced that the deadly sugar cubes were also used to poison horses involved in war transport. It is unclear whether reindeer eat sugar lumps.

[Wm J Broad, New York Times, June 25, 1998].

## New Cleng Peerson Lodge Members

Bruce D. Israels	Georgetown
Cottie B. Israels	Georgetown
Maurice A. Johnson	San Marcos
Linnea C. Ward	Austin
Eleanor Dibble	Austin
Robert W. Sebring	Austin
Tove M. Sebring	Austin
Dorothy Gilbertson-Winburne	Austin
Terryl A. Robins	Austin
Fred G. Henry	Georgetown
Michael F. Stauffacher	Austin
Trudy Tommeraasen	Austin
Michael T. Boyum	Austin
Glen A. Larson	Austin
Rune W. Harboe	McDade
John H. Riggs	Austin

Meet your  
Counselor  
**Sandy Helle**



## Norway authorizes exhuming bodies of young Norwegians who died in 1918 flu pandemic

The Spanish flu that killed millions worldwide in 1918 had a special trait that sharply increased its deadliness. A surface protein present in the 1918 virus used a special enzyme, plasmin, to divide. This enzyme was held in the virus in the form of plasminogen. This is the first time that scientists have seen a virus having proteins that could trap plasminogen. Any virus containing this special trait should be regarded as potentially dangerous. Norway last week authorized researchers to exhume the bodies of seven young Norwegians who died of the 1918 pandemic in order to further study the nature of this deadly strain of flu virus.

[from Erik Svenkerud via ProMED-mail, James Chin, CDPC-mail, 8/18/98].

## Ingrid and Andreas Most Popular Among Norwegians

Ingrid and Andreas are the most popular Norwegian names at the moment, according to the Norwegian daily "VG."

More than 25,000 Norwegian females are called Ingrid, while there are about 14,000 Andreas. In comparison, only three males have the name Sole, and 14 females are called Abelone.

Of the double names, which are popular in Norway, Jan-Erik and Anne Marie are the most frequent.

The runner up to Ingrid is Marie, followed by Sofie. Among the boys, André has advanced to second place, followed by Alexander and Martin.

These names have in common that they have experienced a revival from the turn of the century, when they first became popular.

While the top 10 boys' names are relatively stable through the last 20 years, with Andreas, Kristian, Martin, and Kristoffer alternating on top of the list, girls' names tend to vary more from year to year.

Emma, Sunniva, and Victoria are becoming increasingly more popular among parents of newborn girls, and other names, such as Thea, Sofie, Hanna, Nora, Vilde, Anna, and Andrea are experiencing a revival.

In the book *Fornavn i Norge. Navnemoter og motenavn*, authors Jan Erik Kristiansen and Jørgen Ouren claim that trends change more frequently today than earlier in the century.

At the moment, the trend of using names from the end of the 19th century is prevalent. This means that children are not only named after their grandparents, but also after their great- and great-great grandmothers and fathers.

—Norway Times, No. 26, July 2, 1998

## Kalender

- Sep 12 (Sat) Happy Tenth Anniversary to the Wooden Spoon!
- Sep 21 (Mon) Cleng Peerson Lodge Social Meeting, Ascension Lutheran Church, 7-9:30 pm.  
Combined business and social meeting with pot-luck. A-G main dishes; H-O drinks, salads, bread; P-Z desserts. Welcome to new members. Summer tales.
- Sep 26 (Sat) International Children's Festival, Fiesta Gardens, 2101 Bergman St., Austin. Joint S/N and NST booth.
- Oct 1 (Thu) Alumni & Friends of the American Nordic Club. Hwa Yuan Chinese Restaurant, 11150 Research, Balcones Woods Shopping Ctr, 6:30 pm. Full meal! Fast meny (fixed price menu) \$12.00 incl tax and tip. Advance payment necessary. Please send check before Sept. 24 to Linda Pierson Cisneros, 10619 Legends Lane, Austin 78747 (280-3949) or Russ Larsen, 8551 N Capital Texas Hwy, Austin 78759 (346-5570).
- Oct 11 (Sun) Leif Erikson Day Celebration — Joint with NST— Ascension Lutheran Church. This will replace the regular October Social Meeting.
- Oct 13 - 17 Norsk Høstfest in Minot ND - More information at [www.hostfest.com](http://www.hostfest.com)
- Nov16 (Mon) Cleng Peerson Lodge Social Meeting, Ascension Lutheran Church, 7-9:30 pm - Construction of Christmas tree decorations.
- Dec 5 (Sat) Norwegian Country Christmas Tour & Lutefisk Dinner, Clifton, TX.
- Dec 6 (Sun) Jultrefest Christmas Party — Joint with NST— Ascension Lutheran Church. Norwegian sandwiches and desserts! This will replace the regular December Social Meeting.

## Ole and the Skunks

Ole was having trouble with skunks on the farm.

Sven said, "Ole you should throw lutefisk on the porch."

Ole said, "Ya, sure, I did that. Dem skunks are gone but now I have a buncha Swedes living there!"

[Thanks to Roger Baumann, Executive Director, Swedish Council of America—related exactly except for one word—Editor]

## DaVinci's spurned span will be built in Norway

The Norwegian highway department has found a bridge designer with unbeatably impressive credentials: Leonardo daVinci, the original Renaissance Man. The department aims to build a bridge that De Vinci designed nearly five centuries ago for a Turkish sultan, who rejected the plan in the belief that it wouldn't work. "This is the opposite of our usual projects," said Haakon Haaversen, of the Norwegian Highway Department. "Usually we have place that needs a bridge, and we design one to fit it. But now we have a bridge design and had to search for a place that suits it." Leonardo designed the bridge in 1502 to cross the Golden Horn inlet in Istanbul. The design is a graceful elliptical arch supporting a roadway that curves like an archer's bow. With a length of 1,155 feet, it would have been the world's longest bridge, and Sultan Bajazet II didn't believe it could be completed. Leonardo's design is considered to be the Mona Lisa and queen of bridges. The Norway replica will be a scaled down, 190-foot version that will replace a pedestrian bridge made of either of wood or stone across a main highway.

[Doug Mellgren, Associated Press, August 8, 1998].



Meet your Secretary  
**Carol Tveita DeBoe**

## Ole Moves to Texas

Ole decided to put solar panels on the north side of the house. Sven, said, "Ole, they are supposed to be on the south side of the house."

Ole, said, "Vell, I heard Governor Bush say he was going to turn the state around."

## Internet

Be sure to check out Gus Stangeland's awesome update of the Nordtex web site

[www.norskland.com/nordtex](http://www.norskland.com/nordtex)

Gus has a new matrix menu right below the flags, etc. Many of these squares are "internal links" that jump right to the right spot on the same page. They are for quick navigation and beat tedious scrolling. Gus sez: always click on the "back" button to go back to the menu, don't scroll back. Enjoy!!

## Bob Helle Hospitalized

Brother Bob Helle is currently hospitalized at North Austin Hospital. He may be needing surgery soon. We all need to think about Bob and Sandy and keep them in our prayers these coming days.

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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!  
(Grah-tew-LEHR-er meh FERDS-els-dah-en!)  
Fer SEPTEMBER**

1	Fred Henry	21	Sandy Helle
6	Todd Jermstad	22	Yulah Sisler
18	Glenn Mack	22	Leila Tackett

**Ole and the Penguins**

Sven's truck broke down while taking some penguins to the zoo. He called Ole and asked him to take the penguins to the zoo while he went to get his truck fixed.

"Yah, sure," said Ole.

A while later Sven saw Ole walking past the garage followed by the penguins.

Sven hollared,

"Ole, I told you to take the penguins to the zoo."

Ole hollared back,

"Sven, I just did. Now I'm taking dem to the movies."

The September Meeting will be Monday (September 21)

# Potluck - Smorgasbord!!!

*Combined Business (help plan the new year) and Social Meeting*

Ascension Lutheran Church in Austin at 7:00 pm

(6420 Hart Lane, Corner of Balcones overlooking MOPAC, between 2222 and Far West)

***See Kalender for what to bring to eat!***

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