

Midsommer Celebration Potluck on June 19

Celebrate Sankthans Aften, Midsommer's Eve!!

Hilsen fra Presidenten i Norge!

Fred and I are visiting family in Norway. We spent the first few days visiting family in Oslo and seeing the sights. We then traveled north to Rjukan to one of the largest mountain ranges in Norway, Gaustatoppen. From the top you can see one sixth of Norway. Tomorrow we will take a trip to the western part of the country to see some fjords.

The Norwegian people are very kind and hospitable. We have many relatives here and it has been great fun getting to know them. Fred has visited with childhood friends as well. As we walked thru the village, several cars stopped to say "hello" - they were relatives! The amazing thing is that a friend Fred hadn't seen for over 30 years recognized him.

My body is having trouble adjusting to the cold. I expected spring, but what we have is Texas winter. We were even in a snow storm part way up the mountain and made a snowman and had a snowball fight.

We will be very anxious to see you at the Cleng Peerson Lodge Midsommer Meeting and Potluck, at 6:30 PM on Monday, June 19th at Ascension Lutheran Church. We will discuss what to do with all the money we made at Viking Fest followed by a presentation by Fred on our trip. Phil Erickson will report on the First District Convention just held in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. A language lesson by Professor Huseby will follow. Hope to see you there!

Hilsen,
Jane

Ole Is Indignant!

Ole walked into a store and asked for 5 pounds of lutefisk.

"Oh, are you Norwegian?" asked the clerk.

Ole was very indignant!! "Vell, Uff?da!" he said.

"If I wanted pasta, would yew ask me if I was Italian?"

If I wanted sauerkraut, would yew ask me if I was Yerman?"

If I wanted tacos, would yew ask me if I was Mexican?"

Why in da vorld dew yew ask if I am a Norwegian?"

"Because this is a hardware store!!" replied the clerk.

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Cleng Peerson Factoids

1 Cleng Peerson was born on the 17th of May, 1782 in Tysvaer, Norway.

2 Any serious attempt to learn about Cleng Peerson must include reading the book, *The True Saga of Cleng Peerson* by Alfred Hauge, published by the Norwegian Society of Texas, Dallas, Texas, 1982 (translated by John Weinstock and Turid Sverre). Hauge was born on Sjernarøy, an island by Stavanger. He is a novelist who has been interested in emigration since the early 40's and wrote a trilogy that was entitled *Cleng Peerson*.

3 The most recent article about Cleng Peerson is one by Nils Olav Østerem, "Cleng Peerson, The Great Narrator," in the June 2000 issue of the Sons of Norway *Viking* magazine.

4 There are three Sons of Norway lodges that have taken the name Cleng Peerson. They are S/N #8-11 in Stavanger, Norway, #5-525 in Ottawa, Illinois, and #1-645 in Austin, Texas.

Sommer Kalender

18.06.00 (søn) Fathers Day

June 18!

19.06.30 (man) Midsommer Celebration Potluck at Ascension Lutheran Church.

June 19!

Note : There will be no Cleng Peerson Lodge Social Meetings in July or August. Happy Vacations to everyone and see you in September!!

23.06.00 (fre) Norwegian Society of Texas St Hans Aften - 6 PM at Auditorium Shores, West side of South 1st St bridge on the Greenbelt. Bring a dish. Capital Cruises offer a bat watching excursion at sunset. \$8 for adults, \$5 for kids (4-12). RSVP by June 20 to Jacque 873-8786 or Signe 842-1298.

18.09.00 (man) Brown Bag Business Meeting at Ascension Lutheran, 6pm. All are invited.
Sep 18! 7 pm Social Meeting.

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

Sons of Norway
Cleng Peerson Lodge #1-645
Austin, Texas
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Gratulerer med Fødselsdagen
(Grah-tew-LEHR-er meh FERDS-els-dah-en!)

JUNI

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| 2 Fred Bolgen | 18 Michael Boyum |
| 6 Russell Larsen | 20 Mary Nedrud |
| 7 Jens Busch | 24 George Reswik |
| 15 Donald Thorson | |

JULI

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

AUGUST

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| 2 Janis Haukoos | 5 Lynda Vog | 31 Solveig Turpin |
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Father's Day is June 18!

DON'T FORGET to send an electronic Father's Day card to Dad from one of the many online greetings services.

1. www2.bluemountain.com Customize the May 17 card for Father's Day! Free!
2. <http://www.marlo.com/card.htm> Free!
3. www.vg.no Verdens Gang online newspaper in color-- from Oslo-in Norwegian Awesome and Free!

Celebrate Sankthans After,
Midsummer's Eve!!!



Monday June 19th - 6:30 PM At Ascension Lutheran Church

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

Fred Bolgen will share his and Jane's recent trip to Norway!

Phil Erickson will report on the First District Convention just held in Cedar Rapids, Iowa!!

Professor Huseby will teach us more Norwegian!!!

Please Bring Your Favorite Pot Luck Dish!!!!

Sons Of Norway

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HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!!!