



**SONS OF
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Fra Presidenten

This will be my final article as president of the Cleng Peerson Lodge in Austin, Texas. I have enjoyed these past two years and now look forward to serving in other capacities for the future. As cultural director for the coming year I plan to promote our Norwegian heritage through my interest in music and rosemaling.

I wish to thank all those who have served so faithfully with me during these two years. Many are continuing on in the same or other capacities and we thank them for their willingness to devote time to our Lodge. A special thank you to the editors of the Bakke Land Posten. Don Nedrud did a wonderful job in the past and Pam Knott continued the great work this past year. Now we are so happy to have Fray Tveit take over the responsibility as she has work experience in this area.

We look forward to a good 2004 with Phil Erickson as president. With his extensive experience on the Sons of Norway District 1 level he brings so much to our local group. We have a wonderful group of officers for the coming year and we can look forward to an exciting time together!

Rita Carlson



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Godt Nytt År!

2003 was a good year and we look forward to another year filled with fun and activities, starting with the installation of New Officers at the January Meeting and the Lodge Anniversary in February.

Upcoming Events 2004

Sunday, January 11, 2004

A Potluck Supper, followed by a program led by Program Chair Phil Erickson, and the installation of the 2004 officers is planned for our January Meeting. It will be held at Gethsemane Lutheran Church located at 200 West Anderson Lane in Austin. We meet in the Music Room on the lower level and parking is available on the north side lot. Bring sandwiches, salad or a dessert to add to the potluck.

The schedule for the meeting is as follows:

- 4:00 p.m.** Officers meet
 - 5:00 p.m.** Socializing and setting up
 - 5:30 p.m.** Potluck supper
- A Program will follow the supper.

Installation of Officers for 2004

Sunday, February 8, 2004

Our February Meeting will also be held at Gethsemane Lutheran Church, in the music room on the lower level. Program Chair Linda Erickson will lead the festivities for our Annual Valentine Party and Lodge Anniversary. Please bring sandwiches, salad or a dessert.

The schedule for the meeting is as follows:

- 5:00 p.m.** Socializing and setting up
 - 5:30 p.m.** Potluck supper
- A Program follows the supper

Sunday, February 29, 2004

We have received an invitation to attend a dessert and coffee party hosted by VASA on Sunday, February 29th at 3:30 p.m. It will be held in the Multi-purpose room (upper level) of Gethsemane Lutheran Church. You are welcome to bring your favorite dessert if you would like. This will be an informal gathering of those from all Scandinavian groups in the Austin area. You are encouraged to attend so that we will have a good representation of Norwegians!

Tusen Takk til Alle For A Successful Juletrefest!

Many thanks to all the folks who contributed to the success of the annual Juletrefest with the Hovedstad Chapter of the Norwegian Society of Texas and the Cleng Peerson Lodge of the Sons of Norway. special thanks go to the "kitchen crew": Carol, Randi, Linda, and Rita and all the individuals who added the may food items, as well as those who came just to celebrate in the traditional Norwegian manner. In addition to the wonderful food, stories for the children, a raffle, and good company, the party was a financial success.



Help Stamp Out Childhood Afflictions.

In 1928, a Norwegian postmaster began collecting used postage stamps and used the profits to help treat children with tuberculosis, hence the name of the program, Tubfrim for TUBerculosis FRIMerker.

Today Tubfrim is owned by the Norwegian Health Service and its profits still go to help children, but since tuberculosis is no longer a scourge, retarded children are its beneficiaries. Sons of Norway members are an important supporter of Tubfrim, contributing about 20% of its profits. **YOU** can help by collecting used postage stamps and phone cards and bringing them to our meetings. Yours will be combined with those of other members and flown to Norway by Northwest Airlines at no charge.

The goal of our lodge this year is **5 pounds** of used stamps. Each samp should be trimmed with no less than a 1/4 inc border around it. Simply bag them up and we will weigh all we have so far in January after all the Christmas card stamps are collected. Please help us meet this very worthwhile goal at only a small cost in time.

If you have any questions about this program or would like to donate your stamps, please call Phil Erickson at 512-244-4977.

A Note from the Editor

I am happy to take over the position of Editor of the Bakke Land Posten. I welcome the opportunity and hope to be able to add a little to it with each issue. If any members are interested in submitting pictures or news that they would like to see in future issues, please feel free to contact me. This first issue has been a "RUSH JOB", as we like to call it in the printing industry, due to the holiday crunch and various projects I have in the works, and I look forward to adding some even more creative touches, as well as more pages in future issues.

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