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## The President's Corner



Well summer is here. Many of us are planning trips for the summer with stops including Norway. I hope you all have great and safe trips.

One of the first trips to be made this summer is to the 3<sup>rd</sup> District Convention, which will be held in the Pocono's. We will have 3 delegates representing the

lodge at the convention. I have been fortunate enough to be selected as the Zone 6 delegate to the International Convention which will be held in Washington, DC this August. You do not have to be a delegate to attend the conventions so please consider attending one or both of the conventions. Please contact me if you want to attend the International convention. You have to register as a guest by the middle of July.

May was a busy month and a very successful month for our lodge. We attended 4 "Syttende Mai" celebrations and they were all great even if two of the functions were on the 16<sup>th</sup>. The ceremony for the Norwegian Sailors was very successful and all the information was passed on to the families in Norway who were most grateful for our efforts. It may be some time before we make the front page of the Virginia Pilot or get on TV but we were there at least once. We have had to put our June Picnic on hold but perhaps it can be rescheduled later in the summer. The board is also working on a cruise for September. Check out our web site for any updates.

We will be electing new board members this fall for the coming 2 years. Please don't underestimate your talents. As you well know, we have a variety of offices to fill and I'm sure your talents can be well used in one of them. Our lodge is only as strong as its members so please consider offering up your services to serve on the board. A nominating committee will be set up in September. If you have any questions about any of the offices please contact me or one of the other board members. My time on the



## SUMMER MEETINGS

THERE ARE NO REGULAR MEETINGS FOR JUNE, JULY OR AUGUST. WE HOLD OPEN BOARD MEETINGS. THERE ARE NO REFRESHMENTS OR PROGRAMS.

The board meetings will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at 7:30pm at Bayside Presbyterian Church, Room 401 on Ewell Road in Virginia Beach. (Off Independence Blvd. Just north of McDonald's Nursery)

## SON ANNUAL PICNIC

has been cancelled due to schedule conflict. We will look to reschedule at another time.

**Have a fun & safe summer!**

board has been a rewarding and fun experience for me and it will be the same for you.

We have done extremely well with our new member recruiting drive. We had 33 new members as of our last meeting and we are still collecting applications. We probably will end up with 35 new members during the contest period if we can get the paperwork to Minneapolis on time.

Our summer board meetings will be held at our normal lodge meeting times and in the church. You are invited to attend. I am looking forward to seeing you all at our next lodge meeting, which will be in September.

Med Vennlig Hilsen,  
Ralph

Newsletter submissions are always welcome. Deadline is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month. Submissions may be mailed to Terri Hewitt, 4936 Farrington Dr., VA BCH, VA 23455 or emailed to ViElskerNorge@mindspring.com

## Highlights from the May Meeting

**President, Ralph Peterson** reported that we now have 129 members of which 10 are junior. We have achieved a 33% growth this year which puts us in good standing for winning the yearly competition. Five applications for membership were approved by the lodge. They were from **Gro Eriksen, Lucia Papiernikova, Daniel Keever, Allan Peterson, and Richard Bolstad.**

A motion was made to suspend the rules of acceptance for the month of June to allow the President and another member to approve any applications received before year's end. The motion passed. Ralph announced that the prizes include a medallion priced at \$250 and a grand prize of \$1000.

A letter has been received from Ken Johnson, chairman of the Charitable Trust Fund requesting donations for the fund. The Fund is in need of money to cover expenses for families already receiving assistance. Individual donations were collected and the Lodge's share of our 50-50 drawing to the Fund was also donated. **Ken Olsen** won the 50/50 and donated a large part of it to the Charitable Trust. A total donation of \$104 will be sent to the Charitable Trust Fund.

The annual Christmas Bazaar will be held at the Francis Asbury United Methodist Church on November 13. Applications will be sent out over the summer.

Norway will be the most honored nation for the Azalea Festival next year. We will be making a special effort to put our float in A-1 condition. The Ambassador and the parade Queen will possibly be riding on the float. An indoor storage unit is needed so the float will not receive damage from the weather as the work proceeds.

We are looking into an alternate cruise ship for our annual Labor Day weekend event, since the past ship "Elite" is no longer available. **Barbra Stehlik** will be investigating a Virginia Beach based ship named "Virginia's Jewel". The "Spirit of Norfolk" was also suggested as it can accommodate large groups. September 5 was suggested as a possible date for the cruise.

**Astrid Gulas** will be going to Norway and will make a visit to our friendship lodge there, Christiana. There will be a 4th of July celebration and anyone visiting Norway at that time is most welcome to attend. The Christiana membership is most anxious to meet members of our Lodge.

**Lodge Marshall, Mark Holmquist** will be making new name tags this summer. He will be replacing those lost or otherwise missing.

We have been invited to participate in the Neptune Parade in Virginia Beach in the fall. We are more than willing to do this if we can solve the problem of transporting our float to the Beach.

Blafjell Lodge has invited our lodge for a get-together in July at the Village Inn near Lovington, Virginia. We feel this is too short notice to make any plans at this time but would be happy to join with them sometime in the future.

In honor of Syttende Mai, **Synnove Quaglietta** read a poem entitled "Two Flags", reproduced from the Norway Times, author unknown.

Our program was a video obtained from SON headquarters featuring the music of Edvard Grieg and some excerpts from his life. It was greatly enjoyed by all.

As always, wonderful refreshments were served. **Mange takk** to all the refreshment providers.

## *Gratulerer Med Dagen!*

### Happy June Birthdays!

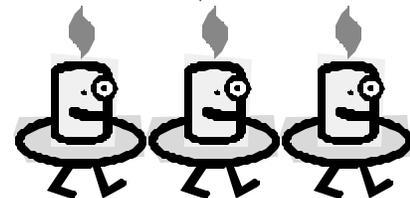
Marie Nilsen 1, Carl Halvorsen 2,  
Karen Luvaas 4, Pam Geisinger 6,  
Marge Kenney-Quamme 6, Jack Stehlik 15,  
Jean Shewmaker 18, Rose Valleria 21,  
Mary Zimmerman 25, Katarina Brekke 28

### Happy July Birthdays!

Allen Peterson 1, Flora Halvorson 4,  
Richard Bolstad 7, Kate Nelson 9,  
Anita Hill 10, Connie Hoff 10,  
Rolf Williams 24, Eleanor Byer 24, Duane Hass 30

### Happy August Birthdays!

Astrid Gulas 2, Ralph Peterson 3,  
Janice Underseth 3, Lisbeth Coker 5,  
Larry Atkinson 6, Harry Richards 8,  
Sheila Barrie 12, Ethel Graveson 14, Jon Oien 16,  
AnneGrete Peterson 19, Eric Byer 20,  
Howard Johnson 21, Diane Newlon 22, Helen Wallace 23  
Sylvia Foster 25, Paul Sherland 25,  
Grethe Sutton 28, Pat Shewmaker 28,  
Violet Larsen 30, Ed Andreassen 31



# Meet our New Members...

## Thore Hornes

I was born of Norwegian parents in Bergen, Norway in 1939 and currently have one sister and one brother living in Norway.

I completed military service in the northern part of Norway in 1958 and completed a technical school in Bergen in 1961. I worked one year in Bergen and one year in Copenhagen, Denmark for civil engineering consulting firms. Moved to Rapid City, South Dakota and attended South Dakota School of Mine and Technology and graduated with a BSCE.

I started work with Crawford and Russell, an engineering firm building chemical plants, in 1966 and worked for them for 33 years. Met Marit Slaatten from Voss, Norway in 1971 in Stamford, CT and got married the same year. My wife, Marit has a business degree from Norway and moved to the USA in 1965 to see more of the world.

A few weeks after we got married she went with me to assignments first in Amsterdam where a chemical plant had exploded and after that to Blackpool, UK to start up a gas plant. After that we just kept traveling and our three children were all born in The Hague during different assignment to that office. Melissa (born 1973), Martin (born 1975) and Michael (born 1979).

Started working for a competing firm, Parsons E&C, in 1999 and retired from them in December 2003. We have lived in Stamford, CT (3 times, approx. 10 years) and Houston, TX (2 times, approx 10 years) and in The Hague (3 times, approx. 8 years), Johannesburg, South Africa (3 years), Punta Arenas, Chile (2 years), Al-Khobar, Saudi Arabia (4 years).

Position held included Project Director for chemical plant installations and oil developments project with individual project values of more than 700 million. Retired as General Manager for Parsons E&C Saudi Arabia.

My high school, Bergen Katedral Skole, celebrated 800 year anniversary while I was there and Marit's family tree shows that one of her ancestor came as a catholic priest from Holland in 1532 to be the head master for that school.

We retired to Virginia Beach to be close to our daughter and her family, including two lovely grandchildren.

~Thore Hornes



## Lillian Collier

Finland is my country of birth; my parents were Estonian and Norwegian and I grew up in Fredrikstad, Norway.

In 1953 I was invited by my uncle (Erling Riis) in Mobile, Alabama to come over here

to study English for 2 years. I studied for 4 years, got married and have been here ever since. When Sons of Norway started a lodge in Hampton Roads, I served with Jon Lassen and Ruth Jackson (and others) as the social director. When we moved to Suffolk, I dropped out of the lodge because of the distance to the night meetings.

I visited your first Christmas bazaar last year and was very impressed with how the lodge has grown and with all the exciting goings on in the lodge. Since that bazaar I have received the Virginian Viking and really enjoy reading it and I do hope to attend some of the functions in the future.

~Lillian Collier



## Allan Peterson

with grandson, Connor

I was born in Buxton, ND where there are few people and almost none of them are not of Norwegian descent or married to one. My wife and I live in Dallas, TX and my two married daughters live in San Francisco and Washington, DC.

My mothers parents emigrated from Østerdalen in 1903 and my fathers grandparents emigrated from Numendal in 1849 and Hallingdal.

I graduated from North Dakota State University and joined the Navy as a Supply Corps Officer. After my naval service my wife and I moved to Dallas, TX where I worked for H. Ross Perot's corporation. I have spent some years in various entrepreneurial opportunities and I am looking forward to retirement at some time soon I hope.

I would like to join the SON for many reasons but there are two that stick out in my mind: I can enroll my grandson as a heritage member and I can get my brother, Ralph, off my back.

~ Allan Peterson



## Daniel Firing Keever

Born in Lynchburg, Virginia, and then living a few years in Richmond, I came to Virginia Beach with my parents and brother in 1982. I graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1994, and

took a position with the Virginia Beach City Public Schools. Over the years I have served the system in several capacities: as a teacher, student activities coordinator, soccer coach, specialist in organizational development--my special interest is in developing student leadership potential and capacity. Just recently, I completed my Masters in Educational Administration through Old Dominion University. My extended family now includes a wonderful boxer puppy named Ellie.

My ties to Scandinavia come through the maternal side of my family. My great grandfather, Thoralf Otmann Firing, left Norway to sail to America in 1908. He met my great grandmother, Thora Evelyn Thorsen in Illinois - her parents had come from Norway earlier. As a teenager I visited Norway and Denmark with my parents, brother and grandparents. It was a great experience to see the beauty of each country and meet many "cousins" young and not so young!

I hope to nurture my Norwegian heritage by joining the Hampton Roads Lodge of the Sons of Norway, and find ways I might contribute to the organization. Additionally, my mother and grandmother REALLY encouraged me to join!  
~Daniel Firing Keever

## Britt Kausland

I was born in Laksevåg, now a part of Bergen Norway. When I got married we moved to the small village of Kausland on the island Sotra south west of Bergen.

The next move was to Newport News, VA in 1973. This was meant to be a temporary stay and then move back to Norway. I guess that after 30 years the family and I are here to stay.

~Britt Kausland

## Gro Eriksen

I was born and raised in Stavenger, Norway. My husband, son and I immigrated to Canada in 1967. We lived there until 1978 when we moved to Matawan, NJ. While in Matawan I operated a yarn store and it was through the shop that I met some of your lodge members who also lived in the area, Anne Marie Ottosen, Ralph & Annegrete Peterson. In the year 2000 we moved to Maryville, Tennessee. I have recently moved a few miles away to Seiverlle, TN putting me next door to Pigeon Forks and Dollywood.

While in NJ I was active in the Sons of Norway but there are no lodges in Tennessee so I let my membership expire. I would like to join the SON once again and get my granddaughter enrolled as a heritage member. I don't expect to be able to attend a lot of meetings but I plan to time my visits to the Hampton Roads area so I can attend some of your events like the Christmas party, Syttende Mai festivities and the Azalea festivities. I also look forward to reading the Viking and the Virginia Viking on a regular basis  
~Gro Eriksen



## Lucia Liptakova

I was born in Trencin, Slovakia and moved to the USA April 1, 2004. Fiancee of Jude Liptak.

Majored in Business Management at University of Economics in Bratislava, Slovakia (3.5 years).

I will complete my degree at Utah State University online and major in Business administration. My interests include following the Slovakian National Team in all sports, traveling, snow skiing, likes playing most sports, member of the Slovakian National Team in korfball.  
~Lucia Liptakova

# Velkommen Alt!

*Look for more bios in September. We are growing daily!*

**If there were no fools, how would we recognize the wise.**

~Norwegian Proverb

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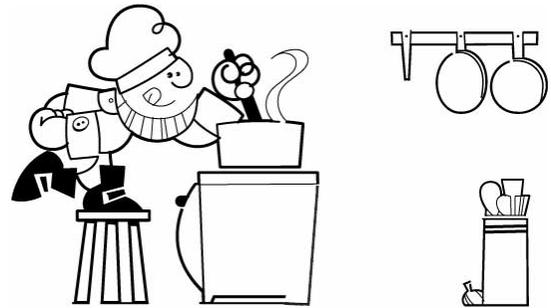
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## Calling all cooks!



### Wanted:

Your favorite Norsk recipes  
for our lodge cookbook . . . .

send yours to: [blueringer5@juno.com](mailto:blueringer5@juno.com)  
AND [Gerald.Blau@navy.mil](mailto:Gerald.Blau@navy.mil)

PLEASE conclude each recipe with a  
short explanation as to WHY it is a  
favorite of you and/or your family.  
Tusen takk!

## Coca-Cola Can Stuck in Cod

A Norwegian fisherman says he was stunned after catching a cod that had an intact can of Coca-Cola in its stomach. Stig Skår says that his family planned to have cod for dinner but when he checked his net, he spotted a fish with an enormous gut. The can had kept its bright red color, even though it was a little dented. Skår said, "I thought the fish may have eaten a big crab but when I slit its guts, the Coca-Cola can became visible." Skår said he was astonished that the fish had managed to eat the entire can. "The cod is a ravenous fish but that it was that ravenous...I had no idea," Skår said.  
- From Norway Times/Nettavisen

*Litt på norsk*

**Åpent Slott - sommeren 2004**

Det Kongelige Slott åpner sine dører for

publikum tirsdag 15. juni 2004. Omvisnings perioden varer frem til søndag 15. august. Fredag 18. juni vil Slottet være stengt for publikum.

Det blir daglige omvisninger mellom klokken 11.00 og 16.40 på hverdager og lørdager, og mellom klokken 13.00 og 16.40 på fredager, søndager og Kongelige fødselsdager. Hver dag klokken 14.00 og 14.20 er det omvisninger på engelsk. Omvisningene starter tre ganger pr. time, og runden varer i ca. en time. Publikum får se de viktigste representasjons rommene i 1. og 2. etasje. Hver gruppe kan være på 30 personer. Billettsalget til årets omvisninger starter mandag 1. mars 2004 hos Billettservice, telefon +47 815 33 133, på [www.billettservice.no](http://www.billettservice.no) og på alle landets postkontorer. Billettpriser er kr. 95 for voksne, kr. 85 for barn (3-12 år), pensjonister og studenter. Pris pr. person i grupper over 15 personer er kr. 85.-.

Omvisninger for lukkede grupper på 25-30 personer kan bestilles skriftlig hos:

Åpent Slott-Det Kongelige Slott  
Drammensveien 1  
0010 Oslo, Norge

-Fra [www.kongehuset.no](http://www.kongehuset.no)

### *A Little in English*

## **Norwegian Folk Tales**

The valleys in western and northern Norway are full of folk tales, sagas and myths, many of them relating to or 'explaining' curious geographic features. In the north, they're an especially rich part of Nordland coastal culture.

In one story, a lonely island-dwelling giantess shouted across the water to a giant named Blåmann (blue man) on the mainland, asking him to marry her. He agreed, provided she brought the island along with her but, by the time she'd packed everything up, the sun rose and turned her to stone, as did Blåmann, who'd stayed out too long waiting for her. The island became known as Gygrøy (giantess island), but local fisherfolk renamed it Landegode (the good land), lest the giantess take offense.

To delve deeper into Norwegian folk tales and legends, many of which have been translated into English, look for works by Peter Christen Asbjørnsen and Jørgen Moe, in particular.

*From Folklores and Legends,  
LonelyPlanet Norway 2002*

## **Open Palace - Summer 2004**

The Royal Palace opens its doors to the public Tuesday, June 15, 2004. The touring period lasts until Sunday, August 15, 2004. Friday, June 18, the palace will be closed to the public. There are daily tours between 11:00 a.m. and 4:40 p.m. on Monday - Thursday and Saturday, and between 1:00 p.m. and 4:40 p.m. on Fridays, Sundays and Royal birthdays. Each day between 2:00 p.m. and 2:20 p.m. there are tours in English. The tours start three times each hour and last about an hour. The public gets to see the most important official rooms on the first and second floors. Each group can consist of 30 people.

Ticket sales to this year's tours begin Monday, March 1, 2004 at "Billettservice", telephone +47 815 33 133, on [www.billettservice.no](http://www.billettservice.no) and at all post offices in Norway. Ticket prices are (approximately) \$13.50 or kr. 95 for adults, \$12 or kr. 85 for children (3-12 years), senior citizens and students. Price per person in groups over 15 people is \$12 or kr. 85. Tours for private groups of 25-30 people can be ordered in writing at:

Open Palace-The Royal Palace  
Drammensveien 1  
0010 Oslo, Norway

- From [www.kongehuset.no](http://www.kongehuset.no)

## **Sons of Norway**

### **International Folk Art Exhibit and Competition**

Opening on August 18, 2004, in Washington, D.C., the Folk Art Exhibit and Competition will be part of the International Convention. The following categories are included:

Weaving      Relief carving  
Crocheting and tatting      Rosemaling  
Hand-knitting      Hardanger embroidery  
Photography      Figure carving  
Chip carving and bentwood  
Plus many others!

You may download registration forms from [www.sonsofnorway.com](http://www.sonsofnorway.com). Call (800) 945-8851 with any questions. Send completed registration forms to:

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