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# Sons Of Norway Polar Star Lodge 5-472 Aurora, Illinois



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## Fra Presidenten!

Don Danielson

Our next major event is our Torsk Dinner on Saturday April 28.

This will be our 44th consecutive one. Our challenge this year will be to bring the numbers back up. This is a lodge project and it will need the support of all our members in whatever way you can participate.

Ways in which members can help are:

1. Publicity by word of mouth and by duplicating Torsk Flyers and putting them on bulletin boards wherever possible.
2. Selling tickets. They will be available at our April 1st meeting
3. Help with the dinner itself can be divided into four phases:

a) Friday evening preliminary preparation by washing dishes, utensils, etc., unloading eve-

rything from the truck, bring in the supply of food and other neces-



sary preparations for Saturday.

b) Saturday morning peeling potatoes (about 300 pounds) chopping onions, grinding cabbage, preparing vegetables, beginning initial boiling of potatoes and vegetables, making cole slaw and other miscellaneous preparations.

c) Saturday afternoon filling bowls and plates of food, waiting on tables, washing and drying serving dishes

and spoons to maintain a clean supply of them for refills, working in the ticket line, continue cooking of vegetables and potatoes, bringing in the boiled fish from kettles to the serving counter, resupplying the tables with plates, cups, utensils, etc.

d) Saturday night clean up. This is critical. The building must be left in a very clean condition.

All equipment, dishes, utensils need to be cleaned. Everything that was brought from storage must be loaded back on the truck. All left over food must be removed.

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## From the Secretary

Harriet Eklund

Did everyone enjoy the Penny Social?? I told you it was fun.

Our next big event will be our Torsk Dinner April 28th . That's work, but lots of fun. So lets all help Bill, make this our best yet. Bill needs lots of help and moral support to make this happen.

Then of course we have to finalize plans for Syttende Mai. Will it be Stoughton????

And, Ray Nilsen and I went to the Barnebirke. First we went to Duluth, got my sister in law. The morning of the Barnebirke we met eleven members of

the Norrona Lodge of Superior Wisconsin in Solon Springs, for breakfast. Then we all went to Hay-

ward to the Barnebirke. I found out that the Norrona Lodge prepares the food for the lunch that is served to all Volunteers after the race is over. So I was elected to help with the sandwiches , while Ray entertained with accordion and song. Before the lunch was served there was recognition of all the very important people who work so hard to make the race successful. One of those very important persons was our very best friend Gene Kaczmarek, who was just volunteering for his 20th year at the Barnebirke.. After the lunch of course there was socializing with all the members from the different lodges that we have grown to know through the years. That friendship means so much to me, we may be members of one lodge, but we are all members of

Sons of Norway.

Back in Duluth the following morning, while listening to the weather forecast, my fearless Norwegian friend said "I think we had better leave here fast" Much to our regret, we did.. To get back to get a phone call from Marge, "You did the right thing, so far , 29 churches have been cancelled, and Lake Ave. where you screamed so loud going down yesterday, a car slid down it today, and crashed into an office building on First Street.

Will we be back next year? Well they asked Ray to play at the Main Lodge in Cable for the Birkebeiner in 2008

Fraternally,  
Harriet Eklund.



The entrance to Spiralen

# Gratulerer med dagen!

## April

Kimberly L. Farinelli 4  
 Rodney R. Ervin 13  
 Georgene S. Anderson 18  
 Phoebe E. Bergh 19  
 Michael R. Farinelli 29

## May

Kenneth F. Nordan 7  
 Robert C. Egness 13  
 Ray M. Nilsen 15  
 Thor W. Fjell 19  
 Brian J. Geddes 21  
 Robert L. Nelson 28

## June

Lois Michalsen 1  
 Nilslee A. Kreppert 3  
 Benjamin H. Moe 3  
 Barbara A. Brungart 6  
 Gerald L. Rucks 10  
 Sarah A. Van Winkle 17  
 James R. Van Winkle 21  
 Roald Berg 23  
 Richard J. Hatteberg 26  
 Harold E. Broten 29

Courage:

You will never discover new land if you don't have the courage to lose sight of the shore.

## Upcoming Events:

### Polar Star Lodge Events:

- APR 1 Meeting will be a planning meeting for our Torsk Dinner on April 28. We need as many members as possible to work out assignments and preparations and to deliver tickets and a flyer
- APR 28 Torsk Dinner
- JUNE 16 Polar Star Picnic @11:00 at Harris Woods

### Other Events:

- MAY 20 Bus trip to Stoughton, Wisconsin for their Syttende Mai festivities  
 The cost is \$25.00.  
 The bus capacity is 56.  
 We are trying for a minimum of 44 to keep the cost at \$25.00.
- If you wish to sign up call Harriet Eklund at 690-8699 or Don Danielson at 299-3661

## Family Affair

### Polar Star Lodge claims 15 members in one family covering four generations.



**Generation One:**  
Don and Charlotte Danielson.

**Generation Two:**  
Dawn Shepardson, Doug Danielson and Kim Farinelli.

**Generation Three:**  
Matthew Chaussey, Brittany Chaussey, Sarah Meek, Stacy Shepardson, Shelby Danielson, Bailey

Danielson, Kelsey Danielson, Ashley Farinelli and Michael Farinelli

**Generation Four:**  
Brianna Meek.

The four generations are Don Danielson, Dawn Danielson Shepardson. Sara Shepardson Meek and Brianna Meek. The newest and youngest

member is Brianna Meek who was born on February 1 and joined Sons of Norway on February 2.

Polar Star Lodge and Cleng Peerson Lodge are seeking to organize a bus trip to Stoughton, Wisconsin on

Sunday May 20th for their Syttende Mai festivities. To date we have 37 members signed up. The cost

is \$25.00. The bus capacity is 56. We are trying for a minimum of 44 to keep the cost at \$25.00. If you

wish to sign up call Harriet Eklund at 690-8699 or Don Danielson at 299-3661



## Have you heard, Part 1

Georgene Andersons grandson, Stephan Daunheimer graduated from Central Michigan College. He is now attending the University of Maryland, on a

full four year scholarship. He is working on a doctorate in the Physic field

Georgene is also happy to announce she has

her second great grandchild, Syney Alise born to Allison and Brian Fintzke.

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Don Danielson

Our April 1st meeting will be dedicated to getting everything organized, to distributing flyers and tickets to members and to get our volunteers signed up. We are asking all members able to

help to volunteer for at least two of the four phases. The phase that usually falls short is the Saturday night clean up. Please make every effort to come to our April 1st meeting

and help make this years dinner one of the best.

Don Danielson

## Things you never knew your cell phone could do...

Check out the things that you can do with your cell phone:

**FIRST** Subject: Emergency  
The Emergency Number worldwide for Mobile is 112. If you find yourself out of the coverage area of your mobile; network and there is an emergency, dial 112 and the mobile will search any existing network to establish the emergency number for you, and interestingly this number 112 can be dialed even if the keypad is locked. Try it out.

**SECOND** Subject: Have you locked your keys in the car? Does your car have remote keyless entry? This may come in handy someday. Good reason to own a cell phone: If you lock your keys in the car and the spare keys are at home, call someone at home on their cell phone from your

cell phone. Hold your cell phone about a foot from your car door and have the person at your home press the unlock button (on your 'other' remote), holding it near the mobile phone on their end. Your car will unlock. Saves someone from having to drive your keys to you. Distance is no object. You could be hundreds of miles away, and if you can reach someone who has the other "remote" for your car, you can unlock the doors (or the trunk). Editor's Note: It works fine! We tried it out and it unlocked our car over a cell phone!"

**THIRD** Subject: Hidden Battery Power Imagine your cell battery is very low. To activate, press the keys \*3370# your cell will restart with this reserve and the instrument will show a 50% increase in battery. This reserve will get charged

when you charge your cell next time.

**FOURTH** How to disable a STOLEN mobile phone?  
To check your Mobile phone's serial number, key in the following digits on your phone: \* # 0 6 # A 15 digit code will appear on the screen. This number is unique to your handset. Write it down and keep it somewhere safe. When your phone gets stolen, you can phone your service provider and give them this code. They will then be able to block your handset so even if the thief changes the SIM card, your phone will be totally useless. You probably won't get your phone back, but at least you know that whoever stole it can't use/sell it either. If everybody does this, there would be no point in people stealing mobile phones.

## New Members Jan, Feb & Mar 2007

### Ole & Lena

Ole wore both of his winter jackets when he painted his house last July. The directions on the can said "put on two coats".

Ole & Lena were so excited to get a new cellular phone.

Ole was to call when he was on his way home from town.

Ole called Lena when he entered the freeway.

"Lena put supper on, I'm on my way home.

Lena said, "Be careful because I hear some nut is driving the wrong way on the freeway."

"It's worse than that Lena, where I'm at there are a hundred cars going the wrong way!"

### January:

No new members

### February:

Brianna K. Meek

### March:

No new members

## Google Earth...What is that?

<http://maps.google.com/>  
The website opens with a map of the United States. The cursor can zoom in on any state or part of state. It can also

scroll across the ocean to Norway or continue on around the earth and from pole to pole. There are three modes: Map, Satellite and Hybrid. Once a

location is selected the zoom function can bring the image down to see actual buildings, streets, etc.

## Have you heard, part 2..

Burt Severson reports that his nephew Dr. Oscar Lenning of Ankeny, Iowa, visited with Ethel Sauer on her 90th birthday in December 2006. Ethel was a past member, and past president of Polar Star Lodge. Burt also sent her a card from all members of Polar

Star.  
Also Burt's grandson, Adam Cronenberg, an honor student graduated from Arizona State University with a bachelor degree in finance in December 2006. Adam had been voted the most outstanding student out of 752 students,

and had received a full scholarship, which included one semester of studying in Germany  
Another grandson Ben DeMarr a freshman in Phoenix, Arizona, also an honor student, is the only freshman to make the Varsity Basket Ball Team.

## Get to know a Polar Star member: - Michael Lund, -Editor and webmaster

Hei alle sammen,

We have decided to include a new column in our newsletter: "Get to know a Polar Star member". A little information about one of our members, where they were born, ties to Norway etc. Don asked me if I could be the "first member" to be featured in our newsletter. No problem...so here we go...

I was born in Oslo in 1968 and moved to Drammen two years later. My father was a project manager for Harald Lyche, a midsize company after Norwegian standards in the book printing, envelope manufacturing, and toy distribution business also operating a shopping center downtown Drammen. Several Lund generations have lived in Drammen and my grandfather started the first trucking/buss company in

Drammen right after WWII. My mother originally from Sweden, was born in Stockholm and later moved to Sundsvall. She taught school for a while and was part owner in an art gallery for many years.

After gymnas (3 yr school after high school) I went in the military which in Norway is mandatory. I spent 15 months in the Navy as a Military Police Officer and spent most of my time in Tromsø at Olavsvern, NATO's most Northerly command center.

The operation center is inside a mountain, which the military claims is bomb safe.

The mountain has enormous door so Norway's smaller submarines can hide inside the mountain and to be maintained.

I think my interest in flying Ra-

dio Controlled airplanes as a kid sparked my aviation interest and made me explore the US and a flying career.

I found a flight school in Murfreesboro, TN, just 25 miles SE of Nashville. I left Norway in 1989 without knowing a single person in the US. I spent about 5 years in Nashville before I moved to Chicago, then a few years outside Phoenix, AZ before I moved back to Chicago. I met my wife Kim and we lived downtown Chicago before we had kids and then moved to suburbia. After a few years in Naperville we moved to Northern Plainfield in 2003. I am working for Jetblue Airways in New York flying captain on the Airbus A320.

I have been a member of the Polar Star Lodge since 2003, but struggle to find the time to attend our monthly meeting. With two kids there are always activities scheduled for the weekend.

Our youngest daughter Hanna has autism which requires additional planning and care.

I appreciate all the help with the newsletter and website. Your comments and suggestions are always appreciated.....Michael Lund



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## Language & Culture:

### Language Lesson:

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### Words to find:

Snøstorm	Blizzard
Skihopp	Ski Jump
Sludd	Sleet
Istapp	Iceicle
Kofte	Norwegian sweater
Jakke	Jacket
Lue	Hat
Hansker	Mittens
Nordlys	Northern Lights