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Fra Presidenten!

Don Danielson

Our 45th annual Torsk Dinner is coming up on Saturday April 26th.

Volunteer needs at the dinner are detailed elsewhere. There are also advance needs. The first is publicity by word of mouth and by duplicating our Torsk Flyers and putting them on bulletin boards wherever possible. Some have used inserts in their church bulletins. The second is selling tickets. Both flyers and tickets will be available at our April 6th meeting.

This is our big project of the year and we need the support and participation of all our members both old and new. We need you to come to the April meeting to pick up your flyer and tickets



Reception and installation of our last 15 new members was scheduled for the February meeting. From necessity that was postponed to the March meeting. From necessity that was postponed to the April meeting.

We trust 3 is the magic number and that by May everyone will be in the fold.

They are:

Michael K. Browne,
Genevieve Frykman,
Richard A. and
Ellen J. Jensen,
Charles E. Ray,
Nate L. Sauer,
Michael J. Skogen,
Todd W. Skogen,
Sharon N. Sommerville,
Ken G. Johnson
Matthew S. Johnson
Andrew Arcilla,
Emily Jo Arcilla,
Glennys Aaland, and
Terry Taerum

The 2008 District 5 Lodge Meeting and Convention will again sponsor a Cultural Skills Exhibit and Competition. Polar Star artists and craft persons are invited and encouraged to submit their articles.

Don Danielson



Now on our website:

2008 SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATION

Application due:

Sep 1, 2008

"It is our attitude
at the beginning of
a difficult task
which, more than
anything else, will
affect its successful
outcome."

William James

1842-1910,
Psychologist,
Professor and
Author

Ole & Lena:

Ole and Sven grabbed their poles and headed out to do some ice fishing. As they were augering a hole in the ice they heard a loud voice from above say, "There are no

fish under the ice." Ole and Sven moved about 25 feet over and started to make another hole. The voice said a little stronger, "There are no fish under the ice." They both looked around

and then looked up. Ole said in a humble voice, "Are you God?" The voice spoke back, "No ya idiots! I'm the ice rink attendant."

TIPS ON PUMPING GAS...

from Kinder Morgan Pipeline in San Jose , CA

1. Only buy or fill up your car or truck in the early morning when the ground temperature is still cold. The colder the ground the more dense the gasoline, when it gets warmer gasoline expands,
2. When you're filling up do not squeeze the trigger of the nozzle to a fast mode. If you are pumping on the fast rate, some of the liquid that goes to your tank becomes vapor. Those vapors are being sucked up and back into the underground storage tank so you're getting less worth for your money.
3. One of the most important tips is to fill up when your gas tank is HALF FULL or HALF EMPTY. The reason for this is, the more gas you have in your tank the less air occupying its empty space. Gasoline storage tanks have an internal floating roof. This roof serves as zero clearance between the gas and the atmosphere, so it minimizes the evaporation.
4. If there is a gasoline truck pumping into the storage tanks when you stop to buy gas, DO NOT fill up--most likely the gasoline is being stirred up as the gas is being delivered, and you might pick up some of the dirt that normally settles on the bottom.

Upcoming Events:

Polar Star Lodge Events: - See more events on our website.

- Apr 6 Board Meeting at 12:15
 Impressions of Norway-The Benson Family
 Serving Committee:
 Frances & Roald Berg, Barbara Brungart
- Apr 26 Annual Torsk Dinner at the Beecher Building in Yorkville.
- May 4 Norwegian Bingo
 Serving Committee:
 Yvette & Charles Shubert, Ken & Barbara Johnson, Joni Koehler
- Jun 7 Picnic at Leisure Lake Member Resort
 Serving Committee:
 Polar Star Officers
- Aug 3 Cultural Program -Al Bergh
 Serving Committee:
 Vi & Tom Skogen, Truman Eddy, Thor Fjell

Other Events:

In preparing your 2008 calendar please include the following Park sponsored events and plan to join with us in celebration.

- Apr 26 Valborg Day Spring Clean Up & Luncheon for Volunteers -- Vasa Park, South Elgin
- June 21 Midsommar Festival & Picnic -- Vasa Park, South Elgin
- Jul 23-25 Annual Nordic Fest in Decorah, Iowa
- Aug 9 Cray Fish Sampling & Steak Fry -- Vasa Park, South Elgin
- Sep 7 Scandinavian Day Festival -- Vasa Park, South Elgin
- Oct 12 Fish Boil/Harvest Festival -- Vasa Park, South Elgin
- Oct ??? Annual Meeting -- Location TBD
- Nov 1 End of Season Clean Up & Luncheon for Volunteers -- Vasa Park, South Elgin

Instructions for Hosts and Hostesses for Monthly Meetings

Next Newsletter
print date:

May 12, 08

Content due:

May 2, 08

More than 1000 visits
on our
Polar Star Website.

Did you know?

A reported guaranteed cure for children's cough is applying Vicks Vaporub to the soles of their feet. Said to be good for adults also!

At least three members/families are needed each meeting to serve on the kitchen committee. Join in by volunteering for one time each year.

Note: Chairperson needs to contact other members of the committee and complete plans ahead of time.

- Arrive at hall 1½ hours prior to the meeting time (generally 12:00 noon.).
- Set up 6-8 round tables with 8 chairs each. (Marshalls will assist)
- Provide table decorations according to season. There may be some napkins and placemats in the cabinet in the storage room – check for inventory the meeting before.
- Set up the buffet table (2 long tables). Arrange the food on the table as it comes in. Include a basket at the front end for donations.
- Make the coffee (50-60 cups – ½ pound of coffee used with cold water). Be sure to start the coffee immediately when you arrive since it takes at least one hour to brew. Coffee is provided by the lodge and may be found in the lodge cabinet - check coffee inventory the meeting before.
- The committee normally supplies meat or main dishes, and one gallon of 2% milk for coffee. All other members are asked to bring a pot luck dish to share.
- After everyone has eaten, wash bowls, dishes, serving spoons, etc. as needed, and clean up the area. Use our lodge dish towels (in storage room).
- One person from the committee needs to take the dish towels home, wash them, and then bring them back in time for the next meeting.
- Return all chairs and table to their proper places. (Marshalls will assist)
- If it becomes inconvenient for you to serve at your scheduled time, please exchange with someone or find a substitute.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ...Torsk Dinner April 25-26, 2008

Friday 5:00 p.m.

Unload equipment from truck
Sanitize and rinse all dishes, coffeemakers and pots

Saturday 8:00 a.m.

Peel potatoes, carrots and onions
Wash and cut potatoes into smaller pieces
Cut up cabbage and carrots
Cut loaves of bread
Cut fish into smaller pieces

Saturday 1:00

Cut cakes
Cook Potatoes
Prepare Cole slaw
Make onion butter
Serve tables

Fill serving bowls
Handle carry outs
Carry boiled fish into kitchen
Wash and dry serving dishes

Saturday Evening

Wash all dishes, pots and pans
Clean kitchen and all areas
Load equipment back on truck

For information and sign-up please call :

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Gratulerer med dagen!

April:

Kimberly L Farinelli 4
Rodney R Erwin 13
Georgene S Anderson 18
Phoebe E Bergh 19
Michael I 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
Ellen J. Jensen 30

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



Polar Star
Member Total
as of Mar 2008:

127

Meeting attendance
in 2008:

Jan 6, 2008

Members: 35
Visitors: 2

Feb 3, 2008

Members: 35
Visitors: 3

Mar 2, 2008

Members: 25
Visitors: 10

We still have some
District 5 Cookbooks
at \$12.00.

New Members:

February 2008

Glennys Aaland
Terry Taerum

New Members in 2007

Michael K. Browne, Genevieve Frykman,
Richard A. and Ellen J. Jensen, Charles E. Ray,
Nate L. Sauer, Michael J. Skogen,
Todd W. Skogen, Sharon N. Sommerville,
Ken G. Johnson and Matthew S. Johnson

8 points; and you loose your driver license???

The point system was introduced in Norway Jan 1, 2004

The goal with the "point system" is to prevent dangerous driving which leads to many accidents on the roads. The point system makes it easier for the police to keep up with drivers who frequently drive recklessly.

If you get 8 points in a 3 year period you loose your license for 6 months. When you get your license back you will start at 0 points.

The following will "earn" you 2 points:

Speeding:

In a 60km/h (37mph) zone - If you drive more than 10km/h (6.2 mph)
over 60km/h

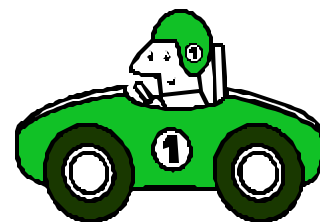
In a 70km/h (44 mph) zone - If you drive more than 15km/h (9.3 mph)
over 70km/h

Run a red light.

Illegal passing (passing in a no pass zone)

Not follow the "right of way rule" (The one on your right has right of way)

You "earn" one point for other not so serious traffic violations.



Get to know a Polar Star member: - Ray Nilsen



Ray was born Inge Marius Nilsen May 15, 1936 on Andørja Island in Northern Norway to Maynar Nilsen and Petra Johnsen Nilsen. Andørja Island is said to have more mountains than any other island in Europe. Ray's family included 3 brothers and two sisters. His first sixteen years were spent on the island before emigrating to the United States. Ray emigrated in 1952 with his grand-

mother and an uncle who was returning to the United States following a visit to Norway. They sailed from Bergen on the S/S Stavangerfjord of the Norwegian-America Line to New York City. Another uncle met them in New York and drove them back to Chicago. Before long his name became Ray. Early years here were spent working for his uncle who was in construction. Ray states he laid a lot of bricks and did a lot of tuck pointing. Later he worked at Loyola Medical Center and Edward Hospital. In June of 1958 Ray married Dorothy Aamodt. They had three girls and one boy and there are seven grandchildren. They all live in the Chicago area. For those who may not know Ray, he is a

"master" at playing the accordion. When asked how he got started he said his father bought a pump organ when he was quite young. It attracted his interest and he began playing around with it. Along the way he switched over to the accordion. While he was learning and practicing he would turn off the lights and play in the dark to master the fingering of the keys. Ray rarely travels without his accordion and he never knows when he will be asked to play it. His most interesting playing experience was last year at the Høstfest in Minot, North Dakota mingling with celebrities and playing with a hundred or so other accordion players.

Financial Benefits Counselor - Orion Carlson

If you are concerned about what is happening in the stock market and wondering about your own situation our designated Financial Benefits Counselor, Orion Carlson, is available for analysis and evaluation.

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On the insurance side Sons of Norway has a very fine policy for children entitled VIKING 23, a one time payment of \$300.00 that provides increasing term coverage reaching \$25,000.00.

It is a great way of starting

insurance coverage for children and it makes a great gift idea for new additions in the family circle.

In addition our lodge benefits from any new life insurance policies and/or the purchase of any new investment products.

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Kid's (Adults too) Culture: Draw the line to the correct place!

Tre	1	Blå	Rosa	Bil	Rabbit
Ni	2	Grønn	Yellow	Båt	Mountain
Fem	3	Rød	White	Hytte	Snake
To	4	Gul	Blue	Katt	Bird
Ti	5	Rosa	Purple	Hund	Yes
Syv	6	Lilla	Red	Kanin	Boat
En	7	Sort	Green	Orm	Car
Fire	8	Hvit	Black	Fugl	Cabin
Seks	9			Fjell	Dog
Åtte	10			Ja	Cat