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Fra Presidenten!

Don Danielson

Godt Nytt År til alle. While 2008 has been a good year for our lodge we again face the challenge of making 2009 even better. Our two major events of the year were again the Torsk Dinner and our Høstfest or Cultural Event. The Torsk Dinner was the 47th annual Torsk Dinner sponsored by Polar Star Lodge. In peak years as many as 700 were served. Those 47 years have been filled with memories of peeling and cutting up 300 to 400 pounds of potatoes, cutting up and grinding dozens and dozens of cabbages, preparing bags of tear producing onions, boiling the potatoes, boiling the fish outdoors in good weather and bad, making cole slaw sauce, hauling the utensils, supplies and other equipment from and back to the Anderson garage in the Anderson truck, making and selling tick-



ets and all the other necessary things that go with doing the Torsk Dinner. Over the last few years the number of customers has diminished somewhat as has the number of members available to accomplish all the things mentioned above. As a result a decision was made at our January meeting to discontinue the Torsk Dinner. A letter was received from Mary Bennett, a Committee Member of Wisconsin Regional Ski-For Light, thanking Polar Star Lodge for our donation of \$50.00. To date there are 23 vision impaired skiers and a like amount of guides sched-

uled for fun in the snow. More are on a waiting list. It is scheduled for January 16-18, 2009. The Volunteer Hours report is due again. It is important to log your volunteer hours both to the lodge and to Sons of Norway. If we don't log them as they accumulate we tend to under report. Please mail them to Harriet Eklund; 1732 Harrow Ct. Apt. D; Wheaton, IL 60187 or bring them to the February meeting on February 1. Barnebirke cookies are needed again. Please package them in a box or can and indicate the number of cookies on the outside and bring to the February meeting. Last year 1300 children participated and looked forward to the cookies at the end of the race. Polar Star Lodge has always had a good response.

Don Danielson

From the secretary: - Harriet Eklund

Meeting attendance in 2009:

Jan 2009	
Members:	25
Visitors:	2
Feb 2009	
Members:	
Visitors:	
Mar 2009	
Members:	
Visitors:	
April 2009	
Members:	
Visitors:	
May 2009	
Members:	
Visitors:	
Jun 2009	
Members:	
Visitors:	
Aug 2009	
Members:	
Visitors:	
Sep 2009	
Members:	
Visitors:	
Oct 2009	
Members:	
Visitors:	
Nov 2009	
Høst Fest	
Dec 2009	
Members:	
Visitors:	

Recap of 2008!

January:

Ray Knutson, treasurer and zone director of the 5 th District, came down to visit us, and to install the officers for the years of 2008 and 2009

February:

Brought our ever famous Penny Social. Delegates were elected for the District Convention in June to be held in Middleton, WI. And of course everyone baked cookies for the Barnebirke, and Gene and Tordis picked them up. Which they will do again this year.

March:

Julianna Olson gave us her Oral Interpretation of Scripture, for which she went on to win second in the National Conference. Julianna will be attending Northland Baptist Bible College, in WI.

April:

On April 26th , we had our Torsk Dinner. And Polar Star was written up in the Ole Bull as one of the top lodges who

had contributed to the Foundation, with a contribution of \$782.24

May and June:

Brought parades in Geneva and the picnic at Leisure Lake, which was a new and exciting picnic grounds for all to enjoy. It is already in the planning for this years picnic. Don Danielson, Lee Olson and Harriet Eklund , attended the 5 th District Convention as delegates.

Summer months went swiftly into fall.

November:

We had our Host Fest with Karen Solgard from Minneapolis, and a new type of program with vendors and their specialties.

October:

Ray and I attended the Nordic Host Fest in Minot, North Dakota,

November:

Went to the Skjold Lodge meeting.

December:

We were at the Christmas party at Fjordland Lodge in McHenry, where Nancy and Art

Anderson, co members of Polar Star are members. It was all a great experience.

And now on a sad note. Charlie and Yvette Shubert are leaving us, to move down near their son. Charlie was our photographer, and Yvette our historian. They leave us with an excellent history of photos and albums of their time as photographer and historian. I am sure another Sons f Norway Lodge will welcome them with open arms. We grudgingly wish them well.

All in all, 2008 was a good year, but lets make 2009 even better. My wish to you for 2009. We get more involved, we form more groups, we visit more lodges, we make more friends, we get more members for Polar Star, and most of all, we just have lots more GOOD TIMES.

Your Secretary,
Harriet Eklund.

Did you know that...

MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVE

District 5 has set up three \$400.00 awards to be given to three lodges (small, medium, and large) achieving the highest percentage of net growth from January 1 through December 31 2009. Can we set a goal of having every member or member household bring in one new member in 2009? A membership in Sons of Norway can be a meaningful gift to another family member or a special family friend. The challenge is before us.

Recruit! Recruit! Recruit!

SONS OF NORWAY BLOG

Sons of Norway established its own Blog in July of 2008. This is a good source of information and contact for members with internet access.

Go to www.sonsofnorwayblog.blogspot.com

Gratulerer med dagen!



February:

Alvin J Bergh 4
 Robert N Ronning 9
 Mae Frankenhauser 11
 Jeremy Olson 16
 Karen S Anderson 17
 Philip S Nelson 20
 Larry V Rogers 20
 Bruno Bartoszek 27
 Richard J Larson 27

March:

Louise Judd 3
 Betty Landorf 4
 Shirley C Herberts 9
 Thomas W Skogen 19
 Linda M Brorson 21
 Jon D Brorson 22
 Stephan B Solberg 25
 Roger D Light 28

Holmenkollen on Ebay!

Polar Star
Member Total as of
Jan 1, 2009:

126

New Members:

- None -

Next Newsletter
target print date:

Mar 16, 09

(10 days after last
content received)

Content due:

Mar 6, 09

More than 1740
visits on our
Polar Star Website.

According to news reports, the "Diamanten" has been placed for auction on e-bay, with a starting bid of \$5,000 USD or about NOK 35,000. The diamanten is the diamond shaped cabin space at the top of the ski-jump and has been an iconic symbol of Norway's place as the inventor of skiing.

The e-bay description of the sale is:

Unique chance to buy the top of
Norways national pride:

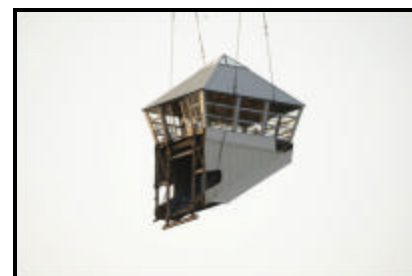
Holmenkollen ski jump!

Holmenkollen is about to un-
dergo a huge rebuilding, and in
the process the old ski jump and
its top "Diamanten" has been
separated.

The pavilion is filled with draw-
ings and autographs from a lot of
great ski jumpers throughout
time and is a real collectors
item . It is in a great condition
and can be used in any number
of ways.

"Diamanten" is now ready for a
new home, so place a bid on this
unique memorable, and impress your friends, collea gues or business partners
by having the one and only "Diamanten"...

Winning bid was \$37.300 (270.000 NOK) on
Dec 7, 2008 placed by Tommy Sharif.



Get to know a Polar Star member: - Lois Michalsen



Lois Evensen was born June 1, 1921 in Duluth, Minnesota to Rev. Edward Evensen and Hannah Richolson Evansen. Her father was a pastor of the Norwegian Danish Methodist Episcopal Church. Siblings were brother Andrew and sister Helen. She attended elementary schools in St. Paul, Minnesota and graduated from Austin High School in Chicago. Lois had lessons in piano and organ. She also had training in voice and had aspirations of becoming an opera singer.

She has served as organist and choir director at church. During World War II she worked in the tool industry. Harold served as a Dental Tech in the military.

In June of 1945 Harold Michalsen and Lois Evensen were married in Kedzie Church in Chicago. They have been married 63 years. Son, Marvin, was born in 1946 and son, Roger, in 1953. Marvin attended Yale in the same class as George W. Bush. Wife Sheila

is an architect. Their daughter, Venezia, is a Ph. D. and daughter, Ravenna, is working on her Ph. D. Roger's wife is Jenna. They have a son, Rev. Ted Michalsen and a daughter, Hannah Michalsen.

Lois' mother was born in Tystad, Denmark and the family emigrated to the U. S. in the

1880's settling in the Humboldt Park area. Harold's family came from Arendahl in 1910. They have travelled to Norway several times and to Denmark two times.

Both Harold and Lois joined Sons of Norway and Polar Star Lodge January 1, 1996. She is Assistant Secretary and Historian and Harold has been Marshall. Harold is still taking classes and is still painting. He has painted a number of Norwegian scenery pictures. His entry in the 2006 5th District Convention competition won him a blue ribbon. She has developed a reputation as a Story Teller. She loves people and enjoys the fun and fellowship with the "kindred folk" of Polar Star Lodge.

Notes from the Editor: - Michael Lund

Happy New Year!

It's a new year with new opportunities and challenges for Sons Of Norway and our lodge.

One way to make our newsletter and website more interesting is to post more pictures and articles. Pictures from meetings and other events

would be greatly appreciated by our members.

Since I started as the editor and webmaster I can count on one hand the number of times I have received content for our newsletter or website. I greatly appreciate the few of you who make our newsletter and website more interesting.

Please email me some pictures from our meetings, or any interesting information that you think our members would benefit from.

Thank you,
Michael Lund

MASSE MORO NORWEGIAN HERITAGE CAMP

The camp will be held July 26 to August 8 in the Beaver Camp Reserve at Eau Claire, Wisconsin. District 5 youth, ages 9 to 15, are eligible.

Total cost is \$600.00. If the lodge gives \$150.00 matching funds District 5 will give \$150.00 matching funds for a combined \$300.00. Cost to camper is \$300.00.

Applications must be postmarked on or before May 17, 2009.

ACTIVITIES:

Fun Norwegian language sessions with dialogues, songs and games

Special evening programs

Norwegian holidays celebrated

Norwegian handicrafts and folk dancing

Soccer, volleyball and other sports activities

Viking Club including Viking games, crafts, mythology and more

Programs at Beaver Creek Nature Center

Programs at University of Wisconsin Observatory

Polar Star has never had a camper at Masse Moro. What a great experience this could be for any of our young members. Not just the camping experience but more importantly the exposure to Norwegian culture and to their heritage.

For more information call (630) 299-3661.

Also go to www.massemoro.com

The February meeting will be a PENNY SOCIAL. For new members a Penny Social is somewhat like a combination of a Silent Auction and a Raffle. Members bring two or three things to be auctioned. Bidding is done by buying tickets and placing them in a bag by the item they would like. A ticket is drawn from the bag and it wins the item.

Polar Star Lodge 2009 Events:

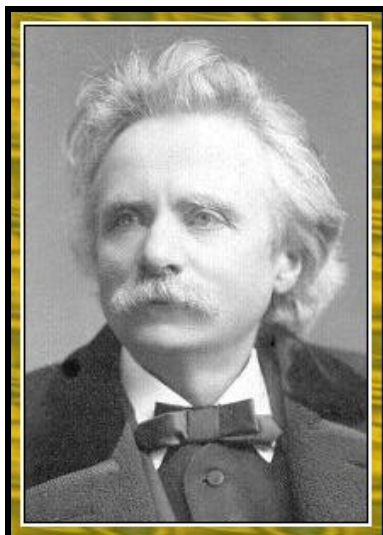
- Jan 4 The Viking Ship - Roald Berg
Serving Committee: Don & Charlotte Danielson, Douglas Danielson, Al & Phoebe Bergh, Matt Chaussey
- Jan 17 Board Meeting - 09:00am at St. Olaf Lutheran Church
- Feb 1 Penny Social - Jim Van Winkle
Serving Committee: Karen Oswald, Kimberly Farinelli, Harold & Lois Michalsen
- Mar 1 Astrology - Ron Vann
Serving Committee: Carol Devito, Jim & Mary Ellen Van Winkle
- Apr 5 Iceland - Lee Olsen
Serving Committee: Dick & Ellen Jensen, Floyd & Sherry Anderson
- Apr 11 Board Meeting
- Jun 6 Picnic at Leisure Lake member Resort - Polar Star Officers
- June 27 Midsummer Eve Celebration
- July NO MEETING
- Jul 11 Board Meeting
- Aug 2 Rosemailing.
Serving Committee: Norm & Betsy Olson, Tom & Viola Skogen
- Sep 6 Cultural program - Al Bergh
Serving Committee: Nilslee Kreppert , Roald & Frances Bergh
- Oct 4 Leif Erikson - Carol Devito
Serving Committee: Joni Koehler, Barb & Ken Johnson , Ray & Astrid Nerhus
- Oct 10 Board Meeting
- Nov 1 Høstfest
- Dec 6 Christmas party
Serving Committee: Harriet Eklund, Lee Olson & Eleanor Bates

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Who is this? - Answer on the website.



Some hints:

Born 1843.

He painted with notes.