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Fra Presidenten!

Don Danielson

In the September Viking Magazine International President Dan Rude expressed his concern about the future of Sons of Norway. He writes: "This is our organization. Every one of us needs to take action to save Sons of Norway from a perilous future - not next year, not next month, but right now." His concern is in recruiting new members and retention of those members. Even as Sons of Norway is our organization on the national and international level, so Polar Star Lodge is our organization on the local level. With each generation we find ourselves one more step removed from our roots and we need to increase our commitment to stay connected to those roots so our heritage and culture can be promoted and preserved.

2009 has not been a good year for recruiting and retention. Two

adult members were recruited in January and one in September. One heritage member was born in May and one in August for a total of five. Seven names have been deleted from our membership list since May 17, 2009. To accept President Rude's challenge and take action now, one suggested action is to set a goal of each member or member household recruiting one member.....just ONE ! That could increase Polar Star membership by fifty to seventy five per cent. Remember....every new member you recruit gets you a chance to win that fully paid luxury trip to Norway !!!

Another immediate action could be for every one to bring (not just invite) a guest or guests to our October meeting and make that our "RALLY DAY". I also make a plea to more of our members to become



involved because this IS OUR organization. It is YOUR organization. As in other organizations many lodges find increasing responsibilities falling on fewer persons. We need to use every avenue possible to increase and strengthen our membership. We need your ideas and your support. We hope that you have had a good summer and that we can get the new program year off to a good start. A Nominating Committee was elected at our September meeting to start seeking officer nominees for the next two year cycle of 2010 and 2011. The committee consists of Vice President Ray Nerhus, Chairman; Roald Bergh; Norm Olson and Carol Devito.

Fraternally,
Don Danielson

From the Social Director: - Phoebe Bergh

2009 Attendance :

Jan 4	
Members:	35
Visitors:	2
Feb 1	
Members:	25
Visitors:	7
Mar 1	
Members:	18
Visitors:	5
Apr 5	
Members:	22
Visitors:	2
Jun 6 - Picnic	
Members:	23
Visitors:	7
Aug 2	
Members:	19
Visitors:	6
Sep 6	
Members:	12
Visitors:	4
Oct 4	
Members:	
Visitors:	
Nov 1- Høst fest	
Members:	
Visitors:	
Dec 6	
Members:	
Visitors:	

Norwegian Cultural Event Sunday, November 1, 2009

On Sunday, November 1, 2009 from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m., we will have our Second Norwegian Cultural Event, held at St. Olaf Lutheran

Church in Montgomery.

Vendors will be selling Scandinavian items such as rosemaling, knit wear, gift items, wall pictures and wood carvings.

Polar Star Lodge will be selling Norwegian food made by our members, to enjoy at the event along with a FREE cup of coffee or packaged food to take home.

There will also be demonstrations such as lefse making and wood carv-

ing. If you have not already signed up to bring Norwegian food, to serve as a greeter, usher, kitchen worker, food seller or to set up or clean up, you can do so at our regular October meeting or by calling Phoebe Bergh, #630 585-8422.

Entertainment at the Cultural Event will be the Norwegian Folk Dancers of Chicago giving performances at 2:00 to 2:30 p.m. and again at 3:00 to 3:30 p.m. Leikarringen "Heimhug" is the oldest existing Scandinavian folk dance group in the Chicago area. They were founded in 1925 as one of three Norwegian "ring dance" societies. "Heimhug" is a "yearning for home" a feeling

shared by many Norwegian immigrants.

In the past, the group has performed for the Ravinia Summer Festival, Chicago area 17th of May Celebration, Leif Erikson and Scandinavian Day Festivals, Nordic Fest in Decorah, Iowa, Syttende Mai Fest in Stoughton, Wisconsin, the Scandinavian Day Festival in Story City, Iowa as well as for numerous Scandinavian organizations in the Chicago area and for Norwegian royalty during their visit to the United States. The majority of the folk costumes worn by the members, originated from the various regional districts of Norway.

MEMBERS IN THE HOSPITAL NOW OR RECENTLY

Harriet Eklund at Marian Joy in Wheaton

Lee Olson at Delnor Hospital in Geneva

Matthew Chaussey at Northwestern Memorial in Chicago

Leif Erikson Lodge 100th Anniversary Dinner - October 11, 2pm

Location:
Irish American Heritage Center
4626 N. Knox Avenue.
Chicago, Illinois

Menu:
Roast Loin of Pork Or Codfish
Rutabaga, Potatoes
Catered: Family Style

Social & Meeting 2:00 p.m.
Dinner Served 4:00 p.m.

RESERVATIONS: By Oct. 1, 2009

Lee Hardison 773-772-8221

Vi Covington 708-788-0316

Cost: \$40.00 per person

Anniversary Celebration includes a Silent Auction

Plenty of Free Parking

If interested in going contact:

Harriet Eklund (630) 690-8699

Phoebe Bergh (630) 585-8422

Gratulerer med dagen!

AUG

Tristan J Meek 5
Seth Olson 9
Martin E Olson 11
Harlan O Dahlstrom 12
Rev. Robert B Kasperson 12
Floyd G Anderson 20
Dorothy L Coe 25
Michael J Lund 25
Ruth E Roosa 27
Burt E Severson 31

SEP

Frances Berg 4
Yvette B Shubert 9
Harold M Michalsen 12
Kari M Schussler 12
Jean Scott 20
Lois E Ronning 21
Arnold L Roosa 27

OCT

Harriet F Eklund 4
Louis C Kreppert 9
Gerald L Rygh 24
Kathleen J Hatteberg 27
Karen A Oswald 30



Pictures from the September Meeting.

Polar Star
Member Total as of
Sep 1, 2009:

127

Next Newsletter
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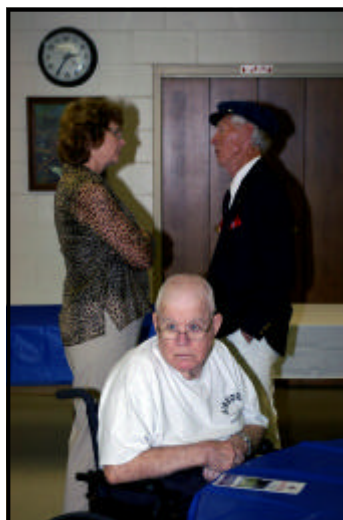
Nov 16, 09

Content due:

Nov 06, 09

More than 2175
visits on our
Polar Star Website.

Thank you,
Frank Krawczyk
for taking pictures at our
meetings and events.



MASSE MORRO HERITAGE CAMP

(The following is an expression of appreciation to Polar Star Lodge and a message to fellow members eligible to attend)

Thank You,

Thank you to Polar Star Lodge for your help to send me to Masse Morro camp this past summer! I enjoyed every minute of it!!!

I learned tons of Norwegian games, folk tales, songs, and I even came home speaking Norwegian!! I will be giving a presentation about my wonderful experience at Masse Morro camp on Sunday, October 4th at the meeting!! I intend to go back until I become a counselor!! I am eager about sharing my wonderful experience!! I hope after I share my experience with you, you will want to have your own too.

From Bailey Danielson

Get to know a Polar Star member: - Donald Danielson



Donald Danielson was born December 3, 1926 at Pilot Mound Minnesota to Clarence N. Danielson and Tillie Olson Danielson. Siblings included two brothers and one sister. He graduated with his class from Peterson High School in 1945 although on graduation day he was at the University of Wisconsin in Navy Radio School. Following two years in the Navy with duty in Naples, Italy he farmed a neighbor's farm before enrolling at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota graduating in 1951. From 1951 to 1954 he studied theology at Luther Theological Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota. Upon graduation and ordination Don returned to the Navy as a chaplain. Duty assignments included Military

Sea Transport Service out of San Francisco; U. S. Naval Training Center, Bainbridge, Maryland and Second Marine Division, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. During deployment to Beirut, Lebanon he received a Letter of Call from Oak Knoll Lutheran Church in Wayzata, Minnesota. Two years later he received a request from the Lutheran Commission on Chaplains to return to active duty for a third time with assignments to Amphibious Squadron Three at San Diego, California; Naval Auxilliary Air Station, Meridian, Mississippi; Service Force Three out of Subic Bay, the Phillipines, serving off the coast and in and out of Vietnam and finally U.S. Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Illinois. He began his Navy career there in 1944 as a recruit and completed it there in 1968 as a chaplain to recruits. From 1970 to 1994 Don continued his ministry to veterans at the Veterans Administration West Side Hospital in Chicago retiring with a total of forty years of government service. In 1995

and 1996 Don and Charlotte were full time motorhomers throughout the United States and eastern Canada. In January of 1956 he married Charlotte Munro, who was serving in the Navy Medical Department. They have four children, eleven grand children and three great grandchildren. Don has been a member of Sons of Norway and Polar Star Lodge since August 1, 2004. His first Sons of Norway meeting was in Fåvang, Norway in 2002. In addition to Don and Charlotte, three children, nine grandchildren and three great grandchildren are members of Polar Star Lodge. He is currently serving as President of Polar Star. All of Don's immigrant ancestors are from Norway. They come from Telemark, Buskerud and Oppland. He and Charlotte have made three visits to Norway. The last one included daughters Kim Farinelli and Dawn Shepardson together with grandchildren Ashley and Michael Farinelli.

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NEIGHBOR LODGE EVENTS



CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Member Sara K. Meek and husband Second Lieutenant Aaron W. Meek, U. S. Marine Corps on the birth of son Tristan James Meek.

Member Brittany N. Chaussey on her marriage to Christopher M. Gorte.

September 27, 2009- 3:00 PM

SKJOLD NEWS BENEFIT

Bethel Lutheran Church

3839 W. Frontage Road

Palatine, Illinois

Catered Buffet

Herb Roasted Chicken and Roast Beef + Delicious Desserts

Entertainment, Auction

Tickets \$10.50

For Reservation:

Send Check, Name, Phone, No. of Reservations x \$10.50 to:

Mike Hanson

16 South Regency Court East

Arlington Heights, IL 60004-6635 For Information:

Call Mike Hanson at (847) 398-5882

October 11, 2009-2:00 PM

LEIF ERIKSON CENTENNIAL

Irish American Heritage Center

4626 N. Knox Ave.

Chicago

Catered Family Style Dinner Served at 4:00 PM

Roast Loin of Pork or Codfish

Entertainment Silent Auction

Tickets \$40.00

Reservations by Oct. 1

Vi Covington 708-788-0316 or Call Lee Hardison 773-772-8221

November 14 2009-4-7 PM

Cleng Peerson Smorgasbord

Norway Community Center

Norway Illinois

Advance Tickets Adults \$12.00 Children Under 12 \$6.00

Information: (815) 434-0291 Tickets: (630-299-3661)

Let us support our fellow lodges as much as we can by sending a delegation to each event. For coordination call (630) 299-3661

Upcoming 2009 Events:

See more events on our website.

Date:	Event:	Kitchen Committee:
4-Oct	Leif Erikson - Carol Devito	Barb & Ken Johnson, Joni Koehler, Ray & Astrid Nerhus
1-Nov	Høstfest	
7-Nov	Annual Board Meeting St. Olaf. 09:00am	
6-Dec	Christmas Party	Harriet Eklund, Lee Olson, Eleanor Bates

From the Foundation Director: - Carol Devito

Hi Members,

In August we all received the Sons of Norway Foundation 2008 Annual Report: Focused on the future, Building on our history. I hope you had a chance to peruse through the report to realize what our donations to the foundation accomplish. Grants and scholarships granted to students, men, women and families to help promote our Norwegian heritage and culture.

The Little Red Piggy that I pass around at our meetings helps The Polar Star Lodge meet its \$300.00 goal to the Foundation along with a generous contribution from our members.

Please attend our October 4th meeting. We have an exciting program for our October Foundation Meeting. Hope to see you there!

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Who is this? - Answer on the website.

Born: Dec 8, 1832

Middle name: Martinius

"Ja vi elsker dette landet..."

