



Normanden Lodge 4-424 Newsletter May 2022



The weather report from Eivind is 68 degrees Fahrenheit and sunny blue skies in western Norway..... he will have more details when he returns.



Danelle & Eivind top of Fløyen in Bergen



Erik & Haele at Preikestolen (Pulpit Rock)

Syttende Mai Celebration

MAY SOCIAL MEETING Saturday May 14, 3:00 p.m.

We invite you to share in the Syttende Mai celebration of Norwegians all over the world. Constitution Day is celebrated on May 17 to commemorate the day when Norway's constitution was signed at Eidsvoll in 1814. Our celebration will be Saturday, May 14 with the following schedule:

3:00 Socializing and games for adults and children, including Kubb and Norwegian/Swedish corn hole.

4:00 Parade: honoring our own King Harald V and Queen Sonja, Crown Prince Håkon and Crown Princess Mette Marit

4:15 Potluck dinner. The Lodge will provide hamburgers and hot dogs with accompanying buns and condiments. Members are asked to bring side dishes, salads or desserts.

As a special treat, we will have **a visit from Ingrid Furuheim**, an exchange student from Norway who is attending Hellgate High School. Please come and welcome her.

Happenings at the Lodge...

Missoula Marathon

Normanden 424 Sons of Norway members have again agreed to participate in the Missoula Marathon on June 26th. A couple people might be running, but most of us will be handing out water and cheering on the runners during the early part of the race. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Betty Rude, Volunteer Coordinator. More information later.

Sunshine Messages

Spring (vår) greetings! Buckets of sunshine and healing wishes go to members Betsy Maier, Lisa Jackson, John Knudson, Hazel Sorenson, Joanie, Bob Babcock, and Nordy Riley. Blessings of peace and comfort to all who are experiencing health challenges. Warm spring wishes of peace and comfort to Jennae and Charles Kuehl. Sending strength to you to deal with life's challenges.

Happy 95th Birthday to Lois Hartse! We send all our happiest thoughts to you for a special year!

Happy 100th birthday to Thelma Hogan~member since 1973! Gratulasjoner (Best Wishes)!

Please Contact Melodee Burreson at 406-370-7922 or m_burreson@yahoo.com

May 2022

| | |
|-------------------------------|----|
| Maya Leischner | 1 |
| Jennie K Fulton | 2 |
| Danyon Anstyn Fishell | 3 |
| Haele Gjetmundsen | 3 |
| Richard W Twilde | 3 |
| Svein Newman | 4 |
| John D Hartz | 6 |
| Barbara R Walker | 7 |
| Lee Bradley | 8 |
| Raneid May Patrick | 10 |
| Ken Joe Sanders | 10 |
| Cherie D Garcelon | 11 |
| Doug D Lilly | 15 |
| Paulette K Parpart | 15 |
| Chuck Reaves | 15 |
| Betty J Rude | 15 |
| Soren B Stoverud-Myers | 15 |
| Ebba Knudsen Norberg | 16 |
| Melodee Lynn Burreson | 17 |
| Bella Elise Marie Christensen | 17 |
| Allison Reaves | 19 |
| Crystal Tilleman | 19 |
| Torvon Lunde | 20 |
| C. Corby Dickerson IV | 22 |
| Robert James Shipley | 22 |
| Paige Lund | 23 |
| Carl Christian Ibsen | 28 |
| Schuyler R Mc Shea | 28 |
| Viola D Skogen | 29 |
| Elaine H Ryan | 31 |



May New Members:

Carol Gordon
Alan Johnson
Annika Lunde
Kimberly Lunde
Torvon Lunde

Annual 50-mile Yard Sale Event - June 25th

Do you have items that you would like to sell at a huge yard sale? Sons of Norway will provide the table and the parking lot space, but the rest is up to you! The yard sale is from 8-12. Customers can shop at yard sales along the highway from here to the Bitterroot Valley. If you are interested in participating this year, please contact Betty Rude, 543-3219. To encourage people to stop and shop, we probably need to have more than one table of goods.

Last year's bake sale during the 50 mile Garage Sale was a hit. With your help we can make it even better this year. Saturday, June 25, is the day, contact Cathy Erdman at 406-546-5883 If you can help with the table or provide baked good!

Thelma Hogan turns 100 on June 4.

She was born on Gurskoy Island near Alesund, Norway in 1922. At the age of two, her parents immigrated to the US.

Thelma has been a member of Sons of Norway since 1973 or half her life! (At a younger age, she was active...attending pancake breakfasts, making Vikings, selling Vikings...)

Thelma Hogan will celebrate her 100th birthday at the lodge with family and friends on June 4.



Thelma sitting on her mom's lap



Sons of Norway: The 'three-legged stool' or the 'Three Fs'

SON is characterized as a 'three-legged stool' because of its three distinctive divisions:

1. Financial: this is the division that provides financial products: life insurance and annuities.
2. Fraternal: this is the division that provides support to our lodges and members. Examples would be the *Viking Magazine*, cultural skills, sports medal program, lodge programs, etc. The Fraternal Division is financially supported by the Financial Division.
3. Foundation: this is the non-profit division that provides grant and scholarship support to our lodges and members. Tax deductible funds from lodges and members support the Foundation.

The Financial and Fraternal parts of the Sons of Norway are a 501 (C) (8), not-for-profit organization. These membership groups unite individuals with a common bond, to secure their families' financial security through a variety of life insurance and investment products. Fraternal groups enable their members to do charitable, educational, social and other volunteer community activities. Not-for-profit organizations are not subject to state or federal income taxes.

The Foundation is a 501 (C) (3), non-profit organization and all contributions are tax deductible. The Foundation is managed by the Foundation Board of Governors.

All three legs of the stool are important to carry out the mission of Sons of Norway, which is to promote and preserve the heritage and culture of Norway, to celebrate our relationship with other Nordic Countries, and to provide quality insurance and financial products to its members

Merv Eriksson, Lodge Foundation Director

Club Activities for May 2022

Rosemaling

The Rosemaling group will meet in May. Call for dates and time.

Please contact Mary Manning at 251-4783 or mary_am@icloud.com or Dan Rude at dbjrude@msn.com

Fjell Nål (Mountain Needle)

The stitching group is meeting at the Lodge from 7pm to 9pm on Tuesday nights. We always love to have new people join us, so if you are interested come on out. We have many of the needle arts represented and are always willing to teach new members. If you have any questions please email me at Jennae.kuehl@gmail.com or call me at 406-880-8468. Happy Stitching!!

Language

For those interested in learning Norwegian, there are several ways to get started. Of course, the International Sons of Norway web site has language lessons. Through the Missoula Public Library, you can learn on-line through Mango. On the Library web site, search under Collections and scroll down to Digital Items. Mango Languages is included in the list, then type in Norwegian. Another good beginning source is the Pimsleur program on CDs. A simple book is Norwegian in 10 Minutes A Day.

Bjornetann Language & Cultural Camp

Camp is back! We are happy to report that Bjornetann Language and Cultural Camp is back after a two-year absence. "Homecoming" is the theme for the camp scheduled for July 21-24 in a beautiful area between Livingston and Yellowstone Park. The cost is free for kids under 6. \$150 for kids 6-11; \$175 for those 12 and over. Early birds get \$5 off a t-shirt per registration. No refunds after June 20th. Handiwork, carving, rosemaling, cooking, folk dancing, language classes, and children's activities are offered. The cabins are comfortable. The food is great. The area is very beautiful with mountains and meadows for hiking. As stated in our Policy Manual the Lodge will award a \$75 scholarship for any member attending this camp. For more information contact Dan Rude, 432-3219 or email dbjrude@msn.com. You can also get information on the District IV website.

Cooking Club

The Cooking Club will take a hiatus in May and we will see if we can get together soon! Stay well.

Please email Betsy if you are coming or call 406-239-2861. betsymaier@montana.com

Sports

Just a reminder that you can track your activity and work towards the various sports medals that are offered by the Sons of Norway. There are tracking records available on the sofn.com website. If you have any suggestions for sports related activities, please email Charles at cjkuehl2013@gmail.com. Have fun!

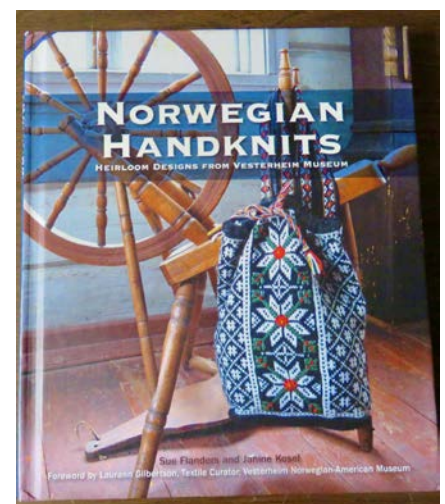
Youth Director

Amy Glaspey glaspeya@gmail.com 406-241-4043 or Betty Rude at dbjrude@msn.com

Library

Andrea Olsen has donated two books to the library. One is a beautiful book, **Norwegian Handknits: Heirloom Designs from Vesterheim Museum**.

The other is **Notes from a Scandinavian Parlor** with such gems as "Some troll women have noses so big a smaller troll may set up housekeeping on it."



Viking Baking Results

Thank you to everyone who helped bake our vikings for our booth at the Western Montana Fair. On Wednesday, April 20 and Saturday, April 23, 64 members baked a total of 18,360 vikings! Many thanks to those who also helped on Tuesday and Thursday mixing the secret spices and eggs into the tubs filled with our special dry ingredients.

Save the date.....for the Western Montana Fair August 10th – 14th. Sign up to work in the fair booth!



How many Norwegians does it take to tape a box?



NORMANDEN LODGE # 4-424

5795 HIGHWAY 93 SOUTH
P.O. BOX 3421
MISSOULA, MT 59806

Membership

Contact Dale Fellon at 406-273-6059 or fellonins@msn.com with any questions on membership!

Individual Membership \$60 per year
Family Membership \$95 per year



Lodge Rental

Need to host a party, have a get together or retirement party coming up and don't have the room at home. Have a wedding in the future?

Call John Knudsen and rent the lodge for your event.
406-531-6021
jsknudsen2@gmail.com

For all your estate planning needs

Lisa Mecklenberg Jackson
Attorney

2687 Palmer St., Ste. D
Missoula, MT 59808
(406) 549-0306
FAX: (406) 206-2305
lisa@mtelderlaw.com



www.mtelderlaw.com
Toll Free (888) 244-7684



Heather Carter

406.880.4003

1210 Hiberta
Missoula, MT 59804

Heather@dragonflyglass.net

Call, text or e-mail for hours or by appointment



Eivind Gjetmundsen, AAMS®
Financial Advisor

3700 S Russell Street
Suite 118c
Missoula, MT 59801-8579
Bus. 406-728-0592 Cell 406-370-2364
TF. 800-735-7080
eivind.gjetmundsen@edwardjones.com
www.edwardjones.com



Russ Pooley
Owner, Operator
All phases of construction dirt work, septic installation, sewer hookup, hauling and more!

(D) 406-251-4048 | (M) 406-240-8732
PooleyExc@gmail.com
PooleyExcavating.com

Heather Carter
406.880.4003
Construction Administration Services
heather.carter@onewest.net

Minutes of the Business Meeting of Normanden 424 Sons of Norway-February 21, 2022

Minutes of the Business Meeting of Normanden 424 Sons of Norway-March 21, 2022

The March Business Meeting of Normanden 424 was called to order by President Eivind Gjetmundsen at 7 PM. The following members were in attendance: Eivind Gjetmundsen, Betty Wing, Betty Rude, Sharon Tandberg, Dale Fellon, John Knudsen, Jennae and Charles Kuehl, Merv Eriksson, Nordy Riley

Minutes: The minutes of the February 21 Business meeting were approved.

Communications: None

President's report: Normanden was awarded a grant for a portable p. a. system in the amount of \$1150, thanks to the grant application Eivind submitted in December.

Treasurer's report: Jennae reported checking balance was \$13,437.09. The Corp Board has been funded for the year. Start up cash was paid to the Fair account. D17 form is due and tax returns due in May.

Membership Secretary's Report:

Membership Committee Report: 23 new members is the goal for 2022. We have 8 so far.

Volunteer. Betty Rude Betty Rude moved to participate in the Marathon Sunday, June 26. The motion passed unanimously. May 4 is the date the website will be open for volunteers to sign up.

Social Committee: The April Social meeting will be Saturday, April 9, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. It will be a fun night with a Murder Mystery in which the murder takes place in a Sons of Norway Lodge, accompanied by an old-fashioned Sons of Norway potluck.

Cultural Reports: The Norwegian Book Club and the Intermediate Language Class are meeting. The Fjel Nal Group is meeting Tuesdays at the Lodge. Cooking club: Betsy was not present and has had no response to her offers.

Rosemaling: March 27, April 3 and May 8 & 22

Genealogy : members may join with the group at the Library

Youth Director: Betty Rude is planning an Easter activity, on Sunday, April 10 in the afternoon. It will not be an Easter egg hunt but crafts and games and decorating cookies. Janelle Grant will assist.

Bjørntann Camp will operate this summer: July 21 – 24. Fees are: free for 5 and under, \$150 for ages 6-11, \$175 for older. Scholarships are available.

Foundation Director's Report: Lodge got the grant for sound system. International Foundation got almost a million-dollar estate gift. The Foundation is supercharging grants, increasing the maximum amounts for both community service and Lodge vitality grants. They are emphasizing community service with the goal to do good for the community and to receive good publicity for any project. We must ack the role of the Foundation in written materials. The goal is to do good and receive good. Normanden should apply for both types of grants.

Scholarships: they get many applications for every scholarship and give out \$130,000 a year. We need to get the word out about scholarships; Merv will put something in the newsletter.

Scholarship Committee Report: There have been no scholarship applications yet. Deadline is March 31.

Fair Booth Committee Report: The Lodge will bake vikings April 20 and 23. There have been no meetings with the Fair Board. All applications are on line now. Sharon has lined up meat lockers. Nordy will be locating a source for the lefse.

Newsletter Editor's Report: Deadline for submissions Friday, March 25

Sunshine: No report but Melodee should be advised of a birthday card to Lois Hartse, and cards for recovery from surgery for Nordy, John Knudsen , Dan Rude and Bob Babcock. Hazel Sorenson will be having surgery in April.

Corporate Board. Aaron will reinforce the area under the big kitchen sink. Greg Peters has not been reachable for the trees and hedge, but hoping he will trim them. A professional needs to examine chinking on the exterior of the building. A reminder that the gas should be turned off after the stove has been used.

The big clean up day is Sat, April 30 9 – 12 The Board will cater the meal so the kitchen can be cleaned. The Board did a field trip around the grounds to come up with a to-do list. Trailers need to be gone one week before Syttende Mai. One is parked out there without the permission form and we don't know who it belongs to.

Old Business:

1. Pancake breakfast results. The great news is that there is a profit of \$1571, with more coming in from some relatives of the Knudsens.

New Business:

1. Choice of a non-profit to receive the proceeds of the pancake breakfast to benefit the people of the Ukraine. Betty Wing moved that we donate the money to the World Central Kitchen as they are actively serving meals even to people inside the war zone. Motion carried unanimously. Jennae will give the donation on-line when all have been received.
1. Election of Delegates to the convention. The following members were nominated and elected to serve as delegates to the District IV 2022 convention to be held in Watford City, North Dakota
 1. Betty Rude
 2. Merv Eriksson
 3. Lauren Knudsen
 4. Eivind Gjetmundsen
 5. Danelle Gjetmundsen
 6. Donna SyvertsonAn Alternate was also elected: Tolly Eriksson
1. Bitterroot 50-mile Yard sale June 25-26
Betty Rude will put an item in the newsletter to announce our participation in the yard sale on Saturday, June 25 from 8-12 for anyone wanting to offer their wares.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m. The next Business meeting will be held Monday, April 18, 2022 at 7 PM.

Respectfully,

Betty Wing

Minutes of the Business Meeting of Normanden 424 Sons of Norway-April 18 21, 2022

The March Business Meeting of Normanden 424 was called to order by Betty Wing at 7 PM. The following members were in attendance: Betty Wing, Betty Rude, Sharon Tandberg, Dale Fellon, John Knudsen, Jennae and Charles Kuehl, Nordy Riley

Minutes: The minutes of the March 21 Business meeting were approved.

Communications: None

President's report: The President is absent.

Treasurer's report: Jennae reported checking balance was \$13,437.09.

Membership Secretary's Report: Sharon can't find her phone and has no report. New members: Allenn Johnson and Carol Madson are new members.

Membership Committee Report: Dale is not present. May be a membership event this fall.

Volunteer. Betty Rude Marathon Sunday, June 26. Told the Gjetmundsens we want to do it.

Social Committee: The April Social meeting will be Saturday, May 14, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. for Syttende Mai.

Cultural Reports: The Norwegian Book Club and the Intermediate Language Class are meeting. The Fjel Nal Group is meeting Tuesdays at the Lodge. Cooking club: Betsy was not present. There was good turnout for making cookies for viking-making. Rosemaling: May 8 & 22

Youth Director: Betty Rude reported the Easter activity was a big success. 14 children and 13 adults. Janelle Grant helped. One child was not a member. Made egg cookies they decorated as well as several active games and dancing.

Bjørntann Camp will operate this summer: July 21 – 24. The theme is “homecoming.” Scholarships are available.

Foundation Director’s Report: Merv was not present.

Scholarship Committee Report: There is one scholarship application: Tina Marie Goldsby. She is going to UofM in the Masters Social Work program. She graduated with honors from Hellgate High School and made the Dean’s list at Liberty University. In long term she hopes to be a juvenile probation officer. She is volunteering in the community. Dan moved we grant her a \$2000 scholarship. Sharon seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Fair Booth Committee Report: The Lodge will bake vikings April 20 and 23. Schedule for viking making is filled up, except one person. Application for the Fair was accepted.

Newsletter Editor’s Report: Deadline for submissions Saturday, April 23. She was hoping clubs could mix up their notices for some variety, and add photos.

Corporate Board. The big clean up day is Sat, April 30, 9 – 12 The Board will cater the meal from Jimmy Johns so the kitchen can be cleaned. We have a list of chores. Tax forms have been taken care of. Aaron Arneson put angle irons under the big sink and it looks great. Chinking professional Mike Ludeen has been contacted. Holes in the eaves may be filled also. Joanie had back surgery so she cannot do the cleaning.

Sunshine: Joanie back surgery.

Old Business:

1. Bitterroot 58-mile Yard sale June 25 8 a.m.

New Business:

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m. The next Business meeting will be held Monday, May 16, 2022 at 7 PM.

Respectfully,

Betty Wing