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## Fra Presidenten

### Benefits of Membership

Vonheim just recently mailed a scholarship check to Concordia Language. We have contributed over \$2400 to scholarships this year. I'm reminded of my own children's scholarship experience, a huge benefit of membership. Both attended Skogfjorden as young children and the Norwegian 4-week credit camp during their high school years.

Did you realize that those 4 weeks are not only a great experience, but students receive high school credit for foreign language? My children fulfilled all language credits through Skogfjorden, freeing up time for other elective classes. My son, Erik, graduated high school with a Comptia A+ Certification, qualifying him for a job as a computer technician, even without further education.

Erik went on to attend Luther College. The computer skills he gained thanks to summers at Skogfjorden, got him a job at their computer help desk as a freshman. This is a campus job with a higher pay grade than others and very few freshmen are ever selected for the help desk. Erik is certified for both software and hardware issues.

This is one of many benefits of membership that we will review in future columns. We encourage you to let your friends and family know about us! We'd love to hear from them.

Tusen Takk!

Merle Tingelstad

### March 17th Meeting

The American Swedish Institute has reserved Sunday afternoon, March 17, for our Lodge to meet in the newly renovated room where we used to meet. It is now called Paulson Hall. The Institute is open from 12 noon to 5 p.m. Members may enjoy a tour on their own of the Institute, a stop at the lovely restaurant called, "FIKA," or spend some time in the much expanded Gift Shop before or after our meeting.

Mark your calendars for March 17th at 2:00PM

Location: American Swedish Institute, 2600 Park Ave, Mpls

To entertain us will be Paul Wilson and Mary Abendorth playing Scandinavian folk music with the accordion, Fiddle, and guitar. Songs will be sung in English, Norwegian and Swedish, and Swingish. They have traveled extensively and appeared on the Garrison Keillor Show. Don't miss this fun afternoon. Coffee and Dessert will be served.



## Coming Events

(Meetings at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 4801 France Ave So, Mpls. The meeting room is downstairs and handicapped accessible, including elevators)

Mar 17	Lodge Mtg 2:00PM at Am Swedish Inst
Apr 16	Lodge Mtg 6:30PM at Luth Church of Good Shepherd
May 21	Metro Lodge Mtg at 6:30PM at LCGS
June 18	Lodge Mtg at 6:30PM at LCGS
July 30	Picnic at Wabun

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### SPORTS AND RECREATION ACTIVITIES

Over the years Vonheim members, families, and friends have participated in many sports and recreation events and activities. Vonheim Sports and Recreation Director Gene Brandvold, indicated the following are some events that were participated in: Sports Medal Program; District Bowling Jamboree, local bowling league; District golf outing; Vonheim golf and picnic; casino trips; day fishing trip; and a Minnesota Twins game.

Which of the mentioned events and activities do Vonheim members want to continue with? Also, what new and different events and activities should be pursued? Our goal is to serve the needs of Vonheim membership. Make your wishes known. We need your input. Send your ideas and comments to Gene Brandvold by email to [geneg-brand@aol.com](mailto:geneg-brand@aol.com) or call him at 952 – 831 – 4361.

### Edvard Grieg Society Concert Series Presented by Norway House

Sunday, March 3rd at 4PM Kristin Jonina Taylor, Pianist

Sunday, April 21, 2013 4PM Heather Johnson, Mezzo Soprano, John Lidal—piano

These events will be held at Mindekirken, The Norwegian Lutheran Memorial Church, 924 E 21st St, Mpls., MN Tickets: \$20 Adults Available at the door.

## Secretary's Report

### February Meeting

Merle Tinglestad called the Lodge meeting to order at 6:37 for a short business meeting. After singing the national anthems, he introduced Gene Brandvold as former International Treasurer and Dennis Sorheim as former International President.

Marilyn Boe told us about the upcoming programs. March 17 at 2:00 PM we will meet at ASI to see the new Paulson Meeting room. Vonheim is considering meetings at ASI and would like everyone to visit and give the board their opinions. The entertainment will be a musical group from Brainerd that has appeared on Prairie Home Companion.

Please notify Erling Husby if you know any member who is ill or needs encouragement.

Gene Brandvold is looking for homes for three Norwegian students coming to language camp in mid June.

Delicious treats were served followed by the 2011 video on the 1100 mile Hurtigruten coastal voyage. The very modern passenger and cargo ship sailed from Bergen to Kirkenes. The scenery was spectacular and beautiful. The trip would be a wonderful vacation.

After the video, we mingled during extra social time. The new name tags were very helpful.

Secretary, Joan Christenson

### The Norwegian Glee Club

Lutefisk & Meatball Dinner

Saturday, April 6, 2013

Seating at 2:00, 4:00 & 6:00 pm

"Last Lutefisk of the Season"

Tickets \$18.00

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RESERVE IN ADVANCE -

Deadline March 29, 2013

[www.norwegiangleeclub.org](http://www.norwegiangleeclub.org)

for Reservation Form

Ticket Contact:

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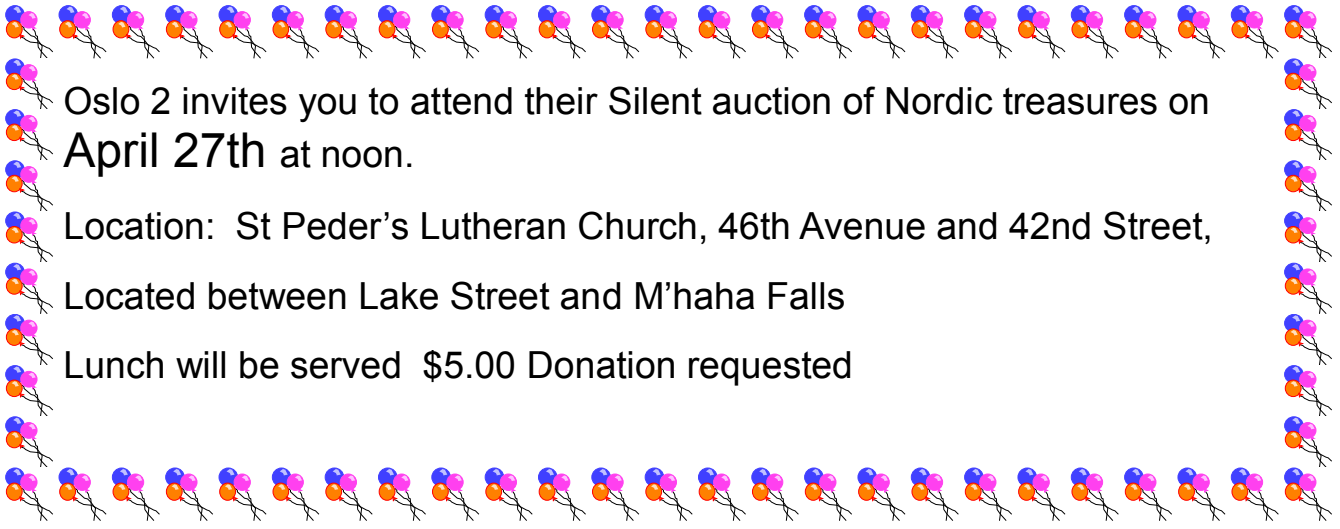
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The meal is served "Family Style"

And

The Glee Club will entertain at each seating!

# Mark Your Calendars



Oslo 2 invites you to attend their Silent auction of Nordic treasures on **April 27th** at noon.

Location: St Peder's Lutheran Church, 46th Avenue and 42nd Street,  
Located between Lake Street and M'haha Falls

Lunch will be served \$5.00 Donation requested



## May 21st Celebrate Syttende Mai

The Metro Lodges, Vonheim 108, Nidaros 1, and Oslo 2, invite you to join their celebration of Syttende Mai on May 21st at 6:30PM at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 4801 France Avenue South, Mpls. The life and music of the first-generation Norwegian-American woman composer Theodora Cormontan (1840-1922) is performed by Michael and Bonnie Jorgensen Michael is a Professor of Music at Gustavus Adolphus in St Peter, MN, and Bonnie is a professional pianist and accompanist. Theodora's story is fascinating as it is told in a power point presentation in addition to songs and music.

Coffee and cookies will be served. A donation of \$5.00 is requested. For more information please contact Louise Bakken, 763-545-4827 or [furballs66@comcast.net](mailto:furballs66@comcast.net).



## June 18th Vonheim's Meatball Dinner

Cliff Brunzell and his band will again perform for this event at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd. Additional information will follow.

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## April 16th Lodge Meeting

Speaking to us will be Master Gardener, Martha Bergland. She is a retired Mankato State professor and will be part of the Home and Garden Show. She is also an author.

Location: Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd  
4801 France Ave, Mpls

Time: 6:30PM

Coffee and Dessert will be served.

