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Minnesota Economic Ties To Norway

We've crossed the longest day of the year and are now officially into summer. My son, Eric began a summer internship in the computer field. Our young Norwegian-American is improving his personal economy.

Meanwhile, Governor Dayton and a Minnesota trade delegation of 35 were in Norway to meet with business leaders and government officials. The mission was looking to create new trade opportunities, gather market insights, acquire business contacts and potential partners and distributors, and working to attract investment to Minnesota.

Norway accounts for \$46 million of Minnesota exports, including optic, medical instruments, electrical machinery and vehicles.

Governor Dayton toured Hybrid Energy in Lysaker, Norway, attended a seminar 'Norway and Minnesota: Global Partners in Innovation and Technology', met privately with U.S. Ambassador Barry White and attended a luncheon at the Grand Hotel, Oslo. At the luncheon, Governor Dayton completed a Foreign Direct Investment signing ceremony with mobileAxept and Norway House/Telemark.

Fraternally,
Merle Tingelstad

CRUISE THE ST.CROIX RIVER

August 18th

Out of Stillwater, MN

Come and spend a Sunday afternoon with other Vonheim Members on this beautiful river, and also enjoy the view of the surrounding countryside.

A buffet lunch will be served, including roast beef, chicken, mashed potatoes, fresh fruit and more.

Entertainment will be a Jazz Band.

Time: 1:30 - 4:00 Boat boards at 1:00 p.m.

Cost: \$20.50

Reservations: Call Marilyn Boe, 763-420-9980, by August 10th.

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)

Board meetings one hour before meetings

July 14	Norway Day at Minnehaha Falls
July 30	Picnic at Wabun
August 18	Cruise on the St Croix

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Vonheim Lodge member Evelyn Schanche died on Sunday June 16. She and her husband, Burre, have been members since 1948. Evelyn was also active in Eastern Star, an Associate member of Mindekirken Church, and member of Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church.

Funeral will be on Wednesday, July 3, at Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church. Visitation is at 11:00 AM followed by the Funeral Service at 12:00 PM.

Her husband, Burre, was a Past President of Vonheim Lodge and worked for the Sons of Norway.

September meeting is our Member Recognition dinner on September 17 at 6:30pm at LCGS. Dinner will be two varieties of soup and salad catered for us by Magnolia's. Certificates will be distributed for membership milestones and achievements. Recognition will be made of members who have made significant contributions to the successful operation of the lodge.

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Meatball Dinner at LCGS
Tuesday June 18, 2013

Vonheim's Board met for the hour prior to the lodge meeting. Highlights of board actions included passage of proposed By-Law changes to bring Vonheim into compliance with the International Constitution. These changes were printed and distributed to members attending the dinner meeting. The document can also be found on the "News" page of our website at www.vonheim108.org. Our lodge will vote on acceptance of the new By-laws at the September 17 meeting. Plans were discussed for the August 18 cruise on the St. Croix and member recognition on September 17.

We were delighted to see a strong attendance of about 150 people for our Meatball Dinner. Many were visitors and members of other lodges.

Our Cheer Committee chair Erling Husby announced that Evelyn Schanche, a member of Vonheim Lodge since 1948, died on Monday, June 17. She and her husband, Burre, have been members since 1948. Her husband, Burre, was a Past President of Vonheim Lodge and worked for the Sons of Norway. Financial Benefits Counselor, Dave Kompeien's sister died June 18 in Clarkfield, Minnesota. We were pleased to see Bob Sillerud and Gregg Iverson were able to attend after serious medical issues.

There are several upcoming events that were brought to our attention. Look elsewhere in this newsletter for details on: July 14 Norway Day; July 30 Oslo Vonheim Joint Picnic; August 17 District Golf in Rochester; August 18 St Croix Cruise; and September 17 Member Recognition. Vonheim is also planning to host the District Bowling with Oslo lodge this fall.

Cliff Brunzell who is leader of the Golden Strings and his three band members entertained us. They played a delightful repertoire of music from Scandinavian tunes, popular tunes and classical music interspersed with his wry humor. The expertise of the band members was awesome. It brought back memories for many people who were delighted by the program. Cliff is celebrating his 50th Anniversary of the Golden Strings which started in January of 1963.

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ATTENTION VONHEIM GOLFERS

Sons of Norway District One has scheduled two golf events that are open to all Sons of Norway members, family, and friends.

On Saturday, August 17, 2013, the Kristiania Lodge, Rochester, MN, will hold the Uff Da Golf Event at the Eastwood Golf Course in Rochester. Playing 18 holes with a cart and lunch is \$46.00. Nine holes with cart and lunch is \$36. Lunch only is \$10.50. Tee times start at 8:30 AM.

On Saturday, September 7, 2013, the Norskfodt Lodge, Morris, MN, will hold a 4 person golf scramble at the Pomme de Terre Golf Course in Morris. Playing 18 holes with cart and lunch is \$40.00. Nine holes with cart and lunch is \$30.00. Lunch only is \$6.00. Tee times start at 9:00 AM

Vonheim Lodge will reimburse one half of the golf, cart, and lunch fee for all Vonheim Lodge members that participant.

Vonheim Lodge usually has the most participants at these District golf events, so let's keep our record going. Bring your family and friends, too. For more information and to sign up see GENE BRANDVOLD or call 952-831-4361.



MASSE MORO - an alternative language camp



In addition to the Skogfjorden Language Villages near Bemidji, MN, young people from Vonheim Lodge are also given the opportunity to attend a language camp near Eau Claire, WI, called Masse Moro, perhaps best translated as "Great Fun". This camp is sponsored by District Five, Sons of Norway, but lodges in District One are offered the availability for a limited number of campers who can then participate in the scholarship programs of District One lodges. Vonheim has had several campers each of the past few years who have chosen this alternative. Masse Moro is a less expensive camp, is only offered as a once-a-summer two-week experience in July, but presents a program comparable to Skogfjorden's. Those youngsters who have attended have reported a great time and wonderful learning experience also. This year Vonheim Lodge is happy to sponsor 3 sisters: Rebekah, Elisa, and Abby Strecker - daughters of member Gracia Strecker, and Sasha Jorstad - daughter of member Elaine Jorstad. The lodge extends best wishes to these young ladies for a marvelous camp experience.



Ha masse moro!



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Picnics! Picnics!

Summer is here **Don't miss these**

Norway Day is July 14th at Minnehaha Falls

* Bring a dish to share in the pavilion at noon for a potluck lunch.
* Plates & Beverages will be provided.

* Worship Service at 11AM; Barnetog at noon. There will be assorted speakers
* and musical groups to enjoy including Gary Gandrud, Honorary Consul
* General, the Norwegian Glee Club, and Skeets Langley.

Metro Lodge Picnic at Wabun on July 30th—Area D

* Come by 6PM to enjoy BBQ chicken and ribs from Caps
* Cost: \$12 Pool & swings etc for the kids
* Reservations required to Marilyn Boe, 763-420-9980, by July 22
