

# Hvite Fjell Nyheter

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April

March 25, 2009

## Lodge Calendar

### April 7 - Lodge Meeting

- 6:00 Board Meeting
- 7:00 General Meeting.
- 7:30 Program. The program is a documentary follow-up to "Professor Rostrup's" presentation last month on the Marshall Plan. Visitors and guests are welcome. See page 2 for more information.

### April 25, 26 - Rosmaling

A rosemaling seminar will be held at Camp Norge on April 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. Teachers are Julie Anne, Kay White and Cheryl Seath. Registration fee is \$80 and includes meals Saturday breakfast through lunch on Sunday. Room rent or RV rental is additional. Registration form and fee must be mailed to Penny Knudsen. E-mail may not be used. Registration forms may be obtained by contacting Ken or Faith Johnson at (775)747-0934.

### May 23, 24, 25 2009 Memorial Day Weekend, Camp Norge

The Recreation Center Board for Camp Norge, Alta, California is sponsoring a 3 day camping experience over the Memorial day

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week-end. You may bring a tent or RV or you can call the Camp Norge Manager (530) 389- 2508 for a room. Meals are available from Saturday breakfast through Monday Breakfast.

Activities include: Saturday, Craft Fair in the Meadow, Explore on your own and Bingo in the evening, Sunday, Horseshoe and other games and later a raffle drawing.

Registration forms may be obtained by contacting Ken or Faith Johnson at (775)747-0934. There is a preregistration deadline of May 15<sup>th</sup> so only the correct amount of food is purchased..

### President's Message

Hei, kjære venner,

I can feel spring coming, even though I am still suffering the consequences of "springing forward" into Daylight Savings Time. Soon, we won't need to watch the weather reports so closely and can look forward to more outdoor activities.

If you attended Knut Erik Jensen's concert, I think you will agree his command of the piano and his remarks

on the history of classical music in Norway were impressive, informative, and entertaining. We had a very good turnout, and the food was terrific. On behalf of the Lodge, I would like to offer a heartfelt and hearty THANK YOU to all who volunteered to make this event a success. Knut Erik wrote in his online blog (<http://nordicelegance.blogspot.com>) that he found the Reno people very friendly. The Steinway Gallery venue was lovely as well, so perhaps we can hold another event there in the future.

Attendees at the March meeting got a treat, too. Craig Sande narrated a photo and video presentation of his trips to Norway. Because he is an avid skier and hiker, his photos took us to exquisite areas off the beaten track, as well as to some popular landmarks. Gunne Rostrup then presented a condensed and very informative version of the history of Norway. I'm sure we all appreciated the time and effort these two friends invested for our benefit. THANK YOU, "Mountain Man Craig" and "Professor Rostrup"!

Both the concert and the March meeting attracted visitors and guests, whom we were delighted to welcome. I will continue publicizing our meetings in the *Reno Gazette Journal* and in various calendars online.

**NOW FOR THIS MONTH'S PITCH:** I encourage you to come to our meeting on April 7, 2009, if you possibly can. The Board will meet as usual at 6 p.m., but

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**Hvite Fjell Lodge** meets at the Odd-fellows Hall in Reno at 7:00pm the first Tue of every month except for July, October and December. Visitors are welcome.

Hvite Fjell's telephone number is

(775) 746-1200

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there will NOT be a regular business meeting of the members. A dessert and coffee social will begin at 7 p.m., followed by a documentary that relates to something "Professor Rostrup" mentioned last month. (That was a clue! See The Marshall Plan article on this page details.)

Also, please mark your calendars for: (1) our Syttende Mai luncheon—including installation of new members—on May 17<sup>th</sup> (location pending) and (2) our picnic at Donner Lake on Saturday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Med vennlig hilsen, Barbara

## Gratulerer Med Dagen i April

Ruth Stousland. . . . .	April 4
Ken Johnson. . . . .	April 5
Connie Anderson. . . . .	April 10
Andy Anderson. . . . .	April 16
Jo Ann Eklund. . . . .	April 19
Mary Sande. . . . .	April 20
Maxine Gullickson. . . . .	April 21
William Foster. . . . .	April 22
Perralina Palm. . . . .	April 26
Alf Stousland. . . . .	April 26
Phil Satre. . . . .	April 30

## March Board Minutes

March 3, 2009

The meeting was called to order by President Barbara Dimmitt at 6:00 pm. Andy Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting, seconded by Maxine Gullickson.

Carol Francis will come to Reno to present a seminar on member recruitment, retention and how to involve and promote the goals of our Lodge to the community. This will be March 21, 2009 at the home of Barbara Dimmitt. Faith will call members for the Membership Recruitment Seminar.

Trygvie Loken announced the

Norwegian class will be March 29, 2009 at 7:pm.

The August Hot Nights was discussed and John Hysin will get information and bring to our next meeting as Perralina Palm will be out of town at that time.

Also discussed the need for an annual calendar of events for next year. Our web site is up and running and can be accessed by going to Hvite Fjell. com.

We will celebrate Syttende Mai on May 17. Details will be available at the next meeting in April.

Respectfully submitted,

Naomi Sande, Secretary

## March General Meeting Minutes

March 3, 2009

The meeting was called to order by President Barbara Dimmitt at 7:45 pm. The Norwegian, Canadian and United States Anthems were sung, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Business was limited to announcements regarding the Membership Challenge Seminar presented by Carol Francis and the Language class by Trygve Loken will be held March 29 at 7:00 pm.

President Dimmitt introduced Dr. Craig Sande and Mr. Gunne Rostrup who will present the program for the evening with excerpts of trips to Norway and the Norwegian oil industry and the economy of Norway at present.

Respectfully submitted,

Naomi Sande, Secretary

## Letter from Wendy Winkelman District 6 Public Relations Officer

Lodge Presidents:

I am attempting to make up a listing of any/all lodge members that you think might be willing to present their "cultural skill" with other lodges. As an example, I might be good at making lefsa - and I would be willing to do a lodge program at another lodge in Arizona.

Some of the cultural skills people may be good at and willing to teach/present are: baking, rosemaling, wood chipping, wood carving, lefsa making, folk dancing, genealogy, hardanger, knitting, music, sewing bunads, Vikings, language, quilting, weaving, etc.

If you would please send me any names of people whom you think might be interested in doing this, I would appreciate that. I will then contact that person and see if, in fact, they might be interested.

Hopefully, this type of document will be a useful tool for our lodge program directors in planning lodge programs. Thank you! Wendy K

## April's Program

### The Marshall Plan

In the wake of World War 2, Europe lay in ruins. As unrest and desperation grew, Stalin waited for Europe to fall into his lap. Secretary of State George C. Marshall formulated a bold strategy to finance the reconstruction of Europe. This documentary details the origins of the Marshall Plan and focuses on its importance to Norway.

This movie is a follow-up to Gunne Rostrup's presentation on the history of Norway at our March meeting.

## Norwegian Genealogy

### Letter from the Family History

#### Center in Salt Lake City

Dear friends and Sons and Daughters of Norway,

My name is John Prather. I am a genealogist with the LDS church working on a rather momentous project called the Norway Project. The Family History Library in Salt Lake has purchased the bygdeboks for all of Norway and we, along with others through out the world, are in the process of extracting the names of families in the books and combining these names with census records. When we finish, this work will be available to the world free of charge.

We are looking for a few good men and women to assist in this great work. I am contacting friends and sons and daughters of Norway because of the obvious interest you have to identify your family and become aware of all your progenitors. Please note the power point presentation attached to this letter.

In a nut shell here is what we ask our friends to do. We send out between 10-12 digitized pages from the Bygdeboks to your residence, and at your leisure you extract the names from an easily recognizable format to a program called the PAF (personal ancestral file). This program is free and easy to use. You then email the results to our offices and you are done with the assignment. You may do as many assignments as you wish. It is not absolutely necessary to read or speak Norwegian but for those who do we have special assignments. With your help, in a couple of years this effort will make it possible for anyone of Norwegian descent to identify most, if not all, of their progenitors as far back as the early sixteen hundreds.

This Project is partnered with the North Atlantic Population Project of which DIS-Norg (the largest genealogical society in Norway) and the Norwegian Archives are part. The intent of the project is strictly non-denominational and research oriented: to assist people in finding their ancestors.

Sincerely ,

John Prather

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### Norwegian Humor

Ole went to a Minneapolis bank to cash a check. Since Ole had no account at the bank, the clerk asked if he could identify himself.

“Sure,” said Ole, “is there a mirror around here?” “Yes” said the clerk, “on the wall behind you.”

Ole moved over to the mirror, looked carefully and then turned around to announce: “Yah, it’s ME all right.

Little Ole was getting to the age where he thought he should have a car. Ole resisted, saying he might reconsider if Little Ole would get a haircut, get better grades in school, and read the Bible every day. To Ole’s surprise, Little Ole began getting straight A’s and he was reading the Bible every day. But, he persisted in wearing his hair long. When asked about the promise of a car, Ole reminded him of the long hair.

“But Papa,” said Little Ole, “da Bible says Jesus and all those Apostles wore deir hair long.

“Yah,” said Ole, “and you vil also notice the Bible says dey valked whereever dey vent.”

LARS: Ve had a crasy ting happen at our house yesterday. My vife accidentally closed da lid on da deep freeze....and da cat vas in it.

OLE: For gammelost sakes! Vat did you do?

LARS: Vell, ve took da cat out....it had been in dere for about 6 hours, and it vas stiff as a board.

OLE: So, what did you do den?

LARS: I took a few drops of gasoline and put on his tongue. Yeeee Visss! Did dat cat every come to life. He yumped about 6 feet in da air and ran around da room for about ten minutes. Den he stopped.

OLE: Vas he dead?

Lars: No, Yust out of gas.

Ole was hired by the local newspaper to be a reporter for an appearance by a prominent minister. Before his speech, the minister said to Ole, “When you do your write-up, I would appreciate it if you wouldn’t mention the several anecdotes I plan to give. I may want to use them in other speeches I plan to give here in town..” In his write-up, Ole wrote: “Reverend Hofstad told several stories that can’t be repeated here.”

Ole found a bottle on the street, rubbed it a bit to dust it off.. suddenly a genie popped out, thanked Ole, and told him he had three wishes. For his first wish Ole asked for a brand new red convertible, with all kinds of chrome and a terrific stereo and many other gadgets. Poof, instantly he was in a beautiful red convertible so gorgeous you wouldn’t believe it. Then he said, “I wish I had a beautiful red haired gal in this car with me to help me enjoy it. Poof, instantly an absolutely ravishing, gorgeous young gal, right next to him. Then, Ole tuned in a station on his car radio. Beautiful music. As the song ended, a commercial came on. In his joy, Ole began singing along with the commercial, “I wish I was an Oscar Mayer Weiner.....”

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