

# Hvite Fjell Nyheter

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## Lodge Calendar

### August 4 Board Meeting No General Meeting

6:00 Board Meeting

### August 22 August Picnic

For full information on the August Picnic please read the President's Message on page 2.

### September 1 Pot luck

6:00 Board Meeting  
6:30 Potluck hosted by John and Valia Hylin  
7:00 General Meeting - Program to be announced.

### September 26/27 Rosemaling Seminar at Camp Norge.

For full information on the Rosemaling Seminar at Camp Norge, read their insert in this Nyheter.

### October 6 Lodge Meetings

6:00 Board Meeting  
7:00 General Meeting  
Program to be announced.  
Hosted by Andy and Connie Anderson.

## First-Year Racer Skied a Courageous Race

First-year racer Julia Bjorkman, whose father Frank had died just two days earlier, came through the finish with a brilliant run and placed 10<sup>th</sup> overall for the day with a combined



Julia Bjorkman

time of 2 minutes, 4.56 seconds.

Cheered on by her mother, Ellen, and many friends who had come out to support her, Bjorkman went on to place 13<sup>th</sup> on Sunday (2:05.05) and 12<sup>th</sup> on Monday (2:03.56), positioning her nicely amongst the Junior Olympic contenders.

Editor: *Frank Bjorkman was a member of Sons of Norway, Hvite Fjell Lodge and Ellen Bjorkman is a current member.*

By the North Lake Tahoe Bonanza

## Elin Bergithe Rognlie, minister counselor at the Royal Norwegian Embassy in Washington, D.C., presents honor

SKOGFJORDEN - The Royal Norwegian Order of Merit, Knight of the First Class, was bestowed here Saturday to Tove Irene Dahl, long-time dean of the Norwegian Language Village.

In a knighting ceremony that lasted two hours at Concordia Language Villages' Skogfjorden northeast of Bemidji, there were speeches, dances and songs to mark the Bemidji area's first knighthood.

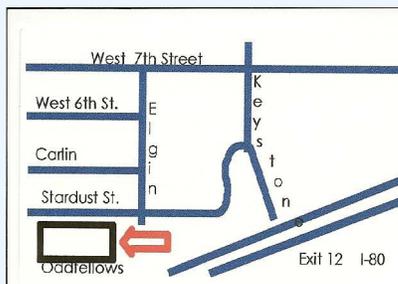


Tove Dahl, Dean of Skogfjorden

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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

## President's Report

Hilsener! (Which I fervently hope means Greetings!)

I hope all of you are having a wonderful summer. Even though we have no membership meetings in July and August, your Board of Directors is hard at work arranging events for summer and fall.



This month, I have one important request to make:

### PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR HVITE FJELL LODGE'S ANNUAL PICNIC ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 22nd!

This August, we are returning to West End Beach at Donner Lake. Those of you who have enjoyed previous picnics at this beautiful site will recall that it has shaded areas, a sweeping beach, and a roped-off swimming area with a gently sloping lake bottom. The rest rooms are easily accessible and can double as dressing rooms.

As you can see from the map below, there are playgrounds, horseshoe pits, and other amenities. Best of all are the mountain breezes and the fragrance of evergreen trees.

A SPECIAL FEATURE this year will be ONE OR MORE GUIDED HIKES around the lake or in the neighboring mountains for anyone who would like to get a little exercise before the picnic. Depending upon interest, leaders will be available for hikes of varying degrees of difficulty. This is a great opportunity for kids, teens, and "youngsters" of all ages! And what could be more Nordic??



### HERE ARE THE DETAILS!

Date: Saturday, August 22, 2009

**Location:** North West Picnic Area, West End Beach, Donner Lake (Address: 15888 South Shore Drive. Turn left onto South Shore Drive from "Old Highway 40," which is also called Donner Lake Road and is reachable from I-80 Exits 184 or 180). For photos and more information about the area, see [http://www.tdrpd.com/west\\_end\\_beach.htm](http://www.tdrpd.com/west_end_beach.htm)

**Hiking time:** 9 a.m. (earlier if we have takers). Meet at the entrance of West End Beach.

For more details or to sign up for a hike, contact Barbara Dimmitt (775/345-6068 or [bdimmitt@hvitefjell.com](mailto:bdimmitt@hvitefjell.com)), preferably by Tuesday, August 18th.

**Picnic Time:** We have reserved the North West Picnic Area for the day, starting as early as 10 a.m. for setup and early birds. Cooking will begin around 11:30 a.m.

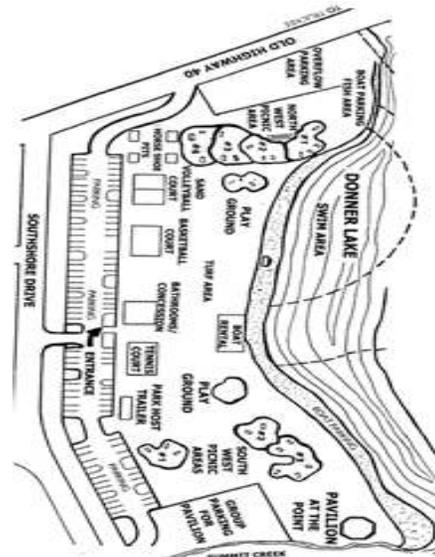
**What to Bring:** Meat, drinks, and dinnerware for your own party (charcoal barbecue grills are available onsite), plus one pot luck item to serve 8 or more. Picnic tables are available, but bring a beach or lawn chair if you'd like. Don't forget sun screen, shorts for wading, or bathing suits and towels if you want to swim.

Cost: \$5 per adult and \$3 per child.

Please submit reservations and payment for the Picnic by Tuesday, August 18th to:

Naomi Sande  
5845 Tappan Drive  
Reno, NV 89523

(Make checks payable to "Hvite Fjell Lodge.")



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The award notes Dahl's accomplishments as dean of Skogfjorden for 27 years "and her enthusiasm and skills to (teach) all these young people about the Norwegian language, but also the Norwegian way of living and the culture," said. Elin Bergithe Rognlie, minister counselor at • the Royal Norwegian Embassy in Washington, D.C., who presented the honor.

Knighting by King Harald VI is taken seriously in Norway, . she said, an occasion "more formal" than at Skogfjorden, where the ceremony was held in the woods in front of a building with a porch, used as a stage. Most of the 200 observers sat in folding chairs, but there were benches with rosemaling throughout the break in the woods.

The Order of Merit was established in 1985 to honor Norwegians and Norwegian-Americans and foreign nationals. It "may be conferred to Norwegians and foreign nationals in recognition of particularly meritorious services to Norway," Rognlie said.

"It has pleased His Majesty to honor Tove Irene Dahl in this way in acknowledgment of her work for the advancement of Norwegian language and culture in the United States," she added.

Immediately after the knighthood was bestowed, the crowd broke into a prolonged cheer and hand clapping, capped by Skogfjorden students singing a song in her honor in Norwegian, which included her name.

"Skogfjorden is more things, more stories, more wonderful than any one person can represent or can contain," Dahl said in accepting her honor, trying to deflect it including the Norwegian language camp itself, not just her.

The village began. when people thought they could create a bit of Norway in Minnesota, she said of the village nestled by Turtle River Lake northeast of Bemidji," she said. "The

people who have spanned that time to the present are amazing, and the people who are to come in the years ahead are amazing".

The only way to properly thank all would be to list the names of all who have touched Skogfjorden or have been touched by it, she said .

"There's a place at Skogfjorden which is awfully special," Dahl said. "It is a place about imagination, it's a place about making connections, and it's a place about reflecting on those connections that one makes. And Skogfjorden is a culture - it represents culture across time."

Dahl said that "we are truly, truly grateful that the Norwegian government chose to honor us in this way." Her shoulders are too narrow to carry the achievement alone, she said, so it belongs to the camp, its students and staff.

"I am really honored, I am really humbled and I am really grateful to share it with all of you," Dahl said. Since she will now have an opportunity to meet the king of Norway, she asked all to help with ideas of what she should tell the king about Skogfjorden.

Saying one of the most personal things she has is her voice, she sang a song and played guitar as part of her acceptance.

"Because of Tove's efforts, tens of thousands of young people from throughout the United States and the world have had the good fortune to learn about Norwegian language and culture, and about modern Norway's important role in global peace making and peace keeping," said Pamela Jolicoeur, Concordia College president.

"Tove's spirit, energy passion for Skogfjorden, coupled with her academic expertise, have made her invaluable to the language villages and serves as an inspiration to each of us to a path of privilege of observing her at work," she said.

It was noted that in the audience was the highest ranking Norwegian Minnesotan,

the Rev. David Pruitt, retired bishop of the American Lutheran Church, and recipient of the Commander's Cross of the Order of St. Olaf.

Dahl's father, Tor Dahl, is also an award honoree in also being knighted this year. He is president and CEO of Tor Dahl and Associates, an economist, consultant and associate professor of public health.

Skogfjorden helps carry out the mission of the Sons of Norway, said Jon Tehven, Sons of Norway international board member. The Sons of Norway District 1, which includes Bemidji, has 13,000 members and 90 lodges.

"As District 1 scholarship coordinator, I am well aware of the villagers who come back to Skogfjorden year after year after year," he said, adding that 75 youth this year received a scholarship to attend Skogfjorden.

"It is youth and your leadership, Tove, that has aided this great environment for our youth," Tehven said. "And for that we thank you. And we promise to continue our support from District 1 of parents, our lodges and our District 1 board."

"There's a special thing to return to here each summer," said Patricia Thornton, Concordia Language Villages director of summer programs. She added that Dahl's welcome each summer are the blooming lilies.

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