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VIKINGS OF THE SMOKIES

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Fra Presidenten,

Winner Winner, Chicken Dinner!!! I am pleased to announce that Vikings of the Smokies was announced as the Zone 6 quarterly winner in the District 5 Sons of Norway Cultural Skills contest.

Congrats and takk to members Jeannette Lively (Literature 2), Joan Shrader (Rosemaling) and Francis Turmo (Genealogy 1) for their efforts on behalf of the Lodge. So lets keep working on those projects and continue our winning streak!

The cultural skills program has a wide variety of activities, from needlework and knitting, to literature, music, rosemaling, cooking and baking and genealogy. Visit the Sons of Norway website www.sofn.com for more information on how to get started.

And as the days get longer and warmer, this is a perfect time to consider working towards earning a sports medal - walking, running, swimming or general fitness. If you already have any type of exercise routine - you're sure to find a medal category that fits!

The Lodge was also recognized by Sons of Norway for meeting our 2017 membership goals, and was presented with new DVD programming, recruiting pins and certificates - along with a \$200 cash award!

Hopefully spring has finally sprung here in east Tennessee - April showers are definitely preferable to April snow! Hope to see everyone on April 15th... your one last chance to practice the Norwegian National Anthem!

Joleen

Meet Darlington!



A Norsk skogkatt, better known as the Norwegian Forest Cat or "Wegie", Darlington was the star of the show at the March Lodge meeting, along with her companion and driver John Lloyd.

While the Wegie is a relatively new breed in the United States, it is a very old breed in Norway, and was designated the Norwegian National Cat by King Olaf V.

Celebrated in Norse mythology and nineteenth century Nordic fables, this "Viking Cat" has awed Thor, pulled Freya's chariot, while Asbjomsen and Moe embellished their Norwegian fairy tales with descriptions of these "huge and furry Troll cats".

In all probability, this was the cat the Viking explorers took with them to keep their ships clear of rodents, the same job they had in the barns in the Norwegian countryside.



Their first arrival on the east coast of North America may have been with Leif Erickson or his contemporaries in the late 900s. However, they were not officially exported from Norway until the late 1970s, and the first pair arrived in the United States in November of 1979.

Below are some of the links that John mentioned in his presentation:

<http://cfa.org/Breeds/BreedsKthruR/NorwegianForestCat.aspx>

http://www.forestcats.net/articles/article_feline_hypertrophic_cardiomyopathy.html

<http://www1.fifeweb.org/dnld/std/NFO.pdf>

<http://www.tica.org/en/cat-breeds/item/245-norwegian-forest-introduction>

Sons of Norway Growing to 2020



Sons of Norway is pleased to name

Vikings of the Smokies

Lodge 5-677

as a winner of the

2017 Recruitment Challenge

Sons of Norway salutes this lodge for their
outstanding member recruitment efforts for 2017.


Eivind J. Heiberg, Chief Executive Officer

Thanks to those who continue to
spread the word about the Sons of
Norway and invite their friends and
family to join us!



Jeannette Lively is currently working on her Cultural Skills pin in Literature and has provided a review of one of the films she recently watched.

Little Ida

A film made by Norsk Film A/S, this is the story of a little girl in WWII Norway. The year is 1944 and Ida's mother has brought Ida to Northern Norway. Ida's mother has a German boyfriend and she now has a job as a cook in a German prison camp. Ida's mother has turned a blind eye to the treatment of the prisoners by the Germans. She enjoys the benefits of being with the Germans. She has the occasional affections of a German officer, the gifts he gives her, and the small perks of being a cook.

Ida, on the other hand, is suffering from the sins of her mother. The town children mock and chase her. Her mother is called a "whore" and a "German informer." Ida is called a "German child." She has no friends. Her one attempt at making a friend goes badly. Unlike her mother, she is very upset by the cruel treatment of the prisoners. Ultimately, her mother finds the need to send her away to a foster family. An old woman, all dressed in black, comes to make the deal and collect the money to care for Ida. Ida walks slowly away with the old woman. It does not end there but to say more might spoil it for those who wish to see the film.

I found the movie very engaging. Sunniva Lindeklied does a beautiful job acting in the role of Ida. Her facial expressions said as much as her words. I appreciated that the makers of this film did not go "Hollywood." There were not overplayed scenes of violence, nor graphic sexual encounters. Brief scenes were all that were needed to tell this part of the story.

The image of a hurt and very alone Ida is hard to forget. Yet I recommend it. It is a well told story based on historical conditions in occupied Norway.

For someone interested, I found the film on the "Films of Norway" website. There is a monthly fee but there are other films offered as well. I hope you give it a try.

Taste of Scandinavia 2018

The 2018 “Taste of Scandinavia” community event has been scheduled for Sunday, September 23rd at Messiah Lutheran Church.

This is our biggest Lodge fundraiser, and is also a great opportunity to introduce Vikings of the Smokies to potential new Lodge members!

We will need “all Hands on Deck” however, to make this event run smoothly!

Lodge members will be needed to prepare and serve Scandinavian foods and baked goods, sell Nordic merchandise, publicity and ticket sales, decorate, as well as setup and cleanup crews.

Sign up sheets will be available soon - so mark your calendars now and get ready to share the Viking spirit with East Tennessee!

Baked Potato Bar

The April Lodge meal will feature a baked potato & ice cream sundae bar! The Lodge will provide the potatoes and ice cream, while members are asked to bring a savory or sweet topping to share!



Savory topping suggestions

- Sour Cream
- Cheese such as shredded cheddar or jack, crumbled blue or feta, grated Parmesan.
- Bacon bits
- Steamed broccoli
- Chili
- Salsa
- Butter & Chives

Sweet topping suggestions

- Chocolate, caramel or fudge sauce
- Chopped nuts
- Marshmallow topping
- Fruit (bananas, strawberries etc)
- Shredded coconut
- Whipped cream
- Crushed cookies or graham crackers
- Sprinkles or chopped candy bars

MEET THE PETERSONS!

Dan and Deb Peterson met at a fraternity/sorority party during their studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, in the mid 1970's. Dan majored in Geology and Geophysics, while Deb pursued her Registered Nursing degree. Upon graduation, Dan was commissioned an Ensign in the United States Navy and was assigned to flight school at NAS Pensacola, Florida. The pair continued a long distance relationship and were married in July 1979.

They relocated to Virginia Beach, Virginia, where as a Radar Intercept Officer (RIO) in F-4 Phantoms and F-14 Tomcats, they would be based for entirety of Dan's Naval career. Dan had numerous deployments on aircraft carriers, F-14 instruction assignments, staff tours in Air Operations and Operational Test and Evaluation. While in the Navy, Dan received his Masters Degree in Aeronautical Science from Embry-Riddle University.

Upon retiring from the Navy, the family moved to Kansas City, Missouri, where Dan worked for the Ford Motor Company where he supervised the manufacturing of the "F-150" pick-up trucks for Ford. He was later transferred to London, England for several years to manage the Dagenham Assembly Plant – Trim Department, making European "Fiesta" autos. As a result of this assignment, their daughters had the opportunity to attend the prestigious American School in London.

Upon retiring from Ford Motor Company, Dan worked for The Toro Company, located in Beatrice Nebraska, which manufactured zero-turning radius lawnmowers for Exmark and Toro. The family kept their residence in Kansas City, Missouri, however, and Dan commuted to work on Sunday nights and returned home on Friday afternoons for almost a decade. Deb worked as an RN for over 35 years, specializing in IV/Chemo Therapy and as a Registered Nursing Instructor.

In 2017, both Deb and Dan fully retired and moved to Tennessee., where they are in the process of building a new home in Louisville, Tennessee.

The Peterson family includes two daughters and three grandchildren. Daughter Kristin is a Brand Manager for the Richards Group, in Dallas, Texas. An avid runner, she recently received her MBA from the University of Texas-Dallas.

Daughter Lauren received several cheerleading scholarships, but chose to attend the University of Tennessee. Upon graduating from UT, she married Dr. Ryan Unger and has three adorable children; Thor (age 5), Nolan (age 4) and Blaire (age 2). The Unger's are next door neighbors to Lodge members Ole and Betty Kolberg. All three of the grandchildren keep Dan and Deb very active and busy!

Both sides of Dan's grandparents were children of Norwegian immigrants, and all of his grandparents spoke Norwegian and were active in Norwegian societies in the Madison, Wisconsin area.

In 1965, Dan's grandfather Basil I. Peterson was decorated by then Crown Prince Harald of Norway, receiving the St. Olaf medal for his promotion of friendly relations between the U.S. and Norway. His work paved the way for Madison, Wisconsin and Oslo, Norway to become "sister cities".

While the Peterson side of the family has traced their roots back to Voss, Norway, Deb's ancestors are of Scottish and Irish decent, but Dan said that's "close enough" to be Norwegian!