

JUNE - JULY 2017



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Fra Presidenten,

Happy Summer! Syttende Mai is traditionally the last big Lodge activity until September - so it was nice to see some new faces - and old friends - at the picnic. As usual, there was plenty of food under the supervision of grill masters Alan & Darla Berdal, combined with a wonderful performance by the Trollkretsen Dancers, thanks to Meg Mabbs and Bill Gooch.

Tusen takk to Linda & Francis Turmo, who took the lead on organizing the event in Maryville and even managed to make the sun shine after a gloomy wet start to the day! It was, however, unanimously decided during the short parade that Lodge members need to learn ALL THE WORDS to the Norwegian National Anthem! We will plan to work on on that this Fall.

The Lodge is planning to participate in the Farragut Independence Day Parade on July 4th, followed by a gathering hosted by the Berdal Family. The lodge is making arrangements to cater from Buddy's BBQ, so a \$5 per person donation is appreciated. You can find more information on the next page.

The parade is always enjoyable, and you may choose to ride on the float or walk next to it waving Norwegian and American flags. The parade is approximately one mile in length, starting on Kingston Pike near Farragut High School and ending at the Ingles Shopping Center. Contact info@tnvikings.org to get involved.

Finally, remember that just because the Lodge will not have any scheduled events during the summer, you can still continue to work towards earning cultural skills pins!

Joleen

Join Lodge Members to celebrate Independence Day by participating in the annual Town of Farragut parade.



The Parade steps off at 9:30 am from the parking lot of Farragut High School and will travel down Kingston Pike and end just past Boring Road (which is the VOTS Adopt A Mile location!) at the Ingles Grocery shopping center.

VOTS will have a float representing the Sons of Norway, and lodge members are encouraged to participate by either riding on the float or walking along side, waving American and Norwegian flags. This is a family friendly event and children are welcome!

Following the parade (approx 11:30am), there will be a social gathering and lunch at the home of Darla & Alan Berdal, located at 11612 Gates Mill Drive in Farragut. Remember to bring your swim suit if you want to jump into the pool and cool off!

Directions to the Berdal home from Campbell Station Road

Turn on Herron Road at the stoplight (across from the entrance to the library & park).

Continue on Herron Road until it ends. You see a sign that says "Sweet Briar".

Turn right unto Gates Mill Drive and go approx a quarter mile. The house will be on the right.

The Lodge is catering the meal from Buddy's BBQ and a \$5 per person donation is requested (kids eat free). The meal will include BBQ pork and chicken, beans, coleslaw, potato salad and dessert. Ice tea and lemonade will be provided by the Lodge; however, feel free to bring your own preferred beverage.

Because this is a catered event, we need to have an accurate headcount for the meal. PLEASE RSVP as to the number of guests attending via email to [Linda Turmo](mailto:LindaTurmo) or call (865) 233-7411 no later than July 1st.

This is a rain or shine event!

From the Treasurer

Our net loss for FYTD May 2017 is \$91, which compares to a net gain of \$752 last FYTD, primarily due to the fact we did not host the Taste of Scandinavia event this year.

Total Income of \$223 was received in the amount of \$115 for membership dues, \$44 for the January pizza party, \$40 for the Children's Museum International Festival, \$20 for baking class, and \$4 from the December juletefest. The total fiscal year expenses are \$313 which include \$208 for accrual of the 2018 biennial District 5 Convention, \$55 for Syttende Mai, \$25 for February chili bake off gift card, and \$25 for Aase Brynestad's memorial gift to the Sons of Norway Foundation.

Our financial status is still not quite as good as last year, however, there are no major expenses or income expected in the near future.

Respectfully submitted,

Norway's Best Stories - An Introduction To Modern Norwegian Fiction

Book Review by Jeannette Lively



Are you interested in some short, easy to read, and often thought-provoking stories? Then I think this book is for you. Let me give you a sample from "*Nils Punctual and His Clocks*" written by Gabriel Scott.

"Nils Punctual was married but had no children. That was, to tell the truth, largely the reason why he had first come to concern himself with clocks, for he liked to have some one around he could talk to and tend. And once having begun, he was unable to give them up again. Besides, children cost a great deal. They had to be fed, and they had to have clothes, and perhaps they ran off and took ill or were drowned, and they were at all events very difficult to regulate. Clocks, on the contrary, were quite tractable."

Nils Punctual seems quite the character, but other stories told of an old woman finally pardoned of her crime; walking home to find her husband; two feuding neighbors; a moose hunter; and an obnoxious rooster. I was often drawn in immediately and remained interested to the end.

Each story was prefaced by a brief biography of the author. The stories were translated from Norwegian by Anders Orbeck and edited by Hanna Astrup Larsen.

If you are working on the Literature Cultural Skills program or just interested in finding an enjoyable book to read, you can find this on Amazon or other book vending sites. I hope you do.

SCANDIA HOUSE NORDIC SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Do you want to read more Nordic literature, but need inspiration to get started? Join the Nordic Center of America's Summer Reading Challenge...and a great way to work on towards your cultural skills pin in literature!

Every other week, you will be given a theme for a Nordic book, you pick a book to read and try to finish it before the next challenge. One suggestion is provided for every challenge. You can also join the Nordic Book Club and summer special Nordic Noir Book Club to discuss literature with your fellow Scandinavian bookworms.

**Challenge 1: Read a Scandinavian crime book written by a female author
Suggestion: What My Body Remembers by Agnete Friis (Nordic Noir Book Club, June 12)**

**Challenge 2: Read a Scandinavian fantasy / science fiction book
Suggestion: The Unit by Ninni Holmqvist (Nordic Book Club, June 27)**

**Challenge 3: Read a book by an author whose name contains a Scandinavian character
Suggestion: I'm Traveling Alone by Samuel Bjørk (Nordic Noir Book Club, July 10)**

**Challenge 4: Read a Scandinavian book with a white cover
Suggestion: The White City by Karolina Ramqvist (Nordic Book Club, July 25)**

**Challenge 5: Read a book with the word "ice" or "snow" in the title
Suggestion: The Ice Beneath Her by Camilla Grebe (Nordic Noir Book Club, August 7)**

**Challenge 6: Read a book that takes place in Iceland
Suggestion: Tómas Jónsson, Bestseller by Guðbergur Bergsson (Nordic Book Club, August 29)**

**For more information on this and other activities,
please visit [Nordic Center in America](#)**

Syttende Mai Celebration



The 2107 Syttende Mai celebration was enjoyed by more than thirty lodge members and guests. The weather cooperated and, as usual, there was plenty of food!

Tusen Takk to Alan & Darla Berdal, who again served as grill masters, and to Linda and Francis Turmo who coordinated the event at Asbury Place.

It was great to see some of our Lodge members who have not been able to join us for a while - and welcome to our new members who attended.



A special thank you to Bill Gooch and Meg Mabbs who coordinated the performance of the Trollkretsen Dancers - and even got a few "non dancers" to join in!

