



Norsota Lodge No. 1-602 Apple Valley, MN

SONS OF NORWAY

Norsota News



Årgang 33
Utgave 1
Januar, 2018

Fra Presidenten:



Greetings Everyone!

Welcome to 2018; May it be a happy, healthy, love filled year for us all.

Yes, I'm back yet again! Thank you for always being encouraging and complimentary to me; it makes taking on this position easier.

Thank you to all the people who step up and run our lodge!! We have an incredible group of dedicated members. Thank you for always pitching in and making sure things get done.

Rose Marie suggested and we agreed to bring back Howard's plan of celebrating birthdays with a bar of chocolate! In the new year we'll also try some new ideas to invite new folk to our meetings. Some suggestions have come my way on how we go about doing that which I'll share in person. My Michael is working on our web page so we can have presence on the internet again (Mike W does a great job too with web information but more can't hurt) and Michael is working on a website that we can sell our t-shirts on too! So many new things in the making. Please come forward with your own ideas of what you'd like to see us do as a lodge. Often it's best if you write it down or email me because I can get forgetful otherwise.

Let's continue to have a great time together! See you in January.

Happy New Year!!
Chris



We return to our 2:00 pm meeting time for the months of January, February and March

Events Calendar

January 13 1:00 pm 2:00 pm	Monthly Norsota Meeting and Program Officers Meeting Lodge Meeting and Program Heritage Lutheran Church, Apple Valley
February 10 1:00 pm 2:00 pm	Monthly Norsota Meeting and Program Officers Meeting Lodge Meeting and Program Heritage Lutheran Church

January Program



Gary Legwold is author of The Lefse-Lutefisk Trilogy: The Last Word on Lefse, The Last Word on Lutefisk, and The Last Toast to Lutefisk! His newest book, which was published in August, is Keep On Rolling! Life on the Lefse Trail and Learning to Get a Round. He teaches classes on lefse making, and makes a mean lutefisk dinner that often converts lutefisk haters into those who try it

and say, "Not bad!" He has recently begun a free e-newsletter called The Lefse & Lutefisk News and has a website www.lefseking.com. Becoming a humorist was unplanned — part of the territory when he began to write about lefse and lutefisk, especially lutefisk. He works as a book author, writer, editor, lyricist, and speaker. Gary has written more than 750 magazine articles and ghosted two other books and edited yet another. He lives in Minneapolis with his wife, Jane Legwold, who is a psychotherapist (which has helped them stay married 45 years). Gary and Jane have two children and two grandchildren.

Facebook pages

Sons of Norway District 1 Facebook link:
<https://www.facebook.com/Sons-of-Norway-District-1-148130308566588/?fref=ts>

Sons of Norway Nor-sota Lodge 1-602 Facebook link:
<https://www.facebook.com/Sons-of-Norway-Norsota-Lodge-1-602-888842477810642/?fref=ts>

2017 Nordic Julemarket



The 2017 Nordic Julemarket event was held this year at the Utepils Brewing Company in Minneapolis. Mike Wick's camera captured Dennis Bartholow and Rose Marie Meuwissen at Rose Marie's booth.

Nordics fail to win back crown as world's best English speakers

Scandinavians are among the world's best non-native English speakers according to a global ranking, but have found themselves bested by the Dutch for the second year running.

The English Proficiency Index (EPI) from global language training company Education First (EF) put the Scandinavians behind the Netherlands for non-native English skills.

The Swedes were handed back the bragging rights over their Nordic rivals, snagging second place with Denmark following in third spot, down one place on last year. Sweden last came top in 2015 and Denmark in 2014. Norway came in fourth and Finland in sixth place. Iceland was not included in the study.

Eight countries in total earned the "very high" proficiency distinction, with six of them found in Europe: Netherlands, Sweden, Denmark, Norway, Singapore, Finland, Luxembourg and South Africa.

...news@thelocal.se Nov. 8, 2017

Fra Secretæren:



Norsota Lodge 1-602
Julebord, December 9, 2017

The Julebord was attended by about 60 members and friends. Good food, conversation and music. Next meeting January 13 at 2:00.

Respectfully submitted,
Polly Bergerson

From Our Outgoing President

A Stor(e) Takk to all the Lodge members who really make our lodge great, which I hear from others when I am at other Norwegian events and don't make it to our lodge meetings. Reading last year's "From the President" I missed meetings in October and November because I was very involved in two different lutefisk dinners—so thanks again. (History repeats itself!)

The Julebord (Christmas Table) was a great success. Many thanks to several workers who set up the tables and chairs, organized the donated food on the table—both the main course and desserts—and helped clean up at the end of the evening. When we left for home that evening, the gym and kitchen looked as if we had not even been there.

Our winter schedule is meeting, lunch and program at 2 p.m.; officers meeting at 1 p.m. Our program will feature audience participation in lefse making! Gary Legwold will be the presenter and have his book, "Keep on Rolling" for sale

There will also be a short installation of newly elected Norsota officers at the January meeting.

This year the International Sons of Norway will be in be in Bloomington—I'm thinking of walking to the meetings!!! There will be vendors, demonstrations, a Silent Auction, and a competition for ribbons in the Folk Arts. Business meetings will also be on the schedule. Visitors are welcome. For Norwegians, this will be bigger than the Super Bowl! August 22-25 is the date!

In January I will be passing the Norsota gavel into the capable hands of our new President, Chris Elwell, who has served previously in this capacity.

Ha det bra,
Earl

December 9 Julebord



Photos by Edward (Mike) Wick



Mike Wick has produced a video of Art Bjorngjeld's Lutefisk song. To view it, copy and paste the following into your browser:

https://youtu.be/5CLETD_r_aVw

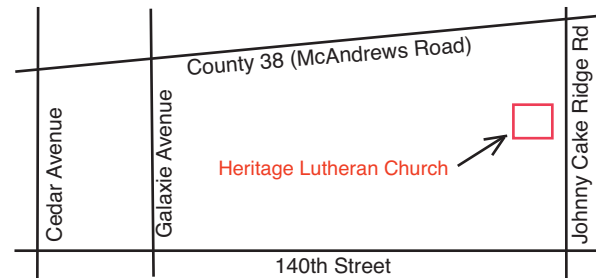
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Sons of Norway Foundation

The Sons of Norway Foundation awards 25 scholarships to promising students each year. The programs promote cultural exchange and support higher education to help students follow their dreams. Although application deadlines vary from Jan. 15 to April 1, 2018, it is not too early to think about applying. More information on the following 2018 Foundation funds can be found at www.sofn.com/foundation.

The following scholarships have an application deadline of January 15, 2018:

The King Olav V Norwegian-American Heritage Scholarship
The Oslo International Summer School Scholarship
The Helen Tronvold Norwegian Folk High School Scholarship
The Helen Tronvold Adult Learner Scholarship
The Lund Fund Scholarship
The Douglas Warne – Rolf & Wenche Eng Scholarship

These scholarships have later deadlines:

The Astrid G. Cates and Myrtle Beinhauer Fund application deadline is March 1, 2018.
The Nancy Lorraine Jensen Memorial Scholarship Fund application deadline is April 1, 2018.
The Orel and Marie Winjum Memorial Scholarship application deadline is March 1, 2018.

The Sons of Norway Foundation is dedicated to funding activities that preserve and promote Norwegian heritage, positively affect members, and make Sons of Norway communities more vibrant places to live. For more information about Sons of Norway Foundation scholarships, contact scholarships@sofn.com call (800) 945-8851, or check out the web site at www.sofn.com/foundation. Each scholarship may have specific criteria that applicants must meet.

**HAPPY
NEW YEAR!**