

# Sons of Norway OSLO Lodge #2 Hi-Lites

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## Norway Day—July 11th

Bring a dish to share. We eat at noon in the pavilion at Minnehaha Falls.

There is a worship service at 10:30 AM conducted by Pastor Richard N. Nelson.

Barnetog at 12:50PM

Norwegian Glee Club

Speakers: Hon. Consul General Gary Gandrud and Sven

Sundgaard, KARE 11 Meteorologist. Music by the Psalmodikon Quartet and Leroy Larson & The MN Scandinavian Ensemble.

Arts & Crafts and Ethnic & American Foods.

### OSLO AT A GLANCE

July 10	Nordic Needlers 11:00 AM 952-938-9640
July 11	Norway Day Potluck noon
July 18	Lutefisk Golf Open in Owatonna
July 18	1st District Picnic Wabun
July 23	Nordic Fest in Decorah
July 27	Oslo 2 picnic Wabun
August 14	Nordic Needlers 11:00AM 952-938-9640
August 14	Norsk Open Golf in Menahga
Sept 25	Lodge Mtg Noon at DAC

## FROM THE PRESIDENT



I'm back from the First District Convention. Everything came together well. There is a lot to be said for a very nice hotel and an event which has your meals scheduled in addition to their being very good. I think this was the best food I've had at a convention. My thanks to the Rochester lodge; it's a lot of work. Although I always thought the

traveling life would be really fun, I fear I've become a fuddy duddy who is content to sit in her favorite chair and search her refrigerator for that item that is somehow never there. Upon reflection, I guess it is better to be the way I am than have a wanderlust I cannot afford financially or physically. Life is good.

You ask how the convention went? It went smoothly. Most of the District Board was re-elected except for Bernice Oelien, Social/Cultural Director, who was replaced by Norm Carlson whose term as Zone Director was over. Bob Hoover remains President, Gary Anderson, Syttende Mai Lodge, Vice President, Karl Hella, Secretary, and Arlene Field, Treasurer. Dennis Rusinko, Syttende Mai Lodge will continue as our Zone 2 Director. I too was re-elected as Publicity Director for two more years.

I must tell you that in addition to the nice hotel and good food, I rented an electric scooter since it was quite a ways to the Convention Center. I found it to be a fun vehicle with more speed available than you would think. I never ran into anyone but did return it with a bit of white paint from something that got in my way. Wheeeeeeee!

Since our last issue of the Hi-Lites, our garage sale has taken place. Thank you to all who donated and to those of you who worked. A special "thanks" to Norma Schlemmer who volunteers her garage and is then forced to empty it and clean it. We made a little over \$350 which isn't bad since the weather was gray and drizzling till about 1:00PM when it rained bringing the sale to a close. We workers have decided to reassess its value next spring.

No weather or garden updates, just a musing about where does time go. It is almost the 4th of July. Summer seems to speed up at that point. Take the time to stop and smell the roses and enjoy every minute of your summer. The three picnics in July are meant to enhance your enjoyment. See you there.

Take care

Louise Bakken, President

# Fund Raisers Planned

## Brat Stand

**We have been assigned October 23 and 24th to sell brats at Cub in West Bloomington. Check your calendar and let Barb Horness know if you can work a four hour shift 952-884-2452**

## Foundation Night Silent Auction

**Dale and Sharon Severson are planning a Silent Auction for our October 30th meeting. Do you have a new or nearly new quality item to donate. Perhaps artwork, rosemaling, carvings, weavings, antiques, or paintings. If possible the item should be Scandinavian, but if you have a saleable item please bring it.**

## Haikus

Life is passing by  
But just don't sit and cry  
Get involved and try

It's a lovely day,  
Move forward, never look back;  
As tomorrow comes.-

Please notify Cheer Person, Irene Johnson, if you know of a member who is hospitalized or ill or who has passed away. (651) 452-6337

**No Hi-Lites in August  
Enjoy your summer.**



# Junior Lodge

The kids are off to language camps or participating in summer activities leaving their parents some time to garden, fish, or just relax.

17th Annual Lutefisk Golf Outing  
Brooktree Golf Course  
Owatonna, MN  
July 18, 2010  
Tea Times start at 8:30AM  
\$45 includes lunch or  
\$30 without lunch

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8th Annual Norsk Open  
Blueberry Pines Golf Club  
Menahga, MN  
August 14, 2010  
Shotgun start at 9:30AM  
\$45 (9 holes) incl lunch  
\$60 (18 holes) incl lunch  
Lunch alone \$15

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## Matt's Financial Corner:

### *“Final Life Insurance Certificate: Do You, Your Parents, or Grandparents Have One”*

Statistics show that fewer than 30% of individuals in this country who have passed away did any funeral pre-planning and/or pre-funding. Talk about an added burden to the loved ones at a most difficult time! The national average price of a funeral today is around \$7000. This doesn't cover any add-ons such as special music, horse-drawn hearses, video tributes or headstones. A \$10,000 final expense life insurance certificate is really a minimum to provide adequate funding to celebrate a life well lived.

Many funeral homes now offer pre-paid funerals. Consider this, what if you don't die locally, ownership changes at the funeral home and of course inflation. Besides, who keeps the change \$ if there is any? With a life insurance certificate the money is there when needed and at a lower cost than a prepaid plan at the funeral home.

As the Life Insurance Certificate Holder, you ease the burden on your loved ones and create peace of mind for yourself. Contact me your Financial Benefits Counselor for compassionate guidance and to learn more about how you can apply for a Sons of Norway Life Insurance Final Expense Certificate if you are of age 85 or younger.

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## REMINDERS

### *100th Anniversary of District One*

**Picnic July 18th at Wabun Park sponsored by The Joint Committee.** Join us to relive the “good old days” with brats on the grill and fun “old” games. Bring a potluck dish to share at noon. The Mpls. Junior Lodge will serve soda and coffee as a fund raiser. Donations for brats and beverages. Sing along. Lots of fun! Hours: 11-2 Date: July 18th **More Information: Dennis Rusinko 612-789-1538**

### **Lodge Picnic July 27**

**Following the success of last year, we will again have**

**Dine for Nine \$9**

**Oslo 2 is serving BBQ ribs and chicken  
Wabun Park at Minnehaha Falls 6PM  
Coffee will be served**

**Please RSVP to Louise by July 23rd  
763-545-4827**