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Scandinavian Heritage News

Spring 2017



▲ The Igloo Village Kakslauttanen Finland is situated right at the edge of the wilderness on the road to the Arctic Sea and gives guests a perfect view of the Northern Lights.

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President's Message

Spring is on the way and so are the activities for the park. It has been a "testy" winter but Scandinavians and North Dakotans do usually take it all in stride and deal with it.

Checking the upcoming calendar, the Scandinavian Heritage Annual Banquet and silent auction will be on April 22, 2017, at the Sleep Inn Hotel & Suites. Please refer to the information about this banquet on another page in this newsletter. Curt Medalen, George Officer, Jordon Lakoduk and Liz Gjellstad will be busy lining up items for the silent auction. This event is our annual fund raiser so please mark your calendars and make plans to attend. Co-chairs for this years event are Liz Gjellstad and Jordon Lakoduk. Doris Slaaten is Co-chair Emeritus. Others that will be assisting are Adelaide Johnson and Lois Matson.

Volunteers for the summer season are being contacted and lined up. This park definitely needs volunteers to be in the buildings during our tourist season and through the Norsk Høstfest week. We get so many visitors from different states and countries. If you have not volunteered in the past and are interested, please call the Scandinavian Heritage office for more information—the number is 701-852-9161. Our



summer season begins on May 17 and ends on October 1 this year.

Thus far, there are six church weddings and 4 outdoor weddings scheduled in the park.

We recently had our annual meeting and election of board members and officers. The Officers remain the same except for the Vice President who is Jordon Lakoduk. There are new Directors for 2017 and they are Jarrod Olson, Jordon Lakoduk, Rod Martinson and Stephanie Olson. The names of all Directors and Officers are always printed in this newsletter.

We are very grateful for the sponsors of this newsletter—remember to thank them and support them when you can. With them this newsletter is possible.

A special thank you to Gate City Bank for another donation of \$500. They are very supportive of this park and donate on a yearly basis. This park operates on donations and memberships and they are all appreciated.

— Gail Peterson, SHA President

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Spring 2017 Calendar

- April 8 - Sons of Norway Bazaar and bake sale, Thor's Lodge
- April 22 — SHA Annual Banquet – 6 pm – Sleep Inn
- April 22 - Swedish Society meeting, 2 pm
- May 17 - 8 am, Tickets on sale for Høstfest
- June 22- 5 pm, Midsummer Night



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A "Power"ful Story



By Pamela Orth

Souris Valley Danish Society

Carl Olaf Olsen, the builder of this Danish Windmill was built in 1928. It was originally used to pump water to his barn for the livestock and to have water in his home in the town of Powers Lake, N.D.

Olsen arrived in Powers Lake in 1912 to find a neat little pioneer town next to a large lake. He like it so much that he made the decision to set down his root there. Carl, a miller by trade, started Powers Lake Roller Mills in 1914 and continued until 1949. He ground feed, cleaned seed and ground flour for the surrounding farmers in the region.

The Mill also had the first Power Platn for the city when he mounted a generator on his 25 horsepower Muncie diesel engine and wired the entire town of Powers Lake. His plans to build another larger power plant in 1924 were curtailed by a fire that burnt the Mill down. Carl sold his power business to



Montana-Dakota Utilities Company and then build a larger mill powered by two 25 horsepower Fairbanks Morse diesel engines.

In the meantime, Carl found his soul-mate, Selma Grubb. Together, they had four children: Ellen, Willard, Lillian and Alice. Olsen was considered the area mechanical genius and was the engineer for his wife's brother's Pete Grubb's, threshing crew. When farmers would purchase a new steam engine, it would be delivered to the railhead in White Earth, N.D. Carl would make the 35 mile trip, fire up the engine, drive it to the new owners homestead and teach the

▲ *The Danish windmill stands on Carl Olaf Olsen's farm. The windmill originally pumped water for his barn before being moved to the Roosevelt Park in Minot to be on display after his death. In 1992, the Windmill found its permanent home in the Scandinavian Heritage Park.*

◀ *Carl Olaf Olsen, with wife, Selma, and four children.*

farmer how to operate their new piece of equipment.

In 1917, he bought a new Model T Ford truck to transport grain to the railhead. He did not get much business that first year because farmers thought too much grain would blow out the open truck while he was traveling at the break-necking speeds of 20-30 mph. This mindset of the locals lead Carl to stitch up a tarp that first winter to cover the open box. The wheels of the Ford never stopped turning from that point

Windmill: Cont. On Page 5



▲ Olsen's Powers Lake Roller Mill



▲ Carl Olsen stands inside his Powers Lake Roller Mill.



▲ The Danish windmill currently stands in the Scandinavian Heritage Park in Minot, ND. It has since been repainted red.

Windmill: From Page 4 on.

Olsen was also instrumental in the creation of two lovely parks in Powers Lake, having laid out the area, planting and caring for the trees at both parks. He also built a second windmill in the downtown park that he helped to build in the 1930s which was part of the National Youth Administration Project. In the city of Kenmare, N.D., there was a windmill at their city park that

was restored with the help of Carl. It was originally built in 1899 by C.C. Jensen and used until 1912.

The windmill was donated to the Minot Park Board after Olsen's death in 1965 by his family. It was later moved to Roosevelt Park where it remained for public viewing and enjoyment. In 1992, it was dedicated in the Scandinavian Heritage Park where it remains with other buildings representing our Scandinavian roots.

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The Sonnet: "The New Colossus"

By Pamela Orth

Souris Valley Danish Society

Give me your tired, your poor.

How this came about, courtesy of The Washington Post, The New York Times and Emma Lazarus biographer, Esther Schor: Emma Lazarus was solicited for help in fundraising for a pedestal to hold the Statue of Liberty. To help accomplish this a favor was asked ... would Emma compose a sonnet to be sold at auction alongside writings of Mark Twain and Walt Whitman. So in 1903, 16 years after Emma Lazarus's untimely death, the words were inscribed on a plaque and affixed to the inner wall of the pedestal.

Emma Lazarus, descendant of Jewish immigrants, spokesperson for the American Jewish community, poetess who imagined Lady Liberty saying: "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses". This sonnet (and women in general) went unrecognized during the ceremony to dedicate Lady Liberty

in 1886. Other writers said Emma Lazarus' words gave the cold and disconnected statue a spirited purpose. When she died a year later at age 38 of cancer, the fact that she wrote these famous words was not mentioned in her New York Times obituary. Emma's father, Moses Lazarus, was a successful sugar merchant and supported his daughter's writing, and had her Poems and Translations printed for private circulation when she was only 17 years old.



She lived in a lavish home but took the streetcar to work at the Hebrew Emigrant Aid Society where she helped train refugees and taught English. Emma would visit these refugees on Wards Island and wrote about conditions including dirty water, overflowing


garbage, unemployment and the lack of training for adults and education for children. Emma Lazarus was raised in privilege, was descended from America's first Jewish settlers, a Sephardic Jew being of Spanish or Portuguese descent. Her father tried to distance his family from this history which Emma was proud of. He wished to assimilate into wealthy Christian society and giving Emma many Christian friends. She was perfectly conscious of the contempt and hatred underlying the tone of the community toward Jews.

The statue goes on speaking, even when the tide turns against immigration. Esther Schor told the New York Times in 2011, "You can't think of the statue without hearing the words Emma Lazarus gave her."

America was Emma Lazarus's country and she is remembered for her ode to America's newest arrivals, but her poetry remembers the old world they left behind as well.

Board members re-installed

From left: Neil Zimmerman, Joan Varty, Lois Matson, Jordon Lakaduk and Bob Bruhaug

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Finland Turns 100: What's In It For Us?

By Ira Kalb

Contributor to Huff Post

In 2017, Finland is celebrating the Centennial of its independence. You probably don't know this since Finns are notoriously shy and not particularly adept at marketing. While Finns are very proud of their country, saying anything positive about Finland is the cultural equivalent of bragging or exaggeration. In Finland, that is considered not cool. In fact, it is a cultural No-No.

The question is why should Americans care about Finland's Centennial? The answer is quite simple. As Finland celebrates its hundred years of independence, it has become a world leader in many areas. For all of us that want America to be as great as it can be, we should be willing to learn from any country that can teach us something. Finland is one of the countries that can help us to improve in many areas. If you don't know that already, I hope this post enlightens you. More importantly, for the good of America, I hope you will make an effort to learn more about Finland.

EDUCATION

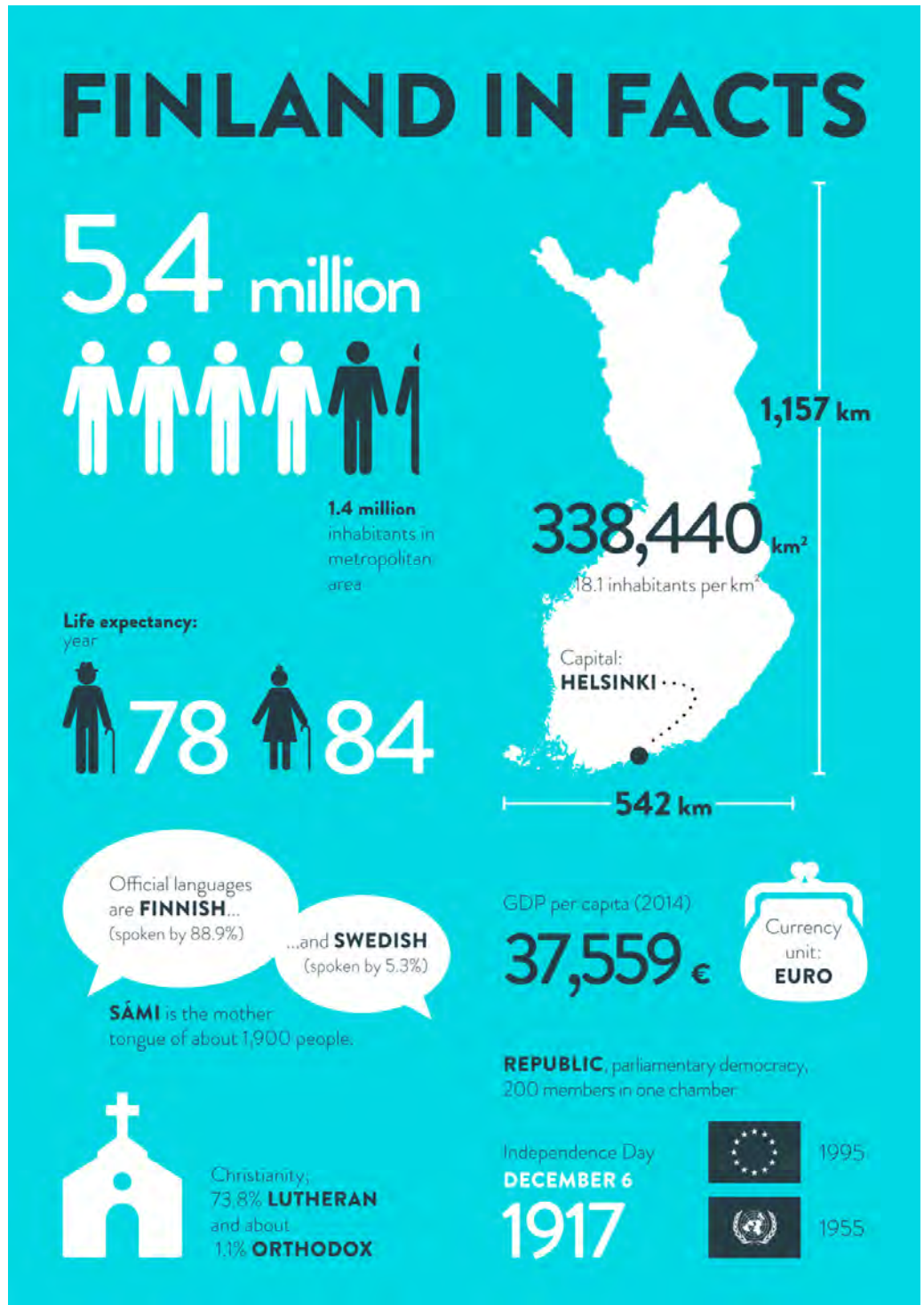
Finland has been recognized over several years to have one of the top education systems in the world. Depending on what ranking you read, it is often ranked first. According to the latest ranking, Finland has grown to become the most literate country in the world.

HUMAN CAPITAL INDEX

Finland tops the rankings of the Human Capital Index, and stands alone as the only country in the "Very Sustainable" and least fragile category.

MOST COMPETITIVE AND LEAST CORRUPT

Finland has been ranked as Europe's most competitive economy, and according to BuzzFeed, Finland is the least corrupt, least failed state, best country



to be a mother, and Helsinki as the most livable city in the world among other leading categories.

HAPPINESS

It may be hard to believe for a country that spends the winter in darkness, but Finland is ranked 5th in happiness. While "Life, Liberty and the pursuit of

Happiness," is in our Declaration of Independence, the United States of America does not even rank in the top 10.

INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY

According to Bloomberg, Finland ranks first in research personnel, third in

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As you may recall the ND DOT wants to shut down the Finnish Pioneers Rest Stop between Rock Lake and Rolla, ND. In conjunction with this, petitions were signed by several citizens to encourage the State to keep this rest area open. Bruce Carlson delivered the 30 pages of signed petitions personally to Governor Doug Burgum on March 3, 2017. Hopefully, the state will open up this rest area again this spring.

Calling all Scandinavian Recipes!

Norsk Høstfest is looking to create a special cookbook in honor of the 40th Anniversary and needs your help! Please consider submitting your family recipe for publication in this special book. We would need the full recipe, any background on the recipe (how far back in family history, region of Scandinavia, etc) and if possible, a photo of the finished dish. Recipes can be mailed to: Leann Mellum/ Norsk Høstfest/ PO Box 1347 / Minot ND 58702, emailed to leannmellum@hostfest.com, or visit www.hostfest.com/cookbook

NEW SPONSOR MEMBER

Kim Kraft

NEW SHA MEMBER

Jennifer Lock

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research and development and postsecondary education, and fourth over all innovation categories. Created and held in Finland, Slush has grown to become one of the world's leading events for high-technology start-ups. Finland is recognized as a world leader, along with Israel and the US, in Cleantech innovation, and often tops the rankings for embracing new Information Technology.

LEARNING FROM FINLAND

For a country of 5.5 million people to be leading in so many categories and creating good products that work better, there is much we can learn from Finland. The problem is that we are going to have to take the initiative because too many in Finland still equate marketing with exaggeration.

GREENEST COUNTRY

Since it tops the Environmental Performance Index, Finland is ranked as the greenest country in the world with the least amount of pollution. For those that have visited Finland, the clear skies, clean water, and focus on nature attest to this ranking.



MOBILE GAMES

Finland has been called the games start-up capital of the world. Rovio, maker of Angry Birds (which has been turned into a successful movie). Supercell, maker of Clash of Clans and Hay Day, are just two of the successful mobile games companies from Finland.

MOST SOCIALLY PROGRESSIVE

According to the Social Progress Index, Finland is the most socially progressive country in the world. Finland also leads the world in per capita coffee and milk consumption, saunas, and heavy metal bands.

FINLAND CENTENNIAL

As Finland celebrates its 100th year as an independent nation in 2017, it is a great time to visit the country, study how such a small country has achieved such a high level of success, and learn some good lessons that we can use to help America achieve its potential in education, infrastructure, and other important areas. Sometimes you have to look outward for new ideas to improve things at home. I wish Finland all the best as it celebrates its Centennial year. I hope my friends there will save me some cake, or better yet, some Finlandia.

Norway for bookworms: A short travel guide

By Marie Peyre

The Local

Think Norwegian literature and chances are the name Henrik Ibsen (1828–1906) will be the first to spring to mind. Norway’s acclaimed playwright was one of the most influential writers of his time, still hailed internationally as the founder of modern drama. Ibsen was born in Skien, southern Norway, and you can visit his childhood home there. If you are short of time, though, head instead to the Ibsen Museum in Oslo. Ibsen lived the last eleven years of his life in the city (then called Kristiania), and his old apartment, now restored to its former glory, is well worth a visit. The adjoining visitor center features an exhibit on Ibsen’s life and writing.

Nobel laureate Knut Hamsun (1859–1952), another Norway great, is the country’s most famous novelist, known for works such as *Hunger*, *Growth of the Soil*, *Pan* and *The Wanderer*. The Hamsun Centre in Hamarøy, Nordland, celebrates the life and work of the author. The building itself, designed by architect Steven Holl, has received several prizes for its striking architecture. Hamsun’s childhood home, which lies 5km from the centre, can also be visited. Booking required.

Norway’s best-selling contemporary novelist is crime writer Jo Nesbø, who has sold over 25 million books and been translated into more than 50 languages. Nesbø himself has been a long time resident in Oslo, and some of his most popular books are set in the capital. Want to follow in the footsteps of his famous police detective? Oslo Guide-bureau organises weekly “Harry Hole’s Oslo” walks.

EVENTS AND FESTIVALS

Over 60 literature festivals take place every year in Norway. From the Children’s Book Festival in Grimstad, southern Norway to the Finnmark International Literature Festival, from the Raptus Comics Book Festival in Bergen to Kongsberg Crime Fiction Festival, there are plenty of opportunities for book lovers all over Norway to



▲ *The book hotel in Fjærland.*

► *Literature houses in Norway are meeting places for public debate, exchanges of ideas, knowledge and literary experiences. They have an extensive collaboration with publishers, authors, media, photographers and ministries to create an exciting and interesting concept.*



get together. The most popular festival is the Norwegian Literature Festival, which takes place in Lillehammer in late May-early June, and attracts popular authors from around the world and tens of thousands of visitors every year.

LITERATURE HOUSES

Other great places to meet fellow book lovers in Norway are the Literature houses (Litteraturhuset in Norwegian). Oslo, Bergen, Trondheim, Fredrikstad and Skien all have their own.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Norway boasts some beautiful libraries, several of which have received

international accolades for their architecture and design. The most striking is probably Vennesla Library in southern Norway, built by Helen & Hard, almost entirely made from wood. Also worth mentioning are Bodø’s Stormen and Tromsø Library, both in northern Norway. Travelling with teenagers? The uber cool Biblo Tøyen, Oslo, opened in 2016, is Norway’s first library for 10–15 years olds only! Here kids can do homework inside a converted tuk-tuk, learn to prepare food in the back of an old Volvo truck, or read in a recycled

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gondola hanging from the ceiling... No grown-ups allowed. Located in Bjørvika, next to the Opera and the new Munch Museum, the new Oslo Public Library (Deichmanske bibliotek), due to open in 2020, will be Norway's finest, and a must see for any visitor.

NORWAY'S BOOK TOWNS

The bookish destination par excellence, the village of Fjærland in Fjord Norway, the original Norwegian Book Town (Bokbyen), boasts miles of shelves, housed in quaint little sheds along the picturesque fjord. There are also a few second-hand bookshops, most of which sell books in foreign languages as well as Norwegian. Bokbyen is open daily

May to September, 10am–6pm Tvedestrand, on Norway's southern coast, also brands itself as a book town, and here too you will find a few second-hand bookshops, as well as guided tours and a range of events. The town even has its own book hotel.

THE FUTURE LIBRARY PROJECT

Started in 2014, the Future Library is an original art project where a new writer contributes a text every year, to be held in trust until 2114. Will these texts find a receptive reader in the future? Time will tell. In the meantime, the unpublished books will be held in a special room in the new Oslo Public Library (see above). A special Future Library forest of 1,000 trees has also been planted in Osломarka to supply the paper needed to

print an anthology of the works in 100 years time. Acclaimed authors Margaret Atwood, David Mitchell and Sjón were the first three to contribute texts to the project.

BOOK SHOPS

If all this has made you want to go buy a book, you will be glad to hear that most big bookstores in Norway have a section selling books in English. But Tronsmo in Oslo is arguably the best bookshop in the country for English language books. Here you will find a great choice of contemporary English language literature, as well as Norwegian authors in translation, a fine selection of art books and comics, and more.

SWEDISH QUICK FACTS

480

DAYS OF PAID PARENTAL LEAVE

90

NUMBER OF PAID PARENTAL DAYS RESERVED FOR THE DAD

1%

OF SWEDEN'S WASTE GOES TO A RUBBISH DUMP

56

DAYS OF DAYLIGHT IN SUMMER

100,000

SWEDISH MOOSE HUNTED EVERY YEAR

26 OSCARS

TO SWEDEN OVER THE YEARS

1,644

HOW MANY (FEW?) HOURS THE AVERAGE SWEDE WORKS A YEAR

2,252,544

IKEA MEATBALLS EATEN EVERY YEAR

10

MILLION PEOPLE IN SWEDEN

86%

OF SWEDES LIVE IN CITIES

95,700

LAKES IN SWEDEN

800

SEK SPENT DAILY BY AVERAGE TOURIST

20,000

OR MORE SAMI LIVE IN SWEDEN TODAY

#1

EXPORTER OF MUSIC PER GDP



Button up

Swedish company celebrates 350th year of making buttons

By Kay Watson

Swedish Society

Swedish manufacturing conjures up many images for Americans of Scandinavian descent. Among commonly recognized names are IKEA, Husqvarna and Absolut. One company that has a unique market niche is the Swedish company "Sporrong" who celebrated its 350th year in business in 2016. Sporrong, a giant in the world of metal sewing buttons, is located in Stockholm.

At the January meeting of the Swedish Society, the gathering took a trip through 200 years of buttons to celebrate the insignificant, magnificent button. Scandinavian military and uniform buttons were displayed, most back marked Sporrong, Stockholm, Sweden. Swedish military buttons on display were made in the 1970s but the insignias

have not changed. The buttons may be identified by referring back to pictures dating from 1938-39. For example, one button shows a ram on hind legs upon a cross-quartered shield with a plain rim. We can identify it as Swedish Army, infantry, Helsingland Regiment. Another example is a fabulously designed button picturing a reindeer walking to dexter (an archaic term used to mean toward the right) on a background of finely spaced lines with eleven stars surrounding the reindeer. It is identified as Swedish Army, Infantry, Norbotten Regiment. Many of the buttons can be identified by comparing the button to the 24 Swedish provinces' coat of arms. Other military units were named after cities. The buttons for Jonkoping, a town in the province of Smaland, features a design taken from the city's coat of arms depicting a castle

with tree turrets on a plain field, with a plain border. Also displayed were what are believed to be Swedish Navy buttons.

Sporrong made a number of buttons for men's blazers. A favorite button portrays three fish for the sporting man. Another wonderful button depicts an old car. Obviously, the Swedes love moose because there was a nice group of Sporrong buttons picturing the head of a moose.

An array of other Scandinavian buttons displayed at the meeting included vintage and modern Norwegian clasps, buttons and buckles. Danish buttons encompassed gold tone military buttons featuring a coat of arms and crown (back marked Sporrong) and three lions with hearts (back marked C.L. Seifert, Kjobenhavn). Other amazing Danish buttons, included Danish Railway Uniform buttons (back marked Siefert, and AP Moller), a Danish Shipping Company (back marked MAGASJIN DU Nord, Kjobenhavn), Danish State Postman and Danish

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Dakota Finnish Society News: College Scholarships Awarded

College scholarships of \$500 each have been awarded to Maci Jo Abrahamson and Annika Eckholm. Students have to complete two years of college, maintain a 3.0 average and be children or grandchildren of Finnish Society members.

Maci Jo Abrahamson is from Berthold, ND, and the daughter of Judy (Maki) and Kelly Abrahamson. She is a student at the University of Mary in Bismarck, ND. Her major is Social Studies Education and minor in Economics.

Annika Eckholm is from Wing, ND, and

the daughter of Daryl and Shelly Eckholm. She is a student at Casper College in Casper, Wyoming, through the satellite program at UND. She is currently in Graduate School in Occupational Therapy. Her minor is rehabilitation and human services.



Maci Jo Abrahamson



Annika Eckholm



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- ◀ Birthday party for Art Tuomala, age 90, in Rolla.
- ◀ (Bottom left) Curt Medalen, Gail Peterson, Ernie Selland celebrate March birthdays.
- ▼ Marion Anderson celebrates her 80th B-day this past March in Minot.



Did you know?

In Finland, people not only celebrate their birthdays each year, but their name days as well. The tradition of assigning names to specific dates stretches back to medieval times.

Buttons: Cont. From Page 12

Royal Telegraph.

The buttons are all in the inventory of one of the largest dealers of vintage and antique buttons in North America, 183 Trading Company. 183 Trading Company is a home-based business located in Minot ND. Both partners, Elizabeth Hoppman and Kae Watson, are of Swedish descent. Kae, who made the presentation, is a member of the Swedish Society in Minot. You may contact 183 Trading Company by calling Kae at (701) 721-1912 or visiting the website at 183vintage-buttons.com. The company participates as a vendor at the annual Norsk Høstfest in Minot.

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Thor Lodge Sons of Norway News

By Martha Elliott

Secretary Thor Lodge 4-067, Sons of Norway

Thor Lodge will have lots of activities planned for the next three months.

1. On March 20th. we had our annual potet klub dinner. We held this at First Lutheran Church. If you missed the klub dinner this year, plan to attend the dinner on the 3rd. Monday of March, 2018.

2. Our spring bazaar/luncheon/bake sale/Grandma's Attic and Book Sale will be held on Saturday, April 8th, one week before Easter. Lunch will be slushburgers and knephla soup. And lots of pie and ice cream for you to enjoy. There will be lots of baked items for you to purchase.

And lots of items in Grandma's Attic In addition to books for you to purchase and read.

3. May 17th. We will celebrate on the 17th. of May to recognize the constitution of Norway. We will have a dinner and program. There are 5 members of the lodge that will become Golden Members meaning they have been members of the Lodge for 30 years and are of the young age of 60. They will be recognized on the 17th. at our dinner.

The Lodge meets the first Monday of the month for our business meeting. Our social is on the 3rd Monday of the month. All meetings start at 6:30 PM.

Members of the Lodge have been



called by Joan and asked if we would work as tour guides in the park this summer. So, on May 17th. until the week of Høstfest, lodge members will be at the SHA Park greeting visitors each day.

Norwegian facts about King Harald IV.

1. On February 21 the King celebrated his 80th. birthday.

2. He was the first Norwegian king born in Norway in 567 years.

3. He is an Olympian as he represented Norway three times in the Olympics as he is an avid sailor.

4. He extended his Royal Patronage to the Sons of Norway Foundation. In 1992 the King became a patron of the S/N Foundation.

5. The then Crown Prince, Harald broke from tradition when he married Sonja Harlaldsen, a commoner, after a nine-year courtship. After consulting with the Presidium of the Storting,

parliamentary leaders and the Norwegian government, King Olav gave his permission for the couple to marry. They were married August 29, 1968 at the Oslo Cathedral.

To join Thor Lodge, visit the lodge for a membership application or go online to www.sofn.com and click "Join". All ages welcome!



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50 Things to do in Minot this Year!

1. Ride the Ferris Wheel at the North Dakota State Fair.

2. Visit the Red Pandas at the Roosevelt Park Zoo.



3. Try the pulled pork sandwich at The Starving Rooster.

4. Check out the hand carved work in the Gol Stav Church at the Scandinavian Heritage Park.

5. Don't scratch the 8-Ball at The Spot Pool Hall.

6. Attend the Minot State Homecoming Football Game.

7. Enjoy breakfast at Minot's oldest restaurant, Charlies Café in Downtown Minot.

8. Try lutefisk at Norsk Hostfest.

9. Check out the Magic City Flea Market held at the North Dakota State Fair Center.

10. Attend the Big One Art and Craft Show and find a local Pride of Dakota product to try.

11. Go to the Point of View Winery.

12. Take pictures in front of the Minot Street Art Movement downtown.

13. Watch the North Dakota State Fair Parade from Burdick Expy.

14. Check out the many planes and exhibits in the Airplane Museum at their North Hill location.

15. Indulge by eating the Fat Frog Sandwich at Ebenezer's.

16. Experience a Downtown Wine Walk.

17. Take a flight from North Dakota's newest and largest airport in Minot.

18. Attend a race at Nodak Speedway.

19. Watch a film at the newly renovated Oak Park Theater.

20. Attend the 4th of July Festival in Roosevelt Park.

21. Watch the Bull Riding during the Y's Men's Annual Rodeo.

22. Eat your fill at the annual Kiwanas Pancake Breakfast.

23. Watch the Minotauros play the MSU Beavers in Pepsi Arena.

24. Try the Elk Chili at Souris River Brewing.

25. Attend an art show at the Taube Museum of Art.

26. Grab a breakfast burrito on the go from El Azteca.

27. Attend the Minot Farmers Market and snag some fresh and locally grown vegetables.

28. Experience the Arts in the Park series provided by MACA.

29. Put on your nicest gown, dress pants or blues and attend the annual Military Ball.

30. Bounce at HighAir Ground.

31. Visit Pioneer Village Museum and



explore Ward County's historical past during summer time.

32. Take a cooking class from Gourmet Chef.

33. Visit Margie's Art Glass Studio and paint your own potteries.

34. Rent skis at the Corbett Field warming house and go cross country skiing in our beautiful parks.

35. Visit Berry Acres and enjoy the Pumpkin Patch or corn maze in the fall.

36. Check out Minot State University's Summer Theater in the outdoor

amphitheater.

37. Eat fried cheese curds at the North Dakota State Fair.

38. Bring your binoculars and check out the birds that can only be found in Minot area.

39. Attend the Minot Symphony Orchestra.



40. Check out the newly renovated Oak Park Movie Theater, and attend a showing for \$3.00.

41. Attend Bacon and Brew at the Zoo, and enjoy some delicious treats and beverages while visiting the animals.

42. Check out the Air Gallery, 62 doors located below Artmain in Downtown Minot.

43. Check out one of the Mouse River Players performances.

44. Head to the Rock the Leaves Festival full of musical entertainment.

45. Visit the Soo Line Train Museum and learn the history of the depot.

46. Attend the Pride of Dakota craft and vendor showcase at the North Dakota State Fair Center.

47. Attend Paint the Town Red with some friends, where you enjoy a glass of wine and paint a picture to take home.

48. Play BINGO at your favorite watering hole.

49. Visit Thorvold, our office troll in the Minot Visitor Center.

50. Shop the Visitors Center Gift Shop for your favorite souvenir of Minot, Norsk Hostfest and the Scandinavian Heritage Park.


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