Fra Presidenten Gail Hetland

Hipp Hipp Hurra! It’s almost Syttende Mai again (how did the last year go so fast?), the day that Norwegians celebrate the signing of their constitution in 1814. All over Norway people will be showing their national pride by parading in bunads, waving flags and enjoying the holiday with games, singing, dancing and—of course—an abundance of food. In communities across the U.S. with a heavy concentration of Norwegian-Americans the same will happen, and here in Portland we put on a pretty impressive celebration. We always celebrate on the actual day, rather than on a weekend day closest to the date, and we parade rain or shine! This year Syttende Mai is on a Sunday, so we expect big crowds. This would be a good time to invite your friends and neighbors to join us and show them what a fun bunch we are. Don’t forget the children, as children are a special focus of the celebrations in Norway. This is a day to show we are proud of our heritage and our traditions. And even though most of us were born in this country, we treasure the ties to the country of our ancestors.

Early Norwegian immigrants to this country relied on Norwegian newspapers in America to bring them news from their home country and to help them forge bonds in their new home here. At one time there were over 500 such newspapers published. Today there remains just one—the Norwegian American Weekly, and in 2014 their revenue was in the red. What a shame it would be if this newspaper were to fold like all the others, so they’ve launched a campaign to help save the paper. Let’s help ensure the continuation of this important publication. Subscriptions are only $70 a year. Consider a gift subscription to someone you know with connections to Norway. The newspaper is a 16-page tabloid, with larger special issues approximately once a month. One page is fully Norwegian, with news from Norway, and bilingual content is often featured. The standard sections are news, business, sports, opinion, food, travel, religion and obituaries, arts and entertainment, and features with a slant toward Norwegian heritage and local Norwegian-American happenings throughout the U.S. Special issues focus on topics of interest to the community, from education and travel to clean energy and alcohol, with, of course, celebration of major holidays like Easter, Syttende Mai, and Christmas.

If you’d rather just make a donation (in any amount), go to indiegogo.com/projects/save-the-norwegian-american-weekly, an internet crowd-funding site. The crowd-funding campaign ends April 30, so hurry! You’ll notice that with your donation a number of “perks” are available, and two of them are Busservoll shirts from Hovden Formal Farm Wear (that’s our own Ingvill Montgomery). She making 20 kids’ shirts and 20 adult shirts available at cost, a very generous contribution. Tusen takk, Ingvill.

Looking forward to seeing you at Syttende Mai! Gail

Anniversary Pins
At our April meeting we announced the names of all members with 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, and 65 years of membership with Sons of Norway. Names were published in the April Grieg Notes. If your name was on the list and you’d like a pin in acknowledgment of this milestone, we’ll be happy to send you one at no cost. Contact Vice President Kristine Crompton.

May 17: Syttende Mai Celebration

Norwegian Constitution Day

Come and Celebrate with Us!

Doors open at 1 pm. Parade begins at 3 pm.
See Page 8.
\section*{Roster Changes}

Please contact Gary Graalum at financialsecretary@norsehall.org or 503-649-8228 with any address, phone number or email address changes. We publish a Lodge Roster annually, which lists the contact information of all members current as of September 30. Members who join or who have contact information changes after that date will be included in the next roster. In the interim, upon request to Gary Graalum, we will publish these additions and changes in the \textit{Grieg Notes}.

\section*{May Birthdays}

\begin{itemize}
    \item 1 – Harriet Halvorson, Lana Maupin, Irene McNeely
    \item 2 – Terry Jondahl, Barbara Liles, Charles Regula
    \item 3 – Darrel King
    \item 4 – Lyla Grossmann-Ferris, Mark Rees
    \item 5 – Steven Andersen
    \item 7 – Terry Dee Long, Arden Tarum
    \item 8 – Samira Grossmann-Ferris, Eric Hoem, Harold Iversen, Nathaniel Willing
    \item 9 – Susan Dodge, Kaija Shreve
    \item 12 – Kathleen Gasperson, Elisabeth Heiberg, Solveig Jondahl, Thor Larsen
    \item 13 – Sherman Kilness, Astrid Perry
    \item 14 – Elizbeth Brooks
    \item 15 – Jameson Westhead
    \item 16 – Maryann Carter, Willy Lund, Erik Rudd, Mark Shull
    \item 17 – Claire Amsden
    \item 18 – Evangeline Goldring, Judith Hvam
    \item 19 – Kevin Herring, Dane Whipple
    \item 20 – Gunn Peterson
    \item 21 – Anton Kirchhof, Josh Maier
    \item 22 – Titus Halvorson
    \item 23 – Kenneth Fong, Ardath Liljelund
    \item 24 – Eunice Monsrud
    \item 25 – Andreas Hagen
    \item 26 – Anniken Moe, Alice Peterson
    \item 28 – Ethan Hill
    \item 29 – Paul Tobaison
    \item 30 – Kelsey Peterson
\end{itemize}

\section*{Board Meetings}

Norse Hall Association Board Meeting - May 13, 7 pm
Grieg Lodge Board Meeting - May 28, 7 pm

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May 3 • Viking Adventures for Kids • 3-5 pm
Fastelavnsbolle (Semla Buns) • Nordic Room

Usually associated with Shrove Tuesday as the last festive treat before the strict fasting of Lent, these delicious sweetened flour buns are found in bakeries throughout Scandinavia—from the Christmas season to Easter. Flavored with cardamom and filled with almond paste and whipped cream, these buns can be eaten with coffee/tea or served traditionally in a bowl of warm milk. Join Lodge member Kirsten Solberg for a fun afternoon of baking and sampling this mouth-watering treat. Limited to 15.

May 5 • Lodge Family Dinner • 6 pm

A time of food, fun and fellowship for Lodge families, participants celebrate the birthdays of kids whose special days are that month. After dinner, at 7 pm, some families will go upstairs for Leikarringen practice.

May 7 • Lodge Meeting • 6:30 pm

The Oslo Lounge will open at 5:30 pm for snacks, beverages and socializing. We’ll remain in the Lounge for our meeting and then have dessert. Christian Krogstad, founder and head distiller of House Spirits Distillery right here in Portland, will briefly stop by and educate us on the craft of Aquavit, and Aquavit flights will be available (see Bar News on page 4).

May 9 • Book Discussion Group • 2-4 pm

The book discussion group will be discussing the unconventional and subtle mystery Broken by Karin Fossum. Come early at 1 pm if you want to help suggest books we can read this summer and next fall. We will vote on new books at the June meeting. Come join in the discussion. Visitors are always welcome.

May 10 • Mother’s Day Breakfast • 8:30 am - 1 pm

Forget messing up your kitchen at home and serving Mom breakfast in bed. Bring her to our Viking Pancake Breakfast for Mother’s Day instead. As always, it’s all-you-can-eat pancakes served with sides of scrambled eggs, sausage links, fruit, orange juice and coffee or tea. Adults are $7, children 5-12 are $4 and children under 5 are free. Children’s story time at 10 am. In addition, during the breakfast, Kristine Crompton will be selling hand-crafted jewelry, donating profits to GLSF. Mom will love it and so will you!

May 12 • Reel Nordic Film Night • 7 pm

The May Reel Nordic Film will be the 1998 film Only Clouds Move the Stars. The story is based on a well-known Norwegian author Torun Lian’s book, Bare Skyer Beverg Stjernen. It is a children’s story about eleven-year-old Maria, who has lost her little brother to cancer. Maria’s mother has totally withdrawn in grief and her father is struggling to keep the family together. Maria meets Jacob, who is the same age but has a different outlook on life. He is an outgoing and funny boy with wisdom beyond his years. He pulls Maria out of her shell and helps her make a decision which will affect her entire life. This film tackles a serious subject with humor and wisdom, appealing to all ages. This is one of Norway’s most awarded film and was nominated for an Academy Award consideration. Doors open at 6:30 pm and the film will start at 7.

May 17 • Syttende Mai

Doors open at 1 pm; Parade begins at 3 pm

Hipp Hipp Hurra! While not quite the major milestone represented by last year’s Bicentennial, we still will celebrate Norway’s Constitution Day, 17. mai, with ethnic food; our parade with bands, national costumes galore, a float and fjord horses; Leikarringen; speakers and musicians; and raffle prizes. Alle er hjertelig velkommen! See flyer on page 8.

As to how to lend a hand: Please contact Astri Grieg Fry at agfry@aracnet.com or (503) 292-9434. Tusen takk!

May 17 • Viking Adventures for Kids

Syttende Mai Celebration

Hurra! May 17 falls on a Sunday this year. That means an extended fun-filled schedule featuring live music, dance performances, fjord horses, authentic Norwegian delicacies, and the annual Parade through the Lloyd District. KIDS—Invite your buddies from your school and grab your school banner! Children from all metropolitan area schools are welcome—or as they say in Norway… Alle er hjertelig velkommen!

May 21 • Ladies Social Club • 12 pm

Our May get together will be with the members of the Columbia Lodge in Vancouver. Please contact Kathy Gasperson or Marilyn Lewis if you plan on going so we can let the lodge know how many to expect. Carpooling is highly recommended as parking is “on street” and in a residential neighborhood. The address for Columbia Lodge is 2400 Grant St., Vancouver. Phone 360-695-721. We hope to see you all there.

May 22 • New Member Welcome Dinner • 5 pm

TGIF Social • 6-11 pm

If you’ve joined the Lodge after March 2014, look for a letter in the mail inviting you to our annual New Member Welcome Dinner, one way we say that we’re really glad you’re a part of our Lodge family. This falls on our regular TGIF night, so after dinner head on up to the Oslo Lounge to watch Alt for Norge—come on down and enjoy the show! It’s a good time to just socialize and have fun. The bar will be open, of course!

May 22 • TGIF for Kids • 6-10 pm

While parents are upstairs for Alt for Norge or TGIF, the kids have their own party downstairs, enjoying snacks, movies and games in the Barnerom. Please RSVP with David Champion at 503-775-1380 or norseherodotus@hotmail.com.

Officer Request

Your Lodge Secretary is asking for your help and assistance. Would those of you who give reports at either a Board or Lodge meeting please submit a written copy or notes of said report. It is sometimes very hard to hear all of the information due to various background interferences. This will insure that there might be a better than average chance of getting most of the minutes correct. Tusen takk.
**Every Sunday**

- **Scandi-Eclectic Dancing • 10:30 AM-3 PM**
  Old fashioned social waltzing with the fast-turning elements of Scandinavian folk dancing. Contact Don Harvey, 503-287-8001 or donald.cory.harvey@gmail.com.

**Every Monday**

- **Bridge • 6-10 PM**
  Meet in the Oslo Lounge.

- **Snakke Norsk Conversation Group • 7-8 PM**
  This is not a class, just a conversation group where you can learn and practice. Contact Karen Thompson, 503-367-5014 or ktmoonblue@yahoo.com. RSVP is suggested.

**Every Tuesday**

- **Pinochle • 12:30-5 PM**
  Meet in the Oslo Lounge.

- **Leikarringen • 7-7:30 PM**
  Kids—learn about and perform traditional Norwegian dances by joining Grieg Lodge’s own Leikarringen, a Lodge program since 1934. Kids in second or third grade and above practice on Tuesday evenings while the younger kids practice on Saturday afternoons. For more information, contact Karen Thompson, 503-367-5014 or ktmoonblue@yahoo.com.

**Every Wednesday**

- **Bridge • 6-10 PM**
  Meet in the Library.

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**Cultural Note**

By Astri Grieg Fry

Regarding our book project, Grieg Lodge Remembers: As I write this, it’s exactly 75 years to the day since the onset of World War II in Norway: 9 April, 1940. These days, it’s a privilege to collect members’ WW II stories! All of them are special and are forming a colorful tapestry. For those of you with additional stories, please let me know!

17. MAI 2015, MAGIC AND MUSCLE: It won’t be long now before our 17. mai celebration here at Grieg Lodge — our largest event of the year — with the combined magic of our parade (rain or shine!), as well as our program in the Grand Ballroom. However, it takes considerable muscle to produce these special effects, so please consider how you can help. Tusen takk! Please contact Astri Grieg Fry at (503) 292-9434 or agfry@aracnet.com

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**Bar News**

Did you know the Horny Troll Bar, in the Oslo Lounge, has five different Aquavits? We have one each from Norway, Sweden (limited), and Denmark, and two from Portland. Christian Krogstad, founder and head distiller of House Spirits Distillery right here in Portland, will briefly stop by and educate us on the craft of Aquavit at the May general membership meeting. This presentation will also kick off the Horny Troll’s Aquavit Flight which will be available while we still have O.P. Anderson from Sweden. Unless somebody is hiding a bottle of O.P. Anderson in their home liquor cabinet, this may be the last bottle in Portland. The $6 Aquavit flights will allow you to taste and compare all five Aquavits (while supply lasts) and let you decide which one is your personal favorite.

Thank you, thank you, to all that use the Oslo Lounge every week and keep it tidy. This is a tremendous help to your volunteer bartenders.

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**Garden Party at the Cromptons’**

Drop in between 1-4 pm at Kristine and Albert Crompton, Sunday, May 31, to enjoy the flowers, veggies, chickens, or just to relax and visit. They are next to the Trolley Trail so if you’d like, take a stroll! They’re at 15510 SE Arista Drive, Milwaukie (503-654-7737). Light refreshments will be served and all Lodge members are invited.
Grieg Lodge Scholarship Fund – Lodge 105th Birthday Brunch

by Sherry Stratton
Photos by Ron Petersen

Grieg Lodge celebrated its 105th Birthday on Sunday, April 12 in the Bergen Dining Room, with a special Viking Pancake Breakfast, Support our Scholars Raffle, and Scholarship and Fedde Grant award ceremony. 15 Scholarships and one Fedde Grant were awarded at the Brunch, totaling $31,500.

The GLSF Board thanks our 2015 Selection Committee for the many hours they spent reading and evaluating 29 applications: Sonja Hau- gen, Chair, Mikal Apenes, Ken Cone, James Jardee-Borquist, Dolores Morelli, MaryJo Radosevich, Colby Westhead and Joan Walker.

GLSF also thanks all of the Volunteers who worked at the Brunch, all those who donated Support Our Scholars Raffle prizes, and the members of Ladies’ Social Club who donated and prepared special food items. Many Hands Make Light Work, and we could not offer this special Lodge event without the support of so many Lodge members. Net proceeds raised this year from Raffle and Brunch sales totaled $3,185.

The 2015 Grieg Lodge Scholarship Winners Are:

Madeline Alford graduates from Central Catholic High School in June with a 4.2 GPA. Her family background is Irish. She has been a competitive Irish Step dancer and has performed at Kell’s Irish Festival, Paddy’s and many similar venues. She has done extensive volunteer work in Ecuador, Costa Rica, Mexico and Columbia. Her passion is to become a High School Spanish teacher with an emphasis on culture. One of her references stated: I see within her the drive to be a lifelong learner. Madeline will use her scholarship to attend the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque with a double major in Spanish and Secondary Education.

Haley Dotson graduates from Franklin High School in June with a 3.7 GPA. She is co-President of the Franklin Rugby Club, a member of the National Honor Society, and the Latino club. She is fluent in Spanish as a result of the Franklin Spanish immersion program and a trip to Spain; she studies French and Spanish in school and is working on learning both Dutch and Norwegian at home. Her goal is to pursue a degree in International Relations. Haley volunteers at our Pancake Breakfasts with her Aunt Donna and Uncle David, and enjoys the opportunity to learn more about Norwegian culture and heritage. She seeks the opportunity to positively impact international affairs and relations between countries, and intends to use her scholarship to study culture and language at the University level.

Ruth Drake is a student at Oregon State University majoring in Apparel Design with a minor in Visual Arts, Theatre Arts, and Business, with a 3.9 GPA. Her family is Norwegian and her mother, Susan Drake, is a Lodge member. She became involved in the Leikarringen Group here at NH from an early age and this led to her strong interest in costumes and the history of clothing. She has been sewing since age 15 and recently won a costume competition. She states that her skill level grows with each costume she makes. She wants to work in the apparel design business and perhaps open her own business. She intends to use her scholarship to continue to expand her apparel design and business skills at OSU.

Sarah Fagerberg will graduate from high school in June with a 3.9 GPA. Her family is Norwegian. Her grandparents Kirk and Molly Beiningen are Lodge members; Kirk is a former Scholarship Board member and an active supporter of all of our fundraising events. Sarah has been selected as this year’s Lucia, Queen of Light. She will participate in the Syttende Mai parade, the Scandinavian Midsummer Festival and ScanFair, together with her Court. She also sings in the Scandinavian Choir. She has discovered a passion for Marine Biology by volunteering with the Haystack Rock Awareness Program in Cannon Beach, where she helps teach others about marine life and how we can protect it. She intends to use her scholarship to attend Portland Community College in the fall, and later will transfer to Oregon State University to pursue a degree in Marine Biology.

Kearsten Friedrich graduates from Newberg High School in June with a 4.0 GPA. Her grandparents are Scandinavian, and her grandfather was a great horseman and backcountry hunter. She is a member of the Oregon High School Equestrian Team where she competes every year. In high school she has participated in FFA, is an AP Chemistry tutor and has worked with the Link Crew program. Through caring for her own horses, taking Veterinary Science classes, and volunteering at Dove Lewis Animal Hospital and local stables, she has decided to turn her passion for the care of horses into a career as an Equine Veterinarian. She plans to use her scholarship to attend either Oregon State University or the University of Montana Western in Dillon, Montana.
Jarek Hunger is a student at Portland State University with a 3.7 GPA, majoring in Economics and also studying Norwegian language and culture. He has a strong interest in Scandinavian heritage and enjoys cooking Norwegian dinners and listening to Norwegian music. Jarek is the Accounting Director for the Organization Budget Council at PSU and is active in voter registration with The Associated Students at PSU. He is considering combining his interests in sustainable economics and Norwegian culture by studying at the University of Oslo in Norway. He intends to use his scholarship to further his studies at PSU.

Isaac Kreft will graduate from the University of Portland in May with a degree in Engineering and a 3.9 GPA. His background is Swedish and Norwegian. He is an Eagle Scout. He worked in a research facility in Germany where he gained an appreciation for the international collaboration that goes on in research. He is President of the UoP Mechanical Engineering Club, a member of several professional organizations, and leader of his senior design team. He wants to use his knowledge of biomechanics to help others, perhaps in Research and Development. He intends to use his scholarship to enter the Master’s program at University of Portland with the goal of obtaining his PhD.

Emilia Massa graduates from Lincoln High School in June with a 3.5 GPA. Her mother was born and raised in Sweden, and Emilia learned to speak Swedish at home. She attended Swedish School on Saturdays from the age of 3 until she was 13, and has also participated in a folk dancing group and the Lucia Court. She has traveled to Sweden many times and has spent whole summers there. She is Co-Executive Editor of the Lincoln High School newspaper this year. She founded the Lincoln Astrology Club and this year served as President. She plays bass in a jazz combo that has performed many concerts, including a performance at Jimmy Mak’s jazz club here in Portland. She is a highly regarded teaching assistant at Lincoln. She intends to use her scholarship to pursue her interests in journalism and the publication business.

Samantha Palladino will graduate from Sherwood High School this spring with a 4.0 GPA. She is Danish. She has been an active member and leader of 4-H for several years. She has held various leadership positions in her student council and has spent hundreds of hours organizing school events. She is a member of National Honor Society, and has been active in the youth clubs for both Kiwanis and Rotary International. She has participated in fundraising for the American Cancer Society and Doernbecher Children’s Hospital. She is also an athlete in soccer, cross country and track. Her goal is to become a companion animal veterinarian and open her own clinic, possibly working in underdeveloped nations. She intends to use her scholarship to attend the Washington State University Honors College studying pre-veterinary neuroscience.

Kaija Perkiomaki is a senior at the University of Washington with a 3.5 GPA, majoring in English and Communications, with a minor in Scandinavian Studies. Her mother is Norwegian and her father is Finnish. In 2010 she was selected as the Santa Lucia of Oregon. She was awarded a Grieg Lodge Scholarship in 2014, which she used to at-
tend the University of Oslo’s International Summer School in Norway. She is a member of the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority, and was just accepted into the Greek Honors Society Order of Omega. She is captain of the University’s Club Squash Team. She hopes to eventually work in the publications industry. She plans to use her scholarship for further education in Europe and has applied for the Master’s Program at the University of Helsinki in Finland.

Siri Smithback is in her second year in the Lewis & Clark Graduate School of Education working on her Master’s degree in professional mental health counseling. She is also a Yoga instructor. She was a Grieg Lodge Scholarship winner in 2014 and currently has a 3.9 GPA. She speaks fluent Norwegian, having spent a summer working on a sheep farm in northern Norway. Her counseling education has helped her to become an active, empathetic listener. She has gained knowledge about diversity and social justice and the importance of cultural awareness in the counseling practice. She plans to use her scholarship to continue her studies at Lewis & Clark.

Rebekah Stewart will graduate from Centennial High School in June. She has taken every honors and AP course offered there. She wants to attend college not only to get a degree and enter the work force, but also to learn as much as she can both inside and outside the classroom. She is interested in psychology in general and Child Psychology in particular. She is also passionate about the performing arts, and is captain of the Centennial Dance Team this year. She is a member of National Honor Society, the Journey Theatre Arts Group, has been active in school choir, and also volunteers at her church. Her family is Norwegian. She plans to use her scholarship to attend George Fox University in Newberg, studying psychology.

Laura Thorsell currently attends George Fox University working on her Bachelor’s degree in Nursing. Her family is Norwegian and Swedish. She and her sister did Irish Dance for ten years, competing and performing in a variety of settings, including Norse Hall. She has a black belt in Tai Kwan Do. She is an active member of National Honor Society. She has been on the varsity tennis team, worked as a math peer tutor, and has been a Bible School counselor. During her senior year in high school, Laura spent about 300 hours working in various clinical sites, including an assisted living facility, a veterinary clinic and a medical surgical floor, all while maintaining a 4.0 GPA taking advanced placement courses. This experience motivated her to pursue a career in geriatric health. Laura intends to use her scholarship to continue her nursing studies at George Fox University.

Gunnar Vik will graduate from Central Catholic High School in June with a 3.5 GPA. His family is Norwegian and he loves our Christmas traditions (except for Lutefisk). Gunnar has been a member of the State Championship Cross Country team for the past four years. He has volunteered as an assistant coach for his former elementary school track team, and has been an official for CYO Track and Basketball. He volunteers regularly at the Blanchet House in Old Town. Gunnar has been accepted as a Design Major at the University of San Francisco, with a minor in Fine Arts. He plans to focus on Graphic Communications, because it will allow him to reach across language barriers and communicate with people of all cultures.

Lois Turner Memorial Scholarship:

In honor of a generous gift from our friend Lois Turner, who passed away last year, GLSF has awarded a $3,000 scholarship to Allison Everson. Allison graduated from Pacific Lutheran University in 2013 with a degree in Biology and a 3.7 GPA. She descends from Scandinavian immigrants and her parents Leslie and David Everson are Lodge members. She has done medical volunteer work locally as well as in Mexico, Costa Rica and Nicaragua. Her interests in medicine and community service have motivated her to return to school. Allison will use her scholarship to attend Midwestern University in Glendale, Arizona, where she will begin a 2 year program to become a physician’s assistant.

GLSF presented the $500 Bernhard and Johanna Fedde Grant this year to:

Dr. Joan Haaland Paddock and Linfield College are bringing Norwegian storytellers Stina Fagertun and Anita Barth-Jorgensen from Tromsø, Norway to Oregon in October. They are indigenous Sami cultural ambassadors, traditional singers and folklorists. They will give a variety of performances at elementary schools, Linfield College, the new Scandinavian Heritage Foundation Nordic Center here in Portland, and our Viking Adventures for Youth program here at Grieg Lodge. These performances will raise awareness and interest in the culture, art and thought of the Scandinavian and Sami cultures of northern Norway.
COME AND CELEBRATE WITH US!

You are invited to join Grieg Lodge members in celebrating Norway’s Constitution Day, May 17th, our most significant Norwegian event of the year! Doors open at 1 PM. National dress or other festive attire is encouraged.

MENU—Open-faced shrimp sandwiches, rolls with Gjetost or Jarlsberg cheese, surkål and pølse with lompe or bun, remmegrot, bløtkake, almond pastry, beverages and sodas, including Norwegian Solo—all available for purchase in the Bergen Waterfront Dining Room. Free hot dogs, bottled water and ice cream for children 10 years old and under.

GRAND FLAG PARADE—Starting at 3 PM (rain or shine!), the parade features marching bands and fjord horses, as well as a myriad of festively attired participants.

PROGRAM, FESTIVITIES AND RAFFLE—All held in the Grand Ballroom at approximately 4 PM, following the parade. Some highlights: the Scandinavian Chorus and other musicians, speakers, and Leikarringen.
Billy Goats Gruff: Viking Adventure at MisFit Farm

Goats are not only part of the everyday landscape in rural Norway, but also play an important role in Norse mythology and stories. Who hasn’t heard the charming fairytale of the Three Billy Goats Gruff, a story first written down by Peter Chris ten Asbjørnsen? Heiðrún is also an important creature in Norse myths. This goat eats the leaves of the tree Ælaðr and produces endless amounts of mead from its udder for the fallen warriors who inhabit Valhalla. With this kind of pedigree, it was time for our Viking Adventurers to seek out some goats, and we found them on March 7 at the MisFit Farm in Dayton, Oregon.

Goats are popular domestic animals all over the world because of their hardiness, adaptability and ability to sustain themselves on a varied and meager diet. They are perfectly adapted to Norway’s steep, rocky, formidable cliffs. A baby goat is called a kid and herd of goats is called a trip or tribe. Since we couldn’t track down any Norwegian breeds in the area, a tribe of Nigerian Dwarf goats magnanimously stood in for their Norwegian brethren for the day. It was ‘kidding” (birthing) season at the farm, and we were invited to enjoy a day-in-the-life of this extraordinary animal. These adorable, gamboling, tail-wagging, little balls of hooved-fur didn’t disappoint!

The MisFit Farm is a small farm owned by Jo Powell and her partner Ken Nelly. Jo, a knowledgeable herbalist and teacher, originally bought the acreage to grow and sell organic vegetables and herbs. After a few years of farming, an opportunity arose to buy a couple of Nigerian Dwarf goats from a notable sire down the valley. The rest is history. With good lineage and American Dairy Goat Association certification, this herd is named the “Rockin’ the Boat herd,” from which Jo sells milk, cheese products, soaps, and even the occasional offspring. They now have thirty goats and one devoted livestock guardian animal named Pearl. This huge Maremma Great Pyrenees dog lives outside, fulltime, in the pen protecting her charges.

Since transitioning to goats, Jo and Ken have been learning along the way and it is clear that this is a loving operation. They have become experts in midwifery, and goats 101 (and 102 and 103.) During kidding season, usually in February and March, Jo barely leaves the farm so she can be on hand to help with the delivery of the new babies. On our visit, there were four newborns whose mother couldn’t produce milk. Jo had to bottle-feed the kids every two hours to make sure they survived. She brought in reinforcements: her good friend LeNoir Hayward, who helped with these round-the-clock feedings. Thankfully these four preemies pulled through and were named the “Fab Four,” after John, Paul, Ringo, and George. (Now, I’ve always thought that kittens were the cutest of all the baby animals, but then… I met Ringo the baby goat, who might have just set a new benchmark for adorable in my eyes!)

We sat in the warm sunshine with Mts. Hood and Jefferson in the distance, as the “Fabs” and the other baby goats frolicked, jumped, kicked and climbed around us. When they had exhausted their supply of seemingly endless energy, they would fall asleep in the children’s arms. Jennifer Toney, mom of Jaxon, had a particularly special touch with the babies and they seemed to melt away in her embrace. (Add Goat-Whisperer to that woman’s resume!)

Since Jo was understandably shorthanded on extra goat’s milk, we had to forgo the actual cheese-making demonstration, but learned that soft cheeses use specific bacteria cultures and are much easier to make than hard cheeses. Jo talked our group through the steps of taking the raw goat’s milk and turning it into cream cheese, yogurt, chevre, (and of course, if you were in Norway, everyone’s favorite goat cheese: gjetost). Jo also makes and sells a line of all-natural goat’s-milk soaps using herbs and plants from the farm.

As our own “tribe of kids” got ready to go back to Portland, we thanked our hosts Jo and Ken for an absolutely perfect see VAfK, page 10
by Mary Hill

Many of us have had the pleasure of reading and looking at the pictures in both D’Aulaires’ Book of Trolls and D’Aulaires’ Book of Norse Myths. Ingri and Edgar Parin d’Aulaire collaborated on many beautiful children’s books, both fiction and nonfiction. The Library has several of their works, and I’ve been able to acquire a few more, partly because some of the books that have been out of print are being reissued by the University of Minnesota Press.

Ingri Mortenson, who was born in Kongsberg, Norway, and Edgar d’Aulaire met in 1921 in Munich when they were both attending art school. After they married, the d’Aulaires moved to Brooklyn, where Edgar illustrated books and Ingri painted portraits. The director of the New York Public Library saw some of their work and encouraged them to illustrate and write children’s books.

According to an article in the New York Review of Books, the d’Aulaires “used stone lithography for their illustrations. A single four-color illustration required four slabs of Bavarian limestone that weighed up to two hundred pounds apiece. The technique gave their illustrations an uncanny hand-drawn vibrancy.”

Three of their earliest books are stories of Norway: Ola is “the enchanting story of a dauntless Norwegian boy who goes skiing one day and has many unusual adventures before returning home. He meets new friends, joins a merry wedding party, encounters a howling dragon, and learns bits of folklore from fishermen in the far north while pulling codfish from the icy waters.” Children of the Northlights “introduces readers young and old to siblings Lise and Lasse and to the captivating Sami people and culture of northern Scandinavia. . . . Inspired directly by a remarkable journey the d’Aulaires took to northern Europe and their time spent among the Sami, Children of the Northlights is a brightly illustrated portrait and celebration of the Sami people, culture, and snow-covered landscapes of the frozen north from two of the twentieth century’s greatest storytellers.” The Terrible Troll Bird is about Ola, Lina, Sina, and Trina. They “leave their village to gather firewood in the forest, when they’re surprised by the hideous call of the terrible troll-bird, a giant rooster who pops up out of the treetops and swoops down to devour their beloved horse Blakklen. Little does the terrible troll-bird know that he has finally met his match: his terrible days of terrorizing are over.” Nils “is a story of a Norwegian boy who discovered, quite some time ago, how it was to be different and yet have the whole greater than the sum of the parts. If only we could work together and enjoy our differences rather than fighting them. Nils, a Norwegian boy thought himself the bravest of the brave, until he wore his beautiful stockings, with roses and stars, to school and the other children made fun of him. The story of a boy who learns that different can be beautiful.”

Other books include Trolls (“the lithographed pictures have a warm, hand-drawn look that transforms all beasts from horrific to humorous, and it is considered that this book represents the quintessence of the d’Aulaires’ art”) and Wings for Per, about a young man who leaves his family farm in Norway, trains as a fighter pilot, and fights against the Nazis.

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day. We are sincerely grate
ful to them for sharing their farm and amazing animals with us. They have invited our group back to MisFit Farm for kidding season 2016 and you can be sure that we will journey back to see our special friends, newborns and old!

For more information, visit MisFit Farm at misfitfarmorcon.com.

Heiðrún heitir geit, er stendr hóll á ok býr af lærðs limom; spaker fylla hún skal ins skíra miðar, knáat sú veig vanaz.

Heiðrún, the goat on the hall that stands, eateth off Læráth’s limbs; the crows she fills with clearest mead, will that drink not e’er be drained. — (LMH’s translation – Poetic Edda)

Sunshine Report
by Randi Otness

We have heard of the passing of Irene Kucinski, from her daughter Sonja Pulley. Irene had been a member of Grieg Lodge since 1969. A card was sent to her family. We have just received word of the death of Mel Iverson on Sunday, April 12th, after an extended illness. Many will remember Mel as the President of Grieg Lodge in 1978, 1979 and 1980. He was also the owner of the Scandinavian Shop on NE Broadway for many years. Additionally, he was very active in the Swedish community in later years. A memorial service will be announced later. Also, Terry Jondahl had minor surgery, but is home and doing well. Call or email if you know someone having a special birthday or someone in need of a little extra cheering up. — Randi Otness

From Johan Vineyards

We will be having our Syttende Mai celebration on May 16th, from 11 am-5 pm. We would like to extend an invitation for your members to come and join us (in their bunads if possible). We will extend complimentary tastings to anyone with a Sons of Norway membership card and Viking Soul Food will be here selling food. We also hope to have the youth dance group here. johanvineyards.com.
By Colby Westhead

The Road Bowling Committee was watching the forecast carefully the night before the big tournament against the smack-talking, limerick-spinning Irish. After weeks and weeks of gorgeous sunshine and unseasonably warm days, rain was predicted for Saturday, March 14, and lots of it...

In the mood for revenge after two consecutive losses to the Norwegians, the Irish hooligans were poised for some serious competition in this ninth year of Road Bowling on the Buckman track. The Norwegians - cool, collected and dressed for the weather in their Viking-best, donned their horned helmets and confidently sauntered out into the elements.

A smaller turnout on both sides didn’t deter the spirit of the games. With national flags waving and a bagpiper piping, both groups paraded to the track. One flight of three Norwegian teams: Road Warriors, Ragnar’s Ruf-fians and Arne’s Axes were pitted against five Irish teams. In this particular game of Road Bowling - adapted to a track instead of the country lanes of Ireland, the winning teams are the ones who produce the least number of throws to get once around the oval. In this case, more is not better and it takes quite a bit of skill to take a small cannonball and throw it underhand along the straightaways, and especially the curves of a track.

In the unrelenting rain, everyone on both sides cheered for the great throws regardless of allegiances. The finals came down to four teams: the Road Warriors and Tipperary Tipsters with 13 throws, and Esis Bajeesus and Snow White Swan Song at 14 throws each. Each team of four players got to throw one time in a sudden death round. The Road Warriors - made up of Sara and John Moen (brother/sister), Meadow Spencer, and Sean Fong were the victors for the day - Hurra! Winning three times in a row is not a fluke folks. Irish revenge will have to wait another year!

The sodden but happy teams made their way back to the Lodge and eagerly dug into the hot, delicious corned beef stew waiting in crockpots for them, compliments of Kristine Crompton. Merrymaking, beverages and a trophy ceremony followed. As with any event, there are people to thank. The road bowling committee – Jennifer and James Jardee-Borquist, Sara Moen, Jamie Maier, Colby Westhead and Meadow Spencer, continue to keep this train on the track. Stellar volunteers Alice Scherer (referee/team announcer), and Jameson Westhead (enthusiastic chalker), kept the game honest and moving along at a good clip. Thanks go to Kristine who keeps us all fed, and to Tritia Tonn who came up with some crazy-good drink specials for the day, i.e.: Bloody Mary’s with a strip of bacon and aquavit - breakfast in a glass!

We also want to thank our Irish counterpart Steve Maher who is the organizer of the Celtic teams, brings in the Voo-doo Doughnut truck, and directs the fundraiser for Impact NW (www.impactnw.org), to whom we both donate funds ($1,438 this year). SLÁINTE AND SKÅL - we all raise our glasses to a fun day of hijinks and charity!
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