



SONS OF NORWAY

Edvard Grieg Lodge 657 District 5

Cincinnati-Dayton, Ohio & Kentucky

- First Lodge in Ohio -

Sons, Daughters and Friends of Norway Newsletter

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Greetings from the Lodge President

Hei alle,

Summer is here and we are all busy with activities. Those of us at Glenn and Susie Mikaloff's house for the annual Summer Solstice had a very good time. Food and weather was very good. Fellowship was better.



We have great plans for the remainder of the year. An informal lodge meeting in July at IKEA, a place for lunch and where you can spend some of your hard earned money. In the plans is a program with the Norwegian elkhounds, the annual foundation meeting and of course Julefest and maybe a surprise or two. We are planning a meeting and outside event at Fort Ancient. If you have not been there it will be worth the drive. The following is from their website:

Fort Ancient is a Native American earthworks complex located in Washington Township, Warren County, Ohio, along the eastern shore of the Little Miami River about seven miles (11 km) southeast of Lebanon on State Route 350. The site is the largest prehistoric hilltop enclosure in the United States with three and one-half miles (18,000 ft.) of walls in a 100-acre (0.40 km²) complex. Built by the Hopewell culture, which lived in the area from the 200 BC to AD 400, the site is situated on a wooded bluff 270 feet (82 m) above the Little Miami. It is the namesake of a culture known as Fort Ancient who lived near the complex long after it was constructed.

Maintained as a state historical park, the site was designated a National Historic Landmark for its



significance. The State of Ohio purchased the land and made it Ohio's

first state park in 1891. In addition, this is part of the Hopewell Ceremonial Earthworks, one of 14 sites nominated in January 2008 by the U.S. Department of the Interior for potential submission by the United States to the UNESCO World Heritage List.

The Fort Ancient earthworks were built in at least three stages over an estimated 400-year period. The shoulder blades of deer, split elk antlers, clam shell hoes, and digging sticks were used to loosen the dirt, and baskets holding 35 to 40 pounds were used to carry and distribute the soils in building the earthworks. Archaeologists estimate the total volume of earth in the walls at 553,000 cubic yards (423,000 m³).

There will be more information on the details of the August Fort Ancient meeting such as time and location emailed to everyone very soon, so keep an eye out for that in your inbox.

Seems like we are looking for others to step up and take on some of the responsibilities. We are still looking for a social director but we do have plans for others to fill in. The someone in the lodge also needs to take over the festivities at Julefest. I would like your thoughts on moving Julefest to noon. The reason would be to allow people that don't like to drive at night the opportunity to join us. Let me know.

Larry Austin Bannick

Syttende mai Celebration

The Syttende mai Celebration meeting was hosted by Karen and Ed Barth. The group photos include members and guests.



Membership

We have some new members—well, actually, families have joined. Monica DuShane and her family had moved to Illinois for several years. Now they are back in Ohio and the whole family are members, Monica, Morgan, Conor, Marjorie and grandson Magnus. Monica and Morgan came to help at the Dayton festival while still moving into their house. Much thanks.

Mark Kosobud has renewed along with his wife Diane, and sons David, Eric and Sky, plus Christina. The Kosobuds were charter members when the lodge was formed. We welcome them back to the lodge and hope to see them at one of our events.

We have some very sad news to report. One of our long time members Trine Wernes has passed. We just recently learned of this, as there was not any service. She had been a member for 15 years. When she first joined, she enjoyed our book group and had done a lot of translating for people.



She was mentor to Alisa Suzanne Jordheim, helping her with her singing of Scandinavian music. During the last few years her medical issues kept her from participating. Her family took her back to Norway for burial.

We do need to keep Nelda Chandler in our prayers as she goes thru rehab.

There is going to be a recruitment contest from August 1 thru October 31. For every new member that joins the lodge we will get \$10.00 into our treasury. If you know of someone that might join, let's get them a membership application.

Esther Charlton, membership secretary

Thanks

Ashville Viking Festival

A big thank you to Larry Bannick and Sharon Smythe, for all their help. The weather was o.k. this year. Some years it has been really, really cold. We met a lot of interesting people. The Viking festival is always the last weekend of April.

Dayton International Festival

This year the festival was at the Greene County Fairgrounds and proved very successful. Our booth

was in a prime spot which was great. We made a nice profit to add to our treasury.

Thanks are in order to the many people that helped at the booth: Tim and Connie Holmen, Jim and Susan Herman, Morgan and Monica DuShane, Sharon Smythe, Erin Rykhus, and Adam Sokol. Next year the festival will be May 3-5, at the fairgrounds. Because this is a three day festival we do need help in our booth. Keep those dates in mind so you can help next year.

Birthdays

July

Soren Russell[5], Magnus DuShane[6], Janice Ohlsen Betscher[7], Angel Shirkey[8], Tim Holmen[9], Benjamin Powers[11], Monica DuShane[13], Maria Luiso[13], Roy Solvik[16], Jorgen Jorgensen[17], Katherine Herman[23], Conor DuShane[25], Sky Kosobud[27], Amy Rone[28], Thomas Varland[29], Kristin Szava[31].

August

Erik Kosobud[8], Sandy Nelson[12], Karen Warden[12], Austin Scherbarth[13], Maxwell Bakkum[16], Eloise Drinan[21], Evelyn Hetzler[29], Alisa Suzanne Jordheim[29]

September

Kjell Evensen[3], Ordelle Hill[4], Abigail Bellman[7], David Bratten[9], Christina Kosobud[10], Noel Julnes-Dehner[13], Larry Welin[19], Chris Butterworth[20], JoAnn Krugh[26], James P. Herman[28].

Upcoming July 19 Meeting

Informal Lodge Meeting

Wednesday, July 19 at 11:30.

Brunch/Lunch Social at IKEA.

We will put some tables together at the back of the cafeteria.

Wear a lodge or Norwegian t-shirt

October is Foundation Month!

As you travel around the country or even farther on trips this summer, keep in mind to look for items to pick up for our Silent Auction and Raffle on October 14th. For those who are crafty and enjoy creating, handmade items are always in demand at this event. Please join us for this fun time together, help support the Foundation, and get some birthday or holiday gift shopping checked off your list!

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