



The Norden Club of Lincoln

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Our 69th Year

Dec 2016

- Next Meeting: Smorgasbord @ Hillcrest Country Club

Prepaid reservations required. Send check to Norden Club, Terri Heckman, 5621 Bison Ct., Lincoln, NE 68516

Deadline is Nov 21

Norden Club Officers

President	Phyllis Ericson
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Web Master	Len Nelson

Presidents Corner

Dear Friends –

I hope you are enjoying this fantastic autumn weather. Why is it that it seems that the last 2 months of the year go faster than the others?? As we turn the calendar to November we know that Smorgasbord will soon be here. In fact you will want to make your dinner reservation NOW!!! There is limited seating and we will be opening it up to the public the second week of November. Make sure you have the dinner on your calendar.

Swedish Smorgasbord, Monday December 5

I can't believe that my tenure as president has already come to an end. It has been my privilege to serve you in this capacity for the last three years. You are in good hands as we transition to the new board with some new and many returning board members.

We are one of the last Scandinavian Clubs and one of the best in the nation!

We are blessed to have such willing volunteers. We have the volunteer

board members, the volunteer dinner & program members, and the volunteer Foundation members. The next time you see them, please join me in thanking these club members for all they do for our Norden Club.

So as I leave as your president and board member, I'm asking you to keep the momentum going. We need you to volunteer to do things for Norden Club. Join the dinner and program volunteers, learn about and join the Club and the Foundation Boards with their activities.

Whether it be a short-term or a long-term commitment, you are needed and you will be appreciated. So get involved in 2017 so you can be an active part of the Norden Club of Lincoln.

Thanks to all for this past three years. I've enjoyed it. Now on to different Norden Club adventures!

See you at the Smorgasbord.

Your president, Phyllis Ericson

Santa Lucia Pageant

As part of this year's Norden Club Jul Smörgåsbord there will be a traditional Lucia pageant. People who would like to have their children, grandchildren, or family

friends' children (boys or girls) take part in the parade should contact Ingrid Stites (402-830-6678 or 79 or ingridstites@gmail.com) and give her the child's name, age, ap-

proximate size, parent's name(s) and phone numbers. Costumes will be provided and there is no charge for participating.

Ingrid Stites

The Norden Club Thanks You

The Norden Club recognizes the many years that Ozzie Gilbertson was our song leader leading our club in singing. We thank you for all the melodies and jokes. You made us smile. We also want to thank Janet Harms who was our faithful pianist for these many years. THANKS!

Foundation News

The pressure is on and we've stepped up to the job at hand. We continue to sell Younker's Community Days coupon booklets until November 12. You were given the opportunity to purchase booklets and obtain a purple ribbon for your name badge. Why the purple ribbons? The ribbon signifies your support for the Foundation and its scholarship and grant-in-aid projects. As a donor you benefit, too. I'm pleased to say that we had a great sales response at the September dinner meeting. Thank you for your donations! According to the Younker's Project Manager, we currently rank number three in sales. Given the many community organizations involved, the ranking is significant because it gives us a larger bonus at the end of this fundraiser.

We are excited about our next project. The Foundation Silent

Auction will be on display at the Norden Smorgasbord December 5. Many of you have donated Scandinavian items throughout the year: items old and new, items collected when traveling in Scandinavia, items handed down in families, items found in trunks and closets, as well as handmade items. I accepted an unusual donation from club members attending the September dinner. We will have it on display and ready for your bid. We always have a good time with the bidding process. Don't forget your check book! Get in on the fun. Plan to make a purchase for yourself or gift an item to someone who will appreciate a Scandinavian treasure. Please call me at 402-423-0023 if you have something you would like to contribute.

The Norden Club is 69 years old this year. The Norden Foundation was formed 17 years ago in

1999. We are strong and getting stronger every day. Your membership, your volunteerism, your talents, and your many donations are important to us. We thank you for another year of support. Your donations to the Norden Foundation are tax deductible. We hope that you will remember the Foundation in your estate planning. Your gifts will support scholarships and grants-in-aid for generations to come.

The Norden Foundation Board members wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Glaedelig Jul
Hyvaa joulua
God Jul!

Norden Foundation President

Joan Tomlinson White

Ole and Sven Interview Foundation Treasurers

Today, Norden Club members Ole and Sven are interviewing the Co-Treasurers of the Norden Club Foundation, Len and Arlene Nelson.

Ole: You said that in addition to raising funds through the Younkers

Community booklets you also have a silent auction. Vats dat?

L & A: Club members donate items to be bid on at the Smorgasbord. All the people attending the Smorgasbord can submit a bid on each item. The highest bidder pays for

the item and takes it home after the Smorgasbord.

Sven: Sound like fun. I tink I'll bid. I love authentic Scandinavian stuff.

Sven: Vat is the money used for?

L & A: All of it goes to provide scholarships.

Annual Smörgåsbord Reservation Now Due

Make your reservations for the Dec. 5 Christmas banquet now. This year the Norden Club requires all reservations to be paid in advance. The Smorgasbord event is \$29 for adults and \$15 for children 10 and under for the dinner if your Norden Club 2016 membership dues are current (memberships run from Jan. - Dec.). (The Smorgasbord is \$34 for non-members

The deadline cutoff for making a reservation is Nov. 21.

Mail your check made out to Nor-

den Club. Send check with the names of all guests you are paying for (member or not) to: Terri Heckman, 5621 Bison Ct., Lincoln, NE 68516 (402-421-7142 or terrijheckman@yahoo.com). Guests who are not Norden Club members must pay the general public price of \$34 for adults for dinner. The price remains \$15 for children.

2017 Member Dues

It is time to pay 2017 dues. **Dues**

are \$10 for singles and \$18 for couples/families. You may enclose a separate check also made out to: Norden Club for your 2017 dues or mail it to Ray Friesen, Treasurer, 9841 N 143rd St, Waverly, NE 68462.

Membership Report

As your new Membership Chairman, my husband and I have been trying to update all addresses, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses. We have also sent out reminder letters asking members for 2016 dues which are past due. Thank you to those who have responded and mailed your 2016 dues to Treasurer Ray Friesen.

At the time of this newsletter, there are still folks who have not responded. We hope you still want to enjoy Norden Club Christmas Smorgasbord. Remember the Smorgasbord discount applies only to dues-paying members. We certainly want to see you December 5, 2016 at the Swedish celebration at the Hillcrest Country Club!

We know everyone leads busy lives, but Norden Club meets four times per year. If you can't make it to a meeting, forgot to pay the \$10.00 or \$18.00 membership dues, we still welcome you. Our Treasurer can take your check by mail at any time.

I appreciate your cooperation in helping us maintain a healthy, up-to-date membership roster.
Mary Brass; 402-483-0035

Program for Smörgåsbord

5:30 PM Social Hour & Hors d'oeuvres

6:30 p.m. – Välkommen

Phyllis Ericson, President

Installation of 2016 Board of Directors

The Norden Foundation Silent Auction

Joan Tomlinson White, President

Swedish Consulate – Thomas Lund

Swedish Table Prayer – Ingrid & Del Stites

7:30 p.m. Program – Del Stites

Santa Lucia Pageant

Violet Widner and Children

The Norden Jul Choir

Caroling and Parting Song

Directed by Ann Nitzel

Parting Gifts – Phyllis Ericson

Swedish Folk Dancing - Kate McBride & Craig Shogren

Upcoming events

Sunday, November 13, 2:30 PM, Scandinavian Concert, with Greenblatt & Seay and Friends, in The Old Avoca Schoolhouse, Avoca, NE

<http://www.greenblattandseay.com/>

Greenblatt and Seay was the entertainment 2 years ago at the Norden Christmas Smorgasbord.

Directions: Go east on O St. (highway 34) for about 20 miles. Avoca is just south of the highway about 1 mile. The school house is on the east side of town (a tiny town) up on the high ridge.

Smörgåsbord Menu

HORS D'OEUVRES

Rye Krisp

Pickled Herring & Summer Sausage

Mini Sweet Pickles and Grapes

Cheese and Crackers

Cash Bar

DINNER

Scandinavian Meatballs and Gravy

Glazed Ham

Boiled Dill Potatoes

Orange Glazed Mini Carrots

Chopped Red Cabbage, Pear &

Walnut Salad

Bread Rolls with Butter

Almond Rice Pudding with Lin-

gonberry Sauce

Coffee and Iced Tea

Courtesy Report

The help of all Norden Club members is needed in order for me to do a good job as your new Courtesy Chairperson.

If you knows or hear about any happy or sad occasions

(special birthdays, anniversaries, illnesses or death, etc.) that would warrant a card/greeting from our group, please let me know.

You may call me at 402-483-0035 or e-mail me at marycbrass@gmail.com.

Thank you very much for your cooperation

Mary Brass

The Norden Club promotes fellowship among Scandinavian-Americans and their descendants and helps preserve for the benefit of the United States the best in the cultural heritage of Scandinavia.

The countries of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden make up Scandinavia.



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We hope to see you on December 5
(Note reservation requirements)

The meeting is at Hillcrest Country Club at 9401 O St. Cost is \$29 per person for members and \$34 for non-members. Social Hour & Hors d'oeuvres at 5:30 and dinner at 6:30 with program to follow. Children 10 or under are \$15.

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We look forward to seeing you there.

Don't forget to pay your dues for 2017.

