



The Norden Club of Lincoln

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Our 69th Year

March 2016

- Next Meeting: 6:30
March 21, 2016 at First
Lutheran Church

- For Reservation by
Thursday, March 17

Dorothy Ekblad 402-488-6313

Leona Bellinger 402-484-7123

Presidents Corner

Dear Norden Club Friends –

First of all I want to thank you all for your confidence in electing me for a third year as your President. This year looks to be better than ever.

December's Norwegian Smorgasbord was one of the best. The Norwegians and all those involved certainly provided an impressive evening!! I heard so many compliments. It was simply outstanding from beginning to end. I would like to especially recognize and thank the efforts of the Smorgasbord Committee: Mary Bowen, Mary Brass, Dorothy Ekblad, Kay and Ozzie Gilbertson, Ingrid Hansen, Terri Heckman, Hubert Paulson, Sharon Seagren, Janet Westberg who worked to plan, set up and decorate for the evening. Their efforts were responsible for making the evening a success.

I would like to especially recognize and thank the efforts of several who worked to make the evening a success. Please join me in thanking Kay and Ollie Gilbertson for the fine program as they explained their heritage and they shared their collection of Norwegian items. We had a record turnout 232 attending for the evening.

The Board of Directors met in January and we discussed the Norden Club goals for the coming year. We are committed to making this a memorable year for club members.

I look forward to working together to create an outstanding club year.

Phyllis Ericson
President

<i>Norden Club Officers</i>	
President	Phyllis Ericson
Vice President	Ron Nielsen
Secretary	Sandy Hanson
Treasurer	Ray Friesen
Membership	Ron Johnson Terri Heckman
Courtesy	Ingrid Hansen
Historian	Dorothy Ekblad
Newsletter	Len Nelson
Song Leader	Ozzie Gilbertson
Pianist	Janet Harms
Librarian	Dorothy Ekblad
Web Master	Len Nelson

March Program

Our speaker for the March program will be Lesley Darling. She is doing research in Sweden on Ossfok: The Story, Craft, and Community of a Dying Language. This ongoing project has included recording life histories, learning

about the old way of living and farming, practicing traditional craft, digging through antiquated objects in old barns, picking out traditional melodies on a keyboard, and not least of all trying to learn *ossmol* with a dictionary and ex-

tensive help from the vibrant, warm-hearted community of speakers in Orsa municipality. The area is near Dalarna where they carve the little red Dahla horses.

Officers for 2016 Installed at Smorgasbord Meeting

The following officers were installed at our December Smorgasbord for the year 2016:

President: Phyllis Ericson 1 Yr

Vice President: Ron Nielsen 1 Yr

Secretary: Sandy Hansen 2 Yrs

Treasurer: Ray Friesen 2 Yrs

Historian: Dorothy Ekblad 2 Yrs

Membership: Ron Johnson 1 Yr

Librarian: Dorothy Ekblad 2 Yrs

Courtesy: Ingrid Hansen 2 Yrs

Newsletter: Len Nelson 2 Yrs

Foundation News

The December Norden Club Smorgasbord was certainly a festive occasion. We had a record crowd, an informative program, marvelous food and colorful holiday decorations all made possible by a lot of hard working individuals. Congratulations on a great evening!

Another fun part of the evening was the Norden Foundations Silent Auction. We had a nice variety of Scandinavian items, all donated by our members. A big thank you goes out to the following who donated items; Mary Bowen, Karyn Glenn, Ingrid Hansen, Terri Heckman, Marleen Johnson, Jan Lingren, Jane Mickelson, Hubert Paulson, Carol Reed, Connie Schneider and Neal Simley. We are always grateful to those of you who have donated such unique items. And thank you to those who have purchased our auction items. Donated items are already

coming in for our 2016 Scandinavian Silent Auction, you are welcome to call me at 402-423-0023. Remember, all of the money raised goes directly to the Foundation Scholarship and Grant-in-Aid program.

Customarily we have two fundraisers each year. I want to share the 2015 results. The November Younker's Community Days Event brought in a resounding \$1,356.43. Another big thank you goes to David Glenn for heading up that project. The December Smorgasbord Silent Auction brought in an amazing \$1,170.00. Both fundraisers gave us a grand total of \$2,526.43. That is a remarkable amount of money, we can all pat ourselves on the back for a job well done!

We begin a new year with our scholarship mailing currently at the printer. Very soon we will be looking at a new batch of applica-

tions. I'm pleased to report that both of our 2015 scholarship recipients will present our May 16, 2016, program for the Norden Club. Please attend that special evening, when both Emily June Merchen, who studied in Sweden and Kyle Nathan Thomsen, who studied in Norway will participate in our dinner program.

Elected to serve on the Norden Foundation Board for 2016 are, President Joan Tomlinson White, Vice President Jan Lingren, Treasurers Len and Arlene Nelson, Secretary Karyn Glenn, and members Ron Johnson and David Glenn. I want to thank these dedicated individuals who have shared their thoughts and expertise, given time and donations and make everything come together in a timely manner. We make a good team. Thank you for everyone's kindness!

Joan Tomlinson White
Norden Club Foundation President

2016 Committee Members

Program Committee:

Neal Simley, 402-489-0107
Ozzie Gilbertson, Song Leader

Membership Committee:

Ron Johnson, 402-488-3137
Name Tags, Terry Heckman 402-421-7142

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: Was our silent auction at the Smorgasbord successful?

L & A: Yes it was. We took in \$1170 thanks to all the Scandinavian things donated and the generous bidding by the members. Also, our efforts with Younkers brought in over \$1300. So we earned over \$2500 to spend on scholarships.

Sven: So ven do you start to give out the scholarships?

L & A: We have mailed out the applications to local schools. We will also have applications available on our web site: Nordenclub.com. If you know of someone who would be interested, have them contact a member of the Foundation Board.

Ole: Ven vill you decide who gets the scholarships?

L & A: The deadline for submitting the application is May 1 and a committee will decide shortly after that

and inform the people selected for scholarships.

Ole: How many scholarships will you give?

L & A: We make that decision based on the quality and number of applications we receive and the money we make during the year. Our first task is to get a good pool of high quality applications. We will let you know later how that turns out.

Courtesy Report

A get well card was sent to Clarence Christensen after he injured his toe pretty badly a couple of months ago. A sympathy card was sent to the family of Ida Pedersen who passed away on December 29, 2015. Sincere sympathy to family of Dorothy Jorgensen, no information on survivors available.

Our Norden Club Members

Our club exists for our members. As a member you can help make this a wonderful year.

1. Invite your friends and family who have an interest in Scandinavian traditions and culture to join Norden Club.
2. Share a Norden Club brochure. Email any board member and we'll send you a PDF version you can print or forward.
3. Provide your email address so you can receive an electronic copy of the Newsletter as soon as it is complete and any

As usual I ask for your help in finding out about happy or sad occasions in our members lives. Please call me if you hear of a situation that should be recognized. My phone number is: 402-488-9389, and my e-mail address is ingellings@gmail.com

Thanks for your help. Ingrid Hansen

announcements throughout the year.

4. Notify Ingrid Hansen, Courtesy Secretary, of a member who needs a note of recognition, encouragement or condolence.
5. Recommend your ideas for Scandinavian focused programs to Neal Simley, Program Chair. This can be speakers, topics, or entertainment in which you are interested.

Working together we have a strong and viable club.

Important Notice for Norwegian Citizenship

If someone became a Norwegian citizen at birth and did not live in Norway for at least two years, or in any other Nordic county for at least seven (7) years, they must apply to keep their Norwegian citi-

zenship before they turn 22. The person applying must meet with me as the Honorary Consul for Nebraska or an Embassy/Consulate General to submit the application. This must happen before he/she

turns 22. If you desire more information, you might log onto <http://www.udi.no/en/want-to-renew/keeping-your-norwegian-citizenship-retention-of-citizenship/>

Area Scandinavian Events

April 2-3, 2016. Spring Swedish Genealogy Retreat –9 am to 4 pm, VisionTek, 121 S. Main Street, Lindsborg, KS
Contact Old Mill Museum. Call 785-227-3595 or Email oldmillmuseum@gmail.com

Jun 16-23, 2016. Swedish Genealogy & Culture Trip jerker@saxentours.nu. <http://www2.saxentours.nu/>

Aug 16-25, 2016. The Great Sweden Tour. jerker@saxentours.nu. <http://www2.saxentours.nu/>

Danish Sisterhood of America, Lincoln, Nebraska

We are inviting you to attend our meetings held the second Saturday of each month in Lincoln. Women, men and children are welcome to join us. If you would like to learn more about our group please call Ingrid Hansen, 402-488-9389.

See You on Monday March 21

Our Menu: Glazed Meatloaf, Assorted Relishes with Ranch Dip, Real Mashed, Red-skinned Potatoes, Green Beans Almandine, Dinner Roll with Butter, Very Berry Cheesecake.

Catered by *The Eatery*

Dinner: \$16 (members) \$21 (nonmembers)

Reservations due by Thursday, March 17

Call: Dorothy Ekblad – 402-488-6313 or Leona Bellinger – 402-484-7123

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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 March 21

The meeting is at First Lutheran Church. Cost is \$16 per person. We look forward to seeing you there. The program will be presented by Lesley Darling.

Call for reservations by Thursday, March 17

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Cancellations need to be made by noon Thur. March 17. Norden Club is charged for all dinners that are reserved. We appreciate you calling early if you know you can or can not attend.