



# The Norden Club of Lincoln

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Our 70th Year

March 2017

- Next Meeting: March 20 @ First Lutheran Church
- For Reservation by Thursday, March 16  
Dorothy Ekblad  
402-488-6313  
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402-477-0065

## Presidents Corner

Dear Norden Club friends:

I hope you were able to join us in December at the Hillcrest Country Club as we honored Sweden this past year. The program was tremendous, as was the food and decorations. My hearty thanks go to the Smorgasbord Committee who worked so diligently to provide us with a fun evening. Those serving on the committee were Jan & Terry Branting, Leona Bellinger, Mary Brass, Dorothy Ekblad, Ann Elmore, Phyllis Ericson, Ray and Mary Friesen, Terri Heckman, Ron Johnson, Len & Arlene Nelson, Hubert Paulson, Del & Ingrid Stites, and Gordon Youngquist. A highlight of the evening was the Santa Lucia pageant, organized by Del and Ingrid Stites. The club is truly blessed to have so many volunteers who work so hard for the benefit of the club.

For the March 20 dinner/meeting, we have again contracted with The Eatery to provide Individual Herders Pie, salad, rolls and fudgy brownies. Please make your reservation by calling Dorothy Ekblad (402-488-6313) or me

(402-477-0065) by noon on Thursday, March 16.

Finally, happy 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Norden Club! In 2017 we celebrate the formation of our club in 1947. It will be an exciting and memorable year, reflecting on our past as we strive to build a future for the club. The board met January 31 to begin discussing plans to celebrate.

As your new president, I want each of you to know how important I believe it is to preserve and promote our common heritage. I have had the opportunity to visit with many members, hearing the stories they have to tell of their immigrant ancestors. It is always fascinating to hear about the reasons, the heartaches and joys our ancestors experienced in traveling here to make a new life for themselves, and a better life for us.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you.

Ron Nielsen  
President

<i>Norden Club Officers &amp; Committees</i>	
<i>President</i>	Ron Nielsen
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<i>Courtesy</i>	Mary Brass
<i>Historian</i>	Dorothy Ekblad
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<i>Pianist</i>	Kristina Hanson
<i>Librarian</i>	Dorothy Ekblad
<i>Web Master</i>	Len Nelson

## March Program

Our 2016 Norden Foundation Scholarship Recipient, Patrick Linafelter is presenting our March program. He will share his experiences as a student for fall semester 2016, at The Lulea University of Technology, in Lulea, Sweden.

## Volunteers Needed—Opportunity to Serve the Club

We thank Leona Bellinger, Donna Hansen and the late Phil Sorensen for their years of service to the Norden Club. For many years Leona has received your calls when reservations were made. Donna and Phil were tireless workers, helping to set up our room so that coffee was made, tables set, and dishes washed. These volunteers have asked that

the responsibilities be passed on to others. We need someone to agree to accept phone calls for a week or two prior to each dinner. For each dinner we are seeking a couple of people who would arrive early to make coffee and set the tables, with placemats and silverware. After the dinner, we need to run the dishwasher and have the kitchen returned to the state in which we

found it. I think it would be good if we could rotate this duty so that the same people won't feel obligated to serve each time.

If you are willing to serve the Norden Club, would you please give me a call at 402-477-0065. We thank you in advance!

## Foundation News

The amazing thing about both Norden Foundation fundraisers, is that each year we raise a little more money than the previous year. And that's a good thing! With the dedication of the Norden Foundation Board and your help we will continue to do so.

Younker's Community Days Event held in November 2016, raised \$1,465.29. That includes a nice bonus from Younker's. A big thanks to David and Karyn Glenn for heading up the Younker's project. Thank you to Dorothy Ekblad and Phyllis Ericson who volunteered to come out to Younker's and sell booklets. It was a pleasure to have them with us. Selling booklets in the Lincoln community gives us an opportunity to spread awareness about the Norden Club and our Foundation.

It's always a delight to see

endless variations of Scandinavian treasures on our silent auction table at the December Smorgasbord. I'm getting an education in the heritage of Scandinavia as I listen to people talk about the items. The Foundation would like to thank these people for their donations: Nola Bartling, Leona Bellinger, Jan & Terry Branting, Scott Clarke, Varro & Jean Clarke, Phyllis Ericson, David & Karyn Glenn, Terri Heckman, Jan Lingren, Carol Reed, Ingrid & Del Stites, Connie Whyrick, Leona Anderson (owner of Little Scandinavia) and Frontier Bank. Because of your purchases we have \$1,250.00 to add to the scholarship fund.

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Want to learn more about the Norden Club and the Norden Foundation? Google the Norden Club website, [www.nordenclub.com](http://www.nordenclub.com) to find the Norden Club Foundation tab. Scroll down for information on our 2017 Scholarship and Grants mailing. You will find a cover letter and application form. We want those who are interested to apply; please note the deadline is May 1, 2017.

We are delighted and fortunate to have Gordon and Verla Youngquist join us as new Norden Foundation Board Members. We look forward to working with them.

Again, thank you for your support through the 2016 fall and winter events!

Norden Foundation President

*Joan Tomlinson White*

## Reminder of 2017 Dues

If you haven't already done so, it is now time to pay the Norden Club dues for the 2017 year. For single people, the amount is \$10; for couples, it is \$18. This entitles you to a quarterly newsletter and a dis-

counted rate for the dinner meetings and smorgasbord. We ask that everyone have the dues paid at least by the March 20 dinner meeting. We will not be mailing out newsletters to those who haven't

paid by that date. Thank you for your consideration in helping us contain costs.

Dues may be mailed to Ray Friesen, Treasurer; 9841 N 143 St.; Waverly, NE 68462.

## 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: Ve shure had a gud time at the Smorgasbord. Dose Swedes shure know how to celebrate. Didja get sum pictures?

L & A: We have some on our website: <http://nordenclub.com>. Go to [Recent-Events](#) and then [Swedish-smorgasbord 2016](#). There is even a picture of the crystal glass award

that the Norden Club Board of Directors and other members gave to outgoing president Phyllis Ericson. Phyllis stayed on an extra year as president and used her business skills to get our club moving forward. THANKS PHYLLIS!!!

Sven: I vant to see dem pictures. I shure had a gud time.

Ole: I got ta vundering de udder day if dere vas a vay to give money to da Foundation in memory of my gud friend dat died.

L & A: The Foundation encourages members to make contributions in memory of a friend who died or also in honor of a loved one who is still alive. We will soon have cards prepared that will make it easier for you to make these gifts.

Sven: I like dat. I can help da Foundation by remembering a gud friend.

L & A: We'll be telling you more at our May meeting.

## Membership Report

Would you like to hear some good news for a change? Our Christmas smorgasbord was enjoyed by 210 people on the evening of December 5, 2016. The Hillcrest Country Club was bustling with lovely Swedish decorations, table settings, and music. A few ladies were in native Scandinavian costume. Our past President Phyllis Ericson, her husband Ted Ericson, and our current President Ron Nielsen were present to greet everyone who entered the north doors. At the entrance table, you were greeted by the Treasurer and his wife, Ray and Mary Friesen. Name Tag Chairman Terri Heckman and Membership Chairman Mary Brass were also greeting at the entrance table.

The check-in went quite smoothly because of pre-paid tickets and members who paid their 2017 annual dues. And more good

news - Norden Club has 18 new members as of January, 2017! This brings our total number of Norden membership to 225.

We thank you for joining and look forward to getting to know you. If you have ideas or suggestions concerning programing, we certainly want to hear from you! Our names and phone numbers can be obtained from this newsletter or our web site NordenClub.com.

We really appreciate all the folks who paid their 2017 annual dues at the Christmas Smorgasbord. Thank you! It makes record-keeping, Treasurer Ray Friesen's life, and Name Tag Chairman Terri Heckman's life so much easier if everyone has paid their 2017 annual dues as soon as possible.

Our next dinner meeting is March 20, 2017, at First Lutheran Church. But please – please do NOT wait that long before paying

your annual dues!! It will make the March meeting flow smoother at the check in table if your 2017 membership is already paid. If your 2017 membership annual dues are NOT paid, you will be charged an extra \$5.00 for your dinner.

So, PLEASE, as soon as you have read this newsletter – mail your 2017 Norden Club annual dues to:

Ray Friesen, Treasurer  
9841 North 143<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Waverly, NE 68462  
Phone 402-786-2670

The dues are still the same bargain for the buck! Only \$18.00 per couple or \$10.00 per single person. At the time of this newsletter, there are 92 people who have NOT paid Norden Club annual dues. Remember, your March dinner will cost an extra \$5.00 if you have not paid 2017 annual dues.

## Courtesy Report

The following cards were sent during the months of November and December, 2016: Carol Reed broke her arm and had surgery, Thinking of You.

Sympathy card to Phyllis and Ted Ericson on the death of Ted's mother.

Sympathy card to Dorothy Ekblad for the loss of her brother-in-law.

Thinking of You card to Phil Sorensen and his wife, Donna

Hansen.

Shirley Oliver was in the hospital and received a Get Well card.

Phil Sorensen passed away December 17, 2016. Sympathy for Your Loss was sent to his wife Donna Hansen and their family of 6 children. Memorial service was held at Grace Lutheran. Phil was also a member of the VFW and Danish Brotherhood of America.

We like to recognize im-

portant events in our Norden members' lives. If you know of any member who is having a special anniversary, special landmark birthday, achievement recognized by community, illness, or death in family, please contact

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Courtesy Chairman  
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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 20**

The meeting is at First Lutheran Church. Cost is \$16 per person for members & first time guests (\$21 non-members). We look forward to seeing you there. Dinner at 6:30 with program to follow. Our program will be presented by Patrick Linafelter who spent his 2016 fall semester at The Lulea University of Technology, in Lulea, Sweden. Doors open at 5:30.

Call for reservations by Thursday, March 16

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Cancellations need to be made by noon Thursday March 16. Norden Club is charged for all dinners that are reserved. We appreciate you calling early if you know you can or can not attend.