



# The Norden Club of Lincoln

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Our 69th Year

May 2016

- Next Meeting: 6:30  
May 16, 2016 at First  
Lutheran Church
- For Reservation by  
Thursday, May 12

Dorothy Ekblad 402-488-6313

Leona Bellinger 402-484-7123

## Presidents Corner

Dear Norden Club Friends –  
First of all I want to thank all of you who work to make our dinner evenings a success. We like to make it look simple, but the fact of the matter is it takes a lot of coordination “behind the scenes”.

I would also like to recognize and thank Neal Simley, our Program Director, for the wonderful program we had at our March meeting. If you were there I think you will agree that Leslie Darling’s talk about the evolution of language and her studies in the village in the western part of Dalarna was both interesting as well as scholarly. We wish her well in her future endeavors. It is hard to believe it is spring and the year is one-fourth over. We have a lot of good things going on with Norden Club in the next few months.

1. The Norden Club was invited to participate in the annual **Scandinavian Midsummer Festival**, Sunday June 12 from 1-5 p.m. in Elmwood Park Pavilion, 802 So 60<sup>th</sup> St., Omaha. Mark your calendars and plan to attend. It is a family event with lots of activities. The Norden Club will host a table where we will highlight Tips to Get Started with Scandinavian Genealogy and Family History. We will be selling Scandinavian flag pins. Call Ron Johnson, 402-488-

- 3137, if you can help.
2. We will also have the **flag pins** available at the member meeting in May if you wish to purchase one or some for yourself and others.
3. Dorothy Ekblad, Norden Club librarian and I are looking for a few members to help sort, label, and shelve our **Scandinavian Book Collection** in the church library. Give me a call, 402-499-6594 if you can help.
4. Planning for the December **Swedish Smorgasbord** is underway. If you would like to be a part of the action, call Ron Johnson, 402-488-3137.
5. Since it is spring, now is the time to plan that **Scandinavian Vacation** of your dreams. If that seems a little out of reach, just “google” your family’s village and take a “virtual tour” with Google maps. You can wind your way up and down roads and streets in Scandinavia, just like you were there.

Enjoy the nice weather and don’t forget to call Dorothy Ekblad or Leona Bellinger and get your reservation in early for the **May 16<sup>th</sup> dinner meeting**. It will be here before you know it. I’ll see you in May.

*Phyllis Ericson*, President

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## MEMBERSHIP

Great News!!! At each of the meetings recently, it seems as though we have new members joining The Norden Club. At the last meeting we had over 100 people in attendance. “Thank You” to those who brought a guest and for all those who became members. As you know the best way to

continue getting new members is by word of mouth. Let’s keep this going!!

From our membership list we have about 57 people who have not renewed their membership. If you have been receiving the newsletter and know that you have not paid your dues we would appreciate hearing from you.

Please fill out the enclosed form and send it back to Ray Friesen. For those members who have already paid, this is an opportunity to give your form to a potential member.

Ron Johnson  
Membership Chair

## Foundation News

It is time to introduce our 2015 Norden Foundation scholarship recipients. We'll do just that at the May Norden dinner meeting.

We're excited to present guest speaker Emily Merchen a Nebraska Wesleyan University student. Majoring in Biology, she plans to go to medical school. Denmark and Sweden contribute to her family Scandinavian heritage. In the fall semester of 2015, Emily

attended Linnaeus University in Kalmar, Sweden.

Our second guest speaker for the evening is Kyle Thomsen. He attends the University of Nebraska at Omaha, and majors in Engineering. Kyle studied in the fall semester of 2015, at the University of Agder, located in the southern tip of Norway. Kyle is of Danish descent.

With your support and do-

nations to the Norden Foundation, we have been able to reach out into the greater Scandinavian community in Nebraska. We hope that you will attend our May dinner meeting and enjoy these young energetic adults as they share their Scandinavian educational experiences.

Norden Foundation President

*Joan Tomlinson White*

## May Program

Our May program will be presented by our two 2015 Norden Foundation scholarship winners. See Joan's description in the above foundation news. The menu is: Hand breaded Chicken Parmesan with marinara, mozzarella & parmesan cheese; Home-made Fettuccine Alfredo; Summer Squash Medley - zucchini, yellow squash, purple onion and sweet bell peppers; Fresh Broccoli Crunch Salad and 3-Bean Salad; Toast Garlic Bread slices; and Apple Rhuberry Pie.

## 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: Have you awarded the scholarships for this year?

L & A: Yes. The winners will be announced at our May meeting.

Sven: I see a lot of members with purple ribbons on their name tags. How do I get vun?

L & A: The purple ribbons denote someone who has contributed a minimum of \$10.00 money to the Norden Club Foundation.

Ole: I vant vun of dose purple ribbons.

L & A: Give a tax deductible check to any member of the Foundation Board and we will get you a purple ribbon. You can also make a donation in memory of a family member or friend who has died.

Sven: Are dere odder ways to contribute?

L & A: If you are dong estate planning, you might think about leaving a gift to the Foundation. The money is protected and only the earnings can be spent. It's a way to keep our Scandinavian heritage known to future generations.

Ole: Vell, I sure vant dem to know about my roots.

## ANNUAL SMORGASBORD MONDAY, DEC 5, 2016

This year's Swedish Smorgasbord will be held at the newly decorated Hillcrest Country Club at 96<sup>th</sup> and O Street. An exciting program is being planned of pageantry, development of The Norden Club choir that will perform and get members involved and Swedish Folk Dancing. We want this to be a family affair in-

cluding children and grand children. To make this an affair to remember we need your help in a number of areas.

For those Swedes who are interested (and we need you) we are looking for a person or persons to chair the event. It's not that difficult!! Interested person or persons should call Phyllis Ericson

at 499-6594. Also we need people to serve on one or two of the committee's so please select the ones you would be interested and call from the following:

Menu – Need a chair person and a least three committee members. Call Ron Johnson at 402-488-3137 (Continued on Page 3)

## ANNUAL SMORGASBORD MONDAY, DEC 5, 2016

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Decorations – Call Leona Bellinger at 402 484-7123

Norden Club Choir - We know we have a lot of singers so please call Gordon Younquist at 402-489-0122

Pageant - Those interested in help-

ing in the development of the pageant please call Ingrid Stites at 408-830 – 6679

Registration – We need four or five people to help with the registration please call Ray or Mary Friesen

Name Tags – Help in dispersing the name tags please call Terri Heckman at 402 421-7142

Look for more details in the next newsletter

## 2016 Scandinavian Midsummer Festival Sunday, June 12, Elmwood Park Pavilion, Omaha

Vikings, Trolls, and Scandinavians will be partying this Midsummer!

The 7th annual Scandinavian Midsummer Festival will be held this summer, Sunday, June 12 from 1:00 -5:00 p.m. at the Elmwood Park Pavilion and Grounds, 802 S. 60<sup>th</sup> Street, just south of the University of Nebraska campus. Through the fun of Midsummer activities, the Festival celebrates the culture and contributions of Scandinavians to the Midwest. This family-friendly festival is free and open to the general public.

The festival will include:

Decorating and raising the Midsummer Pole

Parade of Young Vikings, folks in traditional Scandinavian costumes, Nordic Flags, Scandinavian Dancers, and the general public. All are welcome to dress in costume as well as to participate in

the parade and dancing.

Major involvement of the Museum of Danish America, Elk Horn, IA including Aquavit education and tasting, aebleskiver, an information booth, and a Scandinavian Genealogy display and booth.

Live Scandinavian music provided by well-known musicians Greenblatt and Seay

Folk Dancing by the Scandinavian Folk Dancers of Omaha

Nordic Foods: Swedish meatballs, herring, hard bread, potatoes, lingonberries, cucumber salad, aebleskiver, Norwegian lefse, korv (hot dogs), ice cream, coffee, soft drinks, and pastries.

Scandinavian storytelling, marauding Vikings, and frolicking trolls.

Children's activities include flag face painting, Danish chil-

dren's games, building Legos with a Lego champion, Klubb, making troll ears and tails, troll stories, Nordic picture coloring, fishing for Swedish fish, and a lesson in Scandinavian children's folk dancing.

Commercial and homemade Scandinavian crafts, souvenirs, handwork, antiques, and history, and culture booths. And of course, Scandinavian coffee.

The event is being supported by Scandinavian-Americans, Scandinavian-American organizations, businesses, and personal contributors in Omaha and Lincoln. If you have any questions about the event, please contact:

Del Stites  
Festival Chair  
Telephone: 402 830-6679

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## Courtesy Report

The following cards were sent: Virginia Olson for her 92nd birthday, Kenneth Krauter on death wife Sonja, and get well to Joan Tomlinson White, who's having back problems

Please contact me if you know of any people

and events we want to recognize.

Contact Ingrid Hansen, 3912 J Street, Lincoln, NE 68510. Phone 402-488-9389.

Ingrid Hansen, Courtesy Chairperson

May 2016

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 May 16**

The meeting is at First Lutheran Church. Cost is \$16 per person. We look forward to seeing you there.. Dinner at 6:30 with program to follow. Doors open at 5:30.

Call for reservations by Thursday, May 12

Dorothy Ekblad—402-488-6313

Leona Bellinger—402-484-7123

Cancellations need to be made by noon Thur. May 12. Norden Club is charged for all dinners that are reserved. We appreciate you calling early if you know you can or can not attend.

Use the following membership form to update your membership for next year. If you don't need it, pass it on to a friend and encourage them to join us at Norden Club.

### THE NORDEN CLUB OF LINCOLN MEMBERSHIP FORM

Annual dues \$10 individual – \$18 for Couples

Mail checks and form to:

Ray Friesen  
9841 N 143rd St  
Waverly, NE 68462  
402-786-2670

Members Name \_\_\_\_\_

1st Applicant's heritage: \_\_\_ Danish \_\_\_ Finnish \_\_\_ Norwegian \_\_\_ Swedish

Members Name \_\_\_\_\_

2nd Applicant's heritage: \_\_\_ Danish \_\_\_ Finnish \_\_\_ Norwegian \_\_\_ Swedish

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Can you identify the flag for each of the four major Scandinavian countries represented by our Norden Club members???

