



The Norden Club of Lincoln

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Our 68th Year

September 2015

- Next Meeting: 6:30
Sept 28 at First Lutheran Church

- Call for Reservation by
Wednesday, Sept 13

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Presidents Corner

MID-AMERICA SCANDINAVIAN TOUR 2014



acknowledge and thank all of the members who volunteer to help with our Norden Club activities.

We will begin planning the Norwegian Smorgasbord in October. There are many ways to volunteer and help with this

event. We also are always looking for leaders to serve on the Norden Club and Foundation board of directors. Have you been coming to dinner meetings for a while and would like to get to know club members better? Then serving on a board is great opportunity to meet others while helping to plan club and foundation activities. Talk with one of the current directors if you would like to give this a try.

See you in September.

Your president,

Phyllis Ericson

| <i>Norden Club Officers</i> | |
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| President | Phyllis Ericson |
| Vice President | Neil Simley |
| 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 |

SEPTEMBER DINNER PROGRAM

Come join Norden club president, Phyllis Ericson and members for the September program. They will present the "the Mid-America Scandinavian Tour" which was held in 2014. Come take a 5-day photo tour in just an hour. See key Scandinavian sites in Iowa and Minnesota. This program will give you ideas you can use to plan your next weekend get-away. There are rich nearby heritage sites just waiting for you to discover and enjoy.

Presidents Report

Dear Friends –

I hope you had a pleasant summer and are ready for all your Fall activities to begin. You will

want to make sure you have Norden Club on your calendar.

September Norden Club Dinner Meeting, Monday September 28th

Norwegian Smorgasbord, Monday December 14

March Norden Club Dinner Meeting, Monday March 21st, 2016

Also, take a moment to visit and browse our Norden Club website at www.Nordenclub.com. You will be delighted and proud of our club.

As always our club exists for our members. All of you love and take pride in your Scandinavian heritage. The success of our club programs and dinners depend on our members. I want to

View pictures from the Omaha Mid-Summer Festival 2015:

<https://youtu.be/sGFuVEqHQIA>

Foundation News

The Norden Foundation is pleased to announce two \$1000 scholarship recipients for 2015. Nebraska Wesleyan biology student Emily J. Merchan is studying this fall semester, in Sweden at Linnaeus University in Kalmar. Located on the coast of the Baltic Sea, this school lends itself to study in marine ecology. A dedicated student, she plans to pursue a medical career. Emily looks forward to her cultural immersion experience in Scandinavia and learning more about her Danish and Swedish heritage.

Our second scholarship recipient for this year is Kyle N. Thomsen an engineering student at the University of Omaha. He is beginning his fall study abroad at the University of Agder in Norway. Kyle plans to take an advanced class in Global Challenge and other related studies. His goal is to understand global environmen-

tal issues as related to sustainable energy and natural resources. Kyle's Scandinavian heritage is Danish. He plans to learn more about the Norwegian society and culture.

Both students were thrilled to be chosen by the Norden Scholarship Committee. We look forward to having them share their educational experience with us in 2016. Thank you to the Committee members, Jan Lingren, Karyn and David Glenn for their input into the selection process.

Omaha Scandinavians hosted the June 7, 2015 Midsummer Festival at Omaha Elmwood Park Pavilion. It was an exciting, entertaining and educational event for all ages. Activities included the opening parade, raising the Midsummer Pole, Nordic folk music, traditional Scandinavian foods, crafts, folk dancing, costumes, children's games, and a variety of educational

booths. The Norden Foundation awarded a \$300 grant-in-aid in support of this Scandinavian-American celebration. Thanks to the hard working group dedicated to making this happen every year, great fun was had by all of those in attendance!

This September Norden dinner meeting we will have program speaker Carla Wiklund Hedstrom, our Foundation \$1000 grant-in-aid recipient for 2014. She is a high school teacher and an adjunct college professor from Hastings. We look forward to her program.

Your many contributions to the Norden Foundation are always gratefully appreciated. As we "pay it forward," enabling others to pursue their dreams and feeling good about what we can do to help. A heartfelt thank you!

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: Why does Norden Club have a Foundation? What is dat?

L & A: Wellll, we are looking for a way for members such as you and your fellow Scandinavians to make tax exempt contributions that go to support scholarships to worthy applicants.

Sven: How can ve as members help finance dese scholarship?

L & A: Uff da, that is a really important question. We're so glad you asked. Right now our biggest fund raiser is selling booklets for

the Younkers Community Days event. You can buy a booklet for yourself. They are such a good deal that you may want to buy some for your friends and relatives as well. You can go Christmas shopping early for Lena. She will really like that. Each \$5.00 from the booklet you buy goes directly into our treasury to be used for scholarships. We will be selling them at the September meeting.

Ole: Is dere anything ve can do to help with da sale? Ya know ve like ta help.

L & A: Yaa, we really need your help. There are only 7 of us on the board and we really need help to make \$2000 or more each year. You can sell booklets to your

friends and neighbors. You can also sign up to spend 2 hours at a table at Younkers during October and November to sell booklets to customers as they enter the store. You can also talk about and promote your Scandinavian heritage at the same time. The more books we sell the bigger bonus we get. Also the higher number of booklets we sell, the more time slots we get the days of the actual sales when people really want additional booklets to buy the bonus items. See Ole, we really need your help.

Sven: Ve vud like to learn more about da Foundation and how ve can help fund da scholarships you are awarding. Let's talk more next month.

Courtesy Report

The following cards were sent: Sympathy card to Eloise Landgren (former member) on the death of her husband Norman. Congratulations on 80th birthday, Charlene Johnson. Congratulations on 50th Anniversary of Len and Arlene Nelson. Congratulations to Dorothy Ekblad who once again won several gold medals at the Lincoln-Omaha State

Games of America. Sympathy card sent to the family of Arlyce Smith who died on August 10. 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.

September 28 Norden Club Dinner Menu

Roasted pork loin with baked apple sauce, Oven roasted red potatoes, Green bean casserole, Tossed salad and rolls. Dessert: Cherry Crisp

This meal is being catered by Hy-Vee

Also reservations need to be in by September 23rd, and cancellations by September 25th.

September Program

Our September program will include a presentation by the Foundation Scholarship recipient

Carla Wiklund Hedstrom. In addition, Phyllis Ericson will review the highlights of the Scandinavian

Mid-America tour they took last summer. More details are in the presidents corner.

Save the Date for the Monday, December 14th Smorgasbord

It is only September, but it is not too early to begin thinking about our December Smorgasbord. This year the Norwegians will be in charge. If you have ideas about program, menu, decoration, or

venue, this would be a good time to get involved. You will save the Norden Board a lot of arm twisting if you volunteer to chair one of the committees. There are a lot of good ideas out there that have not

been tried yet, so here is your chance to shine. Even if you are not Norwegian, they will be glad to adopt you for the remainder of the year.

MEMBERSHIP

The Norden Club Board of Directors voted on and approved the following changes to be made at our September and December meetings, in handling membership dues and guests:

1. Current members can renew their membership and pay their 2016 dues at the Sept. and Dec 2015 meetings.
2. Members who are not in attend-

ance at these meetings, will receive a mailed notice reminding them to pay their 2016 dues.

3. 2016 membership dues will be sent to our treasurer, Ray Friesen, 9841 N 143rd St., Waverly, NE 68462.
4. New member brochures will be available at the registration table.
5. Guests attending the meetings may attend one meeting at the regular member price, thereafter they will be

charged an additional \$5.00 per person.

6. Any guests who wish to become members during the Sept. and Dec 2015 meetings will have their dues applied to the 2016 calendar year.
7. The dues will remain the same, \$18.00 for couple and \$10.00 for a single.

Ron Johnson

Membership Chairman

September 2015

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 September 28
(note date change to 4th Monday)

The meeting is at First Lutheran Church. The program is by Phyllis Ericson and Carla Wiklund Hedstrom. The meal is catered by Hy-Vee and the cost is \$16.00 per person. We look forward to seeing you there.

Call for reservations by Wednesday, Sept. 23

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Cancellations need to be made by noon Friday, Sept 25. Norden Club is charged for all dinners that are reserved. We appreciate you calling early if you know you can or can not attend.