



The Norden Club of Lincoln

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Our 67th Year

September, 2014

- Next Meeting: 6:30
Sept 15 at First Lutheran Church

- Call for Reservation by
Wednesday, Sept 10

Dorothy Ekblad 402-488-6313

Leona Bellinger 402-484-7123

September Program

Arlene and Len Nelson will be presenting a program on Norway and Sweden. Arlene has been searching their roots for many years and finally accumulated enough information that they could go to Norway and Sweden to

pursue family ties. Len will narrate a video clip of their search and discovery in Norway. Arlene will narrate a video clip about the search and discovery of her Swedish roots. They will share some genealogy tips as well as

showing you sights from farms, churches, and highlights of their trip to Norway and Sweden. They even have video from their attendance of the parade in Oslo on May 17, a Norwegian national holiday.

<i>Norden Club Officers</i>	
<i>President</i>	Phyllis Ericson
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<i>Treasurer</i>	Karen Zins
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<i>Historian</i>	Dorothy Ekblad
<i>Newsletter</i>	Len Nelson
<i>Song Leader</i>	Ozzie Gilbertson
<i>Pianist</i>	Janet Harms
<i>Librarian</i>	Dorothy Ekblad
<i>Web Master</i>	Len Nelson

Courtesy Report

Cards sent:

Donald Madson — death of wife Beverly, Robert Johnson—Death of wife Elaine, Vera Hansen — 100th birthday, Clinton Johnson — birthday, La Jean Price — thinking of you, Karen Lind-Olson—death of father and surgery.

Charlene Johnson, Courtesy Chairperson

Our Website is up and running

Check out our new website at: www.nordenclub.com. There is information about upcoming events,

information about our club and foundation, contact information, and back issues of the newsletter. If you have sug-

gestions of things we need to add or improve, send them to lennelson@windstream.net.

Reminder—Mid-American Scandinavian Tour

American Scandinavian Tour, Oct 6th to the -10th. What a great way to uncover you Scandinavian heritage then by viewing it first-hand. We will be visiting the Danish Museum in Elk Horn, IA for the people with a Danish

Don't forget to put on your calendar our Mid-

background. Then on to Decorah, IA for a stay at the Hotel Winneshiek and visiting a couple of the Norwegian's Museums. We will travel from Decorah to places in MN such as Vasa, Scandia, Stillwater, Minneapolis, Plymouth and St. Peter for the Swedes. These are places which all Scandinavians will enjoy.

Your cost of \$650 includes, transportation, most meals, hotels, museum entrance fee, and tickets

to the theatrical production of, The Life and Music of Johnny Cash. If you do not have a registration form you can go on line at WWW.nordenclub.com and click on upcoming events and then the Mid-American Scandinavian Tour. You can also call Ron Johnson at 402 488-3137 or Phyllis Ericson at 402 499-6594.

This promises to be an interesting and educational tour, so we hope you will join us!!

Presidents Corner

Dear Friends –

I don't know about you, but seems this summer has come and gone faster than other summers. Here we are back to school and back to routine schedules again.

I hope you have visited and browsed our new Norden Club website at www.Nordenclub.com. You will be delighted and proud of our club.

I'm not sure how you stay organized but for me I am a list maker. There is a lot going on with Norden Club through the end of the year. I want to make sure you

don't miss any of our exciting activities so I'm sharing my reminder list.

- Make my reservation for the September 15th Norden Club Dinner Meeting; due Sept 10.
- Sign up for the Norden Club Mid-America Scandinavian Bus Tour, Oct 6-10; due before Sept 15.
- Volunteer to help with the Danish Smorgasbord for December 6; now.

I hope you can join me and

the other Norden Club members as we make this a memorable year.

Also, don't forget to send Ron Johnson, Member Chair, at ron855@live.com or myself at Phyllis.ericson@gmail.com your email address so you can get Norden Club updates and reminders in a timely manner.

See you in September.

Phyllis Ericson
President

Menu for Sept 15 Norden Club Meeting

Ham, Au gratin Potatoes, Lettuce Salad, Green Beans, Rice Pudding with Lingonberry sauce.
Cost \$16/person.

Life Members to be inducted at September Meeting

The Norden Club Board of Directors approved the names of 21 members to be included in our Life Member list. This is an honor that we extend to long term members who have contributed their time and talents to the Norden Club over the many years. The years of membership for these 21 people add up to well over 650 years.

At our September meeting, we will be treating these members as our dinner guest and will present them a certificate recognizing their

contributions to the club. In addition, they will have their dues paid by the club as long as they wish to remain members.

We will share photos and details in the next newsletter, but invite you to attend our September meeting so you can meet and congratulate these honorees.

Based on the years of experience of this group, you might have guessed that some of them are advanced in years. In some cases they may need transportation to the

meeting. If anyone is interested in providing transportation for honorees who are not able to drive after dark, please convey that to Dorothy or Leona when making your reservations. We will contact you if we need your services.

MEMBERSHIP

Our members are getting excited and more appreciative of our efforts in developing a more comprehensive newsletter, our new web site, the programing, our growing membership, the continuation of our Life Membership designations and the idea of taking part in our tours. However, we still have a

lot of past members who have not paid their dues, nor attended our recent meetings. Once again we are sending you this newsletter as a reminder to send in your \$10 or \$18 (for a couple) dues to Karen Zins, 4900 Bridle Lane, Lincoln, NE 68516 (write check to "Norden Club"). For questions call Karen at

402-421-6003, Phyllis Ericson at 402-499-6594, or Ron Johnson at 402 488-3137 and let us know of your continued interest. We would like you to become involved again and as we need your input on ways we can improve The Norden Club of Lincoln.

Foundation News

December 2013, the final tally was in and the amount that we raised was \$951.08 from the Younker's Community Days event. In reviewing our fundraising activities for 2014, the Foundation board members decided to participate with Younkers again this coming November 14 & 15. David Glenn one of our newest Foundation board members graciously volunteered to chair that project. We will have booklets in hand very soon, assuming the \$5.00 booklets have not changed in price since last year. That initial \$5.00 goes directly to the Foundation, and if you aren't able to use the booklet, gift it to a friend or relative. While shopping with my booklet coupons, I always find a lot of bargain buys. Most importantly, inside the booklet is an automatic \$10.00 coupon, you decide where you want to use it. Shop for yourself or shop for others. Help the Foundation at the same time! We are looking for

Norden Club members who would like to work with a Foundation member and sell booklets inside Younkers. We would like your help. Please volunteer a few hours, thank you!

A nice segway into this paragraph of news: the scholarship and grant dollars raised have been put to good use. For those of you who weren't able to attend our last Norden dinner meeting in May, we announced the latest grant-in-aid recipient. We have selected a teacher. Carla (Wiklund) Hedstrom from Hastings as our 2014 recipient of Foundation grant support. She has returned from her trip to Scandinavia, spending most of her time in Sweden. Carla will tell us about her travels and research of Swedish culture at one of our dinner meetings in 2015.

We have unfortunately lost Foundation Board Members. Swede Erickson died in December of 2012 and Olie Ahlquist

in February of 2014. They were a great asset to us and we will always miss them. Karen & Doug Lind-Olson stepped down in 2013 due to Karen's health. We wish her well. Karyn & David Glenn joined the Foundation in November of 2013. We are happy to have them aboard. Karyn Glenn holds the office of Foundation Secretary.

We are currently looking for another Foundation board member. You know us by now: Jan, Ron, Len & Arlene, Karyn & David and me. So please let one of us know if you are interested. Thank you again for your continued support!

Correction: May 2014 newsletter, Foundation News. Thomas Lund (not John Lund) of Omaha has made a donation to the Foundation.

Norden Foundation President
Joan Tomlinson White

Treasurers Report

There are still several Norden Club members who have not paid their 2014 dues. If you haven't paid, you may receive a phone call as a gentle reminder. Our operating budget is dependent on everyone paying their fair share

whether you attend meetings or not.

It is time for me to retire from the treasurer's position. If you can balance a checkbook, you are an eligible candidate for this job. Please let me know if you are

interested. I will be more than happy to assist any volunteer(s) for as long as needed. Thank you.

Karen Zins
Norden Club Treasurer

Danish Smorgasbord set for December 8

The time, place and caterer have been set for our annual Smorgasbord. It will be at the Falls again this year on December 8 and will be catered by Leons.

Now we need Danes and "Friends of Danes" to step up and plan the event. We need to have a

menu, a program, and decorations. We need a number of volunteers to work on this event. There is plenty of time, but if you want a special program, their schedules fill up fast.

If anyone has ideas for a Danish program, get in contact with our president, Phyllis. Is anyone a

personal friend of Roger Welsch or some other program presenter that might be of interest?

Our annual Smorgasbord has been used as the advertising bulletin board to get new members for Norden Club. We need a good agenda.

September 2014

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 Sept 15

The meeting is at First Lutheran Church, 2520 S 70th at 6:30. The program will be Arlene and Len Nelson on Norway and Sweden. Cost is \$16.00 per person. We look forward to seeing you there.

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Cancellations need to be made by noon Wednesday, Sept 10. Norden Club is charged for all dinners that are reserved. We appreciate you calling early if you know you can or can not attend.