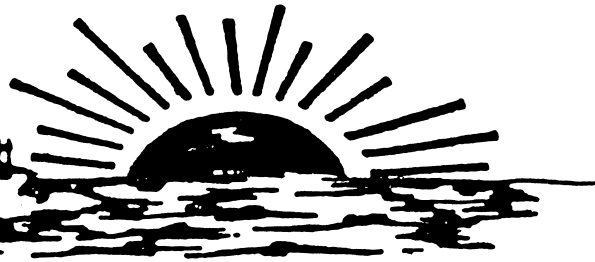




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Kalender

Remember, the May Meeting will
be on the 3rd Friday of May;
May 16, 2008

Friday, May 16, 2008:

Continuation of Long Range Discussion, 7:30 p.m.,
Masonic Hall, Beverly, MA.

The upcoming May 16th meeting will be our annual Syttende Mai celebration for the lodge. Come in your festive garb and good spirits!

Sunday, May 18, 2008:

Syttende Mai Parade; Brooklyn, NY via chartered bus from Boston. 508-758-7849 for reservations at \$35.00 per person.

7:30 p.m. Social
8:00 p.m. Business

Wednesday June 4 to Sunday June 8:

District Convention; Virginia Beach, VA.

Christine Tremblay will be hostess for the evening. The evening's business discussion will center around our Long Range Planning. Please be sure to make an effort to be there and voice your opinion.

Saturday June 28, 2008:

Mid-Sommer Dag; Geneva Point Center. Lake Winnepesaukee, NH. Afternoon and evening with dinner.

Enclosed you will find a flyer for our annual Mid-Sommer Dag outing at Geneva Point. Directions are included at the bottom of the flyer.

Saturday, August 2, 2008:

Maine Nordmenn Lodge Summer Outing. Details to follow.

You still have a few days to register for the May 18th bus ride to Brooklyn, NY. See Kalender to the left for phone number information.

Sunday, September 14, 2008:

Meeting at 2:00 p.m. with social/dessert.

Sunday, September 28, 2008:

Zone mtg at 12:30p.m. at Rom's Restaurant in Sturbridge

Friday, October 17, 2008:

Pot luck dinner & Leif Ericsson celebration. Social at 6:30.

*Happy
Syttende Mai!*

**Sons of Norway
Morgensolen Lodge No. 545**

Unless otherwise noted, regular meetings second Friday of the month at the Masonic Temple, 20 Washington St.; Beverly, MA. Deadline for submission of articles for publication is the 15th of the month.

**Social 7:30 p.m.
Meeting 8:00 p.m.**

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Fra presidenten



Our April meeting auction sure was a lot of fun. A special tusen takk to auctioneer, Stan, and his able assistant Herb! They really should consider doing a radio talk show!

Dutiful Dotti K. and her colleagues presided over a delectable and varied pot luck feast which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Mange takk to Dotti and all

those who assisted her with the meal and the clean up brigade.

After an in depth discussion at the April meeting, the majority of those present voted to **not** sponsor a Nordic Fest in 2008. Existing inventories will undergo a review and plans will be discussed for their disposal in the coming months.

Mark your calendars for the mid - sommer dag scheduled for Saturday, June 28, at the Geneva Point Center on Lake Winnepesaukee in NH. We have already received word that S/O/N friends from Norumbega and Maine Nordmenn lodges are looking forward to joining us. Also, we hope to make up for last year's canoe trip(s) which were cancelled due to rough waters. And, yes, we will offer a lobster option for an additional charge.

It is very important to our lodge that you make every effort to be present at our May 16th meeting to continue the discussion(s) of the past March meeting. Your input is critical in making decisions for our lodge.

Finally, topping off that weekend do not forget to make your early reservations for the Sunday, May 18th bus trip to Brooklyn, NY



*FRATERNALLY,
HARRY*



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From the President

May 2008

Location! Location! Location! This is one of those phrases which you hear a lot in the real estate market. I think location when we are talking about the upcoming Third District Board Meeting in Virginia Beach, VA. The Holiday Inn Executive Center is between the boardwalk by the beach and downtown Norfolk, a perfect location for our guests to visit many attractions only minutes from the hotel. If you have checked their web site, you can see the luxury of the hotel but don't forget to take advantage of a delightful array of amenities.

The 2008 Convention Committee is striving to give you a convention to remember. I hope we create fond memories of the culture and business that comes before us. They have been working for the past two-years planning all types of activities for the delegates and guests to enhance their stay.

We will begin the Memorial Service earlier this convention starting at 4:00pm on Wednesday, June 4th so that we can have fun dining and cruising on the Spirit of Norfolk, past the Elizabeth River waterfront and Hampton Roads Harbor with spectacular skyline views of the mighty ships of the Navy's Atlantic Fleet. Cruising is the perfect way to meet and greet those who will join us during the three days of business and culture.

The convention business sessions will start on Thursday morning. We will conduct the business, hear the reports from our officers, listen to our invited guests, and have time to gather together to talk. Thursday evening will hold cultural events or free time. The committee has firmed up many specialized speakers and presenters for your learning and entertainment. There will be power point presentations on language, weaving tapestry, "hands on" introduction to rosemaling, cultural skills program in general, demonstrators of knitting and hardanger, plus others



that are in the planning stage. We can all find one topic that will be of interest. I am looking forward to them all.

Friday will hold much of the same business during the day. After the afternoon coffee break, the committee has planned break-out session for the delegates and guests to enjoy. Many are being scheduled and you will have a choice of two different sessions to enjoy. It has been a long time since we had the opportunity to present break-out sessions and I encourage everyone to attend these programs. Friday evening will hold cultural events and the Viking Auc-

tion.

Saturday will hold the elections of the officers and the delegates to the International Convention. We hope to finish early and have time to relax or plan brainstorming sessions with fellow delegates. A few of you might like to meet to talk over issues in your lodges, programs for success, officer duties, or any topic that is of interest to your lodge. Many good ideas and thoughts come out during these types of meetings and you could get a nice cross-section of district ideas. Saturday evening will be the installation of officers and the banquet with guest speaker H.E. Ambassador Strommen. We will present the Lodge of the Year Awards and the Leif Erikson Citation Award. We will end the evening with dining and dancing until the wee hours of the morning.

The other venues to visit are the vendor boutique and the Cultural Skills room. We have such talented members. I admire each Norwegian tradition. The needlework, the woodcarving, the music, the artwork created by such skilled workers. I am in awe at every convention. I wish each entrant success and good luck with your projects.

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(TDT, cont. from p. 3)Princess

As guests you may wish to take advantage of the attractions in the area. You may plan to visit the Annual Norfolk Harborfest held June 6-8th and view the Tall Ships, take a walk on the beautiful sand beaches, have fun at Busch Gardens, or a side trip to Colonial Williamsburg. Arrange to stay additional days and make the most of the hotel rates for the week before and after the convention. Roy and I spent our honeymoon in Williamsburg and at the beach, so we are looking forward to staying a few extra days.

I must state my "bragging rights" go to the 2008 Convention Committee. Their dedication to make this a wonderful cultural convention has been outstanding. Chairman Verlin Morton and his workers are busy crossing the "t's" and dotting the "i's" preparing each step of the way. The additional break-out sessions, the cultural events, the cruise in the harbor, are all planned to make this an enchanting conference. I hope many of you will join the board and the delegates enjoying the fellowships you form. You will not be sorry.

Let's have a great convention.

Hurrah! Syttende mai.

Barbara



It is with great sadness that we bring you news of the death of Morgensolen's Oscar A. Olsen. Oscar and wife Lavinia were regular members at our Lodge Meetings and Oscar always volunteered to assist us at our annual Nordic Fest. Declining health kept him away more recently but his spirt was always felt.

Our sincere condolences go out to Lavinia and Norman and others in the Olsen family.

Oscar's obituary is included in this issue of *The Nyheter*.

2008 Scholarship Applicants Application Deadline May 31st



Applications are now being taken for the 2007 Lornts B. Nilsen and Louise Nilsen-Esbensen Scholarship Award.

Application blanks can be found on our website at www.morgensolen.org or you can call Judi Mack at 781-935-9620.

Completed applications should be mailed to Judi at:

Judi Mack
23 Winter St.; P.O. Box 1183
Burlington, MA 01803-3228

Scholarship award will be made at the Mid-Sommer Dag festival in Geneva Point.

From the Trustees

Several donations have been made to the Scholarship fund and we greatly appreciate your generosity. Cash donations have been made at the lodge meetings--thank you all--you know who you are.

Generous check donations have been received from Lloyd and Ruth Wilson, Judi Mack and Harry Widman.

Hummer Fest

Set aside Saturday, August 2nd for the Maine Nordmenn's annual Hummer (Lobster) Fest. SON Member \$25, Children \$15 and under 12 free. Non Member Adult \$30, Children \$20 and under 6 free.

Reservations needed by Saturday, July 26th. Contact:

Herb Hoppe
24 Timber Creek
Gray, ME 04039

Gratulerer med dagen



Happy Birthday to the following birthday babies from all the rest of us at Morgensolen! If you have a birthday in a given month and your name does not appear on the list, please contact your Editor.

- 5 Virginia Olsen
- 6 Joanne Graves
- 7 Robert Torkildsen
- 9 Sheryl Knutson
- 11 Bonnie Stolpestad
- 12 Roger Anderson
- 12 Margot Arntsen
- 14 Ruth Hansen
- 15 Alice Newman
- 17 Linda Christiansen
- 31 Joanne Lafond



Correspondence Corner

January 1, 2008

Dear Members,

Your Christmas remembrance of the beautiful floral centerpiece was a delightful surprise. It is so lovely and creative. Thank you for brightening my quiet Christmas!

I am also deeply appreciative that you give me the annual membership renewal. As a member for many years, I am deeply grateful to you all.

Sincerely,

Connie Walker

Oscar A. Olsen



PORTSMOUTH — Oscar A. Olsen, 93, a long-time resident of Beverly, died Wednesday morning, April 9, 2008 at Portsmouth Regional Hospital.

Born in Beverly, Oscar was the son of John and Inga Olsen. He graduated from Beverly High School and Northeastern University and proudly served as a community leader, including almost 35 years as executive director of the Beverly Chamber of Commerce and various roles with the Essex County Boards of Trade, the Industrial Development Commission and the Red Cross Community Fund.

During his tenure at the Beverly Chamber, he instituted events that are now part of Beverly tradition, including Homecoming Week, the Lobster Festival, the Beverly Santa Parade and Honor Awards Night for Beverly High School students. His community involvement continued after his retirement through the Beverly Safety Council, the Salvation Army, Sons of Norway and Beverly Rotary Club where he was recognized as a Paul Harris Fellow.

Oscar was also a World War II veteran, a Mason and member of Liberty Lodge. He was an avid photographer and many of his films and photographs of Beverly have been donated to the Beverly Historical Society.

He is survived by his wife, Lavinia Briggs Olsen; his son, Norman Olsen, and daughter-in-law, Tasha Kostantacos Olsen, of Portsmouth, NH; and several beloved cousins in Norway.

The family extends its heartfelt thanks to many who provided caring support over the years, including staff at Extended Family, Partridge House and Portsmouth Regional Hospital.

SERVICES: Visitation will be from noon to 2 p.m. on Saturday, with service following at Campbell-Lee, Moody, Russell Funeral Home, 9 Dane St., Beverly, Mass. (It is the downtown location.) Burial will follow at North Beverly Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Salvation Army, 50 Elliot St., Beverly, MA.

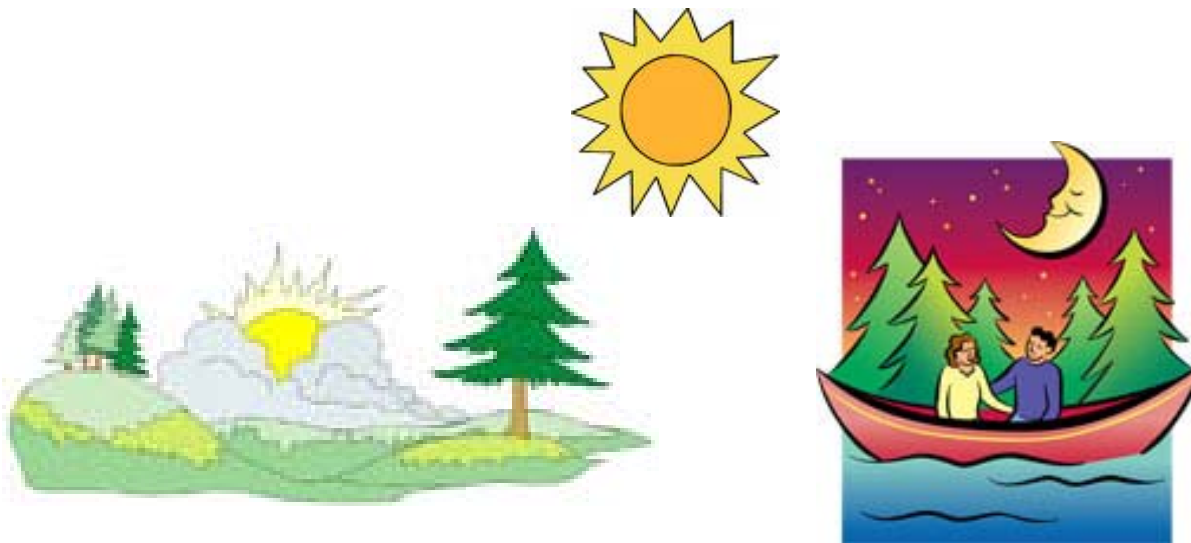
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Celebrate "Mid Sommer Dag" Saturday June, 28, 2008

Come celebrate the Norwegian Tradition of families, fun, and nature. Rain or Shine. Beginning at 1 p.m., we will have access to Geneva Point Center, a conference center located on the shores of Lake Winnepesaukee in Moultonborough, NH.

Feel free to arrive at your convenience. We will have "games on the green" at about 3 PM, boating and Swimming will be available after 2 PM. Somehow we usually manage to get a hike in as well. Our day conclude with a grilled chicken dinner – or if you like, **lobster!** And of course, smores by the campfire for dessert.

There is plenty of parking on the grounds directly behind the Abbott Administration building. Check in with the staff at the Abbott Administration building to get a map of the property. There are several marked walking trails, beaches with canoes available as well as swimming, and beautiful views of the Ossipee Mountains.



If you care to stay over, Geneva Point Center's office can be contacted at 603.253.4366 in order to secure housing at an additional cost.

Please make your reservation with Kristianne Widman-Johnson by mailing a check to her at 24 Sunset Circle, Marlborough, MA 01752-1660 by June 20th. The cost will be \$15 per person, which included access to the grounds and dinner – **unless you would like lobster for dinner. The cost of the lobster will be based on the market price and will be in addition to the basic cost.** We will not know the additional cost of the lobster until that day. Checks should be made payable to "Geneva Point Center".

Directions:

Geneva Point Center is located at 108 Geneva Point Road, Moultonborough, NH.

From Greater Boston, take I-93 north to exit 23. At the bottom of the ramp, bear right onto Rout 104 and follow for 9 miles. At the junction of 104 and US Route 3 in Meredith (there is a traffic light at this junction), turn left. Stay on Route 3 for approximately 1 mile until you reach a 4-way intersection with traffic lights. At the traffic lights, bear right onto Route 25 toward Center Harbor. Stay on Rt. 25 for approximately 8 miles that will bring you through Center Harbor and into Moultonborough. Look for Moultonborough Neck Road that is a right turn off of Rt. 25. Landmarks for this turn are Aubachon Hardware on the left and "Green's Corner" Gas station on your right. Travel down Moultonborough Neck Road for 5.7 miles, bearing left at the fork in the road and onto Waunakee Road. Approximately half a mile down, turn left onto Geneva Point Road.

Correspondence Corner Cont.

Your kind expression of sympathy is deeply appreciated and gratefully acknowledged by the family of Dorothy B. Savory.

March 19, 2008

Dear Ms. Judith Nilsen Mack,

Thank you and your Lodge for your donation of \$75.00 in memory of Dorothy Savory. We have sent notification to the family of your thoughtful donation. It is through the generosity of people like you that enables us to provide much needed social, educational and recreational programs.

Sincerely,
Pamely Parkinson
Director
Danvers Council on Aging

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I would like to thank you for the gift certificate which arrived when I was ill. It has been put to good use.

Fraternally,
Dick Mack

Matlyst Monthly

Oatmeal Fruit Soup

Ingredients:

1/3 cup oatmeal

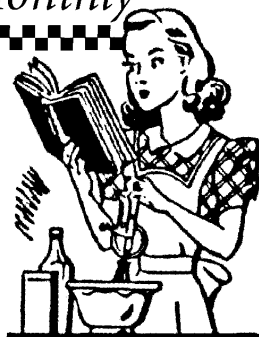
1 quart water

prunes

2 tbl sugar

up to 1/3 cup berry juice concentrate

Cook half the allotted water with the oatmeal for 5 minutes over medium heat. Simmer the prunes and sugar in the remaining water for 5 minutes. Combine the prunes, oatmeal and berry concentrate to taste. Chill before serving.



Mother's Day Gift Membership

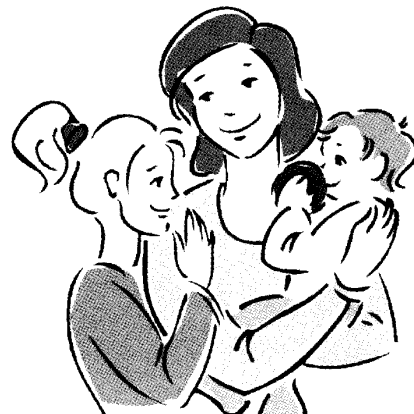
Are you searching for a special Mother's Day gift that will show your mother you really care? Consider the gift of a Sons of Norway Membership.

A Sons of Norway membership includes access to many areas of Norwegian culture and heritage including:

- Online access to the "members only" area on www.sonsofnorway.com
- Travel discounts through major travel agencies
- Viking magazine, a monthly full color magazine filled with news from Norway, features on Scandinavian traditions, cuisine, travel and more
- A chance to join a lodge in her area to experience cultural events with others who share an interest in Norwegian heritage and culture
- The opportunity to learn Norwegian crafts through our cultural skills program

Whether she is already a member and would like her membership renewed, or if you'd like to honor her with a new membership, please call us at 800-945-8851. A special certificate will be sent commemorating the gift.

Mother's Day



A Little in English...

Sara and Mathias Norway's Most Popular Names

Every year Statistics Norway comes out with a list of the most popular first names in Norway. The results show that 2007 was not a year for big changes in the top names. The trend continues with short names for girls with -a or -ah endings and biblical names for boys. Sara was also the most popular name for girls in 2002, and Mathias topped the list in 2003 and 2004. Last year's winners, Thea and Jonas, are now at second place.

The popularity of names goes in waves. Many of today's names were almost unused 50 years ago, while 120 years ago they were quite popular. The name Mathias was little used for many years until about 1980 when things began to change. In 1999 Mathias placed on the top ten list, and in 2003 it became the most popular name for the first time. The name Sara has almost the same history to it as Mathias. It was an old name that was "out" for a long time. Beginning in about 1970 its popularity began to increase slowly, but surely, until it reached the top in 2002.

Here are both top ten lists:

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Boy Names

1. Mathias
2. Jonas
3. Markus
4. Alexander
5. Lukas
6. Kristian
7. Magnus
8. Elias
9. Emil
10. Henrik

Girl Names

1. Sara
2. Thea
3. Emma
4. Julie
5. Nora
6. Ida
7. Emilie
8. Ingrid
9. Anna
10. Sofie

