THE LAUDERDALE VIKING

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Lauderdale Lodge's 2008 Schedule of Events	Next Board Meeting
March 29: Animal and Environmental Awareness Dinner April 20: Picnic/BBQ at Snyder Park by VFW May 17: Syttende Mai celebration with Seamen's Church May 18: Syttende Mai pool party at President's house	Wednesday, April 2 at 7 pm at President Karen Engebretsen's office at 1876 N. University Drive, 2nd floor, Plantation (N.E. corner of University and Sunrise). Subject to change. Everyone is welcome!

Please contact the editor of this newsletter, Laila Fosse at 954-925-3359 or lailanorway@hotmail.com to submit your photos to the newsletter or website, to get newsletters by email in color, or if you have comments or questions. Lauderdale Lodge member addresses or newsletters from other lodges are now available per email upon request.

From the Lauderdale Lodge President

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter to all the members of Lauderdale Lodge! We extend a warm welcome to our new members Inger-Lisa and Georgina Skroder and Kjell Gabrielsen and a "welcome home" to our "snow bird" members. Special Happy Birthday wishes also go out to our Financial Secretary Peggy Ellefsen for turning 80!

The theme for our February social was Valentine's Day and also "Remembering our Loved Ones." The social was held at "40-8" and the room was elegantly decorated by our social committee. Although the last newsletter indicated that we were going to be serving a Shrimp Feast for the February Social we learned at the last minute that the shipment Willy Hansen had ordered was delayed. So, he was gracious enough to provide an even better alternative of "koldtbord". The food was outstanding! Willy, you did it again. Thanks to everyone who helped in the preparation and clean up as well. You all did a GREAT job, as always. Great team work!!!

In an effort to remember our Norwegian Culture, our newest board member and Cultural Director Geoff Kitchen put together a very interesting and informative presentation about Norwegian Trolls. Growing up I had heard many stories about the whimsical nature of Trolls from different regions, but he added some details that made the presentation even more intriguing! You just never know when you might run into a Troll!!! Following Geoff's presentation those who wanted to participate presented a rose in memoriam of our departed loved ones at the front table. It was also a reminder of all the men and women who have died serving our country. You can continue this tradition by having the name of your loved ones remembered in EACH newsletter under "In Memoriam" for $10 per year.

Lauderdale Lodge is continuing to encourage co-participation with other Norwegian organizations in South Florida so we went to the Seaman's Church service at All Saints Lutheran Church March 2. And in an effort to promote our lodge in the community we also participated in the Humane Society's Animal Walk-a-thon on March 1. Here is picture of us with our Norwegian Flags and the "I helped re-build the Viking Ship" t-shirts!

We hope you have been reading the wonderful Newsletter that Laila produces every month! There is a lot of interesting information and it is a way to learn about our upcoming events! Thanks again for continuing to do a great job!!! We need a new webmaster as Laila has not had time to update it. I also want to encourage our members to participate in the 2008 Norwegian Experience competition to win a trip to Norway. All you have to do is sign up a new member. Please use the applications we have at our socials or on our website at **http://lauderdale.freehostia.com** .

Our March social will be the Animal and Environmental Awareness Dinner on March 29 at our new location called "40-8" next to VFW. The dinner will feature corned beef and cabbage since March is also a celebration of St. Patrick's Day. The next board meeting will be held on Wednesday April 2 and everyone is welcome to join the BOD and offer feedback. Hope to see you all!!!

Fraternally,
Dr. Karen Engebretsen-Stopczynski
President of Lauderdale Lodge 3-475, SoN.

ANIMAL AND
ENVIRONMENTAL
AWARENESS

Saturday, March 29, 2008 at 7 p.m.
OUR NEW LOCATION: "40-8 Broward County Voiture 890"
316 SW 25th Street (Beside VFW at State Road 84 and SW 4th Ave.)
Fort Lauderdale. NOTE: Please use the VFW parking lot or street parking.

Menu:

Corned Beef and Cabbage with carrots and potatoes

Price at the door: Adults - $ 15.00 (children under 12 - Free)
Or pre-pay by sending a $12 non-refundable check to Editor Laila Fosse received on or before Wednesday before the event.
Please bring desserts to share!

Please make your reservations 3 days before the event and call any board member if you need a ride!

We appreciate any items you can donate to our raffle.

We need your feedback about our lodge activities and meetings! Do you have any talents you want to share with us? Maybe singing, dancing or playing an instrument? Would you like to participate in a play? We welcome any ideas. **Do you want to learn Norwegian or Rosemaling for free? Become a member and join our short sessions!**

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It's easy to be a booster! We need your support - just $ 10.00 per year helps to cover the expense of publishing your newsletter.

Boosters, mail or give your check to

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Solveig Blindheim - 10/08
Constance Johnson - 1/09
Shirley H. Meucci - 2/09
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In Memoriam

Shirley Wiersema (by Jerry Wiersema)	3/09
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New Members

Oddvar J. Blindheim	4/07
Geoff Kitchen	4/07
Matt Ostrem	9/07
Gunnbjorg Mikalsen	11/07
Inger-Lisa Skroder	2/08
Georgina Skroder	2/08
Kjell Gabrielsen	2/08

Dear fellow Sons of Norway Members (Letter from Jacksonville Lodge's President)

It was a pleasure to meet you all at your Valentine's Day meeting, which was a lovely evening. Sons of Norway is a fabulous family, so it's always fun to meet and greet members from other lodges, share ideas and camaraderie. Everyone was very welcoming to both Kent and me. We extend a personal invitation to you to join us at any or our lodge activities when you are in our Jacksonville area. You can stay in touch with us through our web site at www.sonjax.com . I do want to add our lodge congratulations to Willy Hansen for being selected as your "Norwegian of the Year." Willy is one of a kind! He's a true gentleman and an outstanding chef who is always willing to share his culinary and other talents. We had the wonderful privilege of having both Willy and Darlene participate with our lodge last April in the City of Jacksonville's four-day World of Nations, an ethnic festival featuring 35 countries and drawing 60,000. Throughout the World of Nations, Willy was our featured Norwegian chef, who handled our Norwegian menu. He and Darlene worked tirelessly along with our lodge volunteers to showcase the Norwegian cuisine. They cooked, they served, and they greeted the public. And while they are members of your lodge, we have adopted them into our Gateway to Florida lodge as well. It's a real honor to call them friends.

Best wishes to you all and thanks again for your warm hospitality.

Marci Larson

Get to know Cultural Director Geoff Kitchen

Hello everyone! My name is Geoff Kitchen and I am one of the newest board members. I was born in Ames, Iowa, grew up in that area and met my fiancé Laila while she was attending Iowa State University. We moved to Hollywood two years ago and have been enjoying southern Florida very much. We both love the beach and the warm weather and we take advantage of it at every opportunity. I enjoy photography and spend a lot of my free time taking photographs and sharing them with friends and family.

I joined Sons of Norway last year after much encouragement from Laila. She had become a board member of the local lodge and invited me to several meetings before I finally joined. Laila promptly began to encourage me to accept one of the open board positions and to get more involved in lodge activities. This past January I was sworn in as the Cultural Director and have only just begun to consider how I can best serve the lodge. I would like to see more cultural activities and educational opportunities offered during the lodge socials and events. I feel that with the proper focus we can get young people excited about our lodge and encourage them to learn more about the rich heritage of Norway!

I am excited about the opportunities that lie ahead for the Ft. Lauderdale Lodge. I hope to offer the lodge unique ideas for celebrating Norwegian heritage and to cultivate the vast array of talent, knowledge, and skills that our members possess.

WE NEED A NEW WEB MASTER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. IF YOU ARE COMMITTED AND HAVE A COMPUTER YOU CAN HELP US WITH THE IMPORTANT TASK OF UPDATING OUR WEBSITE! IT IS FUN ONCE YOU GET THE HANG OF IT. PLEASE CONTACT EDITOR LAILA AT 954-925-3359!

Board Meeting Minutes March 5, 2008 at 7 pm
Attendees: President Karen, Jan, Laila, Irene, Geoff, Else, Gerd

Karen asked if there were any new members, but there were not. She brought up the forms we need to fill out to change our lodge by-laws and possibly get funding from HQ for restoring our Viking ship. Karen thinks our email communication is working well, but some of the board members are still not checking their email on a regular basis. Meeting minutes from previous meeting were read by Laila and Karen announced that the 4th of July hot dog event has to be cancelled due to conflicting schedules.

We decided that Board meetings should only be held on Wednesdays and unless we meet at Karen's office the meetings can not begin before 7:30 PM due to Karen's schedule. We will find out on March 29 how much we will be charged for electricity to have board meetings at 40-8. Karen suggested we alternate meeting locations to accommodate travels and maybe find a place in the center of where we all live. A suggestion to meet in a public place was turned down due to concerns about too much noise. Karen made a motion that we meet at Karen's office again in April and the motion carried. A suggestion was made that we need to stick to the original schedule even though the president can not always be there. The third or fourth Saturday of each month is when we should have the socials. Jan was concerned that our president and possibly vice president might not be there at our March social and it would be the first time in 40 years that this has happened.

There are concerns from board members that have multiple positions on the board that they can't keep up with the work load. For example the website has not been updated since after the October social last year. Karen made a motion to advertise for a new webmaster in next newsletter and also on the website and the motion carried. Treasurer and Financial Secretary were not present so we have no report of bills and how much we made on the last social or on donations. We discussed presentations such as Rosemaling, Runes and Stave Churches for Cultural Director Geoff to have at the socials and decided on something to do with environmental awareness in Norway for the March social.

For the Seamen's Church 17th May celebration Karen, Jan and Laila have committed to volunteer help serve food and we will discuss with the Seamen's Church how we can best promote Sons of Norway at the event. 40-8 was confirmed for March 29th and Karen asked that we wait until next board meeting to verify the calendar for the rest of the year. Gerd suggested and it was decided to have corned beef and cabbage at the social on the 29th and that Else and Jan will buy the food. The usual suspects will meet on Saturday morning to prepare corned beef and cabbage, potatoes, and carrots and we will plan to serve 40 people since we have no better estimate. We have a complaint that the foam containers and Ziploc bags in the kitchen at 40-8 are not ours and must not be taken or used. The lodge needs to have its own supplies and Else will make a list of items to purchase from Restaurant Depot for food preparation, service, and storage for the socials.

Karen was given a list of donors for the Viking ship and she will make framed certificates and present them to donors of more than $100 at the April 20 picnic.

Next board meeting will be Wednesday April 2 at 7pm at Karen's office. Everyone is welcome!

Humane Society of Broward County

Don't buy your pet –Adopt! The Humane Society of Broward County provides shelter, aid and responsible adoptions to animals entrusted to our care, and educates the community about respect and kindness to all animals. In 2007, we placed 9,923 pets into new homes. Do you want to be a temporary foster parent for a puppy or kitten until it is 8 weeks old? Call the Humane Society at 954-266-6814 for more information!

BIRTHDAYS

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Name	Month	Day	Name	Month	Day
Gunnbjorg Aamlid Mikalsen	April	1	Reidar Bakken	April	12
Karina Bohorquez	April	2	Bengt Holvold	April	14
Andrew Holm	April	2	Karin Vigdis Iversen	April	15
Bjorg Eikeland	April	5	Bjorn Borud	April	22
Dr Gerald E Stopczynski	April	6	Else Marie Springer	April	24
Aksel K Huus	April	10	John Jacobsen	April	30
Alexander K Haugen	April	11			

Oil sales stuff state treasury

Norway's state treasury is set to overflow, local analysts claim. Some think the price of North Sea crude oil will hit USD 130 a barrel, pumping even more "petrokroner" into the state budget and giving politicians few excuses to limit its use. The North Sea Brent crude that's been pumping up Norway's economy for years was being traded at just over USD 107 a barrel Friday morning. Analysts at DnB NOR, raised their own oil price prospects to USD 130 a barrel by 2015. That forced the bank's economists to radically adjust the amount of money such oil revenues will generate for Norway's state budget. Dagens Næringsliv reported that DnB NOR's chief economist then predicted that an extra NOK 1,200 billion would likely flow into state coffers over the next seven years, giving politicians "considerably more money to work with." Chief economist Øystein Dørum also noted that the state's so-called "oil fund," into which revenues are set aside for future generations and pension obligations, will grow to a staggering NOK 5,700 billion by 2015, well above the NOK 4,351 billion currently estimated by state officials. That would allow increased current use of oil revenues, he noted, adding that it would be "meaningless" for Norwegian politicians to use less oil money than the country can afford. Therein lies the irony facing many Norwegians today. While the country already is flush with oil revenues from today's already-high oil prices, criticism runs rampant over what's perceived as a declining level of public services. Hospital budgets are being cut, schools are rundown and students are testing poorly, few Norwegians believe the police will be there to help them if needed, nor are there any guarantees that nursing home beds will be available when needed. The papers are full of stories every day about various government agencies blaming a lack of funding for their inability to deliver social services. With more money flowing into the state from oil and taxes than ever before, this raises questions and has sparked political debate in Norway. The current left-centre coalition government is under increasing pressure to deliver on campaign promises before the next round of state elections next fall. Aftenposten English Web Desk

NACC/Norwegian Shipping Club Events (Contact Beate Jakobsen at beatej@comcast.net)

April 25 – Dinner Event

May 17 - Constitution Celebration / Dinner

The Norwegian Seamen's Church Events (www.sjomannskirken.no/miami)

March 23 – Easter church service in Miami at 2 pm.

March 27 – Shrimp Fest and Leiv Eiriksson presentation by Aril Edvardsen at 7 pm. Sign up by March 20!

April 21 - Annual Golf Tournament for benefit to the new Scandinavian Center. Help donate by visiting their website above.

May 17 – Constitution Day Celebration with parade, food and games.

3RD DISTRICT'S 2008 BOWLING TOURNAMENT

Do you want to get participate in the 3rd District 2008 Bowling Tournament? We need a Captain for our Lauderdale Lodge team. We may start bowling at any time, but the results must be in to D3 no later than May 1st. You must bowl as part of Lauderdale Lodge's team or another lodge team. Team types are designated as Men, Women, or Mixed on the line score sheet. Current league bowlers should use their average. Averages from previous 3D or inter-lodge events can be used as well. You will be bowling 3 games, and the costs are the responsibility of the bowlers. There is the usual $25.00 per team registration fee to cover the costs of trophies, etc. Checks should be made out to "District Lodge #3 S/N". Please send the completed forms (See Editor for this) and registration check to: Stuart Richardson, 3D Sports Director, 5442 Palmetto Ave, Ft. Pierce, FL 34982. If you have any questions, please call Stuart Richardson at (772) 332-6839.

Help us rebuild our Viking Ship by making your donation checks payable to "Lauderdale Lodge" and send to Laila Fosse at 2312 Raleigh Street, Hollywood, FL 33020. Make sure you indicate that the money should be used for the Viking Ship restoration. **Thank you** to the people below who have already donated! We still have a long way to go as we only have 30 percent of what we need.

Platinum ($600 and over):
Gold ($400 and over): Erik Iversen
Bronze ($200 and over): John Haagensen, Everett Elligson, Inger-Lisa Skroder, Nancy Boeckler
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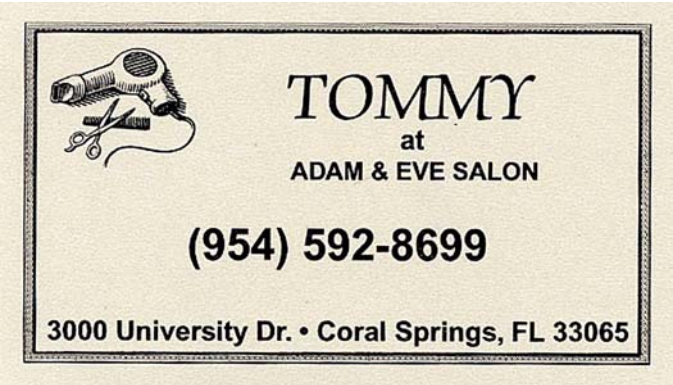

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