



### Sons of Norway Mission Statement

The mission of the Sons of Norway is to promote & preserve the heritage & culture of Norway, to celebrate our relationship with other Nordic countries, and to provide quality insurance and financial products to its members.

### JUNE Calendar of Events



- June 6th D-Day (June 6th, 1944)
- June 11th Board Meeting - 5 pm  
Lodge Meeting - 6 pm  
(D.L. City Park by pavilion)  
Program will be Music at the band shell.  
(BYO chair)
- June 14th Flag Day in the USA
- June 20th Summer Solstice (The longest day of the year)
- June 23rd Josoka f-tan (Sankthansaften Midsummer Eve)
- June 24th St. John's Day (Jonosk)  
(The Shortest Night of the Year)

### June, July, and August Meetings

Meetings will be held in the Park: 5 pm Board meeting, have supper in the park, then attend 6 pm Lodge meeting. Program will be Concerts in the Park sponsored by Fuller House.



### Solskinn Hjørne - Sunshine Corner -

Get Well to Pastor Ray Larson, Bob Hoover, Karl Hagen, Sympathy to Ray Larson Family. If you know of anyone having or recovering from surgery or illness, has a death in the family or has great news to tell, please get in touch with Dorothy P. at: [dndpoff@arvig.net](mailto:dndpoff@arvig.net) or call 218-841-5177.

### DETROIT LAKES SONS OF NORWAY LODGE 1-495

### Fra Presidentan:

ARDYS HORNER  
Lodge President



Roger Lee

### Getting to Know Your Members

### Roger Lee

Roger Lee, our current vice president, is a 3rd generation American. Halver Evindson Lie immigrated from Norway and settled in Iowa in the 1800's and his grandfather, Roger Lee born in 1882, moved to farm in SE North Dakota as land became available. Roger was raised at Geneseo, ND ( 3 miles from South Dakota and 35 miles from Minnesota a 1/2 mile from his grandparents. The Lee family raised grains and a large variety of livestock. Roger started milking when he was 5 years old. He walked to a rural school 1 1/4 mile away passing his grandparents farm, which he said was a great place to take a break. After 8th grade he went to Cayuga HS — which closed with his graduating class. Roger said he was dating a Catholic girl in HS and his grandmother told his parents, "you'd better nip it in the bud before it blooms." Students in the Cayuga area now go to Sargent County Central. Roger joined the National Guard and at age 17 was in Fort Leonard Wood for basic training. He served for 6 years in the reserves.

Following basic training, he went to Valley City for college getting a two year teaching degree, during the next three years he taught elementary ed and continued his education to get his bachelor's degree. In September 17, 1961, he married Jan. He taught for 5 years in Wabasso, MN going nights and summers to get his Masters in administration and to become a principal. His first position was in Buffalo Lake, MN. In 1974 he began his 25 years as a principal in Detroit Lakes. Roger made a point to know his students and their parents. During this time Jan was a para professional in the school and helped him rear their two daughters and a son. One daughter lives in St. Paul, one in Eastern Tennessee and a son lives in Idaho Falls, ID. Roger says having children in different states forces them to travel and see the United States. They have 7 grand children and 2 great grandchildren.

Roger and Jan have taught their children/grandchildren how to make Norwegian foods by all being in the kitchen learning

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# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

## \*JUNE/juni 2024\*

- 1st Anders Bakken
- 4th Pamela Su
- 6th Avis Sather  
Gothe Jensvold  
Pearl Uhlir
- 8th Lyle Bakke  
Betty Smith
- 10th Jon Horner
- 11th Kalli Steinbach
- 14th Adam Hoover
- 15th Doris Iverson
- 18th David Wething
- 22nd Kathleen Hoover
- 23rd Chuck Jensvold
- 25th Linda Hagen
- 26th Dorothy Hoover
- 27th Kacie Steinbach
- 28th Patty Derouin
- 30th Karl Hagen

*Reminder: If you are not seeing your birthday in a certain month, please contact Cindy Sauer to get your birthday in the newsletter. Thanks!*



*Make your own Almond Cake for your Birthday!* Get the recipe at: <https://sonsofnorwaydl.org/kransakake>

## Greetings from your Social Director

I laughed so hard and marveled at the stories and carvings of Jerry Ness. Thank you, Jerry, for a wonderful evening!

A reminder of our schedule for June, July and August: Picnic in the park (\$ donation, proceeds going to Fuller Habitat), board meeting at 5pm followed by regular meeting at 6pm. Our entertainment will be in the band shell at 7pm. A full interesting evening.

Keep saving your stamps so we can send them with our delegates to the District 1 convention in August. Do we need a stamp cutting day? That can be arranged.

Hope to see you in the park this summer.  
Dorothy Hoover, Social Director



## Scholarship Funds for Adults

Beginning the fall of 2024 adults may apply for scholarships to be used for any adult or family activity offered through the Nordic Concordia Language Villages as well as courses and activities which further individual knowledge and skill development of Scandinavian Culture and/or Folk Art.

These scholarships are available to any District 1 Lodge member over 18. Applications will be accepted between August 1 and September 30, 2024. Applications with additional details will be available on the District website: [sofn-1.org](https://sofn-1.org)

For additional information contact Roger Josephson.

## Sons of Norway Pastor Ray Larson

Pastor Ray Larson passed away on May 6th. His funeral was held at Trinity Lutheran Church in Detroit Lakes on Saturday, May 11th, 2024

## St. Johns Day

St. Johns Day is celebrated on June 24th and is a religious holiday that celebrates the birth of John the Baptist. In Norway, this Celebration has both religious and secular roots. But for most modern Norwegians,



this is the part of the summer that is most closely linked to the end of the school season and the smell of fire that goes with it. It will begin on the evening of June 23rd. The celebration remembers John the Baptist and his role for Christians. It is also the shortest night of the year. June 23rd, most Norwegians start the Sankthansaften celebration in the afternoon. Everyone gathers to eat and drink together and seeing the Sankthan's bonfire burn at dusk is something Norwegians think is very nice. In some places, as in the north, it is also a tradition to go up the mountain instead of seeing a bonfire.

to make a variety of sweets, lefse, soups together and then eating it together.

His eldest daughter and son both retired have planned a trip to Norway from May 30 to June 16 for a family reunion of Jan's side of the family from Rutland, ND. Normally they meet every 3rd year in Rutland, this year it will be in Norge. Five of seven children in Jan's grandfather's family came to Rutland, 2 daughters stayed in Norway to raise their families so they will be visiting these cousins on their visit to Norway. Roger and Jan are eager to find out what their children and spouses have planned for this trip.

All during his career in Detroit Lakes, he was a HS League official in baseball, volleyball, basketball and softball. He and Jan continue to follow the Laker's at their sporting events.

Roger teaches curling at the Lakes Curling club, is on the Downtown Alive board, Becker Co. Coalition of Lakes Assoc., and Project 412 volunteering with our Trolls project. He helped organize the Tuesday night meals in the park to support Habitat for Humanity/Fuller Center for Housing. Roger is active at Trinity Lutheran serving on the Life and Growth Committee and the Development Foundation Board of Directors. Much of his work in the community is on a one to one basis helping neighbors in need. He recently received the United Way's Bob and Michele Harris Award for leadership, community improvement and hometown spirit. We are fortunate to have Roger serving on the SON board.

Ardys Horner, SONS of Norway, President



## SONS OF NORWAY VIKINGLAND LODGE 1-495 General Meeting - May 14, 2024

Vice President Roger Lee called the meeting to order with national anthems, the pledge and the mission statement. There were 43 members and guests in attendance.

Dotz Johnson read the secretary's report.

Beth gave the treasurer's report:

Guests were introduced

### Old Business

- Lodge members who helped set up the Sons of Norway museum display were recognized: Cindy Sauer, Dorothy Hoover, Dorothy Poffenberger, Carol Turner, Milan Christianson, and Cliff Oftellie
- We have one parade scheduled – the Water Carnival in Detroit Lakes on July 21. Tim Larson will check on the status of the Perham parade in which we often participate.
- The June, July and August meetings will be held in the Detroit Lakes City Park. Fuller Foundation picnic at 5:30, Lodge meeting at 6:00, music at the bandshell – at 7:00
- We serve the Fuller picnic on June 18. Contact Joe Merseeth to sign up for serving

### New Business: (announcements)

- Our Lodge will have a full page ad in the District Convention program
- The Luren Singers from Decorah IA will be in our area in June of 2025
- (Bonnie) Congratulations to Roger Lee, who recently received the Bob and Michelle Community Service award
- (James Larson) talked about serving this country in Okinawa.

**Financial Representative:** (Linda) gave information about multi year annuities  
**Foundation Director (Carol)**

- explained the mission of the Sons of Norway Foundation
- The traveling gift was won by Linda Briard

### Sunshine (Dorothy P)

- Three get well cards and one sympathy card were sent out this month
- Attention was drawn to the Viking Magazine: a note and photo of Fulbright Scholar, Berit Skogen, who has family ties to Detroit Lakes and to the Vikingland Lodge

### Social Director (Dorothy H)

- May birthdays were recognized
- The door prize of \$15 was won by Betty Schroeder
- Thank you to Pat Johnson, Cindy Sauer and Bonnie Mohs for serving lunch

Meeting Adjourned

Jerry Ness gave an entertaining program with stories illustrated with woodcarvings

Respectfully submitted, Dotz Johnson, secretary

## JERRY NESS

Telling stories illustrated with his woodcarvings.



## Foundation News

### Remembering Christmas giving.

Picture of Patricia Derouin participating in the SONS of Norway giving. Thank you to everyone that participated in giving our gifts to our charities this past Christmas 2023.

**Carol Turner,**  
Foundation Director



## Members Helping

Members helping Pat with serving at our June 11th meeting in the park, Pat will call to confirm this month.



## RECIPE CORNER



### 4 LAYER DESSERT

by Bonnie Mohs

Layer 1:

1 cup flour

1/2 cup nuts

1/2 cup butter

Mix together and place in bottom of 9x13 pan. Bake 15 minutes at 375°. Cool.

Layer 2: Cream together:

8 Oz. Cream cheese

1 cup powdered sugar

Fold in:

1 cup cool whip

Spread over crust.

Layer 3: Mix together:

2 small packages instant pudding; chocolate, butterscotch, pistachio, or lemon, your choice

3 cups milk

Layer 4:

Remainder of 8 Oz. Cool whip.

If desired you may garnish with chips, or nuts.

Refrigerate until serving.

## Ole & Lena Joke

Sven walked past Ole's house one day and spotted a sign out in the yard that read "BOAT FOR SALE." Sven was curious about this, so he went up to the house and rang the doorbell. When Ole came to the door, Sven was puzzled. "I see your sign out dere says, "BOAT FOR SALE," but I know you don't have no boat, Ole. All you've got to sell is dat old John Deere tractor and dat combine." "Yup," Ole nodded, "and dey're boat for sale."



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