



Elvesvingen Lodge 1-582 P.O. Box 1091 Mankato, Mn 56002

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Mange takk to Anlaug Grave, Maria Broenstad and Kristin Valle, the St. Olaf College students from Norway, for wearing their beautiful bunads and presenting such an interesting program at our February meeting. The best to them for a wonderful school year in Minnesota!

Our Norwegian Musical Extravaganza Weekend, March 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, will soon be here. **If you would like to car pool to Hanska on Friday for the concert by Bjoro Haaland, a top selling country singer in his native Norway, call Carol at 625-2635 so we know how many to plan for.** We will be meeting at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church parking lot at 5:15 p.m. Tickets are \$12.50 each. This concert will be in the Hanska Community School Gym and is sponsored by the Hanska Business Association. There will be a preshow at 7 p.m. by the Wendinger Bros.

**We hope to have good attendance at the program by the music students from Valle, Norway on March 6<sup>th</sup>.** We feel that Mankato was chosen for the site of one of their performances because of the success of the Ambassador weekend. We want to keep our rating high so we will be offered other opportunities for special programs like this. Also, it is important to encourage and support these young talented adults. They will be performing at Bethlehem Lutheran Church at 7:00 p.m. and tickets, \$10.00 each, will be available at the door. As a special treat, kringla and lefse will be sold during intermission. **Remember, any new member who joins between February 1<sup>st</sup> and March 6<sup>th</sup> will get a free ticket to this concert. Contact Linda at 507-388-7139 for advance tickets or more information.**

At our March 27<sup>th</sup> meeting our speaker will be Dr. William Halvorson, the leading American authority on the life and work of Edvard Grieg, Norway's great composer.

**Anyone interested in the bus trip to Stoughton, Wisconsin on May 14-16 must send the \$50.00 reservation deposit to Wendinger Travel by March 15<sup>th</sup>.** See the blue flyer sent with the February newsletter for more details about the plays, dances, music, exhibits, parades and all and the form for the deposit. Be sure to mention that you are a member of Sons of Norway to get the \$289.00 discounted price, instead of the full price of \$299.00. **Full refunds will be made up to 30 days prior to departure date. If more people do not sign up by March 15<sup>th</sup>, the trip will be cancelled. Let's not let this happen.**

Tusen takk for Helen Tronvold's generous donation toward Skogfjorden Language Camps for children or grandchildren of members of our lodge. This gift was in memory of her twin sister, Eleanor. It is too late for anyone to register for this summer's camps, but how about 2005? Helen passed away recently, too, and we are sending a donation to the Skogfjorden Fund for District 1, in her memory, as has been our policy. These camps provide very worthwhile experiences concerning many aspects of Norwegian life, heritage, culture, music, sports, etc.

Our lodge is considering participating in the Sons of Norway "Adopt a School" program. The first step is to find out if there is interest in this project among our members. Please give this some thought. More information will be given at our next meeting and survey forms will be available then for those who would like to be involved, to indicate what their interests are.

Beste hilsen, Ann Carlberg 507-388-7334

## **Sons of Norway Elvesvingen Lodge 1-582 Calendar, March, 2004**

- Mar. 3 (Wednesday) 1 pm KTOE (1420AM) Joel Brude and Dick Norland will be interviewed on "Talk of the Town" about the March 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> programs.**
- Mar. 5 (Friday) 1 pm Concert by students from Valle, Norway at the John Ireland Elementary School in St. Peter, followed by recording session and interviews at Bethany Lutheran College.**
- Mar. 5 (Friday) 7 pm Bjoro Haaland concert in Hanska with preshow by Wendinger Brothers.**
- Mar. 5 (Friday) 7:30 pm Swedish Club at Grace Lutheran Church.**
- Mar. 6 (Saturday) 7 pm Concert at Bethlehem Lutheran Church by advanced music students from Valle, Norway. Singing, Hardanger fiddles, guitar, bass, folk dancers in bunads, sing-a-longs and more!!**
- Mar. 27 (Saturday) 5:30 pm Elvesvingen Lodge meeting at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Dr. William Halvorson, from Ohio, will talk about Edvard Grieg, famous composer.**
- Apr. 18 (Sunday) 11 am – 4 pm International Festival at East High School.**
- Apr. 24 (Saturday) Elvesvingen Lodge meeting at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. We will host the Hanska lodge and Joel Botten, Jr., their president, will give a presentation about Norway.**
- May 14-16 (Friday to Sunday) Bus trip to Stoughton, Wisconsin for Syttende Mai celebration if enough people sign up for it.**
- July 23 or 24 (Friday or Saturday) One day bus trip to Nordic Fest in Decorah, Iowa.**