

## Nyheter (News)

February 2008. New SON Lodge 3 – 679 (soon to be named) Charlotte, NC and the Carolinas



The Whaling Monument – Hvalfangstmonumentet, Sandefjord, Norway

Our February 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting went so well! Lots of time to mingle, meet new people and share things that we'd brought such as "real" maps of Norway, a special large photo of an area of Norway where some had relatives, cartoon books, Bunad books, hand made sweaters with unique stories about them, fabrics and much more. We also shared great food. Vafler and Krumkaker were brought in as well as making our own Surkaal during the meeting for everyone to share! Pretty simple but uniquely different!

We participated in our first community event, a table at Harrison Elementary School for their Diversity extravaganza. Members provided a Viking ship and books, a real Bunad and all the wonderful accessories, hand crafted Nissen, a beautiful brod boks (bread box), several hand made sweaters from Norway, crafts and trolls to share with the children and their families. It was a big hit. We were also able to provide handouts on SON and Ralph had provided 150 Viking for Kids magazines. We may have picked up some interested in membership from our participation in this event.

We have officers elect to be formalized when we have our 40 members and are "official". They are Carol King, President, Ron Olszewski, Vice President, Deb McConaghy, Secretary/Membership, and Nina Olszewski, Treasurer. Isn't this wonderful!!

**Please make sure you call Sherry at 1-800-945-8851 to transfer any memberships to 3-679 so that we have the counts we need to move forward. I'm attaching the only lists I have and am building on them. If you have an email address or your address looks wrong please send me note. Else will call all phone only numbers to tell them about our next meeting in March.**

## **Next Meeting Highlights:**

**March 29<sup>th</sup>** at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall. 1900 The Plaza, Charlotte, NC  
We will have a presentation on the History of 17<sup>th</sup> of May in Norway. We also want all attending to bring a picture of a loved one or family member in Norway that we can share with each other and discuss. If you don't have a picture please bring a location that is important or relevant to your interest in Norway. We have arranged for fresh Norwegian bread to be brought to our gathering and goat cheese or brunost for everyone. *We really look forward to seeing you and encourage you to bring friends!!* We will also vote on a Lodge Name. Several suggestions were made at the last meeting and by email. We will be sure to address this and have a name by the end of our meeting!

**April 19<sup>th</sup>**, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall. 1900 The Plaza, Charlotte, NC  
We will have a wonderful presentation on Bunads from different eras and areas of Norway. The significance of jewelry, stitches' and colors. This will be great prep for May 17<sup>th</sup> and an understanding of some of the items that are traditional at May 17<sup>th</sup>.

**May 17<sup>th</sup>**, at a location to be announced. We are looking into different parks and areas where we can have a nice picnic and parade to share with our group, children and friends. We will be inviting groups from all over the Carolinas and from other organizations such as the Scan group, International House, UNCC International Students and many others. We want to have a fun gathering as well as present foods, colors and other May 17<sup>th</sup> traditions and fan fare. We have to start it!!!! It will grow and Charlotte will soon be known as the May 17<sup>th</sup> fun place of the South for Norwegian Culture!

**June:** A possible mid summer's eve celebration along with a meeting and/or picnic.

**July:** Woodcarvers and Candle making highlighted along with a short general meeting.

**August:** Summer Break – No Meeting

**September:** Sash and Knitting exhibited along with a general meeting. We'll also carve the guys out to make a carving to be displayed at the November Scan Fest Event Uptown.

**October:** TBD (Perhaps inviting SON Financial Planners that can tell us more about new products and opportunities)

**November:** TBD

**December:** Jule Dinner and Festival with a Juletre (Christmas Tree) for all to share and celebrate. We will make and contribute decorations. We will also have a planned community activity or items to give to a specific nursing home or facility for the holidays and can maybe share some of our Norwegian decorations.

*AS WE SHARE AND BUILD OUR LODGE - WE WILL ADD MANY THINGS THAT WILL COME FROM YOUR SUGGESTIONS, PARTICIPATION AND GOOD IDEAS! KEEP THEM COMING!  
[SEE YOU AT THE NEXT MEETING!!](#)*

## **News from other chapters and events:**

**District Convention** which will be held **June 4-8** in VA BEACH VA. Our lodge will most likely be eligible to have 2 delegates. The convention is held every 2 years. Both the Atlanta and North Carolinas lodges will have delegates there so it would be great if we had 3 new lodges represented. Please let Carol know if you are interested in attending. The lodge will help with some travel and overnight expenses.

**3/15/08** SON Viking Regatta- St. Augustine FL

**3/29/08** Tastes of Norway and Leif to Leif Fun Run – Seattle WA

**4/4/08 -4/6/08** Columbia SC ***International Festival***

**6/3 -6/8/08** District 3 in Virginia Beach, VA (Will help with costs if members will attend!)

**6/22/08** Danish Summer Celebration Sunday (Host, location and time to be announced) Columbia South Carolina with the Nordic Club

**11/14 – 16/2008** Land of the Vikings NJ ***30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration***

***Sissel in Concert*** – Be sure and look up different venues and dates to see this wonderful concert. SON discounts are available. Or ask Carol for more details if you need them.

**Below are some *Special Links* that may be of interest. If you have others that you can share please email Carol at [ckingnc@bellsouth.net](mailto:ckingnc@bellsouth.net).**

\*\*Friends of Scandinavia, Piedmont Lodge, Statesville NC: [kok@kok.com](mailto:kok@kok.com)

\*\*ScanFair: [www.scanfair.org/](http://www.scanfair.org/)

\*\*For ***Orienteering*** schedule and events please look at: [carolina-ok.org](http://carolina-ok.org) or email [davidalexander1813@yahoo.com](mailto:davidalexander1813@yahoo.com)

\*\* Nowells Contemporary & Scandinavian Furniture <http://www.nowellsfurniture.com/>  
900 E Chatham St, Cary, NC 27511 919-467-9224

\*\*Nordic Club of South Carolina, Columbia <http://www.nordicclub.org> or email: [dessau@bellsouth.net](mailto:dessau@bellsouth.net)

\*\*[www.norway.org](http://www.norway.org) For anything you want to know about Norway

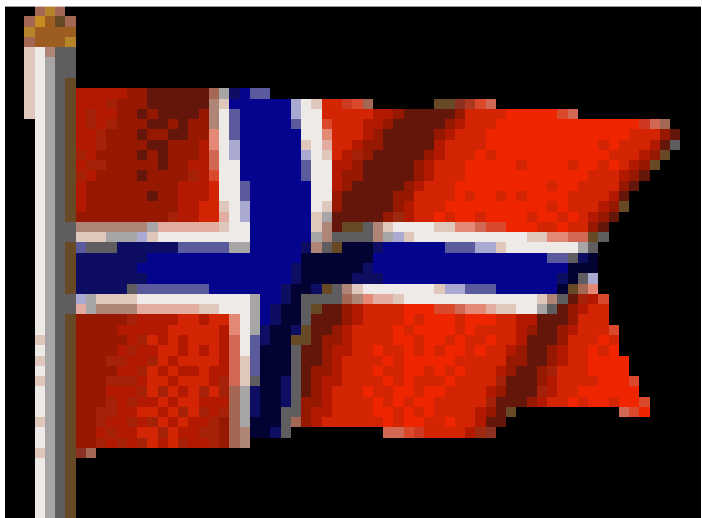
\*\*SON Norfolk VA: <http://www.sonhamptonroads.org/>

\*\*SON Myrtle Beach: [kmcilrath@sc.rr.com](mailto:kmcilrath@sc.rr.com)

\*\*The Norwegian-American Historical Society <http://www.naha.stolaf.edu/>

\*\*A unique place to order anything Norwegian <http://www.northerner.com/index.html>

*WE NEED SPONSORS! If you have a business or know of someone that would like to donate small items like pens, cups, or anything we can use as prizes or for raffles/special gifts please contact me, I'll pick them up or they can be mailed. We could also advertise for Sponsors that would like to help us with special events or for fundraising to help our Lodge grow and be involved in the community, share our culture! Please provide me with names and numbers and I will make the calls! Thanks, Carol*



If you have questions or need directions please feel free to call Carol King at 704-674-2778 or Mette Andersen at 704-678-2360 Thanks again for everyone that has been helping with tasks, arrangements, ideas and support!