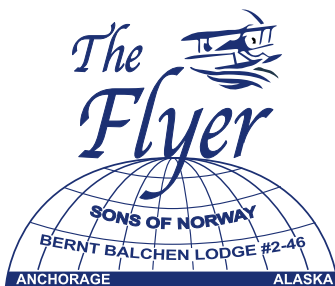


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## SONS OF NORWAY BERNT BALCHEN LODGE – PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Spring is in the air and we will soon be gathering again in-person! All of us are looking forward to fellesskap (fellowship) on May 17th at the Delaney Park Strip as we celebrate Norway’s Constitution Day and enjoy hot dogs, ice cream and kubb! There are more friluftsliv (enjoyment of the open air) events planned for this summer and our annual Fish Boil Dinner at Viking Hall in August. I’d like to extend a hjertelig takk to Marti Pausback for organizing the friluftsliv events. Lodge members are thoroughly enjoying all of the healthy, active and outdoor fun events she plans.

We are very happy that our board/membership meetings have resumed at Viking Hall. Please feel free to join us on May 13th at 7pm. The meetings usually last about an hour followed by hygge time. This is a great way to meet members and get involved with upcoming events. If there is anything we can do to help you get the most out of your membership with Bernt Balchen Lodge please reach out to anyone on the board.

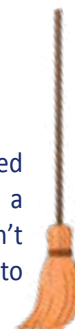
*Med Vennlig Hilsen,  
Linda Bustamante, President  
Bernt Balchen Lodge*



## SPRING CLEAN-UP AT VIKING HALL

Please join us on Saturday, May 15th between 10am and noon for outdoor clean-up around Viking Hall and street clean-up along Briarwood and East 80th. Bring shovels, rakes, and gloves. We have a few trash grabbers/pickers but bring your own if you have one. Please call John Olnes at 748-0704 if you have questions.

Perhaps you have noticed “Sons of Norway” on the Adopt-a-Road sign along Briarwood Street. Our Lodge has participated in this program for several years. Organizations or individuals that participate in Adopt-a-Road agree to perform a minimum of three cleanings of the area adjacent to the roadway during the non-snow months. Although we haven’t officially “adopted” East 80th Avenue we include a portion of this road as part of the clean-up. Everyone is welcome to help with this Lodge undertaking, so if you find yourself with some free time this please stop by and pick-the-litter.



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## SYTTENDE MAI - HURRAH



**Sons of Norway  
Bernt Balchen Lodge  
Syttende Mai Parade  
Monday, May 17 at 6 p.m.**

*Join us in celebration of Norway's Constitution Day for a traditional parade on  
Monday, May 17th at 6 p.m. in downtown Anchorage.*

**We will meet outdoors at Delaney Park in the open space west of "N" Street on the north side of the Rose Garden between 9th and 10th Avenues.**

We encourage you to wear your bunads or Norwegian sweaters and red and blue ribbons as we carry Norwegian flags and the Bernt Balchen Lodge banner around the block. We will have flags on hand - or bring your own.

A short program will precede the parade and hot dogs and ice cream will follow. We encourage all ages to share favorite 17 Mai memories.

If you missed the April Friluftsliv playing Kubb there will be another chance to join the fun on May 17. **"Viking Chess" or Kubb** is an outdoor game where the goal is to knock down the opponent team's Kubb blocks and win by knocking down the king. Each teammate gets a turn to throw a baton at the other team's blocks. The plan is to set up several Kubb games in the open area west of the Rose Garden after the parade.

**This event takes place rain or shine! If you would like to help or have questions please contact John Olnes at 748-0704.**

**At the time of this writing the Municipality of Anchorage has lifted outdoor gathering limitations, although masking and physical distancing requirements remain in place.**

### SYTTENDE MAI FUN KIT FOR KIDS

Hipp hipp hurra for 17. mai! We're putting together a little activity kit for kids to learn more about the traditions and history of Norway's Constitution Day, which is celebrated on the 17th of May every year. The kit will include a mini Norwegian flag, several crafts, recipes, songs, a Norwegian vocabulary sheet, and a special treat.

Recommended for kids ages 5-12. (Younger children might need assistance.)

Cost per kit: \$10 (cash or check only, payable upon pick-up. Quantities are limited--available while supplies last.)

Contact Christie Ericson at 602-0673 or christieak@gmail.com to reserve your kit. We will make arrangements for pick-up at Viking Hall after May 8th. If we have any kits left over, we will have them available for purchase at the Syttende mai event at the Park Strip on May 17th.



## BLAST FROM THE PAST

Bernt Balchen Lodge has been given a framed photo of aviation pioneers Bob Reeve, Bernt Balchen and Noel Wien. The photograph was displayed in Bob Reeve's downtown Anchorage office and was likely taken when Bernt Balchen was stationed in Alaska.

A big thank you to David Reeve for giving this treasured photo to our lodge.



Left to right:

Bob Reeve, Bess Balchen, Bernt Balchen, Noel Wien.

**ANNOUNCEMENT!!** Our fantastic Sunshine Lady, Cindy McDowell, is retiring from the position and we need someone to carry on this important lodge tradition. The duties are light, the reward great!

If you have questions, please contact Cindy at 696-0725 (cell - 862-1143) or [ccmcd38@hotmail.com](mailto:ccmcd38@hotmail.com).



## SUNSHINE REPORT



*Greetings are sent to our members celebrating a birthday who are at least 75 years young!*

### MAY BIRTHDAYS

Gordon D. Homme	Judith A. Bagley
Marianne L Storms	Joan W. Nunn
Hal E. Ingalis	Donna L. Libal
Margaret J. Edwards	Reidun Hansen
Darrell E. Korman	David W. Haugen

### JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Denis M Allen	H Lee Pederson
Andrea L Monsen	Terje G Birkedal
Colleen Markley Rutledge	Wayne C Johnson
Sandra L Johnson	Esteline Moe
Sigrun C Robertson	<i>Congratulations on your</i>
John T Jensen	<i>BIG 98 years!</i>

### JULY BIRTHDAYS

Marilyn B Lee	Shirley Jean Iverson
Marilyn L Martinson	Alice L Sears
Carol Ericson	Marvin B Olson
Marilyn L Freitag	<i>Congratulations for 91 years</i>
<i>Best to you at 90 years</i>	Pauline Schallock
Sigrid S Bryant	Caroline K Saur
	Shirley Marie Luedke

### AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Pia Pirkko Meyer	Sigurd M Langnes
Nicholas M Derenoff	Stephen Michael Ellis
Diane R Pederson	Donald O Saur
Timothy D Kelly	Kathryn A Morgenthaler
Diane Thomas	

**If you know someone who needs a little sunshine**

Call 696-0725 (cell - 862-1143) or email Cindy McDowell: [ccmcd38@hotmail.com](mailto:ccmcd38@hotmail.com)



## MARCH FRILUFTSLIV



**Kubb! In the Snow!**  
This game of "Viking Chess" is a blast.



## APRIL FRILUFTSLIV

Over 10 SONs members and 10 different bird species attended out April Friluftsliv event at Potters marsh. We saw Trumpeter Swans, ducks. A pair of Sand Hill cranes and a Northern Goshawk. Annette shared her bird seed crackers to eat and Martin hauled his spotting scope so we could see the birds close up. We celebrated our day with chocolates for everyone. We looks forward to our monthly summer Friluftsliv events.



## MAY FRILUFTSLIV - AND ONTO SUMMER!



This is our *Tentative* Summer 2021 Friluftsliv schedule: May, June, July, August.  
Of course this may be subject to change! Information will be updated through the *eblast, Facebook or website.*

### May Friluftsliv – Syttende Mai

What: We will join the Syttende Mai!  
Parade, Food, Kubb  
Date: Monday, May 17  
Time: 6:00 pm  
Place: Park Strip at the Rose Garden

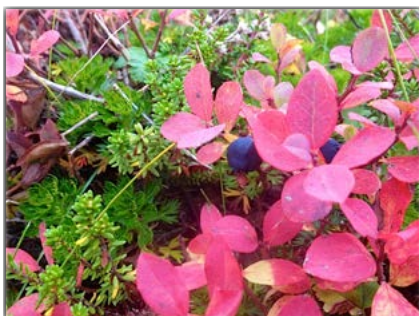


### June Friluftsliv – Kincaid Beach walk

What: Walk along Kincaid beach to  
motocross bluff and back on ridge  
Date: Sunday, June 6  
Time: 2:00 pm  
Place: Meet at Kincaid Chalet by Pluto

### July Friluftsliv – Kubb Tournament and camp out Byers lake

What: Challenge Fairbanks lodge to Kubb, if they are available!  
Bring boats and campout. Swim and hike.  
Date: Weekend of July 9-11  
Time: Friday, Saturday, Sunday. Kubb game 2:00 on Saturday  
Place: Byers Lake campground. Byers lake is an Alaska state  
campground so there are no reservations. Space is available  
first come first serve. Come early to claim your space.



### August Friluftsliv – Berry picking in Bear Valley

What: Pick low bush blueberries in Bear Valley  
Date: Sunday, August 29  
Time: 2:00 pm  
Place: Meet at the parking area on the side of the  
road on Honey Bear lane. We will walk up  
the road to the trail head.



## CULTURAL CORNER

## NORWEGIAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE CLASS

Our final Norwegian Language and Culture Class for the season will be on May 2nd. Tusen takk to all the students who participated this year and were patient with us as we transitioned the class to Zoom. And an extra special Tusen Takk to Lillian Anderson, who has been teaching our language class for seven years now! Her fun and informative lessons have lured students back year after year, and she continues to be an encouraging language mentor.

*Stay tuned for a survey that will be coming out soon to gauge interest in language classes for next fall.*



## NORWEGIAN LANGUAGE CONVERSATION GROUP/SUMMER READING CLUB

NORSK  
SAMTALEGRUPPE

Norwegian Conversation Group  
Summer Reading Club

Saturdays ~ 10-11 am  
via Zoom

All levels welcome

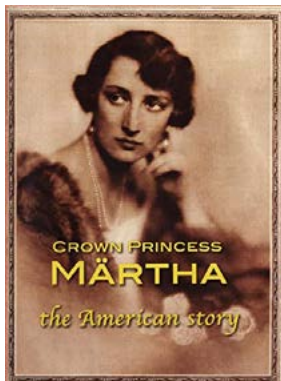
Contact Christie Ericson  
to register  
christieak@gmail.com

Even though our language class will be on hiatus until next fall, our Norwegian language conversation group (samtalegruppe) will continue via Zoom over the summer, with a slight modification. This summer we will be selecting a Norwegian language book (or two) to read and discuss together (in Norwegian!) We haven't decided on our first title yet, but it will be something appropriate for beginners. Non-members outside of Anchorage are also welcome, so feel free to invite anyone who might be interested and help us keep up our Norwegian language skills over the summer!

Join us on Zoom, Saturday mornings, 10:00-11:00 am AK time.

Contact Christie Ericson for the Zoom login information: 907-602-0673 or [christieak@gmail.com](mailto:christieak@gmail.com)

## FRA BIBLIOTEKET



**A wonderful documentary to watch, available from our Library!**

*Crown Princess Märtha: The American Story.* Produced in 2005 by Shybert Productions. 52 min. In English.

Have you been enjoying the PBS Masterpiece series, *Atlantic Crossing*? Want to learn more about the true story behind Crown Princess Märtha? We have several DVD copies of a documentary film from the Norwegian American Foundation that can be checked out by Bernt Balchen Lodge members. *Leave a message at the Viking Hall Office at 349-1613 or contact librarian Christie Ericson at 602-0673 to arrange for pick-up.*

We've also pre-ordered the DVD of *Atlantic Crossing*, which is due to be released in early May, and we will add it to the Lodge Library. Stay tuned for more information on when that will be available.

For more information about the series *Atlantic Crossing*, visit the PBS Masterpiece website:

<https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/masterpiece/shows/atlantic-crossing/>



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