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October 2, 2003



Speaker: *Anita Helland, Royal Norwegian Consul*

Topic: Come and meet our new Consul from Norway, Anita Helland, who has graciously consented to be our October speaker. She studied at the University of Bergen and concentrated on Comparative Politics during her last year when she received a student scholarship from the Norwegian Institute of Foreign Affairs in Oslo. Since completing her studies in 1998, she has been linked to international and regional conflict areas through the United Nations System, the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, and the Norwegian Military. She spent three years in the Norwegian Air Force and Army. Helland grew up at Sotra, an island just south and west of Bergen.

November 1, 2003



Speakers: *Amy Klobuchar*

Topic: *Justice for All: Financial Crimes & Prosecuting the Powerful* is the topic of our November speaker, Amy Klobuchar, Hennepin County Attorney, who is serving her second four-year term. As County Attorney, Klobuchar is emphasizing accountability ? making the County Attorney's Office more accountable to the public and the communities of Hennepin County, as well as making sure that people who break the law are held accountable for their actions and receive appropriate consequences. She is a graduate, magna cum laude, of Yale University and the University of Chicago Law School. She grew up in suburban Hennepin County and now lives in Minneapolis with her husband, John, and their eight-year-old daughter, Abigail.

December 6, 2003



Speakers: *Janet Letnes Martin and Suzann Nelson*

Topic: Lakselaget members Janet Letnes Martin and Suzann Nelson are also lovingly known as *Those Lutheran Women*. They are both Minnesota-based authors and humorists whose programs are nostalgic in nature, heartwarming and fun. Their basic theme is growing up in Scandinavian-American, strongly Lutheran, Midwest farm communities during the 1950s. Their book *Growing Up Lutheran* won the 1998 Minnesota Book Award for Humor and is the basis for a new musical opening in February 2004 at the Plymouth Playhouse. Join us for some great Juletide laughs.

January 3, 2004



Speaker: *Mary Lahammer*

Topic: Mary Lahammer is a program host and political reporter for Twin Cities Public Television. Since joining TPT in 1998 she earned unparalleled access to the world famous Governor Ventura and followed him around the world to Japan, China and Cuba. She has won several Emmys and numerous other awards in several states for her anchoring, reporting, producing and photography.

Lahammer was named "Best Newscaster" by City Pages Magazine in 2002. You might say Mary has been in training for her job since birth. She learned the business under the wing of her father, an Associated Press capitol reporter for more than three decades. Her State Capitol office is now just around the corner from her father's former stomping grounds.

February 7, 2004



Speaker: *Dr William Carter*

Topic: *Plastic surgery -- extreme make over?* Not always. According to Dr. William Carter, founder of Edina Plastic Surgery, "through plastic and reconstructive surgery we can change lives in a positive direction. It's a tremendous privilege to work with patients in this medical specialty." Plastic surgery is something in which more and more people find interest and Dr. Carter talks about when it's right, when it's

not be. He is involved in medical staff activities and committees at many hospitals. He volunteers for the Salvation Army, Rotary and Interplast, Inc. -- an organization of physicians who provide free reconstructive surgery to repair birth deformities, burns and crippling injuries in children and adults in developing nations. He's been seen on Oprah Winfrey and the Sally Jesse Raphael programs and was elected one of the "Top Doctors" by Mpls St Paul magazine.

March 7, 2004



Speaker: *Roger Moe*

Topic: Roger Moe, along with former Vice President Walter F. Mondale, will head up Minnesota's celebrations honoring the 2005 centennial of Norway's formation as an independent democracy. Come hear what's in store for us. Roger is one of the state's most seasoned and prestigious politicians. He served in the Minnesota Senate for 32 years and led it longer than any other Majority Leader in state history. Originally from Erskine, he was raised on his family farm, graduated from Crookston Central High School, and received a Bachelor's degree in education from Mayville State College in North Dakota. He was then a math teacher and wrestling coach before entering politics. He currently owns his own consulting business, National Strategies, Inc.

April 4, 2004



Speaker: *Jane Evershed*

Topic: *Socially Conscious Art for the World*
After moving to Minnesota from South Africa in 1984, artist Jane Evershed began painting as a way to remember the natural beauty of South Africa while addressing apartheid and the horrors she had seen. Her work has expanded to encompass the oppression of all people, as well as that which we create for ourselves, within our own minds. According to Jane, "T...my work (shows) that gender equality in both the arts of nurturing and governing could lead to a more balanced, conscious and responsible society. The obvious outcome being that our offspring are indeed the keepers of the earth and our focus as nurturers must ultimately be in teaching the uncharted realm of love without limitations." The picture is her self portrait. See her Web site at www.evershed.com.

May 2, 2004



Speaker: *Margaret O'Leary*

Topic: *Defining Norway in the 21st Century*
Lakselaget's own Margaret O'Leary, Professor of Norwegian at St. Olaf College, will share her experiences as program leader of the Oslo Year Program in 2002 - 2003. There is no better way to celebrate the award of Lakselaget's first scholarship than to hear from this well-respected educator. Margaret has been in education ever since she graduated Summa cum laude from Concordia College in Moorhead where she studied German, chemistry, Norwegian and education. She earned her Master of Arts and Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin at Madison in Scandinavian Studies--literature. She is an author, lecturer and grant writer and is active in many Norwegian-American and community organizations.

June 5, 2004

**Potluck
Luncheon**

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