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October 1, 2005



Speaker: *Jens Dale, Pastor of Mindekirken, The Norwegian Lutheran Memorial Church located in Minneapolis, MN.*

Topic: His reflections on serving in Minnesota.

Pastor Jens Arne Dale was born in Fredrikstad in 1956. He graduated from seminary (Menighetsfakultetet) in 1983, served as military Chaplain close to Lillehammer in 1983/84. He was a part time youth pastor in The International Fellowship of Evangelical Students in Oppland, Norway from 1984 to 1995 and a part time pastor in Gjøvik congregation during the same period. He held the pastoral position in Gjøvik full time from 1995 to 2002. For six months in 1989, Dale served as a chaplain in the UN peace keeping forces in Lebanon.

Since April 2002 Dale has been the pastor at the Norwegian Lutheran Memorial Church in Minneapolis.

Jens Arne Dale is married to Trude Grevstad Dale. Their children are Linn (20), Janne (18) and Maria (15).

November 5, 2005



Speaker: *Tom Hanson, Consultant; Program Secretary, St. Paul-Minneapolis Committee on Foreign Relations*

Topic: Politics in Scandinavia.

Thomas Hanson is a retired Foreign Service Officer, having served with the U.S. Department of State from 1973 to 1994. His foreign postings included East Germany,

France, Norway, the Soviet Union, Sweden, and the former Soviet republics of Georgia and Estonia. He has also worked on the foreign relations committees of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives. Most recently he served as Director for NATO and European Affairs at the Atlantic Council of the United States in Washington, DC. Mr. Hanson received his BA degree from the University of Minnesota, and he holds graduate degrees from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy; the Institute of Advanced International Studies in Geneva, Switzerland; and the National School of Administration (ENA) in Paris, France. His Norwegian roots are in Sogn and Hallingdal.

December 3, 2005



Speakers: *Twin Cities Hardingfelelag*

Topic: Hardanger fiddle: National Folk Instrument of Norway

The Twin Cities Hardingfelelag was founded in 1996 by Norwegian master fiddler Olav Jørgen Hegge of Valdres, Norway. He has taught Hardanger fiddle at the University of Oslo and the Ole Bull Academy in Voss. With his wife, Mary, of St. Paul, MN, Olav teaches dance from the Valdres region of Norway at workshops in Norway, Sweden and the United States. Olav teaches in the traditional aural Hardingfele style of playing, where students learn by rote.

The Twin Cities Hardingfelelag draws its members from all ability levels, from beginners to persons with classical violin background. It provides dance music at Scandinavian dances and events in the Twin Cities of Minneapolis/St. Paul and greater Minnesota.

In May 2005 the group was featured on the Norwegian NRK radio program "Alltid Folkemusikk". In June 2006 the group will make its first trip to Beitostølen, Norway to participate in the annual Landskappleik, a competition in dance and Hardanger fiddle.

Members and guests are invited to wear their bunads to this event!

January 7, 2006



Speaker: *Coleen Rowley*

Topic: Ethics

Do not puff, shade, skew, tailor, firm up, stretch, massage or otherwise distort statements of fact," is the admonition from the FBI's law enforcement ethics presentation given nationwide one week before the 9-11 attacks and one that (now retired) Special Agent Rowley found difficult to forget afterwards. Maintaining ethical standards can become difficult, nearly impossible, for a whole host of reasons and in all kinds of professional settings and workplace dynamics.

The unfortunate decline of ethical behavior affecting almost all professional and social groups in this country requires greater focus upon the ethical decision-making process and the human-nature factors which adversely impact that process, including a simple "whistleblower test" listing the rare circumstances that must all exist in order to support stepping outside one's primary loyalties in the workplace when serious mistakes/issues arise.

February 4, 2006



Speaker: *Consul General Rolf W. Hansen*

Topic: Role of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Rolf W. Hansen began his role as Norwegian Consulate General to Minneapolis in November 2005. Prior to serving in Minnesota, he was the Senior Adviser for Small Arms and Light Weapons, Section for Global Security Issues and Crisis Management, Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Oslo. Additionally, he served as regional adviser for Middle East Affairs (Head of the Middle East Desk), Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Oslo and was head of the Norwegian Liaison Office to the UN Transition Assistance Group in Namibia (UNTAG) and Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Norwegian Embassy from 1989-91.

March 4, 2006

Speaker: *Molly Yergens*

Topic: Art Education and Language Immersion

April 1, 2006



Speaker: *Dolce Wind Quintet*

Topic: Emerging from Grieg's Shadow: A Lecture-Recital on Norwegian Wind Music with Dolce Wind Quintet"

Barb Moldenhauer, Dana Maeda, Karen Hansen, Vicki Wheeler, and Ford Campbell, members of the Dolce Wind Quintet, will present a lecture-recital of Norwegian wind music. The Dolce Wind Quintet consists of flute, oboe, clarinet, horn and bassoon. The ensemble presents recitals, premieres new works, performs at the Schubert Club, and participates in coaching sessions with the internationally renowned Bergen Wind Quintet.

Note: Dolce's members are all alumni of Norwegian-Lutheran colleges St. Olaf and Luther.

May 6, 2006



Scholarship Month - Student Presentations

Speaker: *Guro Anne Brækken*

Topic: My experiences as an exchange student at the University of Minnesota.

As Lakselaget's 2005 scholarship recipient, Guro has spent the last year studying at the University of Minnesota. She is a student in graduate physics and numerical analysis, and is also assisting with research on superconductivity at the Department of Physics. Guro has a Master degree in Geophysics from the Norwegian University of Science and Technology.

June 3, 2006

Happy Summer Lakselag!

**Potluck Picnic
12:00 Noon**

It is time for our annual potluck luncheon! Nancy Gossell has invited members to the party room of her home at the Towers Condominiums in downtown Minneapolis for our potluck luncheon on Saturday, June 3 at noon. The address is 19 South First Avenue.

The Towers are located at the corner of 1st Street and Hennepin Avenue in downtown Minneapolis. The lobby entrance is on 1st Street between Hennepin and Marquette. One of us will be in the lobby if you want to drop off your dish prior to parking so you can walk back to the Towers unencumbered with your food. Please see below for parking suggestions.

Members are requested to bring a dish to share. If you have not already signed up, please contact Claire Hoyum, picnic coordinator, at clairehoyum@comcast.net. Beverages will be supplied.

Please note that the picnic is for members only. See you Saturday, June 3!

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