



SONS of NORWAY

SOLSYD LODGE No. 603 Zone 4

Lethbridge, Alberta

KALENDER

September 20: Dinner at 6:00 with meeting to follow.

October 18: Dinner at 6:00 with meeting to follow.

Meals are provided by Smitty's Restaurant.



Gratulerer Med Dagen

September: Hans Isele, Maurice Larson, Arnold Pederson, Marilyn Perl, Helga Ronningen, Shirley Sokvitne

October: Clarence Collier, Carolyn Coverdale, Candis Done



Accessory bags were sewn by Lodge members and taken to Harbour House.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope everyone had a great summer. It was a hot one! Now we look forward to a pleasant fall and hopefully an end to the devastating fire season. The summer has been quiet for our Solsyd Lodge except for those who helped with the Blessing Bags Project.

In August there was a birthday celebration at St. Therese Villa for one of our Golden Members, Marion Belle, who is a resident there. It was her 99th birthday. We congratulate her on reaching this milestone and several of our members were able to attend. This was an opportunity for Shirley, Jean and I to drop in for a short visit with Ardis Dahl who is also a resident at St. Therese.

We were saddened by the death of one of our members, Bill Pozdnekoff, over the summer. A supportive contingent of our members were able to attend his funeral in our red vests.

I drove to Legacy Park one day last month to see how the 18 trees we had planted there were doing. The three that died have been replaced and they all look like they are thriving. While I was there, I noticed a couple of people sitting on the bench we donated. They seemed to be chatting and enjoying the morning sun. I approached them and asked if they had noticed the plaque on the bench. They hadn't but checked it out and asked if I belonged to the Sons of Norway. Not until I got home and looked more carefully at the picture, did I realize what group they belonged to!



I look forward to seeing you at our September meeting on September 20.

Betty

There was an interesting article in the latest issue of the Viking magazine about the Orkney Islands. Candis Done sent this information that wasn't in the article. "Vikings were the first to have pre-fab homes. Apparently, when the Vikings raided Orkney there was nowhere to live so they went back to Scandinavia, put together pre-fabs and went back to the Orkneys!!"

BLESSING BAG REPORT

Thank you so very much to all who have donated products, time, and expertise. Your generosity is so very much appreciated.

We held two Blessing Bag sewing bees in June. The Coaldale and Lethbridge Harambee Grandma groups have given us many bright pieces of patterned fabric in perfect sizes for the project. The Coaldale United Church Thrift Shop donated a box of colourful cord –more than enough for all the drawstrings on the bags.

In July, we stuffed 40 bags ... 20 for women and 20 for men along with 4 larger bags for families of differing sizes. We spent donations of \$180.00 on supplies for the bags.

Each individual bag has: a bottle of water, a power bar, a face cloth, a pair of socks, a microfibre cloth, a comb, a brush, a toothbrush, toothpaste, dental floss, soap, shampoo, body wash, mouth wash, deodorant, hand sanitizer, handy wipes, band aids and tissues. In addition, there are shaving supplies in the men's bags and sanitary supplies for the women.

In July, ten women's and ten men's bags along with two family bags were delivered to the Salvation Army and the FCSS in Fort Macleod. In Lethbridge, ten women's bags and two family bags were taken to the YWCA while the ten men's bags were delivered to the My City Care Centre. These agencies were most pleased and excited to receive the bags.

Currently, there are 30 bags sewn and ready to stuff. Supplies still needed to complete these bags are: power bars, socks, brushes, shampoo, soap, body wash, mouth wash, deodorant, and some little "some things" for children.

Sharon Prenevost



Blessing Bags are stuffed full of items shown in front of the bags.