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This quarter please note we are already in a transition mode with Issue No. 2 introducing a new quarterly format. This new structure accommodates the Foundation year, in order to keep Sons of Norway Lodges well informed of important Foundation events. One more change will be sending the News in a PDF format to all Presidents, Secretaries and Foundation Directors; this will save the Foundation money. We have to compromise. Snail Mail will be sent to those who do not have e-mail.

SAVE YOUR STAMPS

We hope that you noted on the envelope of Issue 1 of the Foundation News, the little line drawn around your Stamp. The word SAVE printed under the stamp means just that.

With Christmas just around the corner, please do not forget to save those stamps. Give them to your Foundation Director. They will collect all stamps, turn them over to a collector and credit your lodge with \$7.50 a pound towards the Founders Award. Information on this procedure may be obtained from one of the members of the Foundation Board of Directors.



At the District No. 7 Convention June 10, 1972 in Castlegar, B.C. a committee was appointed to study the District scholarship program. This resulted in the newly established Foundation (1971) taking responsibility for the scholarships and bursaries starting in 1974. Three hundred and ninety eight (398) scholarships/bursaries have been awarded, from 1974 to 2014.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

The first three recipients of scholarships in 1974 were:

Stale Scheider attending University of British Columbia

Eva Skoe attending Simon Fraser University

Annette Holmvang attending University of British Columbia

We would like to know the career you chose to pursue on completion of your University Education and where you are now.

This month we are introducing an article featuring recipients of a scholarship. Future issues will focus on those who have received grants and their success stories.

In order to accomplish this labor of (love, task, mission or undertaking) we need your help. If you know or have information about a person or group, which has benefited from the Foundation, please contact me at thelmadsen@telus.net. We are interested in passing on successful stories to your fellow Sons of Norway members and inform you of opportunities offered by the Foundation.



This month the focus will be on three unique Scholarships. These Scholarships were awarded in 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 2000 and 2001. The distinctive feature is they represent a mother and two daughters.

CAROLYN, ANNA AND FRANCIS THAUBERGER

SCHOLARSHIPS IN THE FAMILY



CAROLYN

Sons of Norway Foundation awarded me two scholarships during my Masters degree. I was a working single mom with four young children, active in the Regina Scandinavian Club and North Battleford S.O.N. I spent your money on my first computer. I could edit! I recently completed a PhD, this time without needing help. Thanks for your support when it was essential. Now I teach in Burnaby, BC, near the 3000 member Scandinavian Centre. I volunteer there, and last year I was president. Every year I help organize about 20 cultural talks, shows, and concerts. I folk dance. I take Norwegian lessons and help teach the children. I belong to SON and to Reik Felag, a Norse Society. I am a Viking!

My daughter Anna also received a Sons of Norway Scholarship. She was proud to include it on her resume where she said it impressed potential employers. So your award was worth more to her than just money. She now has a successful business career in Supply Chain Management in the Energy Industry. She lives in Denver, CO, where she shops for oil derricks and power plant generators. She has been involved in the Scandinavian community since she was a tiny folk dancer and SON camper.



ANNA AND FRANCES

My younger daughter, Frances, received your scholarship too. She included photos of herself dancing in her Tronder bunad with her application and teaching the children's dance group. Your money helped her finish a UBC degree in Agriculture. Now she assesses farm land in Regina and also evaluates organic farms for certification. She is heavily involved with local environmental issues. I made her a fancy rosemaling box for gift cards at her wedding. She and her husband are painted in the centre.

Your members work hard to gather Foundation money. You didn't waste any of what you gave to us. We needed it, we used it well, and we continue to actively support Norwegian culture and SON. You took care of us when it was needed and we appreciate all you do for everyone. Good work.

Carolyn, Anna and Francis



FOUNDATION NEWS

Reported in Issue No. 1 of the News we listed the objectives of this letter. We welcome your feedback and suggestions. Our goal is to make you aware and assist our fellow Sons of Norway members.

Send your suggestions for improving the Foundation News to:

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