

Journalist is speaker for ORT

The Michigan region of Women's American ORT (Organization for Educational Resources and Technological Training) will host a community dinner: Vision 2000: A Celebration, at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 18, at Adat Shalom Synagogue in Farmington Hills.

Noted ABC news correspondent Morton Dean will be the featured guest speaker. He reports for "World News Tonight with Peter Jennings" and other news broadcasts. A journalist for more than 30 years, he joined ABC in 1988. He has reported from Bosnia, the Middle East during the Gulf War, Somalia, and the 1992 presidential campaign. He worked for CBS news from 1967 to 1985, reporting from Vietnam during the war, the U.S. hostage crisis in Iran, the killing of Egyptian president Anwar Sadat and other global stories.

Funds raised will benefit ORT Operations USA, which currently administers the Branson College in New York, Zarem-Golde

ORT Institute in Chicago, the Los Angeles ORT Technical Institute as well as three ORT computer technology centers located in Miami, Atlanta and Cleveland, and the ORT Resource Center in New York.

Nineteen Women of Valor will be recognized at the dinner for their outstanding service and dedication to the ORT program. They are Arlene Barris of West Bloomfield, Diana Berlinberg of West Bloomfield, Judy Berman of West Bloomfield, Bette Borin of West Bloomfield, Gert Brainin of Farmington Hills, Laurie Chudnow of Oak Park, Sylvia Hubert Goldberg of Southfield, Harriet Jacobson of West Bloomfield, Beverly Katz of Southfield, Sharon Klein of West Bloomfield, Sheri Liangor of West Bloomfield, Marsha Margolis of Farmington Hills, Shelly Mendelson of Farmington Hills, Bess Raimi of Farmington Hills, Bertha Rubin of Mt. Clemens, Helen Stebbins of West Bloomfield, Carole Walker of Walled Lake, Rita Weston of Southfield



Morton Dean

and Eddie Zeldes of Southfield.

Honorary chairman for this event is Marlene Borman of Bloomfield Hills. Dinner chairs are Dana Burstein of West Bloomfield and Cindy Franklin of Farmington Hills.

For more information on Vision 2000: A Celebration, contact the ORT office at (248) 723-8860 or michort@speedlink.net.

Norwegians celebrate May 13

Norwegian Americans in the Detroit area will celebrate Norwegian Constitution Day, one of Norway's most significant holidays.

Detroit-area celebrants will stage festivities 1-5 p.m. on Saturday, May 13, at the Swedish Club at 22398 Ruth Street in Farmington Hills. Members of the lodge, their families and guests, and others are welcome.

The family-oriented festivities will be sponsored by Nordkap Lodge 5-378 of the Sons of Norway and will include a parade, music, singing, special foods, games, demonstrations of Norwegian-Hardanger style embroidery and wood carving, and wearing of the national costume, the Norwegian bunad. Inside the clubhouse, the lodge will display imported Norwegian products and foods, which will be available for purchase.

Honorary parade marshal will be Thad Aardal, president of Nordkap Lodge and a resident of Redford. Aardal encourages participants to bring their Norwegian flags to wave in the parade, or "we will have flags they can purchase before the parade begins," he said.

The parade will follow the singing of the Norwegian, Canadian and American national anthems. Participants will be led by the music of the Scandinavian-American Spelmanslag, directed by Karin Arneson with Roger Hewlett on accordion.

A speech by the new Honorary Consul of Norway in Michigan, Dennis Flossland of Huntington Woods, will highlight the activities. Flossland also serves as Nordkap's sports/youth director.

Hot dogs, bratwurst, and pop will be available for purchase beginning at 2 p.m. Complimentary coffee and Norwegian desserts will be offered inside the clubhouse. Children will enjoy free ice cream on a stick after the traditional games on the grounds of the Swedish Club.

Families are encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs or folding chairs.

General coordinator of the festivities is Carol Jahle of West Bloomfield, who also serves as Nordkap's financial secretary.

The Constitution Day celebration, called Syttende Mai (17th of May) in Norway, commemorates the day in 1814 when the new Norwegian Constitution was signed. The constitution established Norway as a sovereign state and a constitutional monarchy ruled by the principles of liberty and democracy. It was

the most liberal constitution in Europe at that time, clearly inspired by the ideals of the revolutionary American and French constitutions.

The Napoleonic wars had broken up the established power structure in Europe. Denmark, which had dominated Norway for more than 400 years, was forced in 1814 to cede Norway to Sweden, like a piece of Danish property. Outraged Norwegian leaders quickly called a constituent assembly. The assembly took one month to produce the

constitution, enabling Norway to enter the new union with Sweden as an equal partner.

When that union was dissolved in 1905, the constitution became the foundation of the country which today has one of the highest standards of living in the world.

Membership in the Sons of Norway is open to all who are strongly interested in the preservation of the Norwegian culture and heritage. For more information, call 398-6976.

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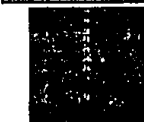
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BORDERS

Borders Books and Music in Farmington Hills offers the following events:

7 p.m. Wednesday, May 10 - Author signing with Ernest Abel, Wayne State University psychology professor and West Bloomfield resident Ernest Abel presents his book about Civil War-era songs produced in the Confederate states: *Singing the New Nations: How Music Shaped the Confederacy, 1861-65* (Stackpole Books; \$29.95).

7 p.m. Thursday, May 11 - Fad diets: Do They Really Work? Henry Ford Medical Center, West Bloomfield, co-sponsors monthly health talks. Nutritionist Suzanne Dixon, R.D., sheds light on a confusing array of diets available to the public. Borders is at 30995 Orchard Lake Road.



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