

Lodge marks Norwegian Constitution Day May 18

A Norwegian Constitution Day celebration will be hosted by the Sons of Norway's Nordkap Lodge on Saturday, May 18, beginning at 11 a.m. at the Swedish Club, 22398 Ruth Street in Farmington Hills.

Members of Nordkap Lodge, their families and guests, and members of the public who are friends of Norway are welcome to attend this free event. The family-oriented festivities will continue until about 3 p.m. and include a parade, music, singing, special foods, games, and wearing of the national costume, the Norwegian bunad.

Dennis Flessland, of Huntington Woods, who serves as the Honorary Consul of Norway in the State of Michigan, will address the gathering about the significance of the holiday.

Membership in the Sons of Norway is open to all who are strongly interested in the preservation of the Norwegian culture and heritage.

For additional information, call 248-398-6976.



Norwegian delight: Celebrating one of the most significant Norwegian holidays is Urd Milbury of Royal Oak. Milbury offers her welcome at the Sons of Norway dessert table.

C'ville curriculum director named Fulbright Memorial Fund winner

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Clarencoville Schools' curriculum director Barbara Church hasn't tried sushi yet, but it's definitely on her agenda now.

Church was notified in March that she has been selected to participate in the Fulbright Memorial Fund Teacher Program, which will send her on an all-expense paid trip to Japan. Sponsored through the Fulbright Memorial Fund through the government of Japan, the program helps U.S. teachers learn more about education and culture in that country.

"There's a lot I don't know yet," Church said of the program.

What she does know is that she'll be gone for three weeks, spending half the time in Tokyo

learning about Japanese culture and education and the other half elsewhere in the country. She'll spend a weekend with a Japanese family.

The Fulbright program was established in 1996, to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the U.S.-based Fulbright Program that fosters a mutual understanding through international exchanges of university students, faculty and teachers. More than 6,800 citizens of Japan have received U.S. Fulbright Program scholarships.

Benefits abound

In its sixth year, the Fulbright Memorial Fund provides participants with the opportunity to meet Japanese government officials and educators. Church will visit local schools and teacher's colleges, where she'll have a

chance to learn the strengths and challenges of the Japanese educational system, which she said is considered by some to be better than the American system.

"The benefit I saw was especially with the director of curriculum and instruction, her experience can help us by broadening our word view...and making sure our kids are prepared to be in a global marketplace," said Superintendent Tom Tattan.

"You really get to see what life is like," Church told school board members Thursday. "I know it'll be a real cultural experience. I'm starting to prepare for the sushi now - but Church is in no hurry. She doesn't leave until October. "I've got six months," she said with a smile.

Concert honors special citizens

The Farmington Community Band will conclude the week-long Festival of the Arts with its annual concert honoring Farmington's handicapped and senior citizens at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 5, at the Costick Center in Farmington Hills.

This year's program will feature a tour down memory lane as the band takes a step back in time with music from days past.

This annual event is a joint effort of many Farmington community groups working together to honor and transport senior citizens and handicapped individuals to the concert. Participating with the FCB in this effort are the Farmington Area Arts Commission, the Farmington Public

Schools and various service groups providing assistance on the buses.

"Being a community group, we feel it is our responsibility to share our talents and provide a service to residents of neighboring nursing homes to enjoy a day out," said FCB Business Manager, Ginny McDonald.

This concert is free and homemade refreshments will be served. The Costick Center is located on 11 Mile just east of Middlebelt in Farmington Hills.

For more information call (734) 261-2202 or (248) 489-3412, or visit the FCB Web site at www.fcbmusic.org.

Quinn asks court to name attorney

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Donald Quinn told a judge Friday that he didn't have the money to pay the retainer fee for the attorney he wanted to represent him at his preliminary exam.

The former Farmington Hills dentist accused of raping a former patient faces 12 felony charges. He told 47th District Court Judge Frederick Harris Friday that he wanted a court-appointed attorney. He asked that he be given the attorney he

wanted to represent him: Lawrence Coluzney.

"I ask the court appoint him since he is familiar with the case," Quinn told the judge.

Harris said a circuit court judge would have to decide if he or she was willing to appoint Coluzney. Harris agreed to fill out the necessary paperwork for the request. The judge adjourned the preliminary exam to May 10.

The former dentist is charged with eight counts of third-degree criminal sexual conduct, a 15-year felony; two counts of delivery of a controlled substance, a

seven-year felony; one count of a drug possession, a two-year felony; and one count of possession of a Taser gun, a four-year felony.

Farmington Hills Police said they captured homemade videotapes of Quinn and the alleged victim, a 27-year-old Farmington Hills woman, at his apartment. One tape shows the woman sedated and in and out of consciousness while engaging in sexual intercourse with Quinn, said Farmington Hills Police Chief William Dwyer.

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