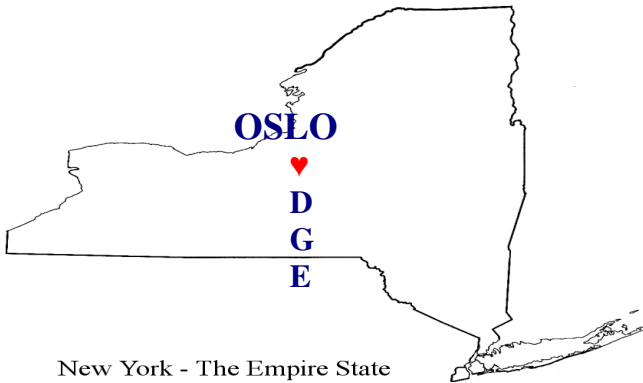




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Oslo Lodge in the heart of Central New York

**Sons of Norway Third District
Oslo Lodge 3-438**

**** 2009 Small Lodge of the Year **
** 2007 Small Lodge of the Year ****

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Dear members and friends,

I would like to thank everyone who made it to our meeting in January and if you did not make it please join us for our Annual Sweetheart Dinner on Sunday Feb. 12th at 1:30 pm at Carnegie Café, Maplewood Restaurant. Just remember by February 12th spring will be around the corner and it will be like a warm up for St. Patrick's Day. It was also nice to see that some of the people that had some medical issues in 2011 came to our January meeting. Let's pray that 2012 will be a healthier one for all of us.

It was good to see all the new members we got in fall, but let's try to keep them involved in the lodge. It is nice to have members, but it's really nice to have active members.

I have some good news: I still have scholarship raffle tickets left and you can be the big winner. Contact me for some tickets: they are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Talking about scholarships: make sure your kids or grandchildren send the Zone 4 Scholarship applications in by the end of February. If you need any forms please contact me.

See you in February!
Bjorn Solli, President
Oslo Lodge

**Meets monthly: Sept. – January; March at
Northminster Presbyterian Church,
7444 Buckley Road, North Syracuse**

SWEETHEART DINNER: FEBRUARY 12TH



February is soon here and with it the time to honor those we love. Oslo Lodge is sponsoring the "Annual Sweetheart Dinner" on Feb. 12 at 1:30. Everyone enjoyed it last year and we look forward to it again this year. For some added entertainment, please bring a photo of your sweetheart, (wedding, prom, pets or childhood photos, etc.) but do not place any names on it. Let's keep some suspense in the air until the guessing is finished! Since this is a Sweetheart Dinner, we feel this addition is in keeping with the event.

Many of us love to read, so we will also have a \$1 raffle for the novel "So Brave, Young, and Handsome" by Leif Enger. It is a romantic western set in 1914 and is the sequel to "Peace Like a River." We are positive the writer is Nordic, but do not know any specifics, except he's from Minnesota.

Dinner

Carnegie Café serves a delicious buffet: garden salad, rolls; Chicken Francais; Carnegie Potatoes; meatballs and sauce; pasta with Vodka Sauce; squash medley; dessert and soda, coffee or tea. Other beverages may be purchased at the bar.

Please contact Lorraine (315-652-5527) for additional details. Paid reservations must be made by February 6th. Adults, \$20; 12 & under, \$11.95; 5 and under are free. Make checks payable to Oslo Lodge and mail to Lodge Treasurer Mike McCadam, 103 Simmons Terrace, Syracuse, NY 13219. Look forward to seeing you there!!

2012 Calendar of Events

Sunday Feb. 12th Sweetheart Dinner at 1:30
Carnegie Café, Maplewood Inn, 400 7th North St, Liverpool, NY. Please see details to the left.

February 12th - Mothers' Day in Norway. Happy Mothers' Day!



March 2-4th SON 3rd District Board at LOV

March 12-23 Rosmaling @ LOV Contact Karin

Sunday March 18th 1:30 Vikings & Nordic World. Coffee ready at 1:00. This is one of our best programs all year. Please plan to take part & do not miss it. Something for everyone!

Sat. April 14th Z4 Scholarship Dinner at Land of the Vikings. All seven lodges gather to celebrate our youth with a delicious dinner, interesting program. Please see Lorraine Bentley or Mike McCadam to make reservations.

Saturday April 28th Zone 4 Memorial Service hosted by Fram lodge. Resurrection Lutheran Church, Cairo. **Zone 4 meeting follows.**

Sunday May 20th 2 pm Land of the Vikings



Save the date to celebrate May 17th at LOV.

June 20th - 24th 100th Anniversary of Sons of Norway 3rd District: See Page 10.

July 16th Zone 4 Picnic and Family Camping

August 2011 Oslo Lodge Vikings at the 2012 CNY Scottish Games. Are you interested in Viking Reenactment? Then please see Karin.

OSLO LODGE Members' Corner



God Bedring to Byron Nilsson who is recovering and hopefully on the mend.

God Bedring to Mike McCadam, who is recovering from an emergency heart catherization and the insertion

of a stent. **God Bedring to anyone else we may have missed.** Know of someone ill?

Then email: secretary@oslolodge.org

Birthdays: Gratulere med dagen!

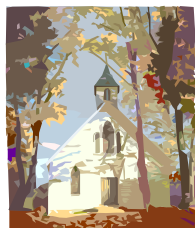
We use the current Sons of Norway International membership list to identify birthdays. If you are not current, then we may miss your birthday, so please keep your membership up to date.



February

- 6th Kevin Barbuto
- 8th Leta Rodman
- 8th Alexa Retz
- 13th James Mostrom
- 16th Kari Yongstrom
- 24th Bjorn Solli
- 25th JoAnn Wickman
- 26th Eric Norton
- 28th Gordon Gustafson
- 28th Zachary Retz

CONDOLENCES



Our heartfelt condolences are extended to Oslo Lodge President and his wife Diane on the recent passing of Diane's mother Ida Cooper on January 6th. The Solli family had been caring for Mrs.

Cooper in their home in the weeks before her death. The family is in our thoughts and prayers.

OSLO LODGE wins "Viking Quest" Contest.



Sons of Norway Third District Officer Karin McCadam, made the announcement that Oslo Lodge has earned top honors in the Sons of Norway "Viking Quest" Membership Recruitment Contest. Out of all the 400 American, Canadian and Norwegian Sons of Norway lodges, little Oslo Lodge in Central New York attracted the highest number of new members during the recent membership recruitment drive held over 10 weeks, October – December 2011.

The announcement was made at the January meeting of Oslo Lodge's on their fifth anniversary as a reorganized Sons of Norway lodge. Members and friends gathered for a Nordic Soup & Sandwich luncheon followed by a cake emblazoned with a "Happy Fifth Anniversary Oslo Lodge".

A huge thank you to all the members who invite others to experience Oslo Lodge for themselves. You are Oslo Lodge and the future of Oslo Lodge.



From Lorraine Bentley, Social Director:

Homemade potato leek soup really hit the spot at Oslo Lodge in January. It was a cold winter day, but 24 hardy folks gathered for food and fellowship. Sarah Barbuto made the soup, which was complimented by several flavors of cheese, bread, and cakes provided by Winnie Franson and Martha Williams. Pictures from the Juletefest ran continuously for all to enjoy.

Once again, many thanks to all who helped with set up and tear down. You have next month free from this job as we have a great time at our Sweetheart Dinner on February 12th.

Representatives to Z4 & 3D

Soon lodge members will select delegates to the 3D Convention in Virginia (page 10). One key consideration in selecting delegates is their involvement in the lodge and involvement in Zone 4 is appreciated. (Zone 4 has three meetings per year: April, July, October). Involved lodge members are better-informed and therefore better able to represent the interests of our lodge.

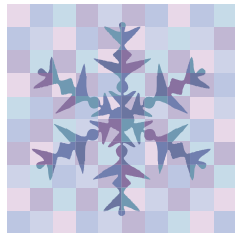
Everyone is welcome to come to the 3D Convention as a non-delegate, at their own expense. It is a fun few days. Everyone can attend the meetings: non-delegates sit in the back and cannot address the Officers or delegates when the meeting is in session or vote on any matters. All information, including reservation forms, are found at <http://3dsofn.org/convention/index.html>

OSLO LODGE YOUTH EVENTS

Hello Viking Kids!

We have a lot of great ideas for fun things to do over February break. On Tuesday Feb 21 we will meet at Flamingo Bowl (7239 Oswego Road in Liverpool) and do some bowling at 10:30 am. Then we will go to Pizza Hut for lunch (also on Oswego Road). Last year, the kids had the highest bowling scores in the youth division of all of the Oslo Lodges. Let's see if we can do it again this year!

Then Friday Feb 24 at 1:00 pm LET'S SLED at Longbranch Park near Onondaga Lake in Liverpool. Bring your own sled and dress warmly. We will have a thermos of hot cocoa and some cookies on hand after we are done! Don't forget that all of this activity will earn you points toward a sports medal! Email or call me so we know to look for you at either of these events. Sarah Barbuto, Youth Activities: 457-3739 or email Sarah at sbarb33@yahoo.com



Third District Sports Event



3D 2012 Bowling Tournament

It is up to the local lodge to reserve the bowling alley and individuals pay their own line fees. You are to bowl 3 games. Send the results to me with individual names (please print or type), individual scores per game, and indicate male, female, or mixed. Teams can be made up as Men, Women or Mixed. There is a Registration Fee of \$25.00 **per team** to cover cost of trophies and etc. Checks are made out to **District Lodge #3 Sons of Norway and also sent to me.** Gene Olson – 3D Sports Director mals@comcast.net or 717-569-1747

Oslo Lodge Sports: Sports Metal Challenge

Our Sports Metal Challenge ends May 31st so please complete your forms and submit them. We can have our Lodge and our members recognized at the Third District convention in Virginia Beach in June

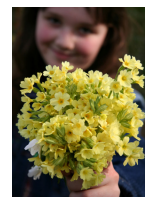
The various Sports Medals can be earned simply by recording your hiking, swimming, skiing, walking, running, etc.

You can earn more than one pin each year, but they must be earned in consecutive order. You must first earn then bronze pin, next the silver, then the gold, and finally the enamel.

How about you? Come learn more about the medals. Tracking forms are available so why not get started soon? Talk with our **Lodge Sports Director, Harold Rodman.**

Oslo Lodge Membership

“The mission of Oslo Lodge, Sons of Norway 3-438, is to promote and preserve the heritage and culture of Norway and other Nordic Countries.”



Zone 4 Youth Scholarship Program

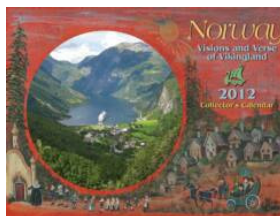
The Zone 4 scholarship program supports academic excellence. This year 9 \$500 Scholarships will be awarded. You can help in one of two ways.



Please consider a direct donation to the fund in honor or in memory of someone. Please make a check out to "**Zone 4 Scholarship Program**". Any Lodge Officer will gladly mail it for you to the Zone 4 Treasurer.

Also, Zone 4 Raffle Tickets are now available. There are three prizes: \$100, \$200, and the Grand Prize of a weekend for two at Land of the Vikings. Anyone can win, so please feel free to sell raffle tickets to your neighbors, co-workers, friends and family members. **Remember all the candy and other items you have purchased from others over the years that benefitted youth.** So please help support the Zone 4 Scholarship Program.

The Zone 4 Scholarship Program is open to any member, child or grandchild of a current member of a Zone 4 Lodge (which of course includes Oslo Lodge.). The applicant must be attending college in the fall. Please see your Lodge President for an application. **The FINAL deadline for application is February 29TH.**

2012 CALENDARS

Norwegian and Swedish calendars (were \$12) are now available at a reduced price of \$10.00. There are only 2 Swedish and about 5 Norwegian calendars left. If interested, please contact Lorraine at lcb1933@verizon.net or 315-652-5527. They may be picked up at the Feb. meeting.

Feb/March – Charity is the Focus

Oslo Lodge is accepting donations on behalf of the Third District Charitable Trust (see pg. 9) as well as the Cystic Fibrosis cause. Please help by making a donation to one or both!

Oslo Lodge is family-friendly!

Bring your children and grandchildren to Oslo Lodge. We have award winning youth in sports and in academics. We have wonderful parents as well as Youth Leaders who make our events fun and educational.

The goal of Oslo Lodge is to preserve the wonderful NORDIC heritage we share while maintaining our unique cultural identities. Whether you or your ancestry is Norwegian, Danish, Swedish, Icelandic or Finnish, all contribute to the fabric of Oslo Lodge. In fact, you don't have to be Scandinavian to belong to Oslo Lodge. You just need to have an interest in Nordic culture! So come meet others and share your interests. Children are invited, too!

Give the gift of membership.

Please remind members that they can give the gift of heritage and culture for birthdays or other special occasion. What better way to introduce friends and relatives to Sons of Norway than by giving them a gift of membership!

Gift memberships can be purchased over the phone by contacting Sherry Gorse, Membership Services, at 800.945.8851 ext. 643. Within two weeks, new members receive personalized gift certificates and their membership cards.

TUBFRIM:

Please bring canceled stamps to Oslo Lodge (leave a 1/4 inch margin of paper around the stamp).

Picture post cards should be left whole. Tubfrim benefits disabled children and youth in Norway. **Oslo Lodge Counselor, Martha Williams** is also our Tubfrim Chair and does a wonderful job collecting, packaging and sending these off to the appropriate place.



Sonja Henie TV Series & Film

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the birth of Norway's "Queen of the Ice," Sonja Henie. To commemorate Henie's career as a gold medal winning skater and actress, Norwegian Broadcasting Corporation (NRK) is planning a TV series on the skater.

Henie is the most decorated female figure skater of all time, earning three Olympic Championships (1928, '32, '36), 10 World Championships and six European Championships. In addition to her legacy as a competitor, Henie is also credited with being the first skater to adopt the hallmarks of figure skating we know today: short skirted costume, white boots and dance choreography. Henie also achieved new heights as an actor, becoming one of the highest paid stars in Hollywood.

Anna Bache-Wiig, the writer commissioned for the television drama series, says that funding for the project has been secured from NRK and the Norwegian Film Institute, with plans to start filming in 2013.

As for feature film plans, media sources report that director Anne Sweitsky— whose film *Happy Happy* is Norway's candidate for best foreign film at the Academy Awards— will be working on a biographical film with producer Synnøve Hørsdal. As of yet, neither the feature film or series have cast the role of Sonja Henie.

More than 10 million Americans of Norwegian descent

The 2000 American Census reports that around 4.5 million Americans are of Norwegian descent. The American Community Survey of 2007 reports approximately the same numbers. This does not mean that these 4.5 million have at least 50 percent Norwegian blood in their veins, as many might think. The census asked people to identify their ethnicity. However, it only allowed two answers. That would mean that a person who has grandparents from Norway, Sweden, Finland and Denmark could only name two of those ethnic groups in their answer. That means that many people of Norwegian descent have probably not reported Norwegian on the census. In the book, "Norwegian Pioneers," I wrote about this and concluded that one would have to figure that the number of Norwegian descendants living in the USA is much higher than 4.5 million, possibly as much as 10 million or more.

Because of the feedback I have received about this, I asked several Norwegian Americans about their ethnicity. Most of them are over 50 years of age and several of them are quite active in the Norwegian community. On an average, those thirteen people that answered belong to three ethnic groups. Those same thirteen people reported on the ethnicity of their children or a niece or a nephew. The total of thirteen in the younger generation belong to an average of five ethnic groups. By combining these two generations, one gets an average of 4 ethnic groups represented.

This was no surprise, really. It just confirms that Norwegian descendants actually belong to several ethnic groups, especially the younger generations who are farther removed from Norway. Had I asked more people outside of the Norwegian community, and families with more children, then the average number of ethnic groups represented would have no doubt been higher, probably much higher.

Since people could only give two ethnic groups on the census, and Norwegian descendants belong to on average four ethnic groups, the number of Norwegian descendants could be at least 10 million, and probably much more—even closer to 20 million. However, it would take extensive scientific studies to reveal how many Americans have Norwegian blood in their veins.

Torbjørn Greipsland
www.emigrantforlaget.no
 Askim, Norway

A little in English...

Ivar Aasen and New Norwegian

There was one direction sought to create a totally independent Norwegian written language based on dialects. That direction was created by Ivar Aasen (1813-1896). He was a country boy and a dialect user from Sunnmøre, and was under the early understanding that a thorough survey of dialects in various counties was integral to creating the basis for a Norwegian written language.

With a public inquiry scholarship he traveled around the country from 1842-46, he made a comparative survey of grammar and vocabulary between the dialects, and made a comparative grammar of that in 1848 and a dictionary in 1850. He got a scholarship to investigate further and followed up with a little book where he compiled texts of different dialects and combined these texts to propose a common form of the dialects. This norm, which he called landsmål (country language), he built upon in the years that followed, by creating a larger grammar (1864) and a comprehensive dictionary (1873) and by writing poems and plays with it. At the end of the 1850s, others began to write in landsmål and ten years later it was taught in a folkehøgskole (adult learning school).

The landsmål language was officially recognized as an official language with Danish in 1885, and was approved as a language of instruction in schools in 1892 (after local ruling). From 1890 to 1930 it expanded as a school language and as a language of popular usage in many regions, but only in the rural areas. In 1929 the language was given the official name of nynorsk (new Norwegian) via parliamentary vote.

Litt på norsk...

Ivar Aasen og nynorsken

Den eine retninga gjekk inn for å byggje opp eit heilt Sjølvstendig norsk skriftspråk på grunnlag av dialektane. Denne retninga vart grunnlagd av Ivar Aasen (1813–1896). Han var bygdegut og dialektbrukar frå Sunnmøre, og kom tidleg til at ei grundig undersøking av dialektane i ulike landsdelar var nødvendig for å skape grunnlag for eit norsk skriftspråk.

Med eit offentleg granskingsstipend reiste han rundt i landet i tida 1842–46, gjorde ei jamførande undersøking av grammatikk og ordtilfang i dialektane, og laga ein samanliknande grammatikk over dei i 1848 og ei ordbok i 1850. Han fekk stipend til å granske vidare, og følgde opp med ei lita bok der han samla tekster på ulike dialektar, og føydde til nokre tekster på ei foreslått fellesform for dialektane. Denne norma, som han kalla landsmål, bygde han ut i åra som følgde, både ved å gi ut ein større grammatikk (1864) og ei omfattande ordbok (1873), og ved å skrive dikt og skodespel på det. Alt frå slutten av 1850-åra begynte andre å skrive på landsmål, og ti år etterpå vart det undervist i det på ein folkehøgskole.

Landsmålet vart offisielt jamstilt med dansk i 1885, og vart godkjent som undervisningsspråk i barneskolen i 1892 (etter local avgjerd). Frå 1890 til 1930 ekspanderte det som skolespråk og allment bruksspråk i fleire landsdelar, men berre på landsbygda. I 1929 fekk språket offisielt namnet nynorsk etter stortingsvedtak.

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SONS OF NORWAY

Hei alle sammen!



Most of us have put Christmas decorations away and hopefully we can remember which box we put them in so next year's decorating will be easier.

While some lodges have held installations there still are several more that will happen shortly. I hope that we have large turnouts for these most important events. While our overall membership has shrunk over the past year, the number of allotted local lodge delegates only dropped by 6. While the total number has dropped we expect a larger delegate turnout at the upcoming convention due to commitments by several lodges who have not attended previous conventions to attend this convention.

The number of visitors to our web site <http://www.3dsofn.org/home.html> continues to grow. In December of 2011 we had 7,889 visitors compared to 5,865 in December 2010. That is a daily average of 258. The same sections continue to draw large crowds i.e. 3D today, the blog, LOV and the schedule of events. We need your help in providing new material to the site. We especially, your local lodge and Zone events to be posted

The District board could use a little help. If any of you are working with or are familiar with "cloud" storage of files would you please contact me. With one hundred years of files we are having a problem finding a home for all our District documents.

Speaking of being 100 years old there are over thirty 3D members listed as being over 100 years old. We may have a couple members in that group but not this many. If each lodge would check their lodge on the SON web site and correct these obvious errors it would help us out. But one group that is 100 years old, District Three, is still going strong. We have added more info to the Convention section of the web site <http://www.3dsofn.org/convention/index.html>

In addition to the clothing currently on sale, your lodge should have received several of the convention pins that are for sale at the customary SON rate of \$5. I have to admit that they are among the nicer pins we have seen in a long time so look for them. I am wearing mine today. If you can't find the pin contact the convention chair.

We did make a slight comeback in membership the last quarter of 2011 as did the rest of the SON but we still need to see much more growth. Please take it upon yourself to sign up a member this year and sooner rather than later.

I will be looking forward to meeting you this spring on my travels through the District.

Fraternally,
Ralph Peterson, President
District Three, Sons of Norway

Support SONS OF NORWAY Benevolences Look for the Piggy in MARCH



3D Vice President Gail Ekloff

February the month of LOVE! We are fortunate in the Third District! Aside from being the "Tremendous Third" we have Land of the Vikings and the Third District Charitable Trust. We have lots of things to LOVE! The charitable trust is a special fund used to help members in need with either a one-time grant or a monthly siphon. All information is confidential. Members in good standing for 5 years or more can apply. This fund shows how much The Third District follows in our forefathers endeavors to help our fellow members. Please consider Counselor Mary Andersen's request for sponsorship --- a dollar a meeting from each member. Returned bottles can be used to help donate monies or have a fifty/fifty for the Charitable Trust fund. Help keep the fund strong so that we can continue to help others in our district for many years to come.



Land of the Vikings (LOV) has been a place of gathering of our membership for over 35 years. Plans about LOV are always changing. We are continually asking ourselves, how best can we use this facility? At one time Sons of Norway members used it faithfully, but as times passes and the newer generation becomes busier with work and children's school activities... lodge support has waned. Creative workshops seem to be the future of LOV. Cooking classes, genealogy, rosemaling and woodcarving attract more people. In the future, dance lessons, language camps, knitting, hardanger and weaving workshops along with orienteering will inspire us to return to using Land of the Vikings. Opening Land of the Vikings to all organizations will help us keep LOV alive. If you haven't visited LOV lately, go for a relaxing time away from the hustle and bustle of daily life.

As one guest recently stated "if you don't relax here, you can't relax." So this month of LOVE, cherish those who have come into our lives and look forward to meeting and helping more in years to come!

Alt for denne gangen, Gail

Remember:

2 A's - Ask & Advertise - to get a member.

2 M's - Mentor and Mingle to keep a member.

3D Counselor's Corner
Mary B. Andersen, 3D Counselor



I hope you had a safe, happy and healthy holiday season! Tusen takk to the lodges who regularly donate a portion of their holiday fest proceeds to the Charitable Trust; it is greatly appreciated! As always, thank you to the lodges who fondly remember our fraternal brothers and sisters who have gone to lodge eternal with memorial donations. Your donations enable the Charitable Trust to help our distressed members in their time of need: it is what fraternal organizations like ours are all about.

February includes Valentine's Day and the first thing that generally comes to mind is a heart (and chocolate!). Many of us make and display juleherter during the holiday season. I see a great connection with the juleherter and the Sons of Norway (even if it may have started in Denmark!). We are all woven together in fraternalism. We open our hearts to each other by extending helping hands and even just a smile at a lodge event. Your donations to the Charitable Trust exemplify the depth of the 3D heart.

Thank you for keeping the Charitable Trust in your heart.

Med vennlig hilsen, Mary

Oslo Times Newsletter February 2012
Circulation to a few brave Nordic folks and those who are not afraid of them!



A 100th anniversary deserves a major celebration so mark your calendars for June 20 - 23, 2012 in Virginia Beach as District 3 throws the largest party of the century. We are 100 years old and want you to help us celebrate this milestone. Wrapped into our bi-annual District Convention, where each lodge sends delegates to handle our business affairs, we will set aside plenty of time to commemorate our centennial. We have a wide range of entertainment and special events scheduled with guest performers from as far away as Norway. We'll honor our traditions such as the Viking Auction, with proceeds going to our own Charitable Trust. We are the only District with a Charitable Trust that has assisted scores of members over the past 40 years with a financial helping hand. We'll recognize former district leaders and remember our members and friends who have passed with our memorial service.

The Tidewater area of Virginia Beach, Virginia along the Atlantic Ocean, is close to many historic areas. Virginia Beach and the surrounding locale are the perfect setting for a family vacation.

We are developing our district web site to include the District Convention and Centennial Celebration information, so be sure to check it for updates and please watch for articles in the Third District Today, the monthly district newsletter which is also available on the web. <http://www.3dsofn.org/home.htm>

Carol Anderson Ralph Peterson Dr. Louis Olsen
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