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The Kathy Mordente Solli Foundation Newsletter

Special Interest Articles:

- The Walk to Ydestad a success.
- KMSF Foundation becoming a reality.
- Making Strides Against Breast Cancer of New Haven, Sunday, October 24, 2010

Letter from the President

The Kathy Mordente Solli Foundation is in the process of becoming a 501c3 non-profit organization with the state and federal government. The Hartford office of the law firm of Brown Rudnick has agreed to help us incorporate on a pro bono basis. With their help we will soon be established as a foundation dedicated to early breast cancer detection, education and supporting families during

their battle against cancer. Our first goal will be to establish a fund that will support an annual scholarship program for graduating seniors from Cheshire High School. Kathy worked for more than 20 years for the school system. Wouldn't it be wonderful if a special education student that she worked with at Doolittle Elementary School could receive a scholarship in her name?



I know she would be so pleased.

We will try to publish this newsletter quarterly to let those who cared most about her adjust to life without her and know what we are doing to honor her. Thank you for the love you have shown to all of us.

The Walk to Ydestad in Norway a Success!



On August 13, 2010 while Kevin and Arne were visiting the family farm in Norway, and in spite of weather reports calling for rain all day and skeptics questioning the wisdom of attempting this on Friday the 13th, Kevin, Arne, Dylan (Arne's sister's grandson) and Arne's cousin Anne Turid (far left in photo) started out from the Åbestad farm for the 4.5 km walk to Ydestad.

Arne's father Olav and his sister Anne Elise drove around the mountain to the Ydestad farm to wait for us. The weather was great, and except for a slight drizzle, we stayed dry. We were able to get to the mid-point, **Krogevanne** after about 90 minutes, at which point Anne Turid said Goodbye as she returned to Åbestad.



We were now on our own. We took a refreshing drink from the clear water going into the lake, and continued on. After consulting the map and determining our direction, we were confident we were on the right track. At one point Arne ended up in the marsh above his knees, having sunk into the marshy ground.

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The Walk to Ydestad (continued)



Without the benefit of a path, finding our way wasn't easy. At one point we could see the farm, but the terrain was too steep for safe travel.



We had started to backtrack to find another way when we heard someone calling for Dylan! It turned out that Olav was getting nervous and asked a relative to look for us. After checking at the lake, he caught sight of Dylan following Arne.

"At one point we could see the Ydestad farm but couldn't find a way down".

With his help we were able to find our way and finally reach



Ydestad. Once we reached the farm, we were greeted with hot soup, sandwiches



and hot coffee. Although we had a little help finding our way, we still consider the walk a success. Thank you to each of you who made pledges towards this event!

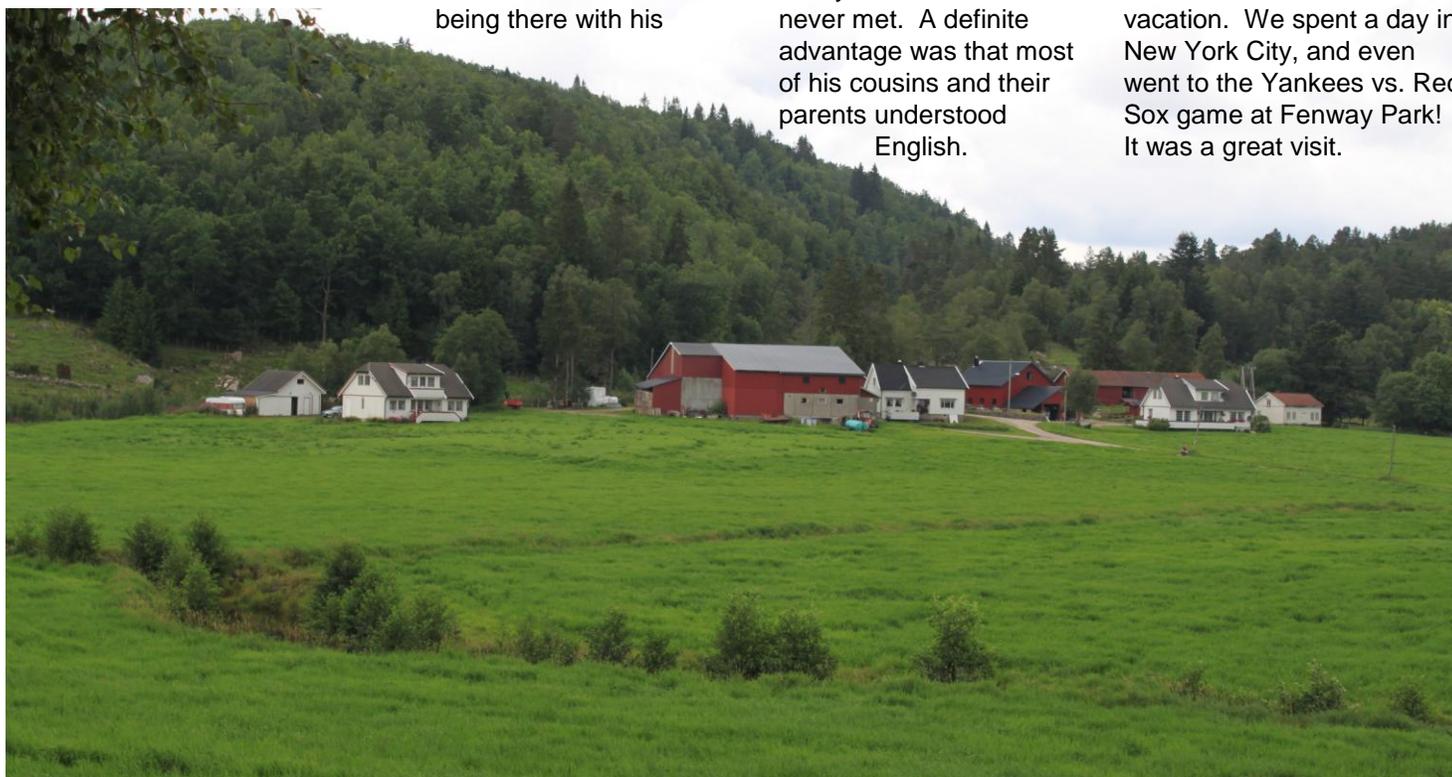


We travel to the Solli Family Farm – Åbestad

Arne and Kevin traveled to Norway on August 1, 2010 and returned on August 14, 2010. This was Kevin's first trip to Norway with the added benefit of being there with his

grandfather, Olav. One of his biggest challenges was to learn enough Norwegian language to be able to communicate with family members he had never met. A definite advantage was that most of his cousins and their parents understood English.

We recently enjoyed a visit from two cousins, Kristin and Merete. They were only able to stay for a short six days, but we were able to cram in a true American vacation. We spent a day in New York City, and even went to the Yankees vs. Red Sox game at Fenway Park! It was a great visit.



Making Strides Against Breast Cancer of New Haven, CT Sunday, October 24, 2010



Come join us on Sunday. October 24, 2010 at Lighthouse Point Park in New Haven as The Kathy Mordente Solli Foundation Team walks to raise money for the American Cancer Society.

Kathy fought a long three and a half year battle against her breast cancer and we believe that events like this were responsible for extending her life as long as it did. But the message here is clear. We all need to help if we are to have a world with less breast cancer.

We've started a team that

will participate in the walk with our own team identity to honor the life of Kathy.

Already we have become one of the top teams in terms of money raised as of this writing and hope to maintain our position. You can help us as we work together to find a cure for this terrible disease.

To get involved, you can log on to the site at: cancer.org/stridesonline. Or you can contact Arne, Kevin or Kristina. We will also be selling t-shirts to commemorate the event, and all proceeds will go directly to the foundation.

You can also contact any of the Board Members of The Kathy Mordente Solli Foundation to make a donation or better yet, join the team.

This is a wonderful way to honor the memory of Kathy and do something that will support the efforts of the American Cancer Society and get closer to a world where breast cancer never steals another year from anyone's life.

Remember, each step you take is personal. And each step you take will help save lives.



Preliminary Planning Meeting Held at Beach

This summer, following Kathy's funeral, a meeting was held at the beach house in East Haven to discuss the forming of The Kathy Mordente Solli Foundation.

It became apparent, based on the turn-out from the wake, the funeral and the reception following the

burial, that there were many people who were touched by the life of Kathy.

A decision was made that the founding board of directors would include Arne, Kristina and Kevin, as well as her siblings Jack, Jody, Ricky and Robert. Kathy's mother



"Attendees from last year's Walk against Breast Cancer"



Josephine as well as her grandchildren Elisa and Jill would also be included in the governing of the foundation.

We have taken several steps to get this process started, including developing a Mission Statement, Bylaws and the general understanding of how the foundation will be governed. We held a preliminary fund raiser, **"The Walk to Ydestad"** which is outlined in more detail in the newsletter. Until the non-profit status of the foundation is established, pledges rather than money will be solicited. Once the organization becomes official, the pledges will be collected. We feel this is a tremendous way to honor Kathy and give back to the community and the people which she loved so dearly.

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You Can Get Involved!

As family members begin the process of setting up a non-profit foundation, we haven't forgotten about all the friends and co-workers who were deeply affected by Kathy's untimely passing.

We are looking for any of you who would like to get

more involved to contact any of the officers or board members.

Join the Breast Walk team or participate in any of the fundraisers currently being brainstormed as we establish this tribute to the life of Kathy.



Our goal is to continue to be a positive influence in the community of Cheshire, as well as raise funds to continue the efforts to help find a cure for this deadly disease.
Won't you join us?



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