



Budstikken

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Wergeland Kalender

- ♦ June 2, General meeting at North Presbyterian Church, 7:00 featuring pie and ice cream social
- ♦ June 14, 8:30 am, Board meeting at Perkins on Hwy 16 near the mall
- ♦ June 17, Deadline for Budstikken articles
- ♦ June 22-26, District 5 convention, Marshfield
- ♦ June 29, Budstikken mailed to members.
- ♦ July 7, General meeting at North Presbyterian Church, 7:00

Fra Presidenten



I hope that everyone enjoyed the Syttende Mai holiday this year. Our banquet at Drugan's was a great success with over 100 people in attendance. Tusen takk to the social committee for putting together such a great night. On Friday the 13th we held our annual flag raising at the city hall in La Crosse. We were blessed with great weather and, thanks to the miracles of modern communication and Gary Corbisier's smart phone, my brief address was heard live on both sides of the Atlantic as he had a caller from Norway who was able to watch and listen.

Finally on Sunday, we participated in the Westby Syttende Mai parade along with the float carrying our Wergeland dancers. It was a sunny albeit very windy day which caused a few issues with the Solvang lodge float in front of us but the parade route was once again packed and the parade went off as planned. All in all it was a great time celebrating Norway's constitution day.

On the business side of our lodge, as you read through this edition of the Budstikken, you will notice a couple of important items. First of all, we are in the process of placing a bid to host the 2018 District 5 convention here in La Crosse. This is a great opportunity to show off the La Crosse area that became the home of so many of our ancestors.

Secondly, we have been informed by North Presbyterian church that they are terminating our contract with them effective at the end of this year. Of course this means that we will be in search of a new home again. Let myself or anyone else on the board know if you have any ideas on this and I will see you at the next meeting.

Dave

Next meeting: Thursday, June 2, 2016, 7:00 PM

North Presbyterian Church, 1327 N Salem Rd, La Crosse



Program for June

Luren singers, pie and ice cream social



The Luren Singing Society was started 146 years ago and is the oldest Norwegian-American male chorus in continuous existence in the United States. They trace their beginnings to 1868, when four young Norwegian immigrants started a quartet to preserve memories of music from their native land.

The Luren Singing Society has 70 singers, and sings around 30 concerts every (Cont'd on page 3)



Program for July

Our July 7 meeting will feature our annual pot luck supper along with "The Governor from Hegg: The Americanization of a Norwegian immigrant's son" by Glenn Borreson.



June Birthdays

3 Isaac Gaskin
 3 Richard Marking
 3 Catherine Ofte
 3 Nicholas Ormsby
 5 Daniela Gatica
 6 Vivian Sacia
 8 Delora "Dee" Johnson
 8 Janice Mattison
 8 John Monson
 9 Deborah Amundson
 9 Anna Johnson
 10 Betsy Stannard
 12 Barbara Hegge
 14 Ronald Helstad
 16 Elwood Harebo
 17 Linda Sherwood
 18 Annie Piske
 19 Audrey Olsen
 22 David Glomstad
 22 Carole Wadel
 24 Donald Hanson
 25 Russell Glomstad
 25 Beverly Ranis
 26 Ingeborg Gerber
 27 David Christopherson
 27 Arthur Ford
 27 Thomas Monson
 28 Janice Brudos
 29 Darlene Dixon
 30 Hayli Mc Guire
 30 John Solberg

Sekretær Notater...

Minutes of the May 5, 2016 meeting

President Dave Glomstad commenced the meeting at 6:01 p.m. He welcomed the members and guests. He shared the history and meaning of Syttende Mai.

The group recited the Pledge of Allegiance and sang the three national anthems.

The members recited the Norwegian Table Prayer led by Counselor Adrian Johnson. Counselor Johnson read the English translation.

The banquet was held and delicious food was enjoyed by all.

The President announced Lester J. Munson recently passed away. A moment of silence was held in honor of Mr. Munson. The Lodge's Charter would normally be draped in memory of him.

The President asked visitors to stand and be recognized.

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Membership Secretary Laura Ira introduced the new Golden Members (members who are over 65 years of age and a member for 30 years as of between July 1, 2015 and June 20, 2016): Agnetha Ames (present) and Lavonne Larson (not present). Laura presented the Golden Members with commemorative framed certificates and flowers.

Laura Ira recognized the newest 25-year memberships and presented commemorative pins in honor of their years of service to: Lois Preeshl, Linda Sherwood, and Howard Christianson (not present). Plants were handed out to the members.

The President congratulated the Golden Members and 25-year members.

Runa Nome, a exchange student from Trondheim, Norway who is staying with the Trautmann family, spoke to the group. She is 18 years old and attends Holmen High School. Runa told the group that her time in the United States has been the best year of her life. She is here through the Rotary exchange student program.

Treasurer Marilyn Rudser discussed the upcoming chicken que on Thursday, May 19, 2016. The Lodge is committed to sell 300 chickens and she encouraged everyone to sell tickets.

The President recognized the members with May birthdays and the group sang "Happy Birthday to You."

The next general Lodge meeting is June 2, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church. The Luren Singers will perform and pie and ice cream will be served. A pie sign-up was handed out. We are encouraged to take posters and hang them for publicity. We are a non-profit organization. The next Board Meeting is Tuesday, May 10, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. at Perkins by the Mall.

The President announced upcoming events: A flag raising ceremony will be held at the LaCrosse City Hall on Friday, May 13, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. We will raise the flag ourselves. The question was posed: How many Norwegians does it take to raise a flag? Submit your answers to President Dave Glomstad.

The Westby Syttende Mai celebration will be held May 13 through 15, 2016. Our Wergeland Dancers will be in the parade on May 15th. Lots of celebration events will be happening. Spring Grove, Minnesota also has a Syttende Mai festival.



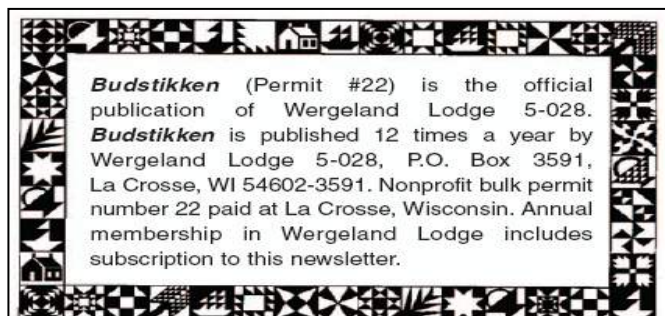
Dis og Dat...

At our Board meeting in April, we voted to bid on hosting the District 5 Convention in La Crosse in June of 2018. We have met a few times to get the information we need to present the bid at the June, 2016 convention. We really had a good convention here in 2006, and everyone participated in one way or another. By having it here, our members do not have to stay at the hotel, and can participate in all the other activities going on. More on this later.



Uff Da...

North Presbyterian church, citing growing concerns regarding scheduling conflicts, has informed us that they will be terminating their contract with us at the end of this year. This means of course that we are again looking for a permanent home for our monthly meetings. Additionally, the Wergeland Dancers are also looking for a new facility to hold their practices in. The hope is that we can find a mutual, long term location, for both groups to meet. Please bring any ideas to the attention of anyone on the board.



(June program, cont'd from page 1)
year in churches and community centers in Iowa, Wisconsin, and Minnesota. They toured Norway in 1969, 1973, 1983, 1993, and Northern Norway in 2001. One highlight of the 1993 tour was a private audience with His Majesty, King Harald V, in the Royal Palace in Oslo. Luren has performed for royalty eight times since King Olav was a prince. Their repertoire includes classicals, spirituals, folk songs, hymn tunes, contemporary genre, and Scandinavian favorites. Luren's motto is "If you are too busy to sing, you are too busy."

Dr. David Judisch has directed the Luren Singers for the last 43 years and is Professor Emeritus of Music at Luther College. While teaching full time, he taught voice, vocal pedagogy, diction for singers, and opera. He has performed more than 46 roles in various operas and has appeared with regional orchestras, opera companies, and choral societies throughout the Midwest in both opera and oratorio. He also serves as Director-in-Chief for the Norwegian Singers Association of America. For 26 years he was Camp Director for the Dorian Summer Music Camps at Luther and was Managing Director of the Dorian Opera Theatre for 11 years. Bernhard Gluth has been the Assistant Director of Luren since 1972, and is the chair of Luren's Music Committee. He taught instrumental music for 29 years.

After the concert there will be a pie and ice cream social in the fellowship room with a free-will collection for the pie, ice cream, and coffee.

Did you know....

Norway introduced salmon sushi to the Japanese in the 80s. It may seem hard to believe that what is now a staple ingredient in sushi, was actually the result of a successful seafood export initiative called "Project Japan" from the Norwegian seafood delegation in the late 80s.

Ole says to Sven "Do you know why the chicken crossed the road?" "No" says Sven. "To prove to the raccoons that it can be done" says Ole.



KAREN'S KORNER

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As we gather with our families on July 4th, our Independence Day, we will probably salute the American flag and sing our national anthem. On Syttende Mai, Constitution Day, we might be at a gathering where we salute the Norwegian flag and sing '**Ja, Vi Elsker Dette Landet**' (Yes, we love this country). We are familiar with that song from our monthly lodge meetings and maybe from your childhoods. What is the history of the Norwegian flag and the song?

The design of the present-day Norwegian flag was officially adopted on July 17, 1821. Fredrik Meltzer, a Storting parliament member, designed the flag. An earlier flag contained a golden lion with a crown and an axe on a red background. The beautiful red, white & blue colors of the striking Norwegian flag were taken from the **French tricolore**, a symbol of liberty. The dark blue cross in the middle is known as the cross of Sweden; the off-center white cross is the Scandinavian cross, from the Danish flag. Both countries ruled Norway in the past. The colors have symbolism also. Blue = vigilance, truth, loyalty, perseverance & justice. White = peace & honesty. Red = hardiness, bravery, strength & valor.

A young Norwegian, Bjornstjerne Bjornson, penned the lyrics to 'Ya Vi Elsker', and his cousin, Rikard Nordraak, composed the music. Rikard was a friend of composer Edvard Grieg. The song was first publicly performed on May 7, 1864, to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the constitution. The official national anthem is '**Sonner av Norge**' but the more popular 'Ya Vi Elsker' is usually sung at every official event. We sing one verse of 'Elsker' at our meetings but there are actually 8 verses total, that tell the history of Norway's kings -- Harald, Hakon, Olav, Sverre. The verses talk about the "blue-eyed freedom" and the "three brothers stand united" -- Norway, Sweden, Denmark.

I celebrated Syttende Mai at North Coon Prairie Lutheran Church in Newry on May 15 at a Norwegian church service, followed by a pie and ice cream social. We, of course, closed the service with 'Ya Vi Elsker'. I hope that you had a happy Syttende Mai however you chose to celebrate.

Stand proud, sing out!

(Information from various inter-net sources)
Karen Scarseth,
Librarian



Looking back through the Budstikken by Historian Karen Broadhead

Fem år siden (5 years ago) 2011

The June concert featured Roger Tveiten from River Falls, who played songs Norwegian immigrants may have sung, using a variety of folk instruments. Following the concert, pie and ice cream were served.

Fifteen new members have joined Wergeland Lodge, including Curtis and Cheryl Brye, Carla and Wayne Burkhardt, Sandra Stavlo, Carol Noel, Ruth Ann and Hannah Scholze, Mark Dyar, Douglas and Peggy Schoeneld, Orin and Ria Midtlien, Rita Sanger, and Kathleen McAleer.

Our lodge has budgeted donations to several organizations in 2011, including Commonweal Theater, Norwegian American Historical Assn.-St. Olaf Norwegian library, Norskedalen, Vesterheim Museum, Riverside Norway Garden, WAFER, and Salvation Army.

Ti år siden (10 years ago) 2006

Frieda Nowland and son Jonathan Nowland presented a program on the poetry of their grandfather/great-grandfather, Tarkjel Landsverk. An immigrant from Norway, he was a farmer, painter, kubbstol carver, stone sculptor and house builder, but also wrote poetry in the Telemark dialect. Jonathan has translated many of the poems to English and written adaptations that convey the beauty and meaning of the poems.

Many members are working tirelessly in preparation for hosting the District 5 Convention to be held June 7-11.

Member Ernie Hanson celebrated his 90th birthday with friends and family, at English Lutheran Church.

Femten år siden (15 years ago) 2001

The Wergeland Dancers entertained at the June Pie and Ice Cream Social. In addition to their dancing, slides from their 30-year history were shown by Sandra Kawatski, as well as a video from their 1991 Disney World performance.

Representing Wergeland Lodge at the seminar for board members were Leif Marking, Evelyn Pertsch, Elaine Nelson, Pete Sherry, Shirley Schoeneld, Florence Overgard, and Richard Granum.

Sports medals were presented to Marian and Bob Mickelson and Leon Erdman (Bronze and Silver Walking), Marian Smith, (Bronze and Silver All Sports), and Janet Melby (Bronze, Silver and Gold All Sports).

The mission of Sons of Norway is to promote and preserve the heritage and culture of Norway, to celebrate our relationship with other Nordic countries, and provide quality insurance and financial products to its members.



Syttende Mai at Wergeland lodge



Agnetha Ames, one of our newest golden members.



Drugan's Castle Mound welcomes the lodge for our Syttende Mai banquet



Dave Amdahl presented "Syttende Mai in Stavanger"



The Wergeland Dancers ready to start the Westby Syttende Mai parade



Wergeland members enjoying the Syttende Mai banquet at Drugan's.



L-R, Dave Glomstad, Vivian Sacia, Sue Corbisier, Kristin Glomstad and Gary Corbisier raising the flag at City Hall.



Runa Nome, from Trondheim, Norway, and Rachel Trautmann display their Norwegian spirit.

May meeting minutes (cont'd from page 2)

Co-Cultural Director Shirley Schoenfeld announced the September 7, 2016 bus trip to Stoughton, WI still has room. Eight (8) seats are available and will sold on a first come, first served basis. Once the seats are filled there will be a waiting list.

Co-Cultural Director Mary Sween handed out cultural pin awards. Carol Stekkel was awarded cultural pins for knitting and hardanger embroidery. Lynn Curtis was awarded a cultural pin for cooking. Mary encouraged all of us to submit our applications for cultural studies to her before the end of May.

Shirley Schoenfeld introduced the evening's speaker Dave Amdahl and his wife Jill Amdahl. Dave Amdahl is from Decorah, Iowa and presented the program "Syttende Mai in Stavanger."

Vice President Ramona Johnson announced a geranium plant giveaway. The President drew the tickets. The winners were: Ann Monson, Heather Jacobson, Keith Briggs, Tom Monson, Cathy Els, and Helge Vestnes.

The meeting concluded at 8:06 p.m.

Attendance: 97 adults and 13 children = 110 total

Ann N. Kathan, Lodge Secretary

Bicycle fund raiser for scholarship fund

President Dave will again be riding to raise money for the Wergeland Unger Venner scholarship fund. This year's ride will take place on or about June 22 (when weather permits) and will be 53 miles. If you would like to make a pledge, you can do so at the June meeting or you can do it by email at gbpack-ernut@yahoo.com. When making a pledge, you can pledge an amount per mile (for example, .25 per mile times 53 miles would be \$13.25) or you can pledge a flat donation for the ride itself. Last year we raised enough to cover well over one complete scholarship at \$200.



Bus trip to Stoughton/Madison



Our bus trip to Stoughton and Madison on Sept. 7th has fewer than 10 seats remaining as of this printing. Once these tickets are sold, we will start a waiting list in the event that a seat opens up due to a cancelation. Again, the trip will visit Livsreise in Stoughton along with Mandt lodge for

lunch, the Nordic Nook gift shop and then on to Madison to the Olbrich Conservatory and beautiful gardens. As before, we will have coffee and a treat on the bus, and also make a rest stop on the way there, and on the way back. If you have any questions or want to get signed up, see Shirley at the next meeting or call her at 608-526-6596.

Sometimes on a Sunday at Norskedalen, June 5

"World War II Normandy Experiences" with Phillip Paulson

Phillip Paulson, a University of MN student and a graduate of Caledonia High School, will present a program on his experiences as a recipient of a Normandy Academic Scholarship. The scholarship was provided by Don and Glorianne Loeslie of Warren, MN.

The scholarship was given in memory of Glen Jostad of Caledonia. He was a Prisoner of War during WWII and was a friend of the Loeslies.

As a winner of this scholarship, Phillip joined several students throughout the United States and traveled to New Orleans to visit the WWII Museum and then on to Normandy, France. He spent the remainder of the time as a participant in a special series of presentations on WWII and Normandy's involvement in the War.

Welcome to the program at the Thrune Center at Norskedalen at 2:00 on Sunday, June 5th. Coffee and treats will be served following the presentation.

A little in English...

Teacher Else Magerøy has the whole world as her workplace. At home in Volda, she teaches seventh graders in over ten different countries.

Informative

"This job is incredibly exciting. I've learned a lot about countries I hardly knew anything about," she says. Haakon Rønn Stensæth in Samoa is one of her students, but all of the continents are represented in her class. "The challenge in this job is to give proper feedback, both positive and negative. It is also important to adapt the amount of content and tasks so that there won't be too much—or too little," she points out. Meanwhile, she must take into account that the students are located in different time zones. Therefore the students determine when they do school work. "We make weekly schedules that we put out every Friday, and so they have a deadline ten days later," explains Magerøy.

Supplemental schooling

The teacher from Volda is one of ten part-time teachers who work for Global School. They are spread across the country. In Hamar, Egersund, Drangedal, Hornindal, Skjervøy and Sørumsund teachers sit and teach students in Bangkok, Perth, Montreal, San Francisco and over 50 other locations around the world. "We have built up gradually," explains administrative manager Helge Standal. The first year—in 1998—the school had 15 students in 6th and 9th grades. Now the school is about to exceed 300 students in 60 different countries. "Most students use this schooling in addition to visiting national or international schools where they live," says Standal.

Challenges

What distinguishes Globalskolen from an ordinary school—besides the distance between teacher and pupil—are the interactive capabilities the internet offers. Communication between teacher and student is close and frequent. Text, audio and images are exchanged. In addition, discussion forums are made use of. "But there needs to be a good balance between distance learning and book-related tasks," says Else Magerøy. "And parents have a good overview. They can go in and read children's assignments and teachers' evaluations any time. "We obviously can't control what kind of help and input they get from parents, but it gives us a good sense of what level students are at—even if we never see them."

Litt på Norsk...

Lærer Else Magerøy har hele verden som arbeidsplass. Hjemme i Volda underviser hun syvendeklassinger i over ti forskjellige land.

Lærerikt

Denne jobben er utrolig spennende. Jeg har lært veldig mye om land jeg knapt visste noe om, forteller hun. Haakon Rønn Stensæth på Samoa er en av hennes elever, men i klassen er alle kontinenter representert. Utfordringen i denne jobben er å gi skikkelig tilbakemelding, både positiv og negativ. Det er også viktig å tilpasse stoffmengden og oppgavene slik at det ikke blir for mye - eller for lite, poengterer hun. Samtidig må hun ta hensyn til at elevene befinner seg i ulike tidssoner. Derfor bestemmer elevene selv når de skal gjøre skolearbeidet. Vi lager ukeplaner som vi legger ut hver fredag, og så har de leveringsfrist på oppgavene ti dager senere, forklarer Magerøy.

Supplement

Volda-læreren er en av ti deltidslærere som arbeider for Globalskolen. De er spredd over hele landet. I Hamar, Egersund, Drangedal, Hornindal, Skjervøy og Sørumsund sitter lærere og underviser elever i Bangkok, Perth, Montreal, San Francisco og over 50 andre steder rundt omkring i verden. Vi har bygd oss gradvis opp, forklarer administrativ leder Helge Standal. Det første året - i 1998 - hadde skolen 15 elever i 6. og 9. klasse. Nå er skolen i ferd med å passere 300 elever i 60 forskjellige land. De aller fleste elevene bruker dette skoletilbudet i tillegg til å gå på nasjonale eller internasjonale skoler der de bor, forteller Standal.

Utfordringer

Det som skiller Globalskolen fra ordinær skole - bortsett fra avstanden mellom lærer og elever - er de interaktive mulighetene nettet gir. Kommunikasjonen mellom lærer og elev er tett og hyppig. Skrift, lyd og bilder blir utvekslet. I tillegg brukes diskusjonsforumet flittig. Men det bør være en god balanse mellom nettbasert læring og bokrelaterte oppgaver, poengterer Else Magerøy. Og foreldrene har god oversikt. De kan gå inn å lese barnas oppgaver og lærernes evalueringer hele tiden. Hva slags hjelp og innspill de får fra foreldrene kan vi selvsagt ikke kontrollere, men etter hvert får vi en god følelse av hvilke nivå elevene er på - selv om vi aldri ser dem.

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Norskedalen Activities

Throne Visitors Center:
(January 1-March 31)

Monday-Friday: 8 am to 4 pm

Saturday: Closed

Sunday: Closed

Norskedalen 'Member's Use' Program in Place with Windshield
Parking Pass Sunrise time to Sunset time



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