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Wergeland Kalender

- ♦ July 7, General meeting at North Presbyterian Church, 7:00.
- ♦ July 12, 8:30 am, Board meeting at Perkins on Hwy 16 near the mall
- ♦ July 18, Deadline for Budstikken articles
- ♦ July 27, Budstikken mailed to members.
- ♦ August 4, General meeting at North Presbyterian Church, 7:00

Fra Presidenten



The Fourth of July is upon us as we find ourselves at the height of summer.

Our pie and ice cream social along with the concert by the Luren singers at our June meeting was a great success. We had close to 40 visitors for the night (not counting the singers) with one guest joining us from Bavaria in Germany. At the end of the night we had three pies left over which were donated to the Salvation Army.

By the time you are reading this, the 2016 District 5 convention will have been concluded and the delegates who attended will be supplying updates of what was learned and discussed there.

Looking ahead, our July meeting will of course be our annual pot luck meal which is always a great get together. Come early and remember that we will be having the potluck first with the food being served starting at 6:00 followed by the meeting and program at 7:00.

Looking ahead, Nordic Fest in Decorah is celebrating its 50th anniversary later this month (see page 6) and Holmen's Kornfest will be taking place August 19-21. We will again be fielding a unit to march in the parade so if you are interested, let me know.

Lastly, many of you know this but for those who don't there is an ironic connection between our fourth of July and Norway as July 4th happens to be Queen Sonja's birthday. Enjoy a safe and happy 4th of July holiday and I will see you at the next meeting.

Dave



Next meeting: Thursday, July 7, 2016, 7:00 PM

North Presbyterian Church, 1327 N Salem Rd, La Crosse



Program for July

The Governor from Hegg: The Americanization of a Norwegian immigrant's son"

by Glenn Borreson

Charles N. Herreid grew up in the tiny rural community of Hegg (where Glenn also grew up) in Trempealeau County, Wisconsin, where most folks were immigrant families from Norway's Hardanger Fjord. When Herreid was a young man, he left for the Dakota Territory to practice law and there he would eventually become South Dakota's governor, only the third governor in the United States with Norwegian ancestry. This program traces both the Americanizing influences in Herreid's early life and others which appear during his leadership in the American West. So our question is: how did he become more American than Norwegian?





July Birthdays

2 Luanne Hjelle
 2 Frieda Nowland
 3 Beverly Nelson
 5 Patrick Chang
 6 Miranda Rodriguez
 6 Evelyn Skogen
 7 Elnor Haugen
 8 Ciara Sween
 10 Samantha Schalow
 11 Bruce Friell
 11 Sandra Stavlo
 11 Eileen Temte
 12 Ann Sprain
 12 Leann Theisen
 13 Karen Scarseth
 14 Robert Brantley
 14 Carolyn Skogen
 15 Jenna Malzacher
 16 Richard Granum
 16 Marian Mickelson
 16 Marilyn Trisch
 17 Corrine Abegglen
 17 Kristin Glomstad
 17 Karen Kesselring
 18 Gary Gilbertson
 18 Alice McHugh
 18 Joyce Olson
 19 David Trautman
 20 Montaya Harter
 21 Whitney Herbert
 22 Judy Brown
 22 Don Peterson
 24 Nicholas Sween
 26 Sydney Crossland
 26 Linda Trautmann
 28 Shelley Jerviss
 31 Eugene Johnson
 31 Donald Sannes



Lunch providers for July

The July meeting will be a celebration of summer with our annual pot luck dinner. Please note that we will eat before the meeting this month (6:00) with the meeting and program to follow at 7:00. Bring a dish to pass--salad, main dish or dessert--and enjoy this annual treat (beverages will be provided) and then stay to meet our scholarship winners and enjoy our monthly program.

Program for August

At our August 7 meeting we will be presenting scholarships to our Unger Venner members followed by the program "Seneca Seasons: A Farm Boy Remembers" by Larry and Ann Scheckel.

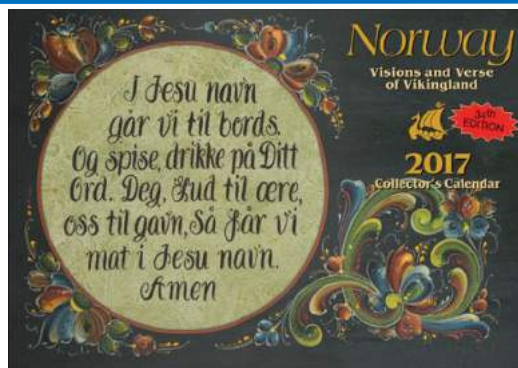
Sekretær Notater...

Minutes of the June 2, 2016 meeting

President Dave Glomstad commenced the meeting at 6:58 p.m. He welcomed the members and guests and the Luren Singers. The Luren Singers entered by lur fanfare. The group recited the Pledge of Allegiance and sang the Canadian, Norwegian, and American National Anthems. The Luren Singers performed the first half of their concert. Lodge member Lee Grippen sang with the group and has been an active Luren Singer for 16 years. During intermission, President Glomstad recognized the many guests in attendance. The President recognized all fathers in honor of Father's Day. The President asked for pledges for his upcoming bike ride. The pledges supplement the Lodge's Scholarship Fund. The President's daughter, Kristin Glomstad, is interning at Vesterheim in Decorah, Iowa and the President announced that the folk art exhibit is opening soon at Vesterheim. The exhibit includes an elaborate budstik. Nordic Fest is coming up in Decorah, Iowa on July 28 through July 30, 2016. All were encouraged to attend. The President recognized all those with June birthdays. The next general Lodge meeting is July 7, 2016 and it is our potluck meeting. Bring a dish to pass. The next board meeting is Tuesday, June 14, 2016 at Perkins by the Mall.

The Luren Singers performed the second portion of their show. Pastor Pete Peterson, a guest and a former Luren Singer, joined the choir for their traditional finale Aftensang. A pie and ice cream social was enjoyed by all plus a birthday cake in celebration of Lilly Jacobson's golden birthday—she turned 2 on June 2nd. Attendance: 139 total (not including the Luren Singers) Pie and ice cream table collection: \$282.00 Good will offering for Luren Singers: \$558.20

Ann N. Kathan, Lodge Secretary



2017 Norwegian calendars have arrived.

The cost this year is \$11.00. We have only 60 and they sell out quickly. Call Marilyn Rudser 608-519-1713 if you have an order for several calendars. I will have 10 calendars with me at each of the meetings.

Search for new home

Our search for a new place to hold our meetings is progressing as several facilities have been contacted and others have been brought forth as possible locations. Again, our hope is to find a facility that can host both the lodge meetings and provide practice space for the dancers. If you have any ideas, please don't hesitate to call or email president Dave.



CONVENTION

CORNER

The 2016 District 5 convention was held in Marshfield during June 23-25. Aside from the normal business of the convention, of special note to Wergeland members was our bid to host the 2018 convention here in La Crosse. A small group from Wergeland; Shirley Schoenfeld, Ann Kathan and Dave Glomstad, have been working with Jenni Maxwell from the Radisson hotel to prepare the bid and present it to the district 5 board. An update will be given at the July meeting. Also, keep an eye out for the "convention corner" in upcoming issues for the latest news on the 2018 convention.



Dis og Dat...

Ben Everson, unge member, graduated with honors from Brookfield Central on June 11. He earned a 4.2 gpa, was captain of the ski team and co-captain of the Elmbrook Swim Club. For the past three years Ben worked for Waukesha County, part time during the school year and was a full time lifeguard summers. He will attend UW Platteville this fall.

Cary Ivalis and Mary Everson Ivalis have purchased a home in the La Crosse area. They will divide their time between their home in a Hayward and La Crosse.

Tusen takk...

To everyone who brought a pie to the June meeting and to Ann Kathan for providing the Sweet Shop ice cream.

To everyone who donated to the annual bike ride by president Dave to raise money for the scholarship fund. We again raised well over one full scholarship.

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Condolences til...

Jan and Doc Brudos and family. Jan's sister, **Thelma Marie Sjolander** (99) of Tomah, died on Thursday, May 19, 2016.

A man came to Ole's door asking for a small donation for the community pool. Ole went back in the house, came back out and handed him a glass of water.

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The members of Wergeland Lodge know something about the history of Norway. We have all probably heard of King Harald the Fairhaired. Aren't we all supposed to be descendants of him? You can find out more through the *'Kings of Norway'*, a bilingual English-Norwegian book, with 3 DVDs to accompany it. It's a publication through Deb Nelson Gourley of Waukon, Iowa. Our library also has her popular book, *'Astri, My Astri'*.

In the olden days some of the kings appeared to be named for their personalities: Haakon, the Good; Olaf III, the Gentle; Magnus I, the Good; Magnus VI, the Lawmender; Sigurd I, the Crusader. Or, named for their physical characteristics: Magnus IV, the Blind; Sigurd II, the Mouth; Inge I, the Hunchback; Haakon II, the Broadshouldered; Haakon V, the Longlegs; Magnus III, the Barelegs. Or, named for their clothing style: Harald, the Graycloak. Or, maybe some that were not good kings: Eirik, the Bloodaxe; Christian II, the Tyrant; Harald II, the Har-druler; Eirik II, the Priesthater.

Don't you wish that our political candidates were good, gentle, lawmenders? I think we have a candidate running in the current presidential election that could be labeled 'the Mouth'?

Who is the King of Norway now? King Harald succeeded his father to the throne of Norway in 1991 upon his father's death. The King has said that his father was the first casualty of the Gulf War because he had a heart attack watching the first newscast about the war and thought it would be the beginning of another World War. The Royal family consists of King Harald (age 79), Queen Sonja, Crown Prince Haakon, and Princess Martha Louise. Prince Haakon is married to Crown Princess Mette-Marit; their children are Princess Ingrid Alexandra and Prince Sverre Magnus. Princess Mette has a son, Marius Borg Hoiby, from a previous marriage. The line of succession is: Heir - Crown Prince Haakon; 2nd - Princess Ingrid Alexandra; 3rd - Prince Sverre Magnus; 4th - Princess Martha Louise. Princess Martha Louise is married to Mr. Ari Mikael Behn.

In the book, *'Kings of Norway'*, you can read about the only previous queen of Norway, Queen Margrete I, who reigned from 1389-1412. In the future there could be another queen to reign, Queen Ingrid.

Karen Scarseth,
Librarian



Looking back through the Budstikken by Historian Karen Broadhead

Fem år siden (5 years ago)2011

A potluck dinner was enjoyed by members at the July meeting at the American Legion Hall. Owen Christianson presented the program about Vikings and the implements they turned on a lathe and used for eating, drinking, playing, and working.

Members Julia and Al Forde, Hjordis Helgestad, Beth Kambat, Carol Stekel, and Cathy Ells contributed heritage pieces and historical information for a month-long exhibit at Gundersen Clinic.

Elwood Harebo was honored at Logan High School and placed on the Logan Wall of Fame, in recognition of his many years officiating sports and working with youth and community organizations.

Ti år siden (10 years ago)2006

The July meeting featured a potluck dinner, followed by the program titled "America's Founding Fathers", presented by history buff Brian Rude, who is also a Wergeland member.

Many members contributed to the success of the District 5 Convention, held at the Radisson Hotel, and were thanked by co-chairs, Elaine Nelson and Vivian Sacia.

Pauline Abel was recognized by Gundersen-Lutheran Hospital as volunteer of the year.

Phyllis Branson was recognized in the La Crosse Tribune for being an outstanding volunteer in the community.

Femten år siden (15 years ago)2001

The July meeting was a potluck dinner at the Harry J. Olson Center. Elaine Nelson presented the program on superstitious beliefs which have long been a part of Norwegian culture. Members brought trolls and nisser to decorate the tables.

Vern Olson and Jean Marck each received a special pin for recruiting five new members to our Lodge. Twenty-five members received a pin for recruiting one member.

Wergeland Lodge earned a Sons of Norway Founders award for the year May 1, 2000, to April 30, 2001. The certificate noted that we were among the top 17 percent of all lodges for membership growth.

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.



Pie and Ice Cream Social



Co-social directors-Special for pie social: Florence Overgard, Doris Henderson and Betsy Stannard. Our biggest decision: pies, pies, pies. Which to eat? Missing is good friend Ramona Johnson visiting in Norway. Lucky!



Lynn Curtis along with her guest Sylva who is visiting the U.S. from Bavaria Germany. It was Sylva's first ever pie and she loved it!!!

The history of St. Olav Day



St. Olav's Day Celebrated across Norway on July 29, Saint Olav's Day is an official Flag Day and Norwegian feast day commemorating the accomplishments, contributions and memory of Olav II Haraldsson, otherwise known as the Patron Saint of Norway, Norway's Eternal King or Saint Olav. Olav was the first king to hold effective control over all of Norway, and was also responsible for establishing and spreading Christianity in Norway. After spending time as a Viking warrior in the Baltic region during his teenage years, and later discovering Christianity during his time in England, Olav returned home to Norway in 1015 where he fought for control of a country ruled by petty kings. At just 22 years old, Olav was accepted as the first king to reign over the entire nation Norway. Upon receiving military pressure from the king of Denmark and resistance from some citizens because of his enforcement of Christianity, Olav was forced to flee the country in 1028. After two years of hiding in Russia, Olav returned to Norway to reclaim his throne. It was at the Battle of Stiklestad near Trondheim in 1030 where he was ultimately killed. The Icelandic tales from historian Snorre Sturlasson speak of miracles that occurred during the battle as well as at the king's grave in Trondheim. In the year following his death,

Olav was declared both a martyr and a saint. Each year in celebration of Olav, the Saint Olav's Festival or Olavsfestdagene is held in Trondheim. Taking place from July 28 – August 6, festival activities include concerts, lectures, pilgrimage and free events along with celebrations and services at the famous pilgrimage destination Nidaros Cathedral. As an additional way to celebrate St. Olav's Day this year, take a walk along the pilgrimage routes known as St. Olav Ways. Whether you're able to start the actual pilgrimage to the Nidaros Cathedral in Trondheim, or want to make the journey at home by independently tracking your walking mileage through the Sons of Norway Virtual Pilgrimage and Sports Medals program, beginning the pilgrimage route can be a great way to celebrate Saint Olav this July.



Norway again on the big screen

Over the past several years, Norway and Norwegian themes have been showing up in movie theaters across the country. The Thor series has brought new life to the characters of Thor, Odin, Loki and the other inhabitants of Asgard and the movie "Frozen" relied heavily on Norwegian influences. This summer a movie based on Norwegian history will be in theaters when "The Last King" (originally released in Norway as "Birkebeinerne") is released. "The Last King" is set in Norway in 1204 with the country mired in Civil War. The film focuses on the journey of Skjervald and Torstein, the two famous skiers who deliver the infant king Håkon to safety in Nidaros (now Trondheim). The film is set in a violent time and as such is a pretty strong film. However, it also features much of the beauty of Norway including the snow covered winter landscape, towering mountainous terrain along with the Northern lights so if you're a movie goer interested in a Nordic theme, check it out this summer.

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 gbpackernut@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. We will keep the pledge period open until the July meeting.



Bus trip to Stoughton/Madison

Our bus trip to Stoughton and Madison on Sept. 7th has 7 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.



Norwegian folk art on display at Vesterheim

The national exhibition of Norwegian folk art is now open at the Vesterheim Norwegian-American museum in Decorah, Iowa. The exhibition features articles from four different categories: Rosemaling, weaving, woodworking and knife making. The Midwest features some of the finest artisans in Norwegian crafts and the exhibition promises to be well worth visiting. The exhibition will be on display through the last weekend in July when it will culminate with Decorah's 50th annual Nordic Fest.



A little in English...

Petroglyphs were used as billboards

The first interpretations of the petroglyphs at Kirkenes in Finnmark suggest that the place may have been an important hub for northern people of the Stone Age. The site is strategically located halfway into the fjord at Kirkenes in Finnmark. 6-7000 years ago, waterways were the most efficient way to travel. This was the highway for Stone Age people moving around, including hunting for prey. And right here at Gamnes, between the outlet of a river and the mouth of a fjord which opens up to the Barents Sea, there are a lot of rock drawings. Of reindeer and moose, in herds and alone, with and without their young. Generally the animals in the rock carvings face in different directions. But here most of the reindeer are depicted with their muzzles facing the same way.

"The reindeer are heading into the fjord. That may indicate that the rock art depicts a migration route," says Anja Roth Niemi. She is the project manager for the archaeological excavations under the auspices of the University Museum in Tromsø, UiT - The Arctic University of Norway. Niemi believes drawings showed where the animals lived and how they moved in the area. They were vital messages from one hunter to another.

Messages in stone

At this time, people in the north became more sedentary. This is shown in excavations of settlements. Smaller groups probably went out to hunt, and they followed the animals that changed pastures with the seasons. The central location made the carvings visible from several directions. Sea levels were higher then, and when hunters came to the fjord by boat they could hardly miss the drawings on the coast. "The rock art was very visible to people who traveled past. We imagine that this was an important landmark on the route," says Niemi. She thinks precisely the lack of variety in the artwork says something about the importance the place had for the people who used it. "Maybe the drawings were a kind of databank. This may have been a place where hunters exchanged information on animal behavior."

Hoping to find more

Niemi hopes this rare find may inspire walkers to look a little longer at the stone as they pass. Because even the untrained eye can detect petroglyphs. "Look for lines that seem a bit misplaced. We think there may be several drawings in the area, and it would be wonderful to find them."

Litt på Norsk...

Helleristninger ble brukt som oppslagstavle

De første tolkningene av helleristningene ved Kirkenes i Finnmark tyder på at stedet kan ha vært et viktig knutepunkt for steinaldermenneskene i nord. Stedet ligger strategisk plassert halvveis inn i fjorden ved Kirkenes i Finnmark. For 6-7000 år siden var vannveien den mest effektive måten å reise på. Dette var motorveien for steinaldermenneskene som beveget seg rundt, blant annet på jakt etter bytte. Og akkurat her på Gamnes, mellom utløpet fra elva inne i landet og fjordmunningen som åpner opp mot Barentshavet utenfor, er det masse motiver i fjellet. Av reinsdyr og elg, i flokk og alene, med og uten unger. Vanligvis peker dyr i helleristninger i alle retninger. Men her er de fleste reinene avbildet med snuten samme vei. Reinen går innover fjorden. Det kan tyde på at bergkunsten avbilder en trekkrute, sier Anja Roth Niemi. Hun er prosjektleder for de arkeologiske utgravningene i regi av Universitetsmuseet i Tromsø, UiT Norges arktiske universitet. Niemi tror tegningene viste hvor dyrene befant seg og hvordan de beveget seg i området. De var livsviktige beskjeder fra en jeger til en annen.

Beskjed i berget

På denne tida ble folk i nord mer bofaste. Det viser utgravninger av boplasser. Sannsynligvis dro mindre grupper ut for å jakte, og de fulgte etter dyrene som byttet beite med årstidene. Den sentrale plasseringen gjorde helleristningene synlige fra flere kanter. Vannlinja lå høyere den gangen, og når jegerne kom i båt på fjorden kunne de nesten ikke unngå å få øye på tegningene i vannkanten. – Bergkunsten var veldig synlig for folk som reiste forbi. Vi ser for oss at dette var et viktig landemerke på reiseruta, sier Niemi. Hun tror nettopp mangelen på variasjon i motivene kan si noe om hvilken betydning stedet hadde for menneskene som brukte det. – Kanskje tegningene var en slags kunnskapsbank. Dette kan ha vært et sted der jegerne utvekslet informasjon om dyrenes atferd.

Håper å finne flere

Arkeolog Anja Roth Niemi håper det spesielle funnet kan inspirere turgåere til å kikke litt ekstra på steinen de passerer. For selv et utrent øye kan oppdage helleristninger. – Se etter streker som virker litt malplasserte. Vi tror det kan være flere tegninger i området, og det hadde vært fantastisk å finne 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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