



Budstikken



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Wergeland Kalender

- ♦ August 4, General meeting at North Presbyterian Church, 7:00.
- ♦ August 9, 8:30 am, Board meeting at Perkins on Hwy 16 near the mall
- ♦ August 15, Deadline for Budstikken articles
- ♦ August 24, Budstikken mailed to members.
- ♦ September 1, General meeting at North Presbyterian Church, 7:00

Fra Presidenten



Welcome to the dog days of Summer. It hasn't been a terribly hot summer so far but during the last week the bike rides home from work have been a little steamy.

August is marked by back-to-school shopping and at our August meeting we are going to help four of our unger venner members with theirs. The insert included in this month's Budstikken contains the bios of the four scholarship winners from our lodge for this year. Once again it is an impressive group of motivated young people who are working hard toward their futures and I am sure you will join me in offering congratulations to them.

The other big news in our lodge these days is our successful bid to host the 2018 District 5 convention. This is a tremendous opportunity not only to promote our lodge here in the La Crosse area but also to welcome the other lodges from our district to the beautiful area that we call home. This area drew our ancestors here, many over 150 years ago, and still maintains the beauty that it did then. Our convention will take place at the Radisson on the banks of the Mississippi, nestled between the bluffs of Minnesota to our west and our own Granddad's bluff in La Crosse. Along with the great scenery in that location, we also have Riverside park and the friendship gardens along with Norskedalen to help round out the convention. During the next couple of months you will be hearing about different ways that you can help make this event a success and if you want to be involved a lot or just a little we can certainly use your help. If this sounds like something you would be interested in or if you just have an idea let me know and I will see you at the next meeting.

Dave

Next meeting: Thursday, August 4, 2016, 7:00 PM

North Presbyterian Church, 1327 N Salem Rd, La Crosse



Program for August

Seneca Seasons: A Farm Boy Remembers

By Larry and Ann Scheckel



Larry and Ann will present a PowerPoint talk and discussion of their latest book for the Wergeland Lodge. Larry takes us back to his boyhood days, growing up with eight siblings on the Crawford County 238 acre farm 2 miles from Seneca, Wisconsin, in the 1940s and 1950s in the hill country of southwestern Wisconsin.

With both humor and grace, he shares his memories of seasonal farm life and the one-room country school out on Oak Grove Ridge, which was the social heart of the community, from the basket social to the Christmas program and the end-of-the-year school picnic.

Join Scheckel on his nostalgic and evocative journey back to a simpler time when life revolved around family, farm, Church, and seasons. Larry and Ann will be available to sign books at the end of the presentation.



August Birthdays

1 Ardis Bolstad
 3 Marley Crossland
 5 Carly Olson
 6 Kent Drugan
 7 Ramona Johnson
 9 Ann Kathan
 9 Knute (Skip) Temte
 11 Sandra Kawatski
 12 Doris Henderson
 13 JoAnn Briggs
 13 Everett Hoff
 14 Sonja Banegas
 14 Susan Corbisier
 14 Ingrid Fowler
 14 LaVonne Larson
 15 James Anderson
 15 Sandra Nelson
 16 Vicki Christopher-son
 16 John Deal
 16 Heather Jacobson
 16 Gary Knudtson
 16 Steven Marking
 18 Dorothy Fregin
 18 Joshua Johnson
 19 Miles Chang
 19 Lynn Curtis
 19 Donald Woxland
 20 James Romskog
 21 Dennis Anderson
 21 Mary Ivalis
 22 Beverly Fuhrman
 23 Harry Bolstad
 24 Karla Johnson
 25 Brian Rude
 26 Christine Hanson
 28 Mary Sween
 29 Brennan Drugan
 29 John Erickson
 29 Jack Olson
 29 Miriam Wuensch
 31 Monroe Johnson

Lunch providers for August 4 meeting

Sandwiches (2 1/2 dozen): Jean Davis, Pam Knutson, Joan Everson, Marilyn Rudser, Ramona Johnson, Ann Kathan

Cheese & Crackers:

Cakes: Mary Sween, Carla Burkhardt, Mary Borreson, Doris Henderson, Dee Johnson

Fruit Plate:

Pickles: Karen Mathison, Karen Broadhead, Wayne Jacobson

Members are asked to donate \$2 per person at the lunch table for lodge expenses.

Program for September

The program for our September 1st meeting will be "Researching Scandinavian Ancestors" by Wergeland member Hannah Scholze

Sekretær Notater...

Minutes of the July 7, 2016 meeting

The members and guests enjoyed a potluck dinner from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. with a vast array of delicious food.

President Dave Glomstad commenced the meeting at 7:11 p.m. He welcomed the members and guests. He thanked all those who cooked and brought food for the potluck dinner.

The group recited the Pledge of Allegiance and sang the Canadian, Norwegian, and American National Anthems.

The President called for the introduction of guests. Fred and Dee Johnson introduced their daughter-in-law Becky Johnson from Clintonville, Wisconsin. Glenn and Mary Borreson introduced Donna and David Hawthorne from Onalaska, Wisconsin.

The President announced the minutes of the June 2016 general Lodge meeting were approved by the Board at the June Board meeting.

Treasurer Marilyn Rudser announced that photos of scholarship applicants are due to be submitted to Shirley Schoenfeld before the Board meeting on July 12, 2016 so that the photos can be printed in *The Budstikken*. Only three or four youth have submitted scholarship applications.

The Treasurer presented the Treasurer's report: The beginning balance of the Lodge Checking Account (Operating Account) as of June 1, 2016 was \$822.97. Total income of \$1,511.95 was received and total disbursements of \$646.83 were made during the month of June 2016. The ending balance of the checking account as of June 30, 2016 was \$1,688.09.

The Scholarship account had a beginning balance as of June 1, 2016 and an ending balance as of June 30, 2016 of \$2,051.00. The Memorial Account had a beginning balance as of June 1, 2016 and an ending balance as of June 30, 2016 of \$1,892.18. The Sons of

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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.

Dis og Dat...

Bev Ranis and **Karen Broadhead**, along with Bev's sister **Mary**, children, spouses, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, enjoyed the 18th annual Broadhead family reunion. Always held at the home farm, this year's activities included a rubber duckie race down the creek, euchre and cornhole tournaments, hayride, fishpond, crafting of fleece blankets for a charity, and making the ever-popular "nothings" (deep-fried sweet treat).

Lee Grippen, a member of the Luren Singers, participated in the biannual Sangerfest in Sioux Falls, SD. 12 Norwegian-American choruses participated. The Grand Concert on Saturday evening included 350 singers in white jackets along with black bow ties and slacks (photo below). The 2018 Sangerfest will be hosted in Decorah, IA by the Luren Singers. It will also mark the 150th anniversary of the Luren singers.



Condolences til...

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

Ruth and Hannah Scholze on the death of **Eugene Scholze** of Holmen, Ruth's father-in-law, Hannah's grandfather. He died June 13th.

Tusen takk...

The final total raised for the scholarship fund through the bicycle fund raiser was \$229.50. Thank you to all who donated.

Ole says "If at first you don't succeed, then skydiving is not for you."

CONVENTION

CORNER

As you are probably aware, Wergeland Lodge's bid to host the 2018 District 5 convention was accepted by the convention delegates in Marshfield and we are currently in the process of finalizing a contract with the Radisson hotel to host the event.

Monthly meetings will be held for planning the convention starting in August and if you would like to be a part of this, there will be plenty of opportunities to get involved. The various committees are being formed now so if you would like to be part of one or just have an idea of something you would like to see at the convention, please let convention co-chair persons Dave Glomstad or Ann Kathan know at the next meeting or give them a call.

Marchers needed

The Holmen Kornfest parade will be held on Saturday, August 20. and Wergeland Lodge will again be participating. We will flag bearers for the U.S. and Norwegian flags, two people to carry our lodge banner and 12-15 marchers to walk with the May pole (more would be OK too).

The parade is well attended and not too long. If you are able to participate, let President Dave know at the August meeting or give him a call.



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'*Norwegian Touches*' is filled with traditional recipes, Norwegian history, and beautiful pictures. Compiled by Louise Roalson and Joan Liffing-Zug Bourret it is the old 'Notably Norwegian' book, revised and expanded. A few kroner to Dregne's Hardware store in Westby recently brought this new book to our library. If you are working on your cooking cultural skills pin, this would be a good practice book. If you don't intend to cook, the pictures and historical information will interest you.

This is a quick read, an overview. You will find chapters on immigration, where Norwegians settled, stave churches, the decorative arts and crafts, Christmas traditions. Of course, recipes for the traditional foods that we grew up with: Fruit soup, rommegrut, rice pudding; lutefisk, lefse; meatballs and fish balls; sandbakkels, spritz, rosettes; apple cake and Julekake, Christmas bread. And, the traditional Norwegian celebration cake, Kransekake. The recipes inspire me to tie on an apron and get out the mixing bowl and oven mitts for a Norwegian baking day!

There is a short refresher on the history of the 'Restoration', the ship that brought 53 Norwegian immigrants from Stavanger, Norway, to New York in 1825, the beginning of the immigration stream from Scandinavia. This courageous group established the first Norwegian community at Kendall, Orleans County, New York. Check out this colorful book for interesting historical tidbits, recipes, and pictures.

Karen Scarseth,
Librarian

Ole and Sven were out fishing in Ole's boat one Saturday when Sven noticed his feet were getting wet. "You better fix dis boat, Ole, or ve'll be swimming to shore". The next weekend they were out again and the boat sank in just a couple of minutes. "I told you to fix dat boat Ole", said Sven as they started swimming. "I did" said Ole. "I drilled some holes in da bottom so all da vater could yust drain out".



Looking back through the Budstikken by Historian Karen Broadhead

Fem år siden (5 years ago)2011

Gene Johnson presented the August program featuring an American business with Norwegian roots. The Stoughton Trailer Company in Stoughton, Wisconsin began in 1865 as the T.G. Mandt wagon-making business, and is now owned by the Don Wahlin family.

Dorothy Paulikas, Karen Scarseth, and Cathy Ells attended the Triennial Gathering of the ELCA Women in Spokane WA, and then spent several days at Holden Village.

Julia Nordby celebrated her 97th birthday at Thunder Valley Inn in Wisconsin Dells.

Ti år siden (10 years ago)2006

Hal Cropp, Executive Director at the Commonweal Theater in Lanesboro, MN, presented the program on the life of Henrik Ibsen and his impact on the world of drama and his relevance for today. The Commonweal is the only theater in North America with an annual commitment to producing the works of Ibsen.

Brian Rude brought a guest from Hokksund, Norway to our lodge meeting. Tone Hostvedt Aarthun was in Wisconsin for five weeks and was sponsored by the Lions Club.

At the District 5 Convention, President Bing Skogen accepted the "Family Lodge of the Year" award for Wergeland Lodge. The award was instituted in 2005.

Femten år siden (15 years ago)2001

The August program was titled "Bergen: Faces, Places and a Little Bit of Bull", and was presented by Janet Melby.

Several guests from Norway attended our lodge meeting. Finn and Lisa Knudsen and their daughter Anna, from Trondheim, Norway, were visiting Ron and Vivian Sacia. Viggo Knudsen, son of Finn and Lisa, was an exchange student in 1991-92, and lived with the Sacias. Gene and Shirley Schoenfeld had visitors from Gausdal, Norway—Nils Reidar and Dagne Ekerhaugen and their son Rolf.

Milestone anniversaries were celebrated by several couples: Rich and Janet Fonstad, 50th, Kent and Mary Sween, 40th, and Gene and Shirley Schoenfeld, 25th.

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.



2016 District 5 Convention



Wergeland delegates Dave Glomstad, Shirley Schoenfeld, Ramona Johnson and Bev Nelson are all ears during one of the business sessions.



President Dave with Elspeth and Owen Christianson following their telling of the Viking sagas



Sons of Norway International president Jon Tehven addresses the delegates.



Lefse and cookies.



The Saturday morning coffee break included Norwegian treats supplied by Wergeland lodge members.

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Norway Savings Account had a beginning balance as of June 1, 2016 and an ending balance as of June 30, 2016 of \$7,049.58.

The President completed his bike ride in which the Lodge raised funds for the Scholarship Account. The Lodge raised \$229.50. He thanked everyone who donated.

The President discussed the 2016 Sons of Norway District 5 Convention that was held in Marshfield, Wisconsin on June 23 through 25, 2016. Five delegates attended: Dave Glomstad, Shirley Schoenfeld, Ramona Johnson, Beverly Nelson, and Ann Kathan. Our Lodge enjoys a strong positive reputation. Our Lodge was presented with several awards: An award for our newsletter *The Budstikken*; an award for the President; and the Gold Merit award as a Lodge. Only two Gold Merit awards were awarded in our caucus. Our coffee break sponsored on Saturday, June 25, 2016 was "a thing of beauty." He thanked everyone who donated cookies and treats.

The President announced the Lodge presented at the recent convention its bid for hosting the 2018 District 5 convention. The Lodge has been working with Jenni Maxwell with the Radisson. The bid was accepted unanimously (121 yes votes) and our Lodge will be hosting the 2018 convention at the LaCrosse Radisson. The President encouraged all members to join in and help with planning for the convention. The convention is a great opportunity to showcase our Lodge. All of the delegates learned a lot at the District 5 convention.

Ramona Johnson recognized the members who recruited new members in 2015. At the District 5 Convention, the Sons of Norway President John Tehvan encouraged us to actively recruit and retain new members. He challenged every member to recruit one new member. Ramona Johnson read the extensive list of recruiters and new members. She handed out pins to the recruiters and certificates to the new members.

The President announced there is room for six people for the upcoming September 7, 2016 bus trip to Stoughton and Madison. The cost is \$64.00. The bus leaves at 7:15 a.m. Shirley Schoenfeld announced the bus will leave at 7:15 a.m. from Sams Club and 7:30 a.m. from Wehrs Chevrolet. Parking is available at each location.

Co-Cultural Director Mary Sween presented cultural pins to Ann Kathan for Genealogy levels I and II. The President encouraged everyone to look at all of the cultural areas offered by Sons of Norway for study and earn pins. He announced District 5 has a new website that is impressive and all should take a look at it.

The President recognized all those with July birthdays. *Happy Birthday* was sung in celebration.

The next general Lodge meeting is Thursday, August 4, 2016. The next board meeting is Tuesday, July 12, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. at Perkins by the Mall.

Marilyn Rudser asked us to keep saving stamps for the Tubfrim program and saving greeting cards for the Veteran's program. The cards are recycled and sent to our service men and women. Children sell used stamps in the Tubfrim program.

Shirley Schoenfeld asked for two more people to sign up for sandwiches and pickles for next month's luncheon.

There were no further remarks for the good of the order.

Councillor Adrian Johnson described his and Ramona Johnson's recent trip to Norway. They visited four cities and spent a day in each. He has leftover kroner (1,050) that he will sell to anyone for the current exchange rate with no service fee. He closed the meeting with "may peace and harmony prevail in our Lodge."

The President thanked the officers and members for their time and efforts.

The closing song *Vi er et Folk* was sung by all.

Co-cultural Director Mary Sween announced that Larry Sheckel will present at the August Lodge meeting *Seneca Seasons: A Farm Boy Remembers*. She introduced Pastor Glenn Borreson who presented a talk on Charles Nelson Herreid (1857-1928) entitled *The Governor from Hegg: The Americanization of a Norwegian Immigrant's Son*. It is the story of a man who became Americanized more quickly than other immigrants and looks at the question of how does a Norwegian become an American.

At the conclusion of the presentation the President announced there is an art fair and wine tasting on Sunday, July 10, 2016 at the Norskedalen Heritage Site in Coon Valley, Wisconsin. Nordic Fest is coming up on July 28 through July 30, 2016 in Decorah, Iowa. It is the 50th anniversary of this celebration.

Attendance: 71 total

Table collection: \$151.00

Ann N. Kathan, Lodge Secretary

A little in English...

DNA hunters Open Viking Tomb in Normandy

Norwegian researchers have finally gotten to open the tomb of Viking leader Rollo's descendants. They want to find out whether Rollo was the same as Gange-Rolv from Møre. If so, the British royal family originated in Norway. A Norwegian-led delegation was in Normandy [in February] and opened the sarcophagus of two of Rollo's descendants. The aim is to put an end to a centuries-long debate: Was Rollo Danish or Norwegian? "We have been working to get this researched for about seven years, so to finally get collected material to test the DNA—it was big," historian and project initiator Sturla Ellingvåg from Foundation Explico said to NTB [Norwegian News Agency].

Rollo was the founder of Normandy, Count of Rouen and the great-great-grandfather of William the Conqueror, who is an ancestor of the English royal house. While Norwegian-Icelandic history via Snorre's sagas argues that Rollo and Gange-Rolv are one and the same person, Danish historians believe that he came from Denmark. Gange-Rolv, son of Ragnvald Mørejarl was exiled from Norway and supposedly settled in France.

Pulling Teeth

In January French authorities and the French church granted the Norwegian application to open the tomb of Rollo's grandson and great-grandson, Duke Richard the Fearless and son Duke Richard the Good. When they opened the grave [in February], researchers found among other things a lower jaw with eight teeth in the tomb of Richard the Good.

"The key is to find teeth, because the DNA can be good, even after so many years. Two forensic experts from Norway and Denmark snatched five teeth that are now being sent to the Institute of Forensic Medicine in both countries for analysis, says the Chairman of Samlerhuset (a Norwegian coin company) and The Norwegian Mint, Ole Bjørn Fausa. A result of the analysis will probably be available this fall and will be presented in cooperation with the French authorities. So it remains to be seen whether the answer indicates Denmark or Norway.

A Rare Event

Fausa describes the atmosphere at the tomb as an unbelievable experience: "As far as we know this is only the second time since the war that a king's tomb has been opened in France. Just to be part of it, and find the skeletons in there, it was exciting, solemn and unreal at the same time.

If Rollo and Gange-Rolv prove to be the same person, here is the historical significance: "If the British royal family originates from the coast of Møre, it changes for example the notion that the Norwegian royal family is young, with origins from the British and Danish [royal families]," says Fausa.

Litt på Norsk...

DNA-jegere åpnet vikinggrav i Normandie

Norske forskere har endelig fått åpne graven til vikinghøvdingen Rollos etterkommere. De vil finne ut om Rollo også var identisk med GangeRolv fra Møre. I så fall stammer det britiske kongehuset fra Norge. En norskledet delegasjon var i Normandie [i februar] og åpnet sarkofagen til to av Rollos etterkommere. Målet er å få slutt på en flere hundre år lang debatt: Var Rollo dansk eller norsk? – Vi har jobbet med å få dette undersøkt i rundt sju år, så å endelig få hentet inn materiale for å teste DNA, det var stort, sier historiker og prosjektets initiativtaker Sturla Ellingvåg i Stiftelsen Explico til NTB.

Rollo var grunnleggeren av Normandie, greve av Rouen og tiptippoldefar til Vilhelm Erobreren, som er stamfar til det engelske kongehuset. Mens norsk-islandsk historie gjennom Snorres kongesagaer har hevdet at Rollo og Gange-Rolv er en og samme person, har danske historikere ment at han kom fra Danmark. Gange-Rolv, sønn av Ragnvald Mørejarl, ble forvist fra Norge og skal ha bosatt seg i Frankrike.

Nappet ut tenner

I januar innvilget franske myndigheter og den franske kirken den norske søknaden om å åpne graven til Rollos barnebarn og oldebarn, hertug Richard den fryktløse og sønnen hertug Richard den gode. Da de åpnet graven [i februar], fant forskerne blant annet en underkjeve med åtte tenner i graven til Richard den gode:

Det avgjørende er å finne tenner, for der kan DNA-et, selv etter såpass mange år, være bra. To rettsmedisinere fra Norge og Danmark nappet med seg fem tenner som nå sendes til Rettsmedisinsk institutt i begge land for analyse, sier styreformann i Samlerhuset og Det Norske Myntverket, Ole Bjørn Fausa. Et resultat fra analysene vil trolig foreligge til høsten og skal presenteres i samarbeid med franske myndigheter. Så gjenstår det å se om svaret peker i retning av Danmark eller Norge.

Sjelden begivenhet

Fausa beskriver stemningen ved gravåpningen som en utrolig opplevelse: – Så vidt vi vet er dette bare andre gang etter krigen at en kongegrav er åpnet i Frankrike. Bare å være med på det, og finne skjelettene oppi der, det var spennende, høytidsstemt og uvirkelig på samme tid.

Hvis Rollo og Gange-Rolv viser seg å være samme person, får det historisk betydning: – Hvis det britiske kongehuset opprinnelig stammer fra Mørrekysten endrer det for eksempel oppfatningen om at det norske kongehuset er ungt, med utspring fra det britiske og danske, sier Fausa.

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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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