



Coming Attractions

April 19th
Monthly Meeting
6 PM
First Lutheran Church
521 North 8th St.
Manitowoc



the Vennskap Lodge News

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We begin, Anew!

It was close! It didn't appear that we would have a captain and we would be unable to set out on another voyage without someone at the wheel. However, at the last moment, one of the crew exclaimed that we could not let this adventure end and stepped forward to say "I'll do it". So, instead of being the final day for Vennskap Lodge, you are asked to assemble and board ship at 1800 hours-that's 6PM. March 15. All aboard! We begin our new Vennskap year a little older and time is taking its toll. We have members of our lodge who are in need of our prayers as they battle through physical recoveries or anticipate what must be done. We pray for those and hope for full recoveries.

Our winter snow-birds are finding their way back home, but complaining that their winter was full of hurricanes, tornadoes, and less-than warm conditions. Here in the frozen tundra area, it hasn't been bad! El Nino has kept things rather warm for 'winter' and we're ready to go! A new leader and new ideas! All leading to a new beginning. This is an anniversary month for Vennskap. March, 1993 began our journey. Let's continue!

All Aboard!

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Happy Birthday!

From The President...

Greetings, fellow members of Vennskap Lodge !
The days are getting longer and the sun seems a bit brighter each day, indicating the harbinger of Spring! Even tho temperatures are above freezing and the snow is melting, we Wisconsinites know there will be more of the white stuff falling and bitter cold days. But, those days will be fewer and fewer as we begin the Lodge's exciting plans for 2016.
It is with a very humble heart that I take pen in hand as your new President of Vennskap Lodge. In the years as a member of this great Lodge, I have come to learn of the dedication, cheerfulness, and many talents of you wonderful folks, whose roots I share, countrywise at least. Husband Don told me "This is for your Dad, Laurie. He would be so proud." Dad was born in Norway. This encouragement and yours, made it possible for me to say "Yes" to this important and a bit overwhelming calling. I need you, dear Lodge members, to help make this "work" for all of us. Know I will do my very best to serve you in this responsibility.
So, together, let's look forward to a 2016 filled with fascinating programs and opportunities. Help me learn. Help me serve. Mange Takk dear friends.

Most sincerely,
Laurie




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Vennskap President
2016

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Happy Anniversary Vennskap Lodge 1993-2016

This is a copy of the original application for a Sons of Norway Lodge approved March 27, 1993

	SONS OF NORWAY 1455 West Lake Street, Minneapolis, MN 55408 APPLICATION FOR CHARTER <i>The persons listed below are duly qualified charter members of Sons of Norway lodge Vennskap no. 5-622 at Sheboygan Falls, WI and hereby request the preparation and presentation of a document charter. The lodge was officially instituted on March 27 19 93.</i> <small>Please type or print clearly--alphabetical order--husbands and wives separately</small>
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We welcome our new members and officers for 2016. In coming editions, we will learn a bit more about our officers and Vennskap friends.

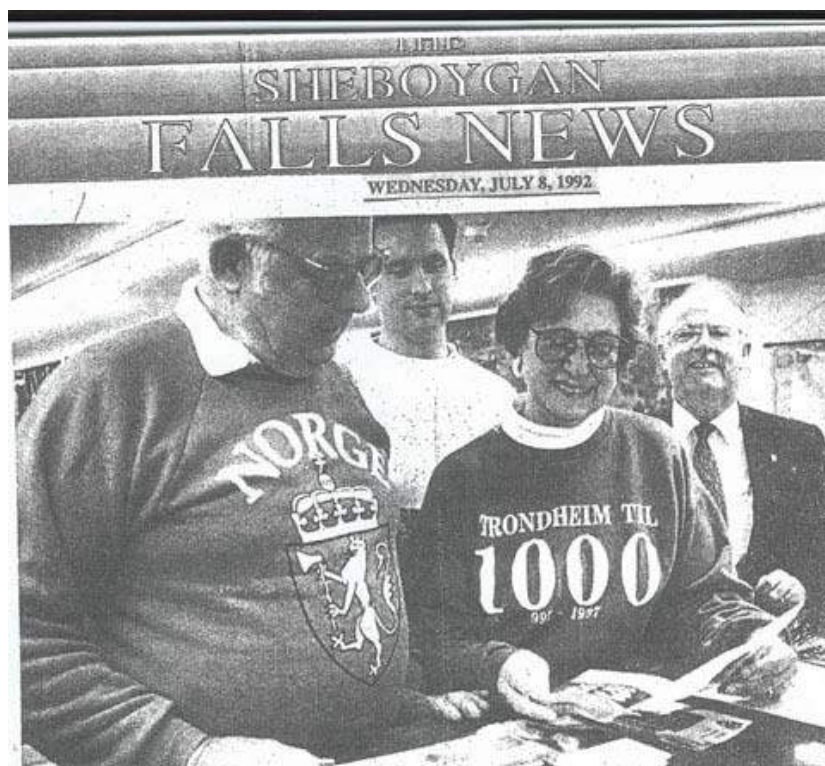


Cultural and Sports Director
Steve Olsen

Meet our 2016 Cultural Director...right from Denmark!

Steve Olsen is from Denmark! In fact, Steve and his wife still live in Denmark! That's Denmark, Wisconsin where Steve, with his wife, Mary, operate a farm. Earlier, he was a high school agricultural teacher as well as being the high school wrestling coach, later becoming a loan officer in a bank. Somewhere in that time, he married his Dutch wife and bought their farm in Denmark. Steve's Gr-grandmother was born in Arenhal, Norway, and later, with her family, moved to Copenhagen, Denmark. Being an earlier wrestling coach, perhaps we can talk Steve into a wrestling match with one of our members? Steve will also serve as our sports director. I wonder why?!

The Pre-organizational Meeting of A Sons of Norway Lodge 1992



“More than 20 residents of Sheboygan Falls, Sheboygan, Plymouth, Manitowoc and Waldo filled the Sheboygan County Historical Research Center in Sheboygan Falls to learn more about this new group”. (The Sheboygan Falls News report, 1993)



Ken Leffin became interested in organizing a lodge after his interest in genealogy grew. Featured in the newsphoto are Henry and Sonia Larson of Waldo with Sheboygan Falls resident, Ken Leffin, center and Duane Griffin of Milwaukee serving as the Regional manager of the Sons of Norway organization.

Vennskap Lodge 5-622 was officially instituted on March 27th, 1993.

“It’s Official!” was the headline on the first edition of The Vennskap News April, 1993

“The meeting will now come to order...”



Can you name ten big events that happened in March?

Did you know....

1. Texas declared its independence from Mexico in (1836).
2. The U.S. government issued paper money for the first time. (1862)
3. Yellowstone became the U.S.'s first national park. (1872)
4. Alexander Graham Bell placed the world's first telephone call, to his assistant in the next room. (1876)
5. Greenwood patented earmuffs, originally called the "Champion Ear Protector". (1877)
6. The Constitution of the United States of America went into effect. (1789)
7. The Star Spangled Banner became the National Anthem (1931)
8. Monopoly board game is invented (1933)
9. Alexander Graham Bell patented the Telephone. (1876)
10. Vennskap Lodge 5-622 received it's charter from SON (1993)

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What a month!!

And , this year, Easter is March 27th

Easter was April 5 in 2015... March 27 this year...April 12 in 2018

“Why doesn't it stay the same date every year??

The date for Easter changes every year because it is celebrated on the first Sunday after the full moon following the spring equinox.
(Now if we could just control that equinox!)

The Christian meaning of Easter is the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. To Christians, it is the most special day of the year. Yes, the birth of Christ is quite important. His resurrection offers the hope of everlasting life to everyone!

The word "Easter" comes from the Saxon pagan festival, honoring the goddess "Eastre" (also called Oestre) . Goddess Eastre's symble is the rabbit.

Easter Lilies are a popular flower and sign of Easter. Planted as a bulb, they can come up every spring!

Easter eggs: Eggs are a symbol of new life.
Easter Rabbits?? have a tendency to reproduce every year!

Vennskap Officers for 2016-2017

President	Laurie Shawhan
Vice President	-----
Secretary	Signe Jorgenson
Treasurer	Dolcye Johnson
Cultural/Sports Director	Steve Olsen
Membership Secretary	Naomi Dickrell



Vennskap Lodge President
2016

Laurie Shawhan

Appointed Positions/Duties for 2016-2017

Program/ Social Committee	Mike Jurgens , Virginia Mikkelson Gary Henderson , Carol Wickland
Publicity Director	Liana Mecha
Editor	Dell Solberg
Marshals	Mike Jurgens (north) Ken Wickland (south)
Greeters	Vi Rue Dolcye Johnson Carol Wickland
Historian/Librarian	Elizabeth Humke
Tubfrim Chairman	Virginia Mikkelson
Sunshine Chairman	Jere Solberg
Refreshments	Inez Jurgens & Liana Mecha (north) Dorothy Jurgens & Sally Neuhaus (south)
Lutefisk Dinner Chair	Gary Henderson



Together, we can accomplish much.

Vennskap Meeting Schedule for 2016

March 15, 2016	Sheboygan
April 19, 2016	Manitowoc
May (Date to be determined)	Banquet Sheboygan area
June (Date to be determined)	Picnic
July 19, 2016	Sheboygan
August 16, 2016	Manitowoc
September 20, 2016	Sheboygan
October 18, 2016	Manitowoc
November 15, 2016	Sheboygan



Let's sail!

**We begin at the meeting
March 15th 6 PM
Sheboygan**

Are you ready for...HRAED MONATH”?

The Anglo-Saxons called the month ‘Hraed monath’ (March) which means Stormy month .

The word ‘March’ comes from the Roman ‘Martius’. This was originally the first month of the Roman calendar and was named after Mars, the god of war.

March used to be the first month of the year until 1752. March was the beginning of our calendar year. We changed to the ‘New Style’ or ‘Gregorian’ calendar in 1752, and it is only since then that we begin the year on the 1st of January.

Spring comes late, but

The first day of Spring is also known as the Vernal Equinox. This marks the day that the sun’s path is directly over the equator. This day also contains equal amounts of day time and night time. This day typically occurs each year on March 20, or on March 21 on some years.

Summer comes quicker in Europe!



Europeans go by the clock!

Summer Time begins Sunday March 27, 2015 at 1:00 a.m. GMT. Clocks will shift forward 1 hour, becoming 2:00 a.m. BST. BST begins the last Sunday in March and ends the last Sunday in October. All members of the European Union adhere to BST as of 1996.

(Seems like I’ve heard this before!)

‘A dry March and a wet May
Fill the barns with corn and hay’.

‘ March winds and April showers
Bring forth all the May flowers’.

‘When March comes in like a lion
It goes out like a lamb’.

“Wait, Lars, I can’t find ..”

Ingrid and Lars had stopped at a roadside restaurant for lunch. After eating, they had driven for half an hour before Ingrid realized she had forgotten her glasses back at the restaurant. It took a while to get turned around and Lars was grouchy as all get-out. He complained, scolding Ingrid all the way back. When they finally got there, Ingrid got out of the car and hurried to the restaurant. Lars rolled down the window and yelled, *“While you’re in there you might as well get my hat and the credit card!”*

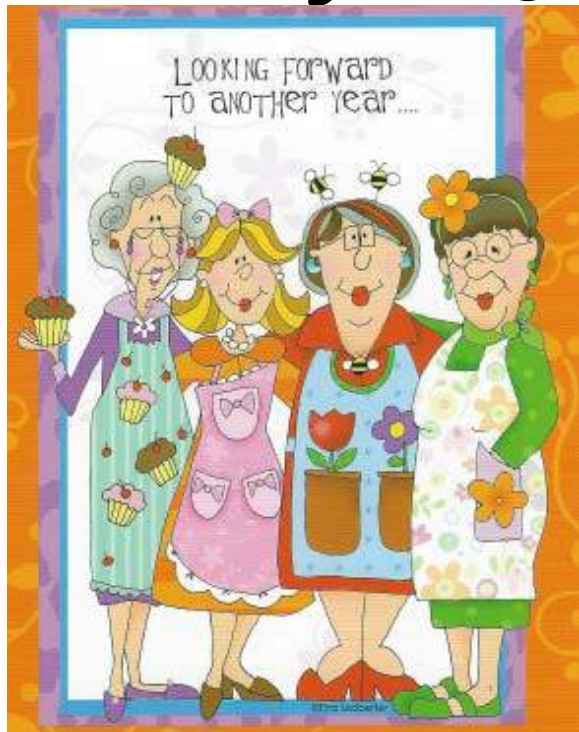
One of the flowers most associated with March is the narcissus (Wild daffodil). Named after the boy in Greek mythology, who was changed into a flower. Narcissus is also known as Lent Lily because it blooms in early spring and the blooms usually drop before Easter. It is the main daffodil species of Britain.



Want to learn what’s happening in Scandinavia?

“VennskapNews” began as a lodge blog, but due to a lack of reporters, it morphed into a bi-weekly report of interesting news about our “old country”. For those interested in District five or want to read other lodges newspapers (as well as our own), links are included! Check it out. If you have something to add, e-mail the Blog-guy, Dell Solberg. Check out vennskapnews.blogspot.com on your computer or tablet.

The *Lady's* Page



After a hard day at the office, Ole was anxious to call it a day. Lena was feeling romantic and wanted to talk. "You used to hold my hand when we were dating." Ole held her hand for a second and closed his eyes. "Then you used to kiss me." Irritated, Ole pecked her on the cheek and rolled over. "Then you would bite my neck." Angrily, Ole threw back the covers and got out of bed. "Where are you going?" Lena asked. "To get my teeth!"

Life expectancy would grow by leaps and bounds if green vegetables smelled as good as bacon.

QUICK & EASY CHICKEN SOUP

1/2 cup water
2-14oz cans chicken broth
2 1/4 cups chopped celery, onion, & carrot
1/2 tsp black pepper
1/8 tsp salt
1 lb chicken breast tenders, cut in small cubes
1/4 cup uncooked pasta
3 tbsp pesto
2 tbsp lemon juice
1/4 cup shredded Parmesan cheese

Bring water and broth to a boil. Stir in vegetables, salt, pepper and chicken and bring to a boil. Add pasta; cook 4 minutes. Stir in pesto and lemon juice and simmer 1 minute. Sprinkle with cheese.

NORWEGIAN CORNER

Borrowed from Lorraine Selvick

many thousand thanks
mange tusen takk
(mong-eh too'sen tuck)

take it easy
ta det med roll
(tah deh meh roo)

good grief!
bevare meg vel
(bee-var-eh my vel)

Folks of many nationalities like to celebrate the Irish holiday of St Patrick's Day. Norwegians had a great impact on Ireland's heritage and culture. Dublin, Cork, Wexford, Limerick, Howth and Fingall began as Norwegian/Viking settlements. While celebrating this day with a green beer and an old folk song, remember to offer a toast to Norway!



Pass the syrup, it's International Waffle Day!

Originating in Sweden, Våffeldagen is celebrated March 25th. It's a day when you can waffle on decisions and, of course, eat waffles! This date coincides with the Feast of the Annunciation and is considered the beginning of spring in Sweden and Europe. Waffles date back to the 1300s in Greece where they cooked flat cakes between 2 metal pans. The Greeks topped their waffles with cheeses and herbs. No syrup back then.



Vennskap 5-622 has had fun! We've done some good things,
and it's time to accomplish more!



What a friendly group!

1995



On Parade



And there's more to come!



We deserve a hand,
but we have more to do.



We've got our leaders all in place and they are ready to go!

See you at the meeting March 15th 6 PM
First United Church ~ Sheboygan