



Christening in Norway

Members. Elaine and Bill Bethke, have friends in Oslo, Norway, who were blessed with a new grandson in 2015. Their Christmas card to Bill and Elaine contained this photo of the christening of new grandson, Sverre. Elaine thought the lodge might enjoy seeing the bunads worn by the family for the special event.

On the back of the card grandmother Siri describes their family bunads. Those of son Martin (father of the baby) and Siri are from Telemark (where grandfather Eldar is from). Daughter in law Lena's bunad is from Ostfold where she is from and her mother's is from Lofoten where she was born.

Norwegians may dress casually for the most part, but for special occasions the traditional bunads are very much "in style." Weddings, funerals, confirmations, holidays, Syttende Mai, special dinners are other occasions when such dress is the most proper attire. Young people often receive an adult size bunad as a coming of age gift, but many have had a series of smaller bunads as they grew up.

Bill and Elaine met Siri and Eldar on an exchange trip. They stayed in each other's homes on trips to Norway and the United States.

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Fra Presidentent

Daffodils, rain, crocuses, sleet, green grass, snow, rhubarb, wind, isn't spring in Wisconsin wonderful!

2016 is such an exciting year with our 20th anniversary coming up in July. Watch for further information.

I'll be attending the 100th Anniversary of Solvang Lodge in my home town this month. What an accomplishment!

May will bring Syttenmai celebrations in many places. I hope everyone can attend to help celebrate our heritage.

For our June meeting we will be having a mid Summer's Eve celebration at Sheri Novaks home with a potluck, Bon fire and entertainment. More later.

The Sons of Norway convention in June is in Marshfield this year. Anyone can attend and they are always looking for volunteers to help Wednesday through Sunday. Two hour shifts are what they are asking for. It's an exciting place to be.

The board of directors has taken on the responsibility for our programs this year. There have been some wonderful programs and we look forward to the rest of the year.

Thank them when you see them.

Maren Nelson
President

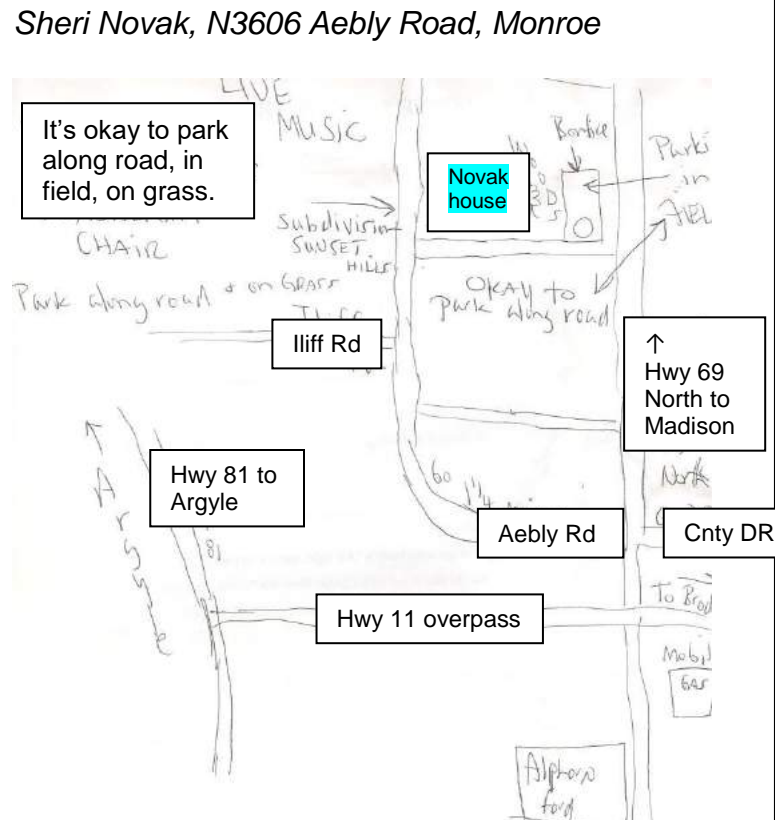
May 12 social

Syttende Mai Celebration potluck. Monroe Sons of Norway Ostestaden Lodge will hold it's annual Syttende Mai (Norwegian Independence Day) celebration potluck on Thursday May 12th at the Union Presbyterian Church in Monroe WI. Members please bring a dish to pass, your own beverage and table service. The entertainment will be by the two foreign exchange students living in Monroe this year. Dinner will be at 6:30 with the meeting and program to follow. This is a great chance to try out Sons of Norway as guests are always welcome!



June 9 social, 6:30 PM

We are reinventing what the Little Norway has now lost...the midsummer bonfire celebration. LIVE ENTERTAINMENT is accordion/guitar duo from New Glaurs, Ron Kittleson and Rosalie Huntington. Bring: dish to pass, your own beverage, table service, flashlight, chair. See you there! Skol! (Thank you) (If there is bad weather, we will announce on the radio and meet at UPC.)



March social report

Chris McGinnes, Deb Thompson, Mary Kay Ellefson, and Kathy Whitaker are the “Junction Jammers.” They played accordions, keyboard and spoons for almost an hour. We tapped our toes and hummed along. The Jammers got together last Cheese Days for the 100 accordion call. Now they play the second Wednesday at 1 p.m. at the Junction House and at nursing homes.



April social report



Darlene Arneson is the Community Manager for Relay for Life. Her father survived non-Hodgkin's lymphoma cancer for many years. Her Stoughton SON Lodge supports a community walk as every family is affected by cancer. Brodhead hosts a walk on June 18. More information is available at

DarleneArneson@cancer.org .

Darlene also brought us information on the upcoming District Convention and invited us on the Nordic Fest trip to Dekorah sponsored by the Stoughton SON Lodge.

Mat Club report

Greetings from your Cultural Director! This past Sunday we had our Mat Klub..oh what fun and very yummy. Thank you to our own nutrition expert, Cathy Smith for prepping the recipes. We had fresh wild cod from Behring Sea (the skipper recently spoke to our group), quinoa / rice pilaf with cranberries, rutabagas, 7 layer Norwegian salad, coconut macaroon cookies, lefse, and rommegrot. Are you drooling now? Great fun was had by all. I called it Fancy Pants Norway style kind of a day! We will be sending this in for a medal under cooking skills. Nice going group!

Sheri Novak



The mission of Sons of Norway is to promote and to 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.

Calendar 2016

May 5 5:30 Board meeting
 May 12 6:30 Syttende Mai Celebration potluck
 May 24 5:00 Highway pick up
 Jun 2 Board meeting
 Jun 9 6:30 Mid Summers Celebration potluck at Sheri Novak's home.
 Jul 7 Board meeting
 Jul 14 20 year celebration, plated meal at Peppercorn
 Aug 4 Board meeting
 Aug 7 District picnic at Arneson's
 Aug 11 6:30 Picnic potluck, bring your own beverage.
 Aug 18 5:00 Highway pick up
 Sep 8 Board meeting
 Sep 8 6:30 Social meeting, Coffee roasters
 Oct 6 Board meeting
 Oct 13 6:00 Auction
 Oct 27 5:00 Highway pick up
 Nov 6 Board meeting
 Nov 10 Rosemaling by Elaine Bethke & Jean Busker
 Dec 1 Board meeting
 Dec 8 Christmas Party

June Convention

June 22-26, 2016, the District 5 Convention is in Marshfield. Bill Bethke, Elaine Bethke, and Jean Busker are our delegates. One does not have to be a delegate to attend. Four classes are offered on rosemaling, wire weaving, Hardanger, and genealogy. President Owen Christianson will talk about the longhouse he built and a storyteller will tell tales from the Sagas.



Shirts and pins bear Kittleson's artistic design. The loon and cattails reflect the Marshfield location. The theme is about bridges between lodges and with the past. Note the troll crossing the bridge and carrying a modern tablet.

Highway pick up

About 5:00 PM on May 24th, meet at Pleasantview Park corner of Hwy 81 and Hwy N. Help pick up trash and make Hwy 81 cleaner. Eat out after.

*Gratulerer med Dagen!
(Happy birthday)*

MAY	JUNE
Bradley Goplen	Sam Hanson
Lois Gordee	Helen Miller
Mary McCauley	

Don't forget to drop a dollar in the Birthday/
 Anniversary can for your Birthday or Anniversary.
 This pays for supplies—plates, cups, coffee, juice.

Treat schedule

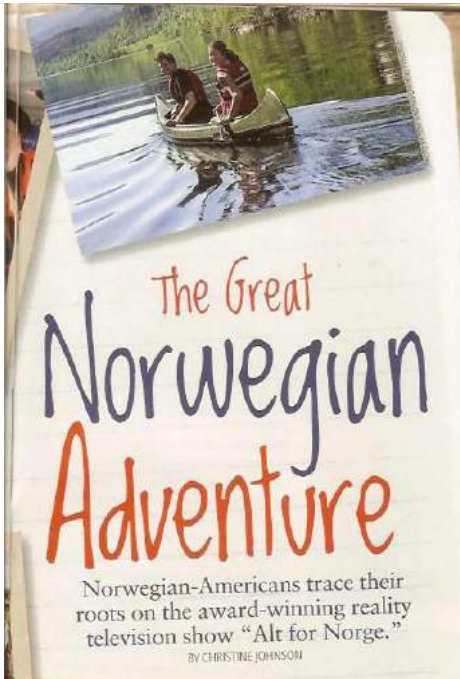
MAY	Syttende Mai Celebration pot luck, Marsha beverages
JUN	Mid Summers Celebration, pot luck at Sheri Novak's, bring your own beverage.
JUL	20 year celebration at Peppercorn, sit down meal
AUG	Picnic potluck, bring your own beverage.
SEP	Cathy Smith 325-2697 (clynnrd@yahoo.com) Jan Johnson 329-5925 (janetjohnson@charter.net)
OCT	Marsha for treats and beverages
NOV	Helen Miller 325-4777 (hlmiller@wekz.net) Pat Johnson 329-6392 (quiltjohnson@tds.net)
DEC	Christmas Celebration committee

Grants available

Grants are available from the Sons of Norway Foundation:

- Norwegian themed programming
- Community events, musical theatrical performances, cross-cultural exchange groups, Nordic cultural fairs, etc.
- Student mentoring, school supplies or Norwegian themed presentations
- Post high school scholarships

Applications at
www.sonsofnorway.com/foundation



Norwegian Reality Show

Sons of Norway member, Jamie Larson, would like a role in the Norwegian television reality show, Alt for Norge. He heard about the Norse tv show that featured Americans who have a heritage of Norwegian ancestors but have never visited Norway.

Jamie sent a video introducing himself. The casting company interviewed him but that is as far as he got, this time.

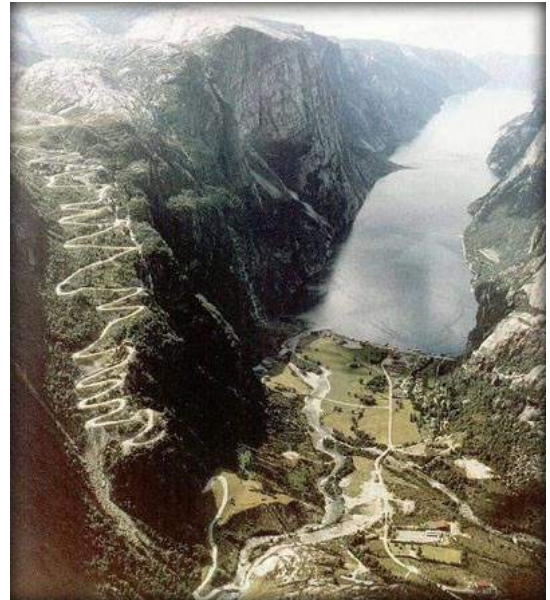
“Alt for Norge” takes selected Americans with Norwegian background and sends them to Norway. There they are divided into teams and do a series of challenges like hiking, canoeing, learning Norwegian songs, answering questions, dog sledding, etc. The participant who displays the best showing of knowledge, skills, love of Norway and enthusiasm (plus the most points) is chosen winner. The prize is \$50,000 and another trip to Norway with family to meet Norwegian relatives.

Jamie says he is determined to visit Norway. He will get there one way or another.

About Norway



Thinking of biking in Norway? You will find fantastic roads, stunning scenery and friendly people. Roads are quiet and in fine state of repair. You've got all those winding mountain and fjord passes with loads of hairpins to ride! The people are welcoming, especially towards bikers who they seem to regard as having a shared Viking spirit of adventure.
BIKERS advice.com



Jamie and Paul volunteered to help share Norwegian culture with third grade students in Stoughton.



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Bradley Goplen, Photographer

Jamie Larson, Facebook

Sons of Norway Ostestaden Socials
the 2nd Thursday of each month

with a light lunch at 6:30 PM and program at 7:00 PM
 UPC, 2707 5th St., Monroe, WI 53566

GRANTS
 available.
 See page 4.