

ORD FRA PRESIDENTEN**WHAT LIES AROUND THE BEND?**

No one knows for certain the answer to that question, but I do know that Vennelag is poised for another great year. Thanks go to you, our members, for keeping Vennelag Lodge vibrant and growing.

The projects that our lodge has helped to fund are nearing completion. New lighting will be installed in the Community Center parking lot, following renovations in the lower level of the building. That remodeling is nearing an end, and the outside upgrades will be installed soon.

All of the dragon heads are now in place at the Military Ridge State Trail rest stop. Crafted by local artisan Dan Ganch, these representations make known to all that Norwegians have a presence here! When the last troll has been placed, our members will have an option for a photo opportunity. Stand tall, Vennelag members-YOU make a difference! See Picture.



The new Norwegian flag at the rest area was provided by the Village of Mt. Horeb. The trail section that our lodge adopted last year remains pristine. My walks several times a week help to ensure that any waste that is dropped is collected and disposed. Minor vandalism has been reported to the Village for correction. The trail is a treasure for this community and is widely used each day by people of many age groups and from locations near and far. It is our honor to showcase our portion of the trail. Takk for hjelpen.

Additional Norskies have presented themselves for membership, boosting our roster toward an all-time high. We are fortunate to receive each one. With them comes a variety of life experiences, skills, and knowledge. I extend a hjertilige velkommen til alle (a heartfelt welcome to all).

Cheryl



F.Y.I., members...I will be out of the country from September 9th-September 30th. Should you have a Lodge concern, please contact Vice President Carolyn Johnson: cmj@chorus.net or Vennelag Counselor Chuck Mørkri: nordic@tds.net. Carolyn will conduct the September 11th Board meeting, as well as the September 26th Lodge meeting. If I can assist you with anything before departure, please make me aware: rogrcher@mhtc.net, or by phone: 608-219-4464.

Thank you,
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Sons of Norway
A heartfelt thanks to every one for all the wonderful birthday cards. What a wonderful surprise for my 90th Birthday. I really appreciate your thoughtfulness and kindness for taking time out to sending cards to me. Thank you and God Bless you all!
Sincerely - Hilda Oimoen



Yes... Argyle may be a town named to honor a Scottish Duke - but for many, the town evolved around lutefisk, lefse and plenty of Norwegian heritage as well. Thus - the Sons of Norway were also well represented Sunday in the 175th parade! Arlene Watrud Krueger, Linda Erickson Coughlin and Mark Hanson were just a few parade float participants helping anchor a 'Sons of Norway' Vennelag Lodge 513 float entry (originating from Mount Horeb) in Argyle's 2019 parade, celebrating 175 years! And the float driver, hauling the contingent of Norsk, out of the north? Another local area native - from Blanchardville - Allen Watrud.

Hilda Oimoen is the mother of members Lana Dyreson AND David Oimoen.



We made it into the Pecatonica Leader!

Thanks to all who ventured to Argyle on July 28 to ride in the S.S. Vennelag during the 175th Anniversary Parade. FUN FACT: Argyle became a town four years before Wisconsin statehood! Comments heard were complimentary of our participation there and for allowing the locals see the famous ship that once belonged to the Norseman Supper Club.

Mallards baseball game



Twenty-one Vennelag members made the trek to the Duck Blind at Warner Park to watch the Madison Mallards in action. Food and beverages were plentiful, as was the chance to enjoy America's pastime - talking smart!

LOOK AT US IN THE STOUGHTON COURIER HUB PAPER!

The Vennelag team, with members Ron Goplin and Allen Watrud, competed in the Stoughton Kubb tournament on July 27.



TUBFRIM
Save used stamps and expired or used phone cards for Tubfrim to help disabled children and youth in Norway. Cut leaving about 1/4 inch around each stamp on all sides. Bring them to a lodge meeting.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM KAFFE STUE

The preparation!



The meatball mavens



Chillin' in the cupboard



Bake sale crew



Kitchen workers -



Lots of work to be done



Great conversations!



A meeting of the minds



Check-in time



The preparations continue.

The Kaffe Stue is here!



Prep crew



The \$\$\$\$ handlers



A work of art



Kaffe Stue guests



The Kaffe Stue was enjoyed by all ages.



Classes offered to you...our members

The Mt. Horeb Landmarks Foundation is pleased to be offering a rosemaling class Saturday, September 7 and a Kolrosing class Saturday, October 12. Are you interested in learning the skills of traditional Norwegian Cooking, Literature, Stamp Collecting, Rosemaling, Genealogy, Knitting, Norwegian Language, Hardanger Embroidery, Figure Carving, Weaving, Ornamental Wood Carving, Chip Carving, Folk Dancing, or Music of Norway?

Did you know that Vennelag Lodge is offering some of these classes (cooking, Literature, Genealogy), while others are offered in the area? Check out the Madison Hardanger Society or classes offered in Stoughton.

You can earn cultural medals by taking any of these classes. If a class is not scheduled, don't be intimidated to tackle that skill on your own!

Contact Tiffany for further information needed to complete a Cultural Medal for one of the 14 classes listed above.

Tiffany
Cultural Director

DO YOU WANT TO RESEARCH YOUR FAMILY?

We would like to offer a Genealogy study but we need your input.

Below is the survey that we need you to complete, cut out, and return to Tiffany.

Our genealogy study will partner with the Norwegian-American Genealogical Center. There will be limited class space. During class we will be instructed in how to do research using Norway's records. We will have access to the books in the library or online databases. **There is a fee for this day long class.** Start compiling any research you have done and have a goal or two in mind for the class.

If you are interested in earning a genealogical medal from the Cultural Skill Unit of the Sons of Norway, there will be time during the day to fill out paperwork.

Takk!

Which month works better for you? (circle one) January February March

Using the rating scale of 1 to 5 (1 being best and 5 being least), rate the days of the week as they work for you.

____ Monday ____ Tuesday ____ Wednesday ____ Thursday ____ Friday ____ Saturday

Please this formand return to Tiffany Schwoerer at the [September 26](#) meeting or by mail at: 220 Durst Rd., New Glarus 53574

VELKOMMEN TO OUR NEW MEMBERS:

Carol Hassemer
Anne Garlock Iverson
Joakim Wichstad Mortveit



SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

September 11
October 9
November 13
Dec 11-12--Lefse Baking for holiday sale
December 14-Lefse Sale (Sellers needed)

UPCOMING LODGE MEETINGS/EVENTS

September 26
October 24
November 2 Norwegian Baking Workshop
November 21 (1 week earlier)
November 30-BREAKFAST WITH SANTA
December 1-JULETREFEST **SUNDAY**

October is Foundation Month!

We will be conducting a basket raffle during our October 24th meeting for the Foundation this year, as we did in 2018. Members may work together to make a basket or families may create their own contribution.

Get creative! Choose a theme and have fun finding things to match the theme you've selected. Suggestions: favorite beverages, travel items, tickets for sporting events or movies, dining gift cards, books, or card playing. Photography, sewing, stamp collecting, wood-burning, or calligraphy items are other suggestions. The sky is the limit for other ideas.

Add ribbons or some other items that attract attention to your basket.

The Mission of the Sons of Norway Foundation is to award scholarships and grants to promote the heritage and culture of Norway and to assist our members, lodges, and their communities.

Cherishing the Past

By supporting lodges and members involved in:

- ❖ Norwegian Cultural Skills
- ❖ Restoration and Preservation Projects
- ❖ Historical Research

Cultivating Opportunities Today

In aiding our lodges and communities by:

- ❖ Encouraging Cross Cultural Exchanges
- ❖ Promoting Lodge Events and Programs
- ❖ Supporting Sons of Norway Initiatives and Outreach Programs
- ❖ Studying the vibrant Norway of today

Embracing the Future

Creating Opportunities for Study and Exploration:

- ❖ Scholarships to College Students
- ❖ Scholarships to Children's Heritage Camps
- ❖ Funding for Exploration and Research

Begin planning now to participate in this very worthwhile program! If questions, contact Harley Skjervem at hskjervem@gmail.com



Here Comes Troll Mountain!

A fitting tribute to former Vennelag President George Sievers has begun to take shape. Located just north of the first roundabout on Mt. Horeb's eastside, this rock sculpture will be difficult to miss. Stones were moved into place and tall grasses which will make the troll's hair wave have been planted. Beneath the troll's eyes are additional plantings which will be visible next year. Grass has been sown completing the vision of a troll rising forth from the hill.

Vennelag Lodge, in addition to many additional District 5 Lodges, as well as groups, and individuals have contributed to the funding of this project. Janice Sievers, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Village of Mt. Horeb are working jointly on bringing this venture to fruition. It only seems fitting that the Troll Capital of the World should be home to another great troll presence.

Look for a ribbon cutting ceremony to be held this fall, possibly in conjunction with Mt. Horeb's Vintage Market, October 5 or 6. A dedication plaque will be placed near the troll with further details. A gravel parking area will be located behind the troll. Many thanks are extended to all who have made George's vision a reality.

Mark your calendars for these upcoming Vennelag events:

Thursday, September 19 & Friday, September 20: Baking lefse for Frokost at the ELC, 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

Saturday, September 28: Possible baking, cookie items for Frokost at Community Center, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Friday, October 4: Set-up for Frokost, 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm

Saturday, October 5: FROKOST. Breakfast served 7:30 am to 11:00 am

Saturday, October 12: Fall Colorama and shopping trip

Please join us for a one-day trip to Westby to enjoy the fall colors, followed by shopping at Dregne's Scandinavian Gifts and lunch Borgen's Café.

Meet at the MH Community Center parking lot at 9:00 am on Saturday, October 12, and we will caravan to Westby. Volunteers are needed to drive. Contact Allen Watrud (awatrud@gmail.com) or call/text to 608-772-1969. There is no cost for the trip other than offering gas money for your driver. Shopping and lunch expenses are on your own.

A sign-up sheet will be available at the August 29 and September 26 Lodge meetings. We need to know the anticipated number of members who plan to attend, so we can make meal reservations

Sunday October 20: MEMBERS-ONLY BAKING CLASS. This baking workshop is for those who are interested in earning the food medal or those who would like to receive new family recipes. This will be an afternoon focused on two recipes that use the Norwegian ingredient ***harts horn*** (deer antler salt). If interested, please call Tiffany at 608-527-2821.

Thursday October 24: FOUNDATION NIGHT! Bring your baskets for the raffle. (See article of page 5.)

Saturday, November 2: Join the members of Vennelag Lodge for **the 2019 Norwegian Baking Workshop**. It will be held at the Mt. Horeb Community Center beginning at 8:30 AM. The day will open with warm heart waffles and beverages being served. Come make Lefse, Rosettes, Krumkake, Rømmegrøt, Æbelskiver, Sandbakkelse, AND a *Surprise* cookie. Bring multiple generations of your family. Due to safety concerns, we welcome children 9 years and over with an adult. The class has an enrollment cap, so encourage anyone who is interested in attending to register early. Further questions may be directed to one of our food chairpersons:



Ann Walser: anncwalsen@gmail.com or Mary Gullickson-Krantz: laffalot@mhtc.net
217 N. Brookwood Drive
Mount Horeb, WI 53572
Ph: 608-576-5054

Saturday, November 30: Breakfast with Santa

The Sons of Norway Vennelag 5-513 invites you and your family to BREAKFAST WITH SANTA from 8:30-11:30 AM. We will be serving heart waffles, (GF option available), fruit, milk, juice, and coffee. You will have an opportunity to take photos with Santa and make some holiday crafts. Admission is \$5.00. Children age 3 and under are free.

Members are needed to bake waffles, serve breakfast, set up the hall and assist children with craft-making.

This is a fun event that involves young families. It's enjoyable to watch the children. Their crafts can be given as a gift or kept for years to come. Please tell your children or grandchildren to join us for a fun morning with Santa!

Questions regarding the Santa Breakfast may be directed to:

Karen Eberhardt at 608-577-5906 or Jean Grindle at 608-574-7668

MASSE MORO, A BEHIND THE SCENES LOOK

From July 23-27, I volunteered in the kitchen for the 5th District's heritage camp, Masse Moro. The camp was held outside of Fall Creek, WI, and adjacent to Beaver Creek Nature Reserve. The camp is one of the District's best-kept secrets. Translated from Norwegian, literally, *Masse Moro* means, "lots of fun".

What does it take to cook three meals a day for a group of 75 campers and counselors? *Mange ting!* It takes many hours of preparation to satisfy the campers and staff. I am proud to say that our returning kitchen personnel, Linda Watkins and Tammy Kopacek were fabulous. They not only attended to the food needs of our youth and staff, but both being school employees, they also had the best interests of our campers at heart. When someone needed a friend, they were there to listen. Masse Moro is blessed to have such a caring team of workers.

This year, 53 campers between the ages of 9-15 from Arizona, California, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Minnesota, Texas, Washington, D.C., and Wisconsin were in attendance. Participants learned traditional skills such as: carving, rosemaling, folk painting, leathercraft, and woodworking. They also worked with clay, participated in many sports, baked Norsk treats, went hiking, and were actively engaged in special evening programs. Two of our specialists this year were Carol Bender, a veteran rosemaler, and Jimmy Miller, an energetic woodcarver. Zach Garner, one of this year's directors, taught woodworking skills. Believe it or not, our second director Keir Kristiansen led instruction in the fine art of baking vafler!

Music is central to everything that is done at Masse Moro. The Table Prayer is sung before every meal, and much learning of the Norsk language is done via music. This year it was led by native speakers who came to Camp from Norway! In addition, a youth dance group from Wergeland Lodge in La Crosse joined the campers for an evening of folk dancing.

Campers also had access to a nearby nature center at Beaver Creek Reserve. One of the naturalists provided insight into the critters that call this area home. The butterfly exhibit was back for our campers to enjoy along with the live animal displays inside the center. An evening program was held at the Hobbs Observatory led by astronomers from UW-Eau Claire.

Numerous campers were in attendance this summer whose parents were previous campers. A celebration of the 40th Anniversary was held at the end of the session. Guest speaker, Jon Grinde, a former International Board member, spoke of the camp's creation in 1978. Culver's provided custard and Vennelag Lodge supplied pepperkaker cookies for all to enjoy.

If you know a young person who is of age to attend Camp next summer, please bring their name forward to the Lodge. We are happy to support our youth in this extremely worthwhile celebration of their heritage. Our support is matched by the 5th District, significantly reducing the fees for families. The fee for 2020 will be decided by the District 5 Board of Directors in October but should be close to this year's rate of \$800.00. By comparison, District 1's language immersion camp, Skogfjorden, has fees upward of \$2,100 for the same amount of time, making our camp costs extremely affordable.

The camp has need for additional food and activity volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering at Masse Moro, please contact me for further information. Overnight accommodations are available at Camp, if you so desire. Camp dates are tentatively set for July 11-25, 2020.

Cheryl

Shown here are summer campers from Masse Moro. Avery Kimmerly, a youth heritage member from our lodge is shown in the photo along with other first and second year campers. From Avery, "Thank you, Vennelag Lodge, for supporting my time at Masse Moro. I am already enrolled for next year, and I look forward to speaking with you again about what I did. *Mange takk.*"



KAFFE STUE, 2019



It was a little toasty on Saturday, July 20th when Vennelag held its 47th annual Kaffe Stue. Forecasted temperatures were at dangerously high levels, and some of our loyal guests simply chose to not risk their safety by traveling in that kind of weather. Although we were already busy at 8:45 AM, the serving line trickled to nearly nothing by 12 noon, our normally busy time. Profits were down, but spirits were high as our members hustled to provide a quality experience for our patrons, despite the heat.

I would like to express a sincere thank you to our entire membership for their participation. Many hours of preparation were needed to make the foods. In addition, some families provided monetary donations which helped the Lodge to purchase consumable supplies. Many volunteers contributed to our "All Hands on Deck" effort.

Our set-up crew on Friday was stellar, as were those who made the kitchen a beehive of activity. The coffee king and queen rolled out many carafes of tasty black gold. All of this was served with a smile by our workers. This year we added a floor chair, and it was her goal to seat guests in an organized and comfy manner. Workers in the Bake Sale area counted, packaged, priced, and sold as many baked goods as humanly possible. Our greeters made guests feel welcome, engaging some in conversation as possible new members. The Ranums and their assistants have finely tuned the pastry area of our operation. Line servers welcomed visitors and provided the best of what we had to offer. Lastly, at the end of an extremely hot day, the clean-up crew entered to tear down the tables and chairs. They returned them to our storage unit despite lightning bolts and pelting hail. I appreciated the help of those who swept and washed the floors, too. Together Everyone Achieves More...What a great team we made!

Never underestimate the value of what we provide. The Kaffe Stue provides Norwegian-Americans with a meaningful way to celebrate their heritage, a place to meet old friends, and a perfect venue to find the foods that people remember from their youth.

In my estimation, we had a great Kaffe Stue! One comment I heard while moving about the hall was, "I can't imagine what it takes to hold an event like this each year. Your lodge makes an outstanding effort to organize and showcase the Norwegian foods we crave. We'll be back next year!"

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| The financial details: | Bake Sale receipts | \$ 763.50 |
| | Kaffe Stue | <u>4253.23</u> |
| | Total Income | \$5016.73 |
| | Expenses | <u>- 2675.99</u> |
| | Net income | \$2340.74 |



Have You Earned any Sports Medals this Summer?

Summer is the perfect time to get outside and exercise! As a matter of fact, there is a lot of summer left until we officially greet the fall season in late September.

There are differing sports to participate in, but Gangmerke (walking) is one of the friendliest options for many of our members. If you have kept track of your miles, please let Davi Penne know so she can order your sports medals.

Thank you and keep on working toward optimal health. A healthy Norskie is a fortunate Norskie.

Go to the SofN website: www.sofn.com for more information.

Lykke til med alt ting-Good luck with all things!

I would like to apologize for misspelling the names of these members in the July/Aug newsletter.



Marlyn Grinde



Cheryle Goplin



Arthur Ness



Gayle Anderson



Vennelag's 18th Annual Høst Frokost October 5, 2019

Serving will begin at 7:30 AM to 11:00 AM at the Mt. Horeb Community Center.

This event, held in conjunction with the Mt. Horeb Vintage Market, gives us the opportunity to share our Norwegian culture and heritage. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors.

The planned menu consists of: Norwegian pancakes, heart waffles with lingonberries, soft and hard-boiled eggs, rullepølse, lefse, bread, ham, dried beef, salami, cheeses, herring, salmon, fruit salad, coffee, and Norwegian cookies and cakes ... and don't forget the rømmegrøt!

The price is \$15 for adults and \$6 for children (age 10 and under).

We are looking for volunteers. Prep will begin on Friday, October 4th at 2:00 pm. There is much kitchen work to do, as well as organizing the bake sale. Your help is especially needed early Saturday morning (6:00 am.) prior to the breakfast, and during the serving. Food donations are welcome Friday afternoon after 2:30 pm. or before the breakfast Saturday morning.

We need the following food items: eplekakes, fry cakes, kringla, krumkake, lefse, rosettes, and sandbakkelse. We will be having a bake sale. Baked goods of any kind are welcome. Please limit your donation to no more than 3 dozen of any item.

If you are unable to donate any of the items listed above, a cash donation of \$20 per member would be appreciated. Those donations are used to buy items such as cheeses, meats, and salmon. Mail checks, payable to Vennelag 513, to Anna Olson, 2200 Olson Rd., Dodgeville, WI 53533-9292.

Contact Rita Schraepfer-Derke, the event chairperson with questions at: **608-220-7565** or email at rsderke@gmail.com.

Lefse for the Frokost

We will be making lefse for the Frokost on Thursday, September 19 and Friday, September 20 starting at 8:30 am. at the ELC in Mt Horeb. We welcome all who can come and help. Those with a lefse grill, board, rolling pins, and turning stick are encouraged to bring them. An additional date of Saturday, September 28th is tentatively reserved to make other items as needed. If enough members sign-up to donate items such as fry cakes, rosettes, krumkake or sandbakkelse, we will not meet on September 28th.



Vennelag News

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BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS by Allen Watrud

"The Boys Who Challenged Hitler - Knud Pedersen and the Churchill Club" by Phillip Hoose

This book is about a group of teenage boys who, after April 9, 1940, wanted to emulate the Norwegian resistance to the Germans and fight back thru quick hit-and-run acts of sabotage.

"Skis Against the Atom" by Knut Haugelid.

Another interesting book of Norwegians vs Germans in WWII.

This is very similar to the authentic version of "The Heroes of Telemark".



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Each holiday season the American Swedish Institute in Minneapolis adorns the Turnblad Mansion with decorations from the five Nordic countries of: Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden. This exhibit runs mid-November to mid-January. The mansion is open Wednesday evenings until 8 PM. Private tours are given of the mansion at a cost of \$15.00 per person.

I would like to know whether there would be any interest from our members in enjoying this holiday offering. Due to distance, this excursion would involve a one-night stay. Many hotels are available close to the Mall of America and would provide an opportunity for participants to do some their holiday shopping and to enjoy dinner at one's restaurant of choice. Our travel would be provided by Badger Coaches. Snacks and bottled water would be available along the route.

Please make me aware of your interest in such an excursion before I look further into pricing transportation, hotels and other items. I would like to lock in reservations no later than the first part of October. Please respond by September 30th with your interest.

Takk, Alle sammen,
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