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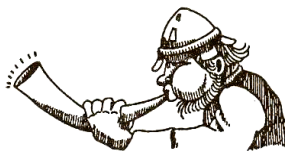
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After teaching school for 35 years, when this time of year arrives I still feel like I'm on summer "break" even though I've been retired for nine years. A "break" gives one a chance to rest-up, renew energy, travel, tackle tasks, be creative, and plan for the future.



meetings. Here's a sneak preview of some tentative programs: Rosemaling, Norwegian Sweaters, the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, and Norwegian Resistance Fighters of WWII. We are also planning another road trip on Saturday, October 7th, to go on the Hidden Studios Tour in Nelsonville.

Vennligfolk members can still be active with Norwegian cultural experiences even though our Lodge is on break until our monthly lodge meetings resume on September 10th. There is a Scandinavian musical program at the South New Hope Church on Saturday, July 8th, that you all are invited to attend. We are planning a road trip to District Five's Masse Morro Camp (near Eau Claire) on Tuesday, July 18th. I've heard so many wonderful reports on this camp for children, that I'm excited to be able to visit the camp while it is in session. You will find more information about these two events in this issue of *Vennligblad*.

As far as planning for the future . . . your officers have already met this summer to plan programs for our 2017-2018 lodge

Here's something for you to think about - how about volunteering for some upcoming lodge activities? We still need a few people to sign up for serving refreshments for our 2017-2018 lodge meetings. Believe it or not, it's time to start planning for this year's Julefest. Planning for Julefest is a great committee to be a part of, so please consider volunteering to be on that committee. There are many opportunities for you to be an active member of **Vennligfolk Lodge**. Tusen takk!

So enjoy the summer break. I'll be seeing you all when we start up our monthly Lodge meetings in September.

Vennlig hilsen,

Susan Morton

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Gratulerer

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July

Arno Morton - 1
Marv Lang - 1
Thor Lang - 29
Glenn Aavang - 31

August

Jen Haas - 8
Lois Alfsen - 9
Terry Anderson - 14
Ron Hensler - 15
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What's Happening at Vennligfolk???

REMEMBER: Vennligfolk Lodge meets the second Sunday evening, 7:00 pm September through May at Saint Paul's United Methodist Church, 600 Wilshire Blvd, Stevens Point, Wisconsin

Vennligfolk does not have formal Lodge meetings in June, July and August. However special events, like Midtsommer Fest, Finnish-American celebration at the Palmquist Farm are often held in June. And, there are other events of interest to Vennligfolk. A few are announced below.

July 8, 2017 (Saturday): "THE NEULANDS CO-OP" South New Hope Church is excited to present THE NEULANDS CO-OP, a duo of Vidar Skrede and Sara Pa-junen, who will perform a program of traditional and contemporary Nordic folk tunes, often with a contemporary twist. Vidar is a Norwegian who plays guitar, hardanger fiddle and violin, as well as other instruments. Sara, is a Finn, who plays flute. Both have master's degrees and many outstanding awards of recognition for what they have done in their own country's study of folk music. The public is invited to this performance on Saturday July 8th at 2:00 pm. Directions to SNH Church are as follows: Take US Hiway #10 east out of Stevens Point. To Wisc. Hiway #161 to County Road "T" and go north on "T" for approximately one mile to the church. A suggested donation of \$10 would be appreciated for this event.

July 18, 2017 (Tuesday): "Masse Morro Camp - Road Trip" A "road-trip" is being planned to visit S/N District V's youth camp know as Masse Morro. Karen Trzebaitowski has made inquiries regarding a Camp Visit. Her unedited comments:

"Osseo is 1 hour and 50 minutes from Stevens Point on US10. On the way is a cheese factory where you can watch the process from curds to bricks and also buy. Could bring a cooler and folks mark their purchase. Then a nice trip through Amish country. The **Reed School** is a Wisconsin State Historical site which looks like a neat place, but would need to make an appointment to have someone there, and need 10 people to get a tour on days they are closed. In Neillsville there is the **Clark County Jail** which is on the National Historic Register plus there are 20 more buildings on state and national registers. On the others side of Neillsville is the **Highground War Memorial**. Neat place with a beautiful view. Then on to Osseo with **Norske Nook** for lunch. Plus gift shops, quilt shop, antique store and a few taverns. Then off to **Camp Masse Morro** (near Eau Claire) for the afternoon. Home from there unless someone else knows more to see and do."

If you are interested in going on this "road-trip" please contact Susan Morton before Noon, Friday, July 14th to coordinate rides and arrangements.

Lena, Helga and Ingrid renewed their friendship by meeting for lunch one day and were doing their best to impress each other. Lena said, "My Ole bought me a necklace and earring set worth \$25,000 but I had to return it because I'm allergic to platinum."

Helga added, "I understand exactly vat you mean Lars bought me a mink coat that cost \$25,000 and I had to return it to da furrier because I too vas allergic to it."

Just then, Ingrid fainted! As she regained consciousness, Lena and Helga asked what caused her to faint. "I guess," she answered, "I just must be allergic to hot air!"

Error in Google Maps Sends Hundreds to Small Norwegian Village



Today's technology offers mapping applications that make traveling to unknown or hard to reach destinations easier than ever before. **Google Maps**, for example, provides its users with features like 3D angles, street level views and multiple routing options, all through the convenience of your mobile device. So what could possibly go wrong? Well, with even the smallest of mapping glitches you could consequently find yourself on the wrong side of a fjord.

That's exactly what happened to hundreds of confused travelers seeking the famous **Preikestolen** cliff in Western Norway. Due to a simple error in **Google Maps**, these travelers were instead sent to the small, quiet village of Fossmark - 30 kilometers away, on the other side of a fjord.

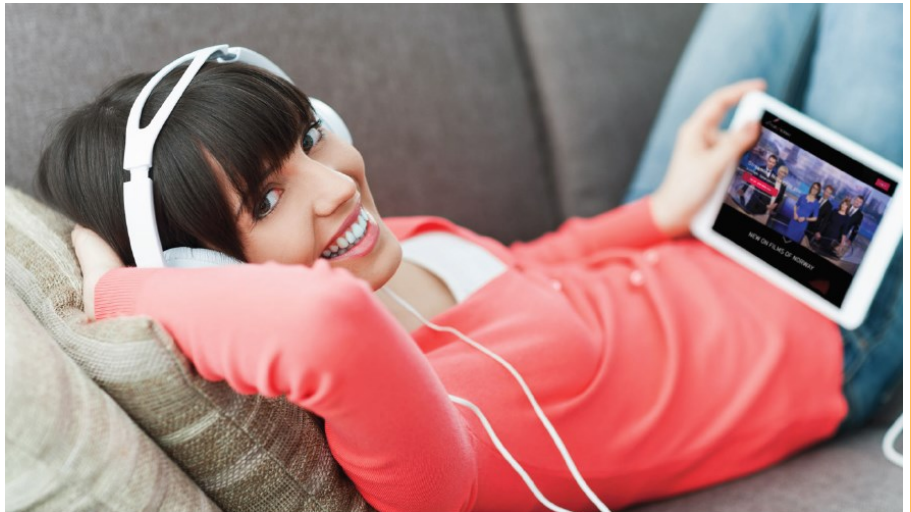
Although the cliff formation can be seen from the tiny village, it is a long, narrow, winding country road away from the picture-perfect views. Village residents have had to redirect long lines of minibuses, cars and hopeful visitors who have flooded the town with no idea of the miscalculation. One man living in the area told the local newspaper,

Stavanger Aftenblad, that in the summer season up to 10 to 15 cars show up each day.

The **Preikestolen** cliff, home to one of the most visited tourist attractions in Norway, receives up to 200,000 visitors each year. Rising more than 600 meters above the Lysefjord, **Preikestolen** is a steep cliff with a large flat summit making it an ideal location for tourists wanting to capture that once in a lifetime view.

A spokesperson for **Google** released a statement saying the company will resolve the mapping issue as soon as possible, and encourages others to report similar errors. Also due to the increased popularity of the cliff, there is currently a project in progress to help improve the path to the site, which is only accessible by a 3.8 kilometer hike.

Relax with a Norwegian Movie this Summer – at a Hefty Discount



Through a special arrangement with *Films of Norway*, Sons of Norway members* now have access to a selection of television shows, full length movies, documentaries, cooking shows, children's programming and other content streamed over the Internet – at 25 percent off the regular monthly subscription rate. Check out ... https://www.sofn.com/films_of_norway/

All *Films of Norway* selections are either Norwegian created, produced or star Norwegian actors. Your movie playlist may include the film celebrating the King and Queen's 25-year reign or adaptations of popular mystery writers. Most selections have the option to view with English subtitles. And new films and programs are added regularly. For example, in collaboration with Norwegian broadcaster NRK, all Films of Norway members may now access timely Norwegian news. Log in, sign up, and enjoy some leisurely viewing this summer with Films of Norway!

*This service and discount are not yet available for members in Norway and Canada.

The government car stopped at Ole's farm. The man got out and said, "I am a DEA agent here to inspect your farm for illegal drug plants." "Okay," said Ole, "But just don't go in da field behind da barn." The agent said, "I have authority from the federal government. See the badge! It means I can go anywhere I please and nobody can stop me." Ole went back to his chores and the agent began his search. Soon Ole heard screams coming from the field behind the barn. He looked up to see the agent being chased by Ole's large bull. The screams became louder as the bull was gaining on the agent. Ole ran to the fence and shouted, "Show da bull your badge!"

Oslo Airport Debuts Newer, Greener Terminal



Norway is often on the cutting edge of efficient and sustainable construction and development, and the recent development at Avinor Oslo Airport is no exception.

Dubbed the world's greenest airport, the expansion has cut energy consumption by more than 50 percent—a notable achievement considering the building has doubled in size from its original 1998 footprint and increased the annual passenger capacity from 19 million to 30 million. It is also the first airport to earn an "Excellent" rating in BREEAM (Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method).

How did architects realize such a significant energy savings? Nordic – Office of Architecture, which was responsible for the project, began with the fundamentals of the building shape. Often airports feature large windows, which offer sprawling views, but are costly

due to temperature gains and losses. To mitigate inefficiencies, planners consulted sun studies, improved insulation and minimized solar impact with glazing and a sloped wooden roof. The project also relies heavily on natural lighting in favor of round-the-clock artificial lighting. The airport's most unique and innovative energy solution makes use of something that is plentiful in winter - snow. Snow harvested from runways will be kept in an insulated reservoir system to cool the terminal in the heat of summer.

Just as important as the form are the materials that were used to construct the new terminal. The firm sourced timber from local forests, utilized recycled steel and made environmentally friendly concrete with volcanic ash. These efforts reduced the building's carbon dioxide emissions by 35 percent.

To learn more about the project, visit <https://nordicarch.com/project/oslo-airport-expansion>. Photos: Nordic – Office of Architecture

Vennligfolk Celebrates Midtsommer at South New Hope Church



**Great food, Beautiful weather, Wonderful fellowship,
Good stories, and even a few games of KUBB in 2017**

Ole decided to try out for the football team. "Can you tackle?" asked the coach. "Watch dis," said Ole, who proceeded to run smack into a telephone pole, shattering it to pieces. "Wow," said the coach. "I'm impressed. Can you run?" "Of course I can run," said Ole. He was off like a shot and had run a hundred yard dash in just over nine seconds. "Greatly enthused the coach, "But can you pass a football?" Ole hesitated a few seconds. "Vell, sir," he said, "If I can swallow it, I guess I can probably pass it."

a little in English...

Gifts for the Royal Couple

Article originally published May 7, 2017

King Harald and Queen Sonja are celebrating their 80th birthdays. This means famous guests, parties and gifts.

King Harald has already turned 80. Queen Sonja will be 80 on July 4th. On Tuesday and Wednesday they will celebrate together. Royal guests are coming from Europe. So are selected people from companies in Norway. They are having dinner with the royal couple at the Opera on Wednesday. Heidi Kristin Mathisen from the company *Tine* is one of them.

"It's an honor to be invited for dinner," she says to *adressa.no*. She thought her partner was playing a trick on her. He'd delivered the envelope with a sly grin.

The dinner is a gift from the government to the royal couple. 300 guests will attend. Many will give gifts. The royal couple will have several performances. They are called "Summer." The performances will be shown from May to September. They will take place at Oscar Hall on Bygdøy. The gifts are from several theaters and orchestras. Everyone may attend the performances.

On Tuesday there is a lot happening at the Palace Square in Oslo. Everyone can come and have ice cream, according to Channel TV 2.

Children will sing and there will be a drill show with baton twirlers. The celebration starts at 5:30 p.m. The royal couple will come out to wave. Then you can also see royal guests. They come from countries like Sweden, Denmark and the U.K., reports news agency NTB.

Guests will have dinner at the palace. Wednesday, you can see them again, if you're lucky. They will eat on the royal ship Norway. Then there will be a gala dinner at the Opera, according to the royal blog. The government will give more gifts. They are giving a photo exhibition with pictures of Queen Maud, according to *hegnar.no*. The channel NRK will spend a lot of time covering the royal couple. They will broadcast directly from the celebration.

The king received "regular" presents on his birthday in February, according to weekly magazine *Se og Hør*. "The biggest gift was spending time with

their children and grandchildren," said Anders Stavseng. He is the magazine's expert on the royal family.

litt på norsk...

Dette får kongeparet i gave

Kong Harald og dronning Sonja feirer 80 år. Det betyr kjente gjester, fest og gaver.

Kong Harald har fylt 80 år allerede. Dronning Sonja blir 80 år 4. juli. Tirsdag og onsdag feirer de sammen. Kongelige gjester fra Europa kommer. Det gjør også utvalgte folk fra bedrifter i Norge. De får spise middag med kongeparet i Operaen onsdag. Heidi Kristin Mathisen fra selskapet *Tine* er én av dem.

– Det er en ære å bli invitert til middagen, sier hun til *adressa.no*. Hun trodde samboeren lurte henne. Han leverte konvolutten med et lurt smil.

Middagen er en gave fra regjeringen til kongeparet. 300 gjester kommer. Flere vil gi gave. Kongeparet får flere forestillinger. De får navnet «Sommer». Forestillingene skal vises fra mai til september. Det skjer på Oscarshall på Bygdøy. Gaven er fra flere teatre og orkester. Forestillingene kan ses av alle.

Tirsdag skjer det mye på Slottsplassen i Oslo. Alle kan komme, og de får is, ifølge kanalen TV 2. Barn skal synge og det blir show med drill. Feiringen starter 17.30. Kongeparet kommer ut for å vinke. Da kan du også se kongelige gjester. De kommer fra land som Sverige, Danmark og Storbritannia, melder nyhetsbyrået NTB.

Gjestene får middag på Slottet. Onsdag kan du se dem igjen, om du er heldig. De skal spise på kongeskipet Norge. Så blir det festmiddag på Operaen, ifølge kongebloggen. Regjeringen vil gi mer i gave. De gir en fotoutstilling med bilder av dronning Maud. Det skriver *hegnar.no*. Kanalen NRK skal bruke mye tid på kongeparet. De vil sende direkte fra feiringen.

Kongen fikk «vanlige» gaver på bursdagen sin i februar. Det skrev ukebladet *Se og Hør*. – Den største gaven var nok å bruke tid med barn og barnebarn, sa Anders Stavseng. Han er bladets ekspert på kongehuset.

Original article: <http://www.klartale.no/kultur/dette-far-kongeparet-i-gave-1.962851>



Jarlsberg Filled Peppers
(Jarlsbergfylt paprika)
Authentic Norwegian Cooking
 by Astrid Karlsen Scott

- 4 large peppers, red or green
- 1 lb. (450g) ground meat, low fat
- ½ tsp. pepper, coarsely ground
- ⅔ cup (½ dL) French bread crumbs
- ¼ cup (3 dL) Jarlsberg®, diced
- garlic salt
- 2 tsp. coarse salt
- ½ tsp. Tabasco®
- ½ tsp. garlic salt
- juice from 1 lemon
- ¾ tsp. butter

Divide peppers in two, remove stem and seeds. Sprinkle the coarse salt on baking pan. Mix meat, Tabasco®, garlic salt, pepper, lemon juice, crumbs and half of Jarlsberg® cheese. Divide evenly between the peppers. Top the peppers with remainder of the cheese. Melt butter, add garlic salt and brush over the peppers. Place on top of coarse salt on baking sheet, and bake in 350°F (175°C) oven for about 35 minutes. Serves 4-6.

Lingonberry Bavian Cream
The Norwegian Kitchen
 by Astrid Karlsen Scott

- 5 sheets (5 tsp. powdered) gelatin
- 1 cup full fat milk
- 3 egg yolks
- scant ½ cup sugar
- 1½ cups whipping cream
- 1½ cups lingonberries
- 3 tbsp. sugar

Soak the gelatin sheets in cold water (or sprinkle the powdered gelatin over 3 tablespoons of the milk) 5 minutes to soften. Squeeze excess water from the sheets (disregard for powdered gelatin). Melt the gelatin over low heat. Bring the milk to a boil. Beat the egg yolks with ½ cup sugar until light and lemon-colored. Whisk egg mixture into the boiling milk. Stir in the melted gelatin. Refrigerate until syrupy.



Combine berries with the remaining sugar. Lightly whip the cream and fold in the berries. Fold cream and berries carefully into the slightly stiffened gelatin mixture. Pour into a rinsed 1-liter (quart) mold. Refrigerate at least 3 hours. Remove from mold and garnish with whipped cream and fresh lingonberries.

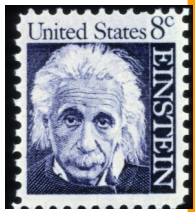
“Marlene Balas Baked Beans” by Lois Hagen

- 6 strips bacon
- 1/3 cup chopped celery
- 1/4 cup chopped onion
- 1/4 cup chopped green pepper
- 2 1 lb. 5 oz. cans Baked Beans
- 1/4 cup catsup
- 2 Tbsp. brown sugar
- 2 Tbsp. molasses



Brown bacon, drain. Cook celery, onion, green pepper in a little bacon grease. Add the remaining ingredients. Put in baking dish. Bake at 350 degrees for 30-40 minutes. Serves 14

Tubfrim ...
 Please remember to bring your used postage stamps to the next **Vennligfolk** meeting. Stamps are to be trimmed from the envelope leaving ¼” free around all edges.



New Kroner Designs Sport a Modern Look

The Central Bank of Norway (Norges Bank) has unveiled a series of new kroner bills that will be phased in beginning in summer 2017. The designs are a departure from the current Norwegian banknotes in several aspects. This will be the first Norwegian money that does not feature a human face. All of the motifs pay tribute to the sea, which has played a pivotal role in shaping Norwegian culture.

Norges Bank held a design contest, proposing the following themes:

- 50-kroner: The sea that binds us together;
- 100-kroner: The sea that takes us out into the world;
- 500-kroner: The sea that gives us prosperity;
- 200-kroner: The sea that feeds us
- 1000-kroner: The sea that carries us forward

The selected designs for the front of the bills were created by Metric Design Studio's Terje Tønnessen. The images include a lighthouse, a Viking ship, cod and herring with a fishing net, a rescue boat, and a dramatic wave. The reverse sides are a hyper-modern departure from tradition. Rather than using an identifiable image as the focal point, there is a colorfully pixelated background with subtle white etchings over top. The etchings refer to the Beaufort scale, which measures wind effects on sea and land.





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2017 CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

May 20, 8:30 A.M. Workday on grounds and interior of the church. Come and volunteer.

June 20, 5:30 P.M. Stevens Point "Vennligfolk" Sons of Norway Midsummer Picnic. Private party.

July 4, 2:00 P.M. New Hope Firecracker Parade, ending at SNH Church. The church will be open before and after the parade. SNH will have a refreshment stand on the grounds.

July 8, 2:00 P.M. The Newlands Duo, Vidar Skrede & Sara Pajunen, a program of Nordic folk music with a contemporary twist. Donation of \$10 appreciated.

August 6, 2:00 P.M. "Under the Gun & On the Run—John Dillinger" presentation by Lowell Peterson, retired cardiologist from Appleton, WI. Lowell has written several books that will be available for purchase, including one on John Dillinger.

September 9, 8:30 A.M. Workday on grounds. Volunteers welcome!

September 10, 2:00 P.M. Smokey Express. We are delighted to bring this well-known musical entertainment group to South New Hope. Watch the newspapers for more details.

October 7, 11:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Pie Social. A great way to relax, eat pie, visit and at the same time enjoy a walk through the church and grounds located in a beautiful setting. SNH is close to many of the Hidden Studios art studios.

December 16, 10:30 A.M. Wreaths Across America. A chance to honor our veterans by laying wreaths on their graves.

Vennligblad, the official newsletter of **Sons of Norway's Vennligfolk Lodge (#5-627)**, is published at the beginning of the odd-numbered months of the year. If you have an item of interest to **Vennligfolk** members, please submit it to the Editor by the 15th of the even-numbered months. You may send it to Marv Lang at 3015 Cherry Street, Stevens Point, WI 54481 or by e-mail to cmlang@charter.net.



Mange Tusen Takk, Marv Lang, *Editor*

Simplified Dues Structure for 2018

Sons of Norway International delegates voted at the 2014 and 2016 International Lodge Meetings to proceed with a simplified dues structure for U.S. members only, effective January 1, 2018. Work toward implementation is well underway, with updates to member categories, dues information and frequently asked questions to be posted soon in the Member Resources section at www.sonsofnorway.com. To learn more, be sure to log in over the coming weeks. Additional information may be found in the Member Matters section of the August issue of *Viking* magazine.

