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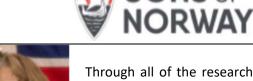


In Wisconsin, our winters seem to last forever, and in the blink of an eye, our summers are here and gone. This summer was no exception. The good thing about the end of summer is that we start up our

monthly Vennligfolk Lodge meetings. You won't want to miss any of our meetings as we again have excellent programs planned for our 2019 -2020 season of Vennligfolk.

Was your summer as packed full of activities as mine was? To begin with, Arno and I spent 10 relaxing days in beautiful Maui. A week after we came home, Arno had knee replacement surgery. Ouch! Although Arno was not able to be at our Midsummer Picnic at South New Hope Church on June 20th, he was able to supervise the grilling of 96 brats that our membership enjoyed that evening. Recently we spent a week in one of Wisconsin's most beautiful areas - - Door County. Our final getaway of the summer was a week in California with family.

The highlight of my entire summer was a family reunion with my Norwegian first cousins the weekend of July 6th. I had never planned a reunion before, and to be honest, I viewed it as a daunting task. Fortunately, I have five siblings who pitched in with the planning to make the reunion a very memorable event. During the planning, we researched our paternal grandparents' journey and their life in America.



Through all of the research and planning, I feel like I really got to "know" my Norwegian grandmother (who died a few years before I was born) and my

Norwegian grandfather (who died when I was only 8 years old). Now I want to share all of this with Vennligfolk Lodge during one of our winter lodge meetings. Arno and one of my brothers will be helping me present this program.

This is a very special year for our lodge. It is our 25th anniversary! On April 10th, 1994, an organizing banquet was held at Bernard's Restaurant. Some of our current members were at that meeting. Vennligfolk 5-627 officially became a chartered lodge on October 9, 1994 – Leif Erikson Day! We certainly need to do a bit of celebrating to commemorate this milestone. Watch for upcoming details.

Included on page 7 is a schedule for serving refreshments for our 2019 - 2020 year. If you see a blank by any of the months, that means we still need members to sign up for serving. Please consider serving if you haven't signed up yet. I believe our fellowship after the program while enjoying refreshments is such an important part of our lodge meeting.

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Gratulerer med dagen

Congratulations on the day!

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What's Happening at Vennligfolk???

September 8, 2019 (Sunday) 5:00 PM: "The Marvelous Monarch Butterfly" Kathy



McGrath developed her passion for monarchs while teaching kindergartners about them in Port Edwards. After retiring, she was able to devote even more time to this passion. Together with husband, Pat, they have raised and released thousands of monarchs and have tagged hundreds before their annual migration to Mexico. Some monarchs were recovered 1800 miles away at their remote Mexico mountain

destination! Her presentation will explain the life cycle of the monarch, how individuals can get involved in raising monarchs, and what everyone can do to help them. Following the presentation attendees will have the opportunity to tag and release monarchs for their migration south. McGrath will bring various books on raising monarchs and the caterpillar hand-puppet she designed for instructing students. Bring friends and include the young ones too!

Monarch Fact: Monarch butterflies travel as far as 100 miles a day during their 1800-mile migration to a small forested area about 60 miles northwest of Mexico City!

September 24-25, 2019 (Tuesday-Wednesday): "Road Trip to Vesterhiem" Vennligfolk's two-day trip to the Vesterheim Museum in Decorah, Iowa with a stop at Norskdalen Heritage Center in Coon Valley, WI. See Vennligblad article (page 3) for updated details.

October 4, 5 & 6, 2019 Hidden Studios Art Tour: Seven art studios, showcasing 18 artists along rural roads at the peak of Autumn. On <u>Saturday</u>, <u>October 5</u> stop for pie and coffee and support our friends at the South New Hope Church at their 8th Annual Pie Social. Starting at 11:00 a.m. until all the pie is sold! All funds support the church's preservation.

October 11, 2019 (Sunday): Norwegian Lutheran Churches in Portage County



Local author and historian Wendell Nelson will share descriptions, photos, and accounts of Norwegian immigrant based Lutheran churches in Portage County. Since moving to Stevens Point in 1971, Nelson has photographed and researched many of the older homes and buildings of the area. He has given many programs, written articles and published 13 books on the topic and says, "more are on the way!" Wendell has taught at Winona State University (Minn) and UW-Stevens Point and recently retired from the Portage Co. Library where he worked in the Adult Reference Department.

November 10, 2019 (Sunday): "A Secret Life Exposed" Before becoming a math teacher in Stevens Point, Bob Rutta was an Army Sergeant stationed in Italy during the Vietnam War era. His undercover job of decoding top-secret, highly sensitive communications involving NATO, the Pentagon, and the CIA made him a prime target for Russian KGB agents during and for many years after his time in service. Bob could not talk about his "secret life" for 25 years after leaving the service. Finally, Bob can tell his story!



December 8, 2019 (Sunday): Julefest 2019 - 25 Years of Vennligfolk Lodge! Location: St Pauls United Methodist Church, 600 Wilshire Blvd, Stevens Point

January 12, 2020 "Our Grandparent's Norwegian Emigration" by Susan Morton and Tom Johnson

February 12, 2020 "Scandinavian Happiness" Year after year the Danes, Finns, Norwegians, Icelanders, and Swedes rank among the happiest folks in the world. Richard Rupple, Emeritus Professor of World Languages and Literature, UWSP, will explore what these cultures have or do that produces this "happiness" and what we might learn from them.

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Countdown To Vesterheim – "The Western Home"



A few spaces remain on Vennligfolk Lodge's 2-day trip to the Vesterheim Norwegian-American Museum & Heritage Center in Decorah, Iowa September 24-25.

<u>Day 1:</u> Lunch at Borgan's Cafe Westby, WI followed by a tour of the Norskdalen Heritage Center in Westby. Then on to Decorah with lodging at the Decorah Country Inn and Suites. After an early evening stop at Bily Clocks Museum & Antonin Dvorak Exhibit in Spillville IA, the group will enjoy a meal and organ concert at the St. Wenceslaus church, a famous Czech immigrant church in Spillville.

<u>Day 2:</u> After breakfast and a short ride to Vesterhiem, local guides will lead groups on two-hour tours of the Museum and Heritage Center. Following the organized tours, individuals can continue to explore the museum and heritage park buildings on their own or check out vintage downtown Decorah and lunch on your own at any of the fine local cafes. Departure from Decorah will be

about 2 p.m. for the $3\frac{1}{2}$ hour return trip back to central Wisconsin. A box lunch is optional for a wayside picnic stop along the way.

The cost for this two-day trip is \$120 per person (double occupancy) for Lodge members and \$145 for non-members. The cost includes: Tuesday's lunch and gratuity in Westby; Norskdalen tour; evening meal and Bily Clocks/Dvorak tour; Vesterheim admittance and guides: lodging, Wednesday breakfast; and round-trip motor coach transportation. We will travel in a 55-passenger Darcy Charters motor coach with restroom. Pick-ups are planned Tuesday in Marshfield (7AM) and Plover (8AM). The optional return trip box-lunch will be \$11-\$13 if selected.



As Vennligblad goes to print, 10 spots remain available on a first come basis. Make plans to attend and bring a friend! Please respond to trip organizer Karen Trzebiatowski via email at karentrzeb@gmail.com or by Karen's phone 715-824-7679. Full payment is needed by September 10.

a little in English...

Archaeological Findings from Medieval Oslo: Ordinary People Also Built Stone Houses

Archaeologists have found five medieval stone buildings that are not part of any known constructions for kings or clergy. A researcher believes this will upend accepted truths such as stone buildings from this time being solely for the elite.

The excavation in connection with the construction of the Follo [high-speed railway] Line has provided archaeologists with new knowledge about settlements in medieval Oslo. They believe that a prevailing theory that stone buildings were reserved for king and clergy must give way, and that the discovery gives reason to consider whether the Cultural Heritage Act is ripe for an update. Ever since 1905, the Cultural Heritage Act has used the [Protestant] Reformation as a protection limit. This means that cultural monuments from before 1537 are automatically protected, while cultural monuments younger than this are dependent on different types of exceptions or specific decisions to obtain protected status.

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litt på norsk...

Arkeologisk funn fra middelalder-Oslo: Vanlige folk bygde også hus i stein

Arkeologer har funnet fem steinbygninger fra middelalderen som ikke er del av de kjente anleggene til konger eller geistlige. En forsker mener dette vil snu opp-ned på vedtatte sannheter som at bygninger i stein på denne tiden kun var for eliten.

Utgravingen i forbindelse med bygging av Follobanen har gitt arkeologer ny kunnskap om bebyggelse i middelalder-Oslo. De mener at en rådende teori om at steinbygg var forbeholdt konge og geistlige må vike, og at oppdagelsen gir grunn til å vurdere om Kulturminneloven er moden for en oppdatering.

Helt siden 1905 har Kulturminneloven brukt reformasjonen som vernegrense. Det vil si at kulturminner fra før 1537 automatisk er vernet, mens kulturminner yngre enn dette er avhengig av ulike typer unntak eller spesifikt vedtak for å få vernestatus.

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Lemon Waffles (Vafler Med Sitronsmak)



Ingredients

5 eggs

1/4 cup sugar

1 cup flour

1 tsp. lemon juice, fresh

1/2 tsp. lemon peel (freshly grated)

1 cup sour cream

1/4 cup butter, melted

Directions

Step 1

Sift together the flour and freshly grated lemon peel.

Step 2

Beat eggs and sugar until thick and fluffy, about 10 minutes.

Step 3

Alternately fold in the flour and sour cream. Stir in the melted butter and lemon juice

Step 4

Set batter aside to rest 10-15 minutes

Step 5

Heat a heart-shaped waffle iron. It is hot enough when drops of water sprinkled on its surface sputter. Pour approximately 3/4 cup batter into the center of the iron.



Step 6
Lower cover and bake until the steaming stops, 30-60 seconds on each side. Do not peek during baking period. Makes 6 waffles.

Recipe from "Ekte Norsk Mat– Authentic Norwegian Cooking," available for purchase through

the Vesterheim bookstore. www.vesterheim.org

Celebrating 25 years of Vennligfolk

LODGE BEGINNINGS

This month's Vennligblad masthead includes a new banner: "Celebrating 25 Years of Vennlig!" The banner calls attention to Vennligfolk's 25th year as an



official Sons of Norway Lodge. Vennligfolk 5-627 became an officially chartered lodge on Oct. 9, 1994 – Leif Erikson Day!

In the early 1990s, Sigrid Kahoun from the Wisconsin Rapids lodge, asked Jan Flatoff if she would like to help start a Sons of Norway lodge in the Stevens Point/Plover area? Due to the time constraints of raising her two young children, Jan declined. Later, in 1993 Doug and Diana Strommen met Sigrid at one of the first Cultural Festivals in Stevens Point. They told Sigrid they wanted to help start a club. Announcements were made in area Lutheran church bulletins and an initial informational meeting was scheduled in July 1993 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Stevens Point. About fifteen people attended in addition to Sigrid. A steering committee of six persons emerged.

When no one agreed to lead the steering committee, Sigrid Kahoun asked for someone willing to have mail delivered to their house. Jan Flatoff figured, "at least I could do that." Jan said it was to her great surprise when SON mailings started to arrive and everything was addressed to her as "Steering Committee Chairperson!"

Other Steering Officers were Diana Strommen, Financial Secretary; Doug Strommen, Publicity; Julie Horan, Treasurer; with Cindy Larson Kluck and Milo Harpstead also on the committee. Jan Flatoff also took on being the Secretary, taking notes, and sending minutes and meeting info to everyone. Doug Strommen later agreed to become Chair and eventually became the lodge's first President.

A minimum of 40 members were needed to form a lodge. Eventually 42 "friendly folks" signed up and a first meeting and Chartering smorgasbord celebration was held at UW-Stevens Point on Oct. 9, 1994 - Leif Erikson Day! With the aid of Sigrid Kahoun and her husband, Jack, Vennligfolk 5-627 Sons of Norway lodge was formed!

Of the original 42 Charter members, 8 are still active in the Lodge: Jan Flatoff, Jane Gjevere, Birdie Granum, Lois Hagen, Cindy Kluck, Nancy Schroeder, Milo Harpstead, and Louise Lang.

HENRIK IBSEN's Play "A DOLL'S HOUSE" Performed in Spring Green

The American Players Theater will be performing Henrik Ibsen's 1879 play "A Doll's House" now thru October 6 in Spring Green, WI. A Doll's House challenged gender roles in the Victorian Age and provokes reflections on what had been traditional gender roles then. The play by Norway's great playwright is still considered influential and provocative 140 years later.

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Traveling Green in Norway



Norway's efforts to use renewable resources have earned it a spot on the top 10 list of greenest countries on earth. Transportation is a primary focus of Norway's commitment to reducing pollution and carbon dioxide production. Here are a few options to help you navigate the country and support a clean environment for all.

One way to travel green is by electric car. There are more than 10,000 charging stations across the

country! Electric cars have gained such popularity in Norway that, for the first time ever, they now outsell traditional gas-fueled cars. Nearly 60% of all new automobiles offered in Norway in March 2019 were electrical according



to the Norwegian Road Federation (NRF). Norway's goal is to reduce and potentially end all gas and diesel vehicle sales in the country by 2025. The USA made Tesla was the number one electric vehicle purchased by Norwegians in June 2019 outselling both the Volkswagen and Toyota models more than 2 to 1.

To sail the Norway coast, the Hurtigruten line offers ships propelled by liquid natural gas and battery power. All Hurtigruten ships will be hybrid by 2021.

One of the most popular ways to travel Norway is by train. Already electrically powered for many years, trains will take one on the trip of a lifetime through fjords, mountains, and scenic countryside.

Next time you're traveling through Norway, consider taking eco-friendly forms of transportation. To learn more about how Norway is going green, visit https://bit.ly/2Wz9l46

Cultural Skills Update

Learning Cultural Skills are a great way to get to know the lodge members better and gain a greater understanding of Norwegian Heritage. There are 14 different Cultural Skill activities that can be pursued on your own or in a group. Our Cultural Skills coordinator Karen Trzebiatowski has information on them all!



A first meeting is set for the **Stitching Group** is September 5th, 1:00, at Karen
Trzebiatowski's home in Nelsonville.

Individuals can do knitting, Hardanger or weaving. Each is a Cultural Skill. Call or email Karen at Karentrzeb@gmail.com or 715-824-7679

A Reading Skills Group will get started this Fall. It would

meet at 4:00 p.m. for about 30-40 minutes before our Lodge meetings. Karen will provide the info to work on a Level 1 pin and talk about other requirements. A Level 1 pin requires reading three books. Think about starting a winter reading project and sign-up sheet at our Sept. 8 meeting!





Mark Hansen is ready to guide another <u>Genealogy Group</u> document their Scandinavian lineage and work toward a Cultural Skill pin recognition while making discoveries. If you are interested just let him or Karen T. know. When the first few folks sign-up we will set date and place.

Jerry Trzebiatowski is taking a Wayne Barton chip carving class at Vesterheim in November. Pursuing a Level 1 is the best way to start **Chip Carving** in the Norwegian style. If that interests you let Jerry T. know he would be open to lead a class this winter.



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It's where we have a chance to visit with **Vennligfolk** friends and meet our visitors. Just call or send me an email to sign up.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at St. Paul's United Methodist Church on Sunday, September 8th, at 5:00 PM.

Vennlig hilsen, Susan Morton

Introducing: Jan Flatoff

Jan Flatoff grew up in Plover, Wisconsin and has lived there since her marriage in 1985. She and her husband, Ernie, have two daughters, one son-in-law, and a grand-dog (all



of whom live in Plover). Jan's mother is of German and British descent; her father's side of the family is of Norwegian descent. Jan's father spoke only Norwegian until he went to school. When she was in grade school, Jan's father taught her how to say a few words in Norwegian (mostly numbers). That sparked her interest in the Norwegian language, other languages, and things Norwegian.

Jan attended the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, where she majored in Scandinavian (with a Norwegian concentration), German, and Linguistics. Jan's dream when growing up was to go to Norway. So when she found out that the U of M had a summer program in Munich, she was eager to be a part of that after her first year of college. Of course, she traveled to Norway afterwards!

After graduation, in the early 1980s and again in the early 1990s, she taught some evening Norwegian classes through Mid-State Technical Institute (or "College" after the name change). The classes met at MSTI or MSTC in Stevens Point and Wisconsin Rapids and also the Plover branch library. More recently she taught a Norwegian class through Sons of Norway's Cultural Skills program.

Jan likes to travel. As a child on family vacations, she visited several parts of the United States. As an adult she's visited more parts of the United States plus Canada and several countries in Europe (including the ones her ancestors came from). She was happy to finally get back to Norway last year with a cruise along Norway's west coast.

Like many Norwegians, Jan likes to read. Of course, she had to buy the book entitled *Careers for Bookworms*, in which she found out that one could get paid for reading books! She has worked as a freelance book indexer (writing the indexes one finds at the back of nonfiction books) for several years (albeit on a very part-time basis). Her main focus with reading now is researching dementia and autism along with related subjects with the goal of sharing what she learns with others. Other interests include martial arts and Toastmasters.

Jan was the initial chairperson and secretary of the steering committee assembled to create a Sons of Norway lodge in Stevens Point-Plover and became a Charter Member when the lodge was officially created in 1994. Over the years Jan has served as Vennligfolk's newsletter editor, secretary, and librarian in addition to current her role as language specialist.

From the Editor: Vennligblad is bringing back a series "Getting to Know Our Members." Over the next year we'll look to do articles on both new and long-term members. Lodge members are asked to submit short introduction articles on their own or please respond when asked.

Tusen Takk, Carl R. Editor

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Stone buildings have often been considered to be from "recent times," which in this case means from the 16th and 17th centuries. Thus several stone buildings have been removed after only superficial examination and documentation.

Archaeologist and researcher Egil Lindhart Bauer from NIKU [The Norwegian Institute for Cultural Heritage Research] has been the project manager for the Follo Rail excavations. He believes that the results of the new discoveries from the medieval city of Oslo prove that this truth about the age of the stone buildings must be reassessed.

"In the excavations from the Follo Line project, we have found five stone buildings dating from between 1260 and 1440. None of these buildings are part of the known facilities of medieval-Oslo kings or clergy, so these are probably buildings of the bourgeoisie," Bauer says.

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Steinbygninger har ofte blitt vurdert til å være fra «nyere tid», som i dette tilfellet vil si fra 1500- og 1600-tallet. Dermed har flere steinbygninger blitt fjernet etter kun overfladisk undersøkelse og dokumentasjon.

Arkeolog og forsker Egil Lindhart Bauer fra NIKU [Norsk institutt for kulturminneforskning] har vært prosjektleder for Follobaneutgravingene. Han mener at resultatene fra de nye funnene fra middelalderbyen Oslo beviser at denne sannheten om steinbygningenes alder må revurderes.

I utgravingene fra Follobaneprosjektet har vi funnet fem steinbygninger med datering fra mellom 1260 og 1440. Ingen av disse bygningene er del av de kjente anleggene til middelalder-Oslos konger eller geistlighet, så dette er i stedet trolig borgerskapets bygninger, sier Bauer.

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Blazing End for World's Largest Troll

The Senja Troll, known for being the largest troll in the world and a Guinness World Record holder, was reduced to ashes when a blaze destroyed it on March 28. The gnarly behemoth was a key attraction at the Hulder and Troll family park in northern Norway above the artic circle on the island of Senja.



Reports of the troll's demise were delivered around the world via the Associated Press newswire. Just short of 59 feet tall, the troll's absence will certainly alter the surrounding landscape. The troll structure housed an adventure park, miniature railroad and other attractions.



The troll was built in 1993 and his kone (wife) was added to his side in 2007, when a priest blessed their "union." The attraction expanded even more when the troll couple had sextuplets in 2012.

There are no immediate reports of plans to rebuild the beloved Senja Troll nor where the largest troll now lurks.

Vennligfolk 2019-2020 Serving Schedule

Refreshments Serving Schedule:

All blanks need a volunteer please!

Sept: Mark & Cindy Kluck, Patricia Serio,

Oct: Rita Johnson, Diane Beversdorf, Karen Clifford Nov: Birdie Granum, Joyce Polson, Susan Morton

Jan: Judy Pesanka, Kathy Clucas, Jen Haas **Feb**: Sherry Lieber, Nancy Schroeder, __

Mar: Elaine Anderson, Karen Trzebiatowski,

Lynn Rasmussen

Apr: Don & Lori Johnson, Louise Lang,

May: Lois Hagen, Charlotte Hensler,

Marshall 2019-2020 Schedule

September: Mark Hansen October: Tom Johnson November: Mark Hansen January: Mark Hansen February: Martin Lieber March: Mark Hansen **April**: Don Johnson May: Mark Hansen

Why is Leif Erikson Day October 9th

October 9 was chosen because it is the anniversary of the day that the ship Restauration arrived in New York from Stavanger, Norway on October 9, 1825. This was the start of organized



immigration from Scandinavia to the USA. The date is not associated with an event in Leif Erikson's life.

National KUBB Champions Crowned!



128 Kubb teams participated in the 13th annual U.S. National Kubb Championship competition held July 12-14 in Eau Claire WI. Competition began Saturday with 128 teams in round-robin group play. 16 teams advanced to the final rounds on Sunday. A dual-state team from Wisconsin-lowa, "2,4,6 Mafia," beat out "Skol" a tri-state team from Illinois, Iowa, and

Minnesota to take top honors and add their name to a nifty Kubb-King trophy. 2019 was the second year in a row that 2,4,6 Mafia took first place!

The 2020 games are scheduled again next year in Eau Claire July 10-12. Registration begins April 1, 2020.





Vennligfolk members Kubbing at Midtsommer! Sharpening skills for the 2020 national competition?





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Sunday, September 8, 2019

"The Marvelous Monarch
Butterfly"
by Kathy McGrath

Tues-Wed Sept. 24-25, 2019
"Road Trip to Vesterhiem"

Sunday, October 11, 2019

Norwegian Lutheran Churches
in Portage County
By Wendell Nelson



The mission of Sons of Norway is to promote and preserve the heritage and culture of Norway and to provide quality insurance and financial products to its members.

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 Carl Rasmussen at 3136 Dans Dr., Stevens Point, WI 54481 or by e-mail addressed to: Vennligblad@gmail.com

Mange Tusen Takk, Carl Rasmussen, Editor



Does your Norwegian Heritage Make Your Heart Happy?

Then share it! Invite a friend to join Sons of Norway/Vennligfolk Lodge today. Please include your name and member number (if known) on any "join application form" you

give to a prospective member. That way you'll get the recognition you deserve.







Ole to Lena, "Knock, knock" Lena to Ole, "Yah, hoo's dare?" Ole: "A little old lady," Lena: "A little old lady who?" Ole: "Ya see Lena, I always knew

yous could yodel!"

Vennligfolk actively supports the Sons of Norway's Tubfrim



project. As you receive mail with postage stamps, cut the postage off the envelope leaving a ¼ inch boarder of paper. Bring your stamps to the next

regular Vennligfolk meeting. Start today with cutting the stamp from the mailed edition of Vennligblad!