



Coming Attractions

Monthly Meeting
May 16th 6 PM
Millhome Supper Club
16524 Lax Chapel Rd.
Kiel, Wi

Awards and Recognition Banquet

Annual Picnic
Chili Cook-off & Potluck
Bring your speciality
June 11th
Lincoln Park
Manitowoc



the Vennskap Lodge News

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Anything Happening in May?

Apparently, the snow has stopped falling, the grass is showing signs of needing to be cut, so spring MAY be here! Mother Nature hates to give up and gave us a final night of thunder, lightning and marble-sized hail with howling winds. No damage in our area, but what a sense of humor! Areas to the south of us were not amused by the number of downed trees and neighborhood damage. Now, if someone could twist the wind away from "Cooler near the lake", I would be convinced that I can put away the snow-shovel. Today, the bird-feeder was visited by a finch that displayed it's yellow and black feathers, a sure sign that winter is losing it's grip. Things are looking up!

May is a pretty month for daffodils, tulips in bloom and people finally getting outside with a smile and a rake.

People lucky enough to have some Scandinavian background are getting ready to celebrate on May 17th while attending nationally-known observances in Norway and in several American communities. Vennskap members will be attending a banquet that will be well-attended, however without the well-known Norse fish-dish 'lutefisk' on the menu, but festivities are still in order. Enjoy the celebrations and the renewal of spring happiness. Greet your friends.

See you at the meeting.



Gratulerer Med Dagen!

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Happy Birthday!

From Our President:

Greetings Dear Lodge Members –

Mother Nature surely has once again brought a profusion of color to our world ! And of course the forsythia and daffodils around our house are perfect to celebrate a Norwegian spring. Yellow, yellow, yellow. Perfect for my Easter table. How about yours?

Enjoyed having Zone Director Joy Bashara at our meeting. Not only did she bring District news, we also enjoyed her presentation on visits with her family in Norway. Vistas from friends' trips are always enjoyable, especially to those of us who never have nor never will be able to make the

trip to our Fatherland. "Joy" is a fitting name for our friend from District, don't you

think? She certainly is a cheerful and enthusiastic person. She suggested the October 15th District Meeting be held in our Sheboygan locale because we are rather centralized among Eastern Wisconsin Lodges. More discussion needed here.

- - - IMPORTANT NOTICE - - -

Our Annual Spring Awards Banquet at Millhome Supper Club will be our only May activity. Please get your checks to Treasurer Dolcye Johnson ASAP. Notice details in Signe's Secretary's Minutes. We had a wonderful time with great food, great company and fun prizes at our Banquet at Millhome last year. You can be sure it will be again in 2017. Hope to see you there.

Don and I were impressed, as were many others, with Gary's description of all the preparations needed to have a successful Lutefisk Dinner at the University. We had NO idea. After discussion with a number of other Lodge members and the various places we were considering having the banquet this year, we felt the most logical decision would be to postpone the dinner until next year. Of course we weren't able to speak with all of you. At our April meeting we had decided to make the final decision at our May meeting as to whether we should or shouldn't have the Lutefisk Dinner this year. So, please be prepared to help make the final decision.

Another decision we will make at our May meeting is whether we should have a booth at the Ethnic Fest September 17, 2017, in Two Rivers. The Two Rivers Main Street Committee would really love to have us back. This time sales will be held outside in the park. Our Lodge has two canopies to cover our tables. Not only could we earn a bit of money for our coffers, but I have quite a few materials to promote our Lodge. If we do decide to have a space in the park, please consider making some of your special Norwegian goodies for the sale. From the amount of baked goods at last year's Lutefisk Dinner, I know we could have a great showing at the Festival. And – Ethnic Fest has a short parade of only few blocks, going from the East side of the two parks to the Community Center. The parade consists of folks in their native clothing. Again, they'd LOVE to have anyone in Norwegian clothing in the parade. Something to think about. Thanks to our hard-working Activities Committee, our Vennskap calendar is filled with enjoyable activities – Awards Banquet – Picnic with Chili Cookoff and Silent Auction – "The Victorian Singers" – "Ancestor Proud" – and more. Please try and join us.



BANQUET AND AWARDS DINNER

Tuesday, May 16, 6PM

Millhome Supper Club

Send checks to Dolcye Johnson



President Vennskap Lodge

Laurie Shawhan

Sons of Norway, Vennskap Lodge
Meeting Minutes: April 18, 2017
6:00 p.m., First United Lutheran Church, Sheboygan
Officers Present: Laurie Shawhan (president), Signe Jorgenson (secretary),
Dolcye Johnson (treasurer)



Proceedings:

Meeting called to order by President Laurie Shawhan at 6:03 p.m.

Treasure's Report:

Dolcye Johnson reported on the balance of the general fund.

Announcements:

The lodge welcomed Zone Director Joy Bashara, who announced that a district meeting will be held in Sheboygan on October 15.

The lodge's Spring Banquet will be held on Tuesday, May 16th at Millhome Supper Club (16524 Lax Chapel Road, Kiel). Dinner will be served at 6:00. **NOTE: THIS IS OUR REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING TIME, NOT A WEEKEND.** Cost is \$17/person. Make checks out to Vennskap Lodge and mail to Dolcye Johnson, 1306 N. 3rd St., Sheboygan, WI, 53081.

Laurie Shawhan reminded the lodge about the annual picnic at Lincoln Park in Manitowoc on June 11. It will be a potluck event that includes a chili cook-off. Members can bring any dish they choose, but all chili entries will be voted on by the lodge to determine the winner.

Gary Henderson reported the annual lutefisk dinner. Lakeland University can't host this year due to remodeling. Members discussed the merits of pursuing another location and reinventing all of our processes for a single year vs. suspending the dinner and reinstating it at Lakeland in 2018. We can afford to suspend due to a lack of convention expenses in 2017, but some members expressed concern that we wouldn't pick it up again despite good intentions. Others expressed concerns about the amount of effort we'd expend for a relatively small return. There was a motion to table (D. Solberg/M. Giesen), which carried unanimously.

The lodge has been invited to participate in the Ethnic Fest event in Two Rivers. We could have a 12x12 tent where we sell baked goods, lefse, etc. for a \$125 fee. The registration deadline is July 17 and the event is September 16. We will decide whether to register in May.

Attendance Drawing:

There were 26 members and 2 guests present. Arthur Thomas won the \$5 attendance drawing.

New Business:

Motion to accept the March 2017 minutes (M. Giesen/C. Johnson) carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the treasurer's report (M. Giesen/M. Mikkelsen) carried unanimously.

Old Business:

There was no old business.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Program:

Zone Director Joy Bashara presented a slide show of images from her travels to Norway.

Minutes submitted by Signe Jorgenson

Grunnlovsdagen (The Constitution Day)

or...

Nasjonaldagen (The National Day) in Norwegian.

**No matter the title, it's a great day for Norway.
It's May 17th or "Syttende Mai" to everyone!**

While many countries celebrate their national day with a military parade, the 17th of May is more of a party for everyone, and especially the children. The history of Norway is confusing. Territory was defended by joining neighborly forces and when losing, peace was made by joining a new alliance. Norway found itself in several battles and often, being the weaker, was forced to abide by the new ruling power and a new king.



Norway actually can be said to have TWO independent celebrations and May is a very busy month!. One celebration highlights children activities, while the other is a celebration of victory! Perhaps, more emphasis and emotion involves Norwegian memories of hatred and sorrow. May 17th is the happier of the two events.

17th of May in 1814, while Norway was in a union with Sweden! (This gets complicated). In 1523, The combination of Denmark–Norway, under the rule of a king in Copenhagen wanted to join the forces of Napoleon in 1807 and entered the Napoleonic Wars on France's side in 1807. Losing, Norway was found being ceded to the king of Sweden!. Then Sweden invaded Norway. Because of all these combinations of winners/losers, kings could become heirs of two or more countries at the same time! After several 'twists and turns', Swedish Christian Frederik, (heir to the Danish and Norwegian crowns), became governor of



Norway and planned to claim the throne as the legitimate heir. This was rejected and the decision was made to draw up a liberal constitution and decide the form of government. Representatives from the entire country were elected to meet at Eidsvoll. The 112 members of the Constituent Assembly gathered and, after six weeks of discussion, concluded the work on 17 May 1814. Norway became free (kind of). All the warring ended for a time. The celebration was to be non-military and focused on the future. The children were to be the main focus and the happy events were annually celebrated.

Only boys were allowed to march in the parade at first, however, due to public demand, the girls were finally allowed to join in the celebrations. Even the Norse equivocal (Russ) of our High School graduates had their parade. Peace reigned happily in Norway...for awhile.



Happy syttende mai!

All seemed well , but trouble was in the air..

Germany could not accept the fact that they had lost the war and continued to trouble their neighbors. Norway managed to remain neutral during WWI.

But WW2 was a different story.

From the start of World War II in 1939, Norway maintained a strict neutrality while both Britain and Germany realized Norway's strategic location; both made plans for Norway, regardless of Norwegian opposition. The Germans struck first and attacked Norway on April 9, 1940.

War raged once again in Norway.

Norway was in the middle of the war, but resisted vigorously. The German goal was to use Norway to control access to the North Sea and the Atlantic, and to station air and naval forces to stop convoys from Britain to the USSR. Vidkun Quisling proclaimed himself prime minister and appointed a government with members from the National Unity Party. *"It's rumored that we're getting new stamps bearing Quisling's likeness, but distribution has been delayed because no one knows which side to spit on."*



As Norwegian troops were forced to surrender, there was a constant resistance movement that continued throughout the hostilities. King Haakon fled to London while Princess Martha and the Royal Family accepted asylum from President Roosevelt for many weeks. Five long hard years of German occupation ravaged the country before Norwegians were able to return, rebuild and experience peace.

The war finally ended May 8th, 1945. Finally, the Norwegian flag was no longer forbidden to fly and Norway rejoiced in another day of independence. May is a flag month in Norway in remembrance of TWO National Days .

Freedom from German occupation May 8, 1945 and Constitution Day, May 17, 1814.

Is it any wonder why May is a happy month in Norway?



Syttende mai in Oslo

“Dinner Will Be At 6...”

You are invited to join your Vennskap Friends for dining and entertainment

May 16th at 6 PM. This will be our regular monthly meeting with a little extra added.

Millhome Supper Club will be the site, located on Hwy 32 , 3 miles east of Kiel. The “sit-down “ meal will be covered by your check of \$17.00 per person made payable to **Vennskap Lodge** and mailed (as soon as possible) to treasurer Dolcye Johnson, 1306 No. 3rd St. Sheboygan 53081.

See you Tuesday Night , May 16th at our regular monthly meeting, Millhome Supper Club.

Millhome Supper Club



Highway 32 , 3 miles East of Kiel

And Next Month....

June will be a “Chili Month”

We'll journey to Manitowoc's LINCOLN PARK

For a “Chili Cookoff”

Anyone wishing to exhibit their choice chili recipe will get the opportunity to compare and compete their favorite chili-fare ..Bring your dish..if you wish..Or anything else you would like to share in our potluck potpourri. June 11th.. Stay tuned, and start cookin'! Join us as we....chill out!..

June 11th



Tusen takk!



Sally Neuhaus, Ginny Mikkelsen, Betty Humke, Carol Wickland, Jan Hellested and Dorothy Jurgens served a delicious lunch at our April meeting. Thanks, ladies!

Nutrition trivia - which is healthier?

- 1.) Hamburgers or hot dogs?
- 2.) Blueberries or Pomegranates?
- 3.) Corn tortilla or flour tortilla?
- 4.) Broccoli or Oranges?
- 5.) Turkey breast or chicken?
- 6.) Bacon or pork sausage?
- 7.) Walnuts or almonds?

The Lady's Page

LEMON 7-UP CAKE

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| 1 lemon cake mix | 1 cup hot water |
| 1 small lemon Jello | 1 cup 7-Up |
| 1 cup cold milk | 1 small instant
lemon pudding |
| 8-oz Cool Whip | |

Make lemon cake according to directions on box. Bake in 9x13" pan and cool. Dissolve jello in hot water and let cool. Add 7-Up and pour over cake. Let stand in refrigerator until Jello is set. Beat together Cool Whip, lemon pudding and milk. Spread on cake and refrigerate.

Answers to health trivia quiz:

- 1.) Burger - less saturated fat, more B vitamins
- 2.) Blueberries - more antioxidants
- 3.) Corn tortilla - flour has 3x more calories
- 4.) Broccoli - more vitamin C
- 5.) Turkey - less fat but both good
- 6.) Bacon! - neither good but more flavor
- 7.) Walnuts - antioxidants & omega 3 fatty acids

MAY 14TH is MOTHER'S DAY!

Though Motherhood is very important, we know it's probably not really easy when we realize it starts with something called labor! Perhaps it helps to look at mothers with a touch of humor.

Something you might learn from your child: if you hook a dog leash over a ceiling fan, the motor is not strong enough to rotate a 42 pound boy wearing Batman underwear and a Superman cape.

Things famous mothers may have said:

Jonah's Mother - "That's a nice story, but now tell me where you've really been for the last three days."

Goldilocks' Mother: "I've got a bill here for a busted chair from the Bear family. You know anything about this, Goldie?"

The Evolution of motherhood:

1st baby: You pre-wash your newborn's clothes, color-coordinate them and fold them neatly in the baby's little bureau.

2nd baby: You check to be sure that the clothes are clean and discard only the ones with the very darkest stains.

3rd baby: Boys can wear pink, can't they?



This and That..

Several people submitted stamps for the Tubfrim program. The stamps are sent to Norway to be sold to stamp collectors. When a member has submitted 1 # of stamps, his/her name is sent to the office in Minneapolis for a drawing. The name pulled in the drawing, will win a trip to Norway. How great is that?!

Dorothy Jurgens 7oz.

Mary Olsen - 1oz. Carolyn Johnson. - 1 oz.

Anne Bruechert - 6 oz. Vi Rue - 3#s

Remember to leave about a half inch border around the stamp.

Damaged stamps will not be accepted. Thank you for cutting stamps!



It was SOME party!

There was this party in the woods and all of a sudden there was a down pour. Sven and Ole ran to the car, started it up and headed down the road, laughing and, of course, still drinking one beer after the other. All of a sudden an old man's face appeared and tapped lightly on the window! Ole screamed out, "YUMPIN YIMINEES! Look out da window Sven!!! Dere's an old guy's face dere!" The old man kept knocking, so Sven said "Vell open da window a little and ask him vat he vants!" So Ole rolled his window down part way and asked "Vat do you vant??" The old man softly replied, "You have any tobacco?" Ole, looked at Sven and said, "He vants tobacco!" "Vell, offer him a cigarette! HURRY!!" Sven replies. So Ole fumbles around, hands the old man a cigarette and yells "Shtep on it!!!", rolling up the window in terror. Now, going about 80 miles an hour, they calm down and they start laughing again, and Ole says, "Vat do you tink of dat?" Sven says, "I don't know? How could dat be? I was going perty fast, but don't vorry, the speedometer says 80 now." Then all of a sudden, they heard a knock on the window and there is that same old man again. "Uff da mai, dere he is again!", Ole yells. "What? Vell, see what he vants now!" yells Sven. Ole rolls down the window a bit and shakily says "Yes?" The old man asks, "Do you have a light?" Ole throws a lighter out of the window, and yells, "STEP ON IT!" They are now going about 100 miles an hour, still guzzling beer, trying to forget what they had just seen and heard, when all of a sudden .. more knocking! "Oh MY! It's the same face. It must be a ghost!!!" He rolls down the window and screams out, "VAT DO YOU VANT ?" in stark terror. The old man gently replies, "You want some help getting out of the mud?"



**May 16-Millhome Supper Club Banquet & Awards
Recognition**

June 11-Sunday-Manitowoc Picnic-Lincoln Park

July 18-Manitowoc-Civil War Singers

August 15-Sheboygan-Our Ancestors

September 19-Trip to Mt. Horeb

**October 17-Sheboygan- Carolyn & Cultural Skills
Group**

November ??

December- No Meeting