



Coming Attractions

September

No monthly meeting

Sept 16th

Ethnic fest

Two Rivers, Wi

Sept 19th

Trip to Mt. Horeb

8:30 AM

October 17th

Monthly Meeting

Cultural Skills

6 PM

First United Lutheran  
2401 Kohler Mem. Dr.

Sheboygan, Wi



# the Vennskap Lodge News

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## Summer Has Fallen

It's gone, again! We wait so long and it goes so fast. September is the month to celebrate the harvest as people display their garden products at the fair as well as the well-groomed livestock that, perhaps, earned the blue-ribbon now displayed on the refrigerator door. Some mothers sadly have said "It's time" as their little one goes out the door to school, while the 'experienced' mom joyfully smiles as she says 'It's about time!'. Leaves have begun showing color and the prettiest season is coming soon. Autumn is the time to travel to enjoy 'Fall Colors' and Vennskap members are getting ready to see the sights. The annual Two-Rivers Fest has been a favorite for local residents and we will be there to enjoy it! Mount Horeb has been recognized as the home of many trolls and Scandinavian carvings, which are a treat for anyone who enjoys humor and the arts.

Our Vennskap members will be on the bus and anxious to see the sights and experience the fellowship of Scandinavian heritage. September is always a happy season full of color and festivals. Too soon, the temperature will turn our rain to snow. Autumn is a welcome time from the "Dog Days" of summer, and usually ends much too early. It's time to get outside, enjoy the fresh air, find the closest Lutefisk and torske dinner that marks Autumn and the end of summer. See you at the Fest!



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Happy Birthday!

## From The President:

Greetings, treasured friends --

Laurie Shawhan

What an incredible evening ! The stories members shared concerning their ancestors' challenges as they left their homes in Norway and landed on these shores were heart breaking as well as heart warming. Of course theirs was not always a smooth venture, but they made it ! Surely made us grateful to be living, thanks to them, safe and sound, in this beautiful country of America. Some of those stories could be made into award-winning movies. Can't thank you enough for creating an unforgettable evening.



Don, Irishman that he is, was surprised how warmly our Norwegian ancestors were received in this country, and how many people helped them find their place and safety here. You probably know the Irishmen weren't very welcome in the early years.

Many thanks to Mikk and Ginny for organizing our two up-coming events. September is going to be another unforgettable month – with the Ethnic Fest in Two Rivers on Saturday, September 16th , and the Trip to Mt. Horeb on Tuesday, September 19th. If you have any questions about either of these activities, give them a call. Also - if you want to drop off any goodies to sell at our “ stand” at Ethnic Fest, call Ginny in Sheboygan, or myself in Manitowoc, for times and directions to our homes. We will also have promotional materials and membership applications for our Lodge at our “stand”.

Another thing we need to consider. Mikk is our Nominating Committee Chairman. Two positions – that of President and Vice President - need to be filled for the 2018/2019 seasons. Nominations will be announced and elections will be held at our November meeting. The new President will then conduct our March meeting.

BTW – Please consider sharing at least one of your special Scandinavian creations, i.e. wood carving, painting, stitchery, etc. with us at our November meeting. Do you have any for sale ?

Come visit us at the Ethnic Fest !

Laurie Shawhan, President  
Vennskap Lodge 622

See you at the Fest!

**TWO  
RIVERS**  
MAIN STREET



Sons of Norway, Vennskap Lodge  
Meeting Minutes: August 15, 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 6:08 p.m.

Reports:

Dolcye Johnson gave the treasure's report.

Attendance Drawing:

There were 25 members and 2 guests present. Candace Snider won  
the \$5 attendance drawing.

Announcements:

The lodge congratulated Vi Rue on her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Laurie Shawhan reported that the lodge declined the offer of the Viking boat float  
due to lack of storage space.

Mikk Mikkelson announced that the Nominating Committee seeks candidates for the President and Vice  
President offices. If any offer plans to give up his/her position, contact Mikk (920-458-1522).

The lodge is preparing for Ethnic Fest in Two Rivers on September 16. Volunteers are needed to provide  
baked goods, set up (approx. 8:00 a.m.), take down (approx. 5:00 p.m.), and work shifts throughout the day.  
Contact the Mikkelsons (920-458-1522) to sign up for any of these activities. Baked goods can be dropped off  
with Ginny Mikkelson in Sheboygan (504 Bluff Avenue; 920-458-1522) or Laurie Shawhan in Manitowoc  
(3324 Waldo Boulevard; 920-684-8423) prior to the 16th. Call Ginny and Laurie before stopping by.  
Carolyn Johnson and others will give a Cultural Skills presentation at the October meeting.  
Members are invited to sell their Norwegian crafts and wares at the November meeting.

The Mt. Horeb trip will occur September 19<sup>th</sup>. Total cost will be \$53.50 for bus, meal, & tips. Contact Mikk  
Mikkelson (920-458-1522) to reserve a spot on the bus and send checks, made out to Vennskap Lodge, to  
Dolcye Johnson (1306 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> St, Sheboygan, 53081).

The bus will leave from the Plymouth Walmart at 8:30 a.m.

New Business:

Motion to accept the July secretary's minutes (M. Giesen/K. Johnson) carried.

Motion to accept the treasure's report (M. Giesen/G. Mikkelson) carried.

Motion to charge members \$35 and non-members \$45 for the bus portion of the Mt. Horeb trip (D. Johnson)  
received no second.

Motion to charge a flat \$40 fee for the bus portion of the Mt. Horeb trip (B. Humke/D. Shawhan) carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Program:

Lodge members told their families' immigration-from-Norway stories and marked the locations where  
their family members lived on a map of Norway.

Minutes submitted by Signe Jorgenson



“Where did your ancestors live in Norway?”

Candace Snider walked 100 miles, while staying in the city limits, to earn a “walking medal” for her Sons of Norway walking project.

It was “Show and Tell” as Vennskap members shared their ancestor’s stories of the long and strenuous trips from Norway to their new homes in America.



Ginny and Mikk Mikkelsen described the immigration of their ancestors from Norway to America.

Signe Jorgensen visited the farms where both sets of grandparents lived in Norway, and shared her visits with us in the “Old Country.”



Carol Wickland shared her relative’s sad travel journal which described their journey to “Amerika.”



Laurie Shawhan and Signe Jorgensen look on as Marge Giesen talks about her ancestor’s immigration from Norway to Minnesota.



## ETHNIC FEST SEPTEMBER 16, 2017 TWO RIVERS MAIN STREET



### Ginny has this reminder..

Put on your aprons and start baking. We need lots of baked items. Set-up begins at 8 AM. The Festival runs until 5 PM. We will sell until all the goodies are gone. We have people signed up to help at 8 AM. Come and help even if only for one hour.

Bring your baked goods to the Festival if possible. If not possible, people in the Sheboygan area can bring them to Mikkelson's at 504 Bluff Ave, Sheboygan. Call first at 920-458-1522 or cell 920-917-5357.

People in the Manitowoc area call Shawhan's at 920-684-8423. May bring to Shawhan's at 3324 Waldo Blvd, Manitowoc. Please be sure to call first.

Bring cookies in a disposable container or be sure to have your name on the container you bring items in, if not disposable. Our workers will pack the baked items to be sold at the Festival.

Parking will be on the streets other than Main Street. Wear something Norwegian: even a Norske t-shirt would be good. The pretty Norwegian jewelry would be nice too.

and remember!

### TRIP TO MOUNT HOREB: SEPTEMBER 19, 2017

We are going to have lots of fun and see everything NORWEGIAN!

We will meet at the Plymouth Walmart at 8:15. Bus leaves at 8:30A.M.

The cost is \$53.50. That includes bus trip \$40 and meal \$13.50 at THE GRUMPY TROLL.

We plan to return about 6:30.

The price will go down if more people go along. Bring a friend!

NORWEGIANS are friendly and fun to be around.

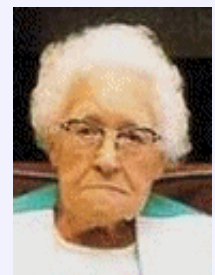
Any questions ??? Call Mikkelson's 920-458-1522 Cell 920-917-5357

### Wake up, Sven. Wake up!



Sven was just waking up from anesthesia after surgery, and his wife Lena was sitting by his side. His eyes fluttered open and he said, "You're beautiful!, Lena" and then he fell asleep again. Lena had never heard him say that before so she stayed by his side. A couple of minutes later, his eyes fluttered open and he said, "You're cute!" Well, Lena was

disappointed because instead of "beautiful," it was "cute." She asked, "What happened to 'beautiful'?" Sven replied "The drugs are wearing off!"



# September

September marks the beginning of the ecclesiastical year in the Eastern Orthodox Church. It is also the start of the academic year in many countries, in which children go back to school after the summer break, sometimes on the first day of the month. A happy month for mom!



However, Some Norwegians celebrate by going to Hell.

That's Hell, Norway, where the fall season is marked by an annual festival featuring world-known musicians. Hell is a small and peaceful Norwegian community and a local train station across the Stjørdal river from Trondheim Airport, Værnes. made famous for an annual music festival celebrated in September of each year.

This festival takes place in the area surrounding the Hell Railroad station and the focus is on blues music. Various stages are set up and blues artists perform. Along with the music, attendees can also enjoy viewing art in a beautiful art exhibition. Natives enjoy explaining that their community DOES freeze every winter.

From the Viking...

“Bats Harming Stave Churches”

Urine from bats may be destroying the church, writes newspaper Bergens Tidende. The church is from the 1100s. It is the only one in the country that is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

The bats have sought shelter in the church for raising young. This is quite normal. But Urnes Stave Church is made of wood. The wood is neither painted nor protected in another way. The urine from the bats contains salt. It can break down and destroy the old woodwork.

“It happens slowly. But at worst, the staves that hold the different parts of the church together may lose their grip,” explains Kjersti Marie Ellewsen, a senior adviser.

In other buildings it is common to replace damaged materials. Stave church officials do not wish to do this. They believe the original parts of the church are an important part of the cultural heritage. Removing the bats is also not a solution. The reason is that the bat is protected. They should not be disturbed.

“We must either find a way to protect the wood. Or we have to set up breeding crates for the bats.” Perhaps they would rather live there,” says Ellewsen.



Urnes Stavkirke, Oldest in Norway

Updated Calendar for the rest of the year

September 16 -

No monthly meeting

Ethnic Fest, Two Rivers with

Norwegian Display and Dessert Sales.

September 19 - Trip to Mt. Horeb

October 17 - Sheboygan - Carolyn & Cultural Skills

November 21 - Manitowoc - Crafts Show and Sale

December - No Meeting





Ole was reading the paper one morning when Lena walked up behind him and whacked him with a rolling pin. "What was that for?" he asked. Lena said, "I found a piece of paper in your pocket with 'Betty Sue' written on it." Ole said, "Jeez, Lena, remember last week when I went to the track? Betty Sue was the name of the horse I bet on." Lena shrugged and walked away. Three days later, Ole's reading the paper again when Lena walks up behind him and smacks him with the rolling pin again. Ole asked, "Now what was that for?" And Lena said, "Your horse called."

## Church Basement Coffee!



It is easy to know how this coffee got its name if you ever attended a Ladies Aid meeting in a church basement back in the day. It's been half a century since I did, and I can still conjure up the wonderful smell of that coffee brewing when stepping in the door.

There may be different ways of preparing egg coffee. What I've read is, an egg is mixed with the coffee grounds before adding them to boiling water, using a stove-top pot. The egg shell can be added to the pot as well. This reduces the acidity and takes away the bitter taste of the coffee. As an added benefit, the calcium carbonate in the shell, helps neutralize the acid in the coffee for anyone with an acid reflux problem.

## Trail Mix Snack

With schools starting classes soon, will your kiddies need a snack? This one is high energy and nutritious - also very easy!

- 1 - 15oz box seedless raisins
  - 1 - 12 oz container peanuts
  - 1 - 12 oz pkg milk (or dark) chocolate chips
- Mix together and enjoy!.

## The Lady's Page



## Crisp Peanut Candies

- 2-2/3 cups white chocolate chips
- 1/4 cup peanut butter
- 3 cups Rice Crispies
- 1 cup peanuts

In a heavy saucepan, heat chips and peanut butter over low heat until melted. Stir until smooth. Add cereal and peanuts, stirring to coat. Drop by tablespoons onto waxed paper and let stand to set. Store in airtight container at room temperature. Yield: about 4-1/2 dozen.

## Tubfrim cuts-up!

For every pound you cut, your name is submitted for a drawing to win a trip to Norway. This year's winner was from Minnesota. You may be next to win! Keep on snipping! Ginny

- Anne Bruechert cut 11 oz.
- Vi Rue cut 1# 2 oz.
- Carolyn Johnson cut 2 ozs.



## September News from Scandinavia



From Denmark: The husband of Denmark's Queen Margrethe is causing a stir in one of the world's oldest monarchies.

Prince Henrik has announced he won't be buried next to Margrethe in the Roskilde cathedral, where Danish royals have been buried since 1559. Margrethe had a specially designed sarcophagus made for the couple there.

A change to the constitution in 1953 allowed female succession, paving the way for Margrethe to become the monarch. Even before that, Henrik wouldn't have become king.

"Traditions are important to all monarchies so this is felt pretty violently," said Lars Hovbakke Soerensen, an expert in Danish history. Lene Balleby, the spokeswoman for Denmark's royal house, told Danish tabloid newspaper BT that the France-born Henrik has "for years been dissatisfied with his role and the title."

Born Henri Marie Jean Andre de Laborde de Monpezat, he met Margrethe in London when he was a diplomat with the French Embassy. He changed his name to Henrik, converted to Denmark's state Lutheran Church and became prince consort.

Margrethe acceded to the throne in 1972 and became Denmark's first female monarch in centuries. The 83-year-old prince has long complained that he didn't become king instead. "The decision not to be buried beside the queen is the natural consequence of not having been treated equally in relation to his spouse," Balleby was quoted as saying. "Any man who is not equal to his spouse is not worthy to be buried in the same grave," Henrik said Friday, according to the Ekstra Bladet tabloid.

## Google is full of wind!

OSLO (Reuters) - Alphabet Inc's Google unit expects to receive its first wind power from Norway by early September, the company told Reuters lately.

Tellenes wind farm, a 50-turbine strong wind farm of 160-megawatt (MW) capacity that is currently under development, will become Norway's largest wind farm and Google's biggest in Europe.

"We'll purchase power as soon as the wind farm becomes fully operational, which we expect will take place in early September 2017," a Google spokesman told Reuters.

Google has also bought the future output of a smaller wind farm in Sweden, due to start operation in 2018, bringing the total capacity of its renewable power purchases in Europe to 500 MW, the company said.

