



Budstikken



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Wergeland Kalender

- ♦ Feb 1, 7:00 pm, Harry J. Olson Center, 1607 North St, La Crosse
- ♦ Feb 13, 5:30 pm, Board meeting at Perkins on Hwy 16 near the mall
- ♦ Feb 12, Deadline for Budstikken articles
- ♦ Feb 19, 11:00 am, Convention Steering Committee meets at the Radisson
- ♦ Feb 22, Budstikken mailed to members
- ♦ Mar 1, 7:00 General meeting



Fra Presidenten



The time after the Holidays is often associated with cold weather and thoughts of hunkering down after the hectic season that we just came through along with thoughts of spring to come. Well we here at Wergeland lodge are doing anything but hunkering down as we have plenty of activities coming up.

The Birkebeiner ski race will be held in February and we will again be one of many lodges supplying cookies to the young skiers. If you would like to help out on this project, bring your cookies to the February meeting and

Gene Johnson will collect them and deliver them to the race. Make sure that any cookies brought in are nut free.

Our annual new member breakfast is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, April 7 (details to follow) so if you have a friend or relative who is considering joining, now is the time to get them on board.

Also in April we will be hosting the renowned Stoughton Dancers. On Sunday, April 22 the dancers will be appearing at Holmen High School. This has traditionally been a very good event for us, not only as a fund raiser but as a means of making contact with the community at large. More information about this event will also be forthcoming.

Finally, preparation continues for the Sons of Norway, District 5 convention that we will be hosting in late June. This promises to be a great event for our lodge and an important outreach to the La Crosse area community. Even if you are not involved in the planning of the convention be sure to look into the different events (banquets, tours, cultural classes and shows) and find out why we are called the "Friendly Fifth".

Finally, if you are an officer for 2018 and were unable to be at the January meeting, please try to make it in February as we will be installing the officers that we missed then. Until then, stay warm and I will see you at the next meeting.

Dave

**Next meeting: Thursday, February 1, 2018, 7:00 PM at
Harry J. Olson Center, 1607 North Street, La Crosse**



Program for February

Did Viking warriors actually play chess? Come to the February program and hear Ron Nowland tell about elaborate chess sets that were found in 1833 buried underground off the coast of Scotland. Pictures and commentary about the history of chess will show that these chessmen were undoubtedly made in Norway. If you have a chess set, bring it along and we can compare it to the Viking chessmen.

Lunch providers for February 1 meeting

Sandwiches (2½ dozen): Darlene Erickson, Vivian Sacia, Carolyn Sorenson, Linda Sherwood

Cakes (18 pcs): Julia Forde, Ramona Johnson, Carla Burkhardt, Pam Knutson

Pickles (1 jar ea): Marilyn Rudser, Mary Sween

Members are asked to donate \$3 per person at the lunch table for lodge expenses.



February Birthdays

3 JoAnn Wittchow
 4 Anne Farning
 5 Monte Hanson
 8 Michaela Melby
 8 Ronald Nowland
 10 Ramon Erickson
 10 Anne Marie Fleischman
 10 Kerry Stokke
 13 Lorraine Glanzer
 15 Frances Bateman
 15 Marilyn Rudser
 19 Dr. Cameron Gundersen
 21 Charlene Juen
 21 Sandra Lester
 23 Darlene Bankes
 24 Tana Bondy
 25 Jill Nelson
 25 Mavis Nicolai
 26 Sigurd Rudser
 28 Douglas Schoenfeld

Calendars are still available for \$11 each—see Eugene Johnson.

Mary Sween would like people to help sell tickets for the April 22 **Stoughton Dancers**. Will also need someone to organize the bake sale.

Feb. 9: **Candlelight Snowshoeing** at Norskedalen 5:30-8:30pm; info at norskedalen.org/events-calendar/2018-02.

Program for March

The March program will be presented by the Youth Group.

Sekretær Notater...

President David Glomstad called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the three national anthems were sung. Guests were introduced: Rachel and David Storlie from Spring Grove were guests of Lee Grippen.

Vivian Sacia installed 2018 officers with the help of her assistants Sandra Kawatski and Lee Grippen. Those officers present were President David Glomstad, Vice President Ramona Johnson, Counselor Adrian Johnson, Secretary Pam Knudtson, Assistant Secretary Kathi Beane, Membership Secretary Shirley Schoenfeld, Treasurer Mark Dregne, Assistant Treasurer Marilyn Rudser, Co-Social Directors Ramona Johnson, Florence Overgard, Linda Sherwood and Sue Corbisier, Co-Foundation Director Ilene Pavelko, Cultural Committee Member Frieda Nowland, Musician Karen Mathison, Assistant Musician Ramona Johnson, Historian Karen Broadhead, Lead Marshall Richard Marking, Marshals Gary Knudtson and Gary Corbisier, Budstikken Editor and Sports Director Carla Burkhardt.

The Treasurer's report for December was presented: The checking account had income of \$2848.25 with expenses of \$3645.35, leaving a balance of \$936.73. The scholarship account had no income or expenses with a balance of \$2510.50. The memorial account had no income or expenses with a balance of \$1724.41. The savings account had no income, with no expenses, leaving a balance of \$5157.54

Foundation Cans were passed while Eugene Johnson reminded us to bring cookies to the February meeting that he and his family will deliver to the Barnebirke on February 22.

Membership Secretary Shirley Schoenfeld reported that Member Directories are available for \$4.00 and for officers to pick up for free. Included in the center of the booklet you will find a convention volunteer worker form. We will need a lot of help with this event. Shirley also reported on the number of our members in each of various age categories.

Marilyn Rudser reported that the Wergeland Lodge audit will take place on January 25. She also told us about the success we have had with providing 1100 cards for Operation Home Front and 1100 cards sent to the Tomah Veteran Affairs Medical Center. If you want to contribute cards bring them to our meetings.

Frieda Nowland invited us to attend the Vesterheim fundraiser to be held on February 18 at 12:00 at the Radisson Center.

January birthdays were recognized in song. No raffle was held this month. Councilor Adrian Johnson invited members to join the board for their monthly meeting, which will now be held at 5:30p.m., instead of 8:30a.m. at Perkins Restaurant.

Officers were thanked and the business meeting was adjourned at 7:43 pm.

Frieda Nowland introduced the evening's program, presented by Lee Grippen about his trip to Norway to visit many of the former exchange students he has worked with over the years.

There were 43 adults and 1 child in attendance.

27.48 was collected for the Foundation and \$114.00 for the table collection.

Pamela J Knudtson, Lodge Secretary

Til minner om...

Golden Member **Agnes Heinzl** (94) died on January 18, 2018. Our sympathy to her family and friends. She has been a member for 37 years, and recently was not able to continue.

Tusen Takk...

...to all officers who served in 2017, and to all new officers who have agreed to serve in 2018. You are all appreciated!

NEEDED! Cookies for Barnebirkie

Wergeland lodge will be sending cookies to Hayward, Wi. for the annual ski race (Feb 22). The skiers love our cookies! Gene Johnson will take our cookies to Hayward. **Bake or purchase some cookies and bring to the Feb. 1 meeting. Remember, NO NUTS.** Please put them in sturdy non-returnable containers such as ice cream pails or shoe boxes. About 1000 skiers will be looking for our cookies.. Contact Eugene at 608-783-1492 or 608-385-7986 with questions or if you will have cookies to take. Tusen takk!

Scholarship Time

District 5 Scholarship Applications Due March 15

Do you know a youth who could benefit from additional funding for college? Please direct any students to the District 5 webpage (sonsofnorway5.com) for more information on our offerings. Please Note: Prerequisites may apply.

Completed applications are due on March 15, 2018.

- Two books scholarships are offered each year.
- An application for Oslo Summer School is available.
- One Norwegian folk high school application is provided.

The Sons of Norway Foundation provides numerous scholarships to our member families. Click the Foundation ribbon at the top of the SofN.com page to begin.

CONVENTION

CORNER



(Pardon the repeat of this information from last month—it's still current—and important—information!!)

Don't forget to purchase and WEAR a Convention T-Shirt. They can be ordered in all sizes – S, M, L, XL for \$12 and 1XL, 2XL, and 3XL for \$15.

For those working for the convention, you can fill out a registration form with your T-Shirt order, because your registration will be free. You may attend the speaker sessions and go to the vendors. You can also purchase meals and tours on the form. For those of you not working, you can register for \$25 and get a registration bag, and go to the speakers and vendors, plus may purchase meals – breakfast buffet, lunches, dinners.

On the registration form, you may order **Convention Pins** for \$5 and the T-Shirts. Check with Adrian, Gary Knudtson, or Shirley Schoenfeld to get your order form. By working at the convention, you will also have a special name tag to wear. Forms will be available at the February meeting.

Next month we will publish the Culural Skills registration form for cultural activities during the Convention.

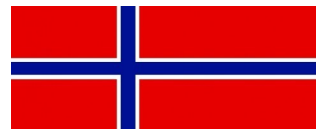
All registrations will be turned in to Shirley Schoenfeld.

Appointed Committees for 2018

Librarian	Pam Knudtson	Scholarship Committee	Marilyn Rudser
Raffle Chairperson	Adrian Johnson	Scholarship Committee	Kathi Beane
Stamps Chairperson	Marilyn Rudser	Budstikken Mailing Committee	Beverly Nelson, Char Vangen, John & Darlene Erickson, Ramona & Adrian Johnson, Fred & Dee Johnson
Good will - Flip tops	Vivian Sacia	2018 Nominating Committee	Ramona Johnson & Frieda Nowland
Festival of Trees		2018 Installing Officer	Vivian Sacia
Rotary Lights Program		2018 Installing Marshalls	
Comm Theater Usher Chair		Please note the BLANK spots—if you would be interested in any of the spots, please contact President Dave	
Salvation Army Bells Chair			



Dis og Dat



Ron and Frieda Nowland had visitors from Oklahoma for a week at Christmas. For their first Christmas in Wisconsin the girls wanted snow for sledding and for making snowballs and snowmen but all their grand-daughter Rachel and great granddaughters Michelle, 16, and Adriana Frieda, 6, got was cold, cold, cold but a warm welcome from lots of relatives.

Sally Olson visited New York City in December for a "Christmas in New York" tour.



Lutefisk & Meatball Dinner

February 3, 2018 1:00 -4:00 pm

Adults \$15.00, Age 6-12 \$8:00 and Under 6 Free

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

306 S. Main Street, Westby WI.

NAME TAGS need to be picked up and worn at the meetings. The newer orders for name tags are on the table as you enter the meetings. Please pick it up at the next meeting.

These are the name tags waiting to be picked up:

Alex Aakre
Deborah Amundson
Shelaine Bennett
Mike Finn
Anne Marie Fleischman
Theresa Heiser
Ruth Ann Holm
Stan Jorgens
Debra Anderson-Kennedy
Kristin Krug
John Lillejord
Marlene McCabe

John Olson
Don Peterson
Kathy Severson
Karen Seagrove
Barb Skogen
Dave Skogen
Nancy Von Arx
Walter Willis
Sandee Winterfield
Joann Wittchow
Mary Yerhot

New members get theirs free as a gift from Wergeland. Others can get replacements for \$6.75; See Shirley Schoenfeld, 608-788-6596.

New Program Committee

For many years two people have served as co-cultural directors. Their primary duty has been to provide interesting and informational programs for the monthly meetings. A secondary job is to encourage involvement in the cultural skills program. Since that requires a different skill set, we would like to find someone who would work with just that.

Since it became difficult to find two people who would take on the program job, the decision was made to form a committee of six to share the work. The following people have agreed to serve on this committee:

Susan Corbisier is a retired teacher who frequently visits Norway where her daughter has lived for 12 years.

Marcia Crowley is a descendent of a signer of the 1814 Norwegian constitution, lives in Stoddard, teaches art in La Crosse, and works at Villa Louis as a historical cook.

John Erickson is retired from Trane Co., lives in La Crescent, established and works with a museum in Peterson, MN and collects Norwegian books.

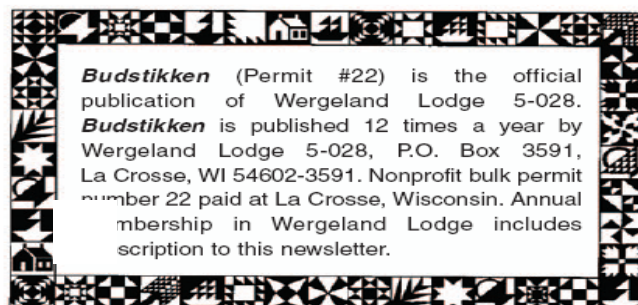
Frieda Nowland, chairperson, is a retired school librarian and bookstore owner, a native of Minnesota, lives in La Crosse and has visited Norway six times.

Florence Overgaard is a former teacher in Madison, retired to La Crosse, has strong Norwegian roots, and is active in many organizations, including Norskedalen.

Mark Quade is retired but keeps busy singing with the La Crosse Chamber Choral and volunteering at his church, Our Redeemer Lutheran. His work life included 18 years in TV news - mostly at WKBT in La Crosse and working for the Evangelical Lutheran Church

Sons of Norway Mission Statement

The mission of Sons of Norway is to promote and to preserve the heritage and culture of Norway, to celebrate our relationship with other Nordic Countries, and provide quality insurance and financial products to our members.





Dave and Barb Skogen: La Crosse Tribune People of the Year. *Peter Thomson, La Crosse Tribune*

Wergeland members Dave and Barb Skogen were named Persons of the Year for 2017. Below are excerpts from the article in the La Crosse Tribune written by Peter Thomson:

‘...Because of their leadership and philanthropy, they are the La Crosse Tribune’s Persons of the Year.

In his letter nominating the Skogens, local attorney Brent Smith wrote that “2017 was not different in many respects for continuous efforts of the Skogens to better our community. Once again, when I looked at capital building projects for nonprofits in our area, Dave and Barb were signifi-

cant contributors. More recently, they have tried to lift our area young people through the leadership academy. Finally, they were major game changers as to a large block in Onalaska with economic development.”

The Skogens’ leadership efforts span many decades, Smith told the Tribune after the newspaper selected them as Persons of the Year. “They lead by example, by their generosity and their passion,” he said. The Skogens have made a difference in many ways, including employing thousands of people at their family’s Festival Foods grocery stores, Smith added. Dave Skogen is chairman of the family’s grocery business.

The Skogens’ leadership training efforts are another example of making a difference in the community by applying life skills to young people to help them find jobs and be servant leaders, Smith said. “When I think of Dave and Barb Skogen, I admire the passion they have had for this community and the impact they have made,” Smith said.”

....The Skogens are well-known in the La Crosse area as proponents of the servant leadership model, which Dave learned of about 20 years ago when he read the book “The Servant” by James Hunter, who founded the servant leadership training and development firm J.D. Hunter Associates, LLC, in 1985. Dave read the book on his way to a grocery conference where Hunter spoke.

....“A lot of people who change jobs do so because they’re not happy with their management, their leader,” Dave said. As a young man managing the meat department at his parents’ store, he was told that was why some employees in his department had left for other jobs.

“That was a wake-up call, a growing-up experience,” Skogen said. “Fortunately, I woke up,” he said, adding that what he learned then has been reinforced by what he’s learned about servant leadership from Hunter.

“To lead is to serve,” Dave said of servant leadership, which is the core of the culture at Festival Foods.’

From the January installation of Officers:



Support Directors, Program Directors, Executive Officers, and the President of the Wergeland Lodge were installed at the January meeting by Installing Officer Vivian Sacia and her able assistants Lee Grippen and Sandra Kowatski.

Looking Back

Fem år siden (5 years ago) 2013

Eugene Johnson presented the February program titled "Hans Majestet Kongens Garde", or, the King's Guard. The program featured a look at the history, mission, performance and unusual mascot of this special battalion of guards in Norway.

Steve Marking unveiled his new river show "My Mighty Mississippi" at a concert at the West Salem Heider Center.

Florence Johnson is chairing the lodge's TRBFRIM program, collecting used postage stamps which are sent to Norway's TUBFRIM headquarters to be packaged and resold to wholesalers and collectors world wide. Proceeds from the sales provide care and aid to handicapped children and their families in Norway. Lee Grippen chairs the TUBFRIM program in Spring Grove, MN, and was recently featured in the Spring Grove Herald for his role in this program.

Ti år siden (10 years ago) 2008

Keith Knutson, professor at Viterbo University, spoke at the February meeting about the independent and free spirit of the modern day "Vikings" of Norway, and about some of

their latest adventures.

Unger Venner members were encouraged to apply for District 5 and National Sons of Norway scholarships, as well as our own Wergeland Lodge scholarships. There are several different scholarships available.

Our lodge distributed nearly \$5000 in 2007 to various programs, causes, and charities.

Femten år siden (15 years ago) 2003

Signe Gundersen Schroeder, Eileen Temte and Ellen Olson presented the February program on knitting. They displayed and explained various styles of Norwegian knitting and some original patterns they've created. Members were encouraged to wear their Norwegian sweaters to the meeting.

The February Budstikken noted that about 34,000 houses on Norwegian farms stand empty and one in four farms is permanently uninhabited. In recent decades, many Norwegian farms have been sold or abandoned.

Bob and Jean Marck visited New York City, were on the "Good Morning America" program, and gave official Green Bay Packer cheese curds to Diane Sawyer, Charlie Gibson, Tony Perkins and Robin Roberts.

President	Dave Glomstad
Vice President	Ramona Johnson
Counselor	Adrian Johnson
Secretary	Pam Knudtson
Assist. Secretary	Kathi Beane
Membership Secretary	Shirley Schoenfeld
Treasurer	Mark Dregne
Assistant Treasurer	Marilyn Rudser
Co-Social Directors -Special events	Ramona Johnson, Betsy Stannard, Florence Overgard and Doris Henderson
Co-Social Directors	Linda Sherwood, Sue Corbisier, Lynn Curtis, Ann Sprain
Co-Foundation Directors	Ilene Pavelko and Beverly Nelson
Youth Directors	Hayli McQuire & Montaya Harter
Sports Director	Carla Burkhardt
Cultural Committee	Susan Corbisier, Marcia Crowley, John Erickson, Florence Overgaard, Frieda Nowland and Mark Quade
Co Musicians	Karan Mathison and Ramona Johnson
Historian	Karen Broadhead
Greeter & Raffle Sales	Orlando and Carole Wadel
Ass't. Greeter	Ron and Frieda Nowland
Marshals	Richard Marking (Lead), Arlen Henderson, Fred Johnson, Gary Corbisier, Gary Knudtson, and Dan Hammes
Auditors	Dee Johnson (1 st yr), Marilyn Rudser (2 nd yr), Marlene McCabe (3 rd yr/chair)
Trustee, (1st Yr)	Dennis Sprain (1 st yr), Dan Hammes (2 nd yr), Agnetha Ames (3 rd yr/chair)
Budstikken Editor	Carla Burkhardt
Publicity Director	Carol Stekel

A little in English...

Erna Solberg is one of the world's most powerful women

Angela Merkel tops the list of the world's most powerful women. But Erna Solberg is more powerful than Hillary Clinton.

Forbes magazine is known for creating lists. They write who earns most and has the most power. Recently a list came out of the world's most powerful women. Forbes mentions 100 women who they think are the most powerful.

Prime Minister Erna Solberg is 46th. She appears before Beyoncé Knowles (50th place) and politician Hillary Clinton (65th place).

"Norway's Angela Merkel," writes Forbes. At the top of the list is Germany's leader. 63-year-old Angela Merkel is number one for the seventh consecutive year. She retains the position despite losing power during the election this year. Forbes calls her the actual leader of the European Union (EU).

In second place is Theresa May. She is Prime Minister of the UK. Third place goes to Melinda Gates, the wife of Bill Gates, founder of the software company Microsoft. Melinda Gates runs a large charitable organization that helps people in poor countries.

There are many different women on the list. There are politicians from several countries, there are powerful leaders from big companies, and there are entertainers.

Here are a few examples:

8th place: Christine Lagarde, head of the International Monetary Fund
 11th place: Indra Nooyi, head of the company PepsiCo.
 5th place: Tsai Ing-wen, Taiwan's first female leader
 19th place: Ivanka Trump, businesswoman, Donald Trump's daughter
 21st place: Oprah Winfrey, media queen
 33rd place: Aung San Suu Kyi, leader in Myanmar
 45th place: Gina Rinehart, owner of Hancock mineral company in Australia
 78th place: Kersti Kaljulaid, Estonia's first female president
 85th place: artist Taylor Swift from the United States

Litt på Norsk...

Erna Solberg er blant verdens mektigste kvinner

Angela Merkel topper lista over verdens mektigste kvinner. Men Erna Solberg er mektigere enn Hillary Clinton.

Magasinet Forbes er kjent for å lage lister. De skriver hvem som tjener mest og har mest makt. Nylig kom lista over verdens mektigste kvinner. Forbes nevner 100 kvinner som de mener er mektigst.

Statsminister Erna Solberg er på 46. plass. Hun kommer før artisten Beyoncé Knowles (50. plass) og politiker Hillary Clinton (65. plass).

«Norges Angela Merkel» skriver Forbes. Øverst på lista er Tysklands leder. 63 år gamle Angela Merkel er nummer 1 for sjuende år på rad. Hun beholder plassen til tross for at hun mistet makt ved valget i år. Forbes kaller henne den egentlige lederen av Den europeiske union (EU).

På andreplass er Theresa May. Hun er statsminister i Storbritannia. Tredjeplassen går til Melinda Gates. Hun er kona til Bill Gates. Han grunnla dataselskapet Microsoft. Melinda Gates driver en stor hjelpe-organisasjon. De hjelper folk i fattige land.

Det er mange ulike kvinner på lista. Det er politikere fra flere land, det er mektige ledere for store selskaper, og det er folk som driver med underholdning.

Her er noen eksempler:

8. plass: Christine Lagarde, leder for det internasjonale pengefondet.
 11. plass: Indra Nooyi, leder for selskapet PepsiCo.
 15. plass: Tsai Ing-wen, Taiwans første kvinnelige leder
 19. plass: Ivanka Trump, forretningskvinne, Donald Trumps datter
 21. plass: Oprah Winfrey, mediedronning
 33. plass: Aung San Suu Kyi, leder i Myanmar
 45. plass: Gina Rinehart, eier av mineralselskapet Hancock i Australia
 78. plass: Kersti Kaljulaid, Estlands første kvinnelige president
 85. plass: artisten Taylor Swift fra USA

Every year there is a race from one side of Sweden to the other.....They start at the Norwegian line and end up at the Finnish line.

...this groaner also drew some clever Facebook comments....

“That joke got off to Oslo start, but it had a strong Finnish.”
 “The race was documented in the film Norse By Norse-west.”

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Norskedalen Activities

Throne Visitors Center

Hours From Jan 1 - Apr 30:

Monday-Friday from 8am--4pm

Saturdays 10am--3pm

Sunday from 11am--3pm



Guided homestead tours, when a guide is available, will be at 10 am, 1 pm and 3 pm Monday through Saturday, and 1 and 3 pm on Sundays. Self guided audio tours will be available in any event.

Admission rates for all programs with the exception of Heritage classes is \$6.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children, \$15.00 for families, and free for members of "Friends of Norskedalen."

Norskedalen Members may use the Norskedalen grounds 365 days a year from sunrise to sunset. Member parking pass must be clearly displayed in front windshield while using Norskedalen grounds.

Non-members may only use Norskedalen grounds during regular business hours and must check-in with office staff to pay admissions and receive a wristband.

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