



**SONS of
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Budstikken

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Wergeland Kalender

- ♦ January 3 6:30 pm, General Meeting, American Legion
- ♦ January 8, 5:30 pm, Board meeting at Perkins on Hwy 16
- ♦ January 22, Deadline for Budstikken articles
- ♦ January 31, Budstikken mailed to members
- ♦ February 7, 6:30 General Meeting

2019
Happy
New Year

Fra Presidenten



Happy New Year! A great 2018 for Wergeland lodge is giving way to the new year. I hope that everyone had a great Christmas season spent with family and friends. It doesn't seem that long ago that we were gathering at the Legion for our Christmas banquet to kick off the season. The season went by quickly in our household. Our Christmas was disrupted by my accepting a new position with a local company that I think will be my last job change for a long time. We are also celebrating a little later than usual as our daughter with the Chicago Bears got held up there due to the playoff preparation. (another reason that the Packers should have won

more games)

The heart of our January meeting will be the installation of our 2019 officers. Our lodge is fortunate to be able to fill openings that otherwise might go empty without volunteers. This year we once again have a mix of new and old and I appreciate everyone who has stepped forward to fill a slot. If you are an elected officer for 2019, try to make it to the January meeting and partake in the installation ceremony.

In February, after taking the year off because of convention planning, we will be returning to the La Crosse Family Fest held at the La Crosse Center. Two years ago, when we participated, we had one of the more popular booths as we were able to lure people in with some wonderful Norwegian baked goods. If you feel like baking again early in the new year, let me know and we can make arrangements to have your goodies there and again.

Also, in February, the American Birkebeiner will be happening in northern Wisconsin and as is our tradition, we will be sending cookies for the youngsters who ski that weekend. Gene Johnson, who normally delivers our cookies will be out of town this year so along with cookies, we will need a driver to get them there. If you are interested, let me know and we will get the arrangements made.

We also plan to revive our new member breakfast this year. This will happen sometime in March so watch for upcoming news about the event and then come out and join us.

Have a great New Year, keep a warm sweater nearby, and I will see you at the next meeting.
-Dave

**Next meeting: Thursday, January 3, 2019, 6:30 PM at the
American Legion, 711 6th Street, La Crosse, WI**



Program for January

2019 Officer Installation and a History of the Sons of Norway.

Lunch providers for January 3 meeting

Sandwiches (2½ dozen): Linda Sherwood, Jan Brudas, Bev Nelson, **need 2 more**

Cakes (18 pcs): Carla Burkhardt, Karen Matheson, Marilyn Rudser, Karen Broadhead. Mary Sveen

Pickles (1 jar ea): (not needed this month)

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



January Birthdays

6 David Skogen
 7 Carlie C Burkhardt
 9 Peter J Linnert
 10 Samuel Stromwall
 12 Laura J Ira
 13 Brian J Kirby
 16 Gary J Corbisier
 18 Marissa A Langaard
 19 Sofi Diane Stutesman
 20 Char I Vangen
 21 Roger O Olsen
 21 Dorothy I Paulikas
 21 Dennis E Sprain
 22 Jarvis L Brudos
 22 George Ranis
 23 Janice Johnson
 26 Liesl M Allen
 26 Ingeborg L Gerber
 26 Nathan Voe Iker
 28 Mike W Finn
 28 Sarah Hubbard
 30 Gene I Gaarder
 31 Bernice C Herder

NEEDED: Cookies, and a Cookie DELIVERY PERSON

Please bake cookies by the dozens for the Barnebirkie and bring them to the February Wergeland meeting (Feb 7). We are looking for volunteers to deliver the cookies (and work in cookie tent if possible) to Hayward on Feb 21.

Eugene Johnson can give more details about this: 608-783-1492 or 608-385-7986.

Program for February

Hillview Agricultural Garden

Sekretær Potater...

After we enjoyed our delicious Christmas banquet of traditional Norwegian fare, President Glomstad called the meeting to order at 6:52 pm.

The Wergeland Dancers provided a delightful program.

Guests were introduced: Barb Glomstad, Becky Glomstad, Ed Johnson, Ruth Dregne, Charlene Lebakken. New member Howard Johnsrud was introduced

The Treasurer's report for November was presented. The checking account had income of \$473.02 with expenses of \$760.24, leaving a balance of \$5434.60. Treasurer Dregne informed us that there are 18 calendars left and they will be sold for \$10.00 each tonight.

Vice President Johnson comment that our move to our new location here at the American Legion went well and she offered a number of items that the lodge no longer uses for sale tonight, including insulated coffee pots and extra copies of program recordings from past years.

Members were reminded to join us in signing Christmas carols with Brian Rude at the warming tent at Rotary Lights on Thursday, December 13 at 7:00 pm.

Foundation Cans were passed. December birthdays were recognized in song.

The Raffle Drawing was held: \$126.00 was collected, \$42.00 went to Ed Johnson for the 1st correct number; \$42.00 to Lois Kathan for the 2nd correct number; and \$42.00 goes into the general account.

Officers were thanked and the business meeting was adjourned at 7:38 pm.

There were 58 adults and 7 children in attendance. \$38.00 was collected for the Foundation and \$188.00 for the table collection.

Pam Knudtson, Secretary

Cookies for the Barnebirkie!

From Region 5 Sports Director Cheryl Wille-Schlesser: "...Hayward, WI will soon host skiers from around the world for the Greatest Show on SNOW-The American Birkebeiner. The 2019 Barnebirkie event will launch the festivities on Thursday, February 21st. The kids' route will return to the golf course behind the Hayward Elementary Campus. Registration will occur at the big tent just off 5th Street, where skiers will pick up their bibs and hats. Participants in the Barnebirkie are between the ages of 3-13.

The Barnebirkie has been long supported by the Sons of Norway 5th District. Each year our members provide cookies by the thousands to ski families at the Celebration Tent in downtown Hayward. Our volunteers also assist with the ski registration, serve a hot lunch to our volunteers, play music at the VFW canteen, assist the classic skiers at the Expo, and fulfill other requests made by the Birkie Office. You will recall that our District was awarded the 2018 Shellie Milford Spirit of the Birkie Award for our unwavering support. 2019 will be no exception, and due to the loss of some workers we are needed in earnest!

CAUTION-Due to the many individuals who have been diagnosed with allergies to tree nuts and peanuts, please DO NOT use them in your baking.

The classic skiers have also made a request for healthy cookies! Providing a spice cookie such as cardamom, molasses, ginger, pumpkin, or a fruit option would be fantastic. Oatmeal raisin cookies are popular, too."

Condolences til...

...the family of Harlan Olson, who passed away Dec. 11, 2018. Although he was not a member of Wergeland Lodge, he and his wife were very active volunteers at Norskedalen and were known by many.

...the family of Ken Piper, who passed away Dec. 12, 2018. He and his wife Norma were members of Wergeland Lodge from 2005-2014. He is the uncle of **Ann Sprain**.

...**Rob** and **Deb Ofte** on the death of her father, Douglas Imgrund on Dec. 15, 2018.

Gratulerer til...

...**Mark Dregne**, who retired after 45 years of service as a medical laboratory scientist in the Gundersen Blood Bank. A retirement celebration was held on December 5.

...**Hannah Scholze** (left) and Jarrod Roll (right) of the Monroe County Local History Room, recently received the 2018 Wisconsin Federation of Museums' Institutional Award of Excellence at the Wisconsin Museum Conference in Kenosha. Greg Vadney, Vice President of WFM, is in the center. The award recognized their fully interactive exhibit, "Monroe County from A to Z," which is available to view during the History Room's normal hours of operation: 9-4:30, Monday through Saturday. Admission is free. For more information visit www.Facebook.com/MCLHR.



Tusen takk...

...to **all** of the Bell Ringers on Nov 30 and Dec 8! December 8 donations were matched by Kwik Trip.

...to **all** of the bakers and cooks (and the kitchen workers) who made the Norwegian Banquet at the December Lodge meeting a delicious success! This was also our first time back in the American Legion facility at the corner of 7th and Market in La Crosse.

...to **Ramona & Adrian Johnson** for decorating the Sons of Norway tree at the Festival of Trees in Riverside Park. The Rotary Lights will be on display until Dec. 31.

...to **Brian Rude** and the "Wergeland Singers" for the music and stories in the Rotary Lights Warming tent on Dec. 13.



*Holidays mean lefse
by the truckload!!*

The following 2019 Wergeland Officers will be installed at the January Wergeland Lodge meeting:

President:	Dave Glomstad
Vice President:	Ramona Johnson
Counselor:	Shirley Schoenfeld
Secretary:	Adrian Johnson
Assistant Secretary:	Carol Pestel
Membership Secretary:	Kathi Beane
Treasurer:	Mark Dregne
Assistant Treasurer:	Kathi Beane
Cultural Committee:	Frieda Nowland, Mark Quade, John Erickson, Florence Overgard, Carol Stekel, Sue Corbisier
Cultural Skills (Dance):	Sandra Kawatski
Social: Special Meals:	Char Vangen, Marilyn Silbaugh, Dee Johnson, Ramona Johnson
Social: January- April:	Linda Sherwood, Darlene Erickson
Social: August-November:	Lynn Curtis, Ann Sprain
General Chair: Social:	Ramona Johnson
Foundation Directors:	Ilene Pavelko, Karen Saegrove
Youth Director:	
Co-Musicians:	Karen Mathison, Ramona Johnson
Historian:	Marlene Mc Cabe
Greeters:	Carol & Orlando Wadel, Ron & Frieda Nowland
Marshall Chairman:	Dick Marking
Marshalls:	Fred Johnson, Gary Corbisier, Gary Knudtson, Dan Hammes, Sprain
Dennis Auditor:	Carol Pestel (1st Year), Dee Johnson (2nd Year), Marilyn Rudser (3rd Year)
Trustee:	Vivian Sacia (1st Year), Dennis Sprain (2nd Year), Dan Hammes (3rd Yr)
Budstikken Editor:	Carla Burkhardt
Publicity & Pictures:	Carol Stekel

Appointed Committees:

Librarian:	Pam Knutson
Raffle:	Adrian Johnson
Stamps:	Marilyn Rudser
Goodwill Flip Tops:	Vivian Sacia
Scholarship:	Kathi Beane, Marilyn Rudser, Laura Ira
Festival of Trees 2018:	Adrian & Ramona Johnson
Rotary Lights Program 2018:	Ramona Johnson
Salvation Army Bellringer Chair 2018:	Carla Burkhardt
Installing Officer 2019:	Shirley Schoenfeld



Dis og Dat



Adrian and Ramona Johnson will be visiting daughter Amy who lives in Boise, Idaho. Amy & Scott have given them five grandchildren so it is fun to visit them!

Betsy and Dennis Stannard will travel to San Juan, Puerto Rico, to see Lin-Manuel Miranda reprise his role of Alexander Hamilton on January 21, 2019. They are celebrating their 51st anniversary. They are "not throwing away their shot!" (a reference to a song from *Hamilton*)

Dick Marking was expecting his daughters from St. Louis and Iowa City for the weekend after Thanksgiving. What a surprise it was for him when his third daughter from Texas came too!

The **Nordic Fiddlers Bloc**, a trio from Norway, Sweden, and the Shetland Islands, will perform at the Historic Temple Theatre in Viroqua on April 13, 2019. See htix.com to order tickets.

January Program: The installation of 2019 officers will be followed by a presentation from Frieda Nowland about the beginnings of the Sons of Norway.

From the **December** program: December 6 found us back at the American Legion in La Crosse (pictured below). We enjoyed a smørgåsbord of open face sandwiches, fruit soup, rømmegrøt, flat brød, lefse, meatballs, and Norwegian desserts.

The program was a clever presentation written by director Sandra Kawatski. The Wergeland Dancers told the story of Ole, who, new to America, was looking for familiarity in his new homeland. He attended several social functions, but the dance steps were not what he was looking for...until one evening when he found people whose dancing he recognized. Ole found even more than that...love! See p. 5 for more photos from the banquet and program.

Vegetable Barley Soup (Grynsodd)

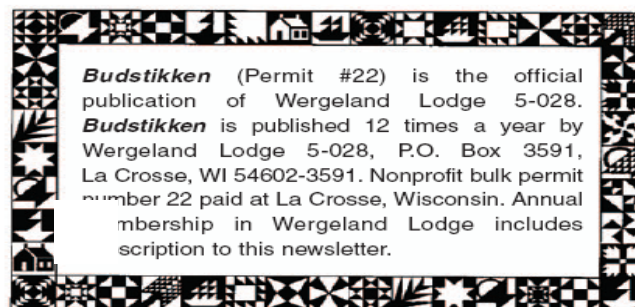
3 Tbsp barley, soaked overnight
 3 Cups water
 ½ Leek, washed and sliced
 2 Celery tops with leaves, chopped
 2 Cups beef stock or bouillon
 2 Cups cabbage, washed and sliced
 1 Cup carrots, sliced
 ½ Cup rutabagas, diced
 3 Potatoes, diced
 Salt and pepper to taste
 Fresh parsley, chopped
 Optional ingredient: 1 ½ Lbs. beef chuck diced

Directions: Rinse the barley and soak it in cold water overnight. (Next day) Add the barley and soaking water to large soup pot. Cut the leek in half and wash it well, then slice. Cut the celery and add both to the soup pot. Simmer for about 1 hour. Add the beef stock and sliced cabbage, simmer for 20 minutes. If you are adding the beef chuck, add it in this step. Add the carrots and rutabagas, simmer for another 10 minutes. Add the diced potatoes. Continue to simmer for another 15 minutes until the vegetables are firmly cooked, but not mushy. Serve hot from the stove sprinkled with the chopped parsley. Pair with a crusty, dark bread.



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.





Wergeland Lodge rang bells for the Salvation Army Nov 30 and Dec 8. At left: Carla Burkhardt and Shirley Schoenfeld; Fred Johnson and Gary Knudtson.



Brian Rude led the singing at the Rotary Lights Warming Tent on Thursday, Dec. 13. Wergeland Carolers included Mark Dregne, Fred Johnson, Gary Knudtson, Frieda Nowland, Dave Glomstad, Dee Johnson, Karen Broadhead, Bev Ranis, Brian Rude, and Carla Burkhardt (not pictured). The songs included in the last Budstikken were sung (på Norsk) and a few carols in English were included, but the highlight of the program was definitely *O Lutefisk, O Lutefisk...!*



Sandra Kawatski (right), Director of the Wergeland Dancers, accompanies the dancing with her accordion as they portray the story of Ole.



The Wergeland Dancers, standing with their partners (left to right): Sharon Barnhart & Isaiah Schaller; Karen Lange & Ingrid Iverson; Florence Overgard & Betsy Stannard; Judy Hoffman & Jonah Schaller; Sharon & Asa Harter; Dianna & Elijah Schaller; Linnea Mueller & Noah Schaller, who played the part of Ole.

Looking Back

Fem år siden (5 years ago) 2014

The January program featured Ron Nowland, who presented "Lighthouses of Lake Michigan". Ron and several family members visited 25 lighthouses around Lake Michigan, his interest sparked as a child hearing his father talk about his sailing days in the U.S. Lighthouse Service in the 1920's.

Dave Glomstad conducted his first meeting as the new president of Wergeland Lodge. He succeeded Eugene Johnson, who presided for the past two years.

The winter issue of the Wisconsin Magazine of History featured an article penned by Glenn Borreson, titled "From Telemark to Tamarack: Ski Jumping in Western Wisconsin".

Ti år siden (10 years ago) 2009

A multi-media introduction to Norwegian folk music, dance traditions, and Norwegian-American fiddling and dance music, titled "Spel Det Igjen" (Play It Again), was presented by Bill Musser. Bill is the Director of Development at Vesterheim Norwegian-American Museum in Decorah, Iowa.

Mirko Velimirovic, a Wergeland dancer for seven years, began his studies in January at Ega Folk High School in Arhus, Denmark. The school specializes in theatre, art, literature, and rhythmical music, all interests of Mirko. He will graduate from Ega School in June, and also receive his diploma from Logan High School in La Crosse.

Trygve and Karan Mathison, Art and Bev Mahlum, Ron and Vivian Sacia, and Gene and Helene Gaarder recently toured Ireland and Scotland.

President Bing Skogen turned over the gavel to the incoming president for 2009, Shirley Schoenfeld.

Femten år siden (15 years ago) 2004

John Zoerb spoke and showed slides for the January program, titled "Iceland, the Land of Fire and Ice".

New officers for 2004 were installed at the January meeting.

New members welcomed were Carol Copsey, Kari Riniker, Lorraine Glanzer, Nancy Thompson-Von Arx, Eleanor Collins, and Shirley Johnson.

Seasonal Address Changes

Some members divide their time between two different locations during the year. To ensure that Sons of Norway sends mail to the right address at the right time, a member or lodge officer can set up, change or reset a seasonal address.

Setting up a seasonal address the first time: If a member has never had a seasonal address with Sons of Norway, they or the officer should contact Membership Services at Sons of Norway Headquarters by phone, email or regular mail.

Provide the seasonal address and the beginning and end dates of the member's temporary residency for the upcoming year. A seasonal address cannot be set up through the website.

Resetting or changing a seasonal address: A seasonal address will automatically change back to the permanent address in the spring, but will need to be reset for the upcoming fall. A member can reset or change their own seasonal address online by accessing their Member Profile page after signing on to www.sonsofnorway.com.

Membership Services can be reached by phone at 1-800-945-8851 ext. 4654, by email at Fraternal@sofn.com, or by mail at: Sons of Norway, 1455 W Lake Street, Minneapolis, MN 55408.

Scholarship Reminder

January 15, 2019 is the deadline for scholarship applications for educational opportunities that involve international travel: Douglas Warne – Rolf & Wenche Eng Scholarship, Helen Tronvold Adult Learner Scholarship, Helen Tronvold Folk High School Scholarship, King Olav V Norwegian-American Heritage Scholarship, Lund Fund Scholarship, and Oslo International Summer School Scholarship.

Information about applying to a Sons of Norway Foundation scholarship is at www.sofn.com/foundation/scholarships.

Sons of Norway Dues

January is Sons of Norway membership renewal time. As a reminder, a single membership is \$60 and a family membership is \$95 per year. "Family" is defined by home address, so you may put family members together in one family membership by using a single home address.

Continue to recruit new members as well as former members to our Lodge! Invite friends and family to our lodge meetings and events and let them know about the benefits of membership, such as the travel information and the cultural knowledge gained by our programming. Benefits at the Society level may be found at www.sofn.com/member_benefits.

A little in English...

Ylvis creates a new TV series

Ylvis tells strange stories from Norway. Accompanied by music. It will be something new and unusual.

Brothers Bård and Vegard Ylvisåker are making a whole new type of television program. «Stories from Norway» will appear on the channel TV Norge next year.

The program is about weird Norwegian stories. Ylvis jokes about how we exaggerate little things. Then they create dramatic musicals out of these events. One example is when artist Justin Bieber came to visit.

«The idea with this series is to describe various stories around Norway. Some of these stories are very famous. For example, the Bieber visit and the theft of the painting 'The Scream',» says Bård Ylvisåker.

Other odd stories are less well-known. This applies, for example, to the diving platform in Hamar in Hedmark. The platform became much more expensive than planned.

«The budget broke 2,000 percent,» says Bård Ylvisåker. He adds: «We have always enjoyed finding humor in real-life things. So we also interview people who have experienced whatever we are investigating. Then we look at what they say, and what kind of fun things come up,» he explains.

TV Norway announced this new series on its 2018 line-up. The channel will also show new episodes of older shows in 2018. Both the series *Neste sommer* (Next Summer) and *Helt perfekt* (Absolutely Perfect) will have new episodes. The entertainment programs *Mandagsklubben* (Monday Club) and *Brille* (Lens) continue as well.

Additionally, returning to reality TV are *71 grader nord – Norges tøffeste kjendis* (71 Degrees North – Norway's Toughest Celebrity), *4-stjerners middag* (4-Star Dinner), *Gift ved første blick* (Married at First Sight), *Sinnasnekker'n* (The Mad Carpenter), and *Jegertvillingene* (The Hunting Twins).

Danskebåten (The Danish Boat) and *Vintereventyret* (The Winter Adventure) are two new reality series. They are about life on the boat *Stena Saga* and about tourism in northern Norway.

World Chess Championship

Over three weeks in November, an American, Fabiano Caruana, faced off against Norwegian Magnus Carlsen, the world chess champ since 2013. The American qualified for this competition by winning against seven other players in Berlin earlier in the year. Carlsen has held the title of World Chess Champ since 2013. All 12 regulation matches of the competition ended in a draw so a tie-breaker was held, which Carlsen won. Therefore, Magnus Carlsen (pictured) will retain his title of World Chess Champ.



Litt på Norsk...

Ylvis lager ny TV-serie

Ylvis forteller rare historier fra Norge. Med musikk til. Det blir noe helt nytt og rart.

Brødrene Bård og Vegard Ylvisåker lager en helt ny type TV-program. «Stories from Norway» vises på kanalen TV Norge neste år.

Programmet handler om rare, norske historier. Ylvis spøker med hvordan vi overdriver små ting. Så skaper de dramatiske musikaler av hendelsene. Et eksempel er da artisten Justin Bieber kom på besøk.

Tanken med denne serien er å beskrive ulike historier rundt om i Norge. Noen av disse fortellingene er veldig kjente. For eksempel Bieber-besøket og tyveriet av maleriet «Skrik», forteller Bård Ylvisåker.

Andre rare historier er mindre kjente. Det gjelder for eksempel stupetårnet i Hamar i Hedmark. Tårnet ble mye dyrere enn planlagt.

Budsjettet sprakk med 2,000 prosent, sier Bård Ylvisåker. Han legger til:

– Vi har alltid likt å lage humor som kommer fra virkelige ting. Derfor har vi også intervjuer med folk som opplevde det vi undersøker. Så ser vi på det de sier og hva slags gøyete ting som oppstår, forklarer han.

TV Norge fortalte om den nye serien på sin lansering av TV i 2018. Kanalen viser også nye episoder av gamle serier i 2018. Både humorserien «Neste sommer» og «Helt perfekt» får nye episoder. Underholdningsprogrammene «Mandagsklubben» og «Brille» fortsetter også.

I tillegg blir det gjensyn med reality-TV som «71 grader nord – Norges tøffeste kjendis», «4-stjerners middag», «Gift ved første blick», «Sinnasnekker'n», og «Jegertvillingene».

«Danskebåten» og «Vintereventyret» er to nye reality-serier. De handler om livet på båten *Stena Saga* og om turismen i Nord-Norge.

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Norskedalen Activities

Throne Visitors Center

Hours From Nov - Mar:

Monday-Friday from 8am--4pm

Saturdays 10am--3pm

Sunday from 11pm--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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