



SONS OF NORWAY
Coming Attractions

July 10th
Sons of Norway Picnic.
Dinner 1PM
Lincoln Park
1215 North 8th St.
Manitowoc

August 16
Monthly Meeting
6 PM
First Lutheran Church
521 North 8th St
Manitowoc



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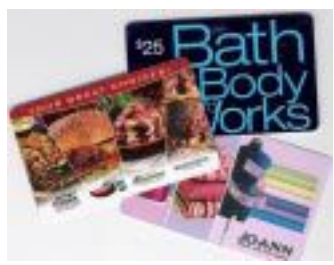
Summer Picnic in The Park

July has arrived and outdoor activities are in full swing! With this summer month, we finally get our hot, humid weather while we enjoy finally being able to be outdoors watching ballplayers, strollers, and, for some of us, being happier to just relax, enjoying a cool beverage while reclining with our family and friends. It's a great time of the year if you don't count the floods, hurricanes and devastation experienced by residents in the southerly states while fires continue burning homes out west!. We, Southeastern Wisconsinites have had it made! Mosquitoes are our pesky partners, but repellants are plentiful. If only that Zika decides to stay out of state! But the good news is that the corn will probably be knee-high by the fourth and the Annual Vennskap Picnic is on!

Prepare for another joyful outdoor day with Vennskap friends! Food, beverage and more food will be the focus for the occasion at Lincoln Park, Manitowoc. Details will be found in following pages.

Not to be missed:
Everyone loves the loveable teddy-bear fjord horses and we will get a chance to see them 'up close!' It's unusual to think that these horses can be in a horse show jumping hurdles and water! Who would miss that!!
Coming soon! Check it out.

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Gratulerer Med Dagen!

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Happy Birthday!

Sons of Norway, Vennskap Lodge
Meeting Minutes: June 21, 2016
6:00 p.m., First United Lutheran Church, Sheboygan



Officers Present: Laurie Shawhan (president), Signe Jorgenson (secretary)

Proceedings:

Meeting called to order by Laurie Shawhan at 6:07 p.m.

Business:

There were no action items.

There was no treasurer's report.

Our Vennskap President Laurie Shawhan is representing our lodge at the District Convention at this time.

Announcements:

The annual picnic will be held at a new location this year, Cabin #2 at Lincoln Park in Manitowoc. Laurie and Don Shawhan will be there beginning at 9:00 a.m. when the zoo opens and other park activities commence, but the dinner will not be served until 1:00. Meatballs, dinner rolls, and water will be provided. (If you'd like something else to drink, you will be responsible for bringing it.) Also bring a dish to pass and, if desired, silent auction items.

The Milsteds were thanked for all the years that they hosted the picnic at their home.

Lutefisk dinner coordinator Gary Henderson still needs a volunteer to help with organizing door prizes. The task can be done completely by post or email. Contact Gary if interested.

Inez Jurgens has arranged for a presentation on Fjord Horses at the October meeting.

Carolyn Johnson is trying to arrange a genealogy class later this summer at the Kiel Community Center, in cooperation with the Kiel library. The class would meet on a Wednesday (date TBA) and the cost, including lunch, would be minimal. Contact Carolyn if interested.

Historian Betty Humke requests a print copy of the newsletter that included coverage of the 2015 annual picnic. If you have a copy, please submit it to Betty.

Dell Solberg was presented with an award for photography, and Dolcye Johnson and Dolly Dickerell were recognized for bringing in new members.

Attendance Drawing:

There were 27 members and 1 guest present. Carolyn Johnson won the \$5 attendance drawing and guest Lee Coons won the drawing for a Norwegian birdhouse.

Meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Presentation:

Marge Giesen led the lodge in Norwegian Pictionary and a word scramble game.

Minutes submitted by Signe Jorgenson.



Marge Giesen organizes two teams of highly skilled Vennskap artists who will compete in a master-course of Pictionary! "Ready?? Draw!!"

Our Vennskap President Laurie Shawhan begins to draw the Norwegian object as everyone attempts to guess.."Bunad!!", "Stabbur!!"..



Norwegian Game night at Vennskap Lodge

Team Picasso attentively responds as standing-room spectators cheer on their artist.

Our Cultural/Sports Director Steve Olson furiously fills the board with his rendition.



And the winning team.....with pens in hand celebrate the evening's artistry. Proving once again, Vennskap members are all winners!

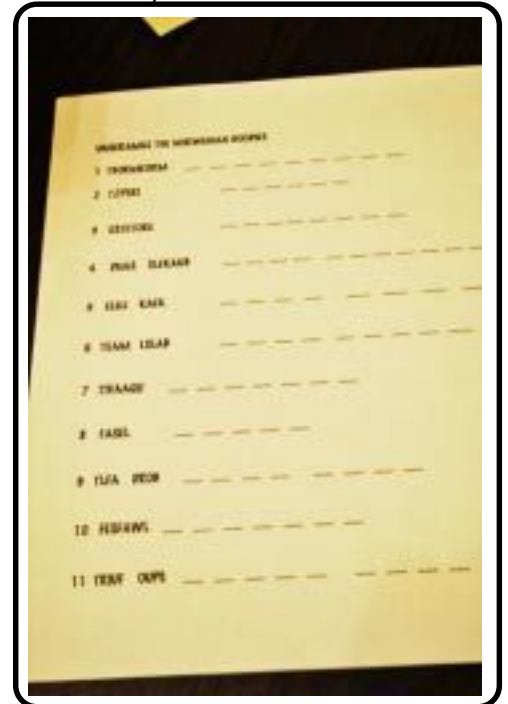


Dolcye Johnson was welcomed back and received an award for bringing 3 new members to Vennskap this past year.

Mother-daughter team up to complete the puzzle



Scrambled Norske!
Can you finish it?



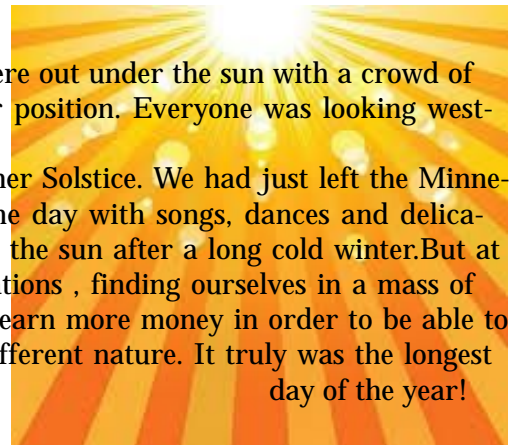
We were challenged to unscramble words with mixed-up letters to find the names of familiar Norwegian foods.

Another game required drawing a picture of something Norwegian for our team to guess.

“It Was a Long And Humid Day..”

It was only June, but it was a hot July-type day and we were out under the sun with a crowd of people who were impatiently maneuvering to better their position. Everyone was looking westwardly at the setting sun.

It was the longest day of the year, a day called The Summer Solstice. We had just left the Minneapolis area whose residents were expected to celebrate the day with songs, dances and delicacies while circling the annual Maypole. A day to celebrate the sun after a long cold winter. But at this time, we were on the highway, having left the celebrations, finding ourselves in a mass of cars heading south, likely trying to get back to work and earn more money in order to be able to return to the north next weekend! Sun worshipers of a different nature. It truly was the longest day of the year!
(by the editor and his navigator)



In Scandinavian countries, there are celebrations on this day, honoring the sun and warmth after the long winter darkness. Bonfires and Maypoles are frequently seen and surrounded by happy crowds.

Why a ‘Maypole’ in July?? and What is the significance of the ‘bonfire’??



Depending on where you live, the actual solstice takes place on a day between June 19 and June 25 and the preceding evening and the exact dates vary between different cultures. In folk magic, midsummer was a very potent night and the time for many small rituals. Raising and dancing around a maypole (majstång or midsommarstång) is an activity that attracts families and many others. To decorate with greens was called att maja (to may) while other researchers say the term came from German merchants who raised the maypole in June because the Swedish climate made it impossible to find the necessary greens and flowers in May, and continued to call it a maypole. Today, however, it is called a "midsommarstång" (literally midsummer pole).

And the bonfires??

In Norway and Denmark, large bonfires are lit on June 23rd to celebrate "Jonsok" or "St Hansaften" the evening before John the Baptist's birthday. Bonfires were lit to protect against evil spirits which were believed to roam freely when the sun was turning southward again. At nightfall the traditional mountain fires are lit on the mountain peaks. A pagan festival held in England during the summer was celebrated by burning huge piles of the bones of livestock slaughtered during the past year. These 'bone fires' continued into Christian times being celebrated on St. Johns Day, June 24, and were still seen up to 200 years ago in remoter areas. By the 16th century, bonefire was changed to bonfire and referred to any large fire. The discarded 'bones' from winter meals were piled outside and a bonefire would be set to get rid of them.

Bonefires became better known as bonfires.



Sally's Norwegian Rhubarb Pudding

1 3/4 cup water

3/4 cup sugar

1 1/2 pounds fresh rhubarb, cut into 1/2" pieces

1/4 cup cold water

3 T cornstarch

1/2 teaspoon vanilla

Heat 1 3/4 cups water and 3/4 cup sugar to boiling, stirring occasionally.

Add rhubarb.

Simmer uncovered, until rhubarb is tender, about 10 minutes.

Mix cornstarch and 1/4 cup cold water, stir into rhubarb.

Heat to boiling, stirring constantly.

Boil and stir 1-3 minutes

Stir in vanilla.

Pour into serving bowl and refrigerate.

Serve with whipped cream.

Norway Enters Offshore Wind Market

Statoil is a Norwegian multinational oil and gas company headquartered in Stavanger, Norway. Statoil operates oil and gas fields in 36 countries from Australia to China, Russia, Venezuela and the United States.

It has recently entered the German offshore wind market through a 50% acquisition of the Arkona offshore wind farm. This farm will provide renewable energy for up to 400,000 households in Germany. Norway's plan is to gradually complement their oil and gas portfolio with renewable energy. For the past 35 years Norway has been delivering gas to Germany through three direct pipelines.



The Arkona wind farm will be located in the Baltic Sea, 35 kilometres northeast of the Rügen Island in Germany, southwest of the Danish island of Bornholm. It will have 60 six-megawatt turbines to be mounted on foundations installed at water depths of 23 to 37 metres.

Minnesota's worst air disaster occurred earlier today when a Cessna 152, a small two-seater plane, crashed into a Norwegian cemetery this morning.

Torger and Lars, working as search and rescue workers, have recovered 826 bodies so far, and expect that number to climb as digging continues into the night.



Ole and Sven were taking a vacation in Sven's new camper. As usual, they'd become lost and were wandering around a strange town trying to find the highway. Sven was just starting down a grade to go under a bridge when he slams on the brakes.

Ole said, "Vat da heck you do dat for, Sven?" Sven said, "Dat sign dere says 'Low Bridge. No Vehicles Over Twelve Feet High.' Dis here camper is t'irteen feet!" Ole replied, "Cripes almighty Sven, dere ain't no cops around. Yust hit da gas pedal and go for it!"



MUSHROOM & SWISS BURGERS

(serves 6)

1 1/2 lb ground beef
salt & pepper to taste
2 tsp butter
2 (4 oz) cans sliced mushrooms
2 tbsp soy sauce
sliced Swiss cheese
burger buns

Divide beef into 6 patties and season. In skillet, melt butter and add soy sauce and mushrooms; cook and stir until browned. Set aside.

Grill burgers and then divide mushroom mixture and top each burger with this and a slice of Swiss cheese. Cover grill for about a minute to melt.



The Lady's Page



The cooks and bakers who prepared our lunch in June were:

Jan Hellestad Carol Wickland
Sonia Larson Joyce Milsted
Mary Olsen Marge Giesen
Ginny Mikkelson Sally Neuhaus

Home Cures for Mosquito Bite Itch

Bees and wasps inject venom when they sting, mosquitoes bite to simply feed on your blood. The itchiness comes from an anticoagulant the mosquito injects to prevent blood from clotting and which gives a mild allergic reaction. To help cope with the itch ~

- Rub lemon or apply lemon juice to welt
- Put minced garlic or onion on for few minutes
- Make paste with water and salt
- Make paste with baking soda and water
- My sister dabs 'Campho Phenique' (it works)

A Peculiar Norwegian Delicacy

Move over lutefisk, there's another peculiar ancient dish in Norwegian cuisine. This is the Smalahove or sau(d)ehau(d) which is smoked head of lamb. The tradition comes from the west coast of Norway and Voss where they attempt to utilize all available meat on the animal. (I think they do it!)

The skull is split and the brain removed before the head is soaked in water for a couple days and then salted for preservation. Special wood is used for smoking and then the head is boiled or steamed until the meat loosens from the cheek bone.

Smalahove is regarded as a delicacy and the fat around the ears, eyes and tongue is regarded as the best meat. This is served with sour milk or beer.



Check your schedule



July 9th. Elkhart Lake/Howards Grove Fjord Horses Competition 9 AM

Manitowoc Luth Church....August 16
- Dressing for the Ball

A group of Civil War Reenactors will demonstrate
getting ready to go to the Ball during Civil War times.

Sheboygan ... September Trip to Stoughton Wisconsin
Visit the Livsreise center to learn about our Norwegian Heritage

October..10/18/2016 - Fjord Horses- Inez Jurgens

November..

11/12/2016 - Lutefisk Dinner set-up Lakeland College/University

11/13/2016 - Lutefisk Dinner

Sheboygan

11/21/2016 - Pot Luck Dinner and a Movie



Have a happy and safe July 4th!

People have forgotten what 4th of July really is about. It commemorates the freedom we use everyday. It's not fireworks and parties. That's just what makes it fun

Three of the first five presidents died on the Fourth of July:

John Adams, Thomas Jefferson and James Monroe. Adams, the second president, and Jefferson, the third, died on the same day in 1826, the 50th anniversary.

What other countries celebrate the Fourth of July?



Denmark, England, Norway, Portugal and Sweden. Denmark Danes and Norwegians celebrate American Independence Day because thousands emigrated to the U.S. in the early 1900s. Other European countries, like England, Portugal and Sweden, hold celebrations near American military bases and or spots frequented by American tourists to boost travel during early July.

Come see Fjord Horses at the Elkhart Lake/Howards Grove Competition!

Mike Jurgens tells us that the Fjord horse is coming to our area. This loveable Norwegian horse will be in 'open- to-the- public competition' with other horses near Elkhart Lake/Howards Grove July 9th. Competition usually starts at 9 AM. The contest will be at N.9160 Highland Road, Elkhart Lake. In a field with little shade, bring your chairs and enjoy a day of watching this Norwegian horse in jumping competition with other horses. The dun-colored horse is known for it's beautiful dark&white mane and extremely gentle demeanor. While commonly used to plow fields and pull wagons, they are happy with riders on their back. They are something to see!

