

Get out your Norwegian bunads, sweaters, tees, and ribbons and help us celebrate Syttende Mai– Norway’s Constitution Day!

We will be celebrating this wonderful event with a “Little Taste of Norway”. Similar to our Taste of Norway in November, this meeting has all of the traditional Norway foods, but allows our members who work so hard to create the food to participate in the fun, socializing, and food sampling.



Many volunteers are still needed to make food for this fun event. Please contact Karen V. at 920-497-0878 to see what foods are available to make.

We are still working out the program details at this point but we are hoping to have someone present on the Viking Longhouse that is coming to UW-Green Bay’s campus in 2017.

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**THE SHIP ARRIVES IN NEW YORK CITY AT ELLIS ISLAND ON JUNE 21 AT 6:30PM.**

We will be reenacting the immigration procedures that our ancestors went through when they came to America. We need volunteers to participate in this play.

Let Peggy know if you are interested or she may be calling you! 920-435-4263.



We will have ice cream sundaes. Please bring your favorite topping to share at the build your own sundae station.

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## *Thank You From Trinity*

**We are very grateful to each of you for your continued donations to our food pantry.**

**We appreciate them very much.**

*The Food Pantry Committee*



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## Norway Offers Finns a Mountain

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Some people can be especially hard to shop for. What do you get your picky grandpa who has everything? That guy you've only been seeing for a few weeks? The cousin you've barely talked to in years, but whose name you drew in Secret Santa?

Or that country with whom you've shared a border for hundreds of year?

A group of Norwegians has taken gift-giving to a new level this year by proposing to give one of its mountain peaks to Finland. At 1,324 meters (4,344 feet), Hailu is the highest mountain range in Finland. But its 1,331-meter-tall (4,367 feet) summit, Hålditšohkka, is actually located right across the border, in Norway.

The group's proposal calls for shifting Norway's border by about 150 meters (492 feet) north and 200 meters (656 feet) east, which would bring Hålditšohkka into Finnish territory.

"Let us take Finland to new heights!" a Facebook age for the campaign reads.

The idea comes from Bjørn Geirr Harsson, a retired geodesist and a former chief engineer of the Norwegian Mapping authority, according to "Aftenposten," Norway's biggest newspaper. Harsson, 75, first thought of it in 1972 while surveying the Norway-Finland border in a helicopter.

When Harsson learned this summer that Finland was preparing to mark the 100th anniversary of its independence in late 2017, he decided a mountain peak would be a fitting gift, according to the Telegraph. He sent a letter to Norway's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, but hasn't heard back.

Sondre Lund, 25, who lives in Trondheim, Norway, said he created the Facebook age after seeing a Reddit post about Harsson's proposal. The use behind the post, Braidedbeard, whom Lund suspects is a relative of Harsson's, gave

Lund the OK to launch the page.

Lund said people find the proposal "amusing" and "generous".

Indeed, Norway boasts nearly 200 peaks towering above 2,000 meters (6,560 feet).

The proposal is a rare gesture in a geopolitical climate better known for taking land away rather than giving it up (cough, Russia). And there's obviously a host of constitutional, legal, geographical, and mapping considerations. But at least one Norwegian government official seems into it.

The proposal has already won the support, if not commitment from Anne Cathrine Frøstrup, the head of the Norwegian Mapping Authority.

"It is a very good idea," she told Norway's state broadcaster NRK after receiving an email from Mr. Harsson. "It is a nice gift to give a country that lacks a high mountain, where the highest point isn't even a peak."

Markku Markkula, from the Land Survey of Finland told Finland's

"Hufvudstadsbladet" newspaper that there would be few legal obstacles.

"It would be a question of agreement between the two countries," he said.

The Finnish embassy in Norway has acknowledged the proposal on Twitter. The Facebook page has received more than 10,000 likes so far, and commenters are mostly in favor of the gift.

From the Atlantic

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