



Coming Attractions

September 27th
(Revised date!!!)
Bus trip to Stoughton
Bus leaves from
Pymouth 9 AM

October 18th
Monthly Meeting
First Lutheran Church
521 North 8th St
Manitowoc
6 PM



the Vennskap Lodge News

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Revised date for the trip to Stoughton..Now September 27TH

Time For A Cool Trip!

August has finally broken its fever. The long days of sunlight are quickly fading, school bells will soon be ringing and we will be thinking of football, raking leaves and building bonfires. It's been a long time of air-conditioned summer, but perhaps, that cycle of weather is changing. Time to get outside and catch up with our Wisconsin's ever-changing seasons. Time for travel.

Our happy Vennskap group will be preparing to board a bus and ride to Stoughton, where we will learn just what our ancestors needed to do when they came to America to start a new life. Perhaps, with a little more knowledge, we might

be more appreciative of the trials and tribulations of those 'ancestors' who established all that we enjoy today. We take for granted a great deal and everyone expects a pleasant and enlightening experience on our Stoughton journey!

Then, it's time to return home to complete plans for our feast of the 'famous fish' we annually enjoy in remembrance of those American Settlers. Norwegian residents seem to have forgotten about this "Lutefisk", but we remember!

Lutefisk and lefse!
Who can forget?!

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Gratulerer Med Dagen!

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Laurie Shawhan.....	23
Zachariah Whitaker. (Heritage).....	24
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Joanne Worley.....	18
Mary E. Peterson	19
Severin Johnson	19
Steve Olsen.....	23
Eli Olson..(Heritage).....	24
Gary Henderson.....	25
Laura Schwaller	25



Happy Birthday!

Greetings Dear Vennskap Members and Friends –

Whoosh ! What a hot and humid summer it has been of late. I love the changes of seasons here in Manitowoc. Gives us a reason to complain 4 different ways throughout the year !

Don't know about you, but Don and I really enjoyed the Entertainment at our August meeting. Virginia and Rogene are a hoot and shared their vast knowledge about a woman's role during the Civil War in an informative and amusing way (with a bit of a scandal, Miss Virginia ?). Women's clothing of that period was so lovely and feminine, and so pleasing to the eye. And of course that rascal, Don !!!!! The 4 of us in 1860's clothing enjoyed singing the impromptu song, "The Quartermaster Store", with our Basso Profundo as Quartermaster. Someone suggested our singing group "The Civil War Singers" (or "Victorian Singers" depending on the type of song preferred) sing for our Lodge next year. That would mean about 8 ladies and gentlemen dressed in 1860's attire doing an evening of stories and 4 part harmony. What do you think ?



We had a very good turnout once again, with several visitors, some of whom are considering becoming members. Our numbers are growing, and dear friends with physical challenges are returning to our ranks. Huzzah !

ATTENTION, ATTENTION – There is a change in our Calendar. Please take note -- We've been informed that the Fjord Horses program had to be cancelled because of changes in their schedule. We won't give up, tho. Perhaps they can join us in 2017.

SO --- Past District President Owen Christianson and his wife Elspeth from Strafford Wisconsin have agreed to do their "All Things Viking" program on October 18th instead of in November. This person is grateful that they won't have to travel in Wisconsin's ice and snow. Hopefully. Be prepared to be immersed in our heritage as they lead us through an evening of sight, sound, and flavor, ending with a traditional Viking meal. Would anyone care to offer them accommodations for the evening so they don't have to drive home late that night?

(Editor's note: New date for the trip to Stoughton...September 27th)

It's not too late to sign up for our trip to Stoughton to visit their new Heritage Center – "Livsreise" (pronounced Lifs-rye-sa) on **September 27th** Livsreise means "Life's Journey." According to the "Center", it is a generational journey, encompassing not only the physical journey Norwegian emigrants traveled, but also the continuing journey as generations embrace their Norwegian Heritage in Stoughton and across the nation. Of course there will be time for touring, shopping, and a great meal. Don't miss out on the camaraderie and legacy of a lifetime ! Call Gary if you're interested and haven't already signed up.

Plans continue for our Annual Lutefisk Dinner at Lakeland University. Tell family and friends about this exceptional Day !

Did the displays by some of our members working on the Genealogy Cultural Skill with Carolyn Johnson, peak your interest ? A great group with a knowledgeable and inspirational leader. We enjoy meeting at Kiel's Historical Society sharing treasures and stories of our research. Next Cultural Skills considered are Cooking and hardanger. Won't you join us ?

What a calendar !

Mange Takk dear friends – I continue to learn with your help –
Laurie Shawhan, Presiden

Sons of Norway, Vennskap Lodge
Meeting Minutes: August 16, 2016
6:00 p.m., First Lutheran Church, Manitowoc



Officers Present: Laurie Shawhan (president), Signe Jorgenson (secretary),
Mikk Mikkelson (acting treasure)

Proceedings:

Meeting called to order by President Laurie Shawhan at 6:04 p.m.

Treasure's Report:

The general fund has a balance of \$2283.66 (\$878.97 of which is from the Heritage fund).

Language Lesson:

Anne Bruechert led the Lodge in a language lesson to teach the names for many common summer insects.

Announcements:

Gary Henderson announced a new start time for the Lutefisk Dinner on Sunday Nov. 13. The event will begin half an hour earlier than in previous years, at 12:30 p.m. Tickets remain \$17/adult and \$8/child. Setup will still be at 1:00 on Saturday Nov. 12.

Norse Valley Lodge of Appleton has invited our members to attend a lecture on November 17.

Steve Olsen presented four awards. Carolyn Johnson was presented with a cultural award for Norwegian cooking, Dolly Dickerell was presented with a recruitment award, and Marge Giesen was presented with an award for 2 years' service as lodge president. Vennskap Lodge was also presented with an award for overall achievement.

There will be no regular meeting on September 20th. Instead, all are invited to attend a trip to Stoughton on the 27th. Those who attend will visit Livsreise Norwegian Heritage Center, and there will be an optional meal at the Stoughton Sons of Norway Lodge. The bus leaves at 9:00 a.m. from the Walmart parking lot in Plymouth. Cost of the trip is \$10; the optional meal is an additional \$15. (Livereise admission is free.)

If you would like to go on this trip but haven't signed-up,
contact Gary Henderson at (920)207-7654 or email: gwh.henderson@gmail.com

Business:

Marge Giesen made a motion (seconded by Mikk Mikkelson) for the Lodge to subsidize the cost of the bus for the Stoughton trip, approx. \$500, to reduce trip cost to \$10/person. Motion carried unanimously.

Attendance Drawing:

There were 34 members and 5 guests present. Anita Thomas won the \$5 attendance drawing and Signe Jorgenson won the drawing for a print of Norwegian Fjord horses.

Meeting adjourned.

Presentation:

The Civil War reenactment group Victorian Secrets presented a skit, "Getting Ready for the Ball."

Minutes submitted by Signe Jorgenson.

VENNSKAP  OLE-IMPICS

At the time of the Winter Olympics in 2006,
Dell put together our own Vennskap Ole-Impics and our members jumped-in to help out.



A jubilant Dick Bronson carried the flame into our opening lighting ceremony.

The Olympic flame is lit by the sun's rays using a parabolic mirror and a fuel-filled torch. If a torch goes out, it is relit from a back-up safety lantern that was also lit at the flame's origin in Olympia.



The One and Only

The Olympic torch has usually been carried by runners but it has also been transported via camel, boat, zipline, skis, dogsled and more. It's even been underwater, in outer space, and to the summit of Mount Everest.



Meanwhile Wayne Jurgens is counting his marbles.



Later Dick hooked-up with this jazzy skier (Elaine) with the broken ski

Let The Games Begin!



Burton Cooley manned the sharp-shooter challenge which involved throwing darts at balloons fastened to a board.



Nan Webster huffed and puffed keeping Burton supplied with balloons



Mikk Mikkelson prepares... (might be the broadjump?)



Mike Jurgens watches Shirley Moen attempting the snowball toss. The object to this event is to toss the snowballs (tennis balls) into a small pail. It is fun to watch this as the "snowballs" bounce right back out!



Concentrate, Mike, Concentrate!



Doris Fredricksen takes aim with an embroidery hoop - hoping for a ringer!



AND THE GOLD-MEDAL WINNERS WERE
Inez Jurgens, MaryEllen Peterson
and Dick Peterson, here accepting their medals.

No Zika, No green water. Just a lot of Venenskap fun! Everyone a winner!

Our trip to Stoughton, Wisconsin

There is plenty of room for any one who wishes to go. They need not be a member of Sons of Norway.

We will be traveling to Stoughton, WI to visit The Livsreise – Norwegian Heritage Center. Livsreise (Lifs-rye-sa) translates to “Life’s Journey”. It is a generational journey, encompassing not only the physical journey Norwegian emigrants traveled, but also the continued journey as generations embrace their Norwegian Heritage. There are videos to watch concerning the Norwegian Culture, Folk Art, Music and Norwegian Humor. This is also a Genealogy Center.

The schedule of events is as follows:

September 27th

(Note the change of date due to a conflict in Stoughton)



- 8:25 AM Bus arrives at Plymouth Wal-Mart
- 9:00 AM Bus leaves for Stoughton
- 11:00 Arrive in Stoughton & tour the Livsreise –
(Norwegian Heritage Center)
- 12:30 PM Dinner at the Sons of Norway Lodge -
Stoughton (next door)

Options after dinner

1. Return to the Museum
2. Go across the street to the Stoughton Historical Society
3. Shop in the area

4:00 PM Bus leaves for the return trip to Plymouth.

We will collect a tip for the driver (\$2 - \$3) on the way home 6:00 PM Bus arrives in Plymouth

Cost: Bus \$10.00 and Meal \$18.00

\$28.00 per person

Make your check payable to Vennskap Lodge.

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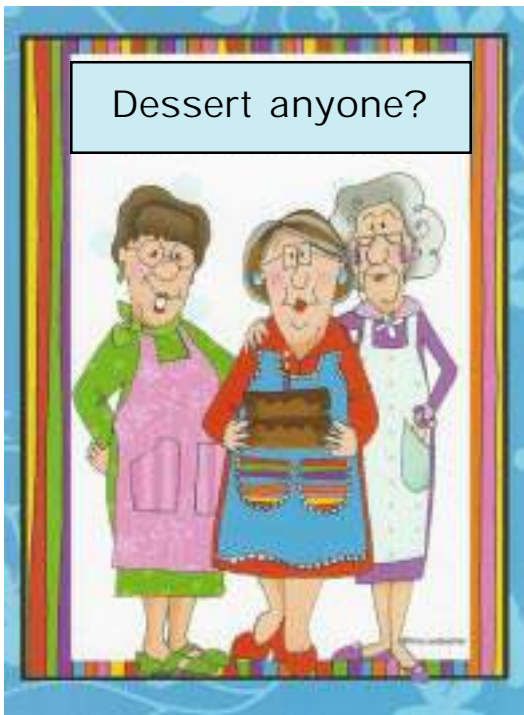
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“A Home for Trolls”

This clever memorial is being built at Mount Horeb for George & Janice Sievers, long-time Local, District and International Sons of Norway leaders

The Lady's Page



BLUEBERRY BUCKLE

3/4 c. sugar 1/4 c. butter
1 egg 1/2 c. milk
2 c. flour 2 tsp. baking powder
1/4 tsp. salt 2 c. blueberries

Mix sugar, butter and egg. Stir in milk. Fold in flour, baking powder and salt. Blend in drained blueberries.

Spread batter in greased & floured 9" pan. Mix and sprinkle with:

2/3 c. sugar 1/3 c. flour
1/2 tsp. cinnamon 1/3 c. melted butter

Bake at 350° for 35 - 40 minutes.

But how would you wrap it?

Norway is considering the birthday gift of an Arctic mountain peak, Mt Halti, to Finland. Finland will be commemorating its 100th anniversary of independence from Russia on Dec. 6, 1917. This would involve moving Norway's border



490 feet to the north and 650 feet to the east and would become Finland's highest point. "There are a few difficulties, and I have not yet made my final decision," Norway's prime minister, Erna Solberg stated. " But we are looking into it."

Sven and Lars were stumbling home from the bar one night and found themselves on a road leading past the old graveyard. "Look at this, it's Nels Nelson's grave, bless his soul," said Sven. He lived to be 87." A few minutes later Lars yelled, "That's nothing! This guy lived to be 147!" "What's his name?" Sven asked. Lars stumbled around and clumsily lit a match to see the marker better. "Miles, from Oslo."

It's Super Berry!

Blueberries rank as the highest antioxidant food we have, combating free radicals and benefiting the nervous system and brain health.

They are a good source of vitamin K, vitamin C and manganese and are also a good source of fiber and copper. A cup of berries contain only 80 calories!

New evidence now shows blueberries cause a slow cognitive decline by several years. It's thought they protect the brain by clearing toxic proteins that accumulate there. Blueberries in processed products like cereals, muffins, etc are often artificially produced. Raw berries may be healthier than ones found in baked goods.



Pastor Olsen was driving home late one night when he was stopped for speeding. The state trooper smelled alcohol and noticed an empty wine bottle on the floor of his car. "Sir, have you been drinking?" he asked. "Just water," said the pastor. "Then why do I smell wine?" asked the trooper. Pastor looked at the bottle and said, "Good lord! He's done it again!"



Laurie looked on as we got an education - corsets and hoop skirts, arsenic for pink cheeks and a lively little ditty sung about a mouse in the store!



Virginia and Rogene



Dressed for the ball!



keep us entertained



Check your schedule



September 27th

Trip to Stoughton, Wisconsin

Visit the Livsreise Center to learn about our Norwegian heritage

Bus leaves from Plymouth at 9AM

October 18th

Manitowoc...Past president Owen Christianson and his wife Elspeth

November 13th

Lutefisk Dinner set-up at Lakeland University
13th...Lutefisk Dinner

November 21st...Sheboygan
Pot-luck dinner and Movie

