



Coming Attractions

Monthly Meeting

August 15th

6 PM

First United Lutheran
2401 Kohler Mem. Dr.
Sheboygan

September 16

No monthly meeting
Ethnic Fest, Two Rivers

September 19

Trip to Mt. Horeb



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August...The beginning of..

What a strange sounding word." August."

August.from Latin 'Augustus', sixth month of the later Roman calendar, re-named from 'Sextilis' in 8 B.C.E. to honor the Roman Emperor Augustus Caesar, literally "Venerable Caesar" . In England, the name replaced native Weodmonað "weed month." Can you imagine "Here we are in "Sextilis" again or "Welcome to Weedmonth."? What an end to "Summer." It has not been kind for other regions of our country as unusually violent floods ruined many homes,while extremely hot conditions have caused wide-spread destructable forest fires. Strangely enough, threatening weather conditions have spared our Vennskap Area, either veering north or south when reaching our county lines. All, perhaps due to our Scandinavian prayers. But now, its's time for the closure of "summer". Last chance before school opens for that family vacation. But there is much more on the calendar! It's time for August!

Cooler weather and lower humidity will be welcome as the produce in the gardens will be examined for upcoming County Fair exhibits, state fairs to attend, while annual town celebrations and bus trips are being arranged. Vennskap members and their friends will soon be boarding a bus and travel to Mt. Horeb for some unusual sights and sounds. Many things will be discussed at the up-coming meeting.

See you there!



Med Dagen!

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Mary Eigner.....	20
Laurie Shawhan.....	23
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Happy Birthday!

From The President:

Greetings, treasured friends –

Laurie Shawhan



This month we enjoyed another successful meeting, I'd say. Many important decisions were made –

1. Plans for our Mt. Horeb bus trip on September 19th with a dozen fun and informative stops are well on their way. At first we thought the bus company had another commitment, but that is not the case. Hooray! Looking forward to this trip. And who doesn't want to eat at the "Grumpy Troll"?
2. After further discussion, and a bit of remorse, we declined ownership of the Viking Float. We do not have means to pick it up from Marshfield nor do we have a place to store the float if we could have brought it to Manitowoc. Tennessee has both and will enjoy having it in their Lodge.
3. Plans for the Ethnic Fest on September 16, 2017 continue. Two Rivers is very pleased we will be attending their Festival again. Kirt is willing to help set up and take down. Hopefully there will be a few more that will help that happen. Many volunteered to make Norwegian delicacies to sell there. Of course we can never have too many goodies to sell. We will need folks to man the booth and sell our goodies in 2-3 hour shifts. Please think about it. We'll bring the matter up at our August meeting.
4. Vennskap Lodge will not be attending the District President's Conference this year.
5. The Victorian Singers (which include Don and myself) had a wonderful time singing for the Lodge. It seems members enjoyed it too. Dave Estes, who is 1/2 Norwegian from his mother's side was certainly amusing when he sang the last verse of "O Lutefisk" solo, with his wonderful Norwegian brogue and fine tenor voice. Of course as Civil War Reenactors, we looked pretty good, if I may say so myself. We've been asked to return. Hmm. Perhaps next year. We have many additional songs in our repertoire and another voice or two.
- 6.. Our August 15th meeting in Sheboygan will be about "Our Ancestors and their Stories". We would LOVE to hear your stories – and if you have a treasure or two that your ancestors brought over from the Old Country, we'd love to see them too. If you aren't already signed up and want to share, please give Ginny Mikkelson a call. We'll have our Huge map of Norway at the meeting, so you can put a pin on your family's location for all to see.

Please try to stay cool in this muggy summer, dear friends. See you in Sheboygan !

Laurie Shawhan, President
Vennskap Lodge 622

SAVE THE DATES: September 16th Ethnic Fest. September 19th Trip to Mount Horeb

On September 16th, we hope to sell our Norwegian goodies at the Ethnic Fest in Two Rivers. We need people to bake, set up the stand, package the baked goods, sell the goodies and much more.

In Mount Horeb, we will be met by the President of the Mount Horeb Lodge, Cheryl Schlessler.

Some of the things we will see are:

Art carved trolls on Trollway or Main Street . Olson's Christmas House.

Eat at Grumpy Troll (a special menu for our lodge and handicap accessible)

Antique Tool Museum at Duluth Trading Co. Sjolinds Chocolate House

Fisher King Winery and a tasting room . Isaac's Antique Mall and Isaac's Soaps.

The Historic Hoff Mall , Artisan Woods handcrafted by local and National artisans, Rust and Lace

Sons of Norway, Vennskap Lodge
Meeting Minutes: July 18, 2017
6:00 p.m., First Lutheran Church, Manitowoc
Officers Present: Laurie Shawhan (president),
Signe Jorgenson (secretary), Dolcye Johnson (treasurer)



Proceedings:
Meeting called to order by President Laurie Shawhan at 6:05 p.m.

Reports:
Dolcye Johnson gave the treasure's report.

Attendance Drawing:
There were 25 members and 10 guests present. Liana Mecha won the \$5 attendance drawing.

Announcements:
The lodge was recognized for membership growth and Dolcye Johnson received a certificate for recruiting new members.

Awards of appreciation were presented to members that did not attend the May banquet: Steve Olson, Carol Wickland, Ken Wickland, Carolyn Johnson, and Sally Neuhaus.

The lodge has submitted an application for a booth at Ethnic Fest in Two Rivers on September 16, 2017. The event runs from 9:00-5:00, with set-up happening earlier in the morning. Contact Ginny Mikkelson to sign up for baking or a volunteer shift in the booth. Baking items should be dropped off plated and ready to sell. They will be priced the morning of the event.

The district conference will be held October 20-22. Although Sheboygan was considered as a possible location, it was not selected. No one from the lodge is interested in attending so we will not send a representative.

New Business:
Motion to accept the July 2017 treasure's report carried.

Old Business:
Motion to decline accepting the Viking Ship parade float (Johnson, Humke) carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Program:
The Manitowoc County Civil War Singers performed a number of period songs along with their rendition of "O Lutefisk."
Minutes submitted by Signe Jorgenson.

Bus trip to Mt. Horeb has been scheduled!

Mikk has found a bus, and the trip to Mt. Horeb is once again a scheduled event
September 19th.

The bus will be leaving the Plymouth Walmart parking area at 8:30 AM. The cost will be approximately \$30.00 (depending on the number of passengers). Mikk would like you to confirm your intent to ride along by contacting him by e-mail arvold@charter.net or by phone (920) 458-1522.

Here we go....

Two Rivers...

We start in September at the Two Rivers Ethnic Festival. This is an annual event, drawing many diverse groups - dancing, singing and entertaining in an outdoor celebration. This year, Vennskap members will bring "the Scandinavian experience" to Two Rivers, displaying our Northland heritage..

Ethnic Festival will be on
September 16th, 2017
at Two Rivers.

Highlighting blocks of craft booths, this Ethnic Fest schedules events, including folk songs, ballads, dances, concerts, and dozens of food vendor booths.



Last year, Vennskap travellers boarded a bus and had a great time in Stoughton. This year, we begin our bus journey to the Troll Capitol of..... Mt Horeb.



Mike's 'Tourist'

Mt Horeb was first settled by people of English, German, Irish, Norwegian, Scottish and Swiss descent. Yet, in the late 1800s, more than 75% of the area was Norwegian. Trolls originated from early Scandinavian folklore. Mount Horeb is home to a woodcarver, Michael Feeney, AKA, the Troll Carver of Mount Horeb. Mike was asked to create a folk art project, but when village officials saw his work, 'The Trollway' and the trolls had a life and a home!



Mike and Dell talk it over



Prepare for good food and a fun time at 'The Grumpy Troll'.

Mike has created more than 15 life-sized, whimsical trolls along this historic Main Street. Other interests beyond the trolls are shops like ~ 'Duluth Trading Co', 'Bargain Nook', 'Witchery Stitchery', 'Open House Imports' and 'Sjolinds Chocolate House'....

The bus to Mt Horeb will leave from Plymouth Wal-Mart at 8:30 AM on Sept. 19th.
To confirm reservation - call Mikk Mikkelson at 458-1522 or email Mikk at arvold@charter.net

90th Birthday Social

You are invited to come and
celebrate Violet's 90th Birthday



Manitowoc Yacht Club
815 Maritime Drive
Manitowoc, Wisconsin
Sunday, August 6th, 2017
1:30 pm - 3:30 pm

No gifts please

MUSIC OF THE CIVIL WAR



We were delightfully entertained by The Victorian Singers performing music made popular during Civil War times - the old songs nightly sung by the Union and Rebel fighters as they awaited the next day's brutal action. Patriotic songs helped keep morale up both in the battlefields and at home.

The singers' costumes were beautiful, but also warm for them to wear on a hot summer's night!
Many thanks for a lovely program!

Robert E. Lee once said, "I don't believe we can have an army without music."

A Confederate officer at Appomattox told his Union counterpart, "If we'd had your music, sir, we'd have whipped you out of your boots."



Union and Confederate armies both authorized regimental bands.

Updated Calendar for the rest of the year

August 15 - Sheboygan - Our Ancestors
and Their Stories

September 16 -
No monthly meeting
Ethnic Fest, Two Rivers with
Norwegian Display and Dessert Sales.

September 19 - Trip to Mt. Horeb

October 17 - Sheboygan - Carolyn & Cultural Skills

November 21 - Manitowoc - Crafts Show and Sale

December - No Meeting



By request ~ this is Vi Rue's recipe for her pineapple dessert served at our meeting.



Pineapple Cake

- 1 lg can crushed pineapple
(do not drain)
- 1 pkg Butterbrickle cake mix
(or cake of choice)
- 1/2 cup melted margarine
(Vi uses butter)
- 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1 cup cocoanut
- 1/2 cup walnuts

Place in pan in order given.
(Grease pan if you wish
but it is not necessary)
Bake 350° for 25 - 30 minutes

Note to my children:

Never make fun of having to
help me with computer stuff.

I taught you how to use a spoon.

Think you could work in a diner?
There's a lingo for waitresses.

Put on the garden - everything on it
Make it cry - add onions
Clean up the kitchen - order of hash
Battery acid - grapefruit juice
Give it shoes -it's a takeout
Throw in mud - chocolate sauce on it
Rubber in a bun - steak sandwich

Makes you hungry right?

Ole was getting more and more confused while filling out a job application form. When he came to the question "Who should be notified in case of an accident?", Ole wrote, "Anybody in sight!"

The Lady's Page

Need to lower your blood pressure? Cranberries contain potent antioxidants which have been linked to lowering blood pressure.

The American Heart Association presented a study which found that people who drink low-calorie cranberry juice daily for 2 months have an average drop of 3 points in blood pressure. Even a small drop helps the heart function.



Collagen is the "glue" that holds our body together. It's a major building block of bones, skin, muscles, tendons and ligaments. It is also found in blood vessels, corneas and teeth.

There are several skincare products on the market for building collagen which help us appear younger. The best way to build collagen is through food. Vitamin C is good for this - broccoli and bell peppers!



Who knew?

OVER A BARREL

In the days before CPR, a drowning victim would be placed face down over a barrel and the barrel would be rolled back and forth in an effort to empty the lungs of water. It was rarely effective. If you are over a barrel you are in deep trouble.

HOGWASH

Steamboats carried both people and animals. Since pigs smelled so badly, they would be washed before being put on board. The mud and other filth that was washed off was considered useless "hog wash".

Dog Days of Summer - July 3 - August 11

Why in the world did we name this time "Dog Days"?



Dog days bright and clear
Indicate a good year;
But when accompanied by rain,
We hope for better times in vain.



The dog days of summer are the hot, sultry days of July. They were historically the period following the rising of the star Sirius, which Greek and Roman astrology connected with heat, drought, sudden thunderstorms, lethargy, fever, mad dogs, and bad luck. They are now taken to be the hottest, most uncomfortable part of summer in the Northern Hemisphere.

In the 1813 of Clavis Calendria, the dog days are a time wherein "the Sea boiled, the Wine turned sour. Dogs grew mad, and all other creatures became languid; causing to man, among other diseases, burning fevers, hysterics, and phrensies."

Look for the brightest star in the sky. That's 'Sirius'.



The rising of Sirius during this period has been considered to be the worst and hottest part of the summer and were the days when Sirius returned to the night sky.



So, what could happen in...August?...

This Day in History:(Not dated)

- 1 The first U.S. Census was completed. There were four million people in the U.S. in 1790.
- 2 Wild Bill Hickock was killed during a poker game. He was holding a "Dead Man's Hand" (1876)
- 3 Champagne was invented by Dom Perignon. (1693) (I'll drink to that!)
- 4 Little Orphan Annie comic strip debuts. (1924)
- 5 Baseball pitching legend Cy Young pitched his first his first game, a win. (1890)
- 6 The Atom bomb was dropped on Hiroshima, Japan by the U.S. (1945)
- 7 The "Order of the Purple Heart" was created by President George Washington (1782)
- 8 The Daughters of the American Revolution organization was created. (1890)
- 9 President Richard M. Nixon became the first and only president to resign while in office (1974)
- 10 "Smile, You're on Candid Camera". Allen Funt's wildly popular show debuts. (1948)
- 11 The Beatles began their last US concert tour. (1966)
- 12 Get a whiff of this...the Whiffle Ball was patented on this day. (1953)
- 13 Gold was discovered in the Klondike. (1896)
- 14 The Civil War was formally declared to be over by President Andrew Johnson. (1866)
- 15 Hawaii became the 50th state. (1959)
- 16 The infamous Mount Vesuvius eruption buried the city of Pompeii. (79)
- 17 The Waffle Iron was patented by Cornelius Swarthout of Troy, New York. (1869)
- 18 Amelia Earhart completed her trans-continental flight. (1932)
- 19 Congress passed the 19th Amendment to the Constitution giving women the right to vote. (1920)
- 20 Martin Luther King Jr. made his "I Have a Dream" speech. (1963)

Many others..