

Askeladden News



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Next meeting:

Sunday, January 12, 2025, 2 PM (online only)

"Who Were the Sloopers?"

Guest Speaker: Dave Johnson

Did you know that the first permanent Norwegian settlement in the United States was not in Minnesota or Wisconsin, but in Illinois? We'll Zoom into the New Year (literally) with an interesting presentation by Dave Johnson, of the Norsk Museum near Norway, IL.

The Norsk Museum (in the former Hauge Lutheran Church building) is on the Illinois Register of historic places as part of the first permanent Norwegian settlement in the United States. Dave Johnson is an author, genealogist and President of the Norsk Museum Board of Directors. He will share the story of the Sloopers, the Norwegians who sailed here 200 years ago aboard the Restauration sloop ship.

A Zoom link will be e-mailed before the meeting. After Mr. Johnson's presentation, we will have a short business meeting to swear in our new officers.



February Meeting



- We'll be back in person 2 PM Sunday 2/9 at Trinity Lutheran Church (504 S. Westnedge Ave, Kalamazoo, MI).
- The topic is TBD, but the food & fellowship are always festive!



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From left to right: Nordic Fire Festival, Scenic Norway, Sledding with the grandkids at Sleeping Bear Dunes

Fra Presidenten: Godt nyttår og takk for det gamle!

Gail Thompson-Hadley

Happy New Year and thank you for the old one!

That's my greeting to Askeladden lodge members and friends as we look forward to more good adventures with our Norwegian friends in 2025 and look back fondly on past years of friendship and excellent Norwegian cultural programs and celebrations over past years.

I found a good article on the Oslo Norwegian Language School's website describing Norwegian New Years traditions. Here are some of the most popular greetings with a link to the 6-page article:

<https://nlsnorwegian.no/ring-in-the-new-year-with-norwegian-flair-how-to-wish-someone-a-happy-new-year-in-norwegian/>

1. "Godt nyttår og takk for det gamle!" – This phrase translates to "Happy New Year and thank you for the old one!" It is a way of expressing gratitude for the past year while welcoming the new one.

2. "Ha et fantastisk nytt år!" – This phrase means "Have a fantastic new year!" It's a more enthusiastic and heartfelt way of wishing a happy new year.

3. "Ønsker deg et godt nytt år!" – This phrase translates to "Wishing you a happy new year!" It is a simple and straightforward way to convey your well wishes.

Fireworks are a New Years tradition in Norway as well as in the United States. One of the most popular traditions is the practice of "firing off" the old year. This involves lighting fireworks and firecrackers

at midnight on New Year's Eve to bid farewell to the old year and welcome the new one with a bang. Norwegians take great delight in creating dazzling displays of fireworks, lighting up the night sky with bursts of color and light.

Norwegians also make New Years resolutions. Have you made yours yet for 2025?! Norwegians use the new year as an opportunity to reflect on the past and set goals for the future. Common resolutions include exercising more, eating healthier, and spending more time with loved ones. The act of making resolutions is seen as a way to start the new year with a fresh mindset and a commitment to personal growth.

Please join us for our January 12th meeting online via ZOOM followed by a brief business meeting where we will install our new lodge officers for 2025.

As I complete my fifth year as lodge president, I'd like to thank the rest of our loyal and dedicated lodge officers for their outstanding service as our leadership team. I extend a special tusen takk to Joan O'Bryan for her excellent many years of editing our terrific newsletter to keep us all informed of lodge events – past and future. I also thank Kris Spence for volunteering to assume the responsibilities of president and Karn Erlandson those of newsletter editor.

Ha et fantastisk nytt år!



December Meeting Recap: St. Lucia

Membership Secretary Joan O'Bryan

Askeladden members joined the Vasa Lodge for a beautiful Jul event organized by Holly Jensen in celebration of Sankta Lucia in the Trinity Lutheran Church sanctuary. Cora portrayed Lucia and was attended by Edith and Ellie. Chuck Nelson presented the story of St. Lucia. Askeladden Lodge pianist Laurene Swanson played the Sankta Lucia song for the processional and recessional. Laurie also played a number of Christmas carols that the entire audience joyfully joined in singing.

The reception that followed featured wonderful food - and two kinds

of delicious gløgg – made by Holly, of course. Holly also baked her exquisite Kransekake that we are fortunate to enjoy every Christmas season. Father Christmas made a visit and distributed treats to all the good children. The Fellowship Hall was beautifully decorated by Vasa.

December 2024 Askeladden Member attendance: Richard Adams, Curtis Cleveland, Karn Erlandson, Holly Jensen, Joan O'Bryan, Kris Spence, Laurie Swanson, Robert Swanson, Gail Thompson-Hadley
Please contact Membership Secretary Joan O'Bryan with any attendance updates..

2025-26 Myrtle Beinbauer Askeladden Lodge Scholarships

- Members with college-aged children or grandchildren: it's scholarship application time.
- Up to two \$1000 scholarships will be awarded.
- The application is available at the link <http://bit.ly/3rAZ6uT>
 - See also the [scholarship section of the Askeladden website](#).
- Applications are due by March 15, 2025.
- Contact Jeff Andert at (269) 967-1311 or jandert@comcast.net for questions.



Januar Kalendar

- 1/1 Nyttårsdag (New Year's Day)
- 1/12 Askeladden Lodge Virtual Mtg, 2 PM**
- 1/15 Norsk language group, 10:30 AM
(Marshall District Library)
- 1/16 Sønner av Norge founded
(Sons of Norway, 1895)
- 1/20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 1/21 H.R.H. Princess Ingrid Alexandra (2004)
- 1/25 **Last day to submit Feb. newsletter articles**

January Birthdays

Gratulerer med dagen til:

Brett Jansen
Karn Erlandson
Aric Nesbitt

Scott Erickson
Magnus Selden
Yael Astrid Lilly



Norske ord

Godt nytt år ("Goat nitt oar") =
Happy New Year

Det snø ute! ("Day snur Ooteh") =
It's snowing outside!