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Budstikken

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Wergeland Kalender

- ♦ **July Meeting has been cancelled** due to Fourth of July holiday.
- ♦ July 16, Deadline for Budstikken articles
- ♦ July 25, Budstikken mailed to members
- ♦ **August 1, Wergeland Lodge Meeting**
- ♦ August 17, Kornfest—will need parade walkers!



Fra Presidenten

I would like to begin this month's letter by saying "thank you" to everyone involved with the Luren Singers concert and pie and ice cream social held in June. We had over 250 people in attendance, so many in fact that we ran out of seating in the banquet hall at the church. The Luren Singers put on a great concert (which we knew they would) making the evening a complete success. So tusen takk again to everyone who helped plan the night, ushered, worked in the kitchen, helped clean up, brought pies, invited friends or attended the concert. It was a stellar night for our lodge.

I hope that all the dads in our lodge were able to enjoy Father's day. Our daughters weren't able to make it home but my wife and I took in the Vernon county dairy breakfast on Saturday and then took a road trip to Baraboo and on to Mount Horeb on Father's day. Both days were nice for travelling and we enjoyed the scenery along the way. The river is also finally coming down so our kayaks are starting to find the water a little bit.

I know that it is only the middle of summer but the subject of the Wergeland Christmas party was brought up at the last board meeting. Planning is obviously in the early stages but we will be looking for input and ideas at the August meeting so give it some thought.

Keep in mind that there will be no meeting in July as it would have fallen on the fourth and there will also not be a board meeting in July. Our August meeting will be our pot luck which is always an event to look forward to. Check the Budstikken for additional information on this and other events.

Have a great Fourth of July and I will see you at the August meeting.

— Dave



**The July Meeting is Cancelled -
Enjoy the July 4 Independence Day!!**



In **August**, we will enjoy a pot-luck supper—no theme, just bring whatever you're best at preparing! The program for the evening will be Larry Scheckel from Sparta, who retired from teaching in Tomah. Larry will discuss his book "Murder in Wisconsin," about a murder in Mt. Sterling. You might want to read the book in advance. Come, and bring a friend!



Juli Birthdays

- 2 Luanne K Hjelle
- 2 Frieda E Nowland
- 5 Patrick Chang
- 6 David Steven Ranis
- 6 Miranda C Rodriguez
- 6 Evelyn L Skogen
- 9 Jacob A Hagen
- 10 Samantha Schalow
- 11 Bruce N Friell
- 11 Sandra K Stavlo
- 12 Ann L Sprain
- 12 Leann M Theisen
- 16 Richard A Granum
- 16 Marian E Mickelson
- 16 Marilyn E Trisch
- 17 Corrine T Abegglen
- 19 Cammy K Bauer
- 19 David Trautmann
- 20 Montaya Harter
- 21 Whitney K Herbert
- 24 Nicholas C Sween
- 26 Linda S Trautmann
- 28 Shelley M Jerviss
- 28 Jadelyn M Johnson
- 31 Eugene W Johnson
- 31 Charlene E Lebakken
- 31 Donald A Sannes

Sekretær Notater...

Minutes June 6, 2019 General Lodge Meeting

Our June 2019 regular meeting was held at First Lutheran Church in Onalaska on June 6th, 2019, at 7:00 PM. No regular business meeting was conducted.

President Glomstad introduced our program for the evening which was The Luren Singers from Decorah, Iowa. They were directed by Dr. David Judisch. The Luren Singers is the oldest Norwegian-American male chorus in continuous existence in the United States. Having toured Norway six times, they have sung for the King of Norway at the royal palace in Oslo. Luren had its beginnings in 1868 when four young homesick Norwegian immigrants started a male quartet.

Their concert program consisted of a nice variety of various musical genres, from traditional hymns to gospel to American classics. The 228 attendees were very impressed with the quality and variety of music as well as the comfort and sound quality of the church worship center.

After the concert, everyone was invited to the fellowship hall for the Wergeland Lodge traditional pie and ice cream social. Members supplied an ample selection of pies and a fun wrap up of the evening festivities took place.

The Wergeland Board wants to thank everyone on the serving committee and the cultural committee for their considerable work putting this on and everyone who contributed pies for this event. The entire evening was a great success.

Adrian Johnson, lodge secretary.

Treasurers report from Shirley Schoenfeld: General Fund has a balance of \$7171.74; Scholarship Fund has a balance of \$2575.50; Savings Account has a balance of \$18437.25. Total financial assets of \$28,184.549.



The Norwegian Flag was hoisted in front of the La Crosse City Hall on May 17. In attendance were, left to right, Gary and Sue Corbisier, Dave Glomstad, Richard Granum, Viv Saccia, and Lois Preeshl (and Shirley Schoenfeld who took the photo).



The Bokmål Dictionary and the Nynorsk Dictionary are Now an "App"

These two dictionaries are definition and spelling dictionaries that show the current official spellings for Bokmål and Nynorsk. The dictionary app is called the Ordbøkene [The Dictionaries], and it can be downloaded both for Android through the Play Store and for iOS through the App Store. Since 2016, the two dictionaries have been owned and developed jointly by the University of Bergen and The Language Council of Norway. "The Bokmål Dictionary and Nynorsk Dictionary are the most important sources of official information about how Norwegian words should be written, how they can be used, and what they mean. They have long been readily available as digital and regularly updated dictionaries. The app can be used without internet access. The dictionaries are updated continuously with current spelling conventions. When you look up a word, you'll find definitions, usage examples, inflection and etymology. "It is crucial for us that information about good and correct Norwegian is easily accessible to all users of Norwegian in Norway and elsewhere in the world.

Til minner om...

...Golden Member, **Monroe E. Johnson**, 87, who passed away at his home near Cashton Saturday June 1, 2019. A Mass of Christian Burial was held June 5 at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Cashton. Monroe joined SON over 40 years ago - in November, 1978, then transferred from Viroqua to Wergeland in La Crosse in 1989. Monroe was a long-time wood carver in the area, and a member of Norskedalen. Blessed be his memory.

...**Mary J. Berg** (72) who died June 20, 2019 at Gundersen Health. Mary joined our lodge in March of 2013, and has been on the social committee. Our sympathy to her family and sister Agnes, who is a past member of our lodge.

Condolences til...

...**Sig and Marilyn Rudser** and family. Sig's brother Selmer "Sam" Rudser of Viroqua died on May 24, 2019. He was 84. Our sympathy to Marilyn and Sig and the Rudser family.

Tusen takk...

...from **Lee Grippen**: Hi All, Thanks for coming to our concert tonight at Onalaska First Lutheran. It was fun to see so many of you and to share some of our music with you. The pie and ice cream sure made the evening end on the right note. Mange Takk!

...from the **Program Committee**: Mange Takk to all our Wergeland members who attended the June Luren Singers concert. We had over 250 people there and many said it was the best concert they have ever heard from the Luren Singers. What a beautiful evening weather-wise. I hope you were able to attend.

Also, mange takk to our generous members for the pie donations. Even with that many people we didn't run out of pies. (Plus they looked good and tasted delicious!)

And also, mange takk to all who helped make this concert and pie social possible. The church office said that the next morning they couldn't tell anyone had even been there! (and said we could come back anytime we'd like!) The "Special Meals" committee made the kitchen impeccable. Thanks to the marshalls also. They were busy carrying pies down to the fellowship hall as well as setting up chairs and helping with clean-up.

Do you have any suggestions for a concert for next year? Are there any musical groups or individuals that you could suggest? If so, please let Dave, Ramona, Frieda or Carol know.



From June: The Luren Singers, followed by Pie & Ice Cream

Over 250 people were in attendance on June 6 to hear the beautiful music provided by the Luren Singers from Decorah, IA. The program was held at the First Lutheran Church at 410 Main Street in Onalaska, which was spacious and provided good acoustics for the choir.

The Luren group sang harmonious melodies from days gone by as well as more recent tunes. They threw in several Norwegian songs, including Aftensang, a Wergeland favorite.

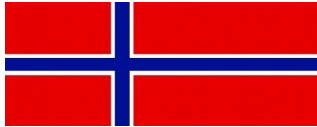
Following the concert, singers and attendees alike enjoyed ice cream and a plethora of pie choices. Thank you to everyone who baked and brought the delicious pies!



At left sit Pat Kaufman, Audrey Almo, and Father Tom Jennings from Caledonia, acquaintances of Lee Grippen. The couple behind them are Elmer and Inez Blank of La Crosse.


To the right are Jim Michelson and his mother Doris from West Salem; behind them are Al & Julia Forde, and behind the Fordes are Dennis and Sprain.





Dis og Dat



 Do not go to the American Legion for the July Meeting—It is cancelled because of the **July 4 holiday**.

Kennedy Lane Larson, daughter of **Heather Larson**, Great Granddaughter of **Shirley Schoenfeld** was baptized in St. Paul on Sunday, May 26th. Heather is the daughter of Shirley's son **Tony**, who died in 2014. **Karen DeScheper** (Shirley's daughter) went with Shirley to the baptism on that beautiful day. Afterwards there was a picnic in the park. Shirley supplied the beautiful baptism dress, shoes and tights. Kennedy, Heather, Karen, and Shirley are all members of our lodge.



Bicycle fund raiser for scholarship fund: President Dave will again be riding to raise money for the Wergeland Unger Venner scholarship fund. This year's ride will take place on or about June 22

(when weather permits) and will be **56 miles**. If you would like to make a pledge, you can do so at the August meeting or you can do it by email at djglomstad@gmail.com. When making a pledge, you can pledge an amount per mile (for example, .25 per mile times 56 miles would be \$14.00) or you can pledge a flat donation for the ride itself.



Decorah Nordic Fest: July 25-27, 2019

Your whole family will enjoy delicious food, traditional crafts, a colorful parade, lively entertainment, sporting events, and our Saturday night fireworks display. Events begin with Thursday night's opening ceremonies at 6:45 pm, followed by two full days of fun activities for the whole family.



At left: The **Wergeland Dancers** performed at the Norseland Nursing Home in Westby on Sunday, June 2nd, 2019. Residents were very appreciative of the performance and hope they will come again.

Sons of Norway Mission Statement

The mission of Sons of Norway is to promote and to preserve the heritage and culture of Norway, to celebrate our relationship with other Nordic Countries, and provide quality insurance and financial products to our members.



Luren singers as they exit after the concert; notice the beautiful interior of first Lutheran Church Onalaska.

Top photo: The Luren Singers filled the front of the church. Wergeland member **Lee Griffin** (front right in second photo) has been singing with the Luren Singers for years.

Below left to right: Luren singers were our guests and enjoyed the pie and ice cream following the concert. We're glad member **Dee Johnson** (center) serves up pies at the ice cream social. **President Dave** welcomes the 250 + attendees to the concert.



Fiery End for World's Largest Troll

The Senja Troll, a Guinness World Record-breaker known for being the largest troll in the world, was reduced to ashes when a blaze destroyed it on March 28. The gnarly behemoth was a key attraction at the Hulder and Troll family park in northern Norway on the island of Senja.

Reports of the troll's demise were delivered around the world via the Associated Press newswire. Just short of 59 feet tall, the troll's absence will certainly alter the surrounding landscape. The troll structure housed an adventure park, miniature railroad and other attractions.

The troll was built in 1993 and his crone (wife) was added to his side in 2007, when a priest blessed their "union." The attraction expanded even more when the troll couple had sextuplets in 2012. There are no immediate reports of plans to rebuild the beloved Senja Troll.



Photo: Bjørn Christian Tørrissen

Looking Back

Fem år siden (5 years ago) 2014

The July 3rd program for Sons of Norway will feature a PowerPoint presentation by Raymond Lee and Hannah Scholze about "Halfway Creek: The Birthplace of Luther College." In 1861, the empty parsonage of the newly formed Halfway Creek Lutheran Congregation outside of Holmen was selected as the location for Luther College's first year of school.

Mabel S. Klimpen passed away June 13. She was Wergeland Lodge's oldest member at 105 ½ years. She grew up on a farm in Burr Oak. Mabel loved to bake and with some assistance, continued to do so until the time she moved from her own home to Onalaska Care Center at the age of 102.

Ti år siden (10 years ago) 2009

We just heard that La Crosse was chosen by U.S. News and World Report to be among the top ten cities in which to live. We have the best medical facilities, lots of outdoor recreation, people who take care of their homes and property, excellent schools, three colleges and a vocational school, we live along the famous Mississippi River with beautiful bluffs on the East and the West – many refer to as "God's Country."

Femten år siden (15 years ago) 2004

Wegeland Lodge received a King Harald Medal from Sons of Norway International for the greatest net increase for large lodges between June 2003 and May 2004.

The July 1st Pot Luck program about Camp Norway was presented by Torre Kastner and Katie Erickson. Torre is one of the poster girls for Camp Norway. Heritage Camp alumni will be on hand, as well as Sandra Kawatski and some of the Wergeland dancers.

Lemon Waffles (Vafler Med Sitronsmak)

Ingredients:

5 eggs
1/4 cup sugar
1 cup flour
1 tsp. lemon juice, fresh
1/2 tsp. lemon peel (freshly grated)
1 cup sour cream
1/4 cup butter, melted

Directions:

Sift together the flour and freshly grated lemon peel. Beat eggs and sugar until thick and fluffy, about 10 minutes. Alternately, fold in the flour and sour cream. Stir in the melted butter and lemon juice. Set batter aside to rest 10-15 minutes. Heat a heart-shaped waffle iron. It is hot enough when drops of water sprinkled on its surface sputter. Pour approximately 3/4 cup batter into the center of the iron. Lower cover and bake until the steaming stops, 30-60 seconds on each side. Do not peek during baking period. Makes 6 waffles.

Recipe from "Ekte Norsk Mat—Authentic Norwegian Cooking," available for purchase through the Vesterheim bookstore. www.vesterheim.org



Mrs. Kvistbergen stopped in at the newspaper office to place an obituary notice for her husband, Knute. She took along 14 pages of information about Knute. When told that it would cost 25 cents a word, she said, "Oh never mind...just put in: KNUTE KVISTBERGEN DIES." The clerk then informed her she could have four more words for a dollar, making it seven words. The widow thought for a moment and then said, "OK: Knute Kvistbergen dies. '88 Ford for sale."



A little in English...

Archaeological Findings from Medieval Oslo: Ordinary People Also Built Stone Houses

Archaeologists have found five medieval stone buildings that are not part of any known constructions for kings or clergy. A researcher believes this will upend accepted truths such as stone buildings from this time being solely for the elite.

The excavation in connection with the construction of the Follo [high-speed railway] Line has provided archaeologists with new knowledge about settlements in medieval Oslo. They believe that a prevailing theory that stone buildings were reserved for king and clergy must give way, and that the discovery gives reason to consider whether the Cultural Heritage Act is ripe for an update. Ever since 1905, the Cultural Heritage Act has used the [Protestant] Reformation as a protection limit. This means that cultural monuments from before 1537 are automatically protected, while cultural monuments younger than this are dependent on different types of exceptions or specific decisions to obtain protected status.

Stone buildings have often been considered to be from "recent times," which in this case means from the 16th and 17th centuries. Thus several stone buildings have been removed after only superficial examination and documentation.

Archaeologist and researcher Egil Lindhart Bauer from NIKU [The Norwegian Institute for Cultural Heritage Research] has been the project manager for the Follo Rail excavations. He believes that the results of the new discoveries from the medieval city of Oslo prove that this truth about the age of the stone buildings must be reassessed.

"In the excavations from the Follo Line project, we have found five stone buildings dating from between 1260 and 1440. None of these buildings are part of the known facilities of medieval-Oslo kings or clergy, so these are probably buildings of the bourgeoisie," Bauer says.

A Slightly Different Town On the Svalbard Islands of Norway lies the northernmost town in the world. Longyearbyen is a former coal mining town, but has since transformed into a cultural and commercial center. What makes Longyearbyen so unique isn't just its location, but the few strange laws that the residents must abide by. The most bizarre law might be that it is illegal for the dead to be buried in Longyearbyen due to the sub-zero temperatures. If a death does occur, the body is taken to the mainland. A woman also cannot give birth in the town; an expectant mother must go to the mainland to deliver her child. Cats are banned from the city in order to protect Arctic birds. Residents are required to carry a firearm when traveling outside of the settlement, but it is illegal to have a loaded firearm within the town. It is also customary to remove one's shoes when entering an establishment, even in the museum and church. These are only a few of the quirky facts about Longyearbyen. To learn more, visit <https://en.visitsvalbard.com/visitor-information/destinations/longyearbyen>

Litt på Norsk...

Arkeologisk funn fra middelalder-Oslo: Vanlige folk bygde også hus i stein

Arkeologer har funnet fem steinbygninger fra middelalderen som ikke er del av de kjente anleggene til konger eller geistlige. En forsker mener dette vil snu opp ned på vedtatte sannheter som at bygninger i stein på denne tiden kun var for eliten.

Utgravingen i forbindelse med bygging av Follobanen har gitt arkeologer ny kunnskap om bebyggelse i middelalder-Oslo. De mener at en rådende teori om at steinbygg var forbeholdt konge og geistlige må vike, og at oppdagelsen gir grunn til å vurdere om Kulturminneloven er moden for en oppdatering.

Helt siden 1905 har Kulturminneloven brukt reformasjonen som vernegrense. Det vil si at kulturminner fra før 1537 automatisk er vernet, mens kulturminner yngre enn dette er avhengig av ulike typer unntak eller spesifikt vedtak for å få vernestatus.

Steinbygninger har ofte blitt vurdert til å være fra «nyere tid», som i dette tilfellet vil si fra 1500- og 1600-tallet. Dermed har flere steinbygninger blitt fjernet etter kun overfladisk undersøkelse og dokumentasjon.

Arkeolog og forsker Egil Lindhart Bauer fra NIKU [Norsk institutt for kulturminneforskning] har vært prosjektleder for Follobaneutgravingene. Han mener at resultatene fra de nye funnene fra middelalderbyen Oslo beviser at denne sannheten om steinbygningenes alder må revurderes.

– I utgravingene fra Follobaneprosjektet har vi funnet fem steinbygninger med datering fra mellom 1260 og 1440. Ingen av disse bygningene er del av de kjente anleggene til middelalderOslos konger eller geistlighet, så dette er i stedet trolig borgerskapets bygninger, sier Bauer.



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Norskedalen Activities

Throne Visitors Center
Hours From May - Oct:
Monday-Friday from 9am--5pm
Saturdays 10am--4pm
Sunday from 11pm--4pm



Guided homestead tours, when a guide is available, will be at 10 am, 1 pm and 3 pm Monday through Saturday, and 1 and 3 pm on Sundays. Self guided audio tours will be available in any event.

Admission rates for all programs with the exception of Heritage classes is \$6.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children, \$15.00 for families, and free for members of "Friends of Norskedalen."

Norskedalen Members may use the Norskedalen grounds 365 days a year from sunrise to sunset. Member parking pass must be clearly displayed in front windshield while using Norskedalen grounds.

Non-members may only use Norskedalen grounds during regular business hours and must check-in with office staff to pay admissions and receive a wristband.

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