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Wergeland Kalender

- ◆ August 1, Potluck 6:00 pm followed by General Meeting and Program, American Legion
- ◆ August 13, 5:30 pm, Board meeting at Perkins on Hwy 16
- ◆ Aug 17 (Saturday) Holmen Kornfest Parade (NEED PARTICIPANTS!) Meet at 10:00 am on Johnson Street for lineup
- ◆ August 20, Deadline for Budstikken articles
- ◆ August 29, Budstikken mailed to members
- ◆ September 5, 6:30 General Meeting



Fra Presidenten

I hope that everyone enjoyed the Fourth of July.

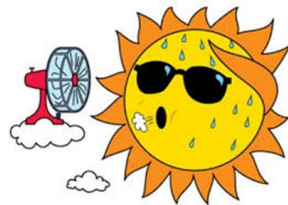
As I mentioned in my last letter, my wife and I went on a short trip up to the north shore. We were blessed with some great weather that enabled us to get in plenty of hiking along with a fantastic bike ride on the Gitchi-Gami trail. We made it as far north as Grand Portage state park and hiked to the falls (the other side of the falls is Canada) and also enjoyed a perfect day in Grand Marais. We spent the fourth in Two Harbors where we were treated to a band concert in the park and a great fireworks show to cap off the night. And, to top it off, we finally made it to Copper Falls state park. It was a wonderful trip that went by all too quickly.

Now we are ready to get back into the swing of our monthly meeting after taking a month off. Our August meeting will include our annual potluck and a fantastic program (see details and special time in this issue). Keep in mind that the potluck is not restricted to Norwegian goodies (although we certainly won't be disappointed with any native dishes) so bring whatever you wish and enjoy another great get together.

Again, it's only August but let me know if you have any ideas or input on the Wergeland Christmas party. Also, don't forget that we are planning on participating in the Holmen Kornfest parade again and will take all of the volunteers that we can get. It is not a long parade and we always get a great reception along the route.

Stay cool and I will see you at the August meeting.

- Dave



Editor's note: A theme emerged as I was putting together the newsletter this month: READING! So, find a cool spot and open a book. See inside for some suggestions.

**Next meeting: Thursday, August 1, 2019, 6:00 PM at the
American Legion, 711 6th Street, La Crosse, WI**



Program for August

Larry Scheckel from Sparta, who retired from teaching in Tomah. Larry will discuss his book "Murder in Wisconsin."

Potluck!!

We will enjoy a pot-luck super starting at 6:00 with the meeting and program to follow. There is no special theme for the potluck so bring your favorite item. Come, and bring a friend!





August Birthdays

1 Ardis H Bolstad
 5 Samuel Stekel
 6 Kent R Drugan
 7 Ramona J Johnson
 9 Ann N Kathan
 9 Knute P Temte
 11 Marcia Crowley
 11 Sandra K Kawatski
 12 Doris J Henderson
 13 Joann B Briggs
 13 Michael L Sween
 14 Susan J Corbisier
 14 Ingrid A Fowler
 16 Heather Jacobson
 16 Gary M Knudtson
 19 Miles Chang
 19 Lynn M Curtis
 20 Nathan L Loper
 20 James A Romskog
 21 Dennis H Anderson
 21 Mary Everson Ivalis
 23 Harry C Bolstad
 25 Sonja E Lord
 25 Brian Rude
 26 Christine L Hanson
 28 Bianca M Casey
 28 Mary L Sween
 29 John T Erickson
 29 Miriam A Heyer
 29 Jack Philip Olson

Program for September

Apple production in the Hardanger region of Norway

Sekretær Notater...

No July meeting means no minutes...but instead, enjoy something that the Stekels found for our enjoyment:

According to Wikipedia, "A parapsrodoxian is a figure of speech in which the latter part of a sentence, phrase, or larger discourse is surprising or unexpected in a way that causes the reader or listener to reframe or reinterpret the first part. It is frequently used for humorous or dramatic effect, sometimes producing an anticlimax." Following are examples:

1. Where there's a will, I want to be in it.
2. The last thing I want to do is hurt you ...but it's still on my list.
3. Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
4. If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.
5. We never really grow up -- we only learn how to act in public.
6. War does not determine who is right, only who is left.
7. Knowledge, is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.
8. To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.
9. I didn't say it was your fault; I said I was blaming you.
10. In filling out an application, where it says, "In case of an emergency, notify..." I answered "a doctor."
11. Women will never be equal to men until they can walk down the street with a bald head and a beer gut, and still think they are sexy.
12. You do not need a parachute to skydive. You need a parachute to skydive twice.
13. I used think I was indecisive; now I'm not sure.
14. To be sure of hitting the target, shoot first and call whatever you hit the target.
15. Going to church doesn't make you religious any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.
16. You're never too old to learn something stupid.
17. I'm supposed to respect my elders but it's getting harder to find anyone older than me.

August Program

Larry Scheckel from Sparta, who retired from teaching in Tomah, will discuss his book "Murder in Wisconsin." Larry grew up close to the place where Clara Olson, a Norwegian-American farm girl, was murdered. Engaged (and pregnant), her fiancé became a suspect. The events were covered by news stations across the country. You might want to read the book in advance.

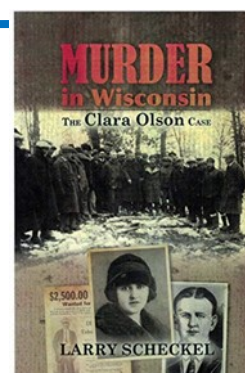


Image of book cover from Amazon.com

Another book (maybe two) to consider reading...

The La Crosse Tribune interviewed Wergeland Member **Rev. Donald Fox**, author of "The Old Familiar Places: The Life and Letters of Frederic E. Fox" and "Capt. Fred Fox of the Ghost Army & France, a story for the 75th anniversary of D-Day." Both books share the story of and letters from his father, who served in WWII and was a member of a secret "deception unit." According to the Tribune article, the story of the unit, which used firecrackers, inflatable tanks, and other trickery, will be made into a movie called "Ghost Army." Fox's new book can be found at Pearl Street Books and Amazon for \$14.

Image of book cover from Amazon.com



Til minner om...

...**Bev Mahlum**, who died on July 7th. Bev had been an active Wergeland Member since 2001. Bev's husband Art Mahlum had been a member since then also, until he died in June, 2017. Our sympathy goes out to their family.

Velkommen til Wergeland...

...**Cammy Bauer**, of Spooner, WI!

Holmen Kornfest



Join us at the Holmen Kornfest Parade on Saturday, August 17! If we have a good number of walkers, people will be curious about Wergeland Lodge. Bunads are encouraged but not required. Meet at 10:00 am on Johnson Street for lineup—the more, the merrier!!

It's Not Too Late to Pledge

President **Dave Glomstad** rode 56 miles in June as a commemoration of his 56th birthday and as a fundraiser. He is still collecting pledges/donations for the Wergeland Unger Venner scholarship fund. You may find Dave at the August 1 meeting or contact him 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.

Skål!

This was in the newsletter of Shawnee Skogen Lodge in Cobden, IL:

Skål (pronounce "skole") is the way to say "cheers!" in Norwegian and Swedish. Less well known is the protocol for doing it properly. There is an acknowledgement of the people with whom you are sharing a drink.

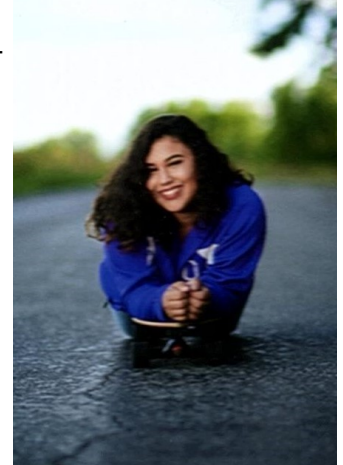
1. You watch for the host/hostess to raise their glass, and then follow suit.
2. Everyone says 'Skål!' together.
3. You then raise your glass to drink - while you raise your glass, you are making eye contact with everyone
4. Then you drink (so you can close your eyes for just a moment)
5. Then you look around again and make eye contact again
6. And you all nod together, like a mini-bow to the others
7. And you wait for the host/hostess to put their glass down – then and only then can you put your own glass down.

Gratulerer til...

...2019 Wergeland Scholarship Winners

These college students are either children or grandchildren of members of our Wergeland Lodge – Sons of Norway, and have each successfully qualified for a \$200 scholarship from the Lodge. They will receive their scholarships at the August Wergeland Lodge meeting on August 1.

Katarina Maria Gatica will be starting her second year as a Marketing major at the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee. She is the daughter of Kimberly Wadewitz and Daniel Gatica, and the granddaughter of Kathi Beane and sister to Daniela, who will be a senior at Iowa State University and a former scholarship recipient. Katarina enjoys playing with her barnyard animals (a bird, horse, dog and cat), spending time with friends and family and trying out new recipes in the kitchen.



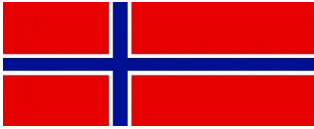
My name is **Hannah Borreson**. I'm 19 years old and have grown up in a small town called Spring Grove, MN on a hobby farm. Throughout life God has taught me that he always has a plan for me, he has taught me lessons at times I thought he was mad at me. A year and a half ago I lost a



friend in a car accident, I thought God disliked me and it was satan drawing me closer. As time went on I have learned that it was God telling me to count each day as a blessing.

I believe that God has called me into nursing to help care for people. This August I will have served as a CNA for three years and this fall I will be attending Viterbo for nursing to fulfill Gods plan.

Congratulations



Dis og Dat



Al Forde's brother, Art Ford, turned 98 on June 27th. On June 29th, 26 family members helped him celebrate the occasion. (Regarding the different spelling, **Julia Forde** explained that Al and Art are brothers, but Art is the firstborn and the "e" had been dropped from the name for a while.)



Carla Burkhardt and a former-Waldorf College classmate, Judy Brown, visited the Norway House in Minneapolis and

viewed the current art photography display, "Mother," by photographer Judy Olausen (see www.olausen.com/about/ for a peek at some of her unique images). Then, the pair drove a few blocks to the American Swedish Institute, where they lunched at *Fika* and toured the Turnblad Mansion (which also housed a display called "The Vikings Begin." This will be featured through Oct. 17; address: 2600 Park Ave, Minneapolis, ASImn.org.



Pictured at left, Swedish Meatballs (of course) and a Pastrami open face sandwich from the lunch at the Swedish Institute. Pictures from Norway House can be seen on page 5.

Vesterheim's hours during Nordic Fest

Nordic Fest is the last weekend in July. Vesterheim will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily, with free admission on Thursday, July 25, and special events all day on Friday and Saturday, July 26 and 27. The Nordic Fest schedule is at nordicfest.com.

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.

2020 Calendars

The 2020 Calendars are in, and sell for \$10 as before. Please see Shirley Schoenfeld or Marilyn Rudser to purchase yours. It is wise to get them early for yourself and as gifts because we will not be placing a second order. We can also order nice Scandinavian cards from Shirley. They are packaged 10 cards/envelopes for only \$5.00. She will have a package of samples for you to look at. The profits for the calendars and cards will be added to our General Fund.

Høstfest

Come to North America's largest Scandinavian festival! Five nights and four days of entertainment, heritage, Scandinavian cuisine, shopping, fun, and dances. Sept. 25-28, 9 a.m.-8 p.m. in Minot, N.D. The festival is held at the N.D. State Fair Center, 2005 E. Burdick Expy. More info: www.hostfest.com.

Norskedalen events

August 7, 5:30 - 7:30, Music in the Valley: Come and enjoy the beauty of the Valley with music from favorite local bands; bring a lawn chair or blanket and your family or friends. You may purchase dinner provided by Borgen's Café, Westby (first come, first served). Music by "Brown Crow."

August 14, 5:30 - 7:30 Threshing Bee Dinner: the Threshing Bee Dinner will be the final evening of Music in the Valley. A traditional farm dinner will be prepared. Reservations will be necessary for this dinner, and music for the evening will be by the "Grumpy Old Men." See <http://www.norskedalen.org/events/special-events> for more information.

Both Ole and Sven wanted some money, so they went to the bank for a loan. Sven went in first. "I want \$10,000!" "What do you do for a living?" asked the manager. "I'm a pilot!" said Sven. "Well, that is a good profession!" said the manager, so he gave him the money. Then Ole went in and said, "I want \$10,000 too!" "Well, what do you do for a living?" asked the manager. "I'm a lumberjack," he replied. "Well, I can't give a lumberjack that kind of money," said the manager. "Well, what's the deal with that, if I don't cut the wood, Sven can't pile it."

Norway House Lending Library

In keeping with this issue's *READING Theme*, the Norway House published the following article about the Lending Library, as well as some additional recommendations:

The bookshelves at Norway House are now filled with literature featuring Nordic, Nordic-American, and Minnesotan authors. The lending library at Norway House furthers the organization's mission to connect the United States to contemporary Norway—in this case, through engaging literature.



The collection features a variety of genres and hot titles by the premier nonprofit publisher of Nordic books and poetry in translation in the United States, Graywolf Press, as well as contributions from the Royal Norwegian Embassy, Borton Overseas, and Norway House's programming staff and teachers.

The lending library will announce featured reads throughout the year, with Norway House staff leading discussions related to each of the featured

reads. The first featured reads (posted at www.norwayhouse.org/lending-library) are *The Laughing Policeman*, the fourth novel in the Martin Beck mystery series by Swedish crime duo Maj Sjöwall and Per Wahlöö, courtesy of Max Stevenson; *Before I Burn* by Norwegian author Gaute Heivoll, a novel of suspicion and panic based on the true story of Norway's most dramatic arson case, courtesy of Graywolf Press; and a collection of Asbjørnsen and Moe's Norwegian folk tales, courtesy of Kari Tauring. These folk tales have been acclaimed for their richness of humor, fullness of life, and depth of understanding since they first appeared in translation more than 100 years ago.

To learn more about Norway House, visit www.norwayhouse.org.

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The Norway House (pictured at right) address is 913 Franklin Ave, Minneapolis, MN.



Around the World

In March, we heard from **Skip Temte** and his daughter, **Kristin Krug**, about their cruise around the world. This prompted Wergeland member **Mary Cary** to forward an article called "Mormor Sails Around the World: Karoline Saanum's Sea Journal" by Nick Preus, published in *Agora*, a publication of The Liberal Arts at Luther College, Fall 2016. Summarized from the article are a few highlights of Karoline's story. He was assisted by the granddaughter of Karoline, Kari Grønningæter, a visiting instructor at Luther.

In 1913, a 22-year old Norwegian named Karoline Saanum sailed around the world with her father, the captain of a cargo ship. The cargo ship was first bound for Australia. Karoline, her father Captain Johann Saanum, and 24 crew members left Soderhamn, Sweden, on October 28 but ran into terrible storms by England. They docked for repairs; once sea-worthy again, they arrived in Newcastle, Australia, 70 days after leaving England. Their route took them south from Britain, around the Cape of Good Hope, and east to Australia. In Australia the cargo (Scandinavian timber) was unloaded, but then the ship was filled with wheat to be shipped back to Europe, traveling across the Pacific Ocean, around Cape Horn, and across the Atlantic to Britain.

Karoline's journal began on this return trip, and she writes about weather, the ship mates, and both the good and the bad about being at sea.



They were near Cape Horn when WWI began (June 1914), which became a very dangerous and worrisome part of the journey as they reached the northern Atlantic waters. Lighthouses were kept dark and German ships and U-boats were seeking targets to destroy. They were safely shepherdded into the harbor in late August, but Europe had changed in the 10 months that Karoline was at sea.

Karoline's story does not seem to be available other than printed in the Agora, so see me (Carla Burkhardt) at the August meeting if you would like a copy of the publication to read more about Karoline's adventure.

Looking Back

Fem år siden (5 years ago) 2014

Leif and Carol Marking, Ron and Vivian Sacia and siblings hosted Hans and Hilda Mollerhagen with sons Lars and Amund, relatives from Kolbu, Norway. The highlights of the visit included a family picnic at Snertingdal Marking Gard on Marking Ridge. This was the site of Grandpa Even Marking's homestead when he emigrated from Biri, Norway. Sons Lars (18) and Amund (16) got hooked on playing bean bag toss which is a family favorite.

Adrian and Doris Hagen celebrated their 50th anniversary on July 12 at First Lutheran in Onalaska.

Ti år siden (10 years ago) 2009

A very special program was presented by Dr. T.J. Klemond and Dr. Erik Gundersen about the Hillview Greenhouse Life Center and their efforts to use the growth and sale of or-

ganic produce to provide practical social support for our aging population, nourishment for our local community, and meaningful activity for all its members.

Ron and Frieda Nowland recently spent a week in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and Annapolis, Maryland with their daughter Naomi and her husband Scott. At the end of their trip they picked up their grandson Zachary who had spent six days at a summer camp at the Naval Academy. While in Annapolis, Frieda went to the Hall of Records and got a copy of the original document showing the arrival of Ron's ancestor Henry Nowland, his wife and two sons who arrived here in 1679.

Femten år siden (15 years ago) 2004

Mary Daines guided us through the steps of the unique Norwegian craft of hardanger embroidery. The beautiful baptismal gowns made by Mary and her daughter are certainly family treasures. Thanks to Lodge members who brought treasured pieces to share. Hardanger is one of the three needle crafts included in the Cultural Skills Program.

Festival Celebrates Bounty of the Region

The Hjelmeland countryside and surrounding region of Rogaland offer stunning scenery of every kind: sweeping meadows, breathtaking fjords, rustic buildings and various hiking trails. The area is also home to the intriguing Ritland crater, caused by meteorite impact about 500 million years ago. Although inviting to tourists year-round, there's a September event unique to the municipality of roughly 3,000 people that welcomes all: The Norwegian Fruit and Salmon Festival.

Why have a festival that celebrates fruit and salmon?

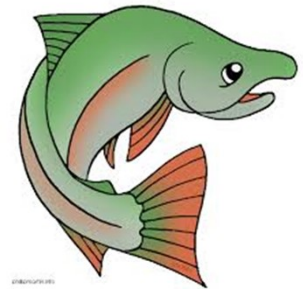
Hjelmeland, located near the southwest tip of the country, is well known for its wide array and quality of fruit. Luscious apples, pears, plums, cherries and strawberries abound in the area. The fishing industry, as in most of Norway, is alive and well in Hjelmeland. Salmon, in particular, is a key local product. In addition to delectable food, the festival features cultural activities, stage entertainment and handicraft exhibitors in nearby towns.

When: September 6 – 8, 2019

Where: Hjelmeland, Rogaland

Getting there: Taxis, ferries and buses run from Stavanger (about 35 miles away) to Hjelmeland.

More info: <https://bit.ly/2YsQHew>



Guesthouses at Norskedalen

From the "Experience Norskedalen" link at <http://www.norskedalen.org/>: "At the Per and Anne Paulsen Cabin (left) you can have your own pioneer experience. The Paulsen Cabin is 150 years old, an authentic log cabin lived in by the Paulsen Family. Don't worry though – we added modern plumbing!

Or choose to stay at The Farmhouse on Norskedalen's Thrunegaarden [previously called Skumrud-Throne Farm]. An early 1900's Farmhouse, you'll be comfortable as you watch the deer cross your front yard, or imagine the Native Americans as they made camp along the creek next to the fields."



A little in English...

Exporting "luxury ice cubes" from Norway to Dubai

"The world's most sought-after ice cube," is the slogan of the Norwegian company Svaice, for marketing ice cubes out of melting ten-thousand-year old ice from Norway's second-largest glacier Svartisen, writes glacierhub.org.

The plan is to sell 16 million ice cubes a year to the owners of exclusive bars in Dubai, London and New York.

For a \$50 (around 400 kroner) and 7-star drink served in a glass made from Swarovski crystals, the claim is a luxurious ice cube that, through its slow melting, does not destroy the drink.

In any case, this is the dream of Geir Ludvik Olsen, who started Svaice in November 2014, writes glacierhub.org.

Olsen has told NRK Nordland that the company will create 60 new jobs.

Svaice's plans, however, face strong opposition from the environmental movement that is critical of the idea of extracting ice from a melting glacier and supporting an energy-intensive and emissions-heavy shipping industry.

Litt på Norsk...

Skal eksportere «luksus-isbiter» fra Norge til Dubai

«Verdens mest etterspurte isbit» er slagordet til det norske selskapet Svaice for å markedsføre isbiter fra smeltende titusen år gammel is fra Norges nest største isbre Svartisen, skriver glacierhub.org.

Planen er å selge 16 millioner isbiter i året til eierne av eksklusive barer i Dubai, London og New York.

For en 50 dollars (omtrent 400 kroner) og 7-stjernes drink servert i et glass produsert av Swarovski-krystaller er kravet en luksuriøs isbit som gjennom sin langsomme smelting ikke ødelegger drinken.

Det er i hvert fall drømmen til Geir Ludvik Olsen som startet Svaice i november 2014, skriver glacierhub.org.

Olsen har sagt til NRK Nordland at selskapet vil skape 60 nye jobber.

Svaices planer møter imidlertid sterk motstand fra miljøbevegelsen som er kritiske til ideen om å utvinne is fra en smeltende isbre og støtte en energi-intensiv og utslipps-tung shipping-industri.

Today's Tech Reveals Viking Burial Ship

One can only imagine what the Vikings of old would think if they knew the burial ship of their long-entombed brethren was discovered millennia later by technology known as ground penetrating radar (GPR).

That is exactly what happened in March 2019 in the well-known Borre National Park in Vestfold County, south of Oslo, where a team of experts discovered the outline of the Viking vessel by using GPR. The exciting find complements an array of other Viking graves and burial mounds in the park, the most anywhere in Northern Europe. Some of the graves are estimated to date back to the seventh century. The "boat graves" are believed to be the final resting place of Vikings belonging to the upper-echelon, including kings.

GPR uses radar pulses to image the subsurface and detect objects via reflected signals. The method is used in industries such as building construction and archeological projects and does not disturb objects revealed by the technology.

For now, those resting in peace will remain so; there are no immediate plans to unearth the ancient Viking tomb.

<https://www.vfk.no/>



Share the Friendly Spirit of Velkommen

Our family is growing in 2019! We welcome daughters, sons and friends of Norway to join the fun at our lodge. Please invite a guest to our next meeting or event so they can experience the spirit of Velkommen first-hand.



Charles M. Schultz was Norwegian

"Peanuts" cartoonist, Charles M. Schultz, was Norwegian on his mother's side. He credits his sense of humor to his mother, aunt, and grandmother, whose sly jokes were an inspiration.

(From Mary Cary, who found this in *Charles M. Schulz: Conversations*, edited by M. Thomas Inge, 2000.)

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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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