

Med Vennlig Hilsen

With Friendly Greetings

Sons of Norway - Grønnavik Lodge 5-632 - Green Bay, WI

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Kalender

November

2—National Deviled Egg Day
6—National Nacho Day
14—National Spicy Guacamole Day
16—National Button Day
18—Taste of Norway:
Cultural meeting: 6:30,
Trinity Lutheran Church
29—Small Business Saturday

December

4—National Sock Day
12—Gingerbread Decorating Day
16—Julfest: Cultural
meeting: 6:30, Trinity Lutheran Church
21—Deadline for Newsletter!!
21—December Solstice

Gratulerer med dagen!

December

5—Joanne Coleman
7—Judy Beerntsen
7—Lyla Overby*
16—Kevin Coleman
21—Bailey Below
24—Colleen Griswold
30—Treiva Wilterding
31—Anne Marte Toftstuen

Fra vår president: Mollie Bergsbaken

Hallo,

Wow we had a couple of busy months. So much was happening. Sept had the Viking Fest. And I'd like to thank all who helped make it a success! Had a number of members involved in so many ways. A lot goes into an event to make it a success, and an excellent job was done, from set up to take down. Bakers, crafters, and workers all did an extraordinary job. Heidi Sherman thanks us all as well for a job well done. She said so many people look forward to our baked goods. Thanks again.

We also held our annual Frokost. Held the Foundation Silent Auction that was filled with treasures. The breakfast is held on a Saturday and it is always good to see members from Sturgeon Bay area come down. In October, four members attended Heritage Weekend in Norway, IL. Peggy Schroeder, Karen Vedvik, Dawn Bergsbaken and I took in the weekend. Had a very enjoyable time.

Hope all are planning on attending our annual Taste of Norway on November 18th. We need members to participate in bringing foods to taste. Tell your neighbors and family and friends to come and taste. Always a fun evening.

We have another good evening planned for December meeting, The Julfest. Please bring items for Trinity's Food Pantry. Mary Swain will read to the children both young and not so young. We will be enjoying the Baylander Barbershop Chorus for our entertainment. There might even be a visit from the Nisse with a treat for all the good boys and girls. And of course, Christmas cookies and hot chocolate.

Wishing you a God Jul! Mollie B, president

Sons of Norway Mission Statement:

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

History of the Nisse Originally, the nisse were something only to be whispered about out of fear. On farms they hissed at you in the dark and were very hairy. (Actually, they often turned out to just be the barn cat!) In other parts of the country, they were regarded as mysterious spirits that lived underground. They controlled the forces of nature and, in turn, a farmer's fortune. They were also believed to be a kind of gnome that would take on the spirit of the deceased farm owner. He would keep an eye on "his" property and make sure it was cared for. He loved all animals but favored horses. In return, he would live in the barn and demand to be well cared for and be given the best food and drink, especially around Christmas time. Ever a "trickster," if he did not get his rommegrote with butter on Christmas Eve he was sure to make trouble and even move to another farm. There have been cases where a nisse has become so fond of the farmer and the family that he has chosen to leave his own land in order to immigrate to America with his adoptive family.

Over the years, nisse have played an important role in helping Norwegians regain their national pride. During WWII, they even became a national symbol for patriotism. Today, they are not only characters full of Norway's heritage, but have become irresistible little people with a red pointed hat.

<https://www.norwegian-family.com/history-of-the-nisse/>

How many Nisse? By Darlene Gast

Grønnavik Lodge loves contests.
It will be fun for members and guests

How many Nisse are in your homes?
Sometime we even call them Gnomes.

Many of us have them for every season.
We just buy or make them for no reason

Take a look in every nook and cranny.
Just a guess – you will find many

Count them all no matter what size.
The one with the most will win the prize.

Please send or call your Nisse count to Rita
at 920-469-1388 or GBDR@aol.com by
January 1

Prizes will be awarded at January meeting.
Keep looking in every corner.

Hankering for some Lutefisk?

Check out the events calendar
at the District 5 website
at sonsofnorway5.com to

see where there is a dinner near you!



Hva kommer i november



- If you are bringing items, come early. We should be set up and ready to eat at 6:30.
- Do you have a favorite Norwegian dish? Something you would like to share with everyone? Remember you only need a bite for everyone. Please call Karen V (920-615-6950) to let the kitchen ladies know what you are bringing or for ideas on what to bring if you are stumped.
- There will be a bake sale during November's Taste of Norway, asking for baking donations, wrapped for sale .



Janet Bohm serving her Kransekake for Taste of Norway

Hva kommer i desember



Vår underholdning

Since 1945, members of the Green Bay Baylander Chorus have entertained tens of thousands of people with our barbershop-style singing. We have more than 30 active members, ranging in age from 19 to more than 80. Our members include men from various occupations. Most of our members live in and around the Green Bay area, but we also have members who drive in for rehearsals every week from outlying points such as Shawano, Sturgeon Bay, and Oconto Falls. We put on several performances each year, including a cabaret dinner show each autumn, a benefit Christmas show to support local food pantries in December, and our annual Harmony Jubilee in June. We also deliver Singing Valentines throughout the Green Bay area in February, as well as "package" shows in our part of Wisconsin.

But we are most proud of our ability to make financial contributions each year to many area organizations. Since 1995, we have donated more than \$60,000 to such causes!

Fortellerstund

Mary Swain will be reading by braille the book "Hang On If You Want To Come Along" by Annie Jacobsen for our December meeting. It is a fun book about a Norwegian King and his daughter. We always look forward to her expertise in reading.. Thank you,

Sharing Christmas joy with a gift of food to the Trinity Food Pantry

It has been a tradition to donate to Trinity Lutheran Church's food pantry at our Christmas Julefest celebration. Trinity has expressed a need for complete meals, such as Chunky Soup, Dinty Moore Beef Stew, Spaghettios, Macaroni and cheese or any meal in a can/box. Check your local store while grocery shopping to see what you might like to bring for the food pantry collection at the December meeting. There is a need for food for the Trinity food pantry patrons. This is our opportunity to share Christmas joy and support Trinity's food pantry. Donations of money/cash is also appreciated. Takk!





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What is the Sons of Norway Foundation?

The Foundation is the charitable arm of the International Sons of Norway. Founded in 1966, the Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization. The mission statement of the Foundation is as follows: "To celebrate Nordic culture and heritage through scholarships and grants to our members and communities. The Foundation awards scholarships and grants to promote the heritage and culture of Norway and provides assistance to our members and their communities."

2025 Scholarships

The Sons of Norway Foundation announced that over \$150,000 in 2025 scholarships were awarded to 37 members and non-students. Check pages 20-22 in the September/October issue of the Viking magazine to read about the winners. Visit sofn.com/foundation to learn more about the next cycle of scholarships for the 2026-27 academic year.

How does Grønnvik Lodge help?

Grønnvik Lodge celebrated Foundation month with their traditional Silent Auction along with our September Frokost (breakfast) meeting. Half of the sale proceeds will go to the Sons of Norway Foundation and half stays here in our lodge. Mange tusen takk to all who contributed items for the auction and to those who purchased items. Along with this donation from the silent auction, money collected from the "Piggy Bank," which is passed around at some meetings, will be sent to the Foundation. Our lodge also gives a \$25 donation to the Foundation in memory of lodge members who have passed away.