

Med Vennlig Hilsen

With Friendly Greetings

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

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Kalender

November

13—World Kindness Day
19—Taste of Norway, eat at
6:30, Trinity Luth Church
28—Thanksgiving

December

17—Julefest (no gift exchange)
21—Winter Solstice
21—Deadline for Newsletter
25—Merry Christmas!!

Gratulerer med dagen!

November

16—Abigail DeMeuse
20—Ethan Deutschmann
27—Sharee Dost
29—Jeri Stiles

December

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

Fra vår president: Only Two more Lodge meetings
Eileen Larson Below to round out 2024.
Taste of Norway will happen on
Tuesday, November 19. If you missed the sign-up sheet at
the last couple of meetings, call Karen V (920-497-0878) to
let her know what you're going to bring, or to ask her for
suggestions. Talk it up and bring your friends!

Julefest will be here before we know it, too. December 17 is
the day for that event. There will not be a gift exchange this
time around, and our Giving Tree will have a whole new
look and purpose. Mary Swain will be getting a workout at
this meeting, with her traditional braille story time for the
youngsters (and the young at heart), plus leading us in a
sing-along of Christmas favorites. And, if we've been good, I
hear that The Nisse just might pay us a visit.

Welcome to our President for 2025 and 2026, the unstop-
pable Mollie Bergsbaken. Mange takk for taking on this job
once again.



Visste du det? The present day version of the julenisse is
very different from the legends of the do-
mestic nisse. The julenisse is portrayed as an older, good na-
tured, adult-sized man (not surprisingly the size of an uncle or
father) with a long white beard and a red hat and suit. He car-
ries a sack of toys on his back, visits children in their homes on
Christmas Eve and always asks, "Are there any good children

here?" ("Er det noen snille barn her?") Many Scandinavian children also believe he lives at the North Pole where he has a workshop. The Norwegian julenisse is very much like the American Santa Claus and is based upon the German legend of St. Nicholas (nisse is a derivative of Nicholas), who was the patron saint of children and seamen. He was known for his many kind acts toward children.

<https://ingebretsens-blog.com/legend-of-the-nisse-and-tomte/>

What is the Sons of Norway Foundation?—The **Vår stiftelsesdirektør: Rita Running** Foundation is the charitable arm of the international sons of Norway. Founded in 1966, the Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation. 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.

2024 Scholarships and Grants—The Foundation awarded 33 scholarships for over \$147,000 and 55 grants for over \$ 154,000 helping our members and Sons of Norway communities in the US, Canada and Norway. Check out pages 22-24 of the September/October Viking magazine for a listing of the 2024 scholarship winners as well as the scholarship descriptions. Applications are now open and due in early 2025 for next year. Additional information can be found by contacting www.sonsofnorway.com/foundation

How does Grønnvik Lodge Help?—Grønnvik Lodge celebrated Foundation month with their traditional Silent Auction at our October meeting. 25 members and guests shopped the treasured donated items which provided a profit of around \$200. Half of that 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, we pass the piggy bank and ask members to put their coins in the bank to add to our auction dollars. Our lodge also gives a \$25 donation to the Foundation in memory of lodge members who have passed away.



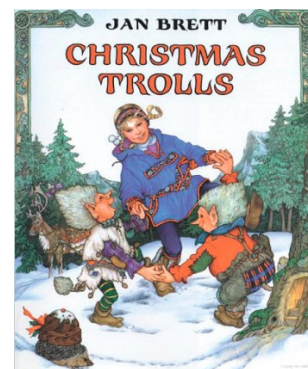
Get those mixers moving! One of our yearly fundraisers is the bake sale during Taste of Norway. What a great way to welcome guests and have a few sweet treats to take home. If you have questions or are looking for ideas, contact Rita at (920) 469-1388



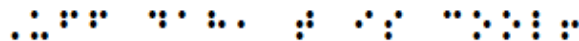
Mary Swain reads a Christmas story for the Lodge.

En juletradisjon:

Once again, Mary Swain will be reading a Christmas book from braille for the Lodge. This year Mary will be reading Jan Brett's Christmas Trolls.



Louis Braille was a French Educator who invented a tactile system of reading and writing for the blind and visually impaired in 1824. The system is called braille and it consists of raised dot codes that are used worldwide to read and write until this day.



Source: <https://www.icoe.org/news/story-louis-braille-inventor-braille-code#:~:text=Louis%20Braille%20was%20a%20French,and%20write%20until%20this%20day>.



Vår stiftelsesdirektør: Rita Running

The International and Community Festival took place September 28, from 1 to 5, hosted by the Kroc Center. Our lodge had this display along with 57 other booths. Many people walked by, asked questions and added their story about Norway or Norwegian heritage. It was great to see so many family groups. Takk to Darlene Gast, Peggy Schroeder, Carol Brunner and Rita Running for contributing to the display and greeting guests at the event.



Fra vår visepresident: Mollie Bergsbaken Another Viking Festival is in the books! And it was a HUGE success for Grønnavik Lodge. We talked and visited with many people. Tried to answer questions the best we could and invited many to our lodge meetings as well as Taste of Norway.

Friday's weather was a warm sunny day. Saturday was also sunny and warm but, was VERY windy. We all made the best of it.

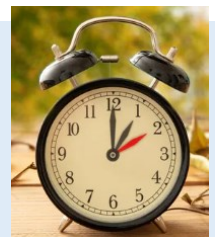
We had a variety of wares. Baked goods included sandbakkels, rosettes, krumkake, cardamon rolls, skorpe, tebrød, brown sticks, lefse, quick breads, lingonberry bars, rømmegrøt bars, and several more kinds of cookies. And everything was gone except for one lonely package of lefse.



We had some craft items for sale also. The help we had was fantastic and I would like to thank them. Erik Hepp for the canopy and sides and for setting it up. Those who baked and worked: Deana and Randy Bellin, Rita and David Running, Paul and Darlene Gast, Peggy Schroeder, Karen and Erik Hepp, Bob Olson, Matt Agen, Colleen Griswold, Eileen and Steve Below, Elle and Mike Taylor. Karen Vedvik for being Co-chair with me and Dawn Bergsbaken for her behind the scenes help. Please forgive me if I forgot someone!

Karen and I put in some long days and a lot of planning, but we are willing to do it again next year! Mange Takk, Mollie and Karen V.

When does daylight saving time end in 2024? Daylight saving time will end for the year at **2 a.m. local time on Sunday, Nov. 3**, when we "fall back" and gain an extra hour of sleep. Next year, it will begin again on Sunday, March 9, 2025.





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Fra Kjøkkenet: Karen and Colleen

Hei Alle -- Takk to each of you for your contributions to our Frokost & Oktober gatherings! We are now looking forward to Taste of Norge on November 19th. Please call Colleen at 920-366-8355 or Karen at 920-497-0878 if you would like to bring Norwegian foods and serve. We are hoping to greet many guests and maybe new members!!! Julefest is Desember 17th. Please bring cookies to share and enjoy med kaffe og het kokoa (with coffee and hot cocoa.) Be good. Julenissen might appear! --The Kitchen Crew



Uff-Dai!

Toivo, a Finlander from Brantwood, finally gets a ticket to a Packer game. His seat is in the nosebleed section but that's OK - he's at Lambeau Field. So he starts looking around with his binoculars and sees a guy in one of the best seats in the stadium with an empty seat beside him. It looks like an old friend named Ole he knew when he went to school up north. This is driving Toivo nuts, so finally at half time, he goes down, says hello to his old friend, and asks Ole why he has a vacant seat in such a choice location.

Ole says, "My wife, Lena, and I bought dese here seats a long time ago. But sadly, my dear Lena has passed away."

"Oh, I'm really sorry to hear dat", Toivo says, "but vhy didn't you give da ticket to anudder relative or a friend?"

Ole replies, "I tried to but everyone wanted to go to her funeral instead."