



## Fra Presidenten

*Kjære Venner,*

The busiest holiday season of the year is almost behind us. This year I tried to be more grateful at Thanksgiving rather than making the turkey and football the main centerpiece, during Advent to be more aware of what we are anticipating, and for Christmas, thinking about the real reason we celebrate rather than only santa and gifts under the tree. During all of these holidays, family and friends are the most important part.

It is wonderful to be able to count members of Idun Lodge in my group of friends. By working together as friends, members of Idun Lodge made the transition to our new location at Trinity Lutheran Church. I think everyone will agree that we have been sincerely welcomed and made to feel at home by church members. We were put to the test recently by having the annual Jultrefest on Friday December 7th, the Fall Bake Sale on the 8th, and hosting after-church coffee on the 9th. Everything went smoothly, so I would say we passed the test with flying colors!

During the last six months we have been fortunate to have some excellent programs, including hearing from Tibetan refugees, learning what it takes to raise honey bees, and sharing the excitement of study in Norway from one of the UW Scholarship recipients. Look inside this newsletter to read about the upcoming programs that will be presented in the first few months of 2019.

You and your friends and family are always welcome to join us on the first Wednesday evening of each month to hear programs like these and share in Norwegian fellowship. Please contact one of the officers or email [news@sonsofnorwaymadison.com](mailto:news@sonsofnorwaymadison.com) if you have any questions or comments. We would love to hear from you.

Godt Nyttår  
Mary Z

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## Officer List

### 2018 - 2019 Term

<b>Co-Presidents</b>	Mary Zoroufy Mary Bennett
<b>Vice-President</b>	Hild Petri
<b>Secretary</b>	Jane Grinde
<b>Membership Secretary</b>	Open
<b>Treasurer</b>	Kelsey Anderson
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<b>Youth Director</b>	Open
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<b>2 year term</b>	Jon Grinde
<b>3 year term</b>	Bob Anderson
<b>Greeter</b>	Shirley Scriver
<b>Musician</b>	Mary Zoroufy
<b>Photographer</b>	Shirley Scriver
<b>Sunshine</b>	Open

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## Membership Update

### A hjertelig velkommen to our newest members:

Tom Elert (Aug), Martin Micke (Oct), Josh Boll (Nov), and Christine Solheim Hartman (Dec), all of Madison. We look forward to getting to know you!

### Goodbye to a dear member

We're very sorry to report that "Rollie" Krogstad, our second oldest member, died on November 7, 2018; just five days short of his 97th birthday. Since he joined Idun Lodge in 1986, Rollie has been one of our most active and enthusiastic members, participating in almost every meeting and event through the decades. In addition, he volunteered for years in elementary schools through our Adopt-A-School program, sharing his life experiences and skills, effectively being a "living history" teacher. He served for many years as a lodge officer in various capacities, most recently as the leader of our Sports Medals program. We learned at a "members share their hobbies" program that he was a skilled woodworker, making beautiful pieces of furniture. His roots in Norway were so important to him that in 1995 he spearheaded the formation of the Nord Hedmark og Hedemarken Lag (a *bygdslag*) and compiled two detailed family history books. Rollie and wife Irma loved travelling, and took their sons to Norway as another way to pass on their Scandinavian heritage. Rollie was a "role model" teacher and leader, and we miss him dearly. For an online obituary, with much greater detail about him and his exemplary life, see <https://tinyurl.com/y89cle6r>.

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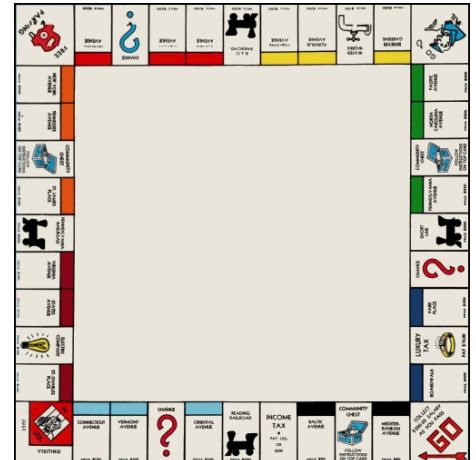
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## Monthly Programs

### Om Meg (About Me)

#### Wednesday, January 2

Instead of having a program after our potluck dinner, we will play a new board game, developed for a District 5 training session. This game is a way for SofN members to learn more about each other, as well as test our knowledge about Norway. The board features 21 Norwegian points of interest, located throughout the country, and is played in a manner similar to Monopoly, by moving pieces around the board and doing the activity noted where you land. This sounds like it'll be fun, so join us for this interactive evening!



### 2018 Idun Scholarship Winner, Lydia Taylor

#### Wednesday, February 6

In this talk, Lydia will discuss her time in Norway during the summer of 2018, and her experience being a part of the International Summer School at the University of Oslo. She will present photos from her time there, as well as information about what she saw, what she did, and what she learned.

Lydia is a senior at UW Madison, majoring in psychology and getting a certificate in Scandinavian Studies. She grew up in Lake City, MN, with her parents and younger sister, Alice. She comes from a family that has both Norwegian and Swedish heritage, and has always felt a strong connection with that part of her. She hopes to help preserve the Scandinavian American culture, whether through future jobs or volunteer work.



*At these monthly meetings, we start to gather at 6:00pm, begin the potluck supper at 6:30, and then follow it at about 7:15 by brief announcements and the program. Bring a dish to pass...and friends and family! Everyone is welcome to join us.*

*If the weather looks like it's going to be too bad for safe driving, we will cancel a meeting by about 6pm the night before and will send out an email notice. If you don't have email, call Dee at 259-1958 to learn if the meeting is a go.*

### 2018 Calendar of Events and Contact List

Traditionally, we have sent out our calendar of events and contact list with the January-February issue, but they will be sent separately so the lodge board has time to finalize dates.

#### Photo Credits

**Top:** Monopoly Board

**Bottom:** Picture of Lydia Taylor, 2018 Idun Scholarship Recipient

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## ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

### Reminder: Volunteer Hours for 2018

Please remember that volunteer hours are due to Jane by February 1st. You only need to provide hours you worked outside of lodge events because we have been tracking group hours.



## Kalendar

### January

- 2 - Monthly Meeting & Potluck - 6:00pm
- 16 - Board Meeting - 6:30pm

### February

- 6 - Monthly Meeting & Potluck - 6:00pm
- 21 - Birkebeiner/Barnebirke Begins
- 24 - Birkebeiner/Barnebirke Ends

*All events are free and held at Trinity Lutheran Church in Madison, at First & Winnebago Streets, unless indicated otherwise. Please use the entrance closest to the parking lot on Atwood Ave (or the accessible entrance on Winnebago St) and proceed to the Fellowship Hall in the basement.*

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