



Vennelag Lodge 5-513

Vennelag News

November &
Desemeber 2025

Important dates to remember:

Lodge Meeting Dates: start times listed

November 20, 2025 6:30 pm

December 7, 2025 2:00 pm

January 18, 2026 2:00pm

February – No meeting -look for information
about our Scandihoovian activites

All Lodge meetings held at the
Community Center - 107 N Grove St. in Mount
Horeb unless otherwise noticed in the
Newsletter article of a different location.

Board/Business Meeting Dates:

6:30pm at Culver's restaurant in Mt. Horeb

November 12, 2025

December 10, 2025

January 14, 2026

February 11, 2026

March 11, 2026

Mark your calendar dates –

November 27, 2025 - Thanksgiving

December 6, 2025 – Independence Day (Finland)

January 5, 2026 – Twelfth Night (Sweden)

February 6, 2026 –National Sami Day (Norway)

March 25, 2026 – Waffle Appreciation Day

May 17, 2026 – Syttende Mai (Norway)

June 5, 2026 – Constitution Day (Denmark)

June 6, 2026 – National Day (Sweden)

June 15, 2026 – Edward Grieg's Birthday

June 17, 2026 – National Day (Iceland)

Hello to my fellow Vennelag members,

This is my first writing as the lodge President, I would like to extend a warm welcome from me to each and every one of you. I am surely learning that it takes many talents to be a leader.

It has been a learning experience, taking on being President! So many things to learn and timelines to meet! I am not very tech originated as far as computers, so sending mass emails and writing this president's article has been a real learning curve (Thanks to my wife, Jane). I am excited about the Lodge's upcoming trip to Norway next August, over 25 people have already signed up so far, so that leaves about 15-16 seats available, so if you are at all thinking about going, sign up soon and join us on a true adventure. Also very exciting is you or someone you know, can win a free trip for only \$10 by purchasing a raffle ticket. With that being said, if everyone could please help sell tickets, that would be so helpful and appreciated, as we can raise a lot of money for the lodge! As I am typing this we have cruised into October, just remember the holidays are right around the corner and the raffle tickets would make a great gift for all those on your list, just think they could win a free trip or cash!

Takk så mye!
Steve

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.

As we turn the calendar to the winter months, our Lodge is not slowing down! Just a few things that are coming up for November include the Baking Workshop for the public, a memorial celebration for our members that moved to their next chapter, and gathering with biological family or chosen family for the holidays.

As mentioned for the November meeting we will be honoring those from our Lodge and District that have transitioned into their next chapter. Please join us for this remembrance and bring a guest to share in this ceremony.

Before all of that takes place Mary Gullickson-Krantz and Ann Walser will be hosting, organizing and chairing the Baking Workshop where we limit the baking students that we have come in from the public. If you know of anyone that is interested, please see the below information.

Held on - Saturday, November 1, 2025; 8:30am at the Mt. Horeb Community Center, 107 N. Grove St., Mt. Horeb, WI 53572

Making: Rommegrot, Sandbakkelse, Krumkake, Rosettes, Heart Waffles

Cost: \$30.00 per person

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Our December gathering will be on Sunday December 7, 2025, and will see us bedecked with our bunads, vests, joyous sweaters, or that piece of clothing that you just can't seem to



wear enough for the holidays, enjoying each other's company starting at 2 pm. We will have a guest speaker that will talk to us about local charities that we support as the Lodge. Please let one of our Board Members or sign up at the November meeting so that we have a better idea of how much to order for the early evening meal. Santa has not RSVP'ed to the event.

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK AND A LOT MORE FUN!

Frokost workers peeled 100 lbs. of potatoes, riced them and started the process of making and bagging lefse rounds.

Thursday workers were: Anna, Mark, Cheryl, Donna, Rita, Pam, Allen, Duane, Arlene, Ann.



Another Great Frokost!

We did it again!! 22 years!! The beautiful warm weather brought people to the breakfast. It was wonderful to see so many members step forward to help make the breakfast a success. Thank you so much to all who helped in any way. It takes everyone and you made a difference! Again, this year, our bake sale did a wonderful job. The Frokost is one of our large fundraisers. Even though we had to go to the store for more eggs, herring & applesauce, we had a great crowd.

I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS MATTER AND ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED. WE COULD NOT DO THIS WITHOUT YOU.

Thank you for:

- **Thank you to all who helped make all the lefse & peeling the potatoes**
- **For making cookies, fry cakes and a Nesco of rommegrot**
- **Making waffles and rosettes ahead of time & stirring the rommegrot**
- **Setting up the Community Center on Friday and for helping with the tear down on Saturday**
- **Making food at home ahead of time and bringing it in on Friday**
- **Coming in very early to help, picking up items at the storage unit & taking them back again**
- **Promoting our Norway trip in 2026 then selling raffle tickets**
- **Putting up and taking down the signs and banners**
- **Rolling meat, arranging cheese, checking off food donations, packaging, pricing, arranging the bake sale items, & taking on new roles in some areas**
- **Setting up and taking down and working in the cookie room**
- **Setting up the coffee pots, making and pouring coffee, pouring the milk & juice**
- **Working at the bake sale table, making waffles and cashiering at the door**

- Organizing serving trays, slicing vegetables, working in the kitchen.
- Serving food to our guests, taking out the trash, washing dishes
- Donating food or cash, for all the others who worked so hard & did so much

We smiled and greeted and served a great number of guests during the breakfast and our lodge and our events are becoming well known.

Our fundraiser was a great success! Vennelag is very proud to call you a member and values your participation.

Tusen takk! Rita Schraepfer, Event Chair







The bike trail going through Mt. Horeb has been cleaned from east to west!!! It was a beautifully sunny day to get the job done.

Thank you, Arlene, and crew for the clean up! Please keep your eyes out next year if you would like to help clean up the Bike trail.

Nancy Lorraine Jensen Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was created by Dr. and Mrs. Arthur S. Jensen in memory of their remarkable daughter, Nancy Lorraine Jensen, who was an aerospace engineer and chemist. It is awarded annually to young women who are interested in a career in the sciences.



Maddie Maier
San Francisco State University



Joy Schmus
Biola University



Claire Tranel
University of St. Thomas

Catching up with some of our previous scholarship winners from our own Lodge, Claire Tranel stopped by a recent Vennelag Board meeting to give an update of what she has been doing since winning the scholarship from Vennelag then also as you can see from the above picture winning a scholarship from Sons of Norway International which was featured in the Sept/Oct 2024 Viking issue. Claire indicated that she would be going to study abroad in her chosen field and that she was really touched to have the opportunity from our Lodge to start her on the path.



Pictured is Cheryl Willie-Schlessler, current District 5 President, Claire Tranel and Steve Frame, Vennelag President elect

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