



Vennelag Lodge 5-513

Vennelag News

Mai & Juni 2024

Important dates to remember:

Lodge Meeting Dates: 6:30 pm start

Thursday May 30, 2024

Thursday June 27, 2024 * Picnic!!*

Thursday August 29, 2024

Thursday September 26, 2024

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 Culvers' restaurant in Mt. Horeb

May 8, 2024

June 12, 2024

July 10, 2024

August 14, 2024

September 11, 2024

Mark your calendar dates –

May 19, 2024 –Stoughton Syttende Mai Parade

May 30, 2024 –Vennelag Syttende Mai Party

June 2, 2024 –Verona Hometown Parade

June 9, 2024 – Mt. Horeb SummerFrolic Parade

July 19 & July 20, 2024 –Kaffee Stue

July 25, 2024 –Mallard's Baseball game

October 4 & October 5, 2024 –Host Frokost

December 8, 2024 –JultreFest

God Mai, alle sammen....

After a very weird winter, we certainly hope that Spring will be more to your liking. We've got some great events coming up, almost all brought back by popular demand. May 19 will see the SS Vennelag in the Stoughton Syttende Mai parade, and we'll have our own celebration dinner on May 30.

The Mt. Horeb Summer Frolic parade will be held on June 9, where we've been long-time fan favorites! June 27 will see the ever popular picnic at Brigham Co. Park, featuring some interesting international guests. Stay tuned, as it can be a busy spring/summer season.

June will also see the D5 Convention in Indianapolis. Vennelag has the very unique distinction of being the host lodge to both the D5 President, Cheryl Wille-Schlesser and International Director Duane Kittleson. Their combined years of service to the Sons of Norway need special recognition, congratulations, and our thanks for their dedication to the cause. Please pass along your thanks when you see them.

It's no secret that membership and its increase thereof is always in mind.

Invite a friend or family member to visit and maybe help carry on the good works thus far so nobly advanced (to quote someone famous...)

Takk så mye
Allen

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

May 30, 2024 will be a quick presentation on Bunads by the SoCul Director, Tiffany Schwoerer, that it will be followed by Social time at our meal. Members are encouraged to wear festive wear like your Bunad or a Norwegian family heirloom or your Norwegian Sweater or a fun Norwegian outfit.



Picnic!!!

**Thursday, June 27 Brigham Co. Park shelter #1
Setup at 5:00 Serving starts at 5:30
Meat provided by Lodge. Please bring a dish to pass**



Come and meet Jorn Langseth, noted Sami artist and King Joe and Queen Erin of Stoughton's Syttende Mai

Kubb, hiking, card games, and talking smart about smart things. Please join us!!!

The dates for our Parades are:

Stoughton Syttende Mai Festival Parade Begins at 1:30 PM, **Sunday, May 19th, 2024**

Verona Hometown Days Parade Begins at Noon, **Sunday, June 2nd, 2024**

Mt. Horeb Summer Frolic Parade Begins at Noon, **Sunday, June 9th, 2024**

Reminder that lunch will not be provided for any of the parades so bring your own lunch and that we ask you to arrive at least 45 minutes prior to the parade begin times listed above. As always if you are interested in riding on SS Vennelag let one of our Board Members know so we can get you the details when we get them from the individual parade committees.

Thanks -Mark, Captain of the SS Vennelag

It is that time again!!!

With your help and donations we will be able to put on the Kaffee Stue yet again this year!!

Reminder that we will be using SignUpGenius to sign up for work shifts and food donations this year but the Kaffee Stue Chair will have sign up sheets as well at the next few meetings.

We will be scheduling Lefse making days at the ELC Church for May 22 & 23, 2024 with back up dates of June 11 & 12, 2024 (just in case there is a funeral during those first dates). We will start 8:30 am on the Lefse days.

Reminder that we need parking passes so if you plan on attending please call Tiffany at 608-527-2821 if you need a parking pass.

BARNEBIRKIE 2024 EN, TO, TRE.--.Gå Ski!

What a momentous event it was! The 2024 Barnebirkie in Hayward, WI, took on a different feel this year with no measurable snow on the ground. How does one ski without snow? They improvise! The children were challenged with a running race. Believe it or not, the running race ended in downtown Hayward, just a few steps away from the Sons of Norway cookie tent! Our members did not disappoint the participants.



A total of 601.5 dozen cookies were provided by our members and many lodges contributed money to help with the effort. Our volunteers came out in full force from many area lodges; some driving distances of more than five hours!

See page two for the names of the contributing lodges and the amounts. In addition, those lodges who sent monetary donations are also listed. Please update me if I am unaware of your donation.

The day began early with District Secretary Darlene Arneson and her husband John setting up the tables and arranging the tents. Cookies were placed on the tables and the kids were encouraged to take a maximum of three cookies. This newly instituted plan was necessary due to the uncertainty of the number of youngsters, and it worked like a charm!

President Cheryl was a member of the registration team and checked in many youth skiers where she has worked for many years. Handing out bib numbers and seeing the excitement on the faces of the children is rewarding. Explaining to the youngest skiers that they have a “lucky” number brings joy to many. As the Birkebeiner Foundation likes to share, “this is the place where Birkebeiner dreams begin.”

I am proud of the unbelievable number of volunteers who reported to help this year from across the district. In addition, several friends of our members also assisted with this endeavor.

To the best of my knowledge the list below is thorough. If I have omitted someone, please let me know.

John and Darlene Arneson-Mandt 314

Audrey Parrett-Løven 29

William Bosak-Dovre 353

LaVonne Wier-Fagernes 616

Wendy and Kimball Higgins-Valhall 168

Judy Ghastin-Norse Valley 491

Carla Burkhardt-Wergeland 28

Lucy Ghastin-Idun 74

Judy Keilholz-Dovre 353

Cheryl Wille-Schlessler-Vennelag 513

Kathy Nelson-Løven 29

In addition, several friends of our members also assisted with this endeavor.

A special thank you is extended to Judy and Lucy Ghastin who rose up to organize the cookie table at the Expo Center at Hayward High School. The classic skiers report to this location to pick up their timing chips, packs, and race bibs.

The dreams of the organizers are to return to the normal number of participants for 2025; the youth skiers usually number between 700 to 900!

Takk for hjelpen oss,
Cheryl Wille-Schlesser
D5 President

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Cookie Donations by Lodge

Dovre 353--48 dozen

Løven 029--61 dozen

Ulseth 670--8 dozen

Fagernes 616--52 dozen

Solvang 457--42 dozen

Wergeland 28--10 dozen

Idun 74--72 dozen

Mandt 314--110.5 dozen

Østestaden 642--44 dozen

Vennelag 513--35 dozen

Norse Valley 491--21 dozen

Polar Star 472--67 dozen

Valhall 168--31 dozen



Lodges Providing Monetary Donations

Edvard Grieg 657

Mandt 314

Nordkap 378

Askeladden 610

Myrmarken 609

Wergeland 28

Valkyrien 53

Viking 625

Elvedal 556

Skjold 100

Valhall 168

JUST A REMINDER –

There are still many books by Norwegian authors available in the Community Center cabinet. Check in the Cupboard if you are interested in borrowing any. Besides a few that we are keeping tabs on –ask Tiffany for those titles.

***Scadinhoovian pictures* –Thank you to Harley Skjervem!!**



Ann and Rita ready for Krumkake rolling





Watrud Family



Norwegians Give Sámi Name to Distant Star and Planet

A star and planet 200 light years from Earth were officially given Sámi names recently, following a national naming campaign in Norway. The star in the distant solar system has been named Násti, meaning "star," while the planet is called Albmi, or "heaven."

The naming took place as part of a worldwide campaign by the International Astronomical Union (the organization in charge of naming newly discovered stars and planets) in celebration of its 100th anniversary. The global campaign, known as NameExoWorlds, invites every country worldwide to name a designated planetary system consisting of a star and an orbiting planet. Each star can be seen from its assigned country and is visible through a small telescope.

Norwegians submitted a total of 824 proposals to name the star and planet duo. The winning proposal was submitted by high school student Emma Stefanussen, who said the idea for the names was suggested to her by an ethnic Sámi friend. Stefanussen is a resident of Andøya, an island in the far north of the Lofoten archipelago.



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