

**Important dates to remember:****Lodge Meeting Dates:**

- 2:00 pm start for Sunday meeting
- 6:30pm start for Thursday meetings

Sunday March 17, 2024 **\*\*last Sunday mtg\*\***

Thursday April 25, 2024

Thursday May 30, 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 Culver's restaurant in Mt. Horeb

Wednesday - March 13, 2024

Wednesday - April 10, 2024

Wednesday - May 8, 2024

**Mark your calendar –**

March 25, 2024 -Waffle Appreciation Day

April 1, 2024 -Newsletter Articles Due

May 17, 2024 - Syttende Mai (Norway)

May 30, 2024 -Vennelag Syttende Mai Dinner

June , 2024 - Consitution Day (Denmark)

June 27, 2024 Lodge Picnic

July 19 & 20, 2024 -Kaffee Stue

July 25, 2024 - Mallards game -Social outing

October 4 & 5, 2024 -Høst Frokost

Hang in there, everyone! Spring is just around the corner! Spring includes Easter, and Easter includes chocolate. (I hope that thought doesn't get me struck by lightning). So please plan to join us on Sunday, March 17 for a presentation on that topic by Brook Johnson of Stoughton-based Yahara Chocolates. Clever segue, huh?? He will speak on the history of, making of, and eating of chocolate. I've heard nothing but rave reviews, so you don't want to miss it.

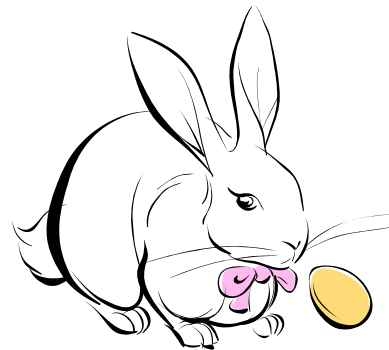
An appeal I want to make now is for you to consider attending the District 5 convention in Indianapolis from June 19-23 (counting travel). Major expenses will be covered by Vennelag Lodge. We need up to 4 delegates and 4 alternates. The committees have a great slate of programs, speakers, and updates lined up. Think about being part of it.

Also, the deadline for Masse Moro camp enrollment is nearly here. The Norwegian immersion camp is for 9-15 year olds and runs from July 14-27.

Check them out at [www.massemoro.org](http://www.massemoro.org).

Takk så mye

Allen



# March and April Lodge happenings:

## Have we got a treat for you!



On Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm (yes, it is St. Patrick's day), we will have a presentation on chocolate by Brook Johnson from Yahara Chocolates of Stoughton. Yes, there will be samples!

**Brook Johnson -**

In my search to taste the widest variety of dark chocolate I could find I had been spending hundreds of dollars a year buying chocolate to enjoy. Along the way there were some chocolates I wanted to taste but couldn't find until I came across a chocolate importer who carried just what I was looking for. The only way I could buy from this importer was to be a chocolate seller myself. And Yahara Chocolate came to be. My other passion is pottery. Most days you'll find me creating and teaching in my studio, Green Road Pottery, where Yahara Chocolate now shares space.



<https://yaharachocolate.com>

*April 25<sup>th</sup> will be our first return to meeting at 6:30 on Thursday night!!*

*Our April 25<sup>th</sup> meeting will be a potluck gathering, NO competition for best dish, so bring any dish you would like to share. It will be a night of chatting, catching up, maybe playing some Euchre, again, NO Euchre-tournament, or playing indoor Kubb or any other game you may want to play. Come and enjoy a relaxing night full of good food and companionship.*

## District 5 Convention June 19-22, 2024 - HOW DO I BECOME A DELEGATE?

1. Be sure my dues are paid.
2. Check my calendar to be sure I am free from June 19-22, 2024.
3. When my lodge announces the date for election of delegates, I need to place my name on the list of candidates or ask someone to nominate me.
4. Let other members know I am interested and ask them to vote for me.
5. If elected, celebrate!
6. That's all there is to it!

## WHAT ABOUT ALTERNATES?

1. An alternate is elected for each delegate. In case the delegate is unable to fulfill their duty, the alternate fills in.
2. An alternate may be called upon at very short notice, but should be available if needed.\*
3. An alternate may be elected to replace a specific delegate or be in line as first, second, third, etc order *if needed*. It is very important to have alternates so a lodge is represented in case of an unexpected situation. \*If the registration fee has been paid, and a hotel reservation has been made, the registration would apply to the alternate; the delegate and alternate should make personal arrangements to transfer the hotel room to the alternate so they could have the group room rate.

### 3 Tips for Preserving Cherished Family Heirlooms

No matter their condition, it is a joy to display your heirlooms and share the memories they evoke. Here are a few tips on caring for your heirlooms:

1. Keep heirlooms out of bright sunlight and away from heat sources to avoid fading.
2. Clean surfaces gently, using soft cloths.
  - Dust wooden furniture and apply a beeswax-based polish up to twice a year. Clean painted wooden items with a damp cloth, then wipe dry. Avoid silicone polishes and abrasive or ammonia-based cleaners on wood, silver, pottery, or painted/gilded glass.
  - Clean pottery with a soft sponge. Wash silver in hot soapy water, then dry and buff.
3. Vintage textiles are too delicate for the gentlest machine wash.
  - Water may damage silk or wool items, and wet embroidery can bleed dyes. Spot cleaning may be your best option. Always test a small area first. Experts recommend a gentle, neutral-pH detergent like Orvus Paste for cleaning old fabrics.
  - Old stains and yellowing may be impossible to remove. To minimize discoloration, use cotton bags and avoid storing textiles in plastic bags or containers.

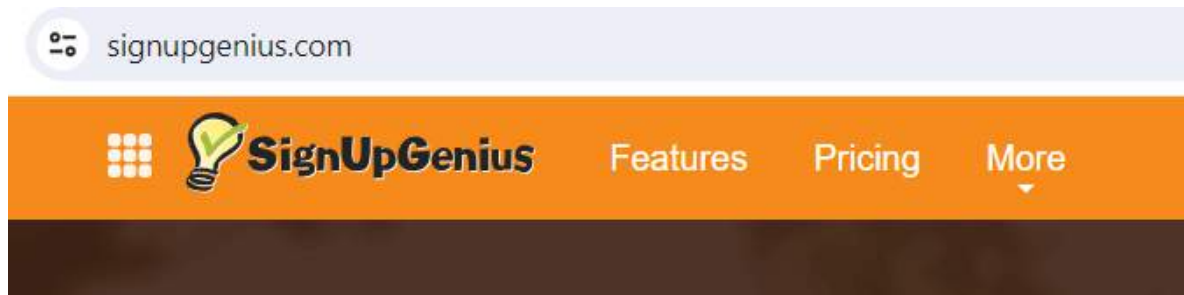


*We are moving how everyone signs up for our major fundraisers to an online platform. This means that in the next few months when we're getting ready for Kaffee Stue you will start hearing us talking about SignUpGenius more and more.*

We will be using two sign-up sheets like we normally do –one will be for volunteer spots for the two days and the other will be for food donations as our main point for signing up. We will still have paper copies to circulate around during meetings.

If you are not able to donate either time/help or making food you are as always able to send our Treasurer a check to help offset the items that we purchase to make these events a success.

If you wanted to check out the site before-hand below is a snip of the site address.



When we are ready for you to sign up for the Kaffee Stue, we will be sending out an e-mail with more details but the link part to the site should look like the sample below.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4CABAE22A1F9C25-47847384-newsletter>



Whenever you get a link in an e-mail a good tip from IT people I work with is to take your mouse/clicker and hover on the link, wait for your computer to think about where it's taking you and see if you can find a difference in the link that you were sent in the e-mail and what the computer is reading.



If there is any difference **DO NOT CLICK** as this is most likely spam/hackers. If you see no difference between the two it is a safe link to click. I do this for every link that I get even ones from people that I usually e-mail with because hackers/bad actors have been known to dress-up their e-mails to pretend to be people that are familiar.

As you can see with the next picture the link and where my computer says that it will take me are the same (see the drawn green arrow) so this link is good to follow/click.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4CABAE22A1F9C25-47847384-newsletter>



### Newsletter showpiece

Please review the available slots below and click on the button that you want!

[www.signupgenius.com](http://www.signupgenius.com)

← Reply

→ Forward

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After getting to the SignUpGenius site you will see something like the next picture, we are using a subscription that doesn't block Ads so as you are looking at the site with your computer you will notice them on the sides of the screen. Also this site is available to be used on your smart phone but same thing applies –make sure that it's a safe link before you navigate to it and there will be many ads to navigate through.



Vennelag 5-513

## Newsletter showpiece

VS Vennelag Sons of Norway

Contact

Please review the available slots below and click on the button to sign up. Thank you!

**Date** 02/14/2024 (Wed.)

**Time** 4:30AM - 4:00PM CST

**Location** Mt. Horeb

Share

Dates shown as: mm/dd/yyyy CST

### Available Slot

#### Butter

need 6 lbs total

3 slots available

Sign Up

#### Almond Cake

Need 12 total (2 cakes per person)

6 slots available

Sign Up

Once you reviewed the entire list you will click on the button that says Sign Up on the right to the item or volunteer selection that you are able to donate/contribute then you will get the below screen. This is where you can see that Butter is now not showing Sign Up on the right anymore but a checkmark/Selected button. To confirm selections you must click on the bottom button –Save & Continue.

### Available Slot

#### Butter

need 6 lbs total

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Selected

#### Almond Cake

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6 slots available

Sign Up

Save & Continue

This will take you to the next screen which is where you will list an e-mail so that you can get reminder e-mails for what you have signed up to bring and work.

On this screen you can add in a comment which you will put in details like shown so we can make sure that we have everything covered for the events.

## Sign Me Up

Sign me up for:

Available Slot	Date (mm/dd/yyyy - CST)	My Comment	Quantity
Butter	Wed., 02/14/2024 4:30am - 4:00pm	I'll bring 2 lbs	1

Name:

Email:

[Already have a SignUpGenius account? Login](#)

By signing up, you agree to the SignUpGenius [Terms of Service](#) and [Privacy Policy](#).

After you finalize your sign up by clicking the Sign Up Now button and getting an account set up you will get the final screen this is a confirmation. That means that you are finished!

## Thank you, Vennelag!

You're all signed up for **Newsletter showpiece**.

A confirmation email with an attached iCalendar has been sent to you.

- ✓ **Butter**  
My Comment: I'll bring 2 lbs  
Wed., 02/14/2024 4:30am - 4:00pm CST  
Location: Mt. Horeb

You are able to sign up for many items in one submission but you can also sign up by going through this process for each item that you are looking to donate/volunteer for.

This is what you will see if you check back at a later time



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Already signed up?

[Change my sign up](#)

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 **Share**   

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#### Butter

need 6 lbs total

1 of 3 slots filled

[Sign Up](#)

Vennelag Member **VM**

 I'll bring 2 lbs

#### Almond Cake

Need 12 total (2 cakes per person)

6 slots available

[Sign Up](#)





Arctic Foxes do not hibernate but rather they change their coats from pure fluffy white in winter to a dappled gray during the warmer months.



Do you have a Tine? Do you know what Tine is? Tine (spoken -Tee-na) is usually a hand crafted box-like container that is distinctively Scandinavian. These containers can be small or rather large depending on what they were intended to be used for when they were made.

Many of these containers were used as lunch boxes for those that were handed down in the family. A few of these containers were adorned with Rosemaling or even carved which makes them even more precious to the family.



**March 1<sup>st</sup> was the deadline for the scholarships from Vennelag 5-513, if you or your families are looking for assistance for higher education please take a look at our District 5 <https://sonsofnorway5.com/> and International <https://sofn.com> websites for additional information.**



**In Late 2023 we celebrated the following people for their years in Sons of Norway –**

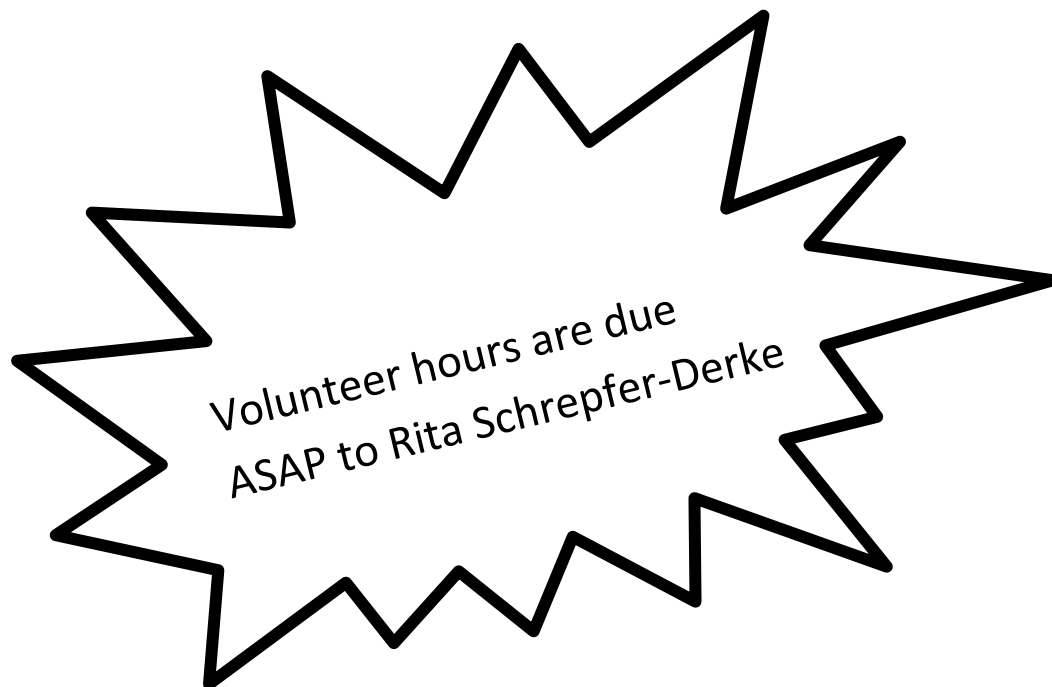
**30 Years –Carol Riphahn**

**20 Years –Patricia Putnam, Kristina Bailey, Stuart Vamstad**

**15 Years – David Barnes, Jean Bower, Bailee Bray, Mary Gullickson-Kranz, Julius Zilmer**

**10 Years – Olin Anderson, Karen Eberhardt, Cameron Penne,  
Everett Penne, Jasmine Salava**

**5 Years –Jodi Behnetts, Samantha Bower, Thomas Coughlin, Debra Goplin, Ronald Goplin,  
Jane Heibel, Jackie Hustad, William Hustad, Anna Olson, Orville Olson,  
David Saether, Patty Schlafer, Lynn Schwoerer, Mary Stamm, Kari Lee Tranel,  
Courtney Wille, Russell Wille, Teresa Wille**



So your family is doing spring cleaning and have found a pile of family photos, are you sitting there smiling at the photos or are you scratching your head at who is in the picture?



If you are in the later group there are a few things that you can do to help figure out a few things.

First take in the entire photo - what are they wearing in the photo? Little things like the style of hat or the collar height on the ladies garb. This will help you narrow down the era or a couple choices of years to research further.

Second is there anything on the back of the photo -my family has a habit of putting names on the back of the photo. Depending on who wrote the names they may be exactly on the back of the person's image or they are still a guessing game as who goes to which name. Also many of the photographers had their names printed on the back of the photo which will help if you enlist a genealogical society to further narrow down the time period.

Third take on the photo -is the background a familiar scene or building that is locally famous? Many times looking behind the figures to see if there are unique buildings that may help you and a local genealogical society figure out where the photo was taken.



Lastly if you are fortunate to still have older family members, enlist their memory to narrow down who is in the photo.

Now that you've figured out who was in the photo and where it was taken what's the next step?

Depending on how significant the photos are to your family you may consider making digital copies to save on a genealogical program for future generations or make extra copies to put into an album while the originals go into a secure box.

When storing originals remember that historic photos are like a good piece of chocolate - they don't like heat/light and humidity and man-handling. Good thing is that they won't leave your fingers in need of a wash but the bad thing about those old photos is they don't like us handling them so try to handle them as little as possible. To store the photos in the best possible way look for acid-free items to keep the photos in the best condition.



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[www.sonsofnorway5.com](http://www.sonsofnorway5.com).

\*Find us on the web: [www.sonsofnorwaymthoreb.org](http://www.sonsofnorwaymthoreb.org)

\*If you know someone who is interested in membership in Vennelag Lodge, please direct them to this site. It will give them a better idea of our organization.

