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Vennligfolk Lodge
meets the second
Sunday Sept thru Nov & then
Jan thru March at 1PM.
In April-May 2027 mtngs on
the 2nd Sunday are at 5:00 pm
A special Julefest gathering
begins at 4:30PM in Dec
All at St. Paul's
United Methodist Church
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SEPTEMBER OG OKTOBER 2026

Fra presidenten:



In the middle of August, I always have the same question, "How did the summer go by so quickly?" Indeed, the Morton summer flew by! I must say the highlight of our summer was to have all of family together for nine days. We filled those days with lots of fun activities for the kids, including swimming, fishing, Noah's Ark, baking cookies, basketball, etc. One special afternoon, we had family pictures taken. I am including a picture so you can see all our kids and grandkids.

After I graduated from UWSP in 1972, I began my teaching career in Sturgeon Bay, WI. At the time, I did not realize just where I was teaching in a beautiful county full of Scandinavian heritage. I had only been in Door County one time before I moved there, and that was during my college years when I went on a bike trip to Door County with some friends. Little did I know that in the future my husband & I would consider Door County our favorite vacation spot in Wisconsin. In fact, for 17 years we had a time-share in Egg Harbor that allowed us to spend several weeks in Door County every year. I can tell you that Door County is beautiful in all seasons of the year, but autumn is especially beautiful.

On Wednesday, October 14th, all of you will have the opportunity to spend a fall day in Door County. We will gather in the parking lot by Dunham's Sports around 7:15AM. From there, we will travel together in a large van (2 vans if necessary) with a driver. Our first stop will be in Sturgeon Bay at the Maritime Museum. It is such an interesting museum of interactive exhibits on Great Lakes history! Next, we travel to Sister Bay for lunch at Al Johnson's Restaurant and



and Butik. After lunch and a bit of shopping in the "Butik", we head to Seaquist's Orchard & Shop where you can shop for cherries, apples, and an abundance of other items. Then it is on to the Baileys Harbor Range Lights followed by supper at Sonny's in Sturgeon Bay. It will be a full day of fun, fellowship, and beautiful sights! I am estimating the time of return to Stevens Point will be around 8:30 PM. The lodge will cover the cost for the van & driver, so the only cost to members will be \$19 admission to the museum and Range Lights, plus the cost of food. There will be a sign-up sheet for our Door County Day Trip at our September 13th lodge meeting.

Speaking of sign-ups - We need people to sign up for serving refreshments, doing table displays, being marshals, and for planning our Julefest celebration. Your officers have already signed up for the September meeting, so you can be thinking of another month you would be able to serve. Tusen Takki!

I certainly enjoyed being with my Morton Family this summer, and I am really looking forward to being with my **Vennligfolk Lodge** family this fall! Please remember that all our fall and winter lodge meetings will start at **1:00 PM!**

Hilsen, Susan Morton

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Gratulerer med dagen

Congratulations on the day!

SEPTEMBER

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Charlotte Nilson - 12

Rich Somers - 14

Remya Sarma-Traynor - 15

Sigrid Kahoun - 17

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Happy Halloween-31



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What's Happening at Vennligfolk???



Notice: Due to schedule conflicts with Green Bay Packer games, Vennligfolk has moved start times for our three fall meetings to 1PM. Your understanding is appreciated!



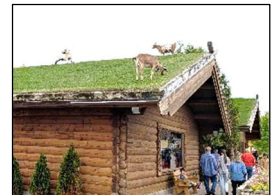
Sept 13 1PM Masse Moro Youth Camp - Presented by Elizabeth Boudreau - Masse Moro is a Norwegian heritage camp for youth for ages 9-15 years old sponsored by the Sons of Norway District 5 and located in Fall Creek, Wisconsin. Since 1979, the camp has been helping youth celebrate their Norwegian heritage during a two-week Nordic cultural experience. Campers learn Norwegian, build friendships, and gain important life skills, leadership, and teamwork through the camp's Viking Olympics programming. Attendees also get to try at becoming master craftspeople through woodworking, painting, leather work, baking, chip carving, and celebrating Norway's rich history and traditions.

Sat/Sun Sept 19-20 22nd Annual Wood Carving Show, Competition, & Sale at the Holiday Inn, Stevens Point 1001 Amber Ave. For info contact **Jerry Trzebiatowski** at **715-310-9900** or **jerald6@gmail.com** or webpage: <https://wisconsinriverwoodcarvers.org>



Oct 11 - 1 PM - Freedom Trail by Andrew Griesman - A program about the freedom riders during the civil rights movement in the 1960's. Officially known as the U.S. Civil Rights Trail—spans 15 states, connecting the physical landmarks and pivotal moments of the 1950s and 1960s Civil Rights Food Servers: TBD, Table Display: TBD Marshall: TBD

Wednesday, October 14th Door County Road Trip - Stops planned for the Maritime Museum in Sturgeon Bay, Al Johnson's Restaurant & Butik, Sister Bay, Baileys Harbor Range Light and Seaquist's Orchard. Sign-up at our Sept 13 meeting!



Nov 8 - 1 PM Trip to Europe and Norway presented by Judy Pesanka and her son Geoff. The program recounts the 2026 land tour of France and England and then to Norway for a Norwegian cruise ship fjord tour experience. Food Servers: TBD, Table Display: TBD Marshall: CRass

Sunday December 13 Julefest 2026 at Fletcher Hall, St Pauls UMC. Mark your calendars! Social hour starts at 4:30 PM with dinner starting at 5:30 PM. Planning is underway. Extra help is always welcome. Watch for sign-up sheets for setting up and/or bringing food.



Vennligfolk is scheduling 2027 programs Do you have an interesting story to share? Reach out to our Program Director, Charlotte Hensler at: chensler@wi-net.com (715) 592-4916 Meeting dates are: **Sun-Jan 10, Sun-Feb 14, and Sun-March 14, all start at 1 PM**



Recent Photos at Vennligfolk



**Midtsommer
2026**
South New Hope
June 23



Fyr Bal 2026
Ephraim, Door Co
Sat, June 20

Attended by
Lynn & Carl Rasmussen



**Vennligblad Display Board At
D-5 Convention August 2-6**

Introducing: Karen Brinkman

I was born in Eau Claire, WI daughter to Victor and Mabel Larsen (nee Gubrud) both of Norwegian ancestry. My great grandparents came from these counties in Norway: Buskerud, Akershus, Trondelag, Oppeland, and Telemark. Ancestry.com says I'm 95% Norwegian with ancestors 100% from Norway.

I grew up in Eau Claire until age 11 when my family moved to Racine, WI. A big Danish area! Because of the Larsen spelling with an "e" instead of "o" everyone thought we were Danish! My grandfather Martin Larsen explained, "when his family came to America the spelling changed from Larson to Larsen because there were too many "sons" signing in!" Truth or fiction - I don't know.

Martin Larsen was a lifelong member at Loven Lodge 5-29, formed in 1904 in Eau Claire. Loven is still active today. As a family story goes, "at a lodge Christmas party when I was 2-3 years old, I sat on Santa's lap and "cried my heart out." Good thing I don't remember!

Before my junior year in high school we moved to LaCrosse, WI. Mom and Dad joined Wergeland Lodge 5-28 there. Wergeland was organized in 1903 and also a still active historic early Sons of Norway chapter named after the famous Norwegian poet Henrik Wergeland.

After graduating from LaCrosse Central High, I attended UW Stout where I met my husband Fred Brinkman who was continuing his education after being discharged from the Navy. It turned out he was a lifelong resident of LaCrosse! After graduation, Fred continued for a master's in industrial/vocational education since he "still had some GI Bill left to "use up". I also took a semester of graduate courses in textile science which was a benefit at my first "full-time good job" at Kimberly Clark in Neenah, WI. Non-wovens were developed then, and Fred was in the Engineering department there.

After about 5 years we moved to Wisconsin Rapids where I became a full-time homemaker and mother and Fred an instructor at MSTC. We grew our family from two to four. Son Matthew was born in 1975 and daughter, Kerri, was born in 1978. Matthew is a special education teacher - high school level at MIHS- living just outside of Clintonville, WI. He is a

passionate fisherman, deer hunter, and guitar musician. Kerri is an accountant for Chet's Plumbing and Heating Inc. in Stevens Point. She is married to Brad Martinson and lives in Port Edwards. They have two children: Austin age 22, apprentice HVAC designer for Tweet - Garot; Aubreigh age 17 and a Senior at Port Edwards H.S. Kerri "dabbled" in rosemary as a student with Carol Bender. She has a large personal collection of rosemary pieces from many rosemarys.

I enjoy being a Sons of Norway member for friendships, expanding knowledge of Norwegian Heritage, festivals/events, and eating/baking Scandinavian foods. In 1976-77 I took rosemary classes from Norma Splitt in Wisconsin Rapids and started what became about a 20-year rosemary hobby! I was also part of a

group of Elvedal Lodge 5-556 members who took Norwegian language classes from Jan Flatoff back in the early 1990's.

I was introduced to knitting in the Elvedal group of excellent Scandinavian pattern knitters. I reverted from some basic headbands and scarves to just plain knitting of scarves and dish cloths which were easy to do while camping. In the food department I enjoy making and eating lefse. The electric krumkake griddle is a great improvement over my MIL's stovetop krumkake iron and now a family heirloom! Fred was the lutefisk eater in our family. I do not like lutefisk! Fred could take or leave the Norwegian sweets - the reverse for me!

Current "retirement" interests: walking, spending much of summer up North at a seasonal RV park, volunteering at a non-profit resale shop and church, and spending time with friends and family. I do very little fishing now, which was part of my life growing up and part of our family camping summers and winter activities. I still live in the same house we bought in Wisconsin Rapids in 1973.

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From the Editor: Between July 2019 and August 2023 a series of 23 "Getting to Know" articles were written by and about 34 Vennligfolk individuals and couples. This article continues the series. If you would like to add your name to the list in a future edition, please volunteer to write up a brief "introduction" for a future edition or say "Yes!" when asked.

Tusen Takk!



Karen Brinkman (L) with Pres. Susan Morton (R) at Cultural Fest 2026

Sons of Norway District 5 Convention - August 2-6



Sons of Norway International is organized into eight districts comprised of 380 local lodges across the United States, Canada, and Norway. Vennligfolk Lodge 5-627 is part of

District Five made up of lodges in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Tennessee, and Wisconsin. Every two years District Five holds a convention of all its local lodges. This year's biannual convention was held in Stoughton WI and hosted by Stoughton's own Mandt Lodge 5-314.

Based on our lodge size, Vennligfolk was allowed to send three voting delegates to the convention. Our lodge was represented by Patti Rous, Sally Prideaux, and Tom Bourdreau. Patti Rous, Cultural Skills Director, submitted the following account:

Greetings! I just returned from the Sons of Norway District 5 Convention as one of our lodge's delegates.

Although my first thought of sitting through two days of meetings did not fill me with glee - the week went well! It was uplifting to be part of such an active District with dedicated boards, members with interesting activities and fun projects.

I made it a 5-day trip taking part in the President's Reception on Sunday night and two days of cultural skills classes, tours, presentations, foundation fun-fund raising night and lots of good food!

Mandt Lodge of Stoughton deserves a special "shout out" for hosting the event and managing to involve pretty much "everyone" in Stoughton and the surrounding area with many volunteers seemingly working 24/7!

Take Aways:

1. Our local lodge newsletters shine and special thanks to Carl Rasmussen for putting together such a nice display. Many good comments were heard from delegates.
2. For the school year starting Fall 2026, District 5 awarded 3 scholarships. Two will be going to family members of a Vennligfolk member! Congrats to Brady and Tessa Berg! (See details on page 9 of this newsletter.)

3. Previously to receive these *District 5 Scholarships* a family member sponsor needed to own one of the SON insurance products. Due to a change passed at the convention this requirement has been removed starting with the next application period beginning October 1. Every Vennligfolk membership value just got better! It would be great to see more applicants from our lodge. Encourage family members to apply!

4. With the partnership entered into August 1 with Better Life taking on the financial products, I think the Sons of Norway will be able to grow stronger in helping local lodges meet the needs and interests for why most of us belong—connections to Norwegian and Nordic heritage, embracing the cultural skills of Norwegian traditions and learning about present day Norway as we support our lodges and communities. (See the most recent Viking Magazine May/June 2026 and the Sons of Norway website for further details.) Let your Vennligfolk officers know your interest in wanting to know more about this change and how it will affect our lodge? It could be a presentation scheduled for an upcoming meeting.

5. All lodges are facing many of the same issues in maintaining existing memberships while attracting new members of all ages. It is an opportunity for all of us to ask, "What do each of us want from our lodge and what are each of us willing to do for our lodge?"



Patti Rous at District 5 Board meeting.

6. **Things to ponder:** Do you want: a.) More opportunities to meet up to explore cultural skills, e.g. book club, stitching group, cooking group, learning a bit of Norwegian, planning more road trips and overnights. b.) Having more "fun events." Some lodges were very active in getting watch parties for the recent Norwegian and US World Cup Soccer games and that has led to other events like meet-ups for "Axe throwing and Kube competitions." c.) Partnering with other non-profit groups in our community for work or volunteer projects to enhance the communities we live in! d.) What can you do as a member to enhance our lodge? e.) Would Vennligfolk ever consider hosting such a convention? The next one is 2028 and available!

To: The Unwavering Norway Faithful



What a spectacular ride it was. For the first time since 1998, the Norwegian national team stepped onto the FIFA World Cup stage, and they gave us memories that will last a lifetime. From their captain

Erling Haaland's stunning debut on the global stage to the thrilling 4-1 victory over Iraq and the gritty 3-2 win against Senegal, the Lions of Norway showed the world what Norwegian football is all about. Haaland was an absolute force, netting 7 goals throughout the 2026 tournament and cementing his legacy as our all-time top scorer with 62 international goals. While the sting of not advancing to the final rounds is still fresh, Norway holds their heads high. Their on-field performance proved they belong among the world's elite.

But wait, there's more! We have the Euro Cup to look forward to! No need to wait until World Cup 2030!

The UEFA European Football Championship, commonly known as the Euro Cup, is the premier continental competition for European nations, and UEFA Euro 2028 is just around the corner! The main tournament will feature 24 teams battling it out in a group stage format consisting of six groups of four teams each. This historic edition will be a massive spectacle hosted across the region, with host nations including England, Scotland, Wales, and the Republic of Ireland.

Getting there is a grueling but thrilling journey. UEFA encompasses 55 member associations, spanning the nations across Europe to transcontinental countries and a few non-European members like Israel and Armenia. The qualification matches will be a marathon, taking place from late March through mid-November 2027. For teams that don't qualify directly, the tension culminates in the crucial play-offs—a high-stakes semi-final and final tournament held over four decisive days from March 23-28, 2028, to determine the very last spots. The actual UEFA Euro Cup 2028 competition, featuring all 24 qualified teams, will then take place from June 9 to July 5, 2028 with the grand finale to decide the overall Euro Cup winner scheduled for July 9, 2028, in London's Wembley Stadium.

For those wondering if the biggest stars will be back in the national colors: absolutely. You can expect to see prominent stars like Erling Haaland and other key talents taking the pitch for Team Norway during the Euro Cup competition. Even though these players spend their regular seasons dominating for pro teams elsewhere—like Haaland at Manchester City, international duty follows different rules. Club affiliations do not prevent players from representing their home countries, meaning Norway's squad will be at full strength.

The World Cup was just the beginning. Are you ready to bring the thunder on the road at Euro Cup 2028?



Ole and Lena ready to Rö, Rö, Rö to Euro Cup 2028!

Royals Head Off to University



After an eventful summer attending world cup soccer matches in the US, royal siblings Princess Ingrid Alexandra (22) and Prince Sverre Magnus (20) are each off to university this fall.

Photo Credit:
Simen Sund / The Royal Court

Ingrid Alexandra started a bachelor's program in Sydney, Australia in fall 2025, but returned home in the spring when her mother needed a double lung transplant. Rather than continuing her social sciences studies in Sydney, the royal will attend the University of Oslo (UiO) as an "exchange student" for a year, to be closer to her mother.

The 20-yr-old prince has left for his first academic adventures abroad, in Portugal. As a 1st-year business management student at Forward University, he will study economics, statistics, and accounting. His program will continue with classes in Berlin and Paris, after which he will be qualified to become an analyst, consultant or operations manager.

Spectacular Shipwreck Found South of Oslo

A watch designer using a remote operated sub recently provided archeologists with an opportunity to explore a shipwreck off the south coast of Norway unlike any other found in Northern Europe! Espen Saastad initially discovered the site in September 2025 nearly 2,000 feet down in the Skagerrak Strait south of Oslo. Marine archeologists would later discover the wreck was possibly one of the best preserved they have ever encountered. The first public announcement was just recently made in June 2026.

While not all the contents of the site have been identified, they have initially found and recovered large stacks of porcelain dishes, along with chandeliers, goblets, and barrels of grain. Several untouched crates are believed to possibly contain things such as textiles, and organics including tea, herbs, and medicines. Researchers hope to retrieve additional items, which are expected to number in the thousands.

"I had to rub my eyes when I grasped the scale of this find," says Hanna Geiran, director general of the Norwegian Directorate for Cultural Heritage, in a statement. "It is almost beyond belief."

In May, researchers used a drone with a robotic arm with suction cups to load roughly 40 artifacts into crates and bring them to the surface. The objects are now at the Norwegian Maritime Museum in Oslo, with plans to feature them in a permanent exhibition in the future. A small number of objects have already been made available to the public now.

The items may have originated from the mid-1700's maritime trade from England or Germany. While a total value on the find has not been assessed, researchers are excited for continued discoveries to be recovered from the wreck and anticipate that the items will eventually be placed on display at the Maritime Museum in Oslo.



A YouTube video of this initial recovery can be viewed by a Google search for: [Porcelain Shipwreck Norway](#)

Photo: Sindre Kinnerod-Handout via REUTERS Map: Wikipedia

Appleton-Menasha Tornado Update

On July 27, 2026, an EF-3 tornado struck and devastated parts of Appleton, Menasha, Neenah and Fox Crossing areas. The powerful storm packed peak winds of 140 mph, stayed on the ground for nearly 12 miles. It caused widespread catastrophic damage to homes, warehouses, and trees.

The following day Patrick Drier, secretary, Norse Valley Lodge-Appleton, sent an email to all members. Although he had only "lots of debris and limbs down in both my front and back yards" he wanted to make members aware of emergency grants that the SON Foundation has available called **"Helping Hands to Members."**

Disaster Relief Grants are offered for up to \$5,000 to aid current Sons of Norway members whose homes are significantly damaged and are deemed unlivable for a period due to a natural disaster. Such disasters include floods, wildfires, tornados and other catastrophes. To be eligible for consideration for these grants, you must presently be a Sons of Norway member for at least one year and the damage must have occurred to your primary residence.

Access to this assistance can be found at the main Sons of Norway website under the Foundation tab and then to a link for **Helping Hands to Members Grants**. A SON benefit with the hope you will never need to use it!

Brunost Chunk Cookies

Do you like the nutty flavor of Brunost? Perhaps this recipe is worth a try. **Makes 20 Time to make: 40 min**

Ingredients

1 egg	3/4 cup butter
1 egg yolk	1/2 cup brown sugar
2 1/4 cups (270 grams) flour	3/4 cup (150 g) white sugar
1 tsp baking powder	2 tsp. vanilla extract
1/2 tsp. salt	150 g Brunost brown cheese

Cut the Brunost into chocolate-chip-sized chunks. Mix the salt, flour and baking powder in a bowl. Melt the butter in a saucepan. Add both quantities of sugar and stir until any lumps are dissolved. Stir in the egg, egg yolk and vanilla extract. Pour this mixture over the dry ingredients and stir until you have a smooth dough. Stir in the Brunost chunks. Chill dough in refrigerator for half an hour to an hour.

Divide the dough into 20 equal pieces. Roll each one into a ball and flatten slightly. They will spread somewhat during cooking, so be sure to leave space between them. Bake at 325°F for about 15-20 minutes.



Door Peninsula Mead - Not Just for Vikings Anymore – Part 3

By Carl Rasmussen

Located nine miles north of Sturgeon Bay in Carlsville, Door Peninsula Winery has been producing quality fruit and grape-based wines and ciders since 1974. The Rasmussens recently discovered the winery has also been making mead since 2018. After finding a bottle locally, we gave it a try and were not disappointed.



As a refresher, mead is not beer, wine, cider, or spirit. It has its own classification as an “alcohol made by fermenting the simple ingredients of honey, water, and yeast.” For regulation purposes, a meadery must obtain a winery license to make mead rather than operating under a brewery or distillery permit.

Mead is also called honey-wine, and looking for the right one depends on a person’s palate. Much like wine, mead ranges from dry, semi-sweet, sweet to intensely sweet. It can be “still” or sparkling. Different varieties of yeasts also affect the taste. Ale yeast will produce a mead with a fruity flavor, while lager yeast will produce a mead with a cleaner flavor. Mead made with wildflower honey such as Door Peninsula Winery Mead gives a more complex flavor than mead made from a single source such as orange blossom honey. Surprisingly, not all mead tastes like honey!

We found DP Mead to be lightly sweet, full flavored yet smooth, and in the end, provided a wonderful lingering flavor of honey. It reminded us of wine and was at its best when served chilled. Door Peninsula Winery describes it as, “a sweet honey wine made from 100% Wisconsin Wildflower Honey.”

The Door Peninsula Winery mead is a “still” mead, meaning “non-bubbly.” Two other meads previously reviewed in Vennligblad: Charm City Elderberry, (Nov-Dec 2023) and Odin’s Blessing (May-June 2025) were both sparkling and neither provided the distinct honey flavor present in the DP Mead. Without the “sparkling,” DP Mead gets closer to mead originally consumed by Scandinavian Viking forebears and popularized in the HBO series “*Game of Thrones*.”

As mentioned, Door Peninsula Winery uses 100% Wisconsin Wildflower Honey to make its mead. According to DP Winery Customer Support Manager, Katie Levendusky, “The winery started their mead using Door County honey exclusively, but as our Mead took off in popularity, the meadery needed more honey than they could source from Door County alone.” Wildflower honey is still supplied from Washington Island in Door County, but their suppliers now include Kallas Honey Farm of Milwaukee and other areas of Wisconsin.

Door Peninsula Winery makes three other meads: Cherry Buzz, Blood Orange Buzz, and Blackberry Citrus Buzz. Their fruit meads are created by blending real fruit juice with the mead. Their original mead is made first and then blended with fruit juices just before bottling. Cherry Buzz blends in Door County tart cherry juice. Blood Orange Buzz blends blood oranges and Blackberry Citrus Buzz blends blackberry juice and lemon. “The Winery does not use any artificial flavors or colors in any of our wines, ciders, or meads,” says Levendusky.

Levendusky continues, “Our Meads, like all our wines, are meant to be enjoyed within 3-5 years of purchase. Nothing we produce, including our meads, is improved with extra aging. Once a mead bottle is opened, it must stay chilled and it is recommended to be consumed within two weeks to maintain freshness.”

Door Peninsula Winery Mead comes in a 750ml wine-size bottle (11.5% ABV). Enjoy a Door Peninsula Mead or one of its varieties today. **Skål!**

Mead Fact: While mead (*mjød*) has deep historical and cultural roots tied to the Viking era, modern consumption in Norway is negligible compared to other alcoholic beverages. In Norway, mead accounts for less than 0.1% of total alcohol sales (a tiny fraction of one percent). Interestingly, this is the same percentage by volume as is consumed in the United States!



District 5 Lodge Academic Scholarship Announcement



The District 5 Heritage & Grants Committee has announced the award of three academic scholarships.

Two of them have connections to Vennligfolk! Brady Berg received a \$1,500 Cyri-Wittrock Scholarship funded by Skjold Lodge of Illinois. And Brady's sister, Tessa Berg also received a \$1,500 Olav J Eide Scholarship funded by Fosselyngen Lodge 5-082 Milwaukee. Brady will be a freshman at the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point where his sister Tessa will also be attending as a senior. Both are the grandchildren of Dorothy Berg from Vennligfolk Lodge. A third grant went to Clara Solak of Palatine, Illinois who received a \$500 District 5 Scholarship. Clara will attend the University of Illinois-Springfield campus.

Patti Rous's District 5 Convention report noted (pg. 5), to be eligible for a District 5 Scholarship previously

needed an immediate family member sponsor to own one of the SON insurance products. Now due to a change approved at the convention, this requirement has been removed. Effective October 1, any child, grandchild, niece, or nephew of a Vennligfolk (or District 5) member will be eligible. Encourage family members to apply. It would be great to see more applicants from our lodge!

Applicants must be a full-time college student or a high school senior with plans to attend, or continue attending an accredited post-secondary college, university, community college, or technical school. Further information on the 2027 application period will be available from the District 5 website (<https://sonsofnorway5.com>) under the "Benefits" tab after October 1. A copy of the 2026 grant application is currently on this site and provides a good indication of what is expected to be submitted by the March 15, 2027 deadline.

a little in English –

New book: Women in Bunad History

The book "Women in Bunad History" is based on Norwegian Institute for National Costumes and Folk Costumes' permanent exhibition "Princesses in the Bunads," which opened in April 2021.

This book tells the story of the *bunad* and folk costume tradition in Norway through the lives of ten remarkable women, spanning the 19th century to the present day. Through their work, each of these women has contributed in her own way to the diverse *bunad* culture we enjoy today, comprising approximately 450 different types of *bunads*.

Each woman is the subject of a dedicated chapter, offering insight into her personal history as well as her role in the cultural and social life of her time.

What they all share is their role as important role models for the widespread, popular use of *bunads* across the country. Through a rich collection of images, *Kvinner i bunadshistoria* (Women in Bunad History) likewise seeks to inspire a deeper understanding of—and appreciation for—our shared tradition.

litt på norsk. . .

Ny bok: Kvinner i bunadshistoria

Boken "Kvinner i bunadshistoria" tar utgangspunkt i Norsk institutt for bunad og folkedrakt (NBF) faste utstilling "Fyrstedamer i bunad", som åpnet i april 2021.

Denne boken forteller historien om bunad- og folkedrakttradisjonen i Norge fortelt gjennom 10 sterke kvinneskikkelser frå 1800-tallet og fram til i dag. Gjennom sitt virke har desse kvinnene, på kvart sitt vis, bidratt til at vi i dag har ein mangfaldig bunadsbruk, med om lag 450 ulike slag bunader.

Kvar kvinne har fått sitt eige kapittel, der ein kan lese meir om hennar historie, men og om plassen hennar i kultur- og samfunnsliv i samtida.

Felles for alle er at dei har vore viktige førebilde for ein brei og folkeleg bunadsbruk landet rundt. Gjennom eit rikt biletmateriale ønskjer Kvinner i bunadshistoria på same vis å inspirera til økt forståing for og glede over vår felles tradisjon.





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Masse Moro Youth Camp
 Presented by Elizabeth Boudreau
 Sunday Sept 13 at 1 PM
 St Pauls UMC Stevens Point, WI



Freedom Trail
 by Andrew Griesman
 Sunday Oct 11 1 PM
 St Pauls UMC Stevens Point, WI



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