



Fra Presidenten

Kjære Venner,

I am writing this during the winter cold snap, but Jimmy the groundhog did NOT see his shadow a few days ago so that means an early spring. I am looking forward to warm weather.

Due to Covid, we still can't meet face to face. Hopefully, as people receive the vaccine, restrictions will be eased. It will be great to see everyone again.

Donations made by Idun during 2020 were to: The Sons of Norway Foundation, Trinity Lutheran Church, the Goodman Center and River Food Pantry. During December, Idun helped 10 families (this included 27 children) from the Lincoln School area, have a better Christmas. Tusen takk to Hild Petre for facilitating that project. Idun will be making some donations again this year. If you have an idea for donations, contact a board member.

Again, I hope we will soon be meeting in person. Stay well and safe.

Hilsen,
Mary B

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Officer List

2020 - 2021 Term

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Membership Update

Meeting Notice

Due to the current Covid-19 quarantine, we will be unable to hold a member meeting. We hope everyone stays safe! If you have any ideas for a safe, socially distanced get together, especially as the weather gets warmer, let one of our board members know!

Norwegian Idioms

den e god

sounds good

One says this often on the phone to say ha det (goodbye) after someone says something like, 'see you at 5 o'clock' or perhaps to your boss when they tell you what your tasks are at work tomorrow.

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Queen of Norway?

When Princess Märtha Louise of Norway was born in 1971, women were barred from ascending the throne of Norway. Her brother, Crown Prince Haakon, was born 2 years later and would eventually become next in line to the throne.

Eventually, in 1990, the law was changed so that women could become queen. But it only applies to those born after the law was put into place.

The Princess recently shared that she was given the option to change the law. "When I was 15, the Prime Minister at the time was a woman, and she suddenly came up with the idea that [the law] was wrong. I remember she came home to us, with granddad [King Olav V], and we had a discussion about whether we should change the whole system and I should be queen." "They said, 'What do you want, Märtha?' And I'm like, 'I'm 15, I don't know about these things,'" she added. Ultimately, the laws remained unchanged for a few years, but it started the discussion about updating the rules.

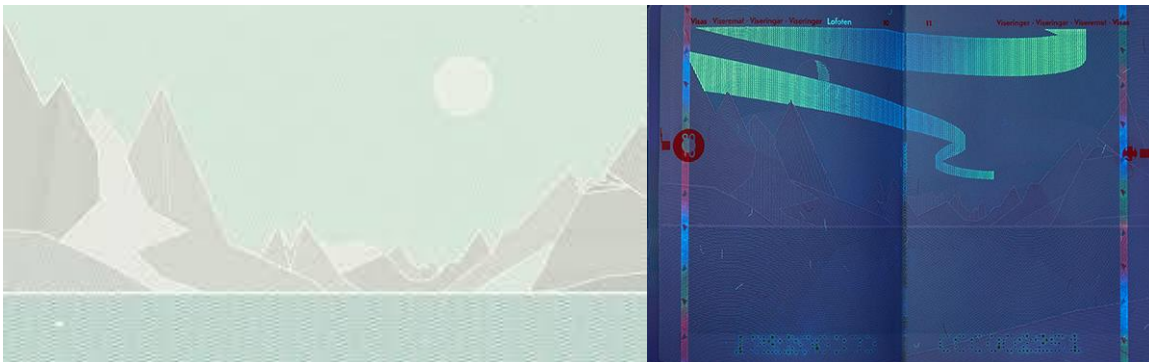


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Now, Norway is set to have a female monarch in the future. Crown Prince Haakon's first-born child, Princess Ingrid Alexandra, is second in line to the throne.

Norway to Introduce New Passports

On October 19, 2020, Norway issued its first new passports to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Ine Eriksen Sørreide, and the Minister of Justice and Public Security, Monica Mæland. The decision to create a new version of the passport was mainly to increase its security elements, making it more difficult to forge. The new passport features aspects of Norway's natural scenery as a pleasant background on the pages, but it also doubles as a security feature; when placed under UV lighting, the Norwegian landscape background will switch from day to night.



Sons of Norway Trivia

How much do you know about Sons of Norway and our members? Test your knowledge with these questions.

1. Where is the largest Sons of Norway local lodge located?

- A. Fargo, North Dakota
- B. Seattle, Washington
- C. Anchorage, Alaska
- D. Minneapolis, Minnesota

(Answer: B – Leif Erikson lodge in Seattle has more than 1,300 members.)

2. True or False: Canada's first Sons of Norway lodge was Sleipner Lodge, founded in 1910.

(Answer: True. Sleipner Lodge is located in Vancouver, BC.)

3. Our members find unique ways to support their communities. Which of the following community service projects have members taken part in?

- A. Adopt-a-Cow
- B. Soda can tab collection
- C. Knitting baby hats
- D. All of the above

(Answer: D – All of the above.)

Adopt-a-Cow: This Second Harvest program donates milk for hungry families. Members at Mandt Lodge 5-314 in Stoughton, WI adopted two weeks of Penny the Cow's milk production.

Soda can tabs: At Fridtjof Nansen Lodge #6-009 in Long Beach, CA, members collect soda can tabs for their local Ronald McDonald House and make meals for families staying at the house.

Baby hats: Members of Edvard Grieg Lodge 5-657 in Cincinnati, OH, knit 24 baby hats for the Cincinnati American Heart Association's "Red Hats for Red Hearts" program.

A Lit Pa Norske

Det er ikke alltid så lett å være utlending, er det?

I hvert fall ikke når nordmenn er som kokosnøtter: **myke inni, men harde på utsida** - og nesten umulig å åpne når du ikke vet hvordan. Man kan lære mye om seg selv ved å flytte til et nytt land. Og en av de tingene jeg lærte i Peru, var at jeg var veldig norsk. Her er tre eksempler på situasjoner hvor jeg opplevde en liten kulturkrasj mellom meg selv og lokalbefolkningen:

1. Å hilse på nye mennesker

Når man møter venner av venner i Peru, pleier man å kysse dem på kinnet. Dette var rart for meg, og jeg ga alltid bare en klem i retur. Som norsk synes jeg det er ganske rart å kysse fremmede. I Norge er det vanligst med et håndtrykk, og kanskje en klem i spesielle tilfeller.

2. Å gå inn en dør

Som norsk kvinne med armer som fungerer, er jeg vant til å åpne alle dører selv. Men selv om jeg vet at det er vanlig at menn åpner dørene for kvinner i Peru, glemte jeg det foran hver dør. Hver gang kjæresten min åpnet en dør for meg, ble jeg stående og vente på at han skulle gå inn først.

3. Behov for å være alene

Svigerfamilien min i Peru er veldig flott, og jeg følte meg heldig som fikk bli kjent med dem, særlig svigermor. Likevel spurte kjæresten min meg en dag: "Liker du ikke familien min?" Det var et overraskende spørsmål, for jeg likte dem faktisk veldig godt! Så hvordan kunne han spørre om det?

Vel. Spørsmålet var et resultat av at jeg ofte sa nei til å bli med på besøk. Joda, jeg liker å gå på fester og middagsbesøk, men i små doser, og helst ikke mange ganger i uka. Mitt behov for å være alene eller bare sammen med kjæresten er ofte større enn behovet for å være sosial, og slik er det for mange andre også, tror jeg. Kanskje særlig for nordmenn.

Men jeg vet at det ikke er like lett å være utlending i Norge. Jeg har ofte hørt at nordmenn er "kalde og uhøflige", og jeg forstår godt at vi kan bli oppfattet slik av en utlending!

TRANSLATION

It's Not Easy Being a Foreigner, Is It?

At least not when Norwegians are like coconuts: soft inside, but hard on the outside—and almost impossible to open when you do not know how. You can learn a lot about yourself by moving to a new country. And one of the things I learned in Peru was that I was very Norwegian. Here are three examples of situations where I experienced a small cultural clash between myself and the locals:

1. Greeting new people

When you meet friends of friends in Peru, you tend to kiss them on the cheek. This was strange to me and I always just gave them a hug in return. As a Norwegian, I think it's quite strange to kiss strangers. In Norway, it is most common to shake hands, and perhaps a hug in certain situations.

2. To enter a door

As a Norwegian woman with functioning arms, I am used to opening doors all by myself. But even though I know that it is common for men to open doors for women in Peru, I forgot it in front of every door. Every time my boyfriend opened a door for me, I stood there and waited for him to enter first.

3. The need to be alone

My in-laws in Peru are very nice, and I felt lucky to get to know them, especially my mother-in-law. Still, one day my boyfriend asked me, "Don't you like my family?" That was a surprising question, because I actually liked them very much! So why would he ask about it?

Well. The question was a result of me often saying no to going to visit. Yes, I like to go to parties and dinner visits, but in small doses, and preferably not several times a week. My need to be alone or just with my boyfriend is often greater than the need to be social, and so it goes for many others, I think. Maybe especially for Norwegians.

But I know that it is not as easy to be a foreigner in Norway. I have often heard that Norwegians are "cold and rude," and I understand well that we can be perceived as such by foreigners!

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Kalendar

March

4 – No meeting

April

2 – No meeting

May

6 – TBD

June

3 – TBD

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