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**The Coronavirus (and actions being taken to limit its spread) continues to stymie our plans. Please watch your email for any changes to upcoming events. If you do not have email, please call Ramona/Adrian at 608-788-7507 to check if an event will happen. Stay well, everyone!**

## Fra Presidenten



The Syttende Mai banquet was a lovely evening of meeting friends, enjoying dinner prepared by Drugan's and entertainment by Rachel Storlie. Thank you to everyone who helped in making this a memorable event.

Traditionally, we meet in June and have a special evening of music followed by a pie and ice cream social. This year, because of a change in things at the Legion hall, we have cancelled our June

meeting. Follow our notice in next month's Budstikken for details about our July meeting.

I will be visiting our daughter and family in Idaho until mid-June. We are attending the wedding of our grandson and spending time exploring the beautiful area around Boise as well as scenic sights on our way out and back.

Enjoy the weather as it starts to warm making flowers and vegetation grow so beautifully.

--Ramona

## Wergeland Kalender

- ◆ June 3—NO WERGELAND LODGE MEETING
- ◆ June 5—June Dairy Days Parade
- ◆ June 8—5:30 Board Meeting at Perkins
- ◆ June 14—Deadline for Budstikken articles
- ◆ June 24—Budstikken mailed to members
- ◆ July 1—Wergeland Lodge Meeting at American Legion, La Crosse

## Announcements:

**\*\*Scholarship applications** are due July 1. Second-year college students who are children or grandchildren of a Wergeland member may apply. An application form was printed in the May Budstikken – but please note **Laura Ira's** email change to [lauranorm2021@outlook.com](mailto:lauranorm2021@outlook.com). Or you may contact **Kathi Beane** for an application by calling (608) 783-3037.

**\*\*We will march in the West Salem June Dairy Days** parade on Saturday, June 5. If you want to walk along, contact **Carla Burkhardt**, 608-317-3262, for details.



## No June Lodge Meeting

**The June meeting is cancelled, but we plan to meet in July at the American Legion**



## Program for July

"Kayaking the Fjords of Norway" by Dave Ellingson

### Sekretær Notater...

The Wergeland Lodge met for the first time in 14 months on May 6th at Drugan's restaurant to celebrate Syttende Mai. Members gathered beginning at 5 PM to greet and renew friendships that have been mostly non-existent since the pandemic caused us to keep social contacts to a minimum.

President Ramona Johnson opened the meeting at 5:45 by welcoming everyone and recognized Cheryl Wille-Schlessler, District 5 Vice President, who was in attendance. At 6:00, the 65 members and guests in attendance enjoyed a buffet dinner prepared by Drugan's and a nicely decorated cake prepared by Festival Foods.

At 7:00 the Pledge of Allegiance and the three national anthems were presented. Our Financial Counselor Helge Vestnes and his wife Rachel led us in singing the traditional Norwegian table prayer. Ramona presented 50-year member Sandra Kawatski with a certificate and a pin and thanked her for her leading the Wergeland Dancers for most of that time. Our newest Golden Members were honored next with a pin and a certificate; Shelly Jerviss, John Munson, Tom Munson, Elaine Nelson, and Lois Preeshl. Several new 25 year members were also honored.

We were then delighted to have a musical performance by Rachel Storlie, soprano from Spring Grove, Minnesota, who teaches voice at Luther College.

To conclude the memorable evening, Ramona announced we would be raising the Norwegian flag at La Crosse City Hall on May 17th, Norway Independence Day.

-Adrian Johnson, Lodge Secretary

### Treasurer's Report:

April 30, 2021 checking balance	\$5,314.16	(which includes \$2,455.12 for Memorials* and Dancers)
April 30, 2021 scholarship balance	\$1,506.50	
April 30, 2021 savings balance	\$19,124.90	
April 30, 2021 Wergeland has	\$25,945.56	

### June Birthdays

- 2 Lillian Jacobson
- 3 Richard Marking
- 3 Catherine J Ofte
- 6 John H Monson
- 6 Vivian M Sacia
- 8 Delora A Johnson
- 9 Deborah Amundson
- 10 Betsy R Stannard
- 12 Barbara C Hegge
- 14 Ronald O Helstad
- 16 Elwood Harebo
- 17 Linda S Sherwood
- 18 Annie Piske
- 19 Audrey Olsen
- 21 Elizabeth Fox
- 22 David Glomstad
- 25 Beverly A Ranis
- 27 Arthur M Ford
- 27 Thomas J Monson
- 28 Janice S Brudos
- 30 John P Solberg
- 25 Tilmer J Ofte
- 26 Mary E Borreson
- 28 Kerste Melby
- 29 Glenn L Borreson

### Directory of Members

(Wergeland members received the Directory of Members in their June 2021 Budstikken.) Wergeland officers are listed below for your convenience.

# 2021 Officer Directory

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President: Ramona Johnson  
Vice president: NEED  
Counselor: Dave Glomstad  
Secretary: Adrian Johnson  
Assistant Secretary: Carol Pestel  
Volunteer coordinator: Adrian Johnson  
Membership Secretary: Kathi Beane  
Treasurer: Shirley Schoenfeld  
Assistant Treasurer: Kathi Beane  
Social Director for special meals Co-Chair: Marilyn Rudser  
Social Director for special meals Co-Chair: Char Vangen  
Social Comm. special meals: Dee Johnson  
Social Comm. special meals: Elsie Olson  
Social Comm. Jan-Apr: Lynn Curtis  
Social Comm. Jan-Apr: Ann Sprain  
Social Comm. Aug-Nov: Darlene Erickson  
Social Comm. Aug-Nov: Pam Knudtson  
Social Comm. Aug-Nov: Linda Sherwood  
Co-Foundation director: Ilene Pavelko

Co-Foundation director: Karen Saegrove  
Zone 2 Dist. 5 Director: Karen Broadhead  
Sports Director: Carla Burkhardt  
Cultural Program Director: Shirley Schoenfeld  
Cultural Program Ass't Director: Mark Quade  
Co-Cultural Skills Director: Susan Corbisier  
Co-Cultural Skills Director: Sandra Kawatski  
Musician: Karen Mathison  
Musician: Mary Larson  
Historian: Marlene McCabe  
Greeter and Raffle Sales: Kathi Beane  
Greeter Assistant: Ron Nowland  
Raffle Chairperson: Adrian Johnson  
Lead Marshall: Richard Marking  
Marshall: Arlen Henderson  
Marshall: Fred Johnson  
Marshall: Gary Knudtson  
Marshall: Mark Dregne  
Auditor 1st year: Linda Sherwood  
Auditor 2nd year: Mark Dregne

Auditor 3rd year: Dee Johnson  
Trustee 1st year: Adrian Hagen  
Trustee 2nd year: Dennis Sprain  
Trustee 3rd year chair: Vivian Sacia  
Budstikken Editor: Carla Burkhardt  
Picture Editor: Doris Henderson  
Librarian: Pam Knudson  
Stamps Chairperson: Marilyn Rudser  
Goodwill-Fliptops Vivian Sacia  
Wergeland Dancers Chair Sandra Kawatski  
Community Theatre usher chair: Kathi Beane  
Salvation Army Bell Ringing Chair: Carla Burkhardt  
Rotary Lights: David Glomstad  
Festival of Trees: David Glomstad  
Scholarship committee: Marilyn Rudser  
Scholarship committee: Laura Ira  
Scholarship committee Chair: Kathi Beane  
Installing Officer: David Glomstad  
Installing Marshall: Karen Broadhead  
Installing Marshall: Pam Knudtson

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## **TUESDAYS at 6:20 pm: Nordic News Program**

Every Tuesday night, tune in at 6:20 p.m. by computer: <https://gotomeet.me/SofN-D5> By phone: 646-749-3112 (access code: 509-077-557); by iPhone, iPad, or Android tablet/phone: download the GoToMeeting app from the Apple or Google Play Store. Launch the app and enter the meeting code: SofN-D5

You also can access previous Nordic News programs archived at:  
[http://www.sonsofnorway5.com/programs/speakers\\_bureau.php](http://www.sonsofnorway5.com/programs/speakers_bureau.php).

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### May 17<sup>th</sup> Flag Raising at the La Crosse City Hall

Members of the Sons of Norway Wergeland Lodge gathered at the La Crosse City Hall to celebrate Norway's Birthday. The Norwegian flag joined flags from the United States and the State of Wisconsin and flew over La Crosse for one day.

Pictured left to right: Ramona Johnson, Karen Broadhead, Lois Preeshl, Shirley Lokstad Schoenfeld, Richard Granum, Carol Stekel, Bev Ranis, Joan Everson, Fred Johnson, Adrian Johnson, Florence Overgard, Linda Sherwood, Sue Corbisier, Dee Johnson, Jean Davis, and Tom Monson. Photo by Joe Stekel.



## Looking Back

### Fem år siden (5 years ago) 2016

Ben Evereson, unge member, graduated with honors from Brookfield Central on June 11. He earned a 4.2 gpa, was captain of the ski team and co-captain of the Elmbrook Swim Club. For the past three years Ben worked for Waukesha County, part time during the school year and was a full time lifeguard summers. He will attend UW Platteville this fall.

Tusen takk to everyone who brought a pie to the June meeting and to Ann Kathan for providing the Sweet Shop ice cream. To everyone who donated to the annual bike ride by president Dave to raise money for the scholarship fund. We again raised well over one full scholarship.

At our board meeting in April, we voted to bid on hosting the District 5 Convention in La Crosse in June of 2018.

### Ti år siden (10 years ago) 2011

The June program will feature Roger Tweiten from River Falls, Wisconsin. Using a variety of musical instruments, Mr. Tweiten will present songs the Norwegian immigrants may

have sung on folk instruments that were played in their homes and churches.

Frieda Nowland, a member of the Norskedalen Board of Directors, represented Norskedalen at the recent annual awards luncheon of the La Crosse Area Convention and Visitors Bureau at the La Crosse Center. She accepted the Tourism Business Partner Award on Norskedalen's behalf.

### Femten år siden (15 years ago) 2006

Mange tusen takk to everyone who helped make the Syttende Mai banquet a success. Rev. Steve Molin from Stillwater, MN, presented a comedy program, which was enjoyed by all. Again Drugan's served a very good dinner and having lutefisk in May was a special treat.

Convention Committee chairs updated their progress. Janet Melby discussed a Hostfest trip for October 9-12.

Librarian Karen Scarseth announced that the book "History



## Til minner om...

... **Brian Kirby**, who passed away April 13 at his home in Spring Valley, WI. Our condolences to his family.

## Gratulere med 100-årsdagen!

**Arthur Ford** will be 100 years old on June 27!

## Tusen Takk...

...til **Viv Sacia**, and **Dennis & Ann Sprain** for the memorials for Frieda Nowland, and to **Jean Davis** for the memorial for Frieda Nowland to the scholarship account.

## Our evening at Drugan's: Syttende Mai Banquet

May 6 was a wonderful reunion for Wergeland Lodge. We enjoyed conversations, a delicious buffet, and a spectacular cake! Cheryl Wille-Schlesser, Vice President of District Five Board, was able to join our event. Long-time members (named in the May Budstikken) received awards with some of them pictured below. And we all enjoyed a program of beautiful music by Rachel Storlie (pictured below with Mark Quade). Her program, Melodies of the Heart, took us on an international tour of love songs.



## Celebrating our long-time Members

Among those recognized at the Syttende Mai Banquet are (below left to right): Tom Monson and Lois Preeshl achieved Golden Member status (30 years and 65+ years of age), Eugene Johnson and Sally Olson reached 25 years with Sons of Norway, and Sandra Kawatski has been a member for 50 years! Congratulations!



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#### Norskedalen Activities

**Throne Visitors Center Hours From May - Oct:**  
Monday-Friday from 9am--5pm  
Saturdays 9am--5pm  
Sunday from 11pm--4pm

Guided homestead tours, when a guide is available, will be at 10 am, 1 pm and 3 pm Monday through Saturday, and 1 and 3 pm on Sundays. Self-guided audio tours will be available in any event.

Admission rates for all programs with the exception of Heritage classes is \$6.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children, \$15.00 for families, and free for members of "Friends of Norskedalen."

Norskedalen Members may use the Norskedalen grounds 365 days a year from sunrise to sunset. Member parking pass must be clearly displayed in front windshield while using Norskedalen grounds.

Non-members may only use Norskedalen grounds during regular business hours and must check-in with office staff to pay admissions and receive a wristband.

Norskedalen phone: 608-452-3424

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