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Budstikken

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Wergeland Kalender

- ♦ August 5—6:00 pm, Wergeland Lodge Meeting, Radisson Center, 300 Front St S.
- ♦ August 10—5:30 Board Meeting at Perkins
- ♦ August 16—Deadline for Budstikken articles
- ♦ August 21—Holmen Kornfest Parade
- ♦ August 26—Budstikken mailed to members
- ♦ Sept 2—Wergeland Lodge Meeting, Radisson Center, 300 Front St S.



Fra Presidenten



Our August meeting will be held in our new gathering place. We are fortunate to have the Radisson Center accommodate our lodge! It is very nice with easy access and free parking right across the street or along Second and Jay streets. If you are wondering why we decided to move from the American Legion Hall, there are several reasons, among them a very expensive increase in our month rental, several storage areas scattered around, including going up steps, and sometimes double booking groups that wanted to meet in our space. All that has changed now, with no steps to climb and ample storage for everything we need to use for our programs.

I look forward to seeing you at our August meeting. The program about Mons Anderson is one I am looking forward to. See you there!

- Ramona J.



Please see page 6 for detailed directions to our NEW MEETING LOCATION, the **Radisson Center**. The Radisson Center is **SOUTH** of the La Crosse Center (don't confuse the Radisson Center with the Radisson Hotel, which is *north* of the La Crosse Center).

Also note the following:

- DAVE'S FUNDRAISER FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND—see p. 2.
- NEED PARTICIPANTS for the AUGUST 21 **Holmen Kornfest Parade!** Meet at 10:00 am on Johnson Street for lineup. Call/email Carla if you will join us.

**Next meeting: Thursday, August 5, 2021, 6:00 PM at the
Radisson Center, 300 Front St S., La Crosse, WI**



PROGRAM FOR AUGUST

Mons Anderson – La Crosse's Merchant Prince; Also, Scholarship Presentations

Lunch providers for August 5 meeting

Sandwiches (2½ dozen): Karan Mathison, Phyllis Gallstad, Darlene Erickson, Sally Olson
Julia Forde

Cakes (18 pcs): Dee Johnson, Carol Stekel, Kathi Beane, Ilene Pavelko, Jean Davis

Pickles (1 jar ea): Lee Grippen **Fruit/Vegetable Tray**: Linda Sherwood **Cheese Tray**: Carla Burkhardt

Members are asked to donate \$3 per person at the lunch table for lodge expenses.



August Birthdays

- 1 Ardis H Bolstad
- 5 Samuel Stekel
- 6 Kent R Drugan
- 7 Ramona J Johnson
- 9 Ann N Kathan
- 9 Knute P Temte
- 11 Marcia Ann Crowley
- 11 Sandra K Kawatski
- 12 Doris J Henderson
- 13 Joann B Briggs
- 13 Michael L Sween
- 14 Susan J Corbisier
- 14 Ingrid A Fowler
- 16 Heather Jacobson
- 16 Gary M Knudtson
- 19 Lynn M Curtis
- 20 Nathan L Loper
- 20 James A Romskog
- 21 Dennis H Anderson
- 21 Mary Everson Ivalis
- 25 Sonja E Lord
- 25 Brian D Rude
- 26 Christine L Hanson
- 28 Bianca M Casey
- 28 Mary L Sween
- 29 John T Erickson
- 29 Miriam A Heyer



Get out your pocketbooks!!

Once again, **Dave Glomstad** is accepting pledges for his annual birthday Bike Ride. Proceeds will benefit our Scholarship Fund! (We are awarding NINE scholarships this month which has depleted our Scholarship Fund. We love supporting our youth and **need to replenish the funds** for next year!)

He writes, "Pushed back because of my knee needing work. Date, August 28 (weather permitting) I will be taking pledges at the August meeting and accepting pledges/collecting at the September meeting."

Program for September

Grandma's Confirmation Diary and her Life in Rural Decorah 100 Years Ago

Sekretær Notater...

MINUTES-GENERAL MEETING JULY 1, 2021, AMERICAN LEGION HALL

We began the evening enjoying the food the members brought to our annual pot-luck picnic get together. After dinner, President Ramona Johnson opened the business portion of our meeting for the 45 people in attendance at 6:50 PM. We recited the Pledge of Allegiance and sang the three national anthems.

The charter was draped in memory of the several members who had passed away since our last business meeting in March 2020.

Several guests and new members were introduced and recruitment awards were handed out to new member sponsors.

May meeting minutes at Drugan's were not read as they were printed in the Budstikken. Shirley Schoenfeld presented the Treasurer's Report which is printed elsewhere. The Marshals passed out the Foundation cans.

Ramona announced that in August we will be meeting in our new location, the Radisson Center on the corner of 2nd and Jay streets in downtown La Crosse. Discussion followed on just where this building is located and available parking areas. A poster map is shown elsewhere in this issue of the Budstikken. The Radisson Center has a very nice meeting room and plenty of storage for our supplies without going up any stairs.

We plan on moving everything from the legion on July 7th. Movers have been hired and volunteers are welcome to assist sometime after 11:00.

Bev Ranis and Trygve Mathison were the raffle winners.

David Glomstad announced he will be riding his bicycle again to raise funds for our scholarship program. More details next month. He then closed our business meeting. Meeting was adjourned.

Our program was presented by Shirley Schoenfeld, who showed a video of David Ellingson and friends who spent several weeks kayaking two fjords in Norway. It was a very interesting and entertaining program to wrap up our last meeting at the American Legion Hall.

- Adrian Johnson, Lodge Secretary

Treasurer's Report:

June 30, 2021 checking balance	\$4,150.06 (which includes \$2,335.72 for Memorials and Dancers)
June 30, 2021 scholarship balance	\$1,521.50
June 30, 2021 savings balance	\$19,124.90
June 30, 2021 Wergeland has	\$24,796.46

Til minner om...

...golden member **Leif Marking**, passed away on June 28, 2021 at the age of 86. A nice obituary was placed in the Tribune that discussed his long career in studying fish toxicology and restoring bluebird habitats. Our sincere condolences to his wife, **Carol**, and sister, **Vivian Sacia**, and family.



Velkommen til...

...new members: **Beverly Nelson, Phyllis Galstad, and Sharon Smith**—three sisters! Beverly and Phyllis had previously been Wergeland member, so welcome back, and welcome to Sharon!

Gratulerer til...

...**2021 Wergeland Scholarship Winners**—see page 5!

Nine Wergeland Scholarships are being awarded at the August Lodge meeting on Aug. 5. These 2nd-year college students are either children or grandchildren of members of our Wergeland Lodge – Sons of Norway, and have each successfully qualified for a \$300 scholarship from the Lodge. See their photos and information on page 5 of this issue.

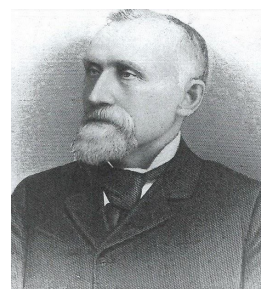


Arthur Ford, who recently celebrated his 100th birthday, attended the July Wergeland meeting. In the above left photo, he is pictured with his daughters Judy Ford and Julie Smith. Above right, he is pictured with his brother **Al** and Al's wife **Julia Forde**.

August Program

"Mons Anderson – La Crosse's Merchant Prince"

presented by Pam Knudtson. Pam will introduce a well-known Norwegian who came to La Crosse early in its history and contributed to the founding and economic enterprise of the city. Using images from his time, she will tell you about his



Norwegian roots, the nature of his business, and other endeavors he was involved in. Additionally, she will discuss the significance of his home, which was, and still is one of our city's showplaces.

Pam Knudtson is a member of Wergeland Lodge. She



spent her career as an art instructor and has maintained an interest in Art History as well as in local and Norwegian American history in retirement

From the July Program: Kayaking the Fjords of Norway

Shirley presented several video documentaries made by Dave Ellingson, who Dave kayaked on the Sogne and Hardanger Fjords. He and three hardy friends began paddling the fjords in a 13-foot Kayak on the Nærøysfjord, which made it possible to see much more along the way.

He also has a series of books, the Paddle Pilgrim series, that are available through his website at www.paddle-pilgrim.com.

The presentation followed a delicious **potluck** dinner. **Dee Johnson, Elsie Olson, and Char Vangen** arranged the array of food items.



Vivian Mikkelsen Schweinfurth (guest and soon to be member), **Kathy Anderson** and **Judean Anderson** enjoyed getting to know each other.





Dis og Dat



Zone 2 Meeting at Norskedalen: all are welcome!

Zone 2 of District 5 of Sons of Norway (that's us!) will hold a zone meeting on Saturday, **August 28**, at **Norskedalen**, from 10:00 A.M. to about 2:00 P.M. Several District Board officers will be on hand to apprise us of latest happenings,

and address any concerns/challenges facing our lodges.

We will have a tour of Norskedalen, and lunch will be provided.



Zone 2 includes ten lodges in an area ranging from Viroqua to Wausau. Plan to come and meet some fellow SON members and enjoy the day.

To plan for accommodations and lunch arrangements, reservations are required by August 23. To make a reservation, contact either Karen Broadhead or Ramona Johnson at: kbroadhead@centurytel.net ,608-788-2485; ajr-jathome@msn.com 608-788-7507.

Looking Back

Fem år siden (5 years ago) 2016

The August program was presented by Larry and Ann Scheckel. They presented a PowerPoint talk and discussion of their latest book, *Seneca Seasons: A Farm Boy Remembers*. With both humor and grace Larry shared his memories of seasonal farm life and the one-room country school. He took us back to a simpler time when life revolved around family, farm, Church, and the seasons.

Ti år siden (10 years ago) 2011

Johanna and Ann Elise Ender each completed a quilt at "Grandma Camp" with Ardelle Ender in LaCrosse. They worked on it for a month over 4 years. They are ages 13 and 15.

Finn and Lisa Knudsen, parents of Viggo Knudsen, who was

Play Like a Viking

When metal detectorist Mick Bott unearthed dozens of small lead objects at the site of a 10th century Viking encampment in Lincolnshire, England, he figured they were just weights. However, experts determined he had actually discovered the oldest known complete set of gaming pieces for the ancient Viking board game **Hnefatafl**.

Hnefatafl is a strategy game similar to chess. Player 1 sets their pieces in a diamond shape in the middle of the board, surrounding the King. Player 2 sets their pieces along the edge of the board in two tiers. The game is won when the first player maneuvers the King into the corner of the board, or the second player takes the King captive.

You don't need to go treasure hunting to score your own



Viking strategy game. Sets can be found online or at specialty gaming stores. You can even play Hnefatafl virtually by downloading an app to your phone.

a former exchange student of Ron and Vivian Sacia, were guests at the July Lodge meeting. They live in Trondheim, Norway and enjoyed the visit in Holmen attending reunions, picnics, and "kaffe klatch."

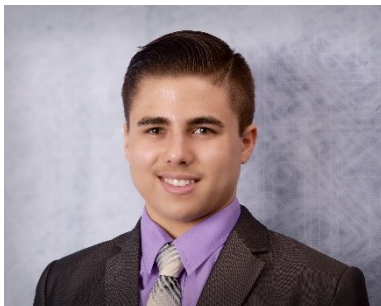
Femten år siden (15 years ago) 2006

The program for the August 3 meeting was about Ibsen's Life presented by Hal Cropp, Executive Director at the Commonwealth Theatre in Lanesboro. He discussed Ibsen's impact on the world of drama and his relevance for today. The year 2006 marks the 100th anniversary of Ibsen's death. This Norwegian playwright is second only to Shakespeare in number of plays produced world-wide.

In memory of Arnold Ingvald Temte, 88, of LaCrosse, died July 6th. He and Eileen joined Sons of Norway in 1994. A long-time educator, Arnold continued his scholarly pursuits long after retiring, including writing two books.

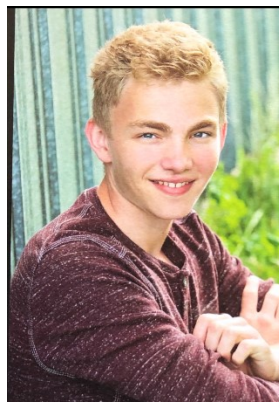
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Erick Rocher attends Johns Hopkins University studying Biomedical Engineering. His goal is to attend medical school with a focus on oncology research. He writes, "Growing up, I have always been proud of my Norwegian heritage. I

would be honored to use this scholarship to support my endeavors in medicine."



Landon Pederson attends UW-La Crosse. He is majoring in Finance with a minor in Accounting. He writes, "I have close ties to members of the Lodge including my grandma Eleanor and uncle Eric Pederson who has presented to the members. I am a proud Norwegian who lives on the century farm where Grandma Eleanor was raised."

Rosa Broadhead

(granddaughter of Karen Broadhead) attends Fordham University in Bronx, NY. She wants to travel and use her Spanish skills in to do service in a Spanish-speaking country. Rosa is interested in exploring her family history with her grandma: "I love learning about things that were important to my family."



Granddaughter of Beverly Ranis, **Theadora Ranis** is majoring in Early Childhood Education at UW-La Crosse. She writes, "I am interested in this scholarship to broaden my knowledge of Nordic countries and Norwegian Culture so that I can promote and encourage learning in my classrooms as well as for my own education."



Paul Yenor, grandson of Ramona and Adrian Johnson, attends Boise State and is majoring in Mechanical Engineering. "I am interested and proud of my heritage and I hope to work to be able to visit Norway and maybe be able to come to the Syttende Mai Festival!"

Quintin Olson attends Dordt University in Sioux Center, IA. He is a Civil Engineering major and he is the grandson of Wayne & Elsie Olson. Quintin hopes to have a career in Civil Engineering or Traffic Engineering and appreciates the scholarship opportunity for family members.



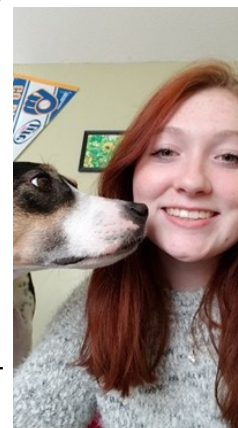
Karsen Ferner attends the University South Carolina and is the grandson of Charlene Vangen. He is majoring in Civil Engineering and is interested in learning more about his Norwegian heritage and culture.



William Ranis is the grandson of Beverly Ranis. He attends UW-Platteville as a Mathematics major and plans to go to graduate school at UW Madison for Mathematics and pursue a career in the field of Statistics. "I am interested in learning more about my heritage. talking to her (grandmother Bev) while I am going to college."

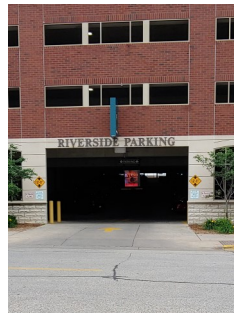


Liz McCabe (pictured with her dog Mazie) attends the University of Minnesota-Duluth, majoring in Biology (Genetics, Cell, and Development Track). Liz is the granddaughter of Marlene McCabe.





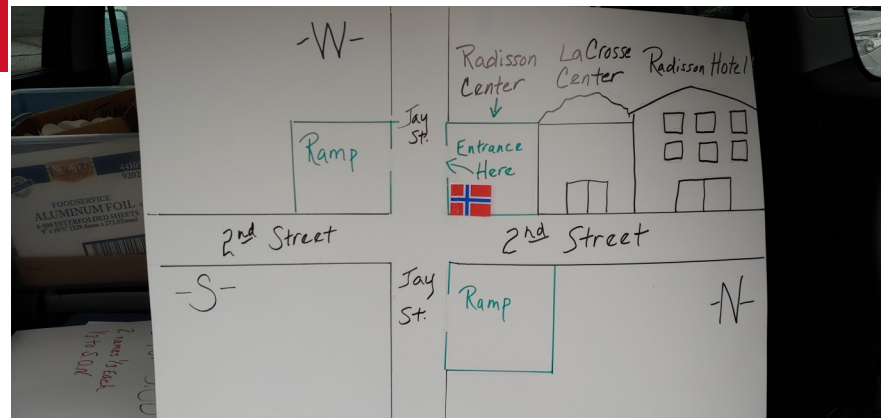
Entrance is on Jay Street—see above photo of entrance.



Free parking ramp, "Riverside Parking," directly across the street.

The August Wergeland Lodge meeting will be our first meeting at the **Radisson Center**, 300 Front St S., La Crosse, WI.

The Radisson Center is at the corner of 2nd Street and Jay Street. There is handicap parking right in front of the door (on Jay Street), and there is a free parking ramp, "Riverside Parking," directly across the street. (2nd street is temporarily closed in front of the La Crosse Center so **enter from the south or from Jay St.**)



Below are photos from the July 7 move. Three National Honor Society students from West Salem High School, Kaitlyn Knutson, Leah Newton, and Kristin Knope (below) lent their youth and energy to the project. Jacobson Moving and Storage (below right) was hired to transport our belongings.



On hand for the move (left to right): Fred Johnson, Kaitlyn Knutson, Leah Newton, Kristin Knope, Ramona Johnson, Flo Overgard, and Dee Johnson. Not pictured: Adrian Johnson and Carla Burkhardt.



(Left) There is plenty of storage space plus room in the kitchen for supplies.



Left: Dee Johnson and Leah Newton made sure the piano was in working order, playing some *Chopsticks* and *Heart & Soul*.

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A little in English...

The Munch Museum is finally finished

The Munch Museum in Oslo was able to take over their new building in Bjørvika on Friday. Consequently, it is ready to start moving in. The channel NRK first wrote about the matter.

The museum is scheduled to open in the fall. The opening has been postponed several times. Among other things, there were problems with an air conditioning system. But in January it was announced that the issue had been solved.

"So, as of today, it is Munch who has formally built the museum and will fill it with content. There is still some work left to do before the building is finished. But now we can gradually move our capable employees in," Stein Olav Henriksen said to news agency NTB. He is the director of the Munch Museum.

Henriksen says on behalf of his 150 employees that he is both proud and pleased. They are ready to get started preparing everything for this fall's opening.

"This is a major milestone in Munch history. And an important step on the way to the goal, which is to open a new, fantastic, large and beautiful museum building for the public."

He says they will mark the handover with an alcohol-free toast to Edvard Munch. The artist gave all his art to the municipality after his death. That's how he made it accessible to the whole world.

If everything goes according to plan, the new Munch Museum can open in the fall, Henriksen says.

"When we open to the public, we will have a really big celebration. It will be for everyone who wants to join in celebrating our great artist and the new fantastic Munch [Museum] in Bjørvika."

The museum will have 13 floors. There will be a roof terrace, bar and mezzanine on top. From the ninth floor and upwards, the building slopes 20 degrees.

Altogether, the building will contain the municipality's collection of Munch's works. There are about 28,000 original works by the artist. In addition, the [Rolf] Stenersen collection will be in the museum.



Litt på Norsk...

Munchmuseet er endelig ferdig

Munchmuseet i Oslo kunne fredag ta over den nye bygningen i Bjørvika. Dermed er det klart for å starte innflyttingen. Kanalen NRK skrev om saken først.

Museet skal etter planen åpne til høsten. Åpningen har blitt utsatt flere ganger. Det var blant annet problemer med et klima-anlegg. Men i januar ble det kjent at problemene var løst.

– Så fra i dag er det Munch som formelt har bygget og skal fylle det med innhold. Det er fortsatt en del arbeider som gjenstår før bygget er ferdig. Men vi kan nå etter hvert flytte inn våre dyktige medarbeidere, sier Stein Olav Henriksen til nyhetsbyrået NTB. Han er direktør for Munchmuseet.

Henriksen sier han er både stolt og glad på vegne av sine 150 medarbeidere. De er klare for å komme i gang med å gjøre alt klart for høstens åpning.

– Dette er en stor milepæl i Munch-historien. Og et viktig skritt på veien til målet, som er å åpne et nytt fantastisk stort og flott museumsbygg for publikum.

Han sier de skal markere overtakelsen med en alkoholfri skål for Edvard Munch. Kunstneren ga hele sin kunst til byen etter sin død. Slik gjorde han den tilgjengelig for hele verden.

Dersom alt går etter planen, kan det nye Munch-museet åpne i løpet av høsten. Det sier Henriksen.

– Når vi åpner for publikum skal vi ha en skikkelig stor feiring. Det er for alle som har lyst til å være med å feire vår store kunstner og det nye fantastiske Munch i Bjørvika.

Museet får 13 etasjer. Det blir en takterrasse, bar og mesanin på toppen. Fra niende etasje og oppover heller bygningen 20 grader.

Til sammen skal bygget inneholde kommunens samling av Munchs verk. Det er omtrent 28.000 originale verk av kunstneren. I tillegg skal Stenersensamlingen være i museet.

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Norskedalen Activities

Throne Visitors Center
Hours From May - Sept:
Monday-Saturday from 9am--5pm
Sunday from 11pm--4pm



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."

All visitors, including Norskedalen organization members, should check in at the Throne Visitors' Center for your admissions, wristband, maps and information.

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.

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