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Fra Presidenten



September, what comes to mind? Autumn, back to school, harvest and crisp cool mornings. And then, Labor Day, which marks the unofficial end of summer, but worker-oriented parades and festivities are a part of the federal holiday. Labor Day was declared a national holiday way back in 1894!

Wergeland Lodge will be preparing for the end of the year. In September, the nominating committee meets and we look at our roster and how we fill positions to keep the lodge running smoothly. As a member, think about how you would like to serve this coming year. We will be looking to fill the President, Vice President and Treasure positions.

We didn't meet in August for our regular meeting, but various events took place that involved our lodge. The Holman Korn Fest parade was August 19, and we had a float in the parade. Thank you to Kawatskis for reviving the float that had been used in previous parades.

I won't be at the September meeting. Granddaughter Emma Johnson will be married on the 9th, and I will have a houseful of her cousins, aunts and uncles here. David Glomstad will preside at the meeting.

I wish you all a happy September, Ramona J.

Wergeland Kalender

- September 7—6:00 Wergeland Lodge Meeting, Radisson Center, located on the corner of 2nd and Jay Streets in La Crosse
- September 12 —5:30 Board Meeting at Perkins in Onalaska— ALL are welcome!
- September 18 — Deadline for Budstikken articles
- September 28— Budstikken mailed to members
- October 5—6:00 Dahl Auto Museum

BUS TRIPS—See Page 5 for important information about the Bus Trips in October and November! **Payment will be collected at the September meeting** (or October for the Decorah trip)! Both trips still have open seats!



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PROGRAM FOR SEPTEMBER

Gunnar Sveen Presentation

Lunch providers for the September 7 meeting:

Sandwiches (2½ dozen): Pam Knudtson, Karen Broadhead, _____, _____
 Cakes or bars (18 pcs): Marilyn Silbaugh, Jean Davis, Fran Bateman, Lynn Curtis
 Pickles: Karan Mathison, Mary Sween
 Cheese Tray: Marilyn Silbaugh

Members as asked to donate \$3-5 per person at the lunch table for lodge expenses.

You are invited to Kent Sween's birthday party Sept. 2—see p. 4!



September Birthdays

- 1 Barbara J Anderson
- 3 Carol A Pestel
- 4 Stanley M Berg
- 5 Florence L Overgard
- 5 David Hendrickson
- 6 Paul Delbert Larson
- 9 Teresa J Sacia
- 10 Cole M Newell
- 14 Joseph M Stekel
- 16 Donald H Fox
- 17 Waylon G Stokke
- 19 Annika K Mathison
- 22 Soren Miner
- 22 Stanton M Jorgens
- 23 Doris J Hagen
- 23 Morgan A Jostad
- 24 Maureen A Tostrud
- 25 Ruth J Jostad
- 26 Alfred L Johnson
- 27 Lois A Preeshl
- 28 Charles Reimer IV

Program for October

We will meet at the Dahl Auto Museum.

Sekretær Notater...

July 6 Wergeland Lodge Meeting, Radisson Center, La Crosse, WI.

Ramona called the meeting to order at 7:03.

The Charter was draped for Gene Johnson, Dick Marking, Jan Brudos, and John Erickson. A moment of silence was observed in their memory.

The Pledge was said and anthems were sung. Welcome to guest LaVonne Weir, District 5 Zone 2 Director. LaVonne gave us an update on happenings in District 5.

Norway had 19 counties, now has 11.

Happy Birthday was sung to July Birthdays! The Treasurers Report was read and approved as read.

Raffle - \$21.00 Winners - Lee Grippen and Karan Mathison

No August Meeting - No Board Meeting

Carla - Sports medals awarded to Dave Glomstad and Carol Pestel

Holmen Kornfest - Meet at Johnson Street at 11:00 am on August 19.

Sept. 7 will be our next regular meeting; Sept. 12 is the next Board meeting

The Sons of Norway National Meeting next year will in be in Indianapolis, IN in June.

Program - Audrey Elmo - Played accordion and sang a number of old songs

Dave Glomstad - Good of the Order - May peace and harmony reign in our Lodge.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45

56 members present

Secretary, Kathy Anderson

Treasurer's Report:

July 31, 2023 checking balance	\$2702.28
(which includes \$159.91 for Dancers)	
July 31, 2023 scholarship balance	\$2036.50
July 31, 2023 savings balance	\$12,785.45
July 31, 2023 Wergeland has	\$17,524.23

ATTENTION!

<> See p. 5 for Bus Trip Info—Adrian will collect for the October trip at the Sept meeting

<> Scholarship Winners are featured on p. 5

<> We will soon work on our officer nominations for next year—please say YES when asked to fill a spot! :)

Holmen Kornfest Parade

Wergeland rode in style in the August 19 Kornfest parade in Holmen! What a great display of our Norwegian Heritage. It was a hot day so it's good that everyone could ride in the float, which was available thanks to Sandra Kawatski.



Til minner om...

...**Peter Linnert**, 82, who passed away July 5. Services were held July 29 at Good Shepherd in La Crosse. Peter was employed by Trane Company for 39 years. Our condolences to his family.



...**Carole Wadel**, who passed away July 22. Services were held July 29 at Christ Evangelical in Burr Oak. Carole and Orlando lived in Rochester for many years before returning to the area 20 years ago. Our condolences to Orlando and family.



Program for September: September's Program will feature a power-point presentation by **Gunnar Sveen** from Norway. Some of the Ancestral Farms and families he is interested in are Skillrud, Amundson, Thorstad, Sveen and Stromstad from Biri, Ringsaker and Fåberg areas of Norway. He will also be visiting Norskedalen and the Coon Valley area. This is Gunnar's second visit to the US, and he is bringing his daughter and granddaughter this time.

From the July Program:

The July meeting was our "picnic" and we enjoyed hotdogs and a bounty of delicious salads and desserts. Our Zone 2 Director, **LaVonne Wier** gave greetings from District 5 and mentioned upcoming events, including the October 7 Zone 2 meeting in Blair and a reminder that applications for grants and scholarships open Oct 1.

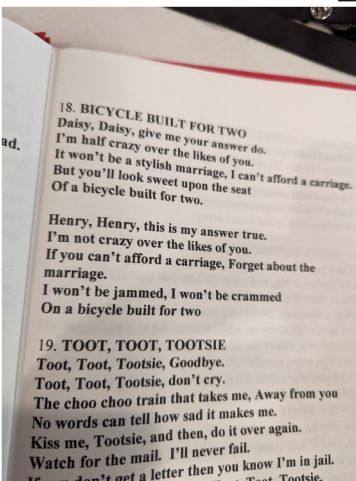


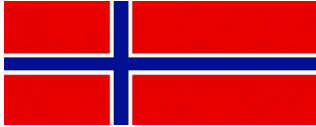
Our July program was a fun accordion program presented by **Audrey Almo** from Caledonia. Audrey let a sing-along of old favorites for a very enjoyable program. Laura Gentry's program will be rescheduled cause of a car accident she was in.



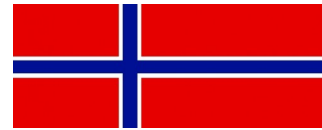
Also, **Sofia Stutesman, Ardelle Ender's** granddaughter, gave a presentation about her educational experiences. Sofia received the St. Olaf Scholarship and is studying at UW-Madison. She is a Music Performance (trombone) and Scandinavian Studies major and lives in the Nordic Language House in Adams Residence Hall, where they do many fun Scandinavian activities throughout the year. They celebrated Midsommar and Sankta Lucia, and met every week for breakfast and to watch and discuss Scandinavian films. In the future, she hopes to study in Norway during the summer and will continue her Norwegian language classes.

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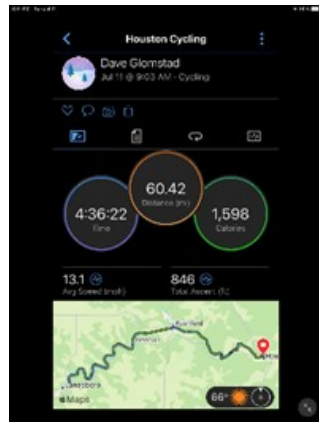


Dis og Dat



Royce and Lynn Curtis went to Norway June 4-14 as part of a group tour through Viroqua Bethel Home Foundation and to Denmark May 31-June 4. The weather was great for the whole trip. They visited family and friends.

Dave Glomstad provided this photographic proof that he completed his annual bike ride to benefit Wergeland Scholarship recipients. The ride was completed July 11 and he completed over 60 miles. Tusen Takk to Dave and all who pledged money for his effort.



Gratulerer...

...til **Kent Sween** on his 90th Birthday. **All are invited** to help celebrate on Saturday, Sept 2nd at English Lutheran Church, 1509 King St, La Crosse, WI. The open house is from 12:00 - 3:00 pm.

...til our **2023 Wergeland Scholarship Winners!** Four Wergeland Scholarships are being awarded. These 2nd-year college students are 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.



Photo: La Crosse Tribune, May 18, 2015

Looking Back

Fem år siden (5 years ago) 2018

President Dave shared the District Gold Medal Award our lodge earned for all the activities we do through the year to make ours a successful lodge.

The 2018 Wergeland Scholarship winners were Tana Bondy who attended Arizona State University with a major in Human Communication and Carlie Burkhardt who attended UW-La Crosse with a major in Finance and Accounting.

Karen Broadhead informed us of the District 5 fundraiser, consisting of the sale of \$5.00 friendship pins with money going to the Humanitarian Fund.

Ti år siden (10 years ago) 2013

The September program was titled, "Norwegian-American Historical Association Highlights La Crosse Collections." Jackie Henry, Administrative Director, highlighted a few of the collections with materials relating to the La Crosse area. The NAHA archives contain many hidden treasures related

to early Norwegian immigrants who settled either temporarily or permanently in La Crosse.

Wergeland member and Sparta resident, Julia Nordby celebrated her 99th birthday with a large group of friends during a surprise party.

Femten år siden (15 years ago) 2008

On July 9th, Finn Brobakken, Oddrun and Heidi Lien, and Marius Strom, all from the Snertingdal area of Norway, were hosted at Snertingdal Markeng Gard by Leif and Carol Marking and Ron and Vivian Sacia.

Rev. Ron Nowland introduced the program about Knute Rockne. Dr. Don Johnson, Medical Director for Sentry Insurance and Professor Marv Lang, Stevens Point, presented a multi-media program full of interesting and informational material, movie clips and pictures of Knute Rockne.

Wayne and Elsie Olson attended the Sognefjordlaget meeting in Albert Lea MN on August 8 and 9.

Sons of Norway Mission Statement

The mission of Sons of Norway is to promote and to preserve the heritage and culture of Norway, to celebrate our relationship with other Nordic Countries, and provide quality insurance and financial products to our members.

Scholarship Recipients

Austin Beitlich, Stoddard, is the grandson of Sue Carlson. He attends the University of Wisconsin-Platteville and is majoring in Mechanical Engineering.



Gianna Broadhead, Shoreview, attends University of St. Thomas and is studying Marketing. She is the granddaughter of Karen Broadhead.



Walter Ranis, Onalaska, is the grandson of Bev Ranis. He attends Western Technical College, studying Electronic and Computer Engineering Technology.



Mathea Bruns St. Louis Park attends the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities. She has been admitted to the Carlson School of Management and has minors in Fashion Studies and Art.



Minneapolis Bus Trip Information

The October 18th bus trip to the Norway House is arranged. Here are the details:

1. Leave Sams Club at 7:00 am
2. The cost is 60.00 dollars. There is room for more people on the bus.
3. Lunch is not included in this price. There is a Kaffebar at Norway House, and each person can order as they wish.
4. First stop will be at the Apache Mall in Rochester for restroom and refreshments.
5. Arrive Norway House around 11:00. Tour is not guided. Admission price is included in trip price.
6. Stop at Swedish Museum. We won't go on guided tours, but will see the first floor, visit gift shop and have coffee.
7. Return home around 6:00 pm.
8. Adrian will collect for this trip at the **September** meeting. Come prepared to pay, if you aren't at the meeting send check to Ramona Johnson, 4650 Juniper St. La Crosse, WI 54601

November 29th Bus Trip to Decorah

1. Leave Sam's Club at 10:00 am.
2. Total cost is \$60.00, includes lunch at Mabe's restaurant in Decorah.
3. Admission to Vesterheim is on you. If you are a member, bring your card. \$10.00 for non members.
4. Concert at Luther is free. Bus will leave downtown Decorah at 3:00 for Luther College. Concert is at 4:15.
5. Return home at about 7:00 pm.

Come prepared to pay for this trip at the **September meeting or at the October meeting**. We can add more people to this trip.

Speaking of Scholarships:, the Sons of Norway Foundation awards approximately 25 scholarships to promising students each year. Please go to www.sonsofnorway.com/scholarships for full guidelines. Applications open October 1 annually.

Sven says to Ole "I found dis pen, is it yours?"

Ole replies - "Don't know, give it here"

He then tries it and says "Yes it is"

Sven asks "How do you know?"

Ole replies, "Dat's my handwriting!"

Book-signing and Presentation

On Saturday, September 9 at 3 PM, Odd Lovoll, the leading Norwegian-American historian, will present on the life of Hans Heg at the Norway Town Hall, 6419 Heg Park Road, Wind Lake WI. The event will include a book signing by Lovell and a tour of the Heg Park museum.

As a youth, Heg emigrated from Norway with his family in 1840. Heg became the first Norwegian-American to hold a statewide elected office anywhere in the United States. When the Civil War broke out, he resigned his position and recruited an all-Scandinavian military unit, the 15th Wisconsin "Iron Brigade." Heg was the highest-ranking Wisconsinite to die in a Civil War battle.

Heg Park was the first county park in Racine County. One of three bronze Heg statues is located there. Another marks his birth in his hometown of Lier, Norway. The third was defaced during the 2020 Madison capital square riot and has been restored. This event has brought Heg and his abolitionist views back into the news.

In his lifetime, Professor Lovoll has written many books and articles on Norwegian-American topics. Lovell was born in Norway and emigrated to the Pacific Northwest just after World War II. He taught at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota. Many of his books have been published by the Norwegian-American Historical Association, where he was publications editor.

Lovoll's new book "Colonel Hans Christian Heg and the Norwegian American Experience" has been described as "a full, rich harvest gained from years of teaching and scholarship on Norwegian Americans' immigrant history... Readers will treasure this new work."

Mountain Comeback Story

Musk Oxen are the symbol of Dovre National Park in Central Norway. These shaggy creatures roamed the area 30,000 years ago, previously sharing a habitat with woolly mammoths. Unfortunately, all of these herds died off in the last ice age.

Known as moskus in Norwegian, the enormous herbivores can now be found in the Dovrefjell region again, but the current populace isn't native to the area. In the 1930s through 1970s, repeated attempts were made to introduce musk oxen from Greenland to the rocky plateaus of central Norway.

Though the populace is still threatened, roughly 240 musk oxen dot the region, with 50 new calves debuting each year. As former Arctic animals, they can easily withstand cold and snow. Though they appear similar to bison, they are more closely related to sheep and goats. A full-grown adult weighs up to 450 kilograms (992 pounds), subsisting on a diet of grasses, willows, moss and lichen.

They appear laid-back from afar, but gentle giants they are not! Rather than fleeing perceived danger, when in doubt, musk oxen resort to attack mode. In fact, there is a Musk Ox Code of Conduct that visitors need to know before hiking in the area- basically, keep your distance and never surprise a musk ox, as they can run 60 kilometers per hour (37 miles per hour). It's best to take a guided musk ox safari, which assures that you will view them safely.

2023 District 5 Lodge New Member Recruitment Contest

The Sons of Norway District 5 is pleased to announce the launch of our 2023 recruitment campaign. Starting August 1, 2023, all lodge members are asked to recruit new members to their local lodge.

For every new member (not Heritage Member) recruited, the lodge will receive \$10 for an individual or \$20 for a family membership. This does not include adding adults to an existing Adult Family membership. The money awarded will be sent to the local lodge of the recruiting member to be used as the lodge would like.

This campaign is an opportunity for all members to get involved and support their local lodge in meeting their membership goals. As well, it helps continue to grow the Sons of Norway organization. The contest will begin August 1, 2023 and go until October 31, 2023.

Talk to your FRIENDS, RELATIVES, and NEIGHBORS about our lodge and how much fun we have! If you are in need of membership materials or have any questions about membership, contact Kathi Beane, beane.kath@eagle.uwlax.edu.



Photo: Life In Norway April 2021

A little in English...

Inclusion That Tastes Good

His Royal Highness the Crown Prince was involved in making ice cream during the opening of Cousins' Café in downtown Oslo today. Cousins is a small ice cream factory that employs young people with a refugee background.

Before Crown Prince Haakon and Mayor Marianne Borgen entered the new production premises, they were provided with aprons.

Hussein Mahmoud, Sanaa Tamin and founder Christoffer Naustdal Hjelm showed the guests how to make ice cream and invited them to help make ice cream and chop nuts.

First ice cream sale

Finally, the Crown Prince opened the café by making the first ice cream sale at the till - for chocolate ice cream to Mayor Marianne Borgen. Since it was opening day, zero kroner was deposited into the till.

In 2016, Cousins (formerly Sandwich Brothers) began giving young, single refugees a job. Since 2018, the Crown Prince Pair's Fund has supported the small ice cream factory.

New opportunities

At Cousins, young refugees get jobs, language training and new opportunities. The job at Cousins will be their first experience in Norwegian work life, before Cousins helps them find other jobs.

The group has backgrounds from, among other places, Syria, Somalia, Iraq, Eritrea, Afghanistan and Ethiopia, but all work towards a common goal: a more diverse and inclusive local community.

The new café is located in Glasmagasinet, [a mall] in central Oslo and contains both an ice cream factory and a pastry shop. In addition to sales in the café, Cousins will also produce and sell organic sandwiches and ice cream treats to individuals and businesses.



Litt på Norsk...

Inkludering som smaker godt

Hans Kongelige Høyhet Kronprinsen var med og laget is under åpningen av Cousins kafé i Oslo sentrum i dag. Cousins er en liten iskremfabrikk som ansetter unge med fluktbakgrunn.

Før Kronprins Haakon og ordfører Marianne Borgen gikk inn i de nye produksjonslokalene, ble de utstyrt med forklær.

Hussein Mahmoud, Sanaa Tamin og gründer Christoffer Naustdal Hjelm viste gjestene hvordan de lager is og inviterte dem med på å lage is og hakke nøtter.

Første issalg

Til slutt åpnet Kronprinsen kaféen ved å gjennomføre det første issalg på kassa – for sjokoladeis til ordfører Marianne Borgen. Siden det var åpningsdag, ble det slått inn null kroner på kassa.

Cousins (tidligere Sandwich Brothers) startet i 2016 for å gi unge, enslige flykninger jobb. Siden 2018 har Kronprinsparets Fond støttet den lille iskremfabrikken.

Nye muligheter

På Cousins får flykningungdom jobb, språktrening og nye muligheter. Jobben i Cousins blir deres første erfaring med norsk arbeidsliv, før Cousins hjelper dem over i andre jobber.

Gjengen har bakgrunn fra blant annet Syria, Somalia, Irak, Eritrea, Afghanistan og Etiopia, men alle jobber mot et felles mål: Et mer mangfoldig og inkluderende lokalsamfunn.

Den nye kafeen ligger i Glasmagasinet i Oslo sentrum og inneholder både iskremfabrikk og konditori. I tillegg til salg i kafeen, vil Cousins også produsere og selge økologisk sandwich- og pinneis til private og bedrifter.

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Norskedalen Activities

Throne Visitors Center

Hours From May - Oct:

Monday-Saturday from 9am--5pm
Sunday from 11am--5pm



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.

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