

HAFRSFJORD HAPPENINGS



Hafrsfjord Lodge 5-206
Sons of Norway
St. John's Lutheran Church
3833-8th Ave, Kenosha, Wisconsin

Summer Edition	July-September 2014
<p data-bbox="380 989 651 1058">Next Meeting: No meeting in July.</p> <p data-bbox="256 1094 781 1163">4th of July parade will be June 29th. It starts at 1 pm.</p> <p data-bbox="250 1171 786 1241">Meet at 23rd Ave south of 60 St to ride on the float.</p> <p data-bbox="237 1249 797 1276">Please be there no later than 12:30 pm.</p>	<p data-bbox="951 879 1265 949">Future Meetings: No meeting in August.</p> <p data-bbox="870 989 1349 1134">Annual picnic at Gerry Lachman's August 2nd at Noon 1002 111th St Pleasant Prairie Please bring a dish to pass.</p> <p data-bbox="841 1171 1382 1241">Regular meeting: September 8th- 6:30 pm at St. John's Lutheran Church</p>

Sons of Norway Mission Statement:

The mission of Sons of Norway is to promote and 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.

Fra Presidenten

Kjære

I am looking forward to the upcoming 5th District Convention which is June 25-29, 2014 at Lake Lawn Lodge, Delavan, WI. Our delegates are Gerry Lachman, Carolyn Rismoen and Steve Aasen. We will give you a report about this at our September meeting.

We will be riding on our Viking Ship float on Sunday, June 29th at one pm. The theme this year is baseball. If you have any baseball shirts or caps, please wear them for the parade. Our local team, Kingfish is making a big hit with many people this year and has been well attended.

Our annual picnic will be held on Saturday, August 2nd at noon at Gerry's house 1002 111th St. Pleasant Prairie. Bring a dish to pass. We can play some more Kubb again this year.

The September meeting will be held on the second Monday night because of Labor Day. It will be September 8th at 6:30 pm at St. John's church.

Hope everyone has a nice summer. I got my first sunburn on Memorial Day in Pigeon Falls watching the ballgames. See you at the parade and meet the float on 23rd Ave just south of 60th St.

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Geraldine Lachman, President

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LODGE MEETINGS & UPCOMING EVENTS

June 25-28th is our District 5 convention Lake Lawn Lodge, Delavan, WI

June 29th - Kenosha 4th of July Parade starts at 1 pm. Meet at 23rd Ave south of 60 St to ride on the float. Please be there no later than 12:30 pm.

July 13- Board meeting at Audrey Walsh 4:00 pm. to evaluate our past programs and review the fall schedule.

August 2nd - Noon annual picnic at Gerry Lachman's 1002 111th St. Pleasant Prairie. Please bring a dish to pass.

September 8th 6:30 pm Regular meeting at St. John's Lutheran Church

September- Sell popcorn

Adopt-A-School

By: Celia Walther

Our last presentation for the 2013-2014 school year at Pleasant Prairie School for Jill Jensen and first graders was on Thursday, May 15th at 9:00 am.

Gerry Lachman told and showed pictures of the children's parade for Syttende Mai (17th of May) celebration in Oslo, Norway.

Celia Walther told about why it is a very special day in Norway. It is the celebration of Norway's Constitution which was signed at Eidsvoll on May 17, 1814. Norway finally had the fundamental law that would later carry the nation through all times of crisis. Norway would not get its Independence from Sweden until June 7, 1905. Celia also told about and showed pictures of the Royal Family. They are King Harald V, Queen Sonja, Crown prince Haakon and Crown Princess Mette-Marit, Crown Princess Martha Louise and her husband, author Ari Behm.

Jill Jensen showed a video of parade and also told about Midsummer Eve celebrations on June 23.

For craft project, the class colored a Norwegian flag, a red, white and blue Scandinavian cross (off center), white stands for peace, unity; red for bravery, strength; and blue for truth and loyalty.

The food treat was Gerry's sandbakkles which they like very much.

We will begin again with presentations for the 2014-2015 school year in the fall. Come join us. It is fun and we learn a lot about Norwegian History and Culture.

Book Club

We met on Friday, April 11th at Gerry's house to discuss the first book in the series "A Measure of Mercy." This series is a story about Astrid Bjorkland who is studying medicine and has a big decision as to where she wants to go with her life's work. She has the choice of going to Africa to work with the people there, go to the Red Bud Indian Reservation in South Dakota or return to Blessing, North Dakota to work in a new hospital there. In May we met at the Rismoen home on Thursday, May 15th to discuss the book "No Distance Too Far." This is a continuation of the first book and now in the fall we will meet again in September to discuss the final book "A Heart for Home." Think about coming to join in with our group. We are having a lot of good discussions about our ancestor's coming to America.

Reading Skills Badge

By: Greg Rismoen

The June 2014 issue of the Viking magazine published by Sons of Norway has a section titled “Nordic Summer Reading Guide,” and the cover says “15 great summer reads.” Four books are in the non-fiction section on page 24; four books are in the fiction section on page 25, another four books are in the fiction for young readers on page 26, and 3 books are in the new releases section on page 26. The last new release selection is a book by Lauraine Snelling, titled “To everything a season.” Coincidentally, that last book is authored by Lauraine Snelling, who is the same author the Hafrsfjord lodge’s book club is reading. Promises of untold wealth and free land in North Dakota are what had drawn the Norwegians to the Red River Valley on the Eastern edge of North Dakota. The advantages of reading in a book club are that the book club members get to discuss and critique the writings of other club members for any newsletter articles. The discussion leads to a better understanding of the authors writing skills. I completed the requirements for a bronze reading skills badge by reading three books with the Nordlyset lodge book club in Racine, Wisconsin. Their reading club watched the Norwegian film “Max Manus,” as the elective activity for the bronze reading skills badge we

applied for. If you are interested in joining the Hafrsfjord lodge book club, please contact Steve Aasen, 262-6353. We have been reading several books written by Lauraine Snelling. She is the award winning author of over 78 books, both fiction and non-fiction. Her books have sold over 2 million copies.

Correction & Apology

By Geraldine Lachman and Nicole Lachman (editor)

We are terribly sorry for the oversight on the birthday list in the last issue of Hafrsfjord Happenings, Spring April-June and they were for new members of the lodge. I, Nicole Lachman was in process of working on a slightly new format of the newsletter and used the old birthday template and forgot to update the birthdays!

April 19 Elaine Lundgren

May 5 Francis Naves

May 27 Alene Hanson

June 17 Jessica Rosmann

June 21 Lu Kleven

Also names which should have been deleted were:

April-Nicole Naumcheff

May-Robert Kosberg, May- Anthony Sheard

Rosemaling

By: Greg Rismoen

Rosemaling is the Norwegian word for flower painting. This colorful art originated around 1750 and continued for over 100 years. What is unusual about rosemaling is that it is usually done on wood, like trunks, furniture, fruit bowls, wood cupboards, wooden plates and wooden ale bowls. I chose rosemaling as my first article on cultural skills because I recently made a presentation to the Kenosha and Racine, WI lodges about rosemaling onto wood and glass. I showed many works painted by Ellen Whalen and a few pieces or photos that I painted. I have taken several rosemaling classes from Ellen Whalen, a member of the Kenosha lodge and her painting partner, Margaret Sneesby. Per Lysne, from Stoughton, WI is often credited with reviving rosemaling in the Norwegian-American community in Wisconsin. He was born December 8, 1893, and it was from him that Lysne learned rosemaling.

Lysne immigrated to Stoughton, with his wife in 1907 when he was 27 years old. He worked in the Stoughton wagon factory as a painter and decorator of wagons, adding fancy striping and scrolls to the finished wagon boxes. When the factory closed during the Depression, Lysne took up his artist's brushes and turned to rosemaling. The paint medium for rosemaling is oil or acrylic paints. The wooden objects are either wood carvings, picture frames or ¼ or 3/8 inch plywood, and the wood is either maple, ash, mahogany, or some other clear grained wood. The selected wood is free of defects, like dents or open knot holes and must be sanded smooth. Wood carvings are frequently rosemaled, as are assembled pieces, like Kleenex tissue holders with a hole in the top for tissue to stick out. I have a wood carving about 5-1/2 inches tall that is mounted in a small door opening, and is attractively painted. Oil paint must dry on the wood or glass object for 4 or 5 days so that it does not smear. Acrylic paints typically dry in a few hours.

In the 1930's the popular press discovered Per Lysne's work and he was visited by newspaper and magazine correspondents. In the November 1933 issue of Vogue magazine, several of his pieces were featured in an article about Ten Chimneys, the Wisconsin home of the famous theatrical couple Alfred Lunt and Lynn Fontanne. The publicity created a timely marketing opportunity which Lysne used to expand his folk painting and interior decorating business across the region. Sometime in the 1930's Per Lysne developed the rosemaled smorgasbord plate that displayed at the Kenosha and Racine lodges. The large platters inscribed in Norwegian and hand painted with bright floral designs on wood plates was his most popular and successful items sold. Per Lysne continued to paint his distinctive designs until his death in 1947. For his pioneering artistry and marketing success, he is credited by those who came after him as "The Father of American rosemaling."

Great Grandparents

By: Greg Rismoen

The Kenosha News ran a full page story in the Life section, page C1 on Friday, Jan 17, 2014. This is the first installment of the “Family Heirloom” series. It will run monthly in the Kenosha News.

Kenosha resident Dolly Aiello shows off the wooden trunk that her father, Francesco “Frank” Ritacca used to emigrate from Italy to Kenosha in November 1913. There is an undated portrait of Dolly Aiello’s father Frank posing with his brothers Giuseppe “Joseph” and Louie and their mother, Rosaria Ritacca.

On November 23, 1913, Louie’s 23rd birthday, the Ritacca’s arrived at Ellis Island, NY and in November 1913, at the age of 56 is when she decided to come here with her Ritacca family. Once in Kenosha, the Ritacca’s joyfully reunited with Giuseppe who by then had become known as “Joseph.” And like millions of American immigrants in the early 20th century, a success story ensued.

This story sounds very similar to the story of Celia Walther’s great grandparents, who came from Norway in 1862 to Decorah, Iowa. They moved to the Dakota Territory in 1873 and settled in Carson (now in South Dakota,) by Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

The great grandparents of Celia Walther were Engebret Fauske, 1836-1920 and Marit Olsdatter Hodbe, 1836-1911, who brought their rosemaled trunks with them, from their home in West Best Flidre (near the Valdres Valley.) They arrived in 1862, through Canada. The rosemaling is on the outside and inside of the trunk.

Ellen Whalen helped Celia clean the trunk with a special rosemaling cleaning recipe that Ellen had just discovered and wanted to test it out. Celia has no record of who originally rosemaled the trunk and could not find the date of the rosemaling on the trunk.

It’s a Joke!!!! ☺

A Norwegian came home vun day and shot his dog. When a neighbor expressed surprise, the Norwegian explained, “Some vun phoned me and said my wife vas fooling around wit my best friend.

Lutefisk Dinner 2014



Carolyn and Greg Rismoen and Betty Schlater



Francis and Karen Naves

Recipe Corner

Cheesy Spinach Soup

1 tablespoon margarine or butter

¼ cup chopped onion

2 cups milk

½ pound Velveeta cheese cut into ½ inch cubes

1 package of frozen spinach (10 ounces) cooked well drained

¼ teaspoon nutmeg

Dash pepper

Melt margarine or butter in a medium sized saucepan on medium heat. Add onions heat and stir until tender.

Add remaining ingredients cook on low heat until Velveeta cheese melts and soup is heated through. Stir occasionally. Makes 4 servings.

Gratulører med dagen!

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Saturday, August 2, 2014	Gerry Lachman's House 1002 111 th St Pleasant Prairie	Annual Picnic
Monday, September 8, 2014	St. John's Lutheran Church 6:30 pm	Regular meeting

Newsletter Deadline

October/November/December Deadline: Friday, September 12, 2014

January/February/March Deadline: Friday, December 12, 2014