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NORWEGIAN AMERICAN GENEALOGICAL CENTER

Wednesday, June 26th

A group from our lodge will be making the annual trip to Madison to work at the Norwegian American Genealogical Center Naseth Library. Lunch is provided compliments of the NAGC staff. To celebrate the work done, the group will attend "Concert on the Square." The Madison Chamber Orchestra performs on the Capital Square. We bring folding chairs and

purchase food from the vendors located on the square. It is a fun and relaxing time listening to the music and being with our friends.

Call Roger Johnson at 920-722-7379

By Friday, June 21st

If you are interested in joining us or want more details.



BUS TRIP

SATURDAY JUNE 22



GREAT NEWS - we have the minimum number of people signed up and paid so the trip is going for sure! We still have room for more so get your reservation in right away! On this one-day trip, we will tour a replica of a Viking longhouse at Stratford and hear about the Viking culture. We will encounter "prehistoric marsh creatures" at Jurstic Park and see fused glass beads, jewelry and knitted and felted marvels. Enjoy beautiful art at the Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum, Wausau and stroll through a sculpture garden including this panther. A delicious sandwich and salad buffet

awaits us at the Blue Heron Brew Pub in Marshfield. Invite your friends, family and neighbors. This trip is open to the public. Cost is \$59. **Payment is due between now and the extended deadline, Friday, June 14th.** Payment must be received to reserve your spot. *Bus leaves 7:30 a.m. and returns 6:50 p.m. at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 2330 E. Calumet St., Appleton, WI 54915. Any questions can be directed to:*

*Leah Johnson at (920) 722-7379,
cell phone (920) 540-2235.*

COMING EVENTS JUNE

Thur June 13 - 1:30 p.m.

Board Meeting
Roger & Leah Johnson's home

Sat Jun 9

Flag Day Parade
(Norse Valley will not participate)

Sat June 22

Viking Longhouse Tour

Wed Jun 26

Genealogical Center & Concert
Madison

COMING EVENTS JULY

Mon Jul 29

Tailgate Party – 5:30 p. m.
Timber Rattler Game - 7:05 p. m.

No Board Meeting

COMING EVENTS AUGUST

Thur Aug 15

Corn Roast
Gjerald's house

No Board Meeting

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Judy Ghastin

Mange tussen takk to Ann Bishop and her committee, Pam Ulness and Guri Wuellner, for arranging the Syttendemai dinner and entertainment. Thanks also to Jane, Kathy and Jann for providing the music.

Our lodge has some business that needs to be completed when we resume regular meetings in September. We were unable to elect a nominating committee at the April general meeting. Since we traditionally do not conduct business at the summer events, the next opportunity to elect the nominating committee will be at the September general meeting. At that meeting we need to select a committee so the slate of officers for 2014 can be presented to the membership for voting in October.

Several events are planned for the summer. The June bus trip sounds especially interesting. Besides Sons of Norway members, there are people from the community who follow Leah's trips and often join in on them, so be sure to register before the deadline to be guaranteed a place. Look for the registration form in this issue of the Nytt.

July is the Timber Rattlers ball game. There will be a tailgate party again this year so look for the details in this issue of the Nytt. Register early and come join the fun at the local ball park with the Brewer's farm team.

August is the corn roast. Many thanks to Betty Gjerald and her family for hosting this event again. Information and registration forms will be in the next Nytt. We hope many of you can come for the great food and the great company.

I hope all of you will enjoy the relaxing days of summer and the events our social committee has planned for Sons of Norway.

Judy

"What"? What can I do to help the lodge grow? What do I need to do to make the Sons of Norway relevant to my children, grandchildren, neighbors, and friends?

"Who"? Who are the new people willing to help in the activities of the lodge? Who are the people that you might ask to join the lodge to learn about Norwegian culture?

*Gratulerer med dag
juni*

- 11 Dallas Sween
- 12 Shirley Swartz
- 13 Myron Dahle
- 13 Logan Hash
- 21 Elizabeth Gjerald
- 23 Jonathan Muenchow
- 26 Judith Ghastin



Check out Norse Valley Lodge on Facebook for more pictures and a list of events.



LODGE OFFICERS 2013

President

Judy Ghastin

Vice President

Ed Swartz

Secretary

Len Place

Treasurer

Jann Brockmann

Membership

Mary Place

Counselor

Colleen Myers

Cultural Director

Sandy Pierce

Sports CoDirectors

John Gurholt

Jim Wuellner

Youth Director

Pam Ulness

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Ann Bishop

Roger Johnson

Leah Johnson

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Food Committee

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Musician

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Yvonne Bergan

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Alice Anderson

Martha Blomberg



ANNUAL TIMBER RATTLER GAME TAILGATE PARTY

Monday July 29
Tailgat 5:30
Ballgame 7:05

The tailgate and social begins at 5:30 and ends about 6:45. The game begins at 7:05. You will need to bring a lawn chair to sit on. The tailgate includes food and beverages of bottled water or lemonade. The tailgate area is at the East end of the parking lot towards Hwy 41 watch for the red tent and Norwegian flag. Cost will be \$7.00 for ballgame tickets and \$5.00 for the tailgate for a total of \$12.00 per person. Make checks payable to Norse Valley Lodge #491. Send the payment with registration form at the end of the Nytt to John Gurholt. Payment is due by July 2.

For more information contact
John Gurholt at 920-734-2989 for baseball game
Jim Wuellner at 920-734-3801 for tailgate



ANNIVERSARIES



Welcome to Susan Olson on joining Sons of Norway Norse Valley Lodge in April. We will be looking forward to seeing you at many of our socials. Another hurrah goes to our long time members. If you do not remember how many years you have been with us you can see if you are in any of the 5 year groups.

5 YEAR MEMBERS

Jason Ostrem
Harry Dorman
Kirsten Hash
Lee Hash
Linda Hash
Logan Hash
Gail Oliver
Karissa Niederkorn
Jaymen Ott
James Wuellner
Diane Hesseltvan Dinter
Dallas Sween
John Engelmann

10 YEAR MEMBERS

Carol Heid
Sandra Pierce
Ellen Wenger

15 YEAR MEMBER

Guri Wuellner

20 YEAR MEMBERS

Roger Johnson
Patti Porto
Steven Sorenson

30 YEAR MEMBERS

Mabel Fossum
David Ostrem
Nancy Cox

35 YEAR MEMBERS

Harland Anderson
June Anderson
Constance Berner

40 YEAR MEMBER

Myron Dahle

NEW MEMBER

Susan Olson

IMPROVEMENTS PLANNED FOR PALACE GROUNDS

Members of the Norwegian Parliament voted to fund a NOK 70 million upgrade to the Royal Palace grounds in Oslo. Set to begin after the conclusion of the annual *Syttende Mai* parade, the upgrades will focus on improving drainage and preventing gravel displacement onto nearby streets during heavy rainfall.

Currently there is around 13,200 square meters of gravel surrounding the palace. Parliament members agreed that the current ground cover "is not representative" and that a more attractive solution should be found. A new permanent form of ground cover and an improved drainage system will be implemented and completed before Norway's bicentennial celebrations in 2014. *Source: Sons of Norway Newsletter Service.*



Royal Palace, Oslo, Photo by Wikimedia Commonsuser Riaz.



SYTTENDE MAI CELEBRATION



The celebration began with a flag ceremony



The group was very intent when listening to Guri describe how Sytende Mai is celebrated in Norway



There was an informative presentation on Edward Greig. Mother and daughter played his music, while a member of the Neenah music club waited before entertaining us with "The Hall of the Mountain King" and other Grieg compositions.





The evening ended with the flag ceremony exiting the flags.



The occasion was celebrated by wearing traditional Norwegian Bunads and a 1890's Hardanger blouse.

The First United Nations Secretary-General, *Trygve Halvdan Lie*, was Norwegian.

It was not just a ladies dress up night. The men also wore their Norwegian bunads.



MIDSUMMER



The seasons are changing and summer is upon us yet again, which means midsummer is right around the corner. The height of summer, June 24, marks the longest, brightest day of the year in Norway, the Land of the Midnight Sun. Also known as the Summer Solstice. The sun sets and rises in full view for those in the Northern Hemisphere and after a long dark winter, this time is a joyous celebration of a much-awaited summer.

This sunny day is celebrated under different names throughout the Northern Hemisphere with festivals, gatherings, and rituals dating back to Pagan times. It is said that John the Baptist was born on June 24, giving special meaning to this day for Christians around the world. When

Christian traditions began mixing with Pagan customs, the day evolved from one celebration to another. Many cultures believe in superstitious rituals; for example, getting married on this day ensures good luck and a happy life for the couple.

Norway celebrates *Sankthansaften*, or St. John's Eve, each June 23, the eve before the longest day of the year. It is also called *Jonsok* which translates to John's wake, referring to St. John the Baptist's birth. Rituals carry on each year as little girls pick flowers and put them under their pillows at night with hopes of dreaming of their future husband. Many traditions continue to provide amusing stories and activities for children and the various origins of this day will endure, but the celebrations have and will continue to evolve over the years.

In Norway, festivities typically occur on June 23 and largely give thanks to the bright warm sun and the beautiful sweet smelling flowers in full bloom. Family and friends grill sausages and light bonfires bigger than on any other day of the year. Most bonfires are lit along Norway's coast and are assumed to protect Norwegians from evil spirits and trolls lurking in the forests. *Rommegrot* is a favorite meal on this day steeped with melted butter, sugar and cinnamon. Once the bonfires die down and the sun begins to set people understand that the cycle must continue. This means the coming days slowly get shorter and shorter until the days grow completely dark. Norwegians live with these polar opposite seasons every year and, therefore, they take full advantage of every summer and enjoy the extended company of the sun on *Sankthansaften*.

Source: Sons of Norway Newsletter Service



Salmon Burgers

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| 1 ½ to 2 lbs. of ground salmon fillet | 4 large shallots, chopped |
| 1 cup fine dried bread crumbs | ½ cup chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley |
| 1 small cucumber, peeled, seeded and chopped | 6 onion rolls, split |

Combine the salmon, bread crumbs, cucumber, shallots and parsley and mix together gently, making sure all ingredients are thoroughly mixed. Divide the salmon mixture into 6 equal portions and shape into a patty about 3 inches in diameter and 1 inch thick. Refrigerate covered on a plate until ready to grill.

REGISTRATION - BUS TRIP

Last day to register is Friday, June 14th

For each person list their name, address, phone # and email.

Number of people @ \$59.00 each		\$	
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Please make checks out to
Norse Valley Lodge #491 and mail to
Leah Johnson
816 Lincoln St.
Menasha, WI 54952

REGISTRATION – TIMBER RATTLER GAME AND TAILGATE

Last day to send in registration Tuesday July 2

People Attending (<i>first and Last Name</i>)	Number attending Game		\$	
	@ \$7.00 person		\$	
	Number attending tailgate		\$	
	@ \$5.00		\$	
	Total Enclosed		\$	

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