

**ORD FRA PRESIDENTEN**

Syttende Mai, graduations, the Kaffe Stue... thus begins the busy summer season... The Vennelag Board is in the planning stages of many different events for our members, and we welcome your family to join us! Details of some of these events can be found in this edition of the *Vennelag News*.

The Board has also taken a serious look at our leadership team and their responsibilities, as we prepare for an officer election in November. Some of our leaders are choosing alternative paths, and we will be looking to replace them with others who recognize their importance in serving a volunteer organization. Changing leadership provides new insights, keeping our Lodge vibrant and growing! Won't you consider Lodge service?

Families are reminded that all persons living at the same address, no matter the relationship, can be included in a family membership for \$95.00 per year. Individuals pay the low membership cost of just \$60.00 per year. Compared to other groups and their annual dues, a Sons of Norway membership remains a sensible investment. The benefits are many. The dues can be paid in monthly installments for those living on a fixed income or who want to budget monthly for this expense. It's a great time to become a Sons of Norway member! Invite someone you know to don a Viking helmet with you!

Tusen takk til alle who chose to convert their hard copy newsletter to an electronic format. This change allows the Lodge to realize a huge cost savings per year.

We will be celebrating Norway's Constitution Day on Thursday evening, **May 30th**. Other details about the evening can be found in this edition of the *Vennelag News*. Hurra for Syttende Mai!

Cheryl



On **May 1st**, Vennelag Lodge will honor a graduating senior with our annual academic scholarship. The program begins at 7 PM in the Mt. Horeb High School Auditorium. All can be proud of Vennelag's commitment to our youth members. The help provided at many of our fundraising events throughout 2018 has made our success possible. I would like to thank the Scholarship Committee consisting of: Ann Walser, Arlene Watrud-Krueger, and Linda Coughlin for their attention to detail, time invested, and willingness to serve on the 2019 Scholarship Committee. Takk til deg.

NORSK SAMTALEBORDET

"Interested in practicing your Norwegian language? Please join our Norsk Samtalebordet (Norwegian conversation table) during the months of May-June! A short series of 4 conversation tables will take place at local Norwegian cultural hubs around Mount Horeb: The Grumpy Troll, Sjölings, and Skål Public House. Swing by for food, drinks, and Norwegian conversations! All levels of Norwegian language skills are welcome." Olivia Cook will host the language series.

*The first meeting will be held June 5 at 6:30 PM upstairs at the Grumpy Troll Brew Pub, 105 S. 2nd St., Mt. Horeb. Times and dates are flexible, so bring your calendars! Questions may be sent to Olivia's web address:

oliviakathleencook@gmail.com

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.

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MEETING	DATE	SERVERS
Syttende Mai Celebration Membership awards	May 30 6:30 PM	All members are to bring a side dish Meat and dessert provided
New member Picnic	June 27 5:00 PM	All members-bring a dish to pass. Meat and drink provided
Literature theme	Aug. 29 6:30	TBD
SON meeting	Sept. 26 6:30 PM	Board members

Dr. Lowell Peterson



Sunday, February 17th was a cold and snowy day, but inside the Vennelag Sons of Norway meeting, it was very warm and inviting. For the brave few who ventured out for wonderful food, fellowship and program, it couldn't have been better. Dr. Lowell Peterson, our guest speaker and his wife (who drove through the weather from Appleton) gave a very informative presentation, titled "Dillinger, Under the Gun and On the Run".

Dr. Peterson, an author of 7 books, shared the story of a citizen who robbed banks and became a glorified criminal, John Dillinger. He shared the story of how one man, an innocent law-abiding man from Wisconsin, crossed paths with the lawless thief and cold-blooded killer.

It turned out to be a wonderful afternoon of sharing, eating and camaraderie on a very wintery day outside!

We were pleased to have Ken Dresang and Anita Hubanks share and demonstrate their rosemailing skills at our April 18 meeting. Ken and Anita have both won awards for their rosemailing pieces. Anita's friend, Sonja, came to share family heirlooms.



TUBFRIM

Save used stamps and expired or used phone cards for Tubfrim to help disabled children and youth in Norway. Cut leaving about ¼ inch around each stamp on all sides. Bring them to a lodge meeting.

It's time to recognize our Vennelag 5-513 members for their years of service and support

5 years:

Cheryle Goplin	Gloria Foley	Joyce Nygard	Tamara Hermanson
Edward Collins	James Cook	James Iverson	Holly DeWitt

10 years:

Shirley Archer	Janet Andersen	David Andersen
Genevieve Andersen	Lisa Salava	Colin Frank

15 years:

Ann Walser	Hollis Lavelle	Arthur Ness
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20 years:

Nancy Kittleson	Cheryl Wille-Schlesser
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25 years:

Gayle Anderson	JoDon Anderson	Audrey Doan
Connie Larson	Brian Larson	Gerald Christiansen

"Kansas City...Kansas City here I come"! Heading that way this summer? Check out the Scandanavian influence.



This is a combo: 3 small versions of these...

- **Copenhagen Street Dog**
Bun, pickled 9" pølse (hot dog), Danish remoulade, cucumber & fried onion with small klubb salad
- **Swedish Potato Sausage**
Bun, pork & potato sausage, pickled cabbage & senap mustard with small klubb salad
- **Mushroom & Swiss Sausage**
Bun, pork, mushroom & Swiss sausage, pickled mushroom, fennel & mustard jam with small klubb salad



**Roll out the lefse we'll have a lefse good time!
Roll out the lefse, its taste is simply sublime.
Roll out the lefse, sing out a song of good cheer,
Now's the time to roll the lefse, for the gang's all here!**

Mark your calendar for Thursday May 9 and Friday May 10, when we kick off our lefse-making for the annual Kaffe Stue. Last summer, we rolled over 300 rounds, so our work will take several days. We will be working in the kitchen at Evangelical Lutheran Church, 315 E. Main Street, Mt. Horeb. Please park in the rear of the building, using those stalls designated for church use only.

Our efforts will be directed by our Royal King and Queen of Lefse, Duane and Nancy Kittleson. I will be making calls to secure workers soon. Lunch and beverages will be provided. Our day will begin at 8:30 AM. Your help is genuinely appreciated as we prepare for one of our largest fundraisers of the year.



On Saturday, March 30, Orville and Anna Olson, Arlene Watrud-Krueger, Lora Lee, Janet and David Andersen and Cheryl Wille-Schlesler attended the Madison Friends of Vesterheim program. Patricia Putnam (present but not shown).

Anna Rue's presentation detailed the work being done at the UW-Madison's Mills Music Library and Center for the Study of Upper Midwest Cultures, to digitize the reel-to-reel home recordings of Arnold Munkel that spanned from the 1950s through the 1990s. This growing collection of unique, historic, regional and endangered sound recordings, has been made available on line.

<https://uwdc.library.wisc.edu/collections/localcenters/>



Vafle Day on St. Patrick's Day!

But in the true Norwegian spirit, the Vafle Day celebration was a big success! Thank you to all who brought waffles or supporting side dishes.

Here is a waffle recipe the Irish/Norwegians in the group enjoyed:

Gingerbread Waffles:

- 3 cups flour
- 3 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1/2 teaspoon cloves
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 4 eggs
- 2/3 cup white sugar
- 1 1/2 cup milk
- 1 cup molasses
- 1/2 cup of butter melted

Measure and combine dry ingredients into a large bowl. Into a separate bowl, beat the eggs and sugar together until thick and foamy. Stir in milk and molasses. Add liquid to dry ingredients stir until well combined. Fold in melted butter. Use about a third of a cup batter into a heart waffle maker.



BIKE TRAIL CLEAN-UP
SATURDAY, MAY 25TH
9:00 AM
BAGS AND GLOVES WILL
BE PROVIDED!
BREAKFAST OR SNACK TO
FOLLOW.
TAKK FOR HJELPEN!

Mange takk for the birthday cards that were sent in honor of my special day. I was very surprised!

Marlyn



The **51st Mt. Horeb Frolic Parade** will be held on **Sunday, June 9th, 2019**.

Riders for the float are needed. Line-up is on Lincoln Street, with parking available in the MOHO Middle School Parking Lot. Dress for the weather, cool and comfy or warm and wonderful. More specifics about the parade will be coming. This year's float will feature Vennelag's 2019 Scholarship recipient.

Preparations for the 2019 **Kaffe Stue** are underway. **June 15th** is a Baking Day for cookies and other sweet treats. We will be making rosettes, krumkake, and other delights. Lunch will be provided. Bring a young one you know to assist us and to learn more about their heritage. We will provide the forms needed to earn a cultural pin for baking.



**Come one and all to help at our Brats on the Lot fundraiser at Miller's Grocery Store, Mt. Horeb on Saturday, June 15!
The sale runs from 10:30 AM - 1:30 PM**

We need:

- bake sale items of any kind, not just Norwegian (but they would be great!)
- 10-12 people to work the day of the sale
- help at 8:00 AM to set up tables & tent canopy, to label, price & arrange baked goods
- 4 people to work the bake sale area from 8 AM to 1:30 PM (chairs will be available)
- 6-8 people to work the serving line, the grill area & as cashiers. (This area will require you to be on your feet most of the time)
- help with take down at 1:30 PM

**Workers must park off to the far side of the parking lot so as not to interfere with Miller customers.

If you can't work but would like to support the fund raiser, come buy a brat, hot dog and/or baked items. Workers must pay for a brat, hot dog, soda or baked items just as everyone else does. There will be no free items.

Please contact Rita Schraepfer at 608/220-7565 or at rsderke@gmail.com if you can help in any way. Thank you!

Sports Medal Program

The Sons of Norway Sports Medal Program is a fun and engaging way to stay active while enjoying the Norwegian tradition of *friluftsliv* (outdoor life and recreation)! It's uniquely designed to reward healthy habits at every age, activity level and exercise preference. Keep track of the dates you exercise and the distance you travel. If you are participating in a gym exercise program, golf, or play a team sport keep track of the number of minutes for each activity.

The activities that our members can engage in throughout the summer and fall months:

Walking Cycling Swimming General Fitness *Lykke til og ha en fint tid* (Good luck and have a good time)!

Syttende Mai 2019: Let the Celebrations Begin

It's time to strike up the band, wave the flag and display Norwegian pride as Syttende Mai festivities take place on May 17 in hundreds of cities in Norway, North America and the world. Parades will be organized and draw thousands of participants; copious amounts of ice cream will be consumed; and bunads will abound in a swirl of color and activity.



Children figure prominently in the events, especially in leading the parades. Initially, dating back to 1869, only boys were able to march. The girls' participation was not far behind – within 20 years they, too, enjoyed waving their flags as the parades wove through the streets of Norway and beyond.

Grilled sausage, Wienerpølser (wiener sausage) and regular hot dogs are so popular on May 17 that retail grocers have reported a huge bump in sales on the holiday. "Eat what you like" is the mantra for the day. Indulging in that manner is a big part of the celebrations. Enjoy the day, no matter how you choose to celebrate. Happy Syttende Mai to all!

COME CELEBRATE WITH US!

Hop on the float and ride in the **Stoughton Syttende Mai parade, Sunday, May 19.**

Please meet at 12:30 PM in Mandt Park. The parade committee will tell you where our entry is located. (BUT REALLY, it's difficult to hide a Viking ship!) Enjoy a sandwich, a beverage, and fine fellowship with others who share your heritage. Feel welcome to bring a snack to share. Dress festively in bunader, a Norwegian sweater, a Viking costume, Nisser hats, or troll trappings.

The parade begins at 1:30 PM.

The entry number will be communicated electronically or by phone. Bring your children, grandchildren or great grandchildren. Youth always add a spark of energy to our float. Friends and perspective members are always welcome.

VENNELAG SYTTENDE MAI OBSERVANCE -

May 30, 2019 6:30 PM

Let's celebrate our heritage by wearing our bunads, sweaters or any festive Norwegian wear.

Bring a friend or 2 to celebrate with us.

Bring a side dish or salad that goes well with turkey. The Lodge will provide the meat and dessert.

Join us and our special guests: The Stoughton Royalty

Be there for the presentation of Membership Awards

Door prizes!!!

Special announcements



Folklore Village will celebrate Syttende Mai by hosting a Scandinavian concert on **May 18**, with a potluck at 6 pm.

Folklore Village is offering a variety of summer classes focused on Scandinavian crafts. Most classes are day courses. Check out folklorevillage.com for more information.

For those of you looking for more in-depth classes, check out what Vesterheim, Decorah, IA has to offer. The information on classes, from carving to weaving, can be found at vesterheim.org.



Friendly Fifth Fisheree



Join us at Wille Family Farm, 7206 N. Pennycook Road, Edgerton, WI, for the first annual Fisheree and Picnic!

The 16-acre freshwater lake has two springs and has been in our family for 4 generations.

Once open to the public, it is now reserved for private use.

Sons of Norway members and their families within driving distance are welcome to join us.

Date: Sunday, June 2, 2019, Meal at 12:30 PM, hiking and fishing to follow.

(Little ones might enjoy bringing a butterfly net and/or collection jars for bugs, worms, minnows, or tadpoles.)

***No fishing license is required. The first weekend of June is “free fishing weekend” in Wisconsin, as promoted by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.**

***In the event of rain, the fisheree will be held the following weekend, June 9th.**

Provided: private lake access (fishing from shoreline only), an opportunity to meet and greet others from Sons of Norway Lodges, a time to enjoy the great outdoors, fish, take a nature walk, and learn to play or enjoy a game of kubb, look for fawns, or bird watch.

What to Bring: a dish to pass, a beverage of choice, lawn chairs, bug spray, a disposal bag for your refuse, fishing gear, bait, walking sticks, a camera, a hat, sunblock, a book or deck of cards, binoculars, other health or comfort items you require.

Dress for Conditions: Comfortable attire and walking shoes needed; the ground is uneven.

A Chance to Win: Registration for the fishing contest will occur for *youth and adults*, \$2.00 per person. Prizes include: tackle storage, a beginner pole for youth, lures, and stringers.

Winners may be recognized in the following categories:

Pan fish: bluegill, pumpkin seed, crappie

Sport fish: large mouth bass, northern



QUESTIONS MAY BE DIRECTED TO DISTRICT 5 SPORTS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR,
Cheryl Wille-Schlessler, rogcher@mhtc.net or by phone: 608-219-4464

VELKOMMEN TIL MASSE MORO...WHERE YOU'LL HAVE LOTS OF FUN!

Any youth member wishing to receive Lodge funding for 2019, must submit such request by **MAY 17, 2019**. Go to the [Sons of Norway 5 website](#) and download the required form. Fill in your family details and send to President Cheryl Wille-Schlesser at: rogrcher@mhtc.net Snail Mail: 200 Beth Circle, Mt. Horeb, WI 53572.

It is not too late to register for Camp this summer. All details and the registration form can be found on the Sons of Norway 5 website. [Select Programs](#), then [Masse Moro](#). Please let me know, if I can be of further assistance.

Thank you!
Cheryl



JOIN THE LANDMARKS FOUNDATION FOR A CLASS!

Our neighbors, the Landmarks Foundation, has long envisioned hosting classes in the old schoolhouse. The President of the Landmarks Foundation, Jackie Sale, is excited to announce 2 classes that will be offered.

The first class will be a rosemaking class taught by Lois Mueller of Platteville. She is a Vesterheim gold medalist, and some Vennelag members have previously taken one of her classes. This class is scheduled for [Saturday, September 7th](#). If you have unfinished projects, consider completing them under Lois's tutelage. Miscellaneous supplies will need to be purchased along with wooden ware and brushes, but Lois will provide the paints. Her fees are yet to be determined.

The second class, Kolrosing, will be taught by Rebecca Hanna of Decorah, IA. She doesn't teach outside of Decorah much, but is willing to provide this experience in Mt. Horeb for the Landmarks Foundation and our members. Rebecca has presented her carving projects at a lodge meeting previously, and she also has worked with the Landmarks staff. She is a Vesterheim gold medalist. The class will be held on [October 12th](#). The hours of the Kolrosing class are from 9:00 AM-5:00 PM, with one hour off for lunch. Twelve seats will be open in the class. Fees have yet to be determined, and a list of the supplies one needs to obtain will be forwarded.

If you are interested in either of these offerings, mark the dates on your calendar. I will share further details about registration and the supply list, as they are made available.

Cheryl

Cheryl presented Destinee Udelhoven of the Mt. Horeb Area Historical Society's Driftless Historium with Vennelag's final installment check for \$1,000.

Pending BOARD Meetings

[Wednesday May 15, 2019](#)

[Wednesday, June 12, 2019](#)

[Wednesday, August 14, 2019](#)

Upcoming LODGE Meeting Dates

[Thursday, May 30, 2019-Grand Syttende Mai Celebration](#)

[Thursday, June 27-Brigham Park picnic, weather permitting](#)
(Otherwise, Mt. Horeb Community Center)

[JULY-NO LODGE MEETING-KAFFE STUE \(ALL HANDS ON DECK!\)](#)

[Thursday, August 29, 2019](#)



Think Summer!!!

Yup...it's just around the corner. Mark your calendars for these fun events:



SYTTENDE MAI PARADE Stoughton May 19 11:30 AM



June 15 – Brats on the Lot at Miller's Store in Mt. Horeb: 8:30 AM – 2 PM
Baking day for Kaffe Stue (watch for an eblast)



The annual Lodge picnic will be held on **Thursday, June 27** at Brigham Co. Park, north of Blue Mounds on County Road F and will take the place of the monthly meeting. Plan to bring a new or prospective member for a chance at winning a prize for you and your guest. Bring a dish to pass. The Lodge will provide the meat, buns, condiments, and drinks. 5:00 PM



The trip to the Mallards game was a lot of fun last year so the board decided to do this again! On **Thursday, July 25** we will again be in the Duck Blind and partake of the ballpark food specials. Sign-up sheets will be made available at the monthly meetings and thru the Lodge June picnic. Est. cost is \$25-\$30 per person. Gather at 6:00 PM. More details to come.



August 17 – Winery tour



October 12—Colorama tour

August 29- Our 1st fall meeting, we will have a presentation on Bjornson, a famous poet in Norway and Aulestad a Norwegian Nationalist. We will visit the home of the renowned poet and nationalist through a media presentation.

For those who are reading during the summer to work on the Literature Culture Pin, you may have a Norwegian book in your possession, but if not, Karen Eberhart has done research into which authors are in the libraries. Here are just a few suggestions to get you started:

Karl Ove Knausgard
Margaret Hayford O'Leary
Pater Christen Asbjornsen
Asne Seierstad

Gunnar Staalesen
Bobbie Peers
Knut Hamsun
Peer O. Stromme

If you would like the full list of authors, copies will be available at meetings.

Happy reading!
Tiffany



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