

Nov.-Dec. 2018



Vennelag Lodge 5-513

## ***Vennelag News***

***FRA PRESIDENTEN*** – from the president

**Tusen takk!**

We couldn't have served the Frokost without you.

Your assistance, donations, and monetary gifts were all greatly appreciated.

Rita and I thank you for your involvement and contributions in making Vennelag Lodge truly great!

Tusen takk til alle for hjelpen oss i dag (A thousand thanks to all for helping us today.).

You make a difference!

Cheryl

P.S. The icing on the cake was several new members! Well done, alle sammen😊

**Velkommen to our newest members:**

Tom Coughlin from New Glarus

Barry Seifert from Madison

Justine Chien from Madison

Vennelag membership totals for the last 7 years

2012 123 members

2013 148 members

2014 147 members

2015 161 members

2016 167 members

2017 177 members

2018 170 members

Sons of Norway has welcomed nearly 1,700 new members in the USA, Canada and Norway in 2018!

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.

## Getting to know members of Vennelag Lodge

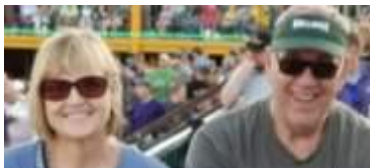
### It's a family affair!

\*Going to Norway with the Mt. Horeb SON in 2017 and finding the family farm in Jevnaker, Norway, led Arlene and Allen Watrud (Watterud) to the Mt. Horeb SON.

Arlene joined in January of 2017. She has 3 children: Damon, Kjersten, and Erik and 3 grandchildren. Arlene lives in Madison.

Allen joined in June of 2017. He is married to Martha, and they have 2 children: Matthew and Lindsey and 6 grandchildren. Allen lives in Middleton.

It didn't take much to persuade Anna to join in 2018 with her husband Orville Olson. They have 2 daughters: Amy and Eilzabeth and 3 grandchildren. Anna and Orv live in Dodgeville.



\*\* Ron and Deb Goplin joined the Lodge in 2018. They are both retired and split their time between their home in Cross Plains and their cabin outside Blue River. They have 3 sons: Andy, Jesse and Matthew and 3 grandsons.

\*\*\*Linda (Erickson) and Tom Coughlin joined in 2018. Linda, retired, and Tom are Operating Room nurses. Two trips have taken them to Norway, one of which took them to Linda's great grandfather's birthplace. Linda is 80% Norwegian but Tom boasts of his 1% Scandinavian heritage. They live in New Glarus.



\*\*\*\*Jane Gullickson-Heibel was born in Dodgeville, WI. My parents were both Norwegian. Mother was a Halverson and made a lot of lefse. Dad didn't speak anything but Norwegian until he went to school. I graduated from the University of WI-Stout. Taught at Mineral Point schools. Married Jeff Heibel, also from Dodgeville. Went to Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction and worked as a consultant. Retired from there and taught half-time at Iowa-Grant High School. Now I babysit for grandchildren and work as a cashier at a Pharmacy. Still work with a student group connected to DPI and enjoy it all! Enjoy working with people and have been lucky to meet so many people over the years. Look forward to what happens next.

### 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.

Send your used stamps and phonecards to TUBFRIM, NO-3540 Nesbyen, Norway. PLEASE, never throw away canceled stamps and phonecards. Stamps and phonecards from any country in the world can be used. Just cut or tear the stamps off the envelopes, leaving a slight margin (approx. 1/2 in.) to keep-the perforation intact. Damaged stamps (damaged perforation, edges) are worthless and are to be thrown away. We are also happy to receive stamp collections, old envelopes, covers and postcards. If envelopes, postcards etc. are more than 40-50 years old, then please DO NOT CUT OFF THE STAMP, but send us the whole envelope/postcard! Save used stamps and phonecards for:  
TUBFRIM NO.3540 NESBYEN, NORWAY

## Calling all Vennelag members:

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**IT'S TIME!!!** Get out those old tap shoes and magician's kit, knock the rust off the old singing pipes, or hang a new reed on your clarinet. That's right...we want to have a night of skits, song, and fun things during the November 15 meeting. Maybe an Ole and Lena joke, or two! There's a banjo or ukulele out there waiting to be strummed.

We hope everyone can join in. If you don't have a skit but would like to participate, Tiffany has some available to borrow.

So give it some thought and let Allen ([awatrud@gmail.com](mailto:awatrud@gmail.com)) or Tiffany ([whtetigger05@hotmail.com](mailto:whtetigger05@hotmail.com)) know of your plans. We hope everyone can join in. Or, you can just watch us make fools of ourselves. That's ok too!

### Some cultural experiences in Middleton for our members to enjoy during the dark days of winter:

The Friends of Middleton Performing Arts Center (PAC) will be offering the following concerts. Although these concerts will not be formally organized by the Social and Cultural Director, please look further into these opportunities and enjoy them with friends.

November 17, 2019 at 7:30 pm: I Am, He Said – Celebrating the music of Neil Diamond

January 26, 2019 at 7:30 pm: Supreme Reflections – A tribute to Diana Ross and The Supremes

April 13, 2019 at 7:30 pm: The Diamonds in Concert – Known for *Little Darlin'* dubbed the National Anthem of Rock and Roll

Please call 608-886-3103 to purchase tickets with a credit card.

Email: [friendspac@hotmail.com](mailto:friendspac@hotmail.com)

#### SECRETS OF A LONG AND HAPPY MARRIAGE:

At the weekly husband's marriage seminar, the Pastor asked Ole, who was approaching his 50th wedding anniversary, to take a few minutes and share some insight into how he had managed to stay married to the same woman all these years. "Vell", Ole replied, "I've tried to treat her nice, spend da money on her, but best of all, I took her to Norway for da 20th anniversary!" The Pastor responded, "Ole, you are an amazing inspiration to all the husbands here! Please tell us what you are planning for your 50th anniversary. Ole proudly replied, "Vell, I'm a-gonna go get her."

## OUR DRAGON COMES TO LIFE!



On August 26, our Viking dragon roared to life as it made it's way in the Good Neighbor Fest in Middleton. Spectators enjoyed the dragon, the bubbles, the bouncy bike ridden by Damon Krueger, and the hats on our smiling and waving Vennelag members (Aldeen Fjelstad, Cheryl Wille-Schlesser, Carolyn Johnson, David Andersen, Rita Schraepfer, Davi and Cameron Penne, Carlyce Skjervem with grandchildren Connor and Anabelle, Kjersten Krueger-Hayes and Arlene Watrud-Krueger with grandchildren Anders, Rhemy, and Sutton). The boat was navigated by Harley Skjervem with pooches Gus and Barney co-piloting. Thank you to Allen Watrud for the idea and making our dragon smoke.

You see these terms often in the newsletter so here is a little Norwegian for you!

*Jeg Snakker*  
**NORSK**

## Saying thank you

<b>Takk.</b>	Thank you.
<b>Mange takk.</b>	Many thanks.
<b>Tusen takk.</b>	A thousand thanks, (lit.)
<b>Takk skal du/De ha</b>	Thanks shall you have, (lit.)
<b>Takk for maten.</b>	Thanks for food, (lit.)
<b>Takk for sist. *</b>	Thanks for last time, (lit.)

*\*An expression widely used to somebody who was your host the last time you met.*

**And a common reply:**

<b>Selv takk.</b>	Don't mention it.
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*When accepting or declining an offer you should add **takk** to **ja** ('yes') as well as to **nei** ('no'), and in such a context **takk** can correspond to 'please':*

<b>Ja takk.</b>	Yes please.
<b>Nei takk.</b>	No thank you.





# Following the life of the LITTLE NORWAY STAVE BUILDING leads GUESTS from ORKRANGER to VENNELAG LODGE

On the evening of August 28, 10 guests from Norway came to the lodge for a potluck dinner, music, singing, dancing and information on the Little Norway Stave building. What a wonderful evening this was.

Rosalie Huntington (on accordion) and Ron Kittleson (on guitar) played and sang a variety of songs. As Norwegian songs were played we enjoyed singing by Jon Grinde, Chuck Mørkri and Harley Skjervem. The toe tapping to the music led to dancing. Our Norwegian guests sang Happy Birthday to Lora Lee and David Andersen. Betty Martinson presented our guests with dark chocolate bars. We watched a presentation on the Stave building from its roots in Norway, to the Columbian Exposition, Lake Geneva, Mount Horeb and back to Orkdal.



Mange takk to those who provided lodging for our guests.



# FROKOST – OCTOBER 6, 2018

## What a great Frokost!



Our lodge and our events are becoming well known. Colder weather did not discourage anyone from attending the breakfast, so we smiled, greeted and served over 400 guests at Frokost! Our bake sale did well also! It was wonderful to see so many members step forward to make this fundraiser a success. Thank you so much to all who helped in any way. It takes every member to make a difference!

Thank you for:

- Picking up supplies, wrapping silverware
- Making lefse, rosettes and fry cakes ahead of time
- Setting up the Community Center on Friday and helping tear down on Saturday
- Making food at home and bringing it in on Friday
- Coming in very early Saturday morning to help
- Greeting and welcoming hungry eaters to our breakfast and serving food to our guests
- Putting up and taking down the signs and banners
- Rolling meat, arranging cheese, checking off food donations, and arranging the bake sale items
- Setting up, taking down and working in the cookie room
- Setting up the coffee pots, making and pouring coffee, milk and juice
- Working at the bake sale and membership tables
- Frying pancakes and making waffles
- Being a cashier at the door
- Cutting the salmon, organizing serving trays, slicing vegetables & working in the kitchen
- Washing dishes all day. Taking out the trash
- Donating food or cash

Always remember that your contributions matter and are appreciated. Vennelag is very proud to call you a member and values your participation.

**Tusen takk!** Rita Schraepfer, Event Chair



# Celebrate the Cinnamon Roll this Fall



October 4 is Kanelbolledagen, or Cinnamon Roll Day.

These beloved pastries are known by many names, such as kanelbolle (cinnamon bun), kanelnurr (pinwheel), kanelknote (knot) or skillingsbolle (shilling bun). The latter is how they are known in Bergen, named for their original price. Skillingsboller are traditionally a snail shape, with high butter content and granulated sugar on top, rather than glaze or frosting. Other parts of Norway prefer their kanelboller in a twist of knots.

The Hanseatic League is said to have brought cinnamon rolls to Norway via the port of Bergen. Although cinnamon was originally brought to Europe through the spice trade from Asian and Africa, the idea of combining wheat dough with cinnamon and sugar is said to have originated in continental Europe.

Cinnamon roll day is an unofficial holiday that was founded in Sweden in 1999, with the excitement eventually catching on in Norway. In Bergen, the skillingsbolle has its own day, celebrated June 7, when children can get enjoy free rolls from local bakeries.

Whether shaped like snails or ornate knots, and no matter what you call them, warm cinnamon rolls trigger fond memories for Scandinavians. God appetit!

Sons of Norway members can access an authentic recipe for cinnamon rolls in the November issue of Viking.

## Do you have a change of address?

Please inform Duane Kittleson of any change in mailing address or email. You may make a request to discontinue the printed copy to receive an email copy notification when the newsletter is posted on

[www.sonsofnorway5.com](http://www.sonsofnorway5.com).

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## November set up crew

Leonard and Paula Werner  
Chelsi Wille and Avery Kimmerly     Mary Krantz  
Cheryl Wille-Schlessler and Roger Schlessler  
Kathleen and Thomas Wulff

## November Serving Crew:

Tamico Clary     Remember: this will be a "lite  
Jean Bower     lunch" of finger foods, beverages  
Lisa Salava     and desserts

## **VENNELAG dates to remember:**

**November 3, 2018: NORWEGIAN BAKING WORKSHOP.** The day will begin at 8:30 AM in the Mt. Horeb community center with a heart waffle and beverage. Come learn how to make lefse, rosettes, krumkake, aebleskivers, smørgrøt, heart waffles, and a "surprise" cookie. COME! LEARN! BE NORWEGIAN PROUD!

**November 7, 2018:** Board meeting 6:30 PM, Culver's Restaurant Community Room

**November 8, 2018:** Nordic Fiddlers will be performing at 7:30 PM at the Folklore Village, Dodgeville

**November 15, 2018:** NOTE! This is one week earlier due to Thanksgiving

**Vennelag talent show**

**Vennelag 47<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Salute, Memorial Service month**





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### Vennelag December Dates

**December 1, 2018: Breakfast with Santa** –Begin the morning with a waffle breakfast at 8:30 AM. Have pictures taken with Santa. Children will have an opportunity to make 4 craft items which they will take home. Tickets are \$5 per breakfast. This is a new venture for the Lodge so bring your children and grandchildren for a morning of Norwegian Christmas fun. Jean Grindle and Karen Eberhardt are co-chairing this event.

(WE WILL BE REDECORATING THE ROOM FOR THE JULETREFEST AT 1 PM...HELP BY ALL IS APPRECIATED!)

**Juletrefest:** Social hour will begin at 5:30 PM, followed by a potluck dinner at 6:15. The Good Luck Singers will be performing at the program. Reservations need to be sent to Tiffany Schwoerer by November 29, 2018. Call her at 608-527-2821. Please leave a voice mail/message. Remember to bring your own table service.

**December 10, 12, and 13, 2018: Christmastime Lefse Making for Fundraiser** -Rolling lefse (from dough using whole potatoes) begins at 8:30 AM at the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Mt. Horeb.

**December 15, 2018: Christmastime Lefse Sale.** Mt. Horeb Community Center, beginning at 9 AM.

\*\*\*Acanthus carving at Stoughton's Mandt Lodge on [Tuesday's](#) at 6:30 to 8 pm through spring. Call Don Rorvig at 235-3521 for more information.