



Budstikken



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Wergeland Kalender

- ◆ Nov 2, General meeting at Harry J. Olson Center, 1607 North St, La Crosse
- ◆ Nov 7, 8:30 am, Board meeting at Perkins on Hwy 16 near the mall
- ◆ Nov 20, 11:00 am, Convention Steering Committee meets at the Radisson
- ◆ Nov 20, Deadline for Budstikken articles
- ◆ Nov 29, Budstikken mailed to members.
- ◆ Dec 7, 7:00 Heritage Christmas Dinner, Radisson Hotel

Fra Presidenten



Autumn has arrived in all its splendor here in the Midwest and with it comes the harvest season and some cooler temperatures. I am currently reading the book "From America to Norway, Norwegian American Immigrant Letters 1838-1914." Many of the letters deal with the trials and tribulations of the Norwegian farmer during that time. Though none of the letters come from people who have gotten rich by farming, many (but not all) tell of successful harvests achieved through hard, diligent work. What a satisfying feeling that must have been to these people after a long summer of toil not to mention the uncertainties of the weather to have the crop harvested and stored away or sold as winter approached. The book will be in our lodge library when I am finished so give it a read when it comes. Many of the letters come from this area including La Crosse, Holmen, Galesville and Westby.

The book also contains many letters regarding the Christmas season and how it was celebrated. Usually with people visiting or hosting guests and serving many of the Norwegian delicacies that we are all familiar with. Of course, our December meeting will be our Christmas banquet which will be held at the Radisson Hotel in La Crosse. This is always a great way to start the holiday season and this year it will give us the opportunity to preview the facility that will be hosting our convention next summer. Tickets for the traditional Norwegian meat ball meal will be on sale at the November meeting or you can reserve a spot by calling Adrian Johnson.

As we are getting toward the end of the year don't forget that we are still looking for officers for 2018. If this is something you are interested in pursuing, please contact myself or Ramona Johnson or talk to me at the November meeting. Until then, stay warm and I will see you at the next meeting. Dave

**Next meeting: Thursday, November 2, 2017, 7:00 PM at
Harry J. Olson Center, 1607 North Street, La Crosse**



Program for November

THE TRADITION CONTINUES

A Norwegian tradition that began with a 25-year-old immigrant from Norway in 1883 continues today. Come and learn about traditional kubbestol carving in the first two generations and how it continues today into the 4th and 5th generations. Presented by Frieda and Naomi Nowland.

Lunch providers for November 2 meeting

Sandwiches (2½ dozen): Mary Sween, Sally Olson, Shirley Schoenfeld, Lil Malzacher, Jean Davis, Eugene Johnson, Jan Brudos, Lynn Curtis

Cakes (18 pcs): Carol Stekel, Kathy Anderson, Ann Sprain, Doris Henderson, Agnetha Ames, Karen Broadhead, Marian Mickelson

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



November Birthdays

3 Emily Rodriguez
 3 Kristy Stokke
 5 Kathryn Anderson
 6 James Halvorson
 8 Nancy Loper
 8 Lois Willinger
 9 Julia Forde
 10 Paul Amundson
 10 Jenni Maxwell
 10 Alexandria Mc Guire
 10 Paulette Widener
 11 Michael Everson
 11 Laura Gonia
 13 Ilene Pavelko
 13 Shirley Schoenfeld
 14 Michael Anderson
 14 Greg Hart
 15 Garth Gregerson
 15 Theresa Heiser
 17 Erik Coaty
 18 Harley Evenson
 18 Nancy Von Arx
 19 Erin Ross
 19 Laurine Woxland
 22 Lorraine Hagen
 23 Mark Dregne
 23 Joan Everson
 25 Eleanor Mull
 26 Mary Amunson
 26 Kathy Severson
 27 Katiya Gombar
 27 Lois Tolvstad
 28 Susan Carlson
 28 Connie Erickson
 28 Shafer Stromwall
 29 Stephanie Howe
 30 Sally Olson

Program for December

Start to make your plans now for an early Christmas dinner. The Heritage dinner will be held Dec. 7 at the Radisson Hotel. Rachel Grippen Storlie will perform a program of a mix of the many kinds of music she excels in, but will include Norwegian folk music, Christmas music and one operatic number. We have arranged for a Norwegian meatball meal. Social hour will be at 5:00, dinner will be served at 6:00. Price per ticket is \$22.00. Tickets will be available for purchase at the November meeting.

Sekretær Notater...

Minutes of the October 5, 2017 meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Dave at 7:03. The Pledge was recited and the three national anthems were sung. One guest, a prospective member, was recognized.

Treasurer's report as of September 30, 2017 showed a balance of \$5,141.42 in the savings account; \$836.06 in checking; \$2,513.50 in the scholarship fund and \$1,724.41 in the memorial fund.

750 veterans receive holiday greetings because of members' efforts to prepare cards. We now prepare cards for soldiers.

Harry Olson Center is seeking NEW item donations are baskets for a raffle they are having in conjunction with a dance. A red box will be available at the meeting next month. All groups using the facility are expected to donate.

There is no nominating committee functioning so there is no slate of officers in place. If interested, please step forward.

Ushers are needed for December 10th at 12:30 at the La Crosse Theatre. If interested sign up with Ramona.

Bell ringers are needed at Onalaska Foods on December 16th and 22nd. Sign up with Eugene if willing to take a shift or two.

Christmas banquet will be at the Radisson on Dec 7th. A monetary donation is asked from each attendee to provide for lefse. The goal would be about \$100.00.

A thank you letter from the Salvation Army was shared for the chicken dinners supplied them from our Chicken Dinner.

\$34.00 was the split of the raffle drawing. The second name drawn donated his \$34.00 to the general fund.

The program included a presentation by a Foundation representative and Lilv Marit Haakenstad, genealogist and historian from Norway. She spoke about Cleng Peerson, the person that brought the first boatload of Norwegians to America.

Recorded by Kathi Beane Assistant Secretary



Thankful



Til minner om...

...**Everette Hoff** (85) who died September 29, 2017. Everett had been a member for almost 18 years, and had Insurance with SON. He was an Army Veteran. Sincere sympathy to his wife Ruth and family.

Condolences til...

...the family of **Ruby Thompson** (91) who died September 29, 2017. She had been a member for 29 years - from March 1984 through March 2013. She didn't want to continue after her dear husband Lester passed away. They had both been very active in SON.

...**Cathy and Tim Ofte**. Their brother-in-law Verlyn Ames of Retreat passed away on October 10th, 2017.

Velkommen til Wergeland...

...**Karen Saegrove** from La Crosse joined, recommended by **Carolyn Sorenson**.

...**Sandee Winterfield** from La Crosse joined, recommended by **Frieda Nowland**.

Get to know them at coffee time after the meetings.

Gratulerer til...

...**Don and Laurine Woxland**, Wergeland members, celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary on October 4th. They just got back from a trip with their daughter to Norway and other European countries.

Looking Ahead...

Our lodge helps usher at the **La Crosse Community Theatre** December production. We need five more volunteers for Sunday, December 10th. Hours are 12:30 to 4:00 PM. Ushers get to see the play free. The production this year is "A Christmas Story". Call Ramona at 788-7507 if you would like to help.

On December 13, we will be at **Rotary Lights** from 6:00 - 7:00 singing Christmas Carols. We will also have a tree again - more information to come.

Our lodge will **ring bells for the Salvation Army** on December 16 (Saturday) and 22 (Friday) at the Festival Foods in Onalaska. To ring bells, go to the Salvation Army La Crosse website and click on the volunteer heading or see Gene Johnson at the November lodge meeting.

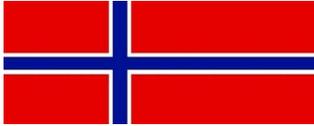
2018 Calendars are for sale for \$11; our lodge receives \$3.50 of the sale.



The District 5 Convention Committee continues to meet monthly. We have now scheduled classes and speakers that our members will want to hear. Be sure to save June 27 - June 30, 2018 on your calendar. Later on we will be asking for volunteers to assist with classes, supervise the folk art display room, set up a room for speakers, and to help with coffee and Norwegian baking. There is, of course, no charge for members who can help out with volunteering....even for just a portion of the day. For non-delegates and non-volunteers there will be a \$25.00 charge that includes an information bag that will provide access to all speakers and vendors. Vendors will have many diverse Norske items to see and purchase. Saturday evening there will be a banquet with entertainment. You also will have the opportunity to do a La Crosse Queen ride as well as guided tour to Norskedalen and Westby rural Coon Prairie Church with its rich Norwegian history.

This month we have a **special** way for our members to become involved. The image you see above will be part of our convention logo. This was created by our president, Dave Glomstad. It ties together the beautiful city of La Crosse, the Mississippi River and bridges, and of course our Norwegian heritage. Now we are asking members to suggest a short slogan or phrase that along with the logo picture, expresses our convention goals celebrating our heritage, culture, and history. It could also be used for the information booklet and t-shirts that will be for sale. Many of our members have creative minds and we are sure can come up with a good idea. It should not be too long as it would then not fit on the pin.

You can email any suggestions to Carol Stekel at jmstekel@aol.com. We will compile them and then the convention committee will choose a final design. at our November meeting. Mange takk!!



Dis og Dat



Helge Vestnes has switched email providers and will no longer have access to the Centurytel email account. His new email address is: hevestnes@gmail.com. He is only be using this email from now on.

Jean Davis along with her daughter, Renee Bondy, recently traveled to Phoenix, AZ, to surprise Jean's son Robert for his 60th birthday. They were also able to see Tana Bondy who is going to AZU. A good time was had by all.

Fred and Dee Johnson enjoyed hosting the CVE Point Cruz Navy Reunion at the Radisson in La Crosse in September. Korean Veterans attended from all over the U.S. A good time was had by all.

Judean Everson enjoyed going with friends to Minot, North Dakota, for their Norwegian Hostfest celebration.



Norwegian Dinners

>**Our Saviors Lutheran Church West Salem** Saturday, November 4th: Meatballs, lefse, lutefisk and homemade Norwegian sweets. Serving from 3:30 pm - 8:00 pm

>**Blair Lutheran Church**, Saturday, November 4th: 85TH Annual Lutefisk Dinner & Supper. Serving 11:00 A.M. to 7:00pm (or until all are served)

Ole walks into work, and both of his ears are all bandaged up. The boss says, "What happened to your ears?"

Ole says, "Yesterday I vas ironing a shirt ven da phone rang and I accidentally answered da iron."

The boss says, "Well, that explains one ear, but what happened to your other ear?"

Ole says, "I tried ta call da doctor."

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.

From the October Wergeland meeting



Corrie Maki Knudson (above), the new Sons of Norway Foundation Director, gave updates at the October Wergeland meeting.

[photo credit Carol Stekel]

Lilv Marit Haakenstad (below), genealogist and historian from Hamar, Norway, discussed the role Cleng Peerson played in Norwegian immigration.



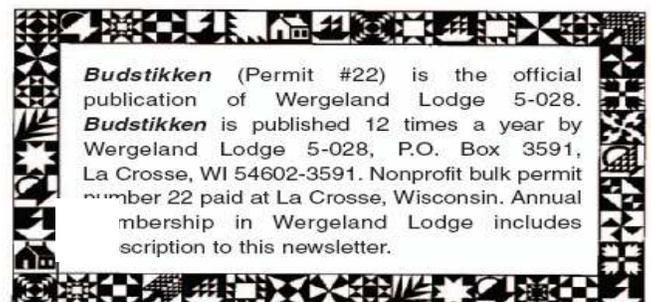
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Vesterheim's Museum Store

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Your purchases support Vesterheim. Thank you!

Looking for some unique Christmas gifts? Explore the Scandinavian items at store.vesterheim.org. You can find apparel, books, calendars, games and toys—something for everyone!



Norwegian Bonds Strengthened, St. Olav Medals Awarded

Former Sons of Norway International Board President Marit Kristiansen and long-time member Steinar Hansen received St. Olav medals from Norway's Ambassador to the United States Kåre Aas. The medals were presented to the recipients last month at the Viking Hall in Anchorage, AK. St. Olav medals are awarded in recognition of "outstanding services rendered in connection with the spreading of information about Norway abroad and for strengthening the bonds between expatriate Norwegians and



their home country."

Marit joined Sons of Norway nearly 50 years ago, in October 1968. She said Steinar was the one who signed her up and initiated her as a member, so it was especially meaningful to receive the award at the same time as he did. "It's come full circle," she said. Marit served on the Sons of Norway International Board from 2000-2014 and was President of the Board 2012-2014. Please join Sons of Norway in congratulating Marit and Steinar for being honored with the St. Olav medals.

Posted on sofno.com

Norway Embraces Rainforest Conservation

Earlier this year, the Norwegian Parliament officially guaranteed that the government's public procurement policy will be deforestation-free. In a nutshell, this means that the Norwegian Government will no longer buy products linked with tropical deforestation or sign contracts with companies that destroy forests.

Forests and trees cover 31 percent of the earth's land, and are vital to human and animal existence. Every second of the day they produce oxygen and remove carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, essentially making up our planet's lungs. Without them, survival is nearly impossible.

Norway funds forest conservation projects worldwide and has continued to support human rights programs for forest communities for years. With its commitment to a zero deforestation policy, Norway stays true to its strong stance on supporting causes that protect the environment.

Norskedalen News

Nov 11, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm **Heritage Education: Lefse Learning Day with Kris Thingvold** Just like baking, lefse is best learned when passed from generation to generation. Join us as we continue the tradition! \$12

New Membership Dues Structure

Shirley asked for clarification of how the new structure affects **Unge Venner** and received the following:

Beginning on January 1, 2018, Sons of Norway will have 2 membership categories: Individual (age 16+ will pay \$60/year) and Family (\$95/year, which will provide membership for everyone who resides at the same address). Those who are current Unge Venner members will be billed on their anniversary date after January 1, 2018. (Heritage members, ages 0 to 15, will continue to be free.)

In order to qualify for Family Membership, all dues paying members have to have the same mailing address in our system. (A college student, who is away at school, will have to use the household address as a permanent address in our database in order to fall under the Family Membership.) While they have to have the same mailing address to qualify for Family Membership, all members in the family should have a separate email address.

Those 16 to 23 who were signed up by their grandparent will continue their membership until their anniversary date in 2018, at which point they will have to pay dues as an individual or fall under the Family Membership umbrella. After Jan. 1, 2018, anyone can sign up another person for membership. A lineal relationship will no longer be required for those 16 to 23, nor will there be a special dues rate if such a relationship exists.

All those age 16+ are considered adult members. They can vote on all matters, serve as officers, are counted for representation at conventions, and can be a delegate to both district and International conventions.

An added feature of the new plan that may help those on a fixed income as well as any dues-paying Unge Venner will be the option to pay dues either annually by check or credit/debit card or monthly by an automatic withdrawal from a bank account (\$5/month for an individual membership or \$8/month for a family membership).

Mange Tusen Takk to **Dave Glomstad** for constructing our very own **Kubb set!** It will be kept at the Harry J. Olson center. You can borrow it for your parties or family events. Playing directions can be found online; here is a brief description from Wikipedia: "a lawn game where the objective is to knock over wooden blocks (*kubbs*) by throwing wooden batons (*kastpinnar*) at them. Kubb can be described as a combination of bowling and horseshoes."



Looking Back

Fem år siden (5 years ago) 2012

The November program was presented by Arlan and Doris Henderson, telling of their recent trip to Norway. They traveled for 16 days, touring, visiting friends, and attending a wedding. Arlan even helped make the moose stew served at the wedding.

Numerous Wergeland members enjoyed recent travels; Joe and Carol Stekel and Judean Everson to Minot, ND for Høstfest, Ingrid Fowler and daughter Becky to the Canadian Maritime Provinces, Ron, Frieda, and Tami Nowland to Oklahoma for the baptism of a great-grandchild, and Florence and Eugene Johnson to Illinois to visit daughter Mary.

The silent auction at the October meeting raised \$740 for the Scholarship Fund, plus a \$120 donation from the delegation visiting from our sister city in Førde, Norway.

Ti år siden (10 years ago) 2007

Myths and legends of Viking-Age Scandinavia were the topic of the November program, "Tales of the Ancient North", by speaker Douglas "Dag" Rossman.

Rector Wall was honored with this year's Holmen High School Viking Alumni Award.

The Wergeland Dancers, under the direction of Sandra Kawatski, performed eight times throughout this year for various occasions and parades.

Femten år siden (15 years ago) 2002

A program about stave churches was featured for the November program, including a slide show from International about the history and construction of stave churches. At one time, there were about 900 stave churches in Norway; however, only about 30 remain today.

Norwegian phrases and words are presented at each meeting by our cultural directors, helping members learn and pronounce more of the Norwegian language.

The nominations committee, consisting of Elaine Nelson, Bing Skogen, Evelyn Pertzsch, Audrey Olsen, and Jim Moe, presented the slate of officers nominated for 2003.

Da Great Hunt

Sven and Ole vere out deer hunting in da big woods up 'bove Eau Claire. Dey managed to flush out and shoot a nice, fine buck vid a spectacular rack. Dey're draggin it back tru da voods to der truck, but da rack keeps getting tangled up in da underbrush and dey're having a real hard time.

A game varden stops dem to inspect der prize. Vid everyting legal, da game varden congratulates dem. He notices da deer's antlers are full of brush and he can see "da boys" have been having trouble. He says, "Dat's a fine buck ya got, but it looks like you're having a lot of trouble dragging it out of da voods. It would be a LOT easier if you drag it da udder direction."

The varden leaves and "da boys" try dragging da buck from da udder end. Dey are amazed because now da antlers move freely and don't get stuck in da brush. Ole says to Sven, "Boy, dat Varden vas right! It is a lot easier dragging it dis vay."

Sven says "Yah Ole, but ve're getting a lot funder away from da truck."

A little in English...

We're Listening to Less Radio

Fewer people are listening to the radio after the FM network was turned off. The P1 channel has 123,000 fewer listeners each day.

A change in the radio network has had consequences. Not as many people are following radio to the new DAB (digital audio broadcasting) network, writes the newspaper VG.

The shutdown of the FM network has been noticed by the major channels. Every day, 1.517 million people listened to the channel P1 on NRK (Norwegian Broadcasting Corporation). Then the FM network got turned off. Now there are 1.394 million tuning in every day. This is a decline of 8 percent, numbers from Kantar TNS, (a London-based market research group) reveal.

"The transition from FM requires a lot from the user," said Ole Jan Larsen of NRK. He is the acting radio director. Larsen explains that they noticed that fewer people were listening after the FM network was turned off.

"But we also see that listeners come back eventually," he says.

Some counties have turned off the FM network for large channels. Thus, you must use DAB digital radio to listen to channels such as P1, P2, P3, P4 and Radio Norway.

Knut-Arne Futsæter is a research leader at Kantar TNS. He says that the decline is as expected.

"Also due to the number of radio stations. They get more listeners," he says.

Larsen also says that people have more channels to choose from on DAB. Thus, people listen to other channels.

Currently, the FM shutdown only applies to the national channels. Over 200 local radio channels may still broadcast online. They can do that through 2021, writes news agency NTB (Norwegian News Agency).

In Case You Missed It

Wergeland Lodge celebrates the Christmas season December 7th when we gather for our "Heritage" dinner. This year we will meet at the Radisson for dinner. Tickets will be available at the November meeting. The cost is \$22.00 for a sit down Norwegian meatball dinner. Social hour begins at 5 Pm with dinner served at 6:00. If you aren't able to be at the November meeting, you can call Ramona at 788-7507 and reserve a ticket. Rachel Storlie will entertain us with her beautiful singing and maybe she will lead us in some group caroling. You may remember she couldn't be with us in July because she was appearing in Europe and most recently at Carnegie Hall. Come prepared to hear some great music. Our dessert will be provided by our membership. Bring some cookies, krumkake, rosettes, or whatever you like to make. A sign up sheet will be passed around at the meeting in November-otherwise just bring your special baking.



Litt på Norsk...

Vi lytter mindre på radio

Færre hører på radio etter at FM-nettet ble slukket. Kanalen P1 har 123.000 færre lyttere hver dag.

Endringen av radio-nettet får følger. Ikke like mange blir med over til radio til det nye DAB-nettet, skriver avisa VG.

Slukkingen av FM-nettet merkes godt hos de store kanalene. Hver dag lyttet 1,517 millioner mennesker til kanalen P1 på NRK. Så ble FM-nettet slukket. Nå er 1,394 millioner innom hver dag. Det er en nedgang på 8 prosent, viser radiotall fra Kantar TNS.

– Overgangen fra FM krever mye av brukeren, sier Ole Jan Larsen i NRK Han er fungerende radiosjef. Larsen forklarer at de merker at færre lytter der FM-nettet er slukket, like etter slukkingen.

– Men vi ser også at lytterne kommer tilbake etter hvert, sier han.

En del fylker har stengt av FM-nettet for store kanaler. Dermed må du bruke DAB- digital radio for å lytte til kanaler som P1, P2, P3, P4 og Radio Norge.

Knut-Arne Futsæter er forskningsleder i Kantar TNS. Han sier at nedgangen er som ventet.

– Også mye på grunn av de mange andre radiokanalene. De får flere lyttere, sier han.

Også Larsen sier at folk har flere kanaler å velge mellom på DAB. Dermed hører folk på andre kanaler.

Foreløpig gjelder FM-slukkingen bare de nasjonale kanalene. Over 200 lokalradioer får fortsatt sende på nettet. Det kan de gjøre til og med 2021, skriver nyhetsbyrået NTB.

Source: <http://www.klartale.no/kultur/vi-lytter-mindre-pa-radio-1.992640>

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Norskedalen Activities

Throne Visitors Center

Hours From Nov 1 - Dec 31:

Monday-Friday from 8am-4pm

Saturdays and Holidays: closed

Sunday from noon-4pm.



Guided homestead tours, when a guide is available, will be at 10 am, 1 pm and 3 pm Monday through Saturday, and 1 and 3 pm on Sundays. Self guided audio tours will be available in any event.

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."

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.

Non-members may only use Norskedalen grounds during regular business hours and must check-in with office staff to pay admissions and receive a wristband.

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