



2019

Greetings Cousins!!!

As we draw near the end of year, we look back at the things that have taken place in 2019. Everyone is busy making memories and forming new traditions to incorporate into the old traditions. We have welcomed new family members either by birth of a new child or by marriage. We have also said goodbye to loved ones, holding their memory in our hearts and minds.

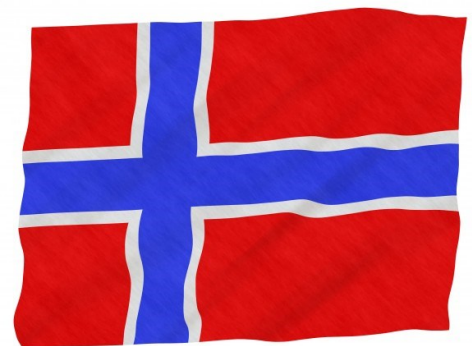
The Benrud Board has been busy making plans for the upcoming 2020 Reunion, which will be held July 31—August 2, 2020. There will be several activities to choose from. Please watch for the next newsletter next Spring with final details and registration information.

During this holiday season let us remember our all of those we have lost and embrace those around us! May you all find peace and joy at this time.

Mange velsignelser,

Kameo "Benrud" Maynard

Anton Branch



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Many of my friends are slightly amused at the number of cousins I have. They will laugh and make good natured comments like "Marie has cousins everywhere!" "Oh, no, not another cousin!" "And it is true!" I like my cousins and enjoy good times with them. I know first cousins, second cousins and even third cousins! Especially since I became one of the family historians in 2005, I have had the opportunity to travel and spend time with the Andersons in Iowa, the Benruds in Minnesota, and the Olson's and Benruds in Canada! Thank you for your warm welcomes and generous hospitality! Of course, the Reunions are a wonderful chance for everyone to meet and share stories with cousins from many different places! We seem to share a core value that reflects our Norwegian heritage. All these experiences have made my life richer, and I appreciate that.

Now it is time to open up that opportunity to someone else. Both Greg Olson and I are leaving the board. So, if you are interested in family history, and all the cousins & their families who are part of our lives today, please come forward to experience the variety of the Benrud Family. A big thank you to all of the cousins who helped with stories and information. I could not have finished the projects without you! Read the Family Tree, check the Benrud Family website and come to the History Room at each Reunion to learn more about your family.

If you choose to be a family historian, you may shape the position in your own manner, exploring whatever subject you find interesting. I hope someone will enjoy the opportunity as much as I did. Thank you.

Your cousin, Marie Peterson Marin

#### Board Vacancies:

Please consider joining the Benrud Board and help fill the following vacancies: Carl Historian, Lena Historian and Olava Historian. We will also be looking for a Family Historian and Maren Historian after the 2020 Benrud Reunion.



#### Check out the Benrud Family

##### Web Site

Go to [www.benrudfamily.org](http://www.benrudfamily.org) to find your family history, past Benrud Readers, photos and more.

**UPDATES AND NEWS:** A new email address has been created for the Benrud Reader. All submissions can be sent to [benrudreader@gmail.com](mailto:benrudreader@gmail.com).

Family updates (births, deaths, marriages, address) should still be sent to Julie Backus.



#### Benrud Vision Statement

The members of the Benrud Family foster traditions of family, heritage, and culture.

#### Benrud Mission Statement

The Benrud Family will provide opportunities for members to maintain contact with one another, to learn about the culture common to all of them, and to gather in celebration of their family heritage.



**MEMORIAL:** Saturday, August 1, 2020 we will have a tree dedication for the Sunset Maple tree which was planted near the chapel in memory of Curt D. Benrud, Anton Branch.

### ***Note from the President***

Dear Family:

Peder and Anne Soffie Benerud married in 1842 and June of 1875 they set sail on the SS Haakon Adelson, together with Olava, Carl and Ole for America to join their children Maren, Lena and Anton who had previously arrived in America. They sailed from Bergan, June 6, and arrived in New York, June 24. Then they traveled by train to Sparta, WI and then onto Cashton, WI, where they settled.

As we think of their journey, The Benrud Board is busy planning our 2020 Family Reunion where we can honor our ancestors. The reunion will be held at the AmericInn Hotel & Conference Center in La Crosse, WI, July 31—August 2, 2020. Activities to include: a pizza river boat cruise Friday night; Saturday: golf, food demonstrations, Kubb, the afternoon at Norskedalen learning more about our heritage and the Norwegian culture, The Benrud Amazing Race for all ages, kids games, ice cream, silent auction, Sunday morning worship and so much more.

We cannot do this without your help. We are in need of a choir director, a pianist and a keyboard for Sunday morning. Can you help us with this? Please email [benrudreader@gmail.com](mailto:benrudreader@gmail.com) if you can. Thank you so much!

The AmericInn is now taking reservations until June 29, 2020. You can call them at 608-781-7000. When making the reservation be sure to tell them that you're with the Benrud Family Reunion. The costs are as follows:

Singes, Doubles, Triples, Quads or Poolside: \$139.99 per night

Family/Deluxe or Patio: \$154.99 per night

Plus tax: 13.5%

Please watch for the next Benrud Reader with the registration form. We look forward to seeing you!

Carolyn Benrud Swanson

Benrud Board President

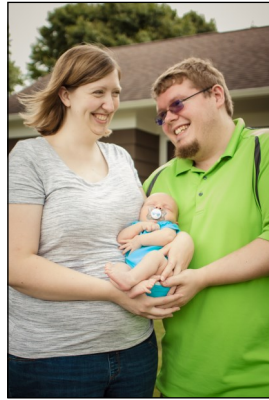


**Stop in to see a baptism display in the Benrud Little White Chapel at Norskedalen, near Coon Valley. Thank you to Iris Othrow for the photos!**





# Lena



Congratulations to Paul and Hayley

(Koeritz) Luther on the birth of their son Grant Arden. Grant was born on July 12, 2019. Grants grandparents are Tom and Heidi Koeritz. Grant was baptized on August 4, 2019 surrounded by his parents, grandparents, Heidi and Tom Koeritz and great-grandma Arlys Halvorson. Congratulations



Roger and Carole (Anderson) Long celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on September 20, 2018 in Utica, NY where they were married. Roger and Carole now live in Woodstock, Illinois, close to their daughter and son-in-law, Beth and Mark Miller (far right in group photo). Carole is the daughter of Arnold and Dorothy Anderson, Arnold being the eldest son of Oscar and Emma.



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**Family**



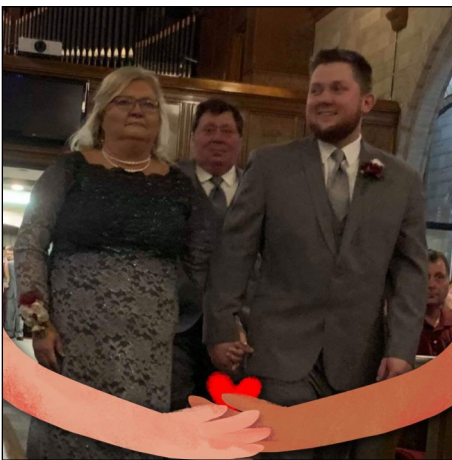
# Maren



Dustin Piper and Vanessa Jefson were married September 21, 2019. Dustin is the son of Dale and Diane Piper.

The bride and groom had former Foreign Exchange students of the Piper family attend the wedding coming from the Czech Republic, Germany and Denmark.

Congratulations Dustin and Vanessa!



Danielle Piper, (daughter of Dale and Diane Piper) will be learning more about her Norwegian heritage at her new position of Business Office Manager at Kettle Park Senior Living in Stoughton, WI. Kettle Park is full of Norwegians! Congratulations Danielle!!



Edward E. Olson passed away December 12, 2018 following a brief illness. Edward is the son of Richard "Peter" Olson and Belva Sparks Olson.

# Anton



Megan Benrud & Franklin Malek were married August 31, 2019 at The Benrud Little White Chapel. Megan is the daughter of Paul and Martha Benrud!



Darrell Lee Benrud passed away January 23, 2019 from melanoma brain cancer.





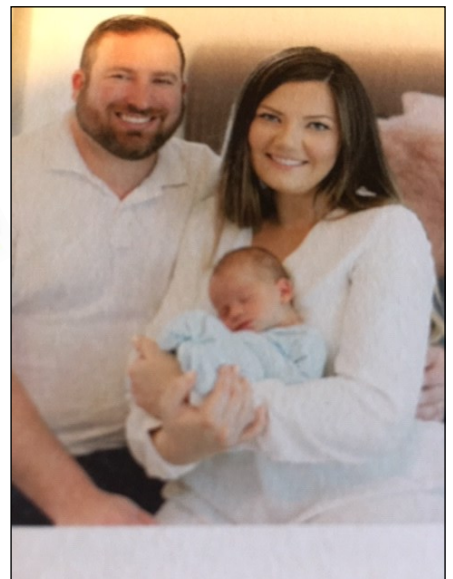
Ruth Price, Karrie Aaseby, and Iris Othrow make lefse for the coming holidays. Some of the younger generation are willing learners and very helpful. Karrie, Iris and Ruth will be sharing tips and tastes with participants at our 2020 Family Reunion. You won't want to miss the lefse making demonstration.



Troy Othrow and Morgan Rae were married October 5 in Green Bay. They live in Grand Chute. Congratulations Troy and Morgan!



Kris Aaseby and Timothy Burns were married September 14, 2019 at their home in Oshkosh, WI. Congratulations Kris and Timothy!



Harrison Kenneth was born July 17, 2019 to Steve and Maya Cohn. They reside in Ocoee, FL. Harrison is the great-grandson of Karrie Aaseby.



### Updates Needed

*In the last year many of your children have grown up and moved to their own places. Be sure we have their addresses. Also, new babies have been born and others in our family have died, we need your information to keep accurate records. In our age of technology e-mail addresses are an important addition. Please e-mail jewelsdi@yahoo.com with your e-mail address or changes.*

Please use the form below or the form on our web site ([www.benrudfamily.org](http://www.benrudfamily.org)) to send **new information and changes only** to:

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## Family Tree Update Form

Family Branch (circle one): Maren, Olava, Lena, Carl, Anton

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Maiden Last

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street / Delivery Address

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City State or Province Zip or Postal Code Country

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation/Hobby \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status (Circle one) Single, Married, Divorced, Widow, Widower

Marriage/Divorce \_\_\_\_\_  
(Circle One) Name of Spouse Birth Date of Spouse Date of Marriage or Divorce

Birth/Adoption \_\_\_\_\_  
Location of Birth Date of Birth and/or Adoption Gender

Death \_\_\_\_\_  
Name Date Burial Location Cause of Death



Give full names, including maiden name and dates, place of birth, cause of death, location of burial, complete data on new spouses and children, and any other information that will make your family records more complete. **Also, send obituaries and other news printed information to Julie.**

### Optional Additional Historical Information

This can include Baptism date and location, Confirmation date and location, Retired from and date, Education, Schools attended and graduation dates, Church affiliation, Social organizations, Civic involvement, Volunteer activities, Professional organizations, and Accomplishments, and anything else of interest



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