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Lake Telemark, NJ



B.U.L. Cabin
Lake Telemark, New Jersey
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21 Oslo Dr., Lake Telemark, NJ, **ONLY FOR GPS NOT MAIL**

Deadline for submission of materials for publication is the 20th of the month prior. PLEASE NOTE!

Nor-Bu is on Facebook at Nor-Bu Lodge.

ATTENTION

Jan. 17th 7:00pm Board Meeting

Jan. 20th, 2018 6:30pm
Budget Meeting important
Serving sandwiches please bring a plate.
Year Planning Meeting 5:30pm

Jan. 21st Sunday Dinner 2:00pm
Fillet Mignon \$20.00
See info next column

Jan. 26-28 LOV Weekend
Nor-Bu Lodge weekend
at LOV. See ad inside.
Let Audun know and call
LOV to make your
reservations.

RING IN THE NEW YEAR



WITH A NORWEGIAN



FILLET MIGNON DINNER

January 21st 2:00pm
Menu consists of Fillet Mignon,
Baked potato, vegetable, salad
and dessert.
Cost \$20.00 and BYOB
Reservations a must by 14 January prepaid
Limited to a max of 50 people

Call Anne-Lise Meisner 973-663-1070 or
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We have some limited space with a group on Hurtigruten on Aug. 23, 2018 if anyone is interested. Give me a call.



GOD BEDRING

We would like to send get well wishes to Emma Osvold, Gladys Stene, Love Green, Rita Kugler, Glenn Green, Ingunn Pedersen, Bob Haugeto, Peggy Gerding

 Hope You're Feeling Better!

NOTIFY our Sunshine Lady, Sister Evelyn Hammaren, 973-584-8249 ASAP if you know of anyone who is sick, or if you wish to extend congratulations to someone, for whatever reason It only takes a minute to call.

We have some of our members living in nursing homes. Their lives in many ways are very lonely and they could use a visit from friends when family can not get there. If you have a little time to spare to visit one of our members please consider doing so.

We have Emma Osvold living at Merry Heart in Boonton. Also Jenny Berntsen at the Arden in Whippany. They would really love a visit.

Contact Evelyn Hammaren if you have any questions or if you can go and would like to go together with someone.

GRATULERER MED DAGEN

- Irma Bergland Lafko
- Sonja Johnsen
- Alek Brescher
- Cheryl Knudsen
- Eugene Randazzo
- Ruth Murray
- Jannan Joseph
- Elizabeth Fox
- Patrick Deo
- Betty Karlsen
- Grethe Zarnitz
- Thelma Thompson
- Yvonne Forsythe
- Wayne Ring
- Gerda Lindstrom
- Dawn Green
- Douglas Eike
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- Evelyn Karpack
- Anna Marie Osvold

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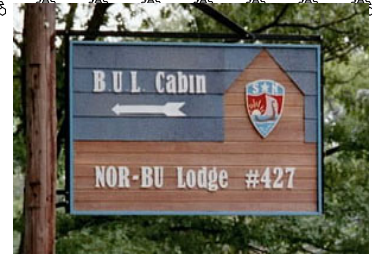




Don't forget our ongoing sale of Shop-Rite cards. This is an successful fundraiser. Since we started in March of 2010, we have sold almost \$100,000.00 in gift cards, that is just short of \$5000.00 for Nor-Bu. Please consider purchasing for yourself or for gifts.

If you wish to purchase some gift cards, contact Evelyn Karpack at 973-627-5634 or just mail a check for your order to Nor-Bu Lodge, PO Box 317, Hibernia, NJ 07842 and let us know the amount you wish.

JANUARY 2018 MESSAGE



Happy New Year everybody, or as we said once we had entered the new year, at least in my crowd in Norway, "Takk for det gamle," thanks for the old year. Was it a good year and therefore a reason to say thank you for it? Well, we may have different perceptions of this, but I cannot think of a year that was not good for something. "Aldri så galt så godt for noe" (never so bad that it is not good for something) is a Norwegian proverb, and it rings true today also. Remember, there are a lot of people around us that have worked hard to make things better for all of us, friends, family, and yes, your Sons of Norway leaders. We may not all be satisfied with everything that has happened, but let us be grateful for all the good things, and let us appreciate all those who have contributed in getting us there.

2018 is an important year for us in Sons of Norway as we have our District and International Conventions coming up. At our meeting in January, Nor-Bu will elect our delegates to the District Convention, which will be held in Happaug on Long Island. One of the good things that happened to our lodge in 2017, is that we managed to recruit enough new members to qualify for 5 delegates to the District Convention. That is, based on information I have today, I am fairly certain that we satisfy the requirements for 5 delegates. So come to our meeting in January and we will elect 5 worthy members to represent us in Happaug.

We need to make changes to our Nor-Bu bylaws, caused by both changes in our organizational structure, and changes in the way Sons of Norway operates. A proposal will be presented to our meeting in January. We will also need to consider any resolutions we want to put forward to the District and International Lodge Meetings at the two Conventions. I know business meetings are not the most popular of our meetings, but this one is important and I hope to see many of you there.

In closing I would like to mention that in Zone 3 which Nor-Bu belongs to, we have a Scholarship Fund. There is general agreement among the Zone members that we need to change the way we operate the Fund, particularly the fund raising part. Rather than relying on a dinner and a raffle as we have in the past, we will try a picnic which will include a Tricky Tray, raffle etc. It will be held at Nor-Bu on June 23, and will end with our traditional Bonfire celebrating St. Hans. The 23rd is on a Saturday, and I hope that you will come out strong in support of this event. We say that the kids are our future. Here is a chance to help safeguard that future.

Fraternally,
Andun



“GO FUND ME FOR LOV”

I hope everyone had a great Christmas. I would like to tell you about the Go Fund Me “For the Love of LOV” campaign which has just begun.

The Third District Board embarked on this campaign in an effort to seek donations from many different forums to be used to repair and improve LOV. We, therefore, set the goal high in hopes to be able to accomplish a lot.

To set it up, Go Fund Me requires a real person’s name, so since I was setting it up (with the help of the younger generation) and since I am the 3D & 3D Ltd Ways and Means Chairperson, I used my name. But this a 3D Board venture. **All money collected through this site will go directly into the 3D LTD account.**

Anyone can access the “For the Love Of LOV” page of the Go Fund Me site by going to the Land of the Vikings page of the Third District Website. It can also be accessed at <https://www.gofundme.com/for-the-love-of-lov> and on the LOV Facebook page.

In the Spirit of **Giving**, I hope everyone will remember LOV with a donation. All donations of any size will help. **Please share this information with your members.** It will also help if anyone with a Facebook page shares this information.

For those, like me, who prefer to write a check, please make checks out to 3D Ltd and mail to 3D Ltd Treasurer Peter Vatne.

Have a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Fraternally,
Karen Olsen-Helmold
District 3 Secretary



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Sunday Worship Sunday School 11 am

Pastor Jack DiMatteo

Communion is celebrated every Sunday.

The 2nd Sunday of each month is our
Contemporary Service.



January 2018

Fra Presidenten

Time to reboot and rewire*

(Title taken partly from an article in Forbes)

As we start a New Year, I would like to share a few thoughts with you that I've gathered from articles I have read or written over the years. I hope I can do so in a way that flows and makes sense!

Reboot

How many times have we experienced the message to reboot our computers? Sometimes it is to install an update. Other times it is to solve a problem and the easiest way is to turn the machine off and turn it back on again.

Many of our lodges will be “rebooting” by installing new lodge officers. Some of our members are taking roles that they have held before because no one else is available to take on the job. In one of my VP letters from 2013 ([click on this link](#)), I wrote about a flock of geese and how important it is for someone to take the place of the lead goose. You may not believe you can have an impact, but you can and do. If you can't take a leadership role this year, it's not too early to think about next year. Volunteer for some projects and see how your lodge operates; look areas of improvement; your help will be appreciated. The lead goose can always use a break!

Rewire

I have never forgotten a President's letter ([click on this link](#)) written by a past Norumbega President Luana Marie Jøsvold. (yes, I really do read your lodge newsletters, I love them). It was about a blank piece of paper with one dot. Human nature is to focus on the black dot rather than all the open white space. The open white space represents opportunity areas, a blank canvas for you to fill with thoughts and ideas. As your new officers take office, please focus on their fresh ideas - the empty part of the canvas. Try not to focus on the black dot of “that's not the way we usually do it”. Hold onto those things that are the essence of your lodge but be open to some rewiring which will bring some new events and ideas and maybe new ways of doing things. You just might be presently surprised!

Working together, we can keep this great big wonderful Third District Viking ship of ours under full sail, but we must be willing to catch new winds!

I wish you a very happy and healthy New Year!!

Mary

*<https://www.forbes.com/sites/pensionresearchcouncil/2017/11/16/moving-to-the-next-step-reboot-rewire-or-retire/#4eda66a87255>

The folks that help bring you the newsletter.
Booster Club Members

Stuart Anderson.....	11/2017
Dorothy Furst Bahnatka.....	7/2020
Sigrid Bjelland.....	5/2018
Frank & Kari Brescher.....	2/2018
Anne-Lise Henriksen Carew.....	3/2019
Ann Carlsen.....	4/2018
Joe Carlsen.....	11/2017
Artie Crane.....	12/2018
Ellen Crane.....	12/2018
Marga Conn.....	4/2018
Kim Dwyer.....	1/2018
Judith Eriksson.....	4/2018
Marit Fosstveit.....	9/2018
Gail Garnett.....	11/2019
Peggy Gerding.....	11/2017
Audun & Margaret Gythfeldt.....	4/2019
Bob Haugeto.....	10/2018
Jimmy Heien.....	10/2018
Vega & Arthur Hendela.....	04/2021
Ilene & Walt Jacobus.....	12/2018
Lillian Jensen.....	1/2018
Barbara & Peter Johanson.....	2/2018
Stan & Hessie Kjekstad.....	2/2020
Irma Bergland Lafko.....	4/2019
Debbie Landvik Larsen Felner.....	1/2019
Barbara & Joseph Lehner.....	1/2019
Bjorg Lema.....	11/2019
Gerda Lindstrom.....	12/2018
John & Claire Loken.....	9/2021
Per & Marit Mikalsen.....	6/2019
Russell & Doris Nelson.....	6/2018
Christian Nielsen.....	4/2018
Elizabeth & Roy Nilsen.....	12/2018
William Nostrand.....	3/2019
Mary & Harry Ostevik.....	1/2018
Marilyn Petterson.....	1/2018
Judy and Eugene Randazzo.....	4/2018
Kjell & Edith Ring.....	6/2018
Ruth Ruediger.....	11/2018
Gunvor Satra.....	1/2018
Raymond & Carol Schutz.....	3/2018
Roy & Barbara Selland.....	2/2019
Thor & Gladys Stene.....	05/2019
Joyce Svendsen.....	1/2018
Mari Svensen Mac Peek.....	1/2018
Angie Thompson.....	1/2018
Austin Thompson.....	1/2018
Joanne Thompson.....	1/2018
Robert & Mary Thompson.....	1/2018
Gwyn Anne Thompson.....	1/2018
Mary Ellen Thompson.....	1/2018
Garth Eric Thompson.....	1/2018
Gindy Dale Thompson.....	1/2018
Garon Keith Thompson.....	1/2018
Gayle Elaine Thompson.....	1/2018
Heather Thompson.....	1/2018

Jason Thompson.....	1/2018
Laura Thompson.....	1/2018
Thelma Thompson.....	1/2020
Barbara & Karl Peter Thorsen.....	4/2019
Ellen & Richard Tonnesen.....	3/2018
Solveig Walaas.....	1/2018

You can be a booster too! Adding your name to the booster list helps to pay for mailing and printing. \$ 10.00 donation to the Treasurer will put you on the list! Make Check out to Nor-Bu Lodge.
Mail to:

Anne-Lise Meisner
92 West Shawnee Trail, Wharton, NJ 07885-2923
 If your name is missing and you have sent in your booster, please let Anne-Lise know, 973-663-1070.

Memorial Boosters



- Daniel Lema October 2019
- Arne & Ingeborg Strom-Henriksen April 2019
- Arne Landvik-Larsen December 2019
- Dagmar & Susan Heien October 2019
- Eileen Anderson November 2018
- Joseph and Joey Bakos January 2018
- Oscar & Evelyn Tonnesen June 2018
- Ivar & Ruth Skavnes June 2018
- Palma & Olav Brastad December 2018



With our deepest sympathy



The members of Nor-Bu Lodge wish to send their condolences to the family and friends of Jimmy Heien who entered the Lodge Eternal recently. Jimmy would have been a 25 year member this month. He was active and always concerned about the lodge and its well-being. He will be missed.

With Deepest Sympathy



The members of Nor-Bu Lodge wish to send their condolences to the family and friends of Solveig Walaas who entered the lodge eternal on Dec. 14th. Solveig struggled a lot in the last couple of years, but did get to the may 17 parade one year.



NOR-BU LOV WEEKEND

January 26-28,2018

**Make sure you get your reservations in with LOV if you want to go.
Contact Rick and Beverly at 570-461-3500 or email: vikingland@tds.net**



Welcome new members;

★ Transfers from other lodges:

★ Ann Whitestone 862-377-0513
★ 404 Forest Ave., Pompton Plains NJ 07444
★ email annlwhitestone@gmail.com

★ Robert Vikse 718-948-0723
★ 133 Fairfield St. Staten Island, NY 10308

★ Welcome back:
★ Jannan Joseph 973-887-2792
★ 83 Tiffany Dr., East Hanover, NJ 07936-2518
★ email mrsjj@optonline.net

New to SON:

Carmen Cass 973-592-9171
334 Main St., Madison, NJ 07940

Eric Midgley 201-461-8307
35 Henry Ave., Palisades Park, NJ 07650-1113
email grandpa@aadigital.us

Lillian Midgley 201-461-8307
35 Henry Ave., Palisades Park, NJ 07650-1113
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Kathleen Sammartino
115 Lombard Ct., Staten Island, NY 10308



TRICKY TRAY 2017

This year's Tricky Tray was one of the most successful that we have ever had. Thanks to Evelyn Karpack and Barbara Samuelsen for organizing this event. We need someone else to step up to run this event in 2018. Evelyn and Barbara are retiring from this successful fund raiser and we thank them and all their helpers for making this a great fund raiser.

We thank all who donated trays or money to purchase trays and to all who attended that day..

A special thanks go out to all who helped that day: Nancy Ambjor, Judy Randazzo, Judy Durkin, Kari Brescher, Maureen Cooper, Grethe Zarnitz, Holly Midkiff-Weber, Nancy Lund, Marilyn Bakos, Richard Olsen (for getting vendor donations), Samantha Gamble, Jessica Gamble and Debbie Gamble, the group of little runners and everyone who helped with the tables and chairs. Thank you all.

The Nor-Bu Lodge Tricky Tray Committee would also like to thank all the vendor who contributed to our successful Tricky Tray in November and we ask all our members to frequent and support these vendors:

Telemark Auto
Café Metro, Denville, NJ
Denville Seafood
Baker's Perfection
Rockaway Bagel and Deli
Rockaway Hardware
Denville Hardware
The Exchange, Rockaway, NJ
Shop Rite, Rockaway, NJ

Denville Dairy
Telemark Pizza, Hibernia
Denville Foodtown
Jax's Good to Go Deli
Motor Masters, Rockaway
Paintin Place, Denville, NJ
Rockaway Lanes
Home Depot, Dover, NJ
Small World Travel, Wharton, NJ



Nansen Lodge 80th Anniversary



Sunday, January 14, 2018
2:00 P.M.

Nansen Lodge Banquet Hall
3441 Victory Blvd.
Staten Island, New York 10314

We will have a Cocktail Hour followed by a fine dinner consisting of Carving Stations serving a variety of foods, dessert and coffee.

There will be music for your listening and dancing pleasure.

We will have honored guests from both the International and District Offices.

**\$55.00 per person with an open bar.
Reservations are a must!**

Call Paul Kornbrekke (718) 356-8395

or email Paul at: longship50@aol.com

Send your check made out to Paul Kornbrekke,
256 Barnard Ave., Staten Island, NY 10307-1304

LEARN NORWEGIAN

Norwegian language classes are being held as the schedule of the students permit. If you are interested in joining, please call Kari Brescher to find out when the next class will be held.
973-627-6334

MITT NAVN ER (my name is)

