

THE NOR-BU NEWS



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Lodge web address www.norbulodge.org

Lake Telemark, NJ



B.U.L Cabin
Lake Telemark, New Jersey
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The mission of Sons of Norway is to promote and to preserve the heritage and culture of Norway and to celebrate our relationship with other Nordic countries, and to provide quality insurance and financial products to its members.

ATTENTION

MARCH



March 16th, 6:30pm

Irish night with Corned Beef and cabbage, \$15.00 **BYOB**.

Reservations a must.

Call Kari Brescher at 973-627-6334

March 31st, 2:00pm

Zone meeting Noreg Lodge

APRIL

April 10th, 7:00pm

Board meeting

April 13th, 6:30pm

Business meeting serving sandwiches

April 14th, 2:00pm

Annual Zone Memorial service

Finger food desserts needed

Members in bunad needed for candles

April 28th, 2:00pm Sunday Dinner

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Barbara Samuelson at 973-586-8454

Checks for rentals made out to **BUL**, Inc

MEETINGS HELD AT BUL CABIN

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.

Special Birthday Congratulations

We are going to start something new in the newsletter, as we realize that several of our members are reaching or have reached the age of "90"

This month our 90 plus member is

Judy Eriksson

Happy Birthday Judy

REMINDER ABOUT ZONE 3 SCHOLARSHIPS

IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW IS INTERESTED THE APPLICATION DEADLINE IS MAY 1ST.

SEE THE APPLICATION IN THE FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER.



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plans. We can help you
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Bill Nostrand
Robert Anderson
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Maria Trujillo
Sigrid Bjelland
Lars E Roerkoll
Gunvor Satra
Debra Arntzen
Andrew Bakos
Karl Peter Thorsen
Richard I Tonnesen
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Thomas P Bakos
Judith Eriksson
Ellen Crane
Peter Johanson

TUBFRIM

Please note: Richard Olsen is no longer the 3rd District Tubfrim Chairman. The new chairman is Kjell Kittilsen. You can mail your stamps to Kjell at 871 - 70th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11228, or call Kjell at 718-680-4684 to ask about a pick-up point. Also, if you have a stamp collection, or old postcards, you no longer wish to keep, call Kjell. Thank you.

GOD BEDRING

We would like to send get well wishes to Gladys Stene, Rita Kugler, Bob Haugeto, Bill Nostrand, and Maryanne Matyola, Kathy Deo, Sig Samuelsen, Richie Olsen, and Marilyn Pettersen



NOTIFY our Sunshine Lady, Sister Evelyn Hammarren,

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.



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 over \$100,000.00 in gift cards, that is \$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 and we will mail them to you.

FOOD SALE CONTINUES AT ALL MEETINGS

We have these items for sale, nøkkelost, norvegia, snøfrisk, ekte gjetost, blended gjetost, gulost (gouda), lohengrin, firkløver, milkchocolate, "dronning" chocolate, selskap chocolate, gullbrød, mokkabønner, marzipan gris, Laban (seigman), tyttebær, tidbits, lefse, surkål and rødkål, fishballs, herring, mackerel, cod roe, solo, crisp bread and kardemomme.



MARCH 2019 MESSAGE

In her March letter to the members, Our District President picks up on the membership issue we have in the district, and in fact, in Sons of Norway as a whole. This is a very worthwhile topic for our president to discuss, as our organization's membership has been in decline for the last many years. She states that "...we need to make a concerted effort to make sure that we are not only bringing new members in the lodges, but also make efforts to retain those members who we raise to become officers within our Lodges." Getting people to take on leadership roles is a major problem, but I am sure Kathy meant that our retention efforts should be general, and not directed at only a portion of members. Yes, we need leaders, but we also need people who are there, and willing to help without necessarily assuming leadership roles.

Documenting the drop in membership, Kathy is quoting our International President who in his column in the Viking Magazine a month or two ago said, referring to the years 2013 and 2014, that 41% of those who joined did not remain members for more than two years. And that of course, is just talking about new members, not others that may leave for various reasons. This is just statistical evidence that we have a problem, but we should pay attention. Our District President goes on to say that we should all try to sign up one new member this month. Yes, of course, we should always try to sign up new members, but that is only half of the problem. There are efforts being made, and from the top, there are encouragement and recruitment campaigns, but these usually always focus on recruiting new members. How about campaigns where net membership increase is the factor, not just new members? In other words, we should pay attention to both sides of the problem. Our International President, in the latest issue of the Viking Magazine, speaks about community involvement, and that attracting members from participation in community events, could attract potential new members because of the community involvement. No doubt this is worth trying, as many of us have in our efforts to attract new members, and with some encouraging results at that. But as I have already said, getting the members is only part of the problem. Other than dangling the community carrot in front of them, what can we do to retain members? Some people, jokingly I think, say that feed them and the Norwegians will come. Probably true to some extent, but I think there is more to it. Surveys undertaken in the past have concluded with good programs as being important, and no doubt that is true also. But we should not forget that we do have a few lodges that have had fair success in increasing their membership. It would be interesting to hear what these lodges claim to be their reason for success, and I would suggest that something be put together by the District, to inform lodges how some of our lodges have been successful in increasing their membership. There may be something for us to learn, and if we do, we may all benefit.

Fraternally,

Andun



2018 Nor-Bu Lodge Calendar



March

Irish Night

Zone Meeting Noreg Lodge

Saturday, March 16th 6:30pm

Sunday, March 31st 2:00pm

April

Board Meeting

Business Meeting, Program

Annual Memorial Service

Sunday Dinner

Wednesday, April 10th at 7pm

Saturday, April 13th at 6:30pm

Sunday, April 14th at 2:00pm

Sunday, April 28th at 2pm

May

LOV Golf Tournament

17 May Celebration

Bus to Brooklyn Parade

Picnic after Parade

Friday, May 3rd to Sunday May 5th

Saturday, May 18th at 6:30pm

Sunday, May 19th at 11:30am

Sunday, May 19th at 5pm

June

St. Hans Zone Scholarship events

St. Hans Bonfire

June TBD Nansen

Sunday, June 23rd at dusk

August

Annual Picnic

Sunday, August 18th at noon

September

Scanfest

Board meeting

Business meeting

Sunday Dinner

Sunday, September 1st at 10am-5pm

Wednesday, September 18th at 7pm

Saturday, September 21st at 6:30pm

Sunday, September 29th at 2pm

October

Cultural night program

Zone meeting, Bernt Balchen

Saturday, October 19th at 6:30pm

Sunday, October 21st at 2pm

November

Tricky Tray

Board Meeting

Business meeting with elections

Sunday, November 10th at 2:30pm

Wednesday, November 13th at 7pm

Saturday, November 16th at 6:30pm

December

Food Sale

Annual Pork Dinner

Julefest

Children's Julefest

Sunday, December 8th at 1pm

Sunday, December 8th at 2pm

Saturday, December 21st at 6:30pm

Saturday, December 28th at 2pm

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church



508 Green Pond Road • Rockaway, NJ 07866

973-625-0110

HTLchurch@gmail.com

www.rockawaylutheran.org

Sunday Worship Sunday School 11 am

Pastor Jack DiMatteo

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IRISH NIGHT

At Nor-Bu Lodge

March 16th 6:30pm

Corned Beef and cabbage by
Ken Arntzen \$15.00 **BYOB**

Reservations a must call Kari Brescher **973-627-6334**

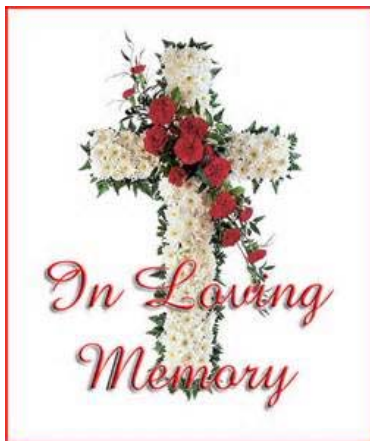
Come and enjoy and watch

“The Troll and the Leprechaun”

And a new group of Irish Step Dancers.



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ANNUAL ZONE MEMORIAL SERVICE

*April 14, 2:00pm
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
508 Green Pond Rd,
Rockaway, NJ 07866
Hosted by Nor-Bu Lodge*

Contact Anne-Lise if you have a bunad and can carry a candle 973-663-1070

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

Nils Abate.....	12/2019
Stuart Anderson.....	2/2020
Dorothy Furst Bahnatka.....	7/2020
Eric Barman.....	10/2019
Frank & Kari Brescher.....	2/2019
Anne-Lise Henriksen Carew.....	3/2021
Jeff & Debbie Dirgo.....	5/2020
Kim Dwyer.....	2/2019
Judith Eriksson.....	4/2019
Gail Garnett.....	11/2019
Audun & Margaret Gythfeldt.....	4/2019
Ellen Hantho.....	3/2020
Iris R. Hascup.....	9/2019
Vega & Arthur Hendela.....	04/2021
Henny Henriksen.....	12/2020
Barbara & Peter Johanson.....	4/2019
Earl and Siri Kjekstad.....	4/2019
Stan & Hessie Kjekstad.....	2/2020
Irma Bergland Lafko.....	4/2019
Joe & Barbara Lehner.....	3/2020
Bjorg Lema.....	11/2019
Gerda Lindstrom.....	3/2021
John & Claire Loken.....	9/2021
Per & Marit Mikalsen.....	6/2019
William Nostrand.....	3/2020
Mary & Harry Ostevik.....	1/2020
Charly Pedersen.....	5/2019
Marilyn Pettersen.....	1/2021
Judy & Eugene Randazzo.....	12/2019
Ruth Ruediger.....	11/2019
Gunvor Satra.....	1/2020
Ray and Carol Schutz.....	5/2019
Roy & Barbara Selland.....	2/2019
Thor & Gladys Stene.....	05/2019
Mari Svensen.....	2/2020
Angie Thompson.....	1/2020
Austin Thompson.....	1/2020
Joanne Thompson.....	1/2020
Robert & Mary Thompson.....	1/2020
Gwyn Anne Thompson.....	1/2020
Mary Ellen Thompson.....	1/2020
Garth Eric Thompson.....	1/2020
Gindy Dale Thompson.....	1/2020
Garon Keith Thompson.....	1/2020
Gayle Elaine Thompson.....	1/2020
Heather Thompson.....	1/2020
Jason Thompson.....	1/2020
Laura Thompson.....	1/2020
Thelma Thompson.....	1/2020
Barbara & Karl Peter Thorsen.....	4/2019
Ellen & Richard Tonnesen.....	3/2019

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



Eileen Anderson	February 2020
Daniel Lema	October 2019
Arne & Ingeborg Strom-Henriksen	April 2021
Arne Landvik-Larsen	December 2019
Dagmar & Susan Heien	October 2019
Arnt & Solveig Walaas	April 2028



Two repeats shown

With our deepest sympathy



The members of Nor-Bu Lodge wish to send their condolences to the family and friends of Jenny Berntsen who has entered the lodge eternal. Jenny and her husband Fred were very active members in Nor-Bu Lodge.

MARCH PRESIDENT'S LETTER -Kathy Dollymore

Be civil to all; serviceable to many; familiar with few; friend to one; enemy to none.

Benjamin Franklin



As I write this President's letter, the cold days of February are finally giving way to the warmer days of Spring. I may be rushing the season but I am more than ready after the "polar vortex". That was quite enough for me! And to be "scientifically specific" Pennsylvania's official weather prognosticator, groundhog Punxsutawney Phil, says we're in for an early Spring. GO PHIL!!

I am happy that many of the lodges' members have taken up on my offer to call me. New officers are connecting and are looking forward to leadership training. The calls to me are showing what a fraternal group we are. I'm proud to be a member of such a fine group

Now that being said, during these same calls, I have also heard about the struggles that the Lodges are having with membership and participation.

Our membership growth is a constant challenge. The conundrum that we face is not unique to our lodges, other Districts or even other organizations. For whatever reason, people today just aren't "joiners". We must find a way to change this mindset if we are going to continue to be a strong and viable Sons of Norway Lodge in the future. This also means that we need to make a concerted effort to make sure that we are not only bringing new members in the lodges, but also make efforts to retain those members who we raise as officers within our Lodges. Membership retention is a major issue. Maintaining the status quo is not an option. We spend an inordinate amount of time and effort bringing good people into our lodges, only to lose them to either non-payment of dues or lack of participation. Doing business, the way we have "always done things", is not the answer. Here is some information from International President Ron Stubbings:

"In 2013, 2,934 new members joined Sons of Norway, and in 2014, 2,834 joined. Sounds great doesn't it! But there is an issue! Of those who signed up in 2013, 557 (19%) did not renew for a second year, and 640 (22%) did not renew for a third year. That is 41%! Of those signing up in 2014, 563 (20%) did not renew after the first year, and 597 (21%) did not renew after the second year, again 41%."

Our Third District must continue to innovate to survive. How we respond to membership decline in the next 10 years will determine what the future looks like for the Tremendous Third and for the Sons of Norway." Let's each sign up a new member this month! Your 3D Board is there to help.

The LLST (Local Lodge Support Team) is ready to jump in and assist in issues your local lodge may have. If your lodge would like to contact the LLST Chair Dirk Hansen, email hansenoaks@lowcountry.com.





**You are invited
to Celebrate
The Land of the
Vikings'
40th
Anniversary
April 5-7, 2019**



Join us for Our Gala Weekend Celebration.

There will be a Pajama Party Friday Night with lots of fun activities.

There will be a \$10 per person Activity Fee for those staying overnight.



Saturday evening will be the Formal Dinner Dance
(Bunads Welcome)

It will be a magical evening
Hosted by Norwegian DJ Sean LeFleur
(Sean played at the 2018 3D Convention president's reception)

The price for dinner for those not staying overnight is \$40.00 per person.

Dinner Entrée Choices:

Roast Beef or Salmon

(Please specify your dinner choice when making your reservations)



Call Bev to make your reservations today!

(570)461-3500



The "John Karlsen Memorial"

**Golf Tournament
and
Kentucky Derby
at**



Land of the Vikings

The Weekend of

May 3 – 5, 2019



For LOV Reservations - Call or E-mail Bev or Rick:-

Phone:- 570-461-3500

E-mail:- vikingland@tds.net

Tournament Fee:- \$70.00 for each Golfer

Includes:- Golf, Cart, Greens Fee and Prizes.

Send Tournament Fee by April 24th Payable to:- Audun Gythfeldt

PO Box 702

Pocono Pines, PA 18350

? Questions for Audun ?

Phone #- 570-646-3817

E-mail:- (Preferred) audun99@ptd.net



Tee Sponsorships:- \$25
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ROSEMALING AND WOODCARVING CLASSES

April 26 – 27 – 28, 2019

From 9 AM to 5 PM



**At the Land
of the
Vikings**



Contact instructors Linda and Al Miller for more information.

(h) 203 758 1086 (C) 203 592 9739 almiller@comcast.net

Linda Miller Biography

Linda Miller started rosemaling before 1974. She was member of the New England Rosemaling Society and was active for many years making many friends including Eldrid Arntzen, before it dissolved. Her first winning piece was purchased by Vesterheim for their 1989 permanent collection and was featured in the 1989 publication "Norway in America. In the 1990's one of her pieces was also purchased and presented to the ambassador from Norway as a going away gift from Vesterheim. She has also entered in the California Rosemaling Society exhibition winning First place multiple times. Linda has gone on to teaching at craft schools and local lodges on the east coast. These include John Campbell of North Carolina, Fletcher Farms in Vermont, and Maine.

Course Description

Linda will teach all levels of Rosemaling from beginning to advanced. Students can paint either a bowl or a they can bring their own cutting board to paint.

Cost \$200 plus materials. \$50 deposit due at time of sign-up. Make Check payable to Linda Miller and mail to 59 Nick Road, Middlebury CT., 06762

Al Miller Biography

Al Miller is a retired Industrial Arts teacher who specialized in woodworking and furniture construction. He received Connecticut's Celebration of Excellence award for his innovative teaching style and has been teaching carving to adults for the past 14 years at the Woodworkers Club, Norwalk, CT. Al started carving in 1989 and has studied in Norway and in the United States at Fletcher Farms and at "Vesterheim" (the Norwegian-American Museum in Decorah, Iowa) under numerous old world masters (Hans Sandom, Rolf Sogge, Knut Arnesen, Arve Mosand, kuut Arnesen, Alf Stronen, Otter Flaton, Rolf Taraldset and others). Al has won competition ribbons with his carvings in local and national competitions.

Course Description

Al Miller will teach first time beginner students how to carve and decorate wooden spoons that can be used as an eating or cooking utensil. The class instruction will focus on the safe way to use hand and machine tools. The decorating and finishing of the spoons will be included.

Cost \$200 plus minimal material fee. \$50 deposit due at time of sign-up Make Check payable to Al Miller and mail to 59 Nick Road, Middlebury CT., 06762

Contact Bev at Land of the Vikings to make room reservations 570 461 3500 or vikingland@tds.com
Cost of class does not include room and board at LOV.

Land of the Vikings, 461 Big Valley Road, Susquehanna, PA 1887

Help Zone One Help LOV



with our

**VIKING AUCTION & FEAST
FOR THE LAND OF THE VIKINGS**

Saturday, March 30th 2019

St. Peter's Lutheran Church

11 Ogden Court Huntington Station, NY 11746

We need lots of items to make baskets to be raffled.

We need lots of baskets too (empty or full). If you can get items to your Zone Director or to any 3rd District Officer before March 1st, they will bring it to me at our spring board meeting.

Or join us that day

Our Viking Feast will be a buffet with:

Swedish Meatballs, Pork, Ham, Chicken Marsala, Baked Ziti, Mac & Cheese, Red cabbage, String Beans, New potatoes, Rolls, Salad, Iced tea, Lemonade, Coffee, Tea, & Dessert.

Our Viking Auction will have:

Lots of gifts, items, baskets etc. to be raffled-off.

Doors open at 2 PM Buffet starts at 3 PM and auction at 4PM

Viking Auction and Feast - \$20.00 per person - includes 1 sheet of raffle tickets (25 tickets)

Viking auction only - \$15.00- includes 1 sheet of raffle tickets (25 tickets)

For more information or to make a reservation contact:

Karen Olsen-Helmold 516 935-0751 or

kolsen2@verizon.net