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Grønnavik Lodge Meetings are usually the third Tues.
of the month at Trinity Lutheran, 330 S. Broadway, Green Bay.

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NEXT NEWSLETTER IS SET FOR JULY
Grønnavik celebrates 24 years in June!



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Fra Presidenten

Greetings Fellow Norwegians,

Our March meeting was very busy! The Chili Cook-off was a lot of fun and the six varieties tasted great. Some had pasta, some didn't. Congratulations to the winners pictured on page 3 and all who brought their favorite dish!

Thanks to Joy Bashara for the certificates and ribbons, to Judy Beerntsen for presenting the awards and to Shirly Pennock for helping organize the serving tables, ballots and counting. Kudos to all the tasters as judging was a hard job. And it was great to hear some talking about next year's contest!

We all enjoyed learning from Erin Comer, Director of Education at Heritage Hill, about Norwegian Otto Tank and his family's involvement in the early history of Green Bay.

Thank you Joy Bashara for leading the installation of our new officers. Thanks too to the people who will represent our lodge at the District 5 convention. Peggy Schroeder, Marlene Bergum, and myself, are set to travel to LaCrosse June 27-30. Joy attends as a district officer, and Frank Ingram is our alternate.

Check out the exciting programs coming up this spring. You'll find all the details on the front page.

And be sure to keep this newsletter as there won't be another edition until July. *Ha det!*

Mollie Bergsbaken

Why Celebrate The 17th of May? (Syttende Mai)?

The Norwegian constitution was signed at Eidsvoll on May 17, 1814. It declared Norway an independent kingdom in an attempt to avoid being ceded to Sweden after Denmark-Norway's devastating defeat in the Napoleonic Wars.

Some call it *Nasjonaldagen* (National Day) or *Grunnlovsdagen* (Constitution Day), but it's not correct to refer to it as Independence Day. Favorite foods in Norway for the celebration are ice cream and hot dogs. It's a day for children's parades and fun and flags fly everywhere!

Try Playing Kubb at Titledown District

Kubb (which rhymes with "tube"), also known as "Viking Chess", is a Scandinavian game rumored to have been started over a 1,000 years ago by the Vikings who used skull and femur bones of their enemies as game pieces. An alternate explanation says the game began using scraps of firewood since the word "kubb" is derived from the Swedish word *träkubbe* which literally means "block of wood".

Now you can try this game at Titledown District, across from Lambeau Field, on Fridays from 5 to 7 pm. If you've never played, an attendant will explain the rules and help you get started.

July 13-15 Eau Claire hosts the US Kubb Championship, and several lodges play this game.

Med Vennlig Hilsen



With Friendly Greetings



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Mark Your Calendar

April 17 Travel to Oslo

Take a trip to Oslo, Norway's exciting capital, with Dawn and John Moehrke, Oostburg.

In Feb. John traveled to Oslo on business, and Dawn joined him to explore the city. Relax and enjoy their PowerPoint trip around the city. You'll recognize Dawn. She's Mollie Bergsbaken's sister.

Youth Director Peggy Schroeder invites young visitors to plant their own troll planters and hear a troll story.

Members are asked to bring open face sandwiches and bars. See recipes inside.

May 15 The Hardanger Fiddle Is It A Fiddle Or A Violin?

Robin Fossum, Chetek, WI, is president of Dovre Lodge in northwestern Wisconsin. Do you know the difference between the Hardanger and the violin? You will after hearing Fossum's music and learning about the two instruments.

A violinist since fourth grade, she is professional musician who has toured with singers Tony Bennett, Lena Horne and many others and performed in a number of orchestras and ensembles.

Fossum discovered *Hardinfele* (Norwegian for Hardanger Fiddle) while in Trondheim. She plays a Handanger Fiddle from Voss, 1928, and a classical Deconet violin, Venice, 1772.

Invite friends and family to join us in the church sanctuary for the concert, followed by Norwegian baked treats in the meeting room. Please bring a plate to share to celebrate *Syttende Mai!*

June 19 A Mystery Meeting You don't want to miss the fun!



**Apr. 17
May 15
June 19**

6:30 pm

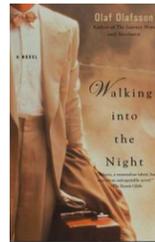
**Trinity Lutheran
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330 S. Broadway**



Lodge News

Book Club, May 21, 7 pm Rita Running, 1229 Gail Drive

Walking into the Night by Olaf Olafsson This is a stunning portrait of a man wrestling with guilt and secret passions.



As butler to William Randolph Hearst at San Simeon castle, Christian Benediktsson lives quietly, almost invisibly. Once a successful businessman, he erases his past and himself after a sudden tragic death and his financial ruin, the result of a jilted lover's vengeance.

Did you know District 5 operates Masse Moro, a Norwegian Heritage camp for young people ages 9-15? Dates are July 15-28 and the location is Eau Claire County Youth Camp, Fall Creek, WI (Also known as the Beaver Creek Reserve), 12 miles from Eau Claire.

Campers gain leadership skills and experience Norwegian language, food, sports, music and folk dances. Evening cultural and historical programs are part of the experience, too!



Campers and their families do not need to be members of Sons of Norway. May 17 is deadline for Masse Moro scholarship applications. Contact Peggy Schroeder for more information. 920-593-6401.

June 27-30, 2018
District Convention, La Crosse, WI.

August 16-18, 2018
International Convention, Minneapolis, MN

Oops You wouldn't get your newsletter without the valuable help of Eileen and Steve Below who mail each issue. In an earlier issue, their names were inadvertently omitted from the list of appointed chairs.

Recruitment Honors

Thank you to members Carol Brunner, Peggy Schroeder, and Joy Bashara for helping to meet a new member recruitment goal. They deserve special recognition for helping the lodge reach the 10% new member target.

Through their efforts our lodge received a special prize package including:

- \$200 cash card.
- Two very interesting DVDs to be used for meeting programs.
- Newly designed Sons of Norway banner
- A certificate of honor.
- Recruiter recognition pins & certificates.

As lodge members, when we share our love of Norwegian heritage and culture, our community becomes a better place for all.

Carol Dost

Cultural Skills Awards

You're invited to consider this program. Many members have already completed enough projects to earn one or more pins. Perhaps, you're interested in Norwegian food and cooking or listening to Norwegian music. Embrace your heritage by joining book club, discovering family history, chip carving, knitting or many other areas.

It could be a nice way to spend time with grandchildren, as there are ways for youth to attain their pins.

Carol Dost

District 5 Zone 4 Meeting, March 17
In Port Washington, 5 lodges and a total of 16 participants participated. It was an excellent day of sharing ideas about meetings, recruitment and special programs.

A highlight was a sample of a new members event with Greg Ragan providing the insurance product information. Attending were Molly Bergsbaken, Peggy Schroeder, Joy Bashara and Frank Ingram. It is an event we all decided was long overdue and should be done again with an attempt to build the attendance.

Joy Bashara

Delicious Smørbrød Combinations

Do you need some ideas for open face sandwiches (*smørbrød*) to bring on Apr. 17? They have a long tradition in Norway where the bread is often rye or a hearty whole-wheat.

The perfect sandwich includes one slice of freshly cut bread. It's thinly spread with butter and forms the basis for artfully arranged toppings and edible garnish.



Every element of the sandwich should be fresh. The ingredients should complement one another both in taste and appearance. Will any one bring number five?

1. Smoked salmon slices on a slice of white bread, with scrambled egg or hard-cooked egg wedges and dill.
2. Shelled shrimp or crabmeat on toast, with mayonnaise and lemon.
3. Sardines in tomato sauce on whole wheat bread, with hard-cooked egg slices, fresh dill.
4. Anchovy fillets on whole wheat bread with raw egg yolk placed in an onion ring sprinkled with chopped chives.

5. Roast reindeer meat on whole wheat bread poached apple wedges and lingonberry preserves.
6. Sautéed minute steak on whole wheat bread with leek rings, tomato, and parsley.
7. Cured ham on whole wheat bread with scrambled eggs.
8. Headcheese on whole wheat bread with pickled beets and pickled cucumbers.
9. Gamalost on whole wheat bread with butter and parsley.
10. Ship's plank with shrimp, eggs, cheese, and boiled ham.

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They Won!

Left to right are the proud winners of the Chili Contest. Norwegian White Chili - Ron Jacobson 3rd; Venison Chili - Karen and Erik Hepp 2nd; Steve's Mother's Chili - Eileen Below 1st. Judy Beerentsen, right, announced the winners and awarded ribbons.

Thanks to the other cooks who participated - Sandy Milward, Norway Chili Surprise; Joy Bashara, Cincinnati Chili; Mollie Bergsbaken, Chicken Chili.

