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

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR MEETING
NO MEETING IN JANUARY
NEXT MEETING IS FEBRUARY 20, 2018



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Dues Increase Approved

Delegates at the 2016 International Convention simplified the dues structure for all memberships in the US. Starting Jan. 1, 2018, all members will pay the same amount, \$60, where previously individual districts and local lodges set their own rates. A family membership becomes \$95.

With the change, members have the option to pay dues by automatic monthly withdrawal from a bank account. Annual payment of dues by check or credit card continues to be available.

Of the \$60 dues, \$32 remains with international, \$14 goes each to the district and \$14 comes back to our local lodge. If you have any questions, contact Carol Brunner, Membership Chair, thebrunners@milwpc.com or 336-7044.

Oct. Meeting Supports Sons of Norway Foundation

Thanks to the generosity of members and visitors, the Silent Auction brought in about \$300. One-half of that supports the humanitarian and scholarship activities of Sons of Norway, while one-half goes to support our own local lodge activities.

Top photo, Jeff and Lisa Truttman, were among the members of Trinity who attended the Oct. 17 meeting. He is president of the church council and shared information about the congregation and their year long 150th anniversary celebration.

Bottom photo, Left to right, Kai, Kalaia and Liam Oroyan, grandchildren of Colleen Griswold, created troll masks in Oct. Do you suppose they used them at Halloween? Peggy Schroeder provided the directions and supplies.



Med Vennlig Hilsen

With Friendly Greetings

Sons of Norway, Grønnavik Lodge 5-632, Green Bay, Wisconsin

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Looking Ahead

Grønnavik Meetings

There is no meeting in Jan. 2018 because of weather concerns. Several years, meetings have had to be cancelled.

Next meeting is Feb. 20, 6:30 pm, Trinity.

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Nov. - Dec. Birthdays

Abigail DeMeuse, 11, 16 *
Ginny Pliner, 11, 18
Beulah Berg, 11, 26
John Boland, 12, 4
Torrence Heitzkey, 12, 6 *
Judy Beerntsen, 12, 7
Beth Clabots, 12, 20
Pat Jacobs, 12, 23
Colleen Griswold, 12, 24
Julie Clabots, 12, 28
Hailey Vedvik, 12, 30 *

*Heritage Member

With Sympathy

To the family of Elaine McIntosh, long-time member, who died on Mar. 17, 2017.

A Taste of Norway & A Christmas Party

Our November and December meetings are exciting and full of traditional fun, so be sure to invite your family, friends and neighbors!

A Taste of Norway is our most popular event! It's a great way to learn about traditional Norwegian foods and to try a sample. Lingonberry jam and lefse are available to purchase and there's a bake sale too.

Please bring something to donate to the bake sale; traditional foods sell well, but all baked goods, candy and other treats are welcome.

Jultrefest brings lots of Christmas cheer. Children of all ages (that means adults too) sing and dance around the Christmas tree and enjoy a friendly Christmas spirit.

Mary Swain teaches children about Braille as she uses it to read them the Jan Brett book, *The Mitten*.

The *Julenisse* is scheduled to visit with his bag of treats for the "good boys and girls." Children also have the opportunity to decorate mittens that will hang on the *jultre* (Christmas tree).

Bring a plate of Christmas cookies to share. There is also an optional gift exchange which could be something *Norwegian*, a homemade gift, cookies or candy - just use your imagination.

Nov. 14
A Taste of Norway

Dec. 19
Jultrefest

Both meetings begin
at 6:30 pm

Trinity Lutheran
330 S. Broadway

Norwegian Christmas Traditions

Grønnavik is part of the ethnic Christmas celebration at Hazelwood Historic House, 1008 South Monroe, Green Bay. Many Norwegian artifacts from members will be displayed in a bedroom on the main floor. Several other ethnic groups plan their own traditional decorations throughout the house. You're invited to attend!

December 9th & 16th; 12:00-4:00 and 5:00-8:00 p.m.

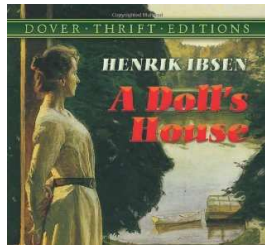
Admission: \$6.00/adults, \$5.00/Seniors (60+), \$4.00/kids (5-17)

Lodge News

● Officers elected in Oct.

President, Mollie Bergsbaken
Secretary, Peggy Schroeder
Counselor, Marlene Bergum
Cultural, Joy Bashara
Foundation, Rita Running
Marshall/Trustee, Eric Hepp
Membership, Carol Brunner
Social, Colleen Griswold, Karen Vedvik

● **Book club** meets Nov. 27 at 7 pm to discuss the classic *A Doll's House* by Henrik Ibsen. Would you like to join the discussion? It's at the home of Rita Running, 1229 Gail Drive. Please call her to RSVP or if you have questions, 469-1388.



● **It's time to turn in your volunteer hours**, especially if you have helped in the community in the name of Sons of Norway. Further instructions will be available at the Nov. and Dec. meetings.

● **No January lodge meeting** The board decided not to meet in January given the recent history of bad weather forcing a last minute cancellation. Next monthly meeting is Feb. 20.

● **Did You Know** . . . Trinity Lutheran operates a food pantry, and all members are reminded we can help them by bringing a couple of non-perishable items whenever we meet at the church. The church notes that in recent months the need for food has doubled.



● **Board meeting** is set for Jan. 16 at 6:20 pm at Calvary Lutheran, 1301 S. Ridge Road, with future meetings scheduled for Apr. 3, June 5 and Sept. 4.

● **Leadership Training** . . . Peggy Schroeder and Joy Bashara attended the District 5 President's Leadership Conference in late Oct. at Camp Lake, WI.



Viking House Comes to UWGB

By the time you receive this newsletter, the Viking House, pictured above under reconstruction, will be complete at its new home on the campus. The unique building was donated by Owen and Elspeth Christianson, who have been studying Scandinavia's Viking Age for more than 40 years and who hand-built the building at their home near Stratford, WI.

Several months ago, the Christianson's spoke to the lodge about this project. Since they are retiring and moving to Virginia, they sought out a new location for the house and decided to donate it to UWGB.

According to Dr. Heidi Sherman, Associate Professor of Humanistic Studies and History, "We aim to teach and engage in the day-to-day experiences of 11th century Viking life through explorations of crafts, customs and cuisine." Watch for information about a lodge visit to the Viking House in 2018.

Dec. 13, St. Lucia Day

marks the start of the Christmas season in Norway. The national feast day, part of the Christian Calendar of Saints, is celebrated throughout Scandinavia. In schools, children celebrate with programs and processions, and there are parades of children clad in white, handing out *Lussekatter* (Lucia cats), saffron-flavored buns, to those passing by.



This and That

Norway leads the way for equal pay for its female athletes, announcing it will pay the men's and women's national soccer teams an equal amount and believes it is the first nation to do so.

Norway's new deal for women will nearly double their earnings. Previously, the women's team was paid a collective yearly salary of roughly \$387,000 and with the new initiative, the team will make roughly \$750,000.



These new earnings for the women's team will come at a cost for the men's team, which agreed to donate a small portion of its commercial earnings, which the men's team has received in sponsorship deals, despite putting up consistently worse performances than its female counterparts.

"Norway is a country where equal standing is very important for us, so I think it is good for the country and for the sport," Norway's players' union head Joachim Walltin said. (*Washington Post*, Oct. 8, 2017)

Norway's adventure with oil began in the summer of 1967 when the first Norwegian oil was found on the Norwegian portion of the North Sea continental shelf.

A drilling rig, working on behalf of the company Esso, searched about 250 kilometers into the sea, west of Stavanger.



Today, Norway ranks fifteenth in world oil production with 1,647,975 barrels of oil per day while the US ranks third with 8,875,817 barrels of oil. Statistics are from 2016.

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Fifty years ago, Sweden switched from driving on the left side of the road to driving on the right. Switching was the biggest societal change in Sweden, says Professor Claes Tingvall who worked with road safety at the Swedish Road Administration.

"The change itself was completed quickly. It happened at 4:45 a.m. on Sept. 3, 1967, when all traffic was stopped. Then all cars drove carefully to the right side of the road. Here they stopped again. Then they waited until the clock struck five. Then the message came over the radio: Sweden had switched to right-hand driving "

After the change, traffic was monitored with more than 10,000 police watching. There were also people from the military in the streets continuously the following week.

Sons of Norway Newsletter Service

Enormous amounts of marzipan are sold before Christmas in Norway. According to the marzipan manufacturer Nidar, Norway's less than 5 million people manage to eat more than 40 million marzipan figures during this period.



Bruce Cantrall visited with Marcy Zabel after presenting the history of Annie Jackson School at the Sept. breakfast. The school is named in honor of Annie Olson Jackson who owned the land the school is built on and donated it to the school district. Annie and her husband Amund had a farm and orchard at the corner of 9th Street and Ridge Road, Green Bay. They emigrated from Norway shortly after the Civil War, coming from an area about an hour east of Oslo.

