



SAVE THE DATES FOR OUR MEETINGS
Jan. luncheon date coming later
Feb. 19

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



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Viking House Meeting

Oct. 6, our lodge hosted a Zone 4 at the Viking House at UWGB with 24 attending from Racine, Appleton, Door County and our lodge.

We enjoyed learning how the Viking House was built and heard Adrian Spendlow, skald and storyteller, from England, who entertained us with tales of the Viking gods. Participants also toured Schroeder's Flowers and shared ideas for meetings and trips to Norwegian areas in Wisconsin.

Director Heidi Sherman, below with Joy Bashara, left, and Peggy Schroeder, received a gift of \$1,000 from our lodge and another gift from District 5. Sherman expressed her great appreciation for Sons of Norway's support of this project.

Peggy Schroeder



October's Silent Auction had some spirited, but friendly bidding. It raised \$286 that is divided equally between the Sons of Norway Foundation, where it's put to use for scholarships and humanitarian work, and the operating budget of Grønnavik which brings programs and activities.

Below, Shirley Pennock and Kathy Anderson had fun checking out some possibilities.

Thanks to all who donated and purchased!



Med Vennlig Hilsen

With Friendly Greetings

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Looking Ahead

Grønnavik Meetings

Nov 13: Taste of Norway

Dec 18: Juletrefest

Meetings are at 6:30 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church 330 S. Broadway, Green Bay



Gratulerer med dagen!

Birthdays

November

Abigail DeMeuse - 16th*
Ginny Pliner - 18th
Beulah Berg - 26th
Sharee Dost - 27th

December

Judy Beerntsen - 7th
Sarah Schroeder - 17th
Beth Clabots - 20th
Colleen Griswold - 24th
Julie Clabots - 28th
Hailey Vedvik - 30th

*Heritage Member

Did You Know

...that the renowned (and expensive!) Voss water comes from Iveland, Norway; and that it's simply water from their municipal supply?

Calling All Volunteers

Your assistance is needed for our annual "Taste of Norway" event on November 13.

- Help with set-up, take-down, and everything in between.
- Show off your treasured recipes of traditional Norwegian staples and delicacies.
- Bring items for the Bake Sale.

Call Karen Vedvik 497-0878, or Colleen Griswold 366-8355 and let them know what you have to share.

Let's ensure our continued success with this important cultural event. Talk it up! When you're out and about, wear that "Got Lefse?" or "Ole and Lena" button you picked up at the August Membership Breakfast. Tell your friends. Or, better yet, bring them!

Trinity's Food Pantry

As you're getting ready for each meeting, please remember to bring non perishable items for Trinity's food pantry. The donation container is always available, and the need is always there.

This and That

- As a service project, we will be collecting mittens, gloves and hats for a giving tree for the Trinity Church community. This will take the place of the gift exchange at Juletrefest.
- Is a Lodge bus trip in our future? Be thinking of places we can go. Norskedalen? Al Johnson's? Rock Island?
- Finally, a big Thank-You to all who bring food to our monthly meetings!

Fra Presidenten

God dag!!

Can't believe the Holiday Season is upon us. Time ticks on!

Our Sept. Heritage *Frokost* was a good time! Our attendance was down just a little, but the breakfast was awesome. Thank you to all who shared to help make it so. Thank you to Peggy Schroeder for the program and table decorations.

The Foundation Night was also a good experience. Hot dishes and all were delish! Election of officers was held and installation will be at the December meeting. The Silent Auction was fun and spirited. We had a nice array of items for the auction and took in \$286 which is divided equally among the Sons of Norway Foundation and our lodge's operating fund.

The Lodge made the decision to have a January meeting. It will be held on a Saturday in January and we will be going to an area restaurant. ("or we are going out house for lunch.") More info on that to come.

Our November meeting will be our favorite and biggest meeting of the year, A Taste of Norway! Bring your friends and neighbors to taste Norwegian treats. There will be lefse and lingonberries for sale and a bake sale.

December brings a Christmas celebration with our *Julefest*. Hope you were all good boys and girls because I have word that the *nisse*

may stop by with a treat for all. Mary Swain will be reading a Christmas Story. As a service project, we're giving to others, instead of having the ornament exchange. We plan to have a hat and mitten tree, so bring your donations – only new items, please. All hats and mittens will be given to Trinity Church for distribution. There will be cookies and hot chocolate and other fun activities. Hope you can come celebrate. *Ser deg senere!* (See you later!)

Mollie Bergsbaken

"Papa's Wife" and "Papa's Daughter," by Thyra Ferre Bjorn, were discussed in July when the lodge Book Club met at Bonnie Vastag's home. A bonus was flowers from the Vastag prairie for everyone to take home. Shown left to right are: Marlene Bergum, Trudy Jacobson, Pat Jacobs, Geri Nilsestuen, Bonnie Vastag, Kathy Anderson, Peggy Schroeder, Darlene Gast, Rita Running. The club meets several times a year to discuss fiction and nonfiction by Scandinavian authors. December's meeting will be at the home of Darlene Gast, 2843 Newberry Avenue. The book for discussion will be **"The Prince and the Nanny"** by Odell Bjerkness, about the nurse who took care of King Harald when he was an infant. The group will meet on Monday, December 10 at 7:00 pm. Please RSVP at 465-1936 or pgast@new.rr.com. For further information contact Rita Running at 469-1388 or gbdr@aol.com.



Passing on the pen . . .

This is my last edition as editor of this newsletter. I'm turning over the duties to Eileen Below, aided by her daughter Bailey, who'll help with layout, and husband Steve, who'll take care of mailing. I know they'll do a great job!

Since 1998 through 2018, I've been editor for 13 ½ years. That's around 140 issues! Until 2011, the newsletter was produced every month, and then went to the current every other month schedule.

It's a job that takes plenty of helpers. There are the volunteers who pick it up at the printers, then fold, apply address labels and stamps and drive to the post office. When I've been out of town many others served as photographers. Program details came from those involved in planning. You've all been helpful when I explain the deadline I faced with each edition, which sometimes occurred around holidays or family events. My heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped me over the years!

Bonnie Vastag



September's Heritage Breakfast found Erik Hepp concentrating on making *fleskepannekaker* - pancakes with bacon. Below, three generations of the Brunner family, Scott, his daughter Natalie and his mother Carol, across the table, enjoyed sampling the dishes.



Officers Elected

Elected to hold office from 2019-2021:

Vice president, Joy Bashara
Treasurer, Bob Olson
Cultural Director, Beth Clabot
Editor, Eileen Below
Membership, Carol Brunner
Public Relations/Historian, Steve Below

Trustee/Marshall - no candidate, but looking for a volunteer. For information on duties, contact Joy Bashara, 920-445-1585 or joybing@gmail.com

They join the following whose terms continue until Jan. 1, 2020.
President, Mollie Bergsbaken
Secretary & Youth Director, Peggy Schroeder
Counselor, Marlene Bergum
Cultural Director, Joy Bashara
Foundation, Rita Running
Social, Colleen Griswold, Karen Vedvik
Trustee/Marshall, Eric Hepp.

Tusen takk to retiring board members Carol Dost, David Running and Bonnie Vastag for all of their hard work over the years!

HELP NEEDED FOR HAZELWOOD CHRISTMAS

Volunteers are needed to help plan our Norwegian Christmas decorations in the kitchen at Hazelwood, 1008 S. Monroe, during their Ethnic Holiday tea and display. Also, we need people at Hazelwood to interpret our Norwegian traditions. Please contact me if you can help. We need your ideas!



If you plan to attend the Holiday Tea, Nov. 30 or Dec. 1, reservations are required at 920-437-1840. Tickets are \$22. Public tours are set for Dec. 8 and 15 from 11 am - 7 pm. Admission fee.

Peggy Schroeder, 435-4263