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SAVE THE DATES FOR OUR MEETINGS
March 19th April 16th

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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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Nisse at December Meeting



The Nisse paid a visit and gave treats to all of us good boys and girls at the December meeting. According to the December, 2016 issue of The Viking, "The Nisse is one (of) Scandinavia's most enduring folklore characters associated with the winter solstice and the Christmas season. In ancient times, the creature was thought to be responsible for the protection of the farmstead. He was mischievous and could use magic for good or bad. At Christmas, dutiful farmers always made sure to leave offerings, including porridge, as thanks to the Nisse for their magic help around the barn. Today, the Nisse is a symbol associated with holiday cheer."

In Sympathy

To Steve Below, whose mother, Lucille Below of Rice Lake, passed away on Christmas Eve.

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"Du velgar ikke familien din. De er Guds gave til deg, som du er til dem."

"You do not choose your family. They are God's gift to you, as you are to them."

Newsletter Deadline

Articles and photos for the March/April Grønnavik Lodge newsletter should be submitted by February 20th. Contact Eileen at 920-609-3878, or eglbelow@gmail.com. Takk.

Med Vennlig Hilsen

With Friendly Greetings

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January Luncheon

Join us at The Rite Place, 1580 Bellevue Street, on Saturday, January 19. Gathering begins at 11:30 am, and a soup and sandwich lunch will be served at noon. The cost is \$10.57 per person, payable at the event. An abbreviated lodge meeting will follow the meal.

We need a head count by Friday, January 11, so please call Mollie Bergsbaken at 715-853-4357, or Joy Bashara at 920-445-1585 to register.

A BIG Thank You

...to Peggy Schroeder for donating the beautiful flowering plants that adorn our tables at every meeting; then serve as door prizes to the lucky people to get to take them home. She also appeared on "Local 5 Live" to promote the Ethnic Christmas event at Hazelwood. Peggy, along with Darlene Gast, also developed the paper bag puppets for the children's craft at the December meeting.



Mary Swain read "The Christmas Trolls" by Jan Brett during the December 18 festivities, then played the music for the Christmas carols.

Looking Ahead

Grønnavik Meetings

Jan 19: Luncheon Meeting
Feb 19

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



Gratulerer med dagen!

Birthdays

January

Jonathan Robshaw - 11th
Eileen Below - 11th
Carol Brunner - 25th
Ila Iverson - 26th*
Lily Duquaine - 27th*
Erik Hepp - 28th
Kenda Vedvik - 28th
Karen Eiseth - 30th

February

Marcella Zabel - 3rd
Geraldine Nilsestuen - 4th
Addison DePauw - 8th*
Florence Trondson - 9th
Joy Bashara - 17th
Piper DePauw - 20th*
William Rentmeester - 21st*
*Heritage Member

Fra President

As I write this, the Holiday season is starting to wane. But a bright New Year is on the horizon bringing with it a myriad of hope and possibilities. But let's take a glance back at the last couple of months first. Our November Taste of Norway meeting was a success again this year. Attendance was lower than past years, but the foods shared were fantastic and the fellowship grand.

Our December meeting was also a great time. We had several visitors but missed a few regulars due to calendar conflicts. The Nisse came to visit and cheer us all. The tree looked fantastic all decked out in hats and gloves and mittens. Thank you to everyone who donated.

Carols were sung and games played before we enjoyed cookies and hot chocolate. Thank you to everyone who help make these meetings memorable.

Our January meeting will be Saturday, January 19th. It will be a lunch meeting at The Rite Place. Seating at 11:30 am and lunch at noon! Soup and sandwich for \$10.57 (tax and tip included) with a short program to follow.

A January 8th Board meeting is scheduled for 6:30 pm at Calvary Lutheran to make plans for the upcoming year. If anyone has an idea for a program, please share it with an officer so action can be taken on it.

I'm looking forward to another fun, educational, and activity filled year!

Takk,
Mollie B.

New Officers

The installation ceremony took place during the Gronnvik Lodge meeting on December 18, 2018. New and returning officers are:

- * Joy Bashara – Vice-President
- * David Running – Trustee/Marshall
- * Shirley Pennock – Librarian
- * Steve Below – Publicity Director, Now and Then
- * Eileen Larson Below – Editor
- * Beth Clabots – Cultural Director
- * Carol Brunner – Membership Director
- * Bob Olson - Treasurer

New Members

New members as of October, 2018 are Matthew Agen, Seymour; Steven Below, Green Bay; and Alaina Hepp, Green Bay. Three new members from July and September enabled Gronnvik Lodge to meet its recruitment goal of six for 2018. It was one of 66 lodges in the United States to meet or surpass its recruitment objective.

Correction: The last newsletter said that David Running is retiring from the Gronnvik Lodge Board of Directors. He is not retiring, and continues to serve as a Trustee/Marshall.

Ethnic Christmas at Hazelwood

Thanks to all Gronnvik members who were involved with our Norwegian kitchen display at Historic Hazelwood. The decorating crew did a fabulous job transforming the room into a cozy Norwegian Christmas scene. This gave our volunteer interpreters plenty to show and talk about with the many guests who came through the house on December 8th and 15th. It was a great way for volunteers and visitors to connect with our Norwegian heritage, while also raising community awareness of our lodge. In addition to Norway, the other countries featured were France, Germany, the Czech Republic and Ireland. General public attendance for this fund-raiser was at a record-high 277, but there were approximately 600 others who toured the house, including school groups, organized tours and Girl Scouts.



Mitten Tree

As a service project, this tree was decorated with donated hats, gloves and mittens, which were given to the Trinity Lutheran Church community. We were made aware that the need was primarily for adult-sized wearables. As always, remember that the season of giving is year-'round for those in need. Be sure to bring along nonperishable food items for the Food Pantry at every meeting.



Culture Corner

Would you like to learn about traditional and contemporary Norwegian culture? Sign in to the Sons of Norway website and go to 'Cultural Skills' to see all the subjects available, from Norwegian Cooking, Genealogy & Woodcarving to Music. By completing levels in a subject area (all information and requirements are very clearly explained) you will earn a pin and skill bars for your achievement. Are you interested in forming a small group to work together? Contact Beth Clabots at 592-0290 or bethclabots@yahoo.com. Beth can print out information and forms for anyone who does not have internet access. On your own or in a group, winter would be a great time to learn something new!