

THE NOR-BU NEWS



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Lake Telemark, NJ



B.U.L Cabin
Lake Telemark, New Jersey
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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.

See our new website www.norbulodge.org

ATTENTION

June 10th NORDIC FEST

10:00am to 3:00pm

Vendors, Viking games & weddings
See more inside.

June 23rd 6:30pm St. Hans Bonfire

Hamburgers & hot dogs \$5.00

Bring side or dessert.

Chairs to watch the bonfire.

July ENJOY YOUR SUMMER

August 20th 1:00pm

Annual picnic.

Hamburgers & Hot dogs \$5.00

Bring side or dessert.

Soda & water, donation.

SAVE THE DATE

OCTOBER 1ST

75TH ANNIVERSARY

See flyer inside



SONS OF NORWAY
BERNT BALCHEN 3-566

**INVITES YOU TO CELEBRATE
WITH US AT OUR**

40TH ANNIVERSARY GALA

SEPTEMBER 16, 2017 - 5 PM - 9 PM

At The Banquet Room

WOODLOCH SPRINGS GOLF CLUB

2 Woodloch Drive (Off Rt. 590), Hawley, PA 18428

**Festivities include Champagne Toast ,
Dinner, Non-alcoholic Beverages, Coffee and Dessert
Dancing and Entertainment by Flash Back Band
Cash Bar Available**

**Tickets are \$60.00 per person
Reservations required by August 30, 2017
For Reservations or more information, please call
Mikki at 570-729-7628 or
Karen at 908-637-6943 (Evenings)**

Information is available for overnight accommodations



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2017 vacation.
Sales tend to happen
In the beginning of
the year.



GRATULERER MED DAGEN

- 2 Steve Osvold
- 10 Elsie Svaasand
- 14 Barbara Johanson
- 19 Judith Bonn
- 19 Barbara Selland
- 22 Ingebjorg Baadshaug
- 23 Louise Pedersen
- 23 Lynn Perry
- 25 Ann Louise Voelzke
- 26 Joan Cosgrove
- 26 Helen Maltby
- 28 Karen Johnsen
- 29 Dorothy Furst Bahnatka
- 29 Leif Larsen
- 30 Glenn Green

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updated. anne@smallworld-travel.com



SCANFEST
SEPTEMBER 3rd
VASA PARK

10AM TO 5PM

Nor-Bu will serve

Pølse(hot-dog) in lefse
also selling Solo, soda and water

GOD BEDRING



We would like to send get well wishes
to Emma Osvold, Gladys Stene,
Love Green, Rita Kugler, Glenn Green, Joanne
Schaper, Judy Eriksson, Joe Zarnitz, Ingunn
Pedersen, Debbie Landvik-Larsen and Jimmy Heien.



NOTIFY our Sunshine Lady, Sister Evelyn Hammaren,
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.

We have some of our members living in nursing homes.
Their lives in many ways are very lonely and they could
use a visit from friends when family can not get there.
If you have a little time to spare to visit one of our mem-
bers please consider doing so.

We have Emma Osvold living at Merry Heart in Boonton.
Also Jenny Berntsen at the Arden in Whippany.
They would really love a visit.

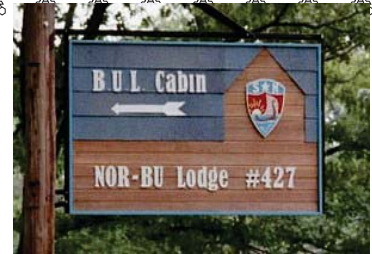
Contact Evelyn Hammaren if you have any questions
or if you can go and would like to go together with some-
one.



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 almost \$100,000.00 in gift cards,
that is just short of \$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.

JUNE 2017 MESSAGE



From over 100,000 members 30 years ago, membership in Sons of Norway now stands at about 50,000. In District 3 we have seen an equally drastic reduction in our membership, relatively speaking. Will we ever be able to halt the decline? To take the optimistic view I would like to say that we can, and from time to time I am encouraged by what I see. Take our 17th of May celebration this year. We had about 70 members and guests enjoying a wonderful evening of good food and fun, followed by a busload going in to the Parade in Bay Ridge the day after. Perhaps somewhat disappointing that only 15 marched, but we are all getting older, and the young ones are for the most part involved in sporting activities during the weekends. But those of us who did march, enjoyed a beautiful day and the joy of having our own marching band. Previously we have invited Bernt Balchen to join us on our bus. This year we shared the bus, which started in Pennsylvania and picked us up at the Cabin on the way to Brooklyn, and brought us back to the Cabin after the Parade, where our friends from Bernt Balchen joined us for our usual picnic before returning to Pennsylvania. 70 people for our festivities on Saturday, and almost as many on Sunday, is definitely encouraging in my book. A recipe for success that I think we should try again next year.

Coming up in the near future are several events which I hope the members will be equally enthusiastic about and support. If so, maybe we can turn the corner and look towards increasing our membership again. After a few years' hiatus we are having a Nordic Fest on June 10 at the Cabin, and we will of course, have our traditional Bonfire on June 23.

Later in the year we have a couple of important events where we really need your support. On September 16 Bernt Balchen will celebrate their 40th anniversary with a banquet at Woodloch Springs in Hawley. Nor-Bu sponsored Bernt Balchen when they joined Sons of Norway 40 years ago, and it is my hope that we will show our support by having a good number of our members joining the celebration in Hawley.

And then of course, we have Nor-Bu's 75th anniversary to be celebrated with a banquet at Hanover Manor on Sunday, October 1. I urge you to honor your lodge by joining us on this very special occasion.

I realize that we cannot all participate in everything. But try to take part in some of the activities some of the time. If we do, that could be the beginning of a new era for the lodge.

Have a great summer, and see you at the Lodge.

Fraternally,

Andun



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

Thelma Thompson.....1/2020
 Barbara & Karl Peter Thorsen.....4/2019
 Ellen & Richard Tonnesen.....3/2018
 Solveig Walaas.....1/2018

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.

Stuart Anderson.....11/2017
 Eleanor Arnell.....5/2017
 Dorothy Furst Bahnatka.....7/2017
 Sigrid Bjelland.....5/2018
 Frank & Kari Brescher.....2/2018
 Anne-Lise Henriksen Carew.....3/2019
 Ann Carlsen.....4/2019
 Joe Carlsen.....11/2017
 Kim Dwyer.....1/2018
 Judith Eriksson.....4/2018
 Peggy Gerding.....11/2017
 Audun & Margaret Gythfeldt.....4/2019
 Ellen Hantho.....10/2017
 Bob Haugeto.....10/2018
 Jimmy Heien.....10/2017
 Vega & Arthur Hendela.....04/2021
 Lillian Jensen.....1/2018
 Barbara & Peter Johanson.....2/2018
 Earl & Siri Kjekstad.....6/2017
 Stan & Hessie Kjekstad.....2/2020
 Ranveig & Svein Klinge.....5/2017
 Irma Bergland Lafko.....4/2018
 Barbara & Joseph Lehner.....1/2018
 Bjorg Lema.....11/2017
 Gerda Lindstrom.....12/2018
 Claire & John Loken.....7/2017
 Per & Marit Mikalsen.....6/2019
 George & Viola Muriello.....4/2017
 Russell & Doris Nelson.....6/2018
 Christian Nielsen.....4/2018
 William Nostrand.....3/2018
 Mary & Harry Ostevik.....1/2018
 Marilyn Pettersen.....1/2018
 Judy and Eugene Randazzo.....4/2017
 Kjell & Edith Ring.....6/2018
 Ruth Ruediger.....11/2017
 Gunvor Satra.....1/2018
 Raymond & Carol Schutz.....3/2018
 Roy & Barbara Selland.....2/2019
 Thor & Gladys Stene.....05/2019
 Joyce Svendsen.....1/2018
 Mari Svensen Mac Peek.....1/2018
 Angie Thompson.....1/2018
 Austin Thompson.....1/2018
 Joanne Thompson.....1/2018
 Robert & Mary Thompson.....1/2018
 Gwyn Anne Thompson.....1/2018
 Mary Ellen Thompson.....1/2018
 Garth Eric Thompson.....1/2018
 Gindy Dale Thompson.....1/2018
 Garon Keith Thompson.....1/2018
 Gayle Elaine Thompson.....1/2018
 Heather Thompson.....1/2018
 Jason Thompson.....1/2018
 Laura Thompson.....1/2018

**Memorial
Boosters**



Daniel Lema October 2017

Arne & Ingeborg Strom-Henriksen April 2019

Arne Landvik-Larsen December 2017

Dagmar & Susan Heien October 2017

Eileen Anderson November 2018

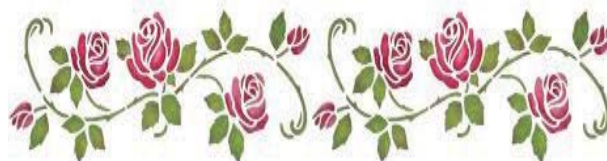
Joseph and Joey Bakos January 2018

Oscar & Evelyn Tonnesen June 2018

Ivar & Ruth Skavnes June 2018

DEATH NOTICES

In the case that a member learns of the death of a member, please notify our Financial Secretary, Margaret Gythfeldt 570- 646-3817 so that she can notify home office. As an alternate you can call Anne-Lise Meisner 973-663-1070



Two repeats shown



*Nor-Bu Lodge 3-427
Sons of Norway
75th Anniversary
Celebration
Hanover Manor
16 Eagle Rock Ave, East Hanover, NJ*

Sunday, October 1, 2017 2pm to 6pm

*Music will be provided by
Ellen Linstrom and The Swedish Meatballs*

It would be a great joy for us to have our friends from all over the district come and join us in celebrating this special event. Sunday afternoon attire but bunads would be lovely too.

We will be raffling off very beautiful pieces Rosemaling value \$200 and a \$200.00 gift card. We have enclosed a couple of raffle books that you will perhaps consider purchasing. The tickets are \$1.00 each or a book of 6 for \$5.00. Make checks payable to Nor-Bu Lodge Please return raffle books to Anne-Lise Meisner, 92 W Shawnee Tr, Wharton, NJ 07885.

Make your reservations by September 15th, please print

Cost \$75.00 (Cash Bar.)

Name _____ Lodge _____

E or Mail Address _____ Phone _____

*Menu Selection is: Chicken Francaise, Roast Top Sirloin of Beef, Fresh Broiled Salmon Filet
(Meal choice selection not necessary in advance)*

If you have a seating preference please list on the back.

Make Checks payable to Nor-Bu Lodge 3-427

Mail to: Hari Brescher

3 McDermott Pass

Any Questions: Evelyn Harpack, farmorkar@yahoo.com

Denville, NJ 07834

We are also doing a journal where you can place a greeting or ad if you wish.

1/2 page\$60.00

Full page.....\$100.00

Booster.....\$1.00 per name

Deadline for this ad is Sept. 1st

Checks payable to Nor-Bu Lodge, Mail to

Anne-Lise Meisner, 92 W. Shawnee Tr. Wharton, NJ 07885

Email ad to anne@smallworld-travel.com

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church



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NORDIC FEST June 10, 2017



It has been over 10 years since we sponsored a Nordic Fest at Nor-Bu. If you attended that one you know we all had a great time. Viking games, Norwegian food, Norwegian vendors - it was a day full of fun. The only way we can make this a success, is for all to attend and bring friends. I will keep you posted in the next few months as to our progress. If anyone would like to help, please give me a call. If you would like to be a vendor, call me. Let's make this the start of a very successful event for Nor-Bu Lodge. Deb Landvik-Larsen day 973 784-4564, night 973 442-4642. If you have any items from Norway that you would like to donate, we could sell them at the Nor-Bu table and donations would go to Nor-Bu.

BUNAD FASHION SHOW 10-21-17

The last Bunad night we had was enjoyed by all that attended. Let's make this one better and bigger. It's time to pull out your Bunads and join the show. If anyone has a Bunad that does not fit and you are willing to have someone else wear it, call them to see if they would be willing to join us this night. I understand the men will be in the kitchen cooking - so ladies - get those Bunads out and join in - you won't be in the kitchen getting dirty. Deb Landvik-Larsen day 973 784-4564, night 973 442-4642.

NOR-BU LODGE 2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 10th, Nordic Fest. Please come and help and enjoy the fun. 10:00am to 3:00pm. See ad page 6.

June 23rd, 6:30pm St. Hans picnic and bon fire. Hamburgers and hot dogs. \$5.00

July - No meeting enjoy your summer

August 20th, 1:00pm Annual Picnic Cost \$5.00. Bring side dish or dessert.

Sept. 03rd, 10:00am to 5:00pm Scanfest at Vasa Park.

Sept. 09th, 6:30pm (week change again)
Business meeting, Sandwiches, Games/Trivia.

Sept. 10th, 2:00pm Zone meeting sponsored by Pleasant Point

Sept. 13th, 6:30pm Business Mtg. with program

Oct. 1st, 2:00pm 75th Anniversary at Hanover Manor
See info page 5.

Oct. 21st, 6:30pm Bunad and Lusekofte social, Men cooking.

Nov. 5th, 2:00pm Sunday Dinner

Nov. 12th, 2:00pm Tricky Tray

Nov. 15th, 7:00pm Board

Nov. 18th, 6:30pm Business meeting, Pot Luck

Dec. 3rd, 1:00pm Food Sale

Dec. 3rd, 2:00pm Annual Pork dinner

Dec. 16th, 6:30pm Julefest.



ATTENTION
PLEASE NOTE
CHANGE OF
WEEK FOR SOME
OF OUR MEETINGS



HELP THE NEEDY

We are continuing our food collection for the food bank, so please remember to bring non-perishable food for the food box when you come to any event at the lodge.

PLEASE DON'T FORGET

TUBFRIM

This is an ongoing project through Sons of Norway and Richard Olsen is the 3rd District representative.

Collect all the stamps that you get on your Christmas and other mail and give or send them to Richard. His address is 44 Claude Ave., Denville, NJ 07834. The stamps are sent to Norway where they help needy children.

Richard has sent hundreds of pounds of stamps to Norway.



Fra Presidenten, Mary B. Andersen, June, 2017

Mange bekker små gjør en stor å.
Many small streams make a large river

Streams ebb and flow as do our lodges. If you look closely there is a rhythm to our lodges and each is unique. Some lodges hunker down and “go dark” for the winter coming to life again when Spring arrives. Other lodges suspend formal meetings in the summer and turn to more casual activities like picnics.

There are times when melting snow or heavy rain causes the stream to flow swiftly; it's power is amazing. In times of drought, a small trickle of water may reveal the stream.



Let's harness the power of the stream by engaging our lodge members. Let the stream of new ideas flow. If the water gets too rough, try to redirect it. Better yet, before you try to redirect, go for the ride, it could be wild and exhilarating. Try not to dismiss new ideas, but rather adapt them to the uniqueness of your lodge. A little tweak here or there could make all the difference.

When the stream begins to dry up, look for any logjams that prevent the water from flowing (“we never done it that way before”) and offer encouragement to those leery of change. Look for bends in the stream that may be diverting the water (“don't like driving at night”; “too many after school activities on the night of our meeting”) and see if you can remove obstacles (e.g., ride sharing, meet at a different time every now and then).

Don't be afraid to put your toe in the stream and take the pulse of your lodge, its activities, its members. Is it time to restock the stream with new ideas? Is it time to give your long serving lodge leaders a break? or just offer help navigating the ebbs and flows of the stream?

Think about your lodge as small stream which together with other lodges in the Third District create a larger stream. Likewise, think about each District in the Sons of Norway as a stream, and we have a mighty river! Always remember that you are not alone, you are part of a larger vibrant organization. Maybe it is time to explore new waters, see what other lodges do and gain new ideas?

Have a safe, happy and healthy summer!
All the best,

Mary



On August 12, 2017, the 99th Infantry Battalion (Separate) will be holding its 75th Anniversary of its creation at Camp Ripley, MN. We are looking for any member of your lodge who may have served in this battalion, or if any Sons of Norway members have any information about the battalion, it would be greatly appreciated.

This 99th Battalion was made up of Norwegian Americans who could speak fluent Norwegian and could ski, well as Norwegian seaman who were left without a place to go when Germany invaded Norway.

If you have any names of people who served and were Sons of Norway members, or any memorabilia they would consider contributing to the 99th Infantry Battalion (separate) museum at Camp Ripley please let me know

You can reach me at dennisrusinko@aol.com or call me at 612-789-2272 or my mailing address at Dennis Rusinko 617 24th Ave NE. Minneapolis, MN 55418

Dennis Rusinko President
District 1 Sons of Norway

TROLL LODGE 50TH ANNIVERSARY



SEPTEMBER, 23 2017

Hosted at: Ethan Allen Hotel

21 Lake Avenue Extension

Danbury, Connecticut 06811-9956

(203) 744-1774

Cocktail Hour 6-7 PM

Dinner and Dancing 7-11 PM

Music By: BREIDENBACH

RSVP ASAP to: Kari Williams 914-736-0784

Phil Fiederlein 845-628-4241

Friends of Sons of Norway \$75.00

Come and Enjoy a Great Evening

Musicians from Brooklyn Conservatory School of Music Marched in Parade with Nor-Bu



NORBU CALENDAR 2017



JUNE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 NORDIC FEST 10am-3pm
11 Father's Day	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23 St. Hans Bon-fire & picnic 6:30pm	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

Happy Father's Day



Norwegian language classes are being held as the schedule of the students permit. If you are interested in joining, please call Kari Brescher to find out when the next class will be held. 973-627-6334

The mission of Sons of Norway is to promote and to preserve the with other Nordic countries, and to provide quality insurance and financial products to its members.