

THE NOR-BU NEWS



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Lake Telemark, NJ



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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

May 5-7, John Karlsen Memorial
Golf Tournament at LOV.
See next column

May 20th, 6:30pm May 17 Celebration
Come celebrate Norway's Constitution Day.
Smørgåsbord and music for dancing.
See details inside.



May 21st, Bus to Brooklyn.
See details inside.



The "John Karlsen Memorial"

Golf Tournament

at

Land of the Vikings

The Weekend of

May 5 – 7, 2017



For LOV Reservations - Call or E-mail Bev or Rick:-
Phone:- 570-461-3500 E-mail:- vikingland@tds.net

Tournament Fee:- \$70.00 for each Golfer

Includes:- Golf, Greens Fee, Meal and Prizes.

Send Tournament Fee by **April 15th** to:- Audun Gythfeldt
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2017 vacation.
Sales tend to happen
In the beginning of
the year.



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- 27 William Matyola
- 27 Samantha Pitserski
- 27 Louise Cluett Thoresen
- 28 Judith Durkin
- 28 Christian Nielsen
- 30 Zach Brescher

BirthDay
greetings

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 and Joe Zarnitz.



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.



MAY 2017 MESSAGE



I am sitting here in the Poconos enjoying beautiful weather, thinking about the first 17th of May celebration I remember. At least I am trying to. It was May 1945, and it was only 9 days after peace came to Norway. I lived in Stavanger then, and I do have some recollection of flags and people in their finest, and yes, a parade. The weather wasn't the greatest, but then, like in Bergen, it rains a lot in Stavanger.

The following year I was back in Oslo, and by then it was a really big event. Of course, they had had a year to plan and prepare, and I do recall that the weather was good. It was perhaps somewhat disappointing that first graders were not included in the parade, but it was fun to watch, which my sister and I did at the hill up to the Royal Palace. There were masses of people, but they were good and let the little folks through to the front. In the years to follow I didn't miss one year of marching. It was always a special day enjoyed by young and old.

It is my hope that Nor-Bu members will join me in celebrating this very special day in Norwegian history by joining us at the Cabin on the 20th for our annual 17th of May party, and by coming with us to Brooklyn the following day and march in the parade in Bay Ridge. We are having a bus taking us to Brooklyn and back home to Nor-Bu again, but remember that we are sharing it with Bernt Balchen Lodge, so get in touch with Anne-Lise and reserve your seat as soon as possible. Unfortunately, there will be no Norwegian band in the parade this year, but we have a special treat for Nor-Bu. We will have our own band. A group of music students from Brooklyn College Conservatory, under the direction of our own Marianne Gythfeldt, will be marching with us. This is a special treat folks, so come and enjoy the festivities! And as usual we will have a picnic at the Cabin when we come back from Brooklyn to finish off this grand weekend in Nor-Bu style!

As we are winding down our lodge activities looking forward to a relaxing and enjoyable summer, we do have a couple of events in June that I hope you will support. On June 10 we will have a Nordic Fest at the Cabin. There will be Viking games, Norwegian food and vendors, in short a day of fun.

And then we have our traditional St. Hans bonfire, a great way to finish off the events of the first half of the year. There should be something for everybody, young and not so young. Come and join us and enjoy.

Margaret and I hope you will all have a great summer!

Fraternally,

Andun



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

Stuart Anderson.....	11/2017
Eleanor Arnell.....	5/2017
Dorothy Furst Bahnatka.....	7/2017
Sigrid Bjelland.....	5/2018
Frank & Kari Brescher.....	2/2017
Anne-Lise Henriksen Carew.....	3/2019
Joe Carlsen.....	11/2017
Ellen & Artie Crane.....	4/2017
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.....	4/2017
Barbara & Joseph Lehner.....	1/2018
Bjorg Lema.....	11/2017
Gerda Lindstrom.....	12/2018
Claire & John Loken.....	7/2017
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
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
Thelma Thompson.....	1/2020
Barbara & Karl Peter Thorsen.....	4/2019

Ellen & Richard Tonnesen.....	3/2017
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.

Memorial
Boosters



William & Marit Laber May 2017

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

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



Bus to Parade May 21st 11:30am departure

We are now planning to be picked up at Nor-Bu Lodge at 11:30am and returning at 5:00pm. There will be a picnic at Nor-Bu Lodge cost \$5.00, but no band is coming from Norway this year.

The cost for the bus will be as follows. Marchers will pay \$10.00. Non-marching members will pay \$12.00 and non members \$15.00. Member children are free, non-member children will cost \$5.00. Please call Anne-Lise at 973-663-1070 or email anne@smallworld-travel.com. First come first serve as we are sharing bus with Bernt Balchen Lodge. Thank you



Gratulerer med Dagen

Our May 17th Celebration on May 20th at 6:30pm at Nor-Bu

We'll celebrate Norway's Syttende MAI at the lodge with our usual food and dance.
Cost is \$25.00 and BYOB

Music by Ellen Lindstrom
"The Swedishmeatballs"

Please make sure you have made your reservation for the evening. Deadline May 13th
Contact Kari Brescher 973-627-6334 or email at karifbrescher@gmail.com
Then follow with payment in advance.

HURRAH FOR SYTTENDE MAI!

Reservation Coupon for May 20th



We would like to attend the 17th of May Dinner Dance on Saturday May 20th

Please reserve _____ seats for us. I have enclosed \$ 25.00 for each ticket.

Name _____

Phone _____ Home _____ Cell _____

Mail to Social Director **Kari Brescher, 3 McDermott Pass, Denville, NJ 07843**
973-627 with check made out to Nor-Bu Lodge by May 13th

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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



May 5-7, John Karlsen Memorial Golf Tournament at LOV.

See page one for more information

May 20th, 6:30pm May 17 Celebration

Come celebrate Norway's Constitution Day. Smørgåsbord and music for dancing. See page 5.

May 21st, Bus to Brooklyn. Info on page 5.

June 10th, 10:00am to 3: Nordic Fest. See 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

Sept. 06th, 7:00pm Board meeting

Sept. 09th, 6:30pm (week change again)

Business meeting, Sandwiches, Games/Trivia.

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

Sept. 16th Bernt Balchen 40th Anniversary 5:00-9:00pm

Oct. 1st, 2:00pm 75th Anniversary at Hanover Manor

More info to follow.

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 meeting

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

Dec. 3rd, 1:00pm Food Sale

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

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, April-May 2017

An [article](#) on LinkedIn caught my eye a few weeks ago. It encouraged people to spend time thinking about what you wanted. This appealed to me as I am a thinker. I started thinking about Sons of Norway and in particular District Three and my goals as your President (communication, collaboration, community). And the result of my thinking is that despite challenges we have faced and will continue to face, I am feeling good about good ole District Three! Hmppppppph, you may be saying, what water cooler is she drinking from? Here is what I thought about. Since my first term as President beginning in 2014, I have seen:

Increased communication. We are talking to each other more, whether it be through social media or attending each other's lodge functions.

Increased support – we have had quite a few lodge anniversaries and it is so great to see people from different lodges joining in the celebration. At Fredriksten's 105th Anniversary celebration, there were nine different lodges in attendance and two of them were from Florida.

Our Florida lodges welcome the northern snow birds each winter

We are thinking out of the box – Scandinavian Heritage had an information table at a polar bear exhibit; Hampton Roads will be setting up an information table at a Home Improvement show where attendance is typically in the thousands. For the past two years we have had a table at ScanFest in Northern NJ where the attendance is in the thousands. Blafjell participates annually in a parade of nations. Many members are working hard at getting the word out about Sons of Norway.

Land of the Vikings is open for business and old customers have come back and new customers are appearing.

We are in the community – read a lodge newsletter and you can see that there has been participation in some kind of community related event, whether it is a food kitchen or a walk for a particular cause.

So, what am I envisioning for the future as we move forward to the end of my term in June 2018:

Lodge consolidation – which is not a bad thing. It is better to have a strong lodge with a larger core of engaged members than a few smaller lodges with members who are no longer able to be engaged as they once were or just plain burnt out and need a break.

Support mechanisms – we are slowly building support mechanisms for lodges with declining membership or disengaged members. There is no magic bullet, no one size fits all solution. We will address each lodge situation individually as it presents itself and I am hopeful we will come to meaningful resolutions.

Communications – continued communications. But remember, communications is a two way street. Please join the conversation when asked or start a new conversation.

Member engagement – our 3D walking contest has gotten many members up and about. I see it as a catalyst for increased involvement. Think out of the box to engage your members.

Publicity – we have to work on this one. We have to tell the world what we do and that doesn't come easy for us but we are working on it!

Despite the challenges we face, I know we will survive. Why? Because I have met so many of you and you are great and you are resilient. We are strong in spirit and steadfast, a winning combination!

Mary

During the John Karlsen Golf Tournament at LOV we will celebrate the Kentucky Derby Day with a Crazy Hat Contest. Ladies are encouraged to bring their crazies hat; store bought or homemade.

For more information about the hat contest contact, Doris Beck at dlb1716@verizon.net. For reservations, contact Bev Budrick at 570-461-3500 or vikingland@tds.net. For more information about or to sign-up for golfing, contact Audun Gythfeldt at 570-646-3817 or audun99@ptd.net.



New website:

www.norbulodge.org

Take a look at our new site and let us know if you like it or not. Let us know if there is other things you would like to see there. It is still a work in progress. To date I have received 3 responses to this, so I can only assume that not many people are looking at it. We are working very hard at this and would appreciate some input. So far we are keeping everything up to date and current.

If you don't get the newsletter in the email or snail-mail on time, it will be on the website.

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Let Anne-Lise know what you think
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NORBU CALENDAR 2017



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Mother's Day	15	16	17 Norway's Constitution Day	18	19	20 May 17 Celebration 6:30pm
21 Bus to Parade 11:30am Picnic 5:00pm	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 Memorial Day	30	31			



*Gratulerer med Dagen
May 17th*

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

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