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MEETINGS HELD AT BUL CABIN

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NOR-BU LODGE SEPTEMBER MEETING

We are going to try to have a regular lodge meeting on September 19th, at 6:30pm inside the lodge.

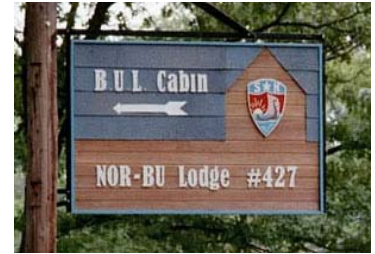
Format will be a little different due to the 6 feet apart restriction.

We will be limited to 25 people inside, so reservations will be needed by all who would like to attend.

Please contact me, Anne-Lise Meisner at 201-230-8790 or by email at anne@smallworld-travel.com no later than September 15th.

We will not have a regular meal but will have coffee and cake.

As we know many of you are still not comfortable coming out to indoor or outdoor functions as yet, that is OK. We will keep you informed by email or in the next newsletter if you are not on our email list as to what our future plans will be going forward in this pandemic.



September 2020 MESSAGE

No news is good news, or so they say. Although I am not necessarily the first one to be told, it appears that Nor-Bu members have escaped the Corona virus unscathed, and we are thankful for that. With a lengthy pause in our lodge activities because of the virus, your Board is now discussing and planning a return to at least some of our activities. As there are still significant restrictions in place, what we can do is fairly limited. But things change and there are hopeful signs of improvement which could lead to a reduction in restrictions and thus allowing us to open up for more activities in the Cabin.

Given the situation, we are working on a month to month basis and have decided to have our usual business meeting in September, Saturday, September 19 to be exact. However, with current restrictions we have to limit attendance to 25 people. To make sure that you will be one of the 25 admitted, you should sign up, and you will find elsewhere in the newsletter how to do that. I emphasize that officers should sign up also. You will be asked to sign a waiver releasing Nor-Bu and BUL from responsibilities of infections, and we will take the temperature upon arrival of those who want to attend. Wearing masks is a given, and we will set up the meeting following social distance requirements, and also prepare the lodge as per requirements. Should you be uncertain about participating, and most certainly if you are not feeling well, stay home. Better safe than sorry!

At the meeting in September we will make decisions for October. We have however, decided that the food sale will be held on either the first Saturday or Sunday in December. There will be no pork supper, but the lodge will be open longer than usual, and members can make appointments for when to come and either pick-up orders or do their shopping.

Unless the situation changes drastically for the better, it is unlikely that we can have our Tricky-Tray this year, which makes it even more important that we can make something out of the food sale. We will discuss this at our September meeting.

Our Julefest is obviously also in danger, but we have a little time before we must make a decision.

We have however, made the decision that we will not have the Zone Memorial Service this year. Although the church is a fair size, I am not sure that it could hold the number of people we usually have, observing social distancing. And the social following the service would not be possible. We will inform the Zone that we will be willing to host the service next year, hopefully in the Spring.

It is too bad that we cannot get together as we used to, but as we seem to get to grips with the virus, hopefully it will not be too long before we can resume normal activities. We can always hope!

Be careful and safe and take good care of yourselves.

Fraternally,

Audun

September Fra Presidenten

Every single one of us is continuing to feel the impacts of our whole world crashing down around us. As our lodge meetings and events were put on hold, we sit and wait. We try to keep positive thoughts toward the new year of meetings. We are filled with so many questions, but there are no answers, and that is the hardest part for all of us. Everything went downhill so rapidly; it is still difficult to process. As we start to think about how we will begin our Fall Lodge Meetings the questions arise, are we meeting on Zoom or meeting in person? Is the building we meet at even open to us? Can we still have elections of new officers? How do we welcome new members? Are we going to be able to have a Juletrefest?



We are placing our members welfare first, despite the type of meeting, events, and experiences that had been planned for years. It seems a bit strange at times to be planning gatherings in the midst of a pandemic where we must keep 6 feet apart and cover our smiles with a mask but I am filled with anticipation and hope for the future.

Hopefully, we find a normal way to enjoy each other's company with as much social distancing as necessary. (*Now isn't that the oxymoron of the century.*)

But, maybe trying to find "normal" right now isn't what needs to be done. Maybe it's about finding **joy** from day to day. Look around you right now. What gives you joy? Is it a picture of your family from last year's vacation? How about a piece of art that takes your breath away? Perhaps a book that you've read that's sitting on your shelf puts a smile on your face every time you look at it. Maybe it's the way your partner smiles at you across the dinner table, or the call you get from your kids. Perhaps it's a song that you haven't heard in years, or a movie you could watch over & over again. Joy is different for us all, but there are some things that universally create joy. And, those things bind us together & remind us of our humanity. Bubbles, bright colors, geometric shapes, etc.

Yes, there is still a deadly pandemic we need to take seriously. But more importantly, there are still things & moments of joy that we can find that'll get us through the day. I hope you find at least one joyful thing today! For me, while I write this, the smell of the homemade brownies coming out of the oven is putting a BIG smile on my face. If you have taken pictures of your adventures during this time send them so we can get them in the Viking Magazine and you can share your joy.

Stay safe, stay well and take care of each other. Kathy Dollymore, 3D President

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Although things are uncertain it can be a good time to think about what you may like to do for vacation when this is all over. We can help. Give us a call.



GOD BEDRING

We would like to send get well wishes to Rita Kugler, Bob Haugeto, Bill Nstrand, Marilyn Pettersen, Peter Johanson



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.

SHOPRITE CARDS



You can still purchase Shop-Rite gift cards if you wish. You can call Evelyn Karpack at 973-479-5526 to request them.

Then mail a check to Nor-Bu Lodge, PO Box 317, Hibernia, NJ 07842. She will then mail the cards back to you. Let her know the amount \$50, \$100 or more.

TUBFRIM

Please note: Evelyn Hammaren will collect the stamps that our members collect for Tubfrim. Bring your stamps to the lodge. She will take care of getting them to Kjell Kittilsen who is the current chairman or you can mail your stamps to Kjell at 871 - 70th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11228, directly. Also, if you have a stamp collection, or old postcards, you no longer wish to keep, call Kjell. Thank you.

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Kathryn Peake
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Joseph Brescher
Patrick Rotella
Jesse M Ryan
Gladys Stene
Paul Eriksson
Edith Karlsen
Tammy Webber

LANGUAGE CLASSES

In an effort to keep some of our members Together in a virtual fashion, Kari Brescher is holding Norwegian language classes on Zoom every week or every other week as needed.

You can contact Kari by phone at 973-627-6334 or by email at karifbrescher@gmail.com.

Several of our members have found this Zoom contact to be enjoyable and in some way able to keep the Nor-Bu Lodge contact alive.

Please consider joining the classes. You may find it very enjoyable.

Update on 3rd District Charitable Giving

We are all entering our local lodge fall season in a changing and unpredictable world but some things remain constant when it comes to Sons of Norway. The members of the 3rd District have historically been known for their generosity and charitable giving as exemplified by the 3rd District Charitable Trust, Alzheimers/Dementia Awareness contributions and the Sons of Norway Foundation.

Firstly, as we close out 2020, our lodges will be reviewing their annual budgets or examining their financial status and we hope that all of you, as lodge members, will continue to support these extremely worthy and important giving opportunities through your lodges. For the 125th Anniversary of Sons of Norway, your 3rd District chose to support the Alzheimers Association with a \$12,500.00 donation. We are on pace to perhaps achieve this goal but we are not there **yet**. Here is the link to donate as a lodge or as an individual.

https://act.alz.org/site/TR/LongestDay2020/TheLongestDay?team_id=587928&pg=team&fr_id=13035

Secondly, looking ahead to 2021, we all will be developing next year's meeting programming. Don't forget charitable giving is a year round opportunity so why not have some fun doing it. Here are some ideas for you to consider or use your own imagination.

Theme basket auction - Members were encouraged to create a theme basket of their choice (sports, romantic dinner, cultural etc.). They were auctioned off in a live auction and the bidding competition ended up being a lot of fun. All proceeds in this case went to the Charitable Trust in this case and we raised almost \$800. The auctioneer is critical in promoting the bidding in a fun way. It was my first ever attempt at being a live auctioneer and I had a blast.

Tee shirt contest - Members were encouraged to wear their favorite or most outrageous tee shirt (non-offensive of course). Each member was then given a pin on number which corresponded to a bucket/cup in which they could vote for their favorite tee shirt with dollar bills or even checks. The winner was determined by who got the most money in their bucket. All proceeds went to the lodge scholarship fund in this case. This could also be done with hats.

Lego contest. - Similar to the tee shirt contest only members built something from their imagination out of Legos to bring to the meeting. Members then voted for their favorite creation in the same way as the tee shirt contest. I don't recall where the proceeds went for this one but it raised some significant money. Part of the fun was there was no restriction on having family or children help with a creation which of course created some family fun as well. My grandchildren entered a piece that raised a few dollars. *Thanks to District 3 Counselor Pete Hanson and Norumbega Lodge 3-506 for these fun suggestions.*

Fraternally, Pete, Audun and Dirk

GOING FORWARD IN THE PANDEMIC

As we go forward in these difficult times, we would like to know how you are doing and what keeps you occupied in your daily lives. We know some of you may be working but many of you are retired and staying at home. Perhaps you will let us know what keeps you going these days. Also, as we go forward as a very restricted lodge, if you have any ideas on fund raisers that can be done without getting together and could help with our financial expenses.

We are looking for some help to continue to cover the expenses for the upkeep of the lodge, so any help or ideas would be greatly appreciated.

Please send your ideas to Anne-Lise Meisner at anne@smallworld-travel.com or you can send by regular mail to my address at 92 W. Shawnee Trail, Wharton, NJ 07885

Thank you for your help. Anne-Lise Meisner, treasurer/editor

The folks that help bring you the newsletter.
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Nils Abate.....	12/2020
Kristine Anker-Kaufmann.....	9/2022
Dorothy Furst Bahnatka.....	7/2023
Eric Barman.....	12/2020
Kari & Frank Brescher.....	5/2021
Anne-Lise Henriksen Carew.....	3/2021
Kim Dwyer.....	2/2021
Jeff & Debbie Dirgo.....	9/2024
Gail Garnett.....	11/2021
Peggy Gerding.....	6/2021
Audun & Margaret Gythfeldt.....	5/2021
Norman & Jean Halls.....	8/2022
Barbara Hanenberg.....	5/2021
Ellen Hantho.....	3/2021
Iris R. Hascup.....	9/2020
Vega & Arthur Hendela.....	4/2021
Henny Henriksen.....	12/2020
Stan & Hessie Kjekstad.....	2/2022
Irma Lafko.....	11/2020
Debbie Landvik Larsen.....	4/2021
Joe & Barbara Lehner.....	8/2022
Bjorg Lema.....	11/2021
Gerda Lindstrom.....	3/2021
John & Claire Loken.....	9/2021
Viola Muriello.....	6/2021
William Nostrand.....	3/2021
Mary & Harry Ostevik.....	1/2021
Charly Pedersen.....	5/2021
Neil Pedersen.....	10/2021
Marilyn Pettersen.....	1/2023
Judy & Eugene Randazzo.....	12/2020
Gunvor Satra.....	1/2021
Ray and Carol Schutz.....	9/2021
Barabara & Roy Selland.....	6/2022
Kevin Smith.....	2/2025
Mari Svensen.....	2/2021
Angie Thompson.....	1/2021
Austin Thompson.....	1/2021
Joanne Thompson.....	1/2021
Robert & Mary Thompson.....	1/2021
Gwyn Anne Thompson.....	1/2021
Mary Ellen Thompson.....	1/2021
Garth Eric Thompson.....	1/2021
Gindy Dale Thompson.....	1/2021
Garon Keith Thompson.....	1/2021
Gayle Elaine Thompson.....	1/2021
Heather Thomson.....	1/2021
Jason Thompson.....	1/2021
Laura Thompson.....	1/2021
Thelma Thompson.....	1/2021
Barbara & Karl Peter Thorsen.....	4/2024
Richard & Ellen Tonnesen.....	10/1020

You to 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.

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Memorial Boosters



In Loving Memory

Daniel Lema	October 2021
Arne & Ingeborg Strom-Henriksen	April 2021
Arne Landvik-Larsen	December 2020
Arnt & Solveig Walaas	April 2028
Louise Scantlebury	June 2021
Ruth & Ivar Skavnes	October 2020
Evelyn & Oscar Tonnesen	October 2020

Special Birthday Congratulations

We are celebrating our 90 plus members for September

Ruth Ruediger 94

Gladys Stene 94

