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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.

Check our website. www.norbulodge.org

LODGE EVENTS

March 19th, 6:30pm

IRISH NIGHT

See flyer for reservations
inside newsletter

April 16th, 6:30 pm
Meeting & social

THE DASH

I read of a man who stood to speak at the funeral of his friend. He referred to the dates on her tombstone from the beginning – to the end. He noted that first came the date of her birth and spoke of the second with tears. But he said what mattered most of all was the dash between those years. For that dash represents all the time she spent alive on this earth, and now only those who loved her know what that little line's worth. For it matters not, how much we own; the cars, the house, the cash, what matters is how we live and love and how we spend our dash. So think about this long and hard. Are there things you'd like to change? For you never know how much time is left. (You might be in "dash mid-range.") If we could slow down enough to consider what's true and what is real and always try to understand the way other people feel. And be less quick to anger, and show appreciation more. And love the people in our lives like we've never loved before. If we treat each other with respect, and more often wear a smile, remembering that little dash might only last a while. So, when your eulogy is being read with your life's actions to rehash. would you be pleased with the things they say about how you spent your dash?



March 2022 MESSAGE



Many of us were looking forward to the new year with anticipation of an end to the pandemic, or at least relaxation of some of the restrictions making it possible for us to live a reasonably normal life. This may well happen soon, but the loss of three long time members and dear friends certainly brought us to a realization of the uncertainty of human life. With the passing of Judith Eriksson just before Christmas, and Evelyn Karpack and Irma Lafko in January Nor-Bu Lodge has lost three almost irreplaceable members.

Judith was an officer at both Nordic Lodge before they merged with Nor-Bu and at Nor-Bu Lodge. And she also served as Zone Director on the District Board. Judith was the kind of person I would seek advice from as I knew that her experience would lead me in the right direction, and she never failed.

I have known Evelyn most of the time I have been member of sons of Norway, but really got to know her when she became our chief fundraiser at a point in time when we needed funds to rebuild the BUL Cabin after the fire. She managed a fundraising effort that more than exceeded our goal and enabled us to rebuild our cabin to the beautiful facility it is today. And she has kept on fundraising for the lodge ever since, providing us with the necessary funds to keep our precious property and operate as a thriving lodge. She was secretary of the lodge, and stepped up when needed to take charge as our president. In the Third District she is probably best known for her many years as Youth Director, running the District youth camp at Land of the Vikings. She was there for hundreds of our youth who enjoyed the camp and loved Evelyn and her staff.

I got to know Irma almost as soon as I became a member more than 40 years ago. She was very visible as an excellent folk dancer, but she also held many officer positions. Personally, I remember her as an outstanding editor, usually writing inspirational pieces for the newsletter. When she passed away she was the secretary of Nor-Bu Lodge. She stepped up when nobody else was willing to take the job. I knew that with Irma as secretary I could rely on her doing the job and doing it well. And she did. On the lighter side I will of course, as many of us will, remember Irma's waffles. Her waffles with strawberry jam were the perfect end to enjoyable Nor-Bu dinners!

We know that we are an ageing lodge and getting to this stage in our lives we know that we must accept losing friends. But losing three good friends in the span of one month has been difficult. So, I say rest in peace dear friends, till we meet again.

Fraternally,

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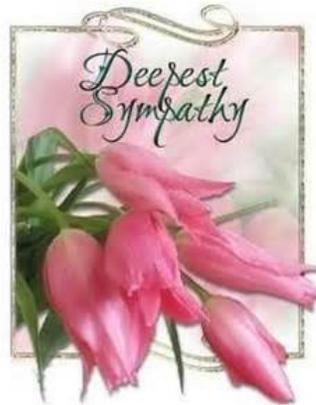
Nor-Bu Lodge Irish Night

**March 19th, 6:30pm Irish Night
Corned Beef and Cabbage
Dinner and dessert
Cost \$15.00**

**We will have a short meeting
as we need to elect delegates for
the 3D convention in June.
We will also try to have some
Irish entertainment.**

**Please make reservations ASAP.
Contact Elizabeth Nilsen at
908-283-1295 or by email at
uffda810@optonline.net**

It is with a great deal of sadness that the members of Nor-Bu Lodge send their sincere condolences to the family and friends of Evelyn Karpack, who entered the Lodge Eternal on Jan. 14th. It was a great shock to us all and it all happened so fast and unexpected. Evelyn had been a member of Nor-Bu over 75 years and has served the lodge in almost every capacity possible. She was always there and ready to help.



We will miss her more than anyone can imagine.

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Sunday Worship Sunday School 11 am
Pastor Jack DiMatteo
Communion is celebrated every Sunday.
The 2nd Sunday of each month is our Contemporary Service.

As we barely have acknowledged the loss of one member, we are again saddened By the loss of another member.

It is with great sadness that we send our sympathies to the family and friends of Irma Bergland Lafko as she entered the Lodge Eternal on Jan. 29th.

Along with her long suffering with lung problems, she was taken by COVID and was unable to recover. Her death was also very sudden and unexpected.

Irma had been a member for over 50years. She was editor of our newsletter for many years and for the last several years our secretary. Her shoes will be very hard to fill, as she was always ready to help.





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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, Marilyn Pettersen, Henny Henriksen, Kjell Ring, Peter Johanson, Stuart Anderson and Irma Lafko



NOTIFY Your 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.

CHRISTIAN ONE LINERS

People are funny, they want the front of the bus, the middle of the road, and the back of the church.

GRATULERER MED DAGEN

February	March
Tina Uffer	Holly Midkiff-Weber
Edward Schunk	Deborah Landvik-
Charles Webber	Larsen
Roy Selland	Scott Tonnesen
Laura Watson	Barbara Samuelsen
Torkild Benn Vennesland	Hilary Walaas
David Nelson	Bill Nostrand
William Olsen	Robert Anderson
Trygve Pedersen	Marie Ross
Arthur Hendela	Maria Trujillo
Harold Hanssen	Sigrid Bjelland
Peggy Gerding	Lars E Roerkoll
Henny Henriksen	Gunvor Satra
Mari Svensen Macpeek	Debra Arntzen
Nils Abate	Karl Peter Thorsen
Carol Ingraham	Richard I Tonnesen
Kim Dwyer	Edward Bakos
Charles James Webber	Thomas P Bakos
Judith Ring	Ellen Crane
Kevin Smith	Peter Johanson
Grunde Haugeto	
Susan Ulversoy	

Happy Birthday!

SHOPRITE CARDS



We are still selling Shop-Rite Gift cards You can call Anne-Lise Meisner at 973-663-1070 to request them or email to anne@smallworld-travel.com.

Let her know how many you want and what denomination \$50, \$100 or more.

Then, simply mail a check to Nor-Bu Lodge, 92 W. Shawnee TR., Wharton, NJ 07885. Anne-Lise will then mail the cards back to you or meet you somewhere to deliver.

This is an easy fundraiser and we have made several thousand dollars so far and would like to keep this fundraiser going, but we need your help.

February/March 3D President's message

FEBRUAR

Here it is February – And yes, although we are still dealing with the pandemic let's focus on some happy thoughts: Hopefully the virus will see a plateau soon and we will begin to readjust to what we have learned and become in these past 2 years.

Technology- many of our members have talked with others via video calls at some point since the pandemic's onset. Many of us have used technology or the internet in ways that were new or different to us. But to be fair we would have liked to have had those interactions in person, but instead had online or over the phone - useful – but not a replacement for in-person contact.

Installation of new officers: If your new or returning officers are being installed or have already been installed, we congratulate them and offer our support. I am deeply grateful and proud of our lodge leadership who continue to face the many and often difficult obstacles this pandemic continues to bring to our lodges with renewed determination and resilience. You get to take an active role in helping your lodge become a better place. I expect our lodge membership to support, in any way they can, those who have taken on this responsibility. Have your Delegates been chosen for the upcoming Convention? Leadership roles filled? Committees organized? Share the experience. This saves single members taking on the majority of a burden.

Celebrate We are happy to celebrate Saami People's Day on Sunday Feb. 6 and Norway's Mother's Day on Feb 13. Valentine's Day is February 14th – let's share some love with our members.

Fastelavn-the Norwegian answer to Carnival. This year it is søndag 27. Februar (Sunday, February 27). This holiday occurs seven weeks before Easter Sunday and is sometimes described as a Nordic Halloween, with children dressing up in costumes and gathering treats for the Fastelavn feast. The holiday is generally considered to be a time for children's fun and family games.

Why not try to bring some festivity to your lodge meeting. Adults are ready to have fun along with the kids. Funny hats, decorating masks, what brings a smile to your lodge members.

In Norway a popular baked good associated with the day is Fastelavnsboller ("Fastelavns bun", also known in English as "shrovetide bun" or "lenten bun"), a round sweet roll usually covered with icing and sometimes filled with whipped cream. Yummm.

Scholarship -Those of us with adult children or grandchildren may wish to pose the questions to them as to what might interest their peers. Whether their interests lie in financial products, travel, culture or heritage, Sons of Norway has a lot to offer, including the assistance of Financial Benefits Counselors and the fellowship and philanthropy opportunities of your local lodge. The Sons of Norway Foundation Scholarship season is upon us. Check them out and see if there is help for members, child, or grandchild - www.sonsofnorway.com/foundation for complete information.

Fraternally, Kathy Dollymore, 3 D President



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

Norman & Nancy Ambjor.....	3/2022
Stuart Anderson.....	12/2022
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Kari & Frank Brescher.....	10/2022
Anne-Lise Henriksen Carew.....	3/2023
Jeff & Debbie Dirgo.....	9/2024
Kim Dwyer.....	5/2022
Marit Fosstveit.....	4/2022
Peggy Gerding.....	6/2022
Dawn Green.....	12/2023
Audun Gythfeldt.....	5/2023
Norman & Jean Halls.....	8/2022
Barbara Hanenberg.....	5/2022
Ellen Hantho.....	3/2023
Vega & Arthur Hendela.....	4/2024
Henny Henriksen.....	12/2022
Barbara & Peter Johanson.....	12/2022
Stan & Hessie Kjekstad.....	2/2024
Irma Bergland Lafko.....	11/2022
Debbie Landvik Larsen.....	4/2022
Joe & Barbara Lehner.....	8/2022
Bjorg Lema.....	11/2022
Gerda Lindstrom.....	3/2022
William Nostrand.....	3/2022
Mary & Harry Ostevik.....	1/2022
Marilyn Pettersen.....	1/2023
Judy & Eugene Randazzo.....	12/2022
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Barabara & Roy Selland.....	6/2022
Joanne Schaper.....	12/2023
Kevin Smith.....	2/2025
Elsie Svaasand.....	1/2022
Joyce Svendsen.....	12/2022
Mari Svensen.....	2/2022
Angie Thompson.....	1/2023
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Joanne Thompson.....	1/2023
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Gwyn Anne Thompson.....	1/2023
Mary Ellen Thompson.....	1/2023
Garth Eric Thompson.....	1/2023
Gindy Dale Thompson.....	1/2023
Garon Keith Thompson.....	1/2023
Gayle Elaine Thompson.....	1/2023
Heather Thomson.....	1/2023
Jason Thompson.....	1/2023
Laura Thompson.....	1/2023
Thelma Thompson.....	1/2023
Barbara & Karl Peter Thorsen.....	4/2024
Richard & Ellen Tonnesen.....	12/2022

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:
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Memorial Boosters



Margaret Gythfeldt	October 2022
Daniel Lema	October 2022
Arne Landvik-Larsen	December 2022
Arnt & Solveig Walaas	April 2028
Louise Scantlebury	June 2024
Ruth & Ivar Skavnes	December 2022
Eileen Anderson	December 2022
Evelyn & Oscar Tonnesen	December 2022
Arne & Ingeborg Strom-Henriksen	June 2023
Richard Olsen	September 2022
Kari Liseth	October 2025
Rick Lillis	October 2022
Glenn Green	December 2024

Special Birthday Congratulations

We are celebrating our 90 plus members for February & March

Mari Svensen MacPeck 90

Henny Hendriksen 93
 William Nostrand 92

