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VIKINGS OF THE SMOKIES

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Thanks to everyone who attended the February Lodge event and a big tusen takk to those who participated in the annual chili cook off and provided a wide variety of delicious chili for the lodge to enjoy.

There could only be one winner, however, so congratulations to Linda Turmo, who is now a two time "Chili Champ" and the proud owner of a \$25 gift card to Chili's restaurant!

In addition to enjoying the chili, Lodge members were provided resources, information and instructions on how to get started earning their genealogy cultural skills pin. Thanks also to Linda McCarthy who shared personal stories of her family which have been preserved for future generations.

As you all know, 2020 has been designated by the board as the "The Year of Cultural Skills," so each month we are trying to jump-start the lodge to begin working on earning those pins!

For the March Lodge event, the newly formed VOTS "Culinary Skills Team" will be cooking and serving a traditional Norwegian meal to Lodge members. The meal will include appetizers, soup, choice of entree with sides, dessert and beverages. There is still time to join the team - no experience needed! **YOU MUST RSVP TO ATTEND THIS EVENT**

This activity meets several of the requirements needed to earn the cultural skills pin for cooking. Lodge members will be asked to rsvp and there will be a \$10 per person charge to cover the cost of the ingredients.

April will focus on Norwegian music and especially the nyckelharpa. Nick Shoemaker, who many of you met at the Taste of Scandinavia last year, will

make a presentation on this unique instrument and discuss its history in Norwegian folk music.

And, of course, May will feature our annual Syttende Mail celebration on Sunday, May 17th. As in the past, this event will be held at Asbury Place in Maryville. We will be looking for some Viking Volunteers to help with this event.

While the Lodge does not "officially" meet during the summer months - we still have activities! In June, we will join members of the Music City Vikings and attend a play at the Cumberland County Playhouse in Crossville, TN,

The Lodge will again participate in the annual Town of Farragut Independence Day Parade. We're looking forward to seeing what ideas that our float committee comes up with to refurbish our Viking ship for the parade.

Finally, we are always looking for new programming ideas for our events, so don't hesitate to suggest a topic about in which you may be interested in learning more.

See you then!

Joleen

Adopt A Mile Volunteers needed Saturday, March 29th

VOTS is again participating in the the Town of Farragut's "Adopt A Mile" program to clean a one mile stretch of Boring Road four times a year. Boring Road is located in Farragut off Kingston Pike, next to the Ingles Shopping Center.

For more information on how you can participate in the Adopt A Mile program, please contact Dee Bumpers at 865-982-9157 or

TazlinaAgg@bellsouth.net.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 15TH - 4PM

CULTURAL SKILLS COOKING

FAITH LUTHERAN

The cultural skills cooking team will prepare and serve a traditional Norwegian meal for lodge members as a requirement of the cultural skills program. The menu will include appetizers, soup, a choice of entrees, sides, dessert and beverages.

The cost is \$10 per adult, \$5 children aged 5-18 while children under the age of 5 are free.

RSVP Required!!

Having an accurate headcount for this meal is VERY important, and the Lodge may be unable to accommodate attendees without a reservation for this meal. Please help us plan for this event by replying to calling Joleen at 571-332-3100 or email info@TNVikings.org no later than Wednesday March 11th.

APRIL 15TH - 4PM

FOLK MUSIC AND THE NYKKELHARPA

FAITH LUTHERAN

MAY 17TH - 4PM

SYTTENDE MAI CELEBRATION

ASBURY PLACE - MARYVILLE, TN

Join the Music City Vikings at the Cumberland County Playhouse on Sunday, June 14th



Members from both Lodges will meet for lunch at the [Homestead Harvest Restaurant](#) at the Cumberland Mountain State Park and then attend the matinee performance at the Cumberland County Playhouse in Crossville.

This spectacular tribute musical tells the true story of the friendship that developed between country music superstar Patsy Cline and Louise Segar, her most devoted fan.

Louise narrates the story of the day in 1961 when she met Patsy at Houston's Esquire Ballroom. Afterward, Patsy kept in touch with her number one fan by writing her long hand-written letters that she signed "(Love) Always, Patsy Cline."

Featuring all of Cline's chart topping hits including "Walkin' After Midnight", "Crazy", "I Fall to Pieces" and "Sweet Dreams", *Always...Patsy Cline* is an evening of nostalgic song and heartfelt humor starring Tennessee's Miss America Kellye Cash, as Patsy Cline and Playhouse royalty Patty Payne as her biggest fan!



Advance ticket purchases will be required.

The playhouse ticket will be \$28.00 per person

You may send a check payable to Vikings of the Smokies to:

Trygve Myhre

804 Shannondale Way, Apt. 417

Maryville, TN 37803

The cost of the buffet is \$9.25 +tax & tip (self-pay at restaurant)

OAK RIDGE INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29TH

Thanks to Lodge members Clark Brekke, Dee Bumpers, Trygve Myhre, Trude & Erica Wilson and Amber Nguyen who represented the Vikings of the Smokies at the 22nd annual International Festival hosted by the Oak Ridge Children's Museum.

In addition to providing information on the Sons of Norway, they demonstrated how to bake lefse and served warm samples to the festival attendees.



2020 Volunteer Schedule

March Set up & Greeter(s)

Linda McCarthy
Elizabeth & Trygve Myhre

March Clean Up

Deb Peterson
Elizabeth & Trygve Myhre

April Setup & Greeter(s) Volunteers Needed

April Clean Up Volunteers Needed



"... and if we finish pillaging early enough, we can still catch the evening Zumba class on the after deck."

The REAL reason the Irish celebrate St. Patrick's Day

It seems that some centuries ago, many Norwegians came to Ireland to escape the bitterness of the Norwegian winter. Ireland was having a famine at the time, and food was scarce. The Norwegians were eating almost all the fish caught in the area, leaving the Irish with nothing to eat but potatoes. St. Patrick, taking matters into his own hands, as most Irishmen do, decided the Norwegians had to go.

Secretly, he organized the Irish IRATRION (Irish Republican Army to Rid Ireland of Norwegians). Irish members of IRATRION passed a law in Ireland that prohibited merchants from selling ice boxes or ice to the Norwegians, in hopes that their fish would spoil. This would force the Norwegians to flee to a colder climate where their fish would keep.

Well, the fish spoiled, all right, but the Norwegians, as everyone knows today, thrive on spoiled fish. So, faced with failure, the desperate Irishmen sneaked into the Norwegian fish storage caves in the dead of night and sprinkled the rotten fish with lye, hoping to poison the Norwegian invaders.

But, as everyone knows, the Norwegians thought this only added to the flavor of the fish, and they liked it so much they decided to call it "lutefisk," which is Norwegian for "luscious fish." Matters became even worse for the Irishmen when the Norwegians started taking over the Irish potato crop and making something called "lefse."

Poor St. Patrick was at his wit's end, and finally on March 17th, he blew his top and told all the Norwegians to "GO TO HELL!"

So they all got in their boats and emigrated to Minnesota---- the only other paradise on earth where smelly fish, old potatoes and plenty of cold weather can be found in abundance!

From the Treasurer:

Our net gain for the 12 months ending February 2020 was \$165. This compares to a net loss of \$150 for the previous 12 months.

Membership dues income of \$733 was \$638 (15%) more than the previous 12 months.

The community events, Children's Museum International Festival, Taste of Scandinavia, and murder program had an income of \$700, compared to \$609 for the previous 12 months.

Lodge events had a net loss of \$538 for chili cook off, installation, Juletefest, lefse sale, murder mystery dinner, program, refreshments, Syttende Mai, Torsk dinner, and VOTS t-shirt sales. This compares to \$443 net loss for the previous year's lodge events.

Additional expenses for facility rentals, bereavement, insurance, and Go Daddy subscription were \$356., with \$806 allocated for the 2020 District 5 Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

Trygve Myhre

The Viking Float Boat Committee is gearing up to redesign and refurbish the Viking ship float.

For more information on how you can help, contact John McCarthy at jfcarthy@yahoo.com.

TUBFRIM REMINDER - SAVE YOUR STAMPS!

Help the Lodge by saving your postage stamps!

Ask your friends and family to save them - or your office or church. Simply clip them from the envelope, leaving at least 1/4 inch margin of paper around the stamp. Save them in sandwich sized a zip lock and- bring them to a lodge meeting and put in the Tubfrim bucket .

See Clark Brekke for more details!

