



VIKINGS OF THE SMOKIES

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Fra Presidenten,

The Lodge started the year with the installation of the 2018 officers (thank you to those who have stepped forward to lead the lodge!). Tusen takk to Past President Clark Brekke for presiding over the installation ceremony, and to Linda Turmo for her presentation on chapter 5 of *Between Rocks and Hard Places*.

During the meeting, Cultural Director Darla Berdal announced Joan Shrader had received her cultural skills pin for rosemaling, while Francis Turmo was presented with his cultural skills pin for genealogy.

The Lodge will have two activities this month - on Saturday, February 17th. Vikings of the Smokies will again participate in the International Festival hosted by the Oak Ridge Children's Museum. For more information and directions [click here](#). Volunteers are needed to staff the information booth and prepare lefse for sale. Please contact Dee Bumpers if you can help for a couple hours. The event runs from 10am to 4pm.

The following day, lodge members will have the opportunity to participate in the Sons of Norway 2nd annual District 5 Chili Competition - the winner gets bragging rights and a \$25 gift card to Chilis Restaurant!

Also, as part of the requirements for the Stamp Collecting Cultural Skills pin, Clark Brekke will be making a presentation regarding his collection of US, Canadian and Norwegian stamps and provide some interesting general information on stamps and collecting. His topic will be a first for our Lodge -- so please plan on attending and participate by bringing your used stamps for the Tubfrim jar!!!

Joleen

Chili Cook-Off!



Sunday February 18th

Vikings are invited to engage in some friendly culinary competition by entering their special chili in the 2nd annual Sons of Norway District 5 Chili cook off.

There are no restrictions for the contest - red bean, white bean, no bean, turkey, beef or veggie or chicken..just make your favorite recipe for the Lodge to enjoy.

Earn bragging rights and a \$25 gift card!

If you would like to participate in the cook off, please contact Joleen at info@tnvikings.org before February 16th. In addition to the pot of chili, the participants are asked to bring a written copy of the recipe.

The Lodge members who are not participating in the chili competition are asked to provide a dessert, an appetizer or bring an accompanying side topping for the chili such as cornbread, tortilla chips, grated cheese, sour cream etc.

SoN Cultural Skills Program

Collecting Norwegian & North American Stamps



Stamp collecting is one of the most popular hobbies in the world. Through stamps, collectors can learn about the history and culture of distant countries.

Our Lodge participates in stamp collecting via Sons of Norway's Tubfrim Program, a Norwegian organization that raises funds for charitable causes by collecting and selling used stamps. Today, Tubfrim's profits are used to help children and youth in Norway with disabilities and handicaps, and to finance the efforts to eradicate tuberculosis.

You can help the Lodge by saving your postage stamps. Simply clip them from your envelope, leaving a 1/2 inch margin of paper around the stamp, put them in a ziplock and bring them to a lodge meeting!

VIKING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR MONTHLY LODGE EVENTS

The Lodge is asking for 2-4 volunteers each month to arrive early and help prepare for the meeting by assembling flags, assisting with buffet table, handing out name tags and greeting guests. Volunteers are also needed for post event clean up as well. Tusen takk to those who have already stepped forward!

Please email info@tnvikings.org to volunteer.

FEBRUARY

Set up & Greeters

Laura Larsen
Ole Kolberg

Clean Up

Trygve Myhre
Elizabeth Myhre

MARCH

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Ole Kolberg

Clean Up

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Elizabeth Myhre

APRIL

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Clean Up

From the Treasurer

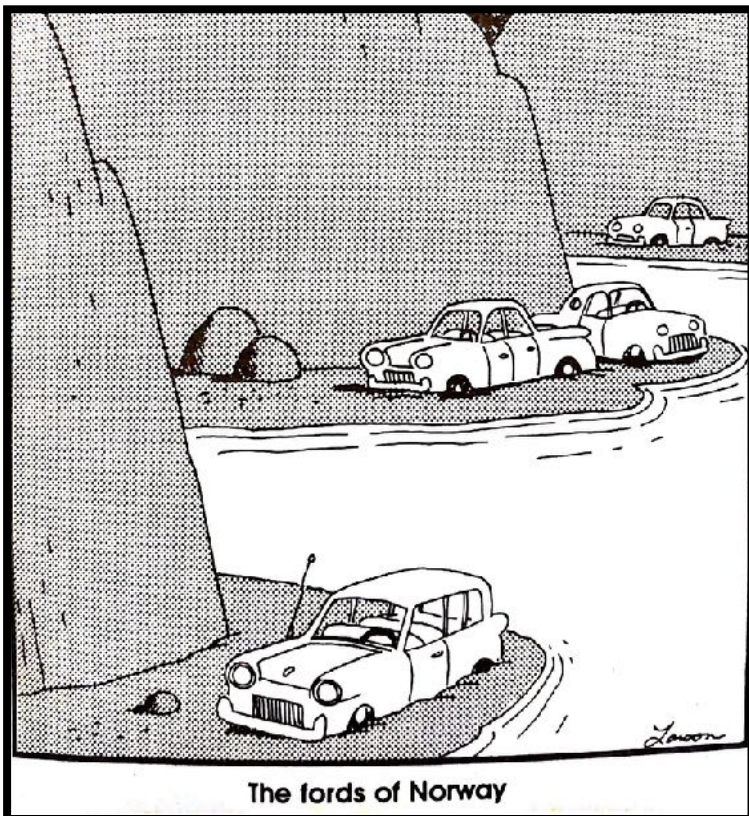
Our net loss for 12 months ending January 2018 was \$661 which compares to a net gain of \$499 for the previous 12 months. Membership dues income of \$365 compared to \$385 for the previous 12 months.

Community events (International Festival and July 4 parade) had a net income of \$6, compared to \$41 for the previous 12 months. Lodge events had a net loss of \$90 for culinary skills baking activity, Juletefest, chili cook off, Independence Day picnic, lefse sale, lodge refreshments, Syttende Mai, and the Torsk dinner. This compares to a \$39 net income for the previous year's lodge events (Juletefest, pizza party, July 4 picnic, pizza & movie night and the Torsk dinner). Additional expenses of \$717 were for GoDaddy web domain name renewal (\$192), District 5 conference accrual (\$417), bereavement, insurance, and Ski for Light contributions.

There are no major expenses or income expected in the near future.

Respectfully submitted,

Trygve Myhre



**Winter Weather
Cancellation Policy**
In case of inclement weather,
please check www.tnvikings.org,
our facebook page or email
info@tnvikings.org

**We will try to post any cancellations no
later than 1pm on event day.**

MEET THE KOLBERGS!

Ole Kolberg, the oldest of two children, was born at the homestead outside Skogmo, a small community within the district of Overhalla in the county of Nord Trøndelag, in the central part of Norway.

At the age of 19, Ole came to the United States in April of 1969 to attend flight-school in New Jersey. Following graduation, he found initial employment in South Carolina, and then served in the US Army from 1970-1972.

Ole then returned to South Carolina, and was offered employment at a large corporation and worked there from 1972 until his retirement in 2014. He spent his first 25 years as the Corporate Pilot, and then worked in both the IT and purchasing departments.

Betty, who was born and raised in South Carolina, worked as a freelance court reporter. She met Ole in 1974 and they were married in November of 1975. Betty also had a home-based custom drapery workroom in Cheraw, SC, which she continues to have here in Knoxville.

The Kolberg family includes three daughters, Laura who lives in New York, Mary who is in California and Hannah who lives here in Knoxville. They also have six grandchildren -3 boys and 3 girls.

Betty and Ole moved to Knoxville in June 2015 to be closer to daughter Hannah and her family. Ole has been a member of the Sons of Norway since 1989, and became a member of the Vikings of the Smokies Lodge in 2016.

INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH 10-4PM

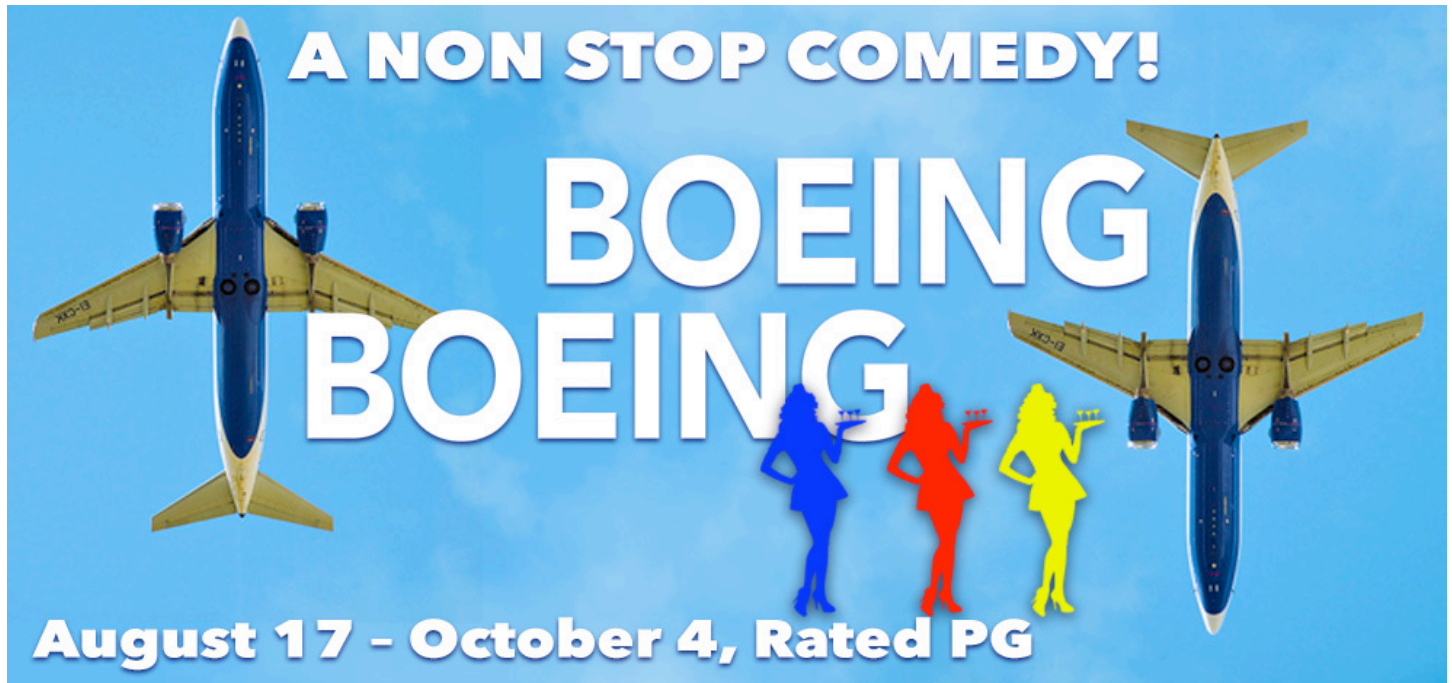
OAK RIDGE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

VIKING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO BAKE LEFSE
AND TO STAFF INFORMATION BOOTH

CONTACT DEE BUMPERS IF YOU CAN HELP WITH A TWO HOUR SHIFT



**Make plans to join the Music City
Nashville Lodge for an afternoon at the
Cumberland County Playhouse on
Saturday, August 18th!**



It's the 1960s, and swinging bachelor Bernard couldn't be happier: a flat in Paris and dating three gorgeous stewardesses without them knowing about each other. But Bernard's perfect life gets bumpy when his friend Robert comes to stay and a new and speedier Boeing jet throws off all of his careful planning. When all three stewardesses are in town simultaneously, timid Robert & Bernard's droll housekeeper keep forgetting which lies to tell to whom, and catastrophe looms.

Boeing Boeing was a smash hit in New York and London as well as a popular 1965 movie starring Tony Curtis and Jerry Lewis. In the spirit of *Fox on the Fairway*, *Suite Surrender*, and *Lend Me a Tenor*, this hilarious comedy promises to have you rolling in the aisles with laughter!

**Advance ticket purchases will be required.
Additional details on this joint event will be
available after April 30th.**