



**BLUFF COUNTRY CRUISERS**

**Holiday Party**

**January 20, 2018**

**Train Station—Calmar**

**Social Hour 6:00—7:00 p.m.**

**Dinner 7:00 p.m.**

**Menu:**

**Hamballs, Fish, Parsley Potatoes, Glazed Carrots,  
Cookies/Cream Salad/ Summer Salad, Rolls, Milk &  
Coffee**

**(tax and tip included)**

**\$ 14.00**

1 free drink ticket included

\$ 20.00 dues can be added to meal price

RSVP to Phyllis 563-562-3753 or

rpelsbernd@hotmail.com by January 16th.

If not attending dues can be mailed to Phyllis Elsbernd

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# **BLUFF COUNTRY CRUISERS NEWSLETTER**

## **January 2018**

Am sitting here writing this newsletter about to welcome 2018, and wondering where the heck the year went!

We said good bye to loved ones we lost, and remember them forever in our hearts. If you haven't seen the silhouette statue in memory of Bob and Ron's dad Cletus, please stop by the Winneshiek County Freedom Rock in Calmar. You'd almost think he's riding that bike. Dan Gerlemans brother-in-law Kevin Neuzil designed it for us. We will miss Lennie as she really enjoyed the cruises and the overnights.

Did a lot of cruising this year. Good turnout, good times at Egeland's, on that note thanks Doug & Marylou! If you missed that you missed out on bags of their home grown popcorn. The BEST, especially with that melted butter! Everyone enjoyed the cruises, who could ask for anything better than cruising, food, conversations and that brewsky!

Fourteen of us enjoyed the overnights routed by Karl. Had an awesome family style breakfast at the Amana Colonies, toured museums, and even had ice cream at Wilton, Iowa.

Make sure you check the club photo album for pictures of our cruises, overnights and poker run.

Speaking of the poker run, we had a good turnout, lots of fun and even a wrong turn in memory of Cletus, right Ron? We received a donation from Nora in memory of Duane, so we then donated \$ 150.00 to Breast Cancer and \$ 150.00 to Alzheimer's. We sure do miss him and that loud voice. People up above are probably deaf by now.

We will be passing a sheet for suggestions for cruises this year. We will definitely try to do the Villa Comagenia in Shellsburg, Iowa. That may have to be on a Saturday so she can accommodate us.

Karl will be talking about the overnights, going up north around Stillwater, Mn. Contemplating moving the date to the week before to the 15-16<sup>th</sup>. Will get input at the Christmas party.

All officers are retaining their offices. Don Kelly, President; Karl Schroeder, Vice President; Nora Hemesath, Treasurer; and Phyllis Elsbernd, Secretary. The pay is so good we could hardly give it up!!

Special thanks to all the club members who make this a fun organization, and let's not forget Michele who is the behind the scenes person for the club. Hopefully when and if she retires she will continue to help us out.

Remember X-mas reservations by January 16<sup>th</sup> .!!

Today we start a brand new year  
Let's start it without any fear.  
Reflect on the year that's done  
Look to the future having lots of fun.

Happy New Year  
Don, Karl, Nora, Phyllis

