Newyddion o Gymdeithas Dewi Sant

# St. David's Society News

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## **Come to Mankato on September 22**

The Minnesota Welsh Association again invites all singers in Minnesota (or from anywhere) to join them for the Minnesota Welsh Hymn Festival on Sun., Sept. 22, 1:30 p.m., at First Presbyterian Church in Mankato.

The church is located very near downtown Mankato, at the **corner of Hickory and S. Broad St. There's a free parking ramp next door, plus street parking.** This lovely church is a Richardsonian Romanesque-style church designed by Warren H. Hayes. First Presbyterian was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1980. The congregation was founded in 1855, three years after the town of Mankato was first platted.

Director for the hymn singing will be native Welshman, **John Good**, originally from Cwmafan in South Wales, now from Phoenix, Ariz. He writes a regular feature column in the North American Welsh newspaper, *NINNAU*, highlighting memories of Wales.

Start time will be **1:30 p.m.**, with lots of part-singing of hymns, plus chances to rest your voice while you listen to selections from the **Windom Chordhustlers**.

After the singing, there will be a Te Bach [lit. "Little Tea"] featuring tea, of course, coffee, Welsh cakes (always lots of them) and other treats.

All are welcome. Bring a friend. It's a lovely drive in the fall in the Minnesota River Valley. If you are driving and could offer a ride (or would drive if you had a rider), please contact Mary Mergenthal, 651-644-1650, mary.mergenthal@gmail.com



## Diolch yn fawr, Betty

How does one thank someone as faithful as Betty Kinsey? She has served as Sunshine Chairperson for many decades, sending colorful notes of support or celebration to members at difficult or special times.

Unfortunately, Betty's failing eyesight no longer allows her to fill this role. Mary Mergenthal will do her best to at least partially step into Betty's shoes.

If you have news of a Society member for which you think a card might be appropriate or welcome, please contact Mary at mary.mergenthal@gmail.com or 651-644-1650. Diolch yn fawr.

We're grateful, too, to Ilene Alexander who has graciously contributed some of her homemade cards for this use.

## **Picnic and Annual Meeting held in July**

The annual summer picnic and brief Annual Meeting of the St. David's Society of Minnesota were held Sat., July 27, at Rosebrook Park in Roseville. After a fun activity giving members opportunity to tell about memories of their family's favorite foods or or share recipes they enjoy, the brief meeting was held before the potluck meal.

Board officers all agreed to take another two-year term: President: Janice Barbee, term now expires 2021; Vice-president: Ilene Alexander, term now expires 2021; Treasurer: Sally Evans, term now expires 2021.

Board members, all with terms expiring in 2020, are: Ron Adams; David Gladen; Marla Gladen; Hywel Roberts; Barbara Powell Sherman; and Bob Sherman.

Treasurer Sally Evans reported that the Society is in a good financial position, largely because: The annual St. David's Day Banquet came out in the black due to careful meal choices and an enjoyable program that wasn't too costly, because of several financial donations received from members during the year, and because Society investments continue to do well.

Society income from 7/1/18 to 6/30/19 was \$4,736.93; expenses over that time period were \$3,940.82; resulting in a net balance of \$796.11.

Sally also monitors memberships. We have added new members this year and membership renewals have been up [Editor: Perhaps because of Sally's clever reminders on mailing labels?].

Ron Adams, Society Investments Manager, reported that the Society has 62 life members. Their one-time membership payment of \$225.00 means that, when invested, the Society has \$18,172.48 total equities; of which \$4,325.00 was invested this past year, with \$6,825.00 dollars redeemed.

Officers of the St. David's Society of Minnesota Foundation were announced: Bob Minish; Ron Adams; and Ilene Alexander (stepping in to continue the earlier service of Betty Kinsey). Foundation officers are elected by the Society Board, not by the membership.



### More than 25 Minnesotans attend 2019 NAFOW

The 2019 North American Festival of Wales was held in Milwaukee, Wis., over Labor Day weekend. It was sponsored by the Welsh North American Association and hosted by the Wisconsin Gymfanfa Ganu Association. St. David's Society of Minnesota members played active and important roles. **Danny Proud**, formerly of Minneapolis and still a Society member now that he lives in Madison, Wis., was co-chairperson, along with Jan Battv.

#### 2019 National Eisteddfod

Danny Proud, David Evan Thomas, and Mary Morris Mergenthal adjudicated various competitions in the 2019 National Eisteddfod [music and literature competition, mainly in the Welsh language].

Gwen Feltes, age 5, while not a member, is the great-granddaughter of member Ellis Jones. Hailing from Sioux Falls, S.D., she placed second in the Youth Solo Competition, singing a strong and musical "Dring I Fyny Yma" [Don't You Hear Him Calling]. As a winner, she was asked to sing again at the Winners' Circle Concert the next day. Gwen did so with her usual charming confidence.

Meanwhile, Gwen's mother, Elizabeth Feltes, the daughter of members Karen and Michael Wojahn of Windom, won the top prize of all—Solo Voice Semi-Professional. She sang "Gweddi y Pechadur" [The Sinner's Prayer] by the late Morfydd Llwyn Owen and "My Heart Ever Faithful" by J.S. Bach (in German) to great acclaim from the audience and the unanimous choice of her adjudicators. As winner of the Welsh North American prize, Beth will travel to Wales to compete in the 2020 Eisteddfod Genedlaethol [National Eisteddfod of Wales].

Beth is a graduate of Gustavus Adolphus College and is currently a stay-at-home mother and gives private piano lessons. Her family includes husband, Michael, and three young children. They live in Sioux Falls, S.D. She is pictured on page 3.

Beth's sister, **Emily Wojahn** of Colorado Springs, Colo., won the Eisteddfod Visual Arts Competition with a stained glass hanging. This was the first year this competition was held. NAFOW attendees adjudicated this contest by casting votes for their favorite entry. Emily also had a booth in the Marketplace selling her lovely stained glass.



Photo by Beth Landmesser.

Members of the St. David's Society and Minnesota Welsh Association and friends present at 2019 NAFOW in Milwaukee included: (Top to bottom, back row) Esmé Evans, Toni Evans, David Evan Thomas, Melvyn Jones, Sally Evans, LaVern Christianson, AdaMae Lewis, Susan Thurston, Larry Moe, Austin Evans, David Jones. Terri Jones, Michael Wojahn. (Top to bottom, middle row), Mark Christianson, Wendy Worner, Dorothy Moe, Kay Gavin, Ellis Jones, Marcia Jones Richards, Pam Rose, Nansi Craig, Beth Feltes, Emily Wojahn, Laura Gleamza. (Top to bottom, front row) Carol Christianson, Laurie Williams, Helen Balcome, Mary Morris Mergenthal, and Karen Wojahn. Not pictured: Jan and Don Barbee, Ruth Jones, Gail Manning, Myrene Jones Peterson, Danny Proud, David Richards, Jim Rustad, Mary Lou Saterbak, and Kay Thomas.



Another new competition this year was the Daniel Protheroe Award for hymn-writing. The composers had to use the meter of the hymn "Milwaukee," written by Daniel Protheroe [1866–1934], who lived in Milwaukee for six years during that time. There were 14 entries. Winner was Kim Lloyd Jones, a harpist from Wales who also played at the Saturday evening concert.

The daughters and granddaughter of **Karen Wojahn** were busy, but Karen herself was frantically busy. She accompanied Beth and Gwen, plus many other NAFOW events, including serving as back-up accompanist for the choir and Sunday service accompanist.

As if this weren't enough, Karen and **Kay Thomas** are both members of the Welsh North American Ass'n Board responsible for NAFOW. They arrived a day early with other Board members from near and far to make final arrangements. Some of Karen's duties on the Board have already been described. Kay was co-chairperson of the 88th National Gymanfa on Sunday.

### St. David's Society Officers

Janice Barbee, President, 2021 Ilene Alexander, Vice-President, 2021 Sally Evans, Treasurer, 2020 Ron Adams, 2020 David Gladen, 2020 Marla Gladen, 2020 Barbara Powell Sherman, 2020 Robert Sherman, 2020 Hywel Roberts, 2020

#### St. David's Society Foundation Officers

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Mary Morris Mergenthal

#### **Opening Concert**

Calennig, a longtime favorite folk group from Wales, pleased audience members with their humorous toe-tapping offerings. Some of the members of the group appeared again late Saturday night at the Noson Lawen. In addition, the group led a seminar on Twmpath Folk Dancing on Saturday.

#### **Grand Concert**

Saturday evening's concert featured the North American Welsh Choir [Côr Cymry Gogledd America], which was formed in 1999 for the National Gymanfa Ganu (predecessor of NAFOW) when it was held here in Minneapolis. It was founded by and is still directed by Dr. Mari Morgan. (See below for more about Dr. Morgan.) The choir sings only in Welsh. The singers represent Welsh organizations from all over North America. The choir of over 100 voices included Society members **Sally and Tony Evans, Danny Proud,** and **Frank and Mary Siegle**. In addition, Danny's three sisters sang (Kit from Mt. Morris, Ill.; Cindy from Broken Arrow, N.M.; and Peg from Aurora, Ill.).

Then there was the late Saturday night **Noson Lawen** [Merry Evening]. Karen Wojahn (surprise!) was in charge. Her father, **Ellis Jones**, opened the evening with a straight-faced humorous reading (an annual treat, but this was a new one!). There was a mixture of music and recitation. **Danny Proud** and two of his sisters played a harp trio he composed.

Karen was floored when "Jones sisters...humor" turned out to be her daughters and their Jones cousins (sisters) from Maryland and Illinois. They sang a hysterically funny version of "Sisters," from "White Christmas." Then to top off the late night fun, Karen was again surprised when her husband Michael went to the microphone for an original humorous reading.

The Sunday **Gymanfa Ganu** [Welsh hymn singing] sessions were held at Immanuel Presbyterian Church, with buses providing transportation from the hotel. Dr. Mari Morgan conducted. She pointed out that her research had shown that Dr. Daniel Protheroe himself had once conducted a gymanfa at that very church, the oldest in Milwaukee. The gymanfa was accompanied by NAFOW accompanist Steve Jensen. The church is his home church and he is the longtime organist there. Côr Cymraeg Gogledd America sang several more numbers and "our own" Elizabeth Feltes sang her Welsh competition hymn, "Gweddi y Pechadur" again, with her mother accompanying.



Elizabeth Feltes, Sioux Falls, won the top National Eisteddfod award—a trip to Wales for the 2020 Eisteddfod Genedlaethol [National Eisteddfod]. See more on p. 2.



In 2020, the Festival will be held in Philadelphia. In 2021, Ottawa, the capital of Canada, will host, and in 2022, Pittsburgh.



St. David's Society members attending included Helen Balcome; Don and Jan Barbee; Esmé Evans, Sally Evans, and Tony Evans; Kay Gavin; David Jones, Ellis Jones, Melvyn Jones, and Ruth Jones; AdaMae Lewis; Gail Manning, Mary Morris Mergenthal; Dorothy and Larry Moe; Myrene Jones Peterson; David Richards; Marcia Jones Richards; Hywel Roberts; Pam Rose; Mary Lou Saterbak; David Evan Thomas; Kay Thomas; Karen and Michael Wojahn; and Wendy Worner. Relatives and friends not already mentioned included Marya Hage, Champlin, sister of Esmé Evans of St. Paul; Gwen McCausland, Brookings, S.D., daughter of Myrene Jones Peterson, Enderlin, N.D.; Dévon Hinz, Ames, Iowa, daughter of AdaMae Lewis, also of Ames. Poet Susan Thurston, Falcon Heights, also attended. Members of the Minnesota Welsh Ass'n not already mentioned included President Laurie Williams, Nancy Craig, Carol, Mark and LaVern Christianson ..... A new friend from the Twin Cities was Kathleen Fish, Wayzata.

## Dr. Mari Morgan, founder of Côr Cymry Gogledd America

Mari Morgan graduated from the University of Wales in Cardiff and Trinity College of Music in London. She is a member of the Conductors' Guild and studied conducting with Dr. Fred Stoltzfus and Jim Little. Her professional resumé as a mezzo-soprano spans three continents and includes concerts, festivals, master classes, and workshops, as well as recitals and opera roles.

She has released several CD recordings and was honored by the National Eisteddfod in Wales as the Leader of the Welsh from Overseas at the 2000 Eisteddfod in her hometown of Llanelli.

Mari moved to the United States in 1996, was awarded her green card and permanent residency for her musical expertise and accomplishments and more recently became a U.S. citizen. Dedicated to the presentation of new music, she is deeply committed to the North American Welsh choral experience and genre.

## **Update on the Foundation**

After serving on the St. David's Society of Minnesota Foundation Board and as its Secretary since it was formed in 1991, Betty Kinsey has retired. We greatly appreciate her many years of service, not only to the Foundation, but for her countless hours devoted to the Society's activities. Ilene Alexander will be our new Secretary and Board Member. Other Board members are Ron Adams and myself.

The Board's decided last year to invest a large portion of its assets in mutual funds to generate more income. The result has been a significant increase in the value of our investment. As of June 30, 2019, our total assets were \$9,616. We recently converted \$500 of the increase in the value of our investments to cash. The result is that we have a cash balance of \$1,600 to use for educational purposes.

To this end, the Foundation has committed funding for local professional singers to perform the famous "Hywel and Blodwen" aria from the first opera written in Welsh, Blodwen (1878), which recently received its U.S. premiere in Billings, Mont. This performance will be held at the St. David's Luncheon on Sat., Feb. 29, 2020.

We will be working with the Society's Board to determine appropriate projects that the Foundation can support. Traditionally the Foundation has been providing scholarships for members to attend programs in Wales or in the U.S. about Wales. We may continue to do that. However, our Board believes that programs that can benefit a great number of our members are probably a better use of our funds.

Ideally, educational programs that not only would appeal to our members but may also be of interest to the general public would be great. Anything that would generate good publicity and that might bring in some new members would be desirable. The Society's Board is considering a variety of possible projects.

In this regard let me express my personal view that a major long-term focus for the Society should be on attracting new members and adding newer members to the Society's leadership. The recent decision of the St. Andrew's Society of Minnesota to disband should be a warning shot for us. Not only was their membership declining, but they had difficulty finding members willing to invest the time required to serve in various leadership capacities.

Another area of focus could be to take advantage of the expanding universe of social media. Our website has served us well. But maybe a presence on Facebook, Twitter and other platforms could bring greater public awareness and interest and possibly new members. For example posting highlights of a concert we supported or the Morris Dancers at the St. David's banquet might help promote public interest in future events. Maybe money spent for someone to assist us with that could be very beneficial.

All of which is a long-winded way of saying that our Foundation Board is very receptive to supporting programs that serve an educational purpose but also can help the St. David's Society to remain a very viable organization.

## Nov. 17: David Evan Thomas's selection performed at Sundin

The much-praised Artaria String Quartet's November 17 concert will include a special presentation of David Evan Thomas's "To Live in the World," (2002) with soprano Maria Jette.

The editor asked David to tell us about his composition:

"In 2002 I was asked by Michael Adams (Minnesota Orchestra violist) and Daria Adams (Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra violinist) to compose a work for soprano Karen Clift to sing at Music in the Vineyards, their summer festival in the Napa Valley. Like Berg, who chose Stephan George's translations of Baudelaire for his concert aria, Der Wein, I had intended to set poems about wine. But as I was pondering, Gail Adams, Michael's mother and the vibrant founder of Music in the Vineyards, developed cancer and died. In that context, Mary Oliver's work-the last lines of "In Blackwater Woods" in particular—spoke urgently to me. Two

images from that poem—the river, and the fires—gave me the subjects of the first and second songs. "The Swan" also contains a humorous reference to Blake, prompting a quotation from my setting of Blake's "Cradle Song," which I wrote to celebrate the birth of Karen's first child. Maddy. Cultural references are unusual in Oliver, where inspiration arrives in the guise of wild things. Oliver is the author of more than ten volumes of poetry and prose, including American Primitive, which was awarded the Pulitzer Prize, and New and Selected Poems, which received the National Book Award.

"To Live in This World" is dedicated to the memory of Gail Adams. It received its premiere in 2002, in the cave of Clos Pegase Vineyard. In 2019, the work was sung brilliantly by Tori Adams, the daughter of Michael and Daria and Gail's granddaughter, who was all of five when the work was written. Miracles happen.

—David Evan Thomas, 2019

The concert is Nov. 17 at 3 p.m. at Hamline's Sundin Music Hall, 1531 Hewitt Ave., Hamline Univ., 55104. Also featured will be Mozart's E flat major Quartet, K.428 and Brahms Quartet No. 2 in A minor.

Tickets are available from Brown Paper Tickets. Tickets for adults are \$20.00 (\$21.99 w/service fee if ordered online). Youth and students are free.



### New window at Plymouth Congregational Church

On Nov. 18, 2018, Plymouth Congregation Church in Minneapolis, celebrated the return of the Henry Martyn Nichols memorial window in Jones Commons (You guessed it, the Commons is named for former Society member and minister there, Vivian Jones of Wales.).

Nichols, a former minister at Plymouth, was known for his efforts to end slavery. Prior to coming to the Minneapolis church, Nichols and his wife lived on a bluff overlooking the St. Croix River in Stillwater, where they were part of the Underground Railroad.

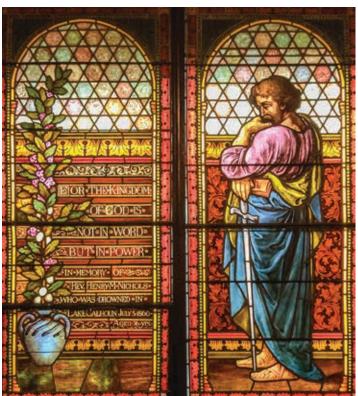
Tragedy ended the Rev. Nichols's life at only 36, when he, his wife, and others drowned in Lake Calhoun (now Bde Maka Ska) in an unsuccessful attempt to save their two nieces.

In 1885, when Plymouth leaders chose people for eight memorial windows to be installed in the church building at 8th St. and Nicollet Ave., Nichols was among those commemorated.

When Plymouth moved to its current site, however, the windows were put in storage until 1916, when five, including the Nichols window, were donated to Wayzata Congregational Church. That building changed hands several times, and the latest owners (Blue Waters Theatre, a youth performance company) recognized that preservation was not consistent with their use of the building. Plymouth then addressed acquisition, restoration and placement of the Nichols window, considering Nichols's legacy and the window's historic and artistic value.

It's about at this point that a St. David's Society member became involved. **Nancy Powell**, always watching for little-known history facts, became concerned about the window. She approached **Bob Minish**, another Society member and a member of the church, who started making inquiries.

Seed money to return and restore the window was provided by Gary Reierson (lifelong Plymouth member, former associate minister, and great-great-grandson of Henry Nichols) and Pam Matson Reierson. Donations from other descendants of Henry Nichols and interested Plymouth members ensured completion of the project by Gaytee-Palmer Stained Glass Studio of Minneapolis. Owner Al Palmer confirms the artistic value of the window and, although there is no signature, suggests it was probably created by John LaFarge, a rival of Tiffany's.



The window's inscription includes: "For the Kingdom of God is not in word but in power" (Cor. 4:20), or, in today's translation: "Faith is demonstrated not only by word but also by action."The figure on the right is the apostle Paul, shown as he often is with a sword, symbolizing his martyrdom and a book representing his letters in the New Testament.

Submitted by Boh Minish



# Well-Read Dragons Updates

At its August meeting, the Society book club met for two reasons:

1 – To discuss Remember No More... Bad Blood Runs in Families: A DS Kite Mystery by Jan Newton. This 2014 book makes it clear that Newton is familiar with police forces, Wales, and intrigue in general. All members found it a fascinating read. Newton also has a 2019 title in the same series: *Rather to be Pitied*.

2 – To choose upcoming books:

Oct. 5 – *I Let You Go*, Clare Mackintosh. There are many copies in local libraries. This is easy read and its availability makes it a good month to join the group.

**Dec.** 7 – *Ibrahim and Reenie*, David Llewellyn;

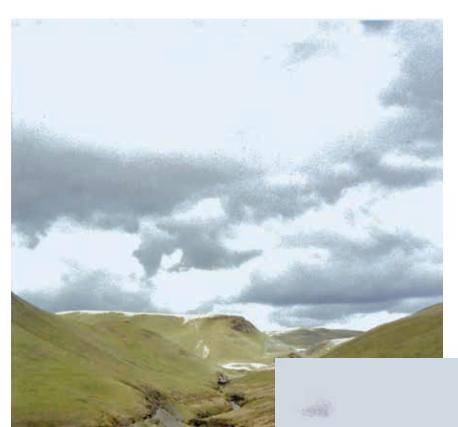
**Feb. 1** – *Pigeon* by Alyce Conran;

April 4 – Flame in the Mountains, Williams Pantycelyn, Ann Griffith and the Welsh Hymns, H.A. Hodges, ed. by E. Wyn James. (This meeting only will be at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church. Composer and Society member, David Evan Thomas, will join us for this meeting.)

**June 6 – New Welsh Short Stories**, ed. by Francesca Rhydderch & Penny Thomas;

**Aug. 1** – *A Simple Scale*, David Llewellyn.

The group meets on the first Saturday of every other month in the party room at Davanni's in Arden Hills, 3673
Lexington, 55126. Come at 11:30 a.m. and order lunch if possible. Those purchases allow us to use the room. All are welcome.



Between Rhayader and Cwmystwyth in County of Ceredigion.

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The poet Shelley lived in this valley in Ceredigion from 1811–1812. 8,000 sheep live there now. Hand-printed signs plead: "Kill your speed, not our sheep."

Mary Morris Mergenthal

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### Welsh offerings in local arts & worship

**Calon Lân** – The MMTA (Minnesota Music Teachers Assn) has included David Evan Thomas's arrangement of "Calon lân" on its rep list for Intermediate Piano for 2020. This will allow many students to become acquainted with the tune. [See hymn #66 in the hymnal of the North American Welsh Ass'n.] Llongyfarchiadau [Congrats], David.

More Welsh music, plus – On Sun., Aug. 25, the morning service prelude at Plymouth Congregational Church featured "From the Land of Song (O Gwlad y Gân) (Suite of Folk Songs from Wales)" written by David Evan Thomas (2010), with Laura Sewell on cello and Sonja Thompson, assistant organist-director. On the same day, the anthem, "The Four Freedoms" by David Evan Thomas again, was performed by Maria Jette and Jenny French, soprano; Lisa Drew, alto; Dan Dressen, tenor; James Bohn, bass; and Sonja Thompson, piano.

The words are by President Franklin D. Roosevelt from his message to Congress on Jan. 6, 1941.

This nation has placed its destiny in the hands and heads and hearts of its free men and women;

and its faith in freedom under the guidance of God.

Freedom means the supremacy of human rights everywhere.

We look forward to a world founded upon four essential human freedoms:

freedom of speech and expression;

freedom of every person to worship God in his own way;

freedom from want-everywhere in the world;

freedom from fear—anywhere in the world.

This is no vision of a distant mllennium.

It is attainable in our own time.

To end a strong service, congregants enjoyed a postlude written by David (2010): "From the Land of Song," "Dwfn Yw'r Môr (Well I Know This Lovely Place). It was performed by Laura Sewell, cello, and Sonja Thompson, piano.



Child's Christmas in Wales – Theater Latté Da in North Minneapolis performed parts of "A Child's Christmas in Wales" by Dylan Thomas in July to rave reviews from audiences. The "old chestnut" arrangement featured music by Welsh singer/songwriter Cerys Matthews. The Welsh of the actors when singing was fine and they were even encouraged to add the Welsh Christmas favorite, "Suo Gân."

Sorry you missed it? Not to worry (hopefully). These were test performances to determine if there would be enough interest to use "Child's Christmas" as the theater's 2020 Christmas show. Here's hoping! Watch season listings late summer/fall 2020. Then make a reservation!

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#### **Calendar of Events**

Sunday, Sept. 22, 1:30 p.m. – Minnesota Welsh Hymn Festival, First Presbyterian Church, 220 E. Hickory, Mankato. Welshman John Good from Phoenix directing. Windom Chordhuskers singing. Te Bach follows. A Minnesota Welsh Association event.

Saturday, Oct. 5, 11:30 a.m., Well-Read Dragons, Davanni's, Arden Hills, 3673 Lexington, 55126.

Monday, Oct. 21, 6:30–8:30 p.m. – Welsh Movie Night, Brooklyn Park Library, 8500 W. Broadway Ave., 55443. Free. Popcorn provided. Title of film TBA.

**Sunday, Nov. 10**, 4–6 p.m. – **Pub Night**, Merlins Rest, 3601 E. Lake St., 55406. Enjoy friendly conversation with other members, as well as food or a pint.

**Saturday, Dec. 14**, 2–4 p.m. – **Christmas Tea**, University Lutheran Church of Hope, 601 13th Ave. SE (Dinkytown). Come to sing, tell stories, and share holiday treats.

### Early Notice — Mark your calendar NOW.

**Saturday, Feb. 29, 2020**, 11:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m. - **St. David's Day Annual Banquet**, Double Tree by Hilton (new name, same place as last year), 2540 N. Cleveland Ave., Roseville. Program TBA.