From The President

One of our Lodge members asked me recently what my goals or agenda would be in 2015. A second term President has usually learned several important lessons in his/her first term. I have learned mine and have become a more weathered and experienced President. I am grateful to have a great Lodge executive board for guidance in decision-making. I'm grateful to be surrounded by ladies on the board who have wisdom and talents I don't have. I don't have much of an agenda to promote or changes to push.

I thought about what goals I might pursue. First is to continue to have Lodge groups and individuals working well together, having trust in and respect for one another. I like to have what we say at the end of every membership meeting. Our lodge counselor is asked for any closing remarks, and his reply is always, "May peace and harmony prevail in our lodge". To me that means: let us work together in a peaceful and respectful manner, letting our hearts be open to caring and sharing that will benefit all of us. It is about simply getting along with one another, without judgment, learning to accept the other, as we are, as part of the family. It's also a live and let live idea of knowing that we are individuals, and as humans we do have our differences, strengths and weaknesses.

Working, talking together in a co-operative way will bring results. I want us to work together to keep our Lodge in a good financial condition. As stated in last months' Presidential letter, "our lodge expenses are greater than our lodge income". Remember it takes money and light organization among people to keep us afloat in a dollars and cents world. Our esteemed building is requiring more maintenance because of age and that equates to more expenses and upkeep. So, another goal is to work closely with our building association, who takes care of our building on a daily basis, to be more financially stable. Our building association does a lot of ongoing maintenance and upkeep behind the scenes -- work that the general membership never hears about. Thank you, Building Association. You provide so much to us and get little recognition.

My third goal is to have fun and enjoy being your President. I do enjoy working with others to make events happen. My position requires me to be on most all Lodge committees, too. I speak at memorial services and am a caregiver half my time. Being connected to people in a loving way is where the joy comes through.

On behalf of the Lodge I would like to thank our Leif Erikson Sons of Norway Educational Foundation for keeping youth participation alive and well. They provide scholarship awards and camp programs for our young people. These are wonderful opportunities to learn about heritage and culture. Their annual "crab feed" fundraiser will occur the 24th of January, 2015. This is usually a full house event, full of family and friends; the kind of event I enjoy the most. If you like socializing and being with people, this could be your

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LEL Board Meetings

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Vikingen Mail Committee -- The Mail Committee usually meets the last week of the month, or as announced. If you have time to volunteer 1 or 2 hours/month, please call Dee (206) 285-3062.

Library

Norna Potluck and Business Meeting

Newsletter -- deadline: Thursday after the membership meeting, unless otherwise notified.

Spaghetti Dinner, Bingo and Karaoke -- Next event July 20 -- see article.

Youth Group -- The Youth Group currently has no director and no meetings are currently scheduled.

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favorite event, too; however by the time you read this the event will be past.

Another event to benefit the Lodge educational foundation will be on 11th February at our membership dinner. Randi Aulie and helpers will cook a delicious dinner for us and truly all proceeds will go to the foundation. Thank you, Randi and loyal Lodge helpers.

Heritage Day on March 21st is soon to be here, too. Our auditorium will be full of demonstrations of traditional handicrafts, music, dancing, foods, numerous vendors, crafts for kids and a bunad parade. Come and be a part of the one day event; volunteer and have fun.

The annual Swedish Club dinner exchange, Friday, March 27th is up and coming. We are all invited for dinner. The evening will be called the Nordic Night Talent Show with karaoke singing and other events to be announced.

In conclusion, I want to thank Ted Fosberg for being our installing officer at our January installation of LEL 2015 Officers. Also, I want to thank Russ Oberg and Bjorn Gjoimlasii for being our installing marshals. Thank you, gentlemen, for a job well done. Our March membership dinner program will be the Skandia Kapell musical group playing for our social and after dinner entertainment. It will be a great event.

Your President, Lee Ehrheart

Vikingen Archived on the LEL and The Scandinavian Hour Websites

We welcome all submittal articles of interest to members for the Vikingen but do set priorities on the types of information published (call the Editor for more details). Your articles should have a title and whenever possible your name and phone. Please note that editor must reserve the right to edit as space and content allow. The Vikingen is uploaded around the first of each month to the LEL website and often includes additional pages that are only published as digital copy to the website due to ever increasing costs of printing and mailing the newsletter. In addition, when viewing on your computer you can increase the size of the fonts. Some of the newsletter is in color, as are the photos.

2nd Saturday Happy Hour February 14

The February Happy Hour will again be full of members having fun, food and drinks. Doug Warne will be back from Hawaii to keep the evening moving along, with the food buffet and other distractions. The ever present raffle tickets will be sold once again by Carol Graves and the price is the same this year at $5 for light supper and two drinks with raffle tickets sold for a collection of prizes that are valued at about $200. Tickets are $1 each or 6 for $5, and if you bring some finger food to share at the buffet table you will receive extra raffle tickets.

Sunshine Committee

Your Lodge Sunshine Committee represents the membership of the Lodge to other members who need and deserve our well wishes. If you know of anyone needing a card from us, please let us know. Call the office or call one of us directly:

Arlene Templin at 206.784.1290
Judy Gray at 206.783.1274 (Lodge office)

If we don’t hear from you, we won’t know to whom to send our cards.

From the Office

We are continuing to follow the schedule of Kaffestua; we are OPEN on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Firstly, the members of the Lodge are encouraged to continue gathering boxtops and labels. These items are valuable as they can be mailed to the Lodge office, and the person who sends the largest number of boxtops and labels will be credited. The boxtops and labels need to be clipped and saved, and they will be featured all day.

The January Raffle Winners were:
- $7 by Karin Gustafson
- $7 by Erling Berg
- $7 by William Gilbert
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- $7 by Karin Gustafson
- $50 won by Synnove Dragoy

The Lodge has decided to continue to concentrate on boxtops and labels. At some point in the future, other programs may be installed at the first floor front door for labels. A mailbox has been set up for Labels for Education programs. A membership dinner menu for 2015 is also included, followed by an advertisement for a car wash fundraiser.

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Sunday Brunch Buffet
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Labeling education programs
Boxtops and Labels for Education Programs
LEL is continuing with the Boxtops and Labels for Education programs. A mailbox has been installed at the first floor front door for gathering member and friends boxtops and label donations. Once a month or every couple of months these boxtops and labels will be gathered and delivered to Adams Elementary School so the school can benefit from these excellent programs. Do include your name with your labels and boxtops so your name can be published and credited as the person who clipped and saved these valuable coupons. At some point in the future other programs may be added but right now we will still continue to concentrate on boxtops and labels.

January Raffle Winners
The raffle winners at the January membership meeting were:
- $50 won by Synnove Dragoy
- $5 by Erling Berg
- $7 by Magni Hinsee
- $7 by Carol Smith
- $7 by William Gilbert
- $7 by Erling Berg
- $7 by Karin Gustafson

Heritage Day March 21st
Mark Saturday, March 21, 2015 on your calendar to come to the Leif Erikson Lodge and celebrate Heritage Day. Good, traditional Norwegian food will be available, crafts, kids games, etc. will be featured all day. It is expected a “good time will be had by all”.

Brown Bear Car Wash Coupons
Please use this coupon to order car wash tickets and mail it to LEL office. Please indicate “CARWASH” on the envelope so it goes to the correct committee.

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Signy Floathe Stornes died December 9, 2014 at the age of 98. She was born in Harum, Norway. She came to the US in 1938 to visit her sister and her husband. Within a week of her arrival, her sister had arranged a job for her. When the Germans invaded Norway in 1940, Signy was unable to return to her home. After working many years as household staff, at nights she studied first English and then anatomy, physiology and massage therapy. Her studies led to a long and productive career as a licensed massage therapist in Seattle. Her holiday dinners at her home were always warm, friendly, and filled with delicious meals prepared following traditional Norwegian recipes. She was a member of Leif Erikson lodge for 52 years, receiving her 25 year pin in 1983, her Life Membership in 1992 and her 50 year pin in 2012. The Memorial will be sent to the Ballard First Lutheran Church.

Dolores A. Pickrell died December 19, 2014 at the age of 90. She was a member of Leif Erikson Lodge for 35 years, receiving her 25 year pin in 2004, her Golden Membership in 2009 and her 35 year pin in 2014. Her husband, Robert, is also a member of Leif Erikson Lodge. She and her husband were residents at Norwegian park until she needed more care and they moved to the Ballard Landmark where Robert still lives. The Memorial will be sent to the Leif Erikson Lodge Educational Foundation.

Anne Mari Quist died January 4, 2015 at the age of 71. She was a Sons of Norway member for 50 years, receiving her 25 year pin in 1998, her Golden Membership in 2008 and her 50 year pin in 2014. She was originally a member of Bothell lodge and transferred to Leif Erikson Lodge in 1975. She lived in Norway Park with her husband, Frank and daughter, Cheryl. Frank, Cheryl, Monica and Dennis Quist and her brother, Arne Lysholm, are also members of Leif Erikson Lodge. The Memorial will be sent to the Leif Erikson Lodge Educational Foundation.

Kenneth L. Ramstad died December 24, 2014 at the age of 87. He was a member of Leif Erikson Lodge for 47 years, receiving his 25 year pin in 1992, his Life Membership in 1997 and his 45 year pin in 2012. He graduated from the University of Washington in 1949 with a degree in electrical engineering. He served in the US Army during the Korean War. Ken worked for Boeing for 40 years. He and his wife, Carole, occasionally danced with Leikarringen and were active dancers with the Nordiska Folkdancers. He was proud of his Norwegian heritage and skied until he was 83 and was happiest when skiing, hiking, or climbing a mountain. The Memorial will be sent to St. Paul’s of Shorewood Lutheran Church.

Janet Fruchtli

Basic Beginners Norwegian for Travelers -- Classes to be held on Mondays in Kaffestua at the Leif Erikson Lodge from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The Mondays scheduled are: April 6, 13, 20 and 27. Advance registration is required. Please call LEL Office at: 206-783-1274 to register. There is no charge for the class and optional materials are $10.
News From the Norma Ladiers

Our monthly meeting will be on Tuesday, February 10, which will be our Valentine Party. We meet in the Norma Room at noon. Bring a favorite dish to share, a card to share in our card exchange and maybe even a friend. We will be making plans for our participation in the annual Heritage Day celebration on Saturday, March 21. Bring your "crafting" ideas. We are a fun and welcoming group who know how to have a good time. Please join us.

Judy Gray and Diane Adams
Co-presidents

LEBA Board Report

As we head into winter and the unpredictable weather, please call the office if you are unsure about whether the office or Kaffestua are open. We will have information recorded on the answering machine if no one is in the office: (206) 783-1274.

GARBAGE NEWS: Because of the newly enforced requirements from the City of Seattle, we have started a 3-CAN SYSTEM for everything “thrown out” of the building – very similar to what you do at home.

- **RECYCLE**: paper, cardboard, cups, cans, jars, and bottles (beer and wine also)
- **COMPOST [his is the new category]**: all food waste including bones, shells, peelings, etc.; food-soiled paper, paper plates, coffee grounds and filters, egg cartons, paper towels, shredded paper, flowers, and yard waste.
- **NO PLASTIC BAGS OR CONTAINERS**.

GARBAGE: The few items that are not compostable or recyclable. Examples: plastic food wrap, potato chip bags. Styrofoam containers, plastic forks/knives/spoons. Our containers will be color-coded:

- Clear for recycle
- Green for food and compost; Black for garbage

WE WILL BE FINED if we do not comply with the new laws. Please take time to sort properly. We appreciate your efforts to help.

Our monthly LEBA Board meeting is on the fourth Wednesday of the month – February 25, at 7:30 p.m. Let us know if you have questions or concerns about the Leif Erikson Lodge.

Judy Gray, Office Manager, LEBA Board member

Sports Director News

Trollhaugen Ski Races Feb 7, 2015

LEL is hosting the Ski races at Trollhaugen this year. Kathie Lange is looking for volunteers to serve soup and hotdogs and donate desserts. Race timers and help setting up the course is also needed. This is a fun day; it is possible to volunteer AND participate in the races! You do not need to be an Olympic athlete to race at Trollhaugen. The course is flat and there is plenty of time to practice ahead of time. If you don’t want to race, the lodge is warm and comfortable and makes for a great day in the mountains. For more information talk with Kathie at member meetings, or email: tatter59@me.com.

Kaffestua Kroken

Kaffestua is a great place to visit with friends and/or family; also to make new friends. There’s always a fresh pot of coffee brewing, great open-faced sandwiches, heart waffles and sweets to be had. The requested donation is $5, and it’s still the best lunch value in Ballard!

Volunteers are always much needed. If you have any time to spare, or know someone who may have some time to help out, please contact our Kaffestua President, Diane Arosen, at 206.783.4491, or the Lodge at 206.783.1274.

We continue to be closed on Thursdays but are open on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. If we get additional volunteers, perhaps we can open on Thursdays again.

Visitors: there were no visitors listed.

Volunteers Lately at Kaffestua include:

Kari Knutsen, Diane Arosen, Magni Hinsee, Gunn Marit McArthur, Helga Moen, Ragnhild Eidem, Judy Mallory, Odhy McDonald, Maria Lerbrek, Marilyn Fuller, Valborg Nordbo, Pat Bjorkelo, Ellen Beck, Magne Erga, Lee Ehreheart, Reidun Totland, Mabel Rockness, Diana Erickson, Gayle Seda, Jean Gregory, Bjarne Varnes. Important: Please, volunteers, when you sign up to work at Kaffestua, put your full name on the calendar! We want to acknowledge all our wonderful volunteers, but it is often difficult to figure out who is who when there are only first names listed. Mange Takk to all Volunteers!

People who recently donated food items:

Vidar Warness, Bill Hansen, Judy Mallory, Evelyn Sigurdsson, Rene Vogt, Reidun Totland, Evelyn Sivertson, Mollie Thompson, Janet Tofting, Gail Engler, Richard Svensson, Ragnhild Eidem, Maria Lerbrek. Thanks to all of you!

Musicians who recently entertained us:

Trygve Bjornsal, Harold Nygaard, Richard Svensson, Tor Christensen, Tor Olsen. Music makes a difference! Thank you.

Reidun Totland

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Ken Bartonen, Noel Wannebo and Torsk II (photo courtesy of Elaine Evrett)

Torsk II Finds a New Home

Torsk II aka “The Fish” had been with me in my living room since 2006 when I moved into a house in Ballard and moved with me last year to the house in Bothell. Previously, Torsk II had been in the homes of Paul and Elaine Everitt, Nancy Morrisson and others I don’t quite remember. This year The Fish found its way to the home of Ken Bartanen who purchased his family home in Ballard. Torsk II is the one with the ribbon.

The Fish is part of the lore of Leikarringen of Leif Erikson Lodge. Here is the backstory from “Christmas Time & Juletid: Traditions from the United States and Norway with songs, food, decorations, and stories for the season” written and edited by Christine Anderson et al. The book is out of print and is a work of love and treasure to those who own one.

Our fish looks a bit prehistoric, but it does make a very good conversation piece...the following history of our dried codfish was written by Michael Schuh.

Most folks who have been around Leikarringen for a while have seen, or at least have heard of, The Fish. Always spoken with capital letters and frequently in reverent tones. The Fish refers to a rather dead codfish that has adorned the walls and/or cellars of several Leikarringen homes. It is one of our most cherished traditions, dating back more than twenty (actually 40) years.

While scavenging in Norway during a trip in 1972, Dick Armstrong tasted some dried fish and discovered that he liked it. Upon his return, he shopped around for some and found reasonable facsimiles in Johnson’s (now Olsen’s – now gone, too) Scandinavian Foods on Market Street in Ballard. He bought two of these dried fish. When Doug and Ingrid Lieberg had their housewarming a year or so later, Dick gave one of the critters to the Liebergs. Several years after that, they passed it on to Margaret Lyness (now Margaret Vann) and so the tradition was born. When contacted during research for the article, Dick said he felt that passing The Fish on with each subsequent housewarming was appropriate, as “no one should be burdened with that.”

Not everyone who possessed The Fish has really appreciated that honor and sacred trust its possession implies. Sissel Feroy, for example, kept it in her basement, “so the cat won’t eat it.” John Anderson, on the other hand, suspended The Fish from the center of his living room ceiling.

The Fish is passed on to another member of Leikarringen only when the member has a housewarming party for a house that he or she has recently purchased. No particular ceremony has been established, but Sissel paraphrased the Ballard High School cheer when she bequeathed The Fish to Beth Sankey:

- Lutfisk, lutefisk
- Lefse, lefse
- Now it’s yours
- Ja, sure, ya betcha

Traditionally The Fish is passed on, for the most part on Halloween (this year it was Christmas) – it is already dressed for the occasion. Another traditional day is May 17, Norwegian Constitution Day. Thank goodness the celebration in Seattle lasts all day and we guests only have to be around The Fish a short time as it is
passed on to its new home. Sometime after being given to Rosemary Antel on May 17, 1993, our original fish (Torsk I) became home to something unidentified and it was discarded. On November 11, 1995, a new fish (Torsk II) was passed on to Carol Ollestad. At her newly build home, the fish resided in an odor proof box until it was passed on to a new home...

So the legend lives on. Who will be the next lucky Leikaringen member to give The Fish a home and when is the party?

Should The Fish ever pass into your life, treat it with the same loving respect that you would bestow on any other treasure. While no one seriously believes the Fish brings good luck or fortune, neither is anyone really certain that it will bring bad luck. Don’t for example, place The Fish in a humid area. It is doubtful that it would come back to life but its aroma might. As Doug said, “May the stench be with you.” And no matter how desperate your financial plight might become or how hungry you might get, DO NOT nibble on The Fish! The other members of Leikaringen might forgive you, but your stomach might not.

**LEL Educational Foundation**

Scholarship winners are positive role models for our Lodge and there are many different scholarships available; so, please spread the word about these scholarships to your loved ones! We know education is expensive and these scholarships can truly make a difference in offsetting those high tuition costs.

Our educational foundation scholarships/awards include:

- **Youth Leadership Scholarship** for attending an institution of higher learning or trade school for 18-25 year olds.
- **The Douglas Warne Vocational Scholarship** is for a person 18 - 25 attending or planning on attending an accredited technical, trade, or vocational program in Washington State.
- **Youth Camp Instructor/Counselor Grant** is a scholarship/grant to a person or persons who can provide a positive camp experience for young people participating in the D2 Youth Camp Program which is given to college students or Leif Erikson Lodge members who work two-six weeks at the District 2 Youth Camps.
- **Camp Reduction Fees** include a 25% reduction in fees for young campers between the ages of 9-15 attending Camp Normanna/Camp Nidaros and Camp Trollhaugen provided by Leif Erikson Lodge 2-001.
- **Lodge Queen and Lodge Princess Awards** - the Queen may qualify for the Miss Seafair Scholarship Pageant for Women Program, too, earning them even more scholarship opportunities!

**Scholarship applications are now available in the Leif Erikson Lodge office!**

We hope you share our enthusiasm for the present and the future of Leif Erikson Lodge 2-001 and Sons of Norway. It takes a joint effort to ensure that our Norwegian heritage is carried forward from old to young in perpetuity. You can give by donating to the Leif Erikson Lodge 2-001 Educational Foundation. It may be in memory of someone, a gift in your estate, in support of your children or grandchildren, or as a matching gift from your employer. We have a goal of endowing all our scholarships. In order to do this, we need to raise $140,000. We have raised 53% of the funds so far. Whatever amount you deem appropriate, we thank you for your support.

No goods or services are provided with your donation to the Leif Erikson Lodge 2-001 Educational Foundation in return for your contribution. Our tax identification number is 27-4674000. Your donation is tax-deductible in the United States.

We wish you a very happy holiday season with many more to come. Hope you were able to attend our crab feed on January 24, 2015! If not, see you next year.

**Christine Anderson, cmadance@earthlink.net**  
**Jessica Apodaca, 425-770-5200 or olsenip@msn.com**  
**Heidi Ludeman, 360-927-1194 or heidi.ludeman@gmail.com**  
**Lorie Lind, 206-789-6533, markolind@aol.com**

**More Scholarships**

In addition to the LEL Educational Foundation scholarships, both D2 and SON National have scholarships available, each with their own requirements and deadlines. The D2 scholarships include:

- **The Carl M. Saltveit Scholarship** awards assistance to an applicant to attend the International Summer School (ISS) at the University of Oslo next summer. The completed application must be returned to David Champion and postmarked no later than March 5, 2015. So time is approaching fast (and I mean, real fast)!!

The **Sofie/Olson Scholarship** is available for children who attend our District 2 Youth camps. One scholarship is awarded to an attendee at each of our camps: Nidaros, Normanna, and Trollhaugen. To be eligible, the camper must be children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, niece, or nephew of a current District 2 member of Sons of Norway. The camper must have applied and been accepted to the camp of their choice. A scholarship application with guidelines will be mailed to each camper. The deadline for scholarship application is April 15, 2015.

The **Draxten Memorial Scholarship** is awarded to many of our children attending the District 2 youth camps. To be eligible, campers must have applied and been accepted to the camp of their choice AND they must have been awarded a camp scholarship from their local lodge. The Draxten Memorial Fund will grant an amount up to, but not exceeding, the amount given by the local lodge. Last year, lodge scholarships ranged from $50 - $100. The lodge awarding the initial scholarship must notify David Champion of the recipient’s name and the amount given by April 30th, which means that lodges must select scholarships no later than April.

**Important Dates to Remember:**

- **February 14** Youth camp registration forms must not be postmarked prior to this date.
- **March 5** Deadline for receiving applications for the Carl Saltveit Scholarship for study at International Summer School. Upon receipt Youth Camp Registrars mail campers confirmations and scholarship applications.
- **April 15** Deadline for receiving applications for the Sofie/Olson Scholarship.
- **April 30** Deadline for LEL to notify David Champion of the recipients’ names and the amounts given so the campers are eligible to receive Draxten Memorial Scholarship.
- **May 15** Deadline for LEL scholarship checks to be received by Youth Camp Registrars – Please do not mail checks to campers!
- **May 31** Youth Camp Registrars mail final camper packets with statements reflecting balance due after all scholarships are received.
- **June 10** Deadline for Youth Camp Registrars to receive full balance of fees This is a lot of information and a lot to remember so please feel free to contact David Champion if you have any questions. You may e-mail him at norseherodotus@hotmail.com or call: 971-284-4175.

Fraternally yours,

**David Champion**  
District 2 Youth Dir. Scholarship Committee Chair

**SON National -- Scholarships**

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**Riddle Me:** If you throw a red ball into the blue Danube, what will it become?  
**See Answer on Page 8 ...**

**Tubfrim Winner** (from SON EPost)

Thursday, January 15, 2015 was a lucky day for Violet “Vi” Hills, a member of Jotunheimen 4-499 in Billings, MT. Vi was the winner of the Tubfrim drawing to give away a ticket to Norway, worth up to $1,000. Her postcard was marked no later than March 5, 2015. The completed application due after all scholarships are received.
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Scandinavian descendants. We practice on Tuesday nights from 7:30-9:30 p.m. in the Auditorium. We have a PARTY night the first practice of the month, which is January 6, 2015. Bring a snack to share.

The group formally began meeting on February 19, 1960. Our dancers and accompanying musicians have traditionally emphasized authentic costuming and attention to traditional detail and accuracy in music and dancing. To that end, the group has sponsored the Norsk Folkedans Stemme or folk dance gathering since 1981, at which folk dance groups from Norway provide instruction. Various members of the group maintain frequent contact with the folk dancing community in the Scandinavian countries. If you were able to attend the December business meeting, you heard Ingrid Hamberg, who studied with us.

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We perform throughout the year promoting Leif Erikson Lodge 2-001 at community functions: Syttende Mai/Norwegian Constitution Day festivities, Viking Days in Poulsbo, Northwest Folklife Festival at Seattle Center in May; Skandia Folkdance Society’s annual Midsommarfest in June; the Nordic Heritage Museum in November for Yulefest; and during December at the ScanFair down in Portland and Norse Home. We also perform at weddings, other lodges, and a variety of special events. Our members help at various lodge functions including hosting socials, Tastes of Norway/Norwegian Cultural and Heritage Day in March, and working at the Bazaar. If you like to dance, please join us on Tuesday nights from September-June.

Contact Leikarringen through the Leif Erikson Lodge office at 206-783-1274 or visit our websites.
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February’s Membership Meeting Dinner to Aid Scholarship Fund

The dinner scheduled for February 11th will help fund the Leif Erikson Scholarship fund. A special dinner of pan-fried fish will be turned out with all the trimmings by Randi Aulie and her committee. The dessert will be a promised special that many members wait for all year. It will be caramel pudding just like in the old country. The cost will be $12 and will include your drinks. Money raised will give an injection of cash to our scholarship funds which go to our children or grandchildren for camp, youth camp staffing, and college. Remember to call the Lodge in the week of February 2nd to make your reservation. This will ensure that enough fish is procured. The number to call is (206) 783-1274; or you can sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the entry.

Remember to do the same for the January dinner meeting which will also have an excellent dinner on January 14 prior to our installation of officers.

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Search for the Queens

The highlight of today was getting a photo of the first queen for Leif Erikson Lodge chosen to represent the lodge at the Border Festival between D2 and D7. As with genealogy, there are always interesting ways information comes to a person. About a month ago, my uncle, Don Thoreson, proudly showed me a photo of his confirmation class from 1943. (My uncle passed away last week.) He had just had a copy made of the photo at Immanuel Lutheran Church. I noticed among the names were Lorraine Totland — the name of our first queen who I have been trying to locate for several years. I went to the church to perhaps scan the confirmation photo. It had disappeared! I looked through the record books of the church to possibly locate a marriage at the church for Lorraine. In looking through the records, I found the names of my parents who were married by Paster Stubb in 1945, Al and Thelma Hove- land, past members who were married in 1948, and just a few names below them were listed Lorraine Totland, whose mother had the name of Ragna Olsen. Lorraine married Robert Christianson on August 8, 1948. I decided to look in our 2008 directory to see if there were any Christiansons who were members. I see the name of our former princess, Ragna Lorraine Christianson. I gave her a call, and yes Lorraine was her grandmother. She had died some time ago. Ragna had the high school photo of her grandmother. She and her dad brought the photo over and I scanned it. It was a wonderful day to see both Ragna again and to get her grandmother’s photo. Now to find the other missing queens of the lodge:

1952 Have a photo, but don’t know who it is
1954 Sylvia Sather
1957 Helen Arnesen
1958 Esther Sanne
1959 Unni Leth Olsen (Niece of Elfrieda Rian)
1960 Kristin Freeman
1963 Trudy Sanford (Perhaps related to Ruth and Reidar Lunde and/or Olav Lunde)
1970 Karin Richmond (Myrtle Richmond’s daughter)

Thanks for any help you can provide!

Christine Anderson.

Kvinner Kanevent Event
March 8th at Swedish Cultural Center

Kvinner kan means “women can,” and it’s used in Scandinavia to signify equality between women and men. Now that Norway once again has a female prime minister, it’s not just empty talk for Norwegians!

International Women’s Day is Sunday, March 8, and a group of Nordic women (Swedish American, Norwegian American, Icelandic American, and so on) are coming together for a dinner to mark the day and honor a local hero.

Alene Moris, an Icelandic American, has been deeply involved, nationally and internationally, in uplifting the role of women in industry, politics, etc. We will honor Alene for her work over more than 45 years on behalf of women and their career and leadership issues in both the nonprofit and business sectors. She’ll give a talk on “Nordic Women Are on Top,” discussing how various women in Nordic history have helped their countries become the most women-friendly in the world. The date is Sunday evening, March 8. Seattle Council Member Jean Godden has asked for the privilege to be here to introduce Alene.

As a personal note, I think it’s good for us as individuals and as groups and clubs to honor the oldsters in our community who have done great things in their lifetimes. We women who are active in our clubs should remember that we stand on the shoulders of giants who have made the way for us.

I hope this information is helpful, but by all means, call me if not. 206-778-1081 (There should be more info in the March Vikingen. Many thanks!

Kristine Leander

Mail Committee Volunteers Needed

If you have a couple of hours a month and would like to volunteer to assist in hand processing the monthly Vikingen (except July/August) please call Dee at (206) 285-3062 and leave your name and phone number. We meet in Kaffestua (usually during the last week of the month) and enjoy good conversation, visiting with other members, laughter and a glass of wine and snacks. Your assistance and company will be greatly appreciated.

Mail Committee -- February Issue

Many thanks to: Bjarne Varnes, Jean Gready, Mark Quam, Jim Erickson, Kjell Myraas, Diane Adams, and new recruit, Diana Einarsen for assisting with the hand preparation of the February Vikingen. The task gets done much faster with many hands. As usual, Diane Aronson and the Kaffestua kitchen crew provided open-faced sandwiches as delicious sustenance to the Mail Committee’s efforts -- always much appreciated.

Trollhaugen Has A New Email Address

Please mark your records with the new Trollhaugen Email Address:

trollhau@outlook.com

Old Norway Hall

Old Norway Hall is celebrating its 100th anniversary on May 17, 2015. We may see if there is interest in having a special celebration and joint-venturing with another Scandinavian group. Look in the Vikingen for future information.

Interesting Norwegians

Martin Ulvestad (1865 – 19 January 1942) was an American historian and author whose writings focused on Norwegian-American immigration. He was a pioneer in documenting the early history of the first Norwegian settlers in America.

Ulvestad was born in Volda municipality in Romsdal county, Norway and immigrated to the United States in 1886. He published an English-Danish-Norwegian dictionary in 1895. Ulvestad subsequently collected and published extensive information regarding Norwegian-American immigration and settlement in North America. His books provided biographical information, history of the settlements associated with Norwegian immigration and information regarding those who fought in the American Civil War. These books also contained articles about Norwegian music in America, listing of newspapers and magazines, and Norwegian-American educational institutions.

Ulvestad was presented with the Knight's Cross, First Class, of the Royal Norwegian Order of St. Olav, for his dedicated work in collecting and publishing this material. Ulvestad was knighted by Haakon VII of Norway with the Order of St. Olav in 1923. He died in Seattle, Washington in 1942.

Information provided by Christine Anderson
From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia
The Sons of Norway Foundation offers college scholarships to those who are studying Norwegian or Nordic topics both in the US and in Norway. Go to www.sonsofnorway.com/foundation to review the scholarship and grants available. Both the guidelines and applications are on-line. The best time to start acquiring the items you will need to fill out the forms is now! Please note that all SON Scholarships at the National Level must be submitted by computer.

No Sons of Norway membership required for these two scholarships:

1. **King Olav V Norwegian-American Scholarship** – for study of Norwegian topics in the US or in Norway. Six to eight scholarships for between $1,000 - $1,500 are available annually. Deadline for application is March 1st.

2. **Helen Tronvold Folk High School Scholarship** – for study at one of Norway’s 70 Folk High Schools for an entire year. Three $2,000 scholarships are awarded annually. Deadline for application is March 1st.

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3. **Carl Saltveit Scholarship** – for students from Washington, Idaho, Oregon and Alaska who attend Oslo International Summer School. Full tuition, room & board (approx. $3,900) for one student annually. Deadline for application is March 1st. Contact Seth Tufteland at sofnseth@yahoo.com for application.

4. **Oslo Summer School** – for students accepted to study at the University of Oslo, International Summer School. Two $1,500 Scholarships are awarded annually. Deadline for application is March 1st.

5. **Warne – Eng Scholarship** – for students who study in Norway at accredited, post high school settings, including but not limited to, colleges, folk high school, Oslo Summer School, Bergen Sommerkors, arts and crafts institutions, musical study, etc. Deadline for applications is April 1st.

6. **Lund Fund Scholarship** – for any study abroad experiences at accredited institutions. Two $1,500 scholarships are awarded annually. Deadline for application is May 1st.

7. **Helen Tronvold Folk High School Scholarship** – for year-long study at one of Norway’s 70 Folk High Schools. Three $2,000 scholarships are awarded annually. Deadline for application is March 1st.

8. **Nancy Lorraine Jensen Memorial Scholarship** – for college sophomore women 18-35 who are majoring in Physics or Chemistry or Mechanical, Electrical or Chemical Engineering. Applicant, parent or grandparent must be a Sons of Norway member for three years prior to application. Award is 50% of tuition for up to three years. Deadline for application is April 1st.

9. **Astrid Cates/Myrtle Beinhauer Scholarships** – offered in tandem – for post high school education at any accredited educational institution including trade school, tech school, junior college or college. Six $1,000 scholarships and two $3,000 scholarships are awarded annually. Deadline for application is March 1st.

Applications for any of these can be found on-line.

Contact foundation@sofn.com with any questions.
The Second Saturday Kaffestua was held on January 10th. Unfortunately, that was also the day of a Seahawks game! We are assuming that is why our numbers were a bit down.

This didn't stop us from all having a wonderful time, what with Trygve Bjorndal providing music for a rousing singalong! We so enjoy his music and enthusiasm. Gail Engler and Nancy Hiraoka provided the sandwiches and other treats.

Marie Sandvig organized a genealogy meeting, which met in the library. A genealogy expert from the Seattle Public Library gave a valuable talk on the many resources available. Some attendees joined us later for lunch.

Please join us for the next 2nd Saturday on February 14! If you work during the week, this is the perfect time to check out Kaffestua, enjoy a delicious lunch for only $5, bring a friend, or meet new friends! We look forward to seeing you.

Nancy Hiraoka

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Installation of 2015 Leif Erikson Lodge Officers
(Photos compliments of Randi Jacobs)