From The President

I hope you all had a good summer. It felt good to have two months off to do other things. Fall weather is always a treat; time to cool off from the hot summer and time to get out our handsome Norwegian sweaters.

The Ballard Seafood Festival was held in mid-July. It’s the biggest annual event/street party that Ballard has. Market Street was closed off from 20th down to 24th. Market and other side streets were full of assorted vendors selling crafts, ethnic foods, and salmon dinners. There were also three stages for music and numerous children’s events. The weekend was a big success and was sponsored by the Ballard Chamber of Commerce. Our lodge, the Chamber and the greater community worked together for over six months of planning meetings so the grand event would go well. I went to those meetings for all six months. LEL and the Nordic Heritage Museum had big tents up with displays promoting our Scandinavian culture. Being viable in a community happens by being an active part of it. Plus, we had a stage with two days of Scandinavian music, including a popular lutefisk eating contest. It was actually won by a Norwegian gentleman who has won a total of 12 lutefisk contests in Norway and the U.S. Poor Americans didn’t have a chance against this champion of Norway.

“Ola,” our troll from the lodge, was there and had his photo taken with dozens of children. “Ola” was happy to be out with everyone; he loves to have his bald head patted by real children. We flew all our flags and claimed a space for our presence in our beloved and growing community. Many of us also enjoyed the Trollhagen annual steak fry in July. It was well attended with excellent steaks (or salmon) and camaraderie from Sons of Norway Convention.

Another successful event was the Norsk Folkedans Stemme at Camp Brotherhood. Leikarringen sponsored the three-day event teaching music and dance to over a hundred people, young and old. There are so many ways that we can appreciate our culture. Music and dance is what I enjoy so much. Leikarringen meets every Tuesday at LEL at 7:30 p.m. and all are welcome to practice with us, like shake a leg, or just observe. It’s OK to be timid at first.

On the stemne weekend in August, Norway Park had a picnic for LEL members. However, very few members showed up, much to the disappointment of those who put on the event. I know there is always so many events going on in Seattle and the Pacific NW during the summer that it is impossible to attend them all.

With summer drawing to a close, we welcome the cooler fall weather and events at the lodge. Please continue reading on the next page for more details.

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**Vikingen**

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Vikingen Newsletter

**Schedule of Events**

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come to our membership meeting on 10 September. Looking forward to seeing you all then.

and involving mobility impaired individuals at Trollhaugen recreation lodge. The crew and

also looking for volunteers to help for the evening.

Our regular fall events are nearly upon us. Volunteers are meeting and getting organized. The

bazaar committee met in June and again on 4 September. We welcome all volunteers to meet with us to help out. Here at LEL, volunteers are usually the same dedicated people, year-after-year. We will teach newcomers how to take part in being of service. We will match a volunteer with a particular job or task that he or she likes and can easily handle. Don’t be afraid; step up and join the fun of volunteering. There are lots of benefits to being an active lodge member, such as meeting new people, sharing a meal, and learning how your esteemed lodge works. Become a key player and have fun while helping others. Your participation in events truly makes for a better lodge.

Well, my friends, take care. Hope to see you soon. Please contact me in person if there is something on your mind that you want to share. I listen well and can accept almost any challenge or suggestion.

Fraternally,

Lee Ehrheart,
President

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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 10am to 3pm.

Happy Hour Commences September 13

Back to a social event standard these past few years at the Lodge will be 2nd Saturday Happy Hour. The event is held, as the name implies, on the second Saturday of each month usually in Kaffestua from 5:00 to 8:00 pm. All members and their guests are invited. The lite supper and two drinks go for an amazingly low price of only $5.00. Raffle tickets are available at $1.00 each and anyone bringing some finger food to share on the supper table receives some free raffle tickets. Raffle prizes vary but usually include some interesting items and by tradition there is always a spicy novel of some type. To be able to rotate the jobs among the Happy Hour Crew, it is hoped that you or some friends will volunteer to help out once in a while. Call Bjarne Varnes to be added to the list. His number is : (206) 571-9729.

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Bingo has a New Flavor
The last Bingo and Dinner evening had the same excellent spaghetti dinner but with the addition of two glasses of wine, optional. The ten game bingo card packets were still $10. Prize for each Bingo game was $20 and for most games there was an additional prize winner receiving a $20 gift coupon from the Ballard Bridge Café.

To give the Bingo afternoon and dinner a little different flavor, we prevailed upon our Lodge caretaker to use his expertise to set up his Karaoke equipment and arrange for music. The music was run as a contest and the winner shared the $5 entrance fee totals with the Lodge. Christ Varnes won this first contest on July 20th. Everybody seemed to have an excellent time.

The Bingo committee is looking for others to help out and rotate some of the jobs so everyone gets to play Bingo. Call Doug Warne (206) 441 9490 to volunteer for one of the game nights.

The next Bingo extravaganza is set for Sunday September 14th from about 2:30 to 7:30 p.m. Dinner and Karaoke will be in the middle of the Bingo games and prices remain the same.

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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Volunteer for the Bingo extravaganza.

New Members
(June)
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Bonyrge
Bart W Brosten
Marie Hanstad
Carlson
Jennifer Lynn
Carpenter
Fiona Elizabeth Cleary
(Unge Venner)
Donna Driver
Kummen
(Wife of Jon Kummen)
George (Gerry) Albert

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Leif Erikson Lodge continues to be the center for those wishing to keep their bodies and minds in shape. Light workouts that are fun and easy to do as planned by physical trainer Audrey Pan Collins. Audrey has worked as a trainer for many years both in club groups like Olympic Health Centers and with individuals.

Her group training concentrates on a variety of areas including: aerobics, strength, flexibility of mind and body, and balance. Classes are open to all Leif Erikson Lodge members and local area residents who would like to get some structure and help in staying active and healthy. Classes meet currently each week on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. The cost is only $3 per session and participants show up on a flexible schedule. Come and join us for a healthy and fun exercise session.

Raffle Rules Rewritten

You may have already received your letter from President Ehrheart along with ten raffle tickets to go with this year’s Bazaar. There is something different this year with your raffle though the price per ticket remains the same as last year. The 1st prize winner may choose any prize; 2nd place winner may choose either of two remaining; 3rd prize winner is awarded unselected prize. There are 10 consolation prizes worth $20 each. Another change is that it is possible you might not want the prize you win. If so, the Vikingen will carry an ad for you for free for one year or as long as it takes to sell the item and generate cash for you.

A huge percentage of our Lodge income comes from raffle ticket sales and the Bazaar. Please participate by sending in your $30 for ten tickets. Remember, you can’t win if you don’t send in your money and ticket stubs so you can win and be happy and the Lodge can win with your support. But you can’t win if you don’t buy your raffle tickets as soon as possible. Fill in your name, address, E-mail and phone number and mail the stubs in the envelope provided. Keep the larger ticket to prove your winning status.

The drawing will be held on Bazaar Sunday October 19th about 3:30 p.m.

Raffle Prizes:

First Prize: 2 Round Trip Economy Voucher Tickets from Icelandair towards travel to any destination Icelandair flies (value $3000)

Second Prize: Beautiful Gold Necklace and Earring set from well-known Norwegian Jeweler (appraised at $2500)

Third Prize: $200 Gift Certificate at Scandinavian Specialties and $200 cash (value $400)

Ten Fourth Prizes: $20 certificates from Patty’s Eggnest Restaurant.

Convention Article for Vikingen

The 2014 convention of Sons of Norway International has just been completed. The minutes of the convention will be available probably by the October members meeting. Until then this will have to serve as a quick recap of the events. While the convention in Jacksonville, Florida had scheduled activities for the entire week, Leif Erikson delegates were scheduled only for Wednesday through Saturday evening (August 20 to August 23).

In addition to Committee reports, voting on by-law and law changes and election of officers for the next two years, the delegates also were asked to vote for or against the International Board actions of removing from his position, Ralph Peterson, the sitting Vice President, for cause.

That vote took the greatest amount of time and ultimately the delegates after considering evidence on both sides of the issue supported the actions of the International Board by a wide margin.

The election of new officers included: Jon Treven, President; Ron Stubbings, VP; Dan Rude, Secretary; and Ralph Knutsen, Treasurer.

The members of Gateway to Florida Lodge did a wonderful job of organizing the Convention so that things went smoothly. Convention Co-Chairs Marci Larson and Evelyn Hopkins had huge support from their Lodge members and from the community. Planning was assisted by officers in addition to Co-chairs of: Secretary, Treasurer, and Registrar. Convention committees included: Journal, Cookies and Gifts, Nordic Culture, Entertainment, Hospitality and Welcome, Vendor Participation and Sales, Ways and Means, Viking Auction, Welcome Regatta, and Convention Sponsorships.

Convention Delegates from our Zone Four of District 2 were Janet Fruchtli, Ted Fosberg, Doug Warne and Bjarne Varnes. District 2 had available 25 convention delegate seats but only 15 Delegates were able to attend.

Meet and Greet Visiting Norwegians

Lunch on Saturday, September 27
Noon at the Lodge

A travel coordinator from Brekke Tours (based in Grand Forks, ND), is working with two groups of Norwegians who will be in Ballard on Saturday, September 27. In addition to visiting the Nordic Heritage Museum in the morning, they are very interested in meeting and visiting with members of our Sons of Norway Lodge. One group is from the Trondheim area; the other group is from various parts of Norway. There will be approximately 40 visitors.

LEBA and a group of ladies have organized a lunch for the visitors and are inviting interested members to join in the welcoming of our guests. The lunch menu includes lasagna, green salad, garlic bread, dessert, and beverages (including beer and wine). The cost is $15 per person, and we would appreciate your making a reservation by calling the office at 206/783-1274 by Wednesday, September 24.

Blue Eyes?

(Recovery of article contributed by Christine Anderson)

Scientists studying the genetics of eye colour have discovered that more than 99.5 per cent of blue-eyed people who volunteered to have their DNA analysed have the same tiny mutation in the gene that determines the colour of the iris. This indicates that the mutation originated in just one person who became the ancestor of all subsequent people in the world with blue eyes, according to a study by Professor Hans Eiberg and colleagues at the University of Copenhagen. The scientists are not sure when the mutation occurred but other evidence suggested it probably arose about 10,000 years ago when there was a rapid expansion of the human population in Europe as a result of the spread of agriculture from the Middle East.

“The mutations responsible for blue eye colour most likely originate from the north-west part of the Black Sea region, where the great agricultural migration of the northern part of Europe took place in the Neolithic periods about 6,000 to 10,000 years ago,” the researchers report in the journal “Human Genetics”. Continued on Page 6 ...
NORNA Ladies

We took our summer break after meeting in June. During that "break," we traveled to Ann Bjorneby’s for a potluck lunch on Tuesday, August 12. Ann is such a wonderful hostess and welcomes us annually for this lovely gathering. Ann’s daughter has moved back from Florida and is now living with Ann – which enables Ann to stay in her own home. “Staying in her own home” means at night because Ann continues to remain VERY active at her 90+ years. She volunteers at the local Everett Senior Center FIVE days a week, coordinating the programs that involve card games. She is truly amazing, and we were so happy to be able to share an afternoon with her.

Fall is coming – as well as our monthly activity. We will start by having a potluck and meeting on Tuesday, September 9. Bring a hot or cold dish to share; also please consider bringing a friend to introduce her to our friendly and fun group. We meet in the Norna Room at noon. Please save the following Tuesdays for other Norna activities: October 14, November 11, and December 9. We will talk about possible activities to fill those dates at the September meeting. Our past activities have included lunch and a movie, a trip to a nursery, and lunch at a restaurant. Please bring your ideas – our agenda is welcoming to new ideas.

Over the summer, we continued to work on our ‘handcrafted’ items to sell at our booth in the annual Bazaar. You do not have to be active in the Norna group to contribute knitted, crocheted, or embroidered items. If you have ideas for projects and need materials, we will be happy to supply the yardage, thread, towel blanks, material, etc. for you to create your "works of art." Please let us know of your needs.

Judy Gray and Diane Adams
Co-presidents

LEBA Board

Summer Projects Completed

Your LEBA Board accomplished quite a few projects during the “Building Closure” from June 23 to July 6. We have more items on our To-Do List, but time and finances will determine their competition (that includes improvements to the sound system).

Hall Floor. During the last week of June, we hired a company to refinish the floor in the main hall. The wood was thoroughly sanded, cracks filled, and four (yes, 4!) coats of finish were applied to give the floor a look of being brand new. All the scratches, spots, stains, etc. have disappeared and the beauty of the maple can again be seen. So PLEASE be careful when moving tables, chairs, and other entry to the Hall, along with the tile floors in the men’s and ladies’ restrooms. In the kitchen, he took apart the top of the gas stove and soaked and cleaned the burners and racks. He also defrosted the refrigerator/freezer in the furnace room. [I moved the left-over items to the freezer in the garage – Judy]

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Judy Gray, Office Manager
LEBA Board member

Kaffestua Krogen

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-face sandwiches, heart waffles and sweets to be had. Beginning September 1st, we’ve found it necessary to increase the requested donation to $5, but 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 Aroneson, 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: Ikornes, Alversund, Eidsnes, Bergen, Kopervik, Karmoy, and Skjold, Norway. Mercer Island, Shoreline, Edmonds, Tukwila, WA; Austin, TX; Denver, CO; Washington, DC; Boston, MA; AZ; MT; Canada.

Volunteers Lately at Kaffestua include:

Mange Takk to all Volunteers!

People who recently donated food items:
Pat Bjorkelo, Karen Shildale, Diane Aronsen, Valborg Nordbo, Uun Maeland, Odd Moen, Kari Knudsen, Borgny Eriksen, Vidar Warness, Einar Thompson, Diana Eriksen, Maria Lerbrek, Ragnarh Eidem, Rigmor Toftevaag, Lovece Medhaug, Aase Ask, Pearl Teras, Vicki Watt Warshaw, Vidar Warness, Myrtle Ryan, Solveig Christensen, Nan Bentley, Erik Wold, Bjarne Varnes, Jean Gregory, Georg Kjonsvik, Unni Jenson, Reidun Totland, Marion. Thanks to all.

Musicians who recently entertained us:

Reidun Totland

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LEBA Board member
**Benefit for Trollhaugen and Ski-for-Light Dinner/Dance at Leif Erikson Hall**

**Saturday, September 20, 2014**

Happy Half Hour at 6 p.m.

Dinner served at 6:30 p.m.

Enjoy a smoked salmon and cod dinner, some wonderful music with dancing, and a raffle for great prizes. The cost is $25 per person. Tickets are available from Erling Berg at 206/362-0629 or from the Lodge Office. This fundraiser will help Trollhaugen pay its expenses in maintaining the lodge and grounds. In turn, it will also help fund the Ski-for-Light Program.

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**2nd Saturday Kaffestua**

The June 2nd Saturday Kaffestua was fun and lively as always. Volunteers Claire Sagen, Lori Elken, and Nancy Hiraoka provided a delicious spread. They were thrilled to see Cortney Gjesfjeld stop by. She came in with her parents and husband Erik’s parents, who were all in town to attend his doctorate graduation ceremony.

The committee for the Lodge Holiday Bazaar held their first meeting at Kaffestua, and it was very well attended.

Sangerfest ads and posters were on display, as was the gift basket the Norwegian Ladies Chorus is donating for the Norwegian Male Chorus’ raffle at Sangerfest.

2nd Saturday Kaffestua has been taking a break over the last two months. The next 2nd Saturday Kaffestua is on September 13th. We hope to see you then! Remember, it’s a great place to have a meeting or meet with your friends.

**Nancy Hiraoka**

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**D2 Raffle of Handmade Shawl**

The campers at Camp Normanna wove a number of wonderful shawls at camp this year. They auctioned off most of them at the end-of-camp program, but saved one beautiful one for the winner of the raffle. Let’s all do our part and buy some tickets. I’m sure you can figure out how to get money and names to Chris Hicks even if you aren’t near Bothell. The drawing will be held at the Steak Fry next July. Please share this information with other lodge members.

**Nancy Holter**

Publicity/Social Director

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**New Caretakers at Norway Park**

Michelle & Tom Zabriski

“Velkommen”

Our new caretakers are settling in to ‘rødstua’ (red cabin) and have begun the task of Norway Park operations as of August 1st.

We look forward to a great relationship for years to come!

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**Bazaar Reminder:** If you’re cleaning out your closets this Fall, please save your gently used items for the Ditt og Datt booth at Leif Erikson Lodge’s bazaar in October.

Norwegian items, knick knacks, jewelry, china and silver items are always prized. You can drop them off at the LEL office, labeled Ditt og Datt. Takk!

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**Concert by Hålogaland Mandsangforening from North Norway and Norwegian Male Chorus of Seattle**

At Ballard First Lutheran Church (2006 NW 65th St. Seattle 98117) Wednesday, September 10, 2014, 7:00 PM

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Professor Eiberg said that brown is the “default” colour for human eyes which results from a build-up of the dark skin pigment, melanin. However, in northern Europe a mutation arose in a gene known as OCA2 that disrupted melanin production in the iris and caused the eye colour to become blue. “Originally, we all had brown eyes,” said Professor Eiberg. “But a genetic mutation affecting the OCA2 gene in our chromosomes resulted in the creation of a ‘switch’ which literally turned off the ability to produce brown eyes.” Variations in the colour of people’s eyes can be explained by the amount of melanin in the iris, but blue-eyed individuals only have a small degree of variation in the amount of melanin in their eyes, he said. “From this we can conclude that all blue-eyed individuals are linked to the same ancestor. They have all inherited the same switch at exactly the same spot in their DNA,” said Professor Eiberg.

Men and women with blue eyes have almost exactly the same genetic sequence in the part of the DNA responsible for eye colour. However, brown-eyed people, by contrast, have a considerable amount of individual variation in that area of DNA. Professor Eiberg said he has analysed the DNA of about 800 people with blue eyes, ranging from fair-skinned, blond-haired Scandinavians to dark-skinned, blue-eyed people living in Turkey and Jordan.

“All of them, apart from possibly one exception, had exactly the same DNA sequence in the region of the OCA2 gene. This to me indicates very strongly that there must have been a single, common ancestor of all these people,” he said.

It is not known why blue eyes spread among the population of northern Europe and southern Russia. Explanations include the suggestions that the blue eye colour either offered some advantage in the long hours of daylight in the summer, or short hours of daylight in winter, or that the trait was deemed attractive and therefore advantageous in terms of sexual selection.
Delegates from Leif Erikson Lodge 2-001 at the 2014 D2 convention were witnesses to past president Bjørn Vames receiving a 2012 gold award for the lodge and its membership.

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Knut Einarsen
Knut Einarsen was born October 22, 1914 in Ledingen, Norway and was raised on a farm in the small community of Skarstad. He had eight siblings: six brothers and two sisters. He worked as a crew member on his father’s freighter, Vandringen, that delivered concrete up and down the coast of Norway.

In 1940, Knut’s brother, Maurelius, a member of the secret Norwegian resistance army, was shot and killed by Nazis while helping British allies during the first two weeks of the German occupation of Norway.

A large monument dedicated to Maurelius’s memory overlooks Skarstad.

Recently, Knut received his 50-year pin as a member of the Sons of Norway. He visits the Leif Erikson Lodge at least twice a week and attends other functions. Besides his son and daughter, he has three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. His 100th birthday is October 22, 2014 which will be celebrated at the Lodge on October 12.

Please be sure to call the Office (206) 783-1274 and make your dinner reservation.

Knut continued …

Knut met an attractive, rosy-cheeked girl from Kjøpsvik named Haldis Rist and married her in August, 1942. In early 1943, Nazi occupiers of Norway informed Knut that they wanted to use Vandringen for their personal mail route. Knut lied and said it wasn’t serviceable for duty. But someone informed on Knut and he and Haldis had to flee on skis to Sweden to avoid arrest and possible imprisonment or even execution by the Germans. They lived and worked in Sweden for over two years until the end of the War.

Haldis gave birth to a son, Kent, in December, 1947. In December, 1948, they immigrated to the U.S. Haldis gave birth to a daughter, Diane, in July, 1959. Knut worked in construction in the U.S. for 36 years and was also employed for 34 years as a commercial halibut fisherman.

Knut donated almost 1,000 hours as a laborer to the Leif Erikson Lodge in Ballard when it was first being built. When its doors were opened in November, 1986, he and Haldis faithfully attended most of the functions and worked steadily as cooks at the Kaffestua and wherever help was needed.

Two major highlights of Knut and Haldis’s lives were when they met King Harald V in Kjøpsvik, Norway, and were introduced to him again a few years later at Ballard’s Leif Erikson Lodge on October 25, 1995.

Sadly, Haldis passed away in March, 2013 from a heart condition.

Mark Your Calendars!
The 2014 Leif Erikson Bazaar is;
October 18 and 19, 2014
As soon as you receive your raffle tickets this year, be sure to complete the ticket stubs and return the raffle ticket stubs and your check to the Lodge Office to enter the Raffle Contest.