From The President

Waking up this morning to overcast skies and fall weather felt good to me. A light rain added a pleasantness to the experience. Cooling off is finally here and it’s time to get out our fall clothing. We can even prepare for fall events in our esteemed lodge. By the time you read this, our annual Bazaar will have come and gone, except for writing personal letters of thanks to individual volunteers who made it happen and completing financial business. It’s our big fundraiser event which helps us keep more financially sound. However, it should be said that expenses and commitments often outweigh or imbalance the money we have. There is always something new to spend money on. All money going out is wisely spent. No lodge money is wasted or spent without a good cause. Our lodge is very blessed to have a thorough and competent treasurer and financial secretary who closely guard incoming and outgoing money and expenses. Thank you, Randi Aulie and Janet Fruchtl, for your many, many years of wisdom, service and dedication to our lodge. Our social director, Anna Marie Jensen, has contracted with You and Me Catering Company to provide lodge dinners at our monthly membership meetings for 6 plus months. “You and Me” have provided dinners for us on and off for years. They do an excellent job and look after us well. I could even say they are a part of our greater lodge family because they, Trish and Angela, are in our grand kitchen most often. Their fish dishes are always liked by our membership. We will publish the monthly menu in the Vikingen, so please read on. Combining the good food with an enjoyable cultural program should make coming to monthly meetings very worthwhile. I always wish more members would attend meetings. Attendance is often down even though we continue with lodge planned events and dinners. At our November meeting (12 November) we will have a candlelight ceremony dedicated to members who have passed on in the last few years. Members with candles will line up in the shape of a cross and slowly walk into the auditorium. The names of the deceased will be read and recognized; they are all people we knew and loved. This is our most spiritual event; the kind of program that unites all of us. It’s a moment of remembrance of who we are and what we all have in common. It’s a connecting time of “oneness” in our lodge. Our November meeting is also the evening for elections of our 2015 officers. I would like to continue being your lodge president. I have so much enjoyed my time, the responsibility and the connecting with people within our lodge. It has been a great honor being your president. Thank you for your confidence in me. I have enjoyed wonderful friendship with so many people. What a blessing in life that is.

Our evening program will be about Norwegian nurses working in our community in years past. Actually, the two nurses sharing their personal story are two ladies we know and care about in our lodge: Valborg Nordbo and Kari Knudsen. I know their sharing of their caregiving experiences will be heartfelt; sharing cherished memories of yesterday year connects our hearts. In our day and age, many of us are caregivers or will be caregivers. We all know someone who is a caregiver. I am a caregiver for my beloved Annemari Woo, whom many of you remember from when she and I were Leikarringen.

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dancers. She now has late stage dementia and lives at home, and I happily care for her. Our lodge has a lot of caregivers in it now. As we age and live longer, we become caregivers for family and one another. This calling we find ourselves in brings us together with love and service in our hearts. It’s a powerful force based on compassion, commitment and pure love for someone. Caregiving fulfills basic human needs.

Your lodge Julebord committee will meet soon. The Julebord date is 13 December. This event is a highlight of the season and an event we all love and are proud to be a part of. You and Me Catering and devoted volunteers promise the event will be very memorable with an excellent buffet of ekte norsk mat (food). There will be dancing to wonderful waltz music and singing and walking around the tall and highly decorated Christmas tree. Let us live our traditions hand-in-hand as we slowly walk together around our dear old julete.

Lastly, but with great importance, I congratulate Knut Einarson on his 100th birthday. Thank you, Einarson family, for arranging a birthday party we will always remember at Leif Erikson Lodge. Four generations of the family took part in the grand celebration.

Your President,
Lee Ehrheart

Fall is warming up

Second Happy Hour of the month will be the regular Happy Hour and members and guests will again have the opportunity to have a light supper and two drinks for only $5.00. The camaraderie is infectious and everyone seems to have a good old time talking, visiting and telling jokes. There is always a collection of Raffle items worth around $200. Raffle tickets are only $1.00 each or 6 for $5.00. Those who bring an addition to the supper table will receive additional raffle tickets free. There might even be a game or two where the winner gets raffle tickets as a prize. Decide to join in the fun and be there from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Lodge Kaffestua. If you would like to serve on the select Bartending team and donate an hour or so once every three months, call Doug at 206 441 9490. It is fun and you get to meet everyone who comes to the event.

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

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)

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.

Call 855-661-2202 or visit www.hurtigruten.us

*From price based on two people traveling together in an inside cabin (Category 1), on select dates. 5% discount, use offer code “Norge” when booking, for sailings between Nov. 2014 and Mar. 2015. Price subject to availability and Hurtigruten’s normal booking conditions. Ship’s Registry: Norway
Leif Erikson Proposed Officers - 2015
The Nominating Committee is working on getting the Lodge a full slate of members running for offices by the next Membership Dinner Meeting. These nominees shall be voted upon at that meeting. If you would like to be an officer, please contact Arlene Templin (206) 784-1290 or Bjorn Gjolmesli (425) 747-0396 prior to the November meeting and express your interest in participating. Here is the slate of officers so far:

President: Lee Erhheart
V. President: Andrea Torland
Counselor: Bjarni Varnes
Secretary: Bernie Bowers
Asst. Secretary: Ellen Beck
Financial Sec.: Janie Frucht
Treasurer: Randi Aulie
Publicity Dir.: Dee Svalino
Social Dir.: OPEN
Cultural Dir.: OPEN
Marshal: Judy Roller
Marshal: Chris Varnes
Greeter: Reidun Tootland
Greeter: Carol Smith
Trustee: Russ Oberg
Trustee: Doug Wane
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Auditor: OPEN
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Historian: Christine Anderson
Librarian: Cris Sand
Musician: Kathleen Lange
Sports Dir.: Kathleen Lange
Youth Dir.: OPEN
Foundation: Jim Moore
Norway Park: OPEN (3 yrs.)
Norway Park: Lisbeth Mathews (2 yrs.)
Norway Park: OPEN (1 yr.)

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:

CARWASH COUPON REQUEST FORM
NAME __________________________
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I WOULD LIKE ______ CARWASH COUPONS MAILED TO ME. I HAVE ENCLOSED $5 FOR EACH COUPON FOR A TOTAL OF $_______. (You may wish to donate $1.00 total for postage, envelope and handling.)

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Thank you,
Anna Marie Jensen. Social Director

Insurance Matters
SAVING! SAVING! SAVING! That’s what we do best at SONS OF NORWAY. Wouldn’t it be nice to insure your family, preserve your estate, or reduce your taxes! We have it all through your Financial Counselor, Jerry Label. Our Tax sheltered Annuities are paying up to 5 percent. ARE YOU KIDDING ME? ANSWER: NO. How about our Life Insurance plans currently paying 5.1 percent. ARE YOU KIDDING ME? ANSWER: NO. Is there a cost for a review? ANSWER: YES. “A CUP OF COFFEE.” What a deal! Please call Jerry Label at (425) 640-9830; or Email Jerry at: Jlabel7425@comcast.net

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Anna Marie Jensen. Social Director
Get a grip on Extra Calories Over the Holiday Season

We all know that calories can sneak up on us during holiday events with lavish feasts and good desserts. One way to help the battle of the bulge is to drop by the Lodge on Wednesday mornings from 10:00 to 10:45 a.m. for the exercise and fitness class led by professional Audry Collins. Audrey works on strength, balance, brain coordination and aerobics during her 45-minute class. Each session is a stand-alone session with a cost of only $3.00. The class is open to members as well as community residents who are not members of the Lodge. It is a good way to introduce new folks to our beautiful Lodge building and to our many activities. Even if they don't receive the Vikingen, they can hear about our movie evenings, cultural tours and field trips and, of course, see Kaffestua in action. Drop by for exercise. Bring a friend and lead on to better health.

Car Wash Tickets Ordered

A new batch of carwash tickets have been ordered and the price remains the same to members. Just $5 per coupon and the Lodge makes $3.50 on each coupon and members save as much as $2.00 off the regular carwash price. What a deal. You save money, the Lodge makes money and the environment saves stress as Brown Bear Carwash is environmentally sensitive; more so than the usual volunteer carwash events held at local gas station lots. Besides we don't have to get out in the cold and get all wet volunteering to wash cars. Stop by the Lodge and pick up some tickets or use the order form in this Vikingen. Coupons make great and easy thank-you gifts, inclusions in Birthday cards or stocking stuffers for Christmas.

Doug Warne

Highlights of October

LEL Board Meeting

Update on remaining Open Board positions: Kathleen Lange has agreed to serve as the Sports Director. New elections are scheduled to be held at the November 12 Membership Meeting.

Ski for Light Dinner/Dance – September 20: President Lee reported that it was a real success, with a full house, great food and lots of dancing. The fundraising proceeds went to Trollhaugen.

Members Who Have Passed On Ceremony – November 12: A ceremony honoring LEL members will take place at the November 12 Membership Meeting. Also part of the November meeting program will be the Vice President's Night ceremony.

Bernie Bowers

Siste Farvel

We recently learned of the death of Hanne G. Ringstad on May 25, 2014 at the age of 98. She was a member of Leif Erikson Lodge for 27 years, receiving her 25-year pin in 2012. Her daughter Alice Purdy is also a member of Leif Erikson Lodge. The Memorial will go to the Leif Erikson Lodge Educational Foundation.

Clara Waage died September 3, 2014 at the age of 97. She was a member of Leif Erikson Lodge for 23 years. The Memorial will go to the Leif Erikson Lodge Educational Foundation.

Janet Frucht

October Membership Meeting

Raffle Winners

The winners of the raffle drawings are as follows:

- Janet Frucht - $50.00
- Hannah Jensen - $5.00
- Magni Hinse - $6.00
- Russ Oberg - $5.00
- Hannah Jensen - $5.00
- Elin Rummel - $5.00
- Magni Hinse - $5.00

Ellen Beck

Bazaar Main Raffle Winners

Here are the Raffle Ticket Winners for the 2014 Bazaar drawing:

- IcelandAir Trip: Magne and Berit Nes
- Necklace from Norway: Bob Bamford
- $200 Scandinavian Specialties and $200 check from Leif Erikson Lodge: Bonnie Flock
- Patty's Eggnest $20 gift certificates: David Tennesen and Susan Washington
- Necklace: Jake Straume, Odd Fausko, Pat Kaal, Heidi Shelford, Beverly Thorkildsen, Caroline Rasmusen, Evelyn Raymaker, Marit Aarvik, Hilary Reinert

District 2 Award

Judy Swanson, long a member of Leif Erikson Lodge and expert rose-maling painter, received a prize for her work at the recent District 2 Convention. Congratulations, Judy!

Virtual Pilgrimage

There is an ancient pilgrimage route from Oslo to Nidaros Cathedral in Trondheim. Now the pilgrimage can be done from the comforts of your own walking routes! Track miles walked, and check online to see where you are on the pilgrimage. www.sonsofnorway.com/pilgrimage. Pilgrims are eligible for a sport pin if starting the pilgrimage in 2014 and finishing in 2015. You can track your miles individually, or join a group of Pilgrims from LEL and watch progress at member meetings. Contact Kathleen Lange, sports director for more information. tatter59@me.com

"Fidelity is lived out in simple acts of kindness and generosity and in the ordinary obligations of the day." Gerald Fagin, SJ

Cultural Committee Report

October was a busy month for the Cultural Committee, starting with the excellent presentation on Norwegian wooden boat-building given by Torolf Torgeson for the October members’ meeting. It was fascinating to learn about the techniques still used to produce the various, all beautiful, vessels from Viking times to the present day.

Our October tour was to the Nucor Steel Mill. It was very educational and rather thrilling when the house-sized bucket of scrap metal was dumped into the furnace. The ladies gasped! The men looked stern! We also got our fitness time taken care of, walking and climbing stairs. Movie night was well attended, and we all enjoyed a potluck dinner with beverages as we watched the movie at Russ Oberg's condominium. Many thanks, Russ! If you would like to join us for the next one, e-mail me to be put on the list.

Our Member’s Meeting on November 12th will feature Valborg Nordbo and Karl Knudsen, who will present a program on the Nurses’ Club that was part of their lives as young immigrants to Washington State. This presentation will be an important contribution to women’s history in the Norwegian community, and you will see it first!

The December Members’ Meeting will mark the return to the Lodge of a member who went to Norway and stayed to study Norwegian culture at Raulandsakademi. Ingrid Hamberg will tell us about her experiences there, and also charm us with her music! Mark your calendars for December 10th!

There will be another tour in November. We will go to the Hilliards Brewery to see how beer is made. This is a small, artisanal brewery in Ballard. The tour will be at noon on Saturday, November 15th. Let me know if you plan to join us.

Finally, I would like to tell you about our cultural tour for December. We will attend the Norwegian Ladies Chorus of Seattle Christmas Concert, which is a beautiful event. It will be on Sunday, December 7 at 3 p.m. at the Divine Redeemers Church on 85th. Let me know if there is a speaker, event or tour that you would like to see happen. Meanwhile, I look forward to seeing you at the Lodge! Thanks,

Gwen Weinert, mweinert@msn.com

Boxtops and Labels 4 Education

While the D2 contest has ended, members have expressed an interest in continuing collecting boxtops and labels for these worthy programs. We should have a more permanent box for collection of same in the Lodge by the first part of December where boxtops/labels can be deposited and we will drop them off at schools chosen to receive them. The Vikingen will be glad to provide recognition to those who clip and turn these in. Just be sure to put your name with your contribution.
NORMA Ladies

Thank you to the loyal customers who stopped by our booth at the annual Bazaar to look at and purchase our handcrafted items. Our most popular items were the traditional flour sack kitchen towels as well as the refrigerator towels. We also introduced some beautiful black aprons decorated with colorful Rosemaling patterns – designed and created by Chris Hines and Diane Adams. Thanks also to those ladies who setup and staffed our booth: Diane, Chris, Marilyn Fuller, Phyllis Morse, Janet Fruchtl, and Janet’s daughter Heidi and granddaughter Crystal.

We have two more events planned for the fall season. On Tuesday, November 11, we are planning our popular “Movie Day.” We will meet at the Ballard Landmark at 11:30 to have lunch in their dining room. After lunch, we will go to their theatre to watch the movie “Philomena” which stars Judi Dench and Steve Coogan. The story is based on a 2009 book that tells the story of Philomena Lee, a mother who searches for a son given up for adoption 50 years previously.

On Tuesday, December 9, we will have our annual Christmas potluck luncheon. Those attending are asked to bring a favorite dish to share (hot dish, salad, bread/rolls, fruit, dessert, etc.). We will also do a wrapped gift exchange. Look for more details in the December Vikingen.

Judy Gray and Diane Adams, Co-presidents

LEBA Board Report

As you are planning your holiday parties for family, friends, and/or business groups, why not consider having your event here at the Leif Erikson Hall? Please call the office for available dates and rental rates. Members are entitled to a discount in fees if your event is held on Sunday through Thursday and you have been a member for at least one year before your special date.

The LEBA Board and Norna Ladies will be teaming up near the end of November to decorate the Hall and Kaffestua. We have lights, garlands, and a beautiful tree to help us celebrate the December holidays. If you are interested in helping, please call the office to find out the exact date and time of the “decorating party.”

A very huge THANK YOU to a special member: an anonymous donor presented a check for $5,000 to LEBA to help pay our bills during the current financial crisis. When asked why

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-face sandwiches, heart waffles and sweets to be had. Beginning September 1st, Jean’s aunt, who was brought to America, Jean’s aunt, who was necessary to increase the requested donation to $5, but it’s still the best lunch venue 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 Aronsen, 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.


Volunteers Lately at Kaffestua include:
Kari Knutsen, Diane Aronsen, Valborg Nordbo, Magni Hinselv, Gunn Marit McArthur, Helga Moen, Ragnhild Eidem, Janet Tofting, Harold Nygaard, Judy Browning, Judy Mallory, Odny McDonald, Karen Sheldal, Reidun Totland, Ruth

she did it, she said “because I can, and I don’t want anything to happen to our Lodge.” Kaffestua also gave LEBA a donation of $5,000 from its savings. Together, these generous gifts helped us pay the real estate taxes that are due by October 31. Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!

If you have concerns about the building that we should know about, please contact one of the members so we can address the matter at our monthly meeting – the fourth Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm in the Norna Room.

Our next meeting is November 19.

Judy Gray, Office Manager

LEBA Board member

New Book Addition to the Library

Leif Erikson Lodge recently received a book from Norway titled: AMERIKAFLEBER Utvandring til USA og Canada fra Surnadal og Gamle Stangvik Kommune.

This book documents Norwegian Families from that area in Norway who emigrated from Norway to the USA and Canada. Many families came to the Seattle area. It was written by Magne Holten, who lives in Norway and is considered the expert genealogist for that region. His niece, Jean Moen, contacted the lodge and brought in this book donation to our office. Jean’s grandparents immigrated to America. Jean’s aunt, who was born in America, later met and married Magne and moved to Norway! Jean and her husband have been invited to join our lodge.

Andrea Torland

Riddle Me: What goes up but never comes down? See Answer on Page 8...

Thanks, Christine Anderson

Farrins, Magne Erga, Mabel Rockness, Linda Pye, Connie Hofstad, Pat Bjorkelo, Rigmor Votivevaag, Bernie Bowers, Beth Kolle. 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:

Musicians who recently entertained us:
Trygve Bjørndal, Harold Nygaard, Richard Svendsen. Music makes a difference! Thank you.

Reidun Totland

November/December Food Bank Donations Needed!
The end of the year is the time to share our wealth as members and bring in extra food and hygiene items for those in need in our community. A box for donations will be in the entry way starting the week of Thanksgiving until the Sunday after the Children’s Christmas Party. We hope you put this on your calendar. At the December business meeting we will also be collecting monetary donations for our local food bank which can be used to help with rental needs as the Seattle area continues to see skyrocketing rental rates.

Last year we hosted a simple soup supper at the Nyer Urness House -- Compass Housing Alliance -- just down the street from the lodge. Courtney Gjesfield coordinated this, but has now left the area. We hope another special member will step forward to coordinate the simple dinner. This is another great way to help those in our community.

Shelf Stable Food Items:
Formula
Canned Soups
Canned Fruit
Canned Vegetables
Shelf Stable Milk Products (soy milk, rice milk)
Canned Protein (corned beef, beans, tuna, peanut butter, chili)

Pasta
Cooking Oil
Pet Food

Hygiene Items:
Baby and Adult Diapers
Diaper Wipes
Shampoo
Conditioner
Deodorant
Toothpaste
Toothbrushes
Toilet Paper
2nd Saturday Kaffestua
October’s 2nd Saturday Kaffestua was hosted by Lee Ehrheart, Lori Elken, and Nancy Hiraoka. Lee continues to hone his skills in sandwich making and received many compliments. We were delighted, as always, to have Trygve Bjorndal entertain us with his music. Knut Einarsen was on hand with four generations of his family as they and lodge members decorated the hall for his 100th birthday party the next day. The Ditt og Datt Committee enjoyed lunch before their Bazaar preparations, and the Bazaar Committee met. The Bergen Place Volunteers came in from the cold after their work maintaining the park. Laura Hansen surprised us with a visit! She had family with her from Bellingham and Shelton. Kaffestua was the perfect place to bring her family, she said. We look forward to seeing you all next month on November 8!

Nancy Hiraoka

Donors to the 2014 Bazaar
Here is the list of donations gathered in the office. Due to the chaotic nature of this year’s donations recording, I don’t believe I have noted everyone who has given us something especially if it came in during the bazaar. If your name is missing, please let me know so we can add you to the list. Yes we need this for the WA State gambling commission. If the name is misspelled please let me know that, too! Thanks for the help.

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Eric Reinert
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Harold Nygaard
High Life Restaurant
Iva’s
Jody Grage
Judi Jager
Judy Roller
Karen Aebel
Kiss Café
Laura Hanson
LEBA Board
Lee Erhheart
Leirkaingen

Christine Anderson

Norwegian Ladies Christmas Concert at Divine Redeemers Church on 85th on Sunday, December 7, at 3 p.m.

Lutefisk Dinners and Bazaars
Saturday, November 1, 2014, 9AM-3PM: Bothell Lodge 2-015, Annual Bazaar, Bake Sale and Lunchen. Free admission and free parking. Open to the public. Lunch: (available for purchase) Open face sandwiches, pea soup, rannegret and desserts. Bake sale with an array of homemade cookies, cakes, breads and donuts free for the asking. Then our vendors, selling their exquisitely made items: rosemal wood bowls, plates etc.; Scandinavian dressed dolls; ornaments, nissene and the like; machine made sweaters in Norsk designs; lots of kitchen towels, pot holders, aprons etc.; and beautiful artificial wreaths and table arrangements. Sons of Norway Hall, 23905 Bothell-Everett Highway, Bothell, WA 98021. For more info call the lodge number at 425-702-0231 or check out Bothell’s website www.bothellsonsofnorway.org

Saturday, November 1, 2014, 5PM to 7PM: Odin Lodge 2-041 in Yakima, WA, is having its 34th Annual Lutefisk Dinner and Bake Sale. It will be at Holy Family Church, 5315 Tieton Drive, Yakima, WA. Prices are. $19.00 for adults and $10.00 for kids under the age of 12. Menu includes lutefisk, meatballs, boiled potatoes, coleslaw, lefse and traditional desserts such as fruit soup, rannegret and cookies. Tickets available at the Deep Sea Deli, 20 N. 9th Ave., Yakima, or, alternatively, info can be found at member login. Questions? Call 509-965-5639, 509-965-3947 or 509-966-1583. Info submitted by Karen Forrer.

Saturday-Sunday, November 1-2, 2014, 9AM-4PM: Swedish Cultural Center’s Annual Scandinavian Holiday Bazaar in Skylounge Three. Tickets: Scandinavian crafts, gifts, baked goods, music, entertainment and fun! Scandinavian pea soup, waffles and meatballs on Saturday, Swedish pancakes on Sunday. Get an early start on holiday shopping, enjoy a great Swedish meal and greet old friends. $1 admission, 11920 Dexter Ave N, Seattle, WA. Info 206-283-1090

Sunday, November 2, 2014, 5PM social hour, 6PM dinner: Norwegian Male Chorus of Seattle lutefisk dinner with a mini concert by the chorus, too! Ragelit drawing after the dinner. Tickets are $23 for adults and $10 for children under the age of 12. Menu includes lutefisk, meatballs, boiled potatoes, coleslaw, lefse and traditional desserts such as fruit soup, rannegret and cookies. Tickets available at the Deep Sea Deli, 2245 NW 57th Street, Seattle WA 98107. Limited seating. Buy your tickets from chorus members or call 206-783-1274 for reservations or leave a message. Submitted by Jens Eyesteinsson

Saturday, November 8, 2014, 10AM-3:00PM: Bremerton’s Odlo Lodge 2-035 Juliansalj/Christmas at Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church, 1015 Veneta (11th & Veneta) Bremerton WA. Time-Honored Recipes – Norwegian cookies, baked goods & sweet shop, needle and handwork, rosemaling, plus much more. Enjoy our Homemade Soup Lunch – coffee is always on. Submitted by Deanna Dowell

Saturday, November 8, 2014, 3PM-6PM: Smörgås, rye bread and sausages on Saturday at 4PM, rosemaling and rosemaling/wood crafts on Sunday. Two Dinner Seatings: 4:00 or 5:30. Cost: $17.00. Everyone is welcome to attend!

SOLD OUT! Sunday, November 9, 2014, reserved seatings at Noon, 2PM, and 6PM: Annual Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner at Greengate Lodge 2-015, Normanna Lodge 2, Hampton Inn’s Fox Hall, 111 NE 11th Avenue, Portland OR 97232. Seating is limited and last year’s dinner sold out early. Price is $24 for adults, $10 children 5-12, and under 5 free. Lutefisk, meatballs, boiled potatoes with cream gravy, coleslaw, homemade lefse, cranberry relish, prune pudding, coffee/tea. Ignore the risk – try lutefisk! Tickets on sale now and advance reservations REQUIRED. Tickets available at www.nlcartspeople.com/index.php?ticketing=more

Don’t miss the Grieg Lodge scholarship sale & buffet raffle! Shop in the Ballroom on Lutefisk Sunday. Choose from a variety of new & gently used items with a Nordic twist, also creations made by the artists of the lodge and other wonderful raffle prizes. All proceeds from the sale & buffet raffle benefit the Grieg Lodge Scholarship Fund. Information and ticketing – Jennifer Jardee-Borquist 503-939-7190. Info submitted by Jamie Maier

Friday-Saturday, November 14, 2014, 10AM-4PM: Normanna Lodge 2-003 Scandinavian Festival with Bake sale at Normanna Hall, 214th & Everett, WA. Enjoy a lutefisk and meatball meal with all proceeds benefiting the Nordic Cultural Preservation in the Pacific Northwest. Tickets available at the door $24.00 for adults, $14.00 for children 10 & under, $10.00 for kids 5-10, $5.00 for kids 5 & under, $2.00 for adults attending fun for the whole family. Delicious food, good raffle. Sale starts at Noon. Raffle and auction prizes include: Seafood, flowers, Christmas decor and much more. Tickets available at the door.

Saturday, November 15, 2014, 10AM-4PM: 15th Annual Norwegian Ladies Chorus Christmas Concert at Divine Redeemers Church on 85th on Sunday, December 7, at 3 p.m. Seating will be limited to approximately 100 per sitting. Reservations are required. For more information and reservations, call the lodge number at 509-326-9211. Walk-ins will be seated when space available. Lefse will be on sale for $4.00 per package. Information submitted by Susan Kirkeby

Saturday, November 8, 2014, 9:30AM-3:30PM: Nordic Fest presented by Estor Moe Lodge #39, Daughters of Norway, at South at Whidbey High School, 5675 Maxwelton Rd. Langley WA. Join Estor Moe Lodge #39 on the Whidbey Island for an astonishing Nordic Fest! Everyone is invited to this great festival of Nordic culture with fun for the whole family. Discover mouth-watering food in the Norsk Kafe, tantalizing baked goods in the Vocal Hall, exciting shoppers, creative demonstrations, lively music and more! Lots of free parking! Admission $1/person, 12 & under free. More info: 425-308-7860 www.dauernorden.com

Saturday, November 8, 2014, 10AM-4PM: Holiday Bazaar starts at 10AM and Lutefisk Dinner starts at Noon with lefse, meatballs and all the trimmings at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Sumner at 245 Valley Avenue, Sumner, WA 98390. Call for more info: 253-863-1142. Adults are $20.00 (Meatball with no fish dinner is $15); children (10 & under). $10.00. clitcsusum-
ner@msn.com or 253-863-1142

Saturday, November 8, 2014, 1:30PM and 2:00pm at 3:30pm: Tordenskjold Lodge 2-015, Norge Lodge 1-005 at Epicson Hall, Hall 245 NW 57th Street, Seattle WA 98107. Limited seating. Buy your tickets from chorus members or call 206-783-1274 for reservations or leave a message. Submitted by Jens Eyesteinsson

Sunday, November 8, 2014, 1:30pm and 2:00pm to 3:30p.m. Tordenskjold Lodge 2-015, Annual Bazaar, Bake Sale and Luncheon. Free admission and free parking. Open to the public. Lunch: (available for purchase) Open face sandwiches, pea soup, rannegret and desserts. Bake sale with an array of homemade cookies, cakes, breads and donuts free for the asking. Then our vendors, selling their exquisitely made items: rosemal wood bowls, plates etc.; Scandinavian dressed dolls; ornaments, nissene and the like; machine made sweaters in Norsk designs; lots of kitchen towels, pot holders, aprons etc.; and beautiful artificial wreaths and table arrangements. Sons of Norway Hall, 23905 Bothell-Everett Highway, Bothell, WA 98021. For more info call the lodge number at 425-702-0231 or check out Bothell’s website www.bothellsonsofnorway.org

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For Sale - Norway Park -- Log Stua - Lot 76 Norway Park. 2 bedroom 1 bath. Nice upgrades; windows, floors, bathroom, Wood insert. Nice flat yard w/detached garage. $85,000 Call Linda Olsen 360 445 3237 (Nov., Dec., Jan.)

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Knut Einarsen’s Birthday Party October 12, 2014

Mange takk to all of you who helped celebrate Knut Einarsen’s 100th birthday on October 12 at the Leif Erikson Lodge! (His actual birthday was Oct. 22 which gave us an excuse to continue partying!) Almost 200 family and friends attended, including seven relatives from Norway; Our Master of Ceremonies, Gene Thorkildsen – an old family friend – warned us in advance that, instead of toasting Knut, he was going to “roast” him. And that’s exactly what he did! Knut made his way to the microphone more than once to jokingly exclaim “It’s a good thing I can’t hear everything!”

President Lee Ehrheart read two letters of congratulations to Knut, one from the President of the U.S., and one from the Norwegian Consul in Seattle on behalf of “His Majesty King Harald V.” (The Mayor of Kenmore made an official proclamation about Knut at the Kenmore City Hall on the evening of October 27.) We’re in great debt to the volunteers from the Lodge (and family members) who helped dress the tables the day before the party and to those who helped clear them. Tusken talk to the members of the Lodge who provided scrumptious Norwegian desserts, and to everyone who brought cards, gifts, and made donations to the Kaffestua … and to the musicians (Trygve, Harald, Thor, and Juanita)! A special thanks to the members of the Norwegian Male Chorus who delighted us with their songs, and especially to Russ Oberg for arranging this very special treat. And mange takk to Judy Gray for her invaluable input.

UPDATE: Willard Scott from the “Today Show” (New York) congratulated Knut on October 24 and showed his photo on a jar of Smucker’s Strawberry Jam! We have a video if someone would like to see it (via Facebook messenger or email).

P.S. For those of you who couldn’t attend the dinner, our thoughts and prayers are with those who were taken ill.

Diana Einarsen
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Germans roam through our house twice looking for something illegal. Radios were strictly illegal and had been collected early on. Stavanger had a safe harbor and the Germans would anchor small ships there. Ships would be camouflaged with small trees and bushes to blend with the surroundings. The fall of 1944, I left home to start high school in Sandane Nordfjord. I was 18 years old. We rented a room from the locals and ate most meals at the school, the food there was fabulous and managed to feed us and we never fusscd. Late that winter, school almost stopped because there was no more wood for all the wood stoves in the classrooms. Solution: Teachers and students loaded into a truck, drove into the snow covered forest, and hauled firewood down mountainside in bucket brigade fashion. I was never so cold.

All were called to a meeting one morning for the principal to inform us several students had been arrested and sent to Grini. Germans had discovered they had a radio. We were stunned, even though this happened often, but not to people we knew well. Springtime we were sent to farms to plant potatoes. We did not get paid, but the food -- meat and potatoes were plentiful and enjoyed by all. Going home on a rickety old bus we were tired but happy, in high spirits and singing. Daily living was difficult and cumbersome. Travel limited, we only went home for Christmas and Easter. We had to have a passport living in our own country. Spring arrived. Rumors would say the war is soon over, but life went on without change. Then in May it actually happened. I did not believe it at first, but then flags went up, radios came in windows declaring the war had ended. We were overjoyed, everybody! Jubilation all over town that I cannot describe. Nothing has ever been like it. May 1945 was a celebratory month. Seventeenth of May was never celebrated with more heart. We sang "Ja vi elsker" with new conviction and gusto.

Three years later my class graduated and spread all over the country. Some went into the military to get that out of the way. Others became temporary teachers while hoping for university admissions. I started nursing school on Ullevall in Oslo. The war was over, the effect was not. Communication was good and cumbersome. Travel limited, we only went home for Christmas and Easter. We had to have a passport living in our own country. Spring arrived. Rumors would say the war is soon over, but life went on without change. Then in May it actually happened. I did not believe it at first, but then flags went up, radios came in windows declaring the war had ended. We were overjoyed, everybody! Jubilation all over town that I cannot describe. Nothing has ever been like it. May 1945 was a celebratory month. Seventeenth of May was never celebrated with more heart. We sang "Ja vi elsker" with new conviction and gusto.

When I was invited to people's homes it was easy and relaxing in contrast to home where it was more fuss when company came. Here they put you at the kitchen table, gave you something to snack on and you could visit. No big deal. Come spring my classmate from Oslo came and on days off we made trips to New York, saw the Rockettes at Radio City Music Hall and met friends I knew from Stavangerfjord. When my year was up, we went to Seattle on our first plane ride. We came to my aunt and uncle who lived in Ballard and applied at the new Ballard Hospital, but were turned down. Then we went to Swedish Hospital and were hired. This was like coming home. Swedish was a small, intimate place and we were welcomed. Shortly after the war ended, many wanted to explore and "see the world." A number of nurses came to the USA and some of them were here in Seattle. My coworkers treated me kindly, I learned new things at work and felt I had a lot of spare time. Norway still had 48 hour work week. We rented a small apartment and made many new friends. We enjoyed our life in Seattle, but that is another story.

I had said I would be home in two years. My time was up. A friend and I drove across the States and returned home on the Oslofjord. I did come back to the USA almost 6 years later.

Kari Lihaug Knudsen
Saturday, November 15, 2014, 9AM-5PM; Sonja Lodge 2-038 Daughters of Sonja annual Holiday Faire/Christmas Bazaar in Eugene, Oregon. Serving a light lunch of yellow split pea soup, open faced sandwiches and assorted pies and cake. We also have a bake sale, many Christmas and gift items. Lefse and krumkake demos, too! Sons of Norway Lodge 710 McKinley St. Eugene, Oregon.

Saturday, November 15, 2014, 10AM-5PM; Scandinavian Bazaar and Pea Soup Luncheon at Breidablik Lodge 2-027, located at 224 Catlin St, Kelso, WA 98626. We feature delicious lefse, selections of sandbakerkake, fattigman, krumkake, rosettes, and delicious specialty breads and Scandinavian treats. A variety of vendors offer Scandinavian wood carvings, traditional lefse making and some with traditional Norwegian clothing, Swedish weaving pieces, arts and crafts, and much more. Our famous Pea Soup luncheon and ham sandwiches will be available during the bazaar. And don’t forget to get your yummy slice of home made pie and coffee for dessert! Featuring lemon meringue, pecan, coffee for dessert, and a beverage. Free parking! Sons of Norway Lodge 2-044, located at 224 Catlin St, Kelso, WA 98626. FAX: 206.783.6218

Saturday, November 15, 2014, 11AM-5PM: Lutefisk Dinner with lefse, Swedish meatballs, baked ham, kolma, pickled herring, poached salmon, smoked salmon, rice pudding, salads, flatbread, lefse, Scandinavian cookies and much more. $33.95 for Adults, $30.95 for Seniors (60 plus) and much more. $10.95 for Adults, $10.95 for Children (under 12) Nordic Music by accordion trio Leif, Lena & Lars 2:30-6:30 PM. For more info: Terry Brazas terryl.brazas@gmail.com

Saturday, December 6, 2014, Noon-6PM: Bothell Lodge 2-106 annual family style lutefisk and meatball dinner with boiled potatoes, lefse, coleslaw, ice cream for dessert and a bonfire parking! Sons of Norway Lodge 23905 Bothell-Everett Highway, Bothell, WA 98021. No reservations required and you can buy your tickets at the door! Tickets for adults are $22; children ages 6-12 are $6, and children 5 and younger are free. Parking is available and can be made by calling Viking Hall at 907.349.1613. For more info, contact Tom Falskov at lise@qcom.net.

Saturday, December 6, 2014, 10AM-4PM followed by Julefest celebration from 4PM-6PM: Poulsbo Lodge 2-044, Sons of Norway, Scandinavian Christmas Bazaar from 10AM-4PM and Julefest celebration on the historic Poulsbo waterfront. Pea soup and Viking Dogs will be served. Lefse will be made on the spot to purchase. Baked goods, books, arts, crafts, and gifts. Folkdancing by Poulsbo Junior Singing by Vestre Sund Mannskor. Horse and wagon rides on the patio. At 4PM the Julefest activity starts and will include the Lucia bride arriving by water with the Vikings, Christmas tree lighting by Miss Poulsbo. Music by Vestre Sund Mannskor and North Kitsap High School band and choir. Dancing around the Christmas tree. Vikings escort Lucia bride to the park. Lighting of the Christmas tree and Santa Claus arrives to sing along! Hot chocolate, hot chocolate, hot dogs for sale. Public welcome! Gregie Hall, 18891 Front St. NE. Poulsbo WA 360.779.5209. Submitted by Barbara Mitchusson

Sunday, December 7, 2014, noon-6PM: Lutefisk at The Farmhouse Restaurant, 13724 LaConner-Whitney Rd., Mt. Vernon, WA phone 360-466-4411. *One of Washington’s largest Scandinavian Smorgasbords. Featuring lutefisk, fiskeboller, fiskekaker, Swedish meatballs, baked ham, kolma, pickled herring, poached salmon, smoked salmon, rice pudding, salads, flatbread, lefse, Scandinavian cookies and much more.* $33.95 for Adults $30.95 for Seniors (60 plus) $10.95 for Adults, $10.95 for Children (under 12) Nordic Music by accordion trio Leif, Lena & Lars 2:30-6:30 PM. For more info: Terry Brazas terryl.brazas@gmail.com

Monday, December 8, 2014, 10AM-6PM: Lutefisk dinner at the Nordic Heritage Museum, 3014 NW 57th Street, Seattle WA 98107.

Sunday, December 14, 2014, 12:00-6:00 PM: Lutefisk at The Farmhouse Restaurant, 13724 LaConner-Whitney Rd., Mt. Vernon, WA, phone 360-466-4411. *One of Washington’s largest Scandinavian Smorgasbords. Featuring lutefisk, fiskeboller, fiskekaker, Swedish meatballs, baked ham, kolma, pickled herring, poached salmon, smoked salmon, rice pudding, salads, flatbread, lefse, Scandinavian cookies and much more.* $31.95 for Adults $29.95 for Seniors (60 plus) $10.95 for Kids (under 12) Nordic Music by accordion trio Leif, Lena & Lars 2:30-6:30 PM For more info: Terry Brazas terryl.brazas@gmail.com

Friday, December 19, 2014, 6 pm social hour and 6:30 dinner: Scandinavian Club serves lutefisk and meatball dinner during Happy Hour! This year, our chefs will be selected Norwegian chefs from Ballard. Enjoy Swedish or Norwegian style accompaniments. $25 if you buy your ticket before Wednesday, Dec. 17, $30 for late RSVP’s or at the door. 1920 Dexter Ave N, Seattle, 206-283-1090. See our website to buy tickets. Info provided by Kristine Leander, Executive Director, Scandinavian Club.

Forgot to catch the cod or ran out of time to dry the fish and make the ashes? You can buy lutefisk any time:

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Lutefisk in 2015!

Sunday, January 11, 2015, Seatings at 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 1:00PM, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30 and 4:00 pm. Breidablik Lodge 2-027 located at 224 Catlin St, Kelso, WA 98626, will hold their annual family-style Lutefisk & Meatball Dinner. The meal includes Lutefisk (of course) meatballs and gravy, boiled potatoes, green beans, home-made cole slaw, lefse, yeast bread and Scandinavian cookies for dessert. Purchase your tickets for a specific seating time by calling Larry at 360-575-1385 or via email at: bignorske@comcast.net. Adult tickets are $23 and children 12 and under is $8 for all you can eat Norwegian Lutefisk meal. Tickets sell out quickly so call early to reserve your meal time. Submitted by Kay Koski, Editor/Publicity

Saturday, January 24, 2015, reserved seating starting at times may be subject to change: 4:00, 4:45, 5:30, 6:15, 7:00 the day. Sunday, January 25, 2015, reserved seating at 12 noon, 1:00, 2:00, 4:00, 5:00 & 6:00pm: Annual Lutefisk & Meatball Dinner at Sonja Lodge 2-036, 710 McKinley, Eugene, OR. Price is TBD for adults, $TBD for children 5-11, and under 5 $TBD Menu includes lutefisk, meatballs, white sauce & melted butter, home-made coleslaw, lefse, flatbread, dessert! Tickets sell out quickly so call early and reserve your meal time. For reservations and information call Celia at 541-337-6689 (Celialehmnyr@kail.com). Handicapped access parking available.

Saturday, January 31, 2015, Noon-5PM: Poulsbo Lodge 2-044 Lutefisk dinner with lefse, Swedish meatballs wigrayvo, potatoes, carrots, cole slaw, ice cream, and coffee and/or water for beverage. Tickets are $23 for adults, children under 10 are $10. Gregie Hall, 18891 Front St. NE, Poulsbo WA. For more info call the lodge at 360-779-5209. Info submitted by Barbara Mitchusson

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Thursday, November 14, 2013, seatings at 4PM or 7PM: Anchorage Lodge 2-004 lutefisk and meatball dinner at the Sons of Norway Hall, 717 Randall, Aberdeen WA. Menu includes lutefisk, meatballs and gravy, lefse, potatoes, carrots, white sauce and melted butter, lefse, beverages, and Scandinavian cookies for dessert. Price per person TBD, children under 6, free. Reservations needed by calling Dixie at 360-533-2827 or Leif at 360-533-1027 Submitted by Karla Johnson.

Saturday, December 6, 2014, 5:30PM: Columbia Basin Lodge 2-080 Lutefisk dinner at Block 40, Moses Lake, WA. Contact Janet Needham janeanneedham@milx.net for more information and directions.