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President's Message



Hilsen fra Presidenten. The days are getting longer and we hope the temperatures will rise accordingly. Time seems to be flying by quickly and Syttende Mai will be here before we know it. We will celebrate Norwegian Constitution Day at Leif Erikson Lodge with a Scandinavian Open House from 12:00-5:00.

Come join us for lunch, lefse and refreshments, and learn about all the Scandinavian organizations in the Puget Sound area. The event is open to the public. At about 5:30 pm LEL members will gather to march in the Parade, which starts at 6:00pm. See a Parade Marshall for our unit number and look for the LEL fane (banner).

Gratulerer med dagen to the Nordic Museum on their grand opening! It has been a long road of fundraising, planning, packing and unpacking and the big day will finally arrive on May 5-6 when members and dignitaries gather to celebrate this world-class museum.

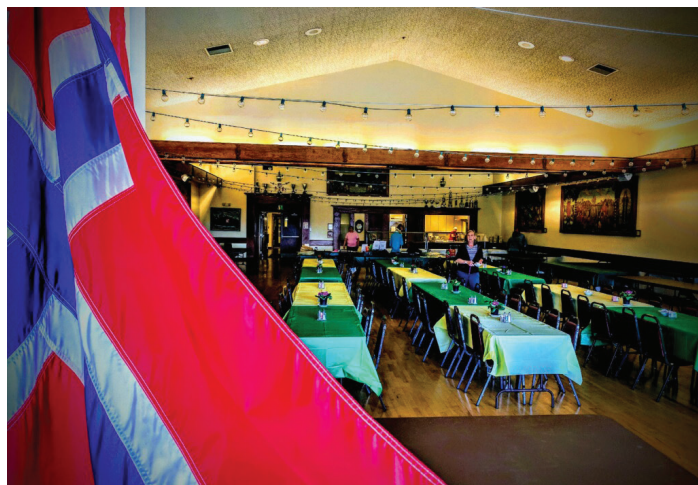
Please RSVP by May 7th for the May 12th Nordic/Swedish Exchange from 5:00-8:00pm via the e-news or by calling the office. We are teaming up with the new Skål Beer Hall opening this summer on Ballard Avenue. We are very pleased to support this new Scandinavian business in the heart of Ballard and be amongst the first to sample it's unique fare. See related article about this event elsewhere in the newsletter.

Congratulations again to Christine Anderson! She was honored by the Ethnic Heritage Council on April 29th with the Aspasia Phourides Pulakis Award for making significant contributions to a NW ethnic community to preserve and document that community's culture.

There was a great turnout for the April Member's meeting as we welcomed new scholarship recipients including our new Lodge Queen Sharon Traulsen. Congratulations to them all! Thank you to Randi Aulie, Valborg Nordbo, Magni Hinsee and Synnove Dragoy for preparing the delicious dinner, the proceeds of which benefit the Educational Foundation. We hope they are writing down all their recipes for us. Tusen takk for supporting the Foundation! *Alt for Norge!*
Til vi møtes igjen.

Faternally,

Gail Engler, President, Leif Erikson Lodge



Awaiting Syttende Mai at Leif Erikson Lodge

SYTTENDE MAI

OPEN HOUSE AT LEIF ERIKSON LODGE

Our Lodge will be open on May 17th from 12:00-5:00 and the public is invited. Sound Catering will have a Nordic Café featuring open faced sandwiches, cookies and beverages; hot entrees include pork, crab stuffed cod or meatballs, mashed potatoes and green-beans. Our world famous Lefse Crew, headed up by Bernice Chouery, will be selling lefse and krumkake. The Lodge will also be selling t-shirts, carwash tickets and, of course, Norwegian flags to wave in the parade. Local Norwegian groups will be sharing their information so you can meet and greet all those groups you have thought about joining. The Winter Family Band will provide toe tapping Scandinavian music. We will need Volunteers to help set up on May 16th at 12:00; contact the office at 206-783-1274. Please join us on this special day as we join together to celebrate Norway's Constitution Day.

LEL Lodge member, Erik Bjarne, designed the 17th of May pin which is available for \$5 in the Lodge Office.



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2nd Wednesday beginning at 7:30 pm
(or as announced)

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was founded on May 13, 1903.

Leif Erikson Lodge Presents:

MAY 9TH MONTHLY MEMBERS MEETING

**Syttende Mai / LEL Awards**

Join us for our monthly membership meeting and dinner. We will begin with social hour at 5:30 followed by dinner at 6. This month's dinner will be King Ranch Chicken, green beans, mashed potatoes and homemade dinner rolls, along with a homemade cake for dessert. All this and more for just \$15.

This month we will celebrate the Man and Woman of the year of Leif Erikson Lodge and learn about the history of 17th of May in Seattle. Come and watch a video "17th of May: The March of Time" created by Solvi Barber. Historic Photos and interviews from the Syttendai May celebrations over the years, dating back to Seattle's first May 17th parade in 1889. Pins will also be presented for members' years of service, and we will officially welcome our newest lodge members.

We hope to see you there!

Call the office or RSVP to LeifEriksonLodge@qwestoffice.net



MAY 9TH MEMBERS MEETING LEL AWARDS NIGHT / SYTTENDE MAI PROGRAM

Join us on May 9th for a delicious dinner and social hour. We will be serving King Ranch Chicken, green beans, roasted potatoes and hand-made dinner rolls, along with a homemade cake for dessert. All for just \$15! This month we will be celebrating the Leif Erikson Lodge Man and Woman of the year. Last year's recipients were Einar Johanson and Judy Gray. Thank you again Einar and Judy for your years of service and fellowship. In addition, pins will be presented to our members commemorating their years with the lodge. New members will be officially welcomed into the lodge, and recruitment

awards acknowledged for the past year's hard work. In addition, the May meeting will showcase the history of Syttende Mai in Seattle. The first celebration of Norwegian Constitution Day in Seattle was in 1889, and we look forward to taking a look back at the festivities of years past. Along with many photographs and memorabilia from past celebrations, we will be showing a short video "17th of May: The March of Time" by Solvi Barber, a Norwegian visiting Seattle in 2009. The video highlights 17th of May in Washington State.

We hope to see you there!



May Dinner & Members Meeting

Social 5:30 pm
Dinner 6:00 pm

LEL Awards & May 17th Tribute

Business Meeting
7:30 pm

Call the lodge office
to reserve your seat
or RSVP by email

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Queen, Sharon Traulsen

TUSEN TAKK FOR APRIL SCHOLARSHIP NIGHT

Many thanks to everyone at our April Scholarship Night who made it successful. We passed the hat and raised \$500. We will hear at the May business meeting how much other additional money was raised at the dinner and additional donations for scholarships that night. Med hjertelig takk til head chef Randi Aulie, and all her volunteers, Unni Andrews, Synnove Dragoy, Magni Hinsee, Valborg Nordbo, Andrea Torland, Mark Quam, Janice Quam, Bjarne Varnes, and dish-washers Gale Roo and Lee Ehrheart!



Christine Anderson, Lorie Lind and Randi Aulie

LEL Past Presidents Honored at April Meeting



Robert Svendsen, Andrea Torland, Randi Aulie, Lee Ehrheart, Bjorn Gjolmesli and Bjarne Varnes

The Leif Erikson Lodge 2-001, Sons of Norway, Educational Foundation is proud to announce the 2018 scholarship recipients:

Queen Award

Sharon Traulsen

Youth Leadership Award

Torleif "Tor" Samuelsen

Youth Camp Instructor/Counselor Grant

Owen McKinstry

Camp Trollhaugen Scholarship

Andrew Hass

Campbelle Brenne

CULTURAL DIRECTOR REPORT

May is a busy month as we prepare for the District 2 Convention and the 17th of May. The District 2 Convention will feature a display of Folk Art. Any member of our lodge is welcome to enter two items in categories including: Rosemaling, Weaving, Hardanger embroidery, Chip carving, and other media. You can even submit a photograph with a Norwegian theme or Motif to the "Other Media" category. Even if you haven't had the chance to learn any of the traditional crafts, perhaps you have a special photograph taken at a lodge meeting or event. Just email District 2 Cultural Director Doug Quammen at quammen@scattercreek.com

The Cultural Program at the membership meeting on May 9th will have a 17th of May theme. Our Lodge Historian, Christine Anderson, will show a film about

the history of the parade in Ballard. Seattle claims to have the largest 17th of May parade outside of Norway, so if you want to learn more, make sure you come to the membership meeting on May 9th. I'm also looking forward to our open house on the 17th of May, it will be a great opportunity to learn about other Norwegian Cultural organizations in the area. Hope to see you there!

Ariane Westin-McCaw, Cultural Director

New Members:

- Christine Ann Karlsen
- Kourtney Krause
- Jennifer Louise Marquette

Transfer New Member:

- Karen Lewis Torelli



OPEN HOUSE ON MAY 8TH WITH NORWEGIAN MALE CHORUS AND LEIKARRINGEN

On Tuesday May 8th the Norwegian Men's Chorus and Leikarringen are having a Nordic Hoedown. This is a 3 hour party/open house at our lodge hall from 6:30-9:30. The event is a chance to mix and mingle with the performers who are presenting at the Nordic Museum Grand Opening May 5 and 6. Many are coming from out of the country, out of Seattle, as well as local talent and this is a way to welcome them and to show off our beautiful lodge. Many of the performers will present a short program, about 10 min each ongoing throughout the evening. This is a free event and there will be food and drink available for purchase. This includes a no-host bar with sodas, beer, wine, a few mixed drinks and aquavit for skoling. There will be sweet and savory finger foods for purchase as well. RSVP appreciated: howardslauson@comcast.net

- **Sheila Bartanen**, President of Leikarringen of Leif Erikson Lodge 2-001



SUNDAY, MAY 20th at 2 PM
Norwegian Male Chorus & Norwegian Ladies Chorus in concert
at Ballard First Lutheran Church, 2006 NW 65th St.
Suggested Donation \$15. Seniors \$10



NORWEGIAN/SWEDISH EXCHANGE NIGHT

**May 12, 2018
5:00 -8:00pm**



Leif Erikson Lodge will host this annual social event. Swedish Club members will make the long pilgrimage to Ballard and special visas will be issued to welcome them at the border. This event will be an extended Happy Hour and to help us celebrate we have invited the owners of the new Viking-themed Beer Hall, Skål, coming soon to Ballard Avenue. Co-owners Adam McQueen, a proud member of LEL, and Lexi, Owner/Chef of Old Ballard Liquor fame, will provide food and drink samples from their Viking themed menu including local beer, wine and mead. Members who hold dual citizenship at both LEL and Swedish Club will pay a \$5.00 entry fee and SCC members get in free. LEL members who bring a light appetizer will receive a ticket for two free drinks. Please bring your membership card. There will be music, games, raffles and possibly a quiz. Please join us in welcoming our friends from Sweden!

LEL Members -please RSVP by May 7th either by calling the office or electronically via the Lodge e-news. Email your RSVP and put "RSVP for Swedish Exchange" and send to LeifEriksonLodge@qwestoffice.net.

SKÅL BEER HALL OPENING IN BALLARD THIS SUMMER



As Ballard residents of Norwegian and Swedish descent, we aim to honor the Nordic roots of our neighborhood by opening a relaxed, communal beer hall this summer in the former People's Pub and Vasa Grill space on Ballard Ave. Skål is our interpretation of what a Viking meadhall would be like today with a rotating selection of local craft beer, cider, mead, wine, and specialty cocktails (with emphasis on the Scandinavian favorite, aquavit). The full kitchen is inspired by the idea of a Viking butcher shop and will feature bar bites and shared plates that explore wild flavors from the woods and sea.

We're invading the Leif Erikson Lodge on May 12th for the annual LEL/Swedish Club Exchange Night. Come Skål with us! You can sample items off our menu and enter to win a raffle for lifetime memberships to our mug club ("Beerhalla"). If you'd like to contribute to our fundraiser to help support our opening, please visit www.skallballard.com. We've got plenty of great perks to offer!

- Tusen Takk! Adam McQueen & Lexi (chef/owner of Old Ballard Liquor Co.)

NORSE HOME 17TH OF MAY PARADE

As it has for more than six decades, Norse Home is excited to again participate in Seattle's famed Syttende Mai parade. Opening in 1957, Norse Home is a non-profit senior living community dedicated to promoting dignified aging. Many Scandinavian residents of this retirement and assisted living community are looking forward to riding in the Norse Home van, as it makes its way through the festive Ballard neighborhood parade route. Norse Home is again thrilled to celebrate this festive occasion that proudly highlights the Ballard community's longstanding Scandinavian heritage, and background.

Photos show Norse Home parade participation from decades ago, as well as a photo of the latest van that will be in the parade again this 17th of May.

Happy Syttende Mai!



LEBA DONATIONS

We only need **\$5,450** more to reach our goal of \$96,000! Help us meet that goal by May 31! Lots of work will be done on the building this summer to repair our 33-year-old building, but we are a little short to do all we need to do! Donations are designated for large repairs and upgrades needed to appeal to possible renters and to continue to improve our building. Rents and Kaffestua contributions go to pay everyday expenses including our property tax bill which now exceeds over \$20,000 for the year.

The good news is the stump grinder and operator will be removing the stumps in our back yard. Theresa Nilsen, the LEBA treasurer, and her family, have a power washer and will be cleaning off the wall in the back of the building and the garage floors. Mange tusen takk to these hardy volunteers. Summer is coming, yes it is!

Donations from March 17-April 15, 2018

Pauline and Harold Nygaard, \$50,

in memory of Hans Tofting

Adam McQueen, \$100,

Tusen takk for being the torchbearers for our community in Ballard! Your friends at Skaal Beer Hall support you :)

Please remember to refer your friends to Leif Erikson Hall for rentals, such as birthday parties, anniversaries, special events, and weddings. Rentals provide operating funds for monthly expenses, such as electricity, water, sewer, taxes, etc.

We are still in need of a: **Landscape architect** to provide a vision for the exterior of the building so our grounds are beautiful, but with less maintenance. **Lighting expert** for the **Norna Room**.

Contact Christine Anderson at cmadance@earthlink.net or leave a message at Leif Erikson Hall if you can help with these tasks!

If you would like to make a donation by check, please mail your donation to Leif Erikson Building Association, 2245 NW57th Street, Seattle WA 98107. Please make your check out to **LEBA**. Write a note in the memo line: GoFundMe so we know it is part of the fundraising efforts. Envelopes for GoFundMe are now available in several locations in the building so you can put your donation in the envelope and drop it in the mail slot even when no one is in the office. For credit/debit card donations go to: <https://www.gofundme.com/leiferiksonlodge>

KAFFESTUA KROKEN APRIL 2018

Our *Kaffestua* café is open and welcoming, and we're happy to serve you Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10:00 am to 2:30 pm. For a donation of only \$5.00, it still remains the best place in Ballard to get a wonderful lunch, along with friendly conversation -- and live music, usually on Fridays. There's always a fresh pot of coffee brewing, with great traditional open-face sandwiches, heart waffles and yummy sweets to be had. And, if you're interested in volunteering with us, please contact Diane Aronsen, who is looking forward to hearing from you. Please call her at 206.783.4491 if you have any spare time to help, or if you could be available on-call. Thanks!! Visitors from an unidentified sorority stopped in for some lively conversation and lunch.

Volunteers Lately at Kaffestua Include:

Diane Aronsen, Inger Persson, Bjarne Varnes, Linda Pye, Beth Kolle, Magne Erga, Gail Engler, Valborg Nordbo, Magni Hinsee, Connie Hofstad, Helga Moen, Laurie Lund Gonzales, GunnMarit McArthur, Karen Sheldahl, and Lisa Greenough. *Tusen takk to all volunteers!*

People Who Recently Donated Food Items and Whose Names Were Listed in the Book:

Don Vadset, Ellen Beck, Magni Hinsee, Marilyn Fuller, Magne Erga, Pat Bjorkelo, Diane Aronsen, Vidar Warness, Ase Oddlany, Kaari Karhur, Helga Moen, Lori and Kathleen, Irene Kleviland, Kari Knutsen, Reidun Totland, Valborg Nordbo, Karen Sheldahl, Lisa Greenough, and Laurie Lund Gonzales. *Many thanks to all of you for your generosity!*

Musicians Who Recently Entertained Us:

Trygve Bjørndal *Music makes a difference. Thank you so much!*

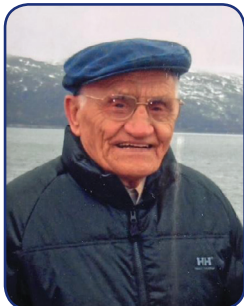
- **Bernie Bowers**

NEWS FROM NORNA LADIES

We replaced our regular April meeting with a "road trip" to Poulsbo to enjoy the Kaffestua lunch at the Poulsbo Lodge on Wednesday, April 18. We traveled to Edmonds to take the ferry to Kingston and on to Poulsbo.

We will gather next on Tuesday, May 8, for our monthly potluck and meeting in the Norna Room at 12noon. Bring a favorite dish to share with your "sisters." If you are new to the Lodge, think about joining us; if you are a "regular," consider bringing a friend.

Judy Gray and Diane Adams, Co-presidents



Sep. 17, 1922 - Apr. 12, 2018

Ingvald Marinius Jenssen, 95, of Seattle, WA passed away on April 12, 2018 at the Norse Home Retirement Center. He was born in Mjølvik, Troms, Norway, September 17, 1922, to Inga and Lars Jenssen, the 8th child and youngest son in a loving family of 10 children. He immigrated to America in

1956, with his sister Petra Olsen and her daughter Laila, to join his older brother Henry Johansen in the fishing industry. After working in the king crab industry in Alaska he purchased his own boat and became a successful Gill netter fisherman. In 1967 he married Ingrid Bakke from Andelnes, Norway and they lived in Shoreline until moving to Ballard and then retiring to the Norse Home in 2000. Ingrid passed away in 2008 and Ingvald remained at the Norse Home, where he truly felt at home. He was a member of the Sons of Norway, Nordlandslaget, and Eagles fraternal societies and former VP the Norse Home residents Council. In Norway, he is survived by his sister, Cecelia Ernsten and 16 nieces and nephews. In the US he is survived by his niece Laila (Jon) Olsen Sharpe, grandniece Katrina (Ivan) Sharpe Svasand, Christopher (Aleah) Sharpe, and Jonathan (Amy) Sharpe who all loved him dearly. A memorial service is planned for Monday, April 30th 2 PM at the Norse Home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Norse Home in his honor.

2ND SATURDAY KAFFESTUA

April's 2nd Saturday Kaffestua turned out to be a lively birthday party to celebrate Norma Larsen's 90th birthday. Her satin and lace sash, made by her daughter Sonja, proclaimed "Norma Ninety Nice."

A delicious chocolate birthday cake added to the traditional menu of open-faced sandwiches, heart waffles and cookies, made by volunteers Noel Wannebo, Randi Jacobs and Claire Sagen. Much to the delight of the room full of Norma's family, friends and Kaffestua regulars, Nancy Hiraoka made her accordion debut! Live music makes any gathering a party. We hope Nancy will make Kaffestua a recurring gig.

Following the party, there was a debriefing meeting of the Heritage Day Planning Committee, to make sure next year's event is even better. Genealogist Are Gustavsen dropped in and out throughout the day, visiting, sharing stories and letting folks know he's at the lodge on 2nd Saturdays, in the Norna Room, to help members research their families.

President Gail Engler returned to Kaffestua with her 2nd Saturday "Chat Room" - an ongoing opportunity for members and their guests to talk to Gail and ask any questions they have about the lodge.

A good time time was had by all. We hope to see you in May!

Beste hilsener, Claire Sagen

Obituaries

Ingeborg Kristine Fjaerestad died on April 7, 2018, at age 98. She was born in Saevareid, Fusa Kommune, Norway. She joined the Lodge in 1969 and became a Gold Member in 1999. She was a loving mother and wife and will be dearly missed by her family. She was preceded in death by her husband of over 50 years, Ivar, and her granddaughter Kathrine Ditmarsen. She is survived by her three daughters Irene Fjaerestad, Margaret Amundsen, and Anne Ditmarsen. She has four grandchildren, two great grandchildren and many friends and family, who will all miss her. The Memorial will go to the Alzheimers Foundation.

Petter Amund Myhre died on March 18, 2018, at age 86. He was born in Sykkliken, Norway and immigrated to the U.S. in 1958 with his wife Lilly Oleiv, who passed away in 2016. He joined the Lodge in 1959 and was a Life Member. He spent most of his life working in the Alaskan crab industry. He is survived by his brother Lars from Monroe, his three children Rolf Myhre, Lisbeth Joan Snipes and Frank Robert Myhre, daughter-in-law Debbie Myhre, son-in-law Dave Snipes, and three grandchildren, Brandon Justin Myhre, Melanie Kristine Myhre and Linnae Marie Myhre. The Memorial goes to the Leif Erikson Educational Foundation.

Jeanette Woldseth died on February 19, 2018, at age 64, after a valiant fight against breast cancer. Jeanette joined the Lodge in 2007. She was a proud Norwegian and enjoyed many visits to Kaffestua. She had an amazing career as a firefighter and was the first female firefighter in the State of Washington. She first served as a volunteer firefighter from 1975 to 1977 and when the call came to test for career status, she jumped right in. She passed the tests, including physical tests, and became an officer in 1977. She was promoted to lieutenant in 1981, and continued to climb the ranks, making captain on October 1, 1985. She retired from the Department in 2002. Jeanette was preceded in death by her parents Elmer and Gloria and brother George. She is survived by her brother Brian and sister Diane Cruver (Howard), as well as numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. The Memorial goes to the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center.

Former member **Thelma M. Hoveland** died on March 26, 2018, at age 97. She was a member of the Lodge from 1985 to January of 2015. She was born in Duluth, Minnesota, but had been a local resident for the last 95 years. She was married to Albin Hoveland and enjoyed her years as a homemaker. She was a friend of Sissel Peterson and they were in each other's weddings. She is survived by her daughter, Margaret Baty of Edmonds; and her grandchildren, Angela J. Anderson and Gregory M. Benson; and by her great grandchild, Nathan M. Benson.

Our sympathy to member Robert L. Sandvik and his wife Nancy and family members on the loss of Robert's brother **Wihelm Lorents Sandvik**, who passed away surrounded by family in Pennsylvania on February 1, 2018, at the age of 89. He graduated from Ballard High School in 1946, and from the University of Washington with a BA in Accounting.



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Please also let her know of a death of a family member.

MAY 2018 CALENDAR

MAY 9TH

Members Dinner, Program and Meeting/
Youth Scavenger Hunt & Pizza (6 PM)

MAY 12TH

Swedish Club Exchange Night at LEL (5-8 PM)
Second Saturday Kaffestua (10 AM - 2 PM)
TROLLHAUGEN work party District 2

MAY 17TH

SYTTENDE MAI OPEN HOUSE (2-5 PM)
Leif Erikson Lodge followed by the Parade (6 PM)



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Join the 17th of May Parade with Leif Erikson Lodge



Beginning with the 2018 summer season, **Leif Erikson Recreation Association** (also known as **Norway Park**) will charge a \$5 day use fee for all Lodge Members and Member guests. Norway Park will have a camp host at the beach gate collecting day use fees, camp fees, and checking membership status. Current membership card (Lodge 2-001) and valid photo ID must be available at all times while at the beach. Lodge members are limited to a maximum of 10 guests within a group. Larger groups are welcome and possible with advance arrangements and pavilion rental. Visit Norway Park website for additional information: www.norwaypark.org