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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FEBRUARY 2018

Greetings everyone from your new Lodge President. We had a very nice evening on January 10th for the installation of Leif Erikson Lodge Board Officers. Beautiful Scandinavian folk music by Fire Norske started off the evening for our social. Delicious, unique appetizers were a big hit, created by Lexi at Old Ballard Liquor. Kris Templin led us, with his beautiful tenor voice, for all three national anthems, accompanied by Hannah Matsuda on piano. Larry Helms and Sound Catering provided a delicious baked codfish dinner, with the fish donated by Aleutian Spray Seafood. Overall it was a great evening of celebration and started off our new year on a positive and festive note.

Kay Schertzl, District 2 Zone Officer was our Installing Officer and Chris Hicks, District 2 President, spoke to us and provided information about the upcoming District convention to be held May 30-June 2 in Lynnwood. Thank you to both of them for participating in the installation. Their spouses-Bill Hicks and Bob Schertzl, also attended, both of whom are on the Bothell Lodge Board. Bill and Chris are also longtime Trollhaugen Board members and supporters. More information will be provided soon on our Lodge's participation at the District 2 Convention; please think about being a delegate! We will also be requesting cookies be donated for the Convention "kaffe breaks" so bakers get ready! There are also vacancies for several District 2 Board positions. Please talk to me if you are interested in one of these positions: Publicity/Social Director, Youth Director and Sports Director.

Thank you to all these people and talented musicians for making the Installation a wonderful evening. I appreciate all those members, guests and friends who attended. We continue to have a fantastic Board with most members continuing in their respective positions. We have two new Board members, Megan Knight and Ariane Westin-McCaw, who will bring new energy and ideas and they are to be commended for stepping up to join our Board, having just joined the Lodge last fall. Thank you to Andrea Torland for serving



*Officers and Board for 2018*

as our President the past two years and who will now serve as Counsellor. There are still several LEL Board vacancies for Auditor, Secretary and Vice President so please join our Team for the upcoming year's excitement as we forge our future in the neighborhood and with Sons of Norway! Alt for Norge !

I look forward to serving as your President the next two years. It will be an exciting and challenging year ahead as we continue to raise money to support our building association, but for lodge events and cultural programs and for the LEL Educational Foundation, providing scholarships for the youth and future of our Lodge. I hope you will join us at the LELEF Crabfeed dinner on January 27; tickets are going fast for this very popular event. And don't forget the District 2 Ski Race at Trollhaugen on Feb. 3rd. If you can help out please contact Kathleen Lange at [206-354-7029](tel:206-354-7029)/[tatter59@me.com](mailto:tatter59@me.com). I would also like to see the Lodge become more involved in the Ballard Community so we can join in having a say as to how our neighborhood takes shape in its fast changing landscape. I will also be holding regular "Kaffestua Chats with the President" so stay tuned!

***Mange takk, President Gail Engler***

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**Membership Meetings:**

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

The **Vikingen** has been published since 1945  
by Leif Erikson Lodge No. 2-001  
Sons of Norway. LEL  
was founded on May 13, 1903.

**MEMBERS MEETING**

**February 14th Members Meeting:** Social at 5:30 PM, Dinner at 6 PM  
Mexican delights include: beef enchilada casserole, refried beans, spanish  
rice, salad and, of course, dessert! Valentine's Day would not be  
properly celebrated without a bit of chocolate so be prepared for some  
extra calories. Program: Kris Johansson and his group "Sprida Ut."  
will do a short program followed by a performance. The nyckelharpa  
is a Swedish instrument that is a bowed string instrument. Imagine a violin  
mixed with a typewriter mixed with a guitar. Please sign up or **RSVP to the  
Office at 206-783-1274.**

The Norwegian Ladies Chorus will hold its annual Fishcake and  
Meatball Dinner & Auction on Sunday, February 25th, at LEL. Social &  
silent auction begin at 4 PM. Dinner & entertainment start at 5:30 PM.  
Tickets: \$30. Please call Arlene at 206-784-1290 for reservations.

**SKI RACES AT TROLLHAUGEN 2018**

Ski races will be February 3, 2018 and Leif Erikson Lodge will be  
the host. This is a fun family event for all ages. Don't have skis? No  
worries, skis, boots and poles are available for a small fee at Trollhaugen.  
Want to try snow shoes? Also available for rent. It is not necessary to  
know how to Nordic ski before you go - there are plenty of us there to  
help you learn!

A Sno Park pass is needed to park at the Crystal Springs Sno Park  
(information at [parks.state.wa.us/147/Sno-Park-Permit-vendors](http://parks.state.wa.us/147/Sno-Park-Permit-vendors) ).

Trollhaugen lodge is located at the Stampede Pass exit 62 on I 90, just  
past Snoqualmie Summit. The lodge has a kitchen and dining room/  
gathering area, a game room with board games, ping pong and a big  
fireplace for reading and relaxing. There are rooms for an overnight  
stay with bunk beds and shower/bathrooms. Outside is the groomed  
nordic ski area, a great sledding hill, and snow shoe trails. For more  
information: [trollhaugensofn.com](http://trollhaugensofn.com)

Looking for members who can help with "hosting". There is  
some set up including placing the start and finish line and timing  
the race. Lunch is provided after the races includes pea soup and  
rolls and hot dogs. Please contact Kathy Lange 206-354-7029  
[tatter59@me.com](mailto:tatter59@me.com) if you can help or want more information.

**News from NORNA LADIES**

Our next gathering is Tuesday, **February 13**, at noon in the Norna Room  
for a potluck lunch and Valentine Party. Bring a favorite lunch dish to  
share and a signed Valentine card to exchange with another Norna Sister.  
We will also be discussing our participation in the Lodge's annual  
Heritage Day in March. Two more dates to save: Tuesday, **March 13**, and  
a **Wednesday in April**. We are trying to make arrangements with Theo  
Chocolates to tour their factory in Freemont (and hopefully sample a few  
of their creations). We are also planning to visit Poulsbo to go to the  
Poulsbo Lodge's Kaffestua (which has been on Wednesdays) - followed  
by visiting the cute shops and bakeries in the town.

**Judy Gray and Diane Adams**  
Co-presidents



## VALENTINE CONCERT & TEA

Sunday, February 11, 2018  
2:00 P.M.  
Leif Erikson Lodge

Celebrate Valentine's Day with a concert and tea featuring an array of Norwegian desserts. Members from the Northwest Edvard Grieg Society will perform lyrical and romantic songs by Edvard Grieg and Steven Luksan. You will have the opportunity to learn about Norway's famous composer through the music and information provided by the musicians. Yes, for you non-tea drinkers, coffee will also be served. Where can you find live music with delicious desserts all for \$15.00. Call the lodge for reservations. Tickets are also available at the lodge or at the door. Invite your friends, family or special someone in your life as it is time to celebrate Norwegian Love.

*Norwegian Love*  
*A Valentines Concert & Tea*

**Sunday  
February 11  
2:00 pm  
Leif Erikson Lodge**

2245 NW 57th Street, Ballard  
Tickets \$15.00  
Available at the lodge in advance or at the door  
Reservations (206) 783-1274

**Featuring  
Laura Loge, soprano  
Steven Luksan, piano**

Performing love songs by Edvard Grieg & Steven Luksan  
Tea & delicious Norwegian desserts will be served

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## NEWS FROM NORWAY PARK

"A BOWL N' A ROLL" Kaffestua was held in Bekkestua, the Norway Park community room near the front gate, on Saturday, January 20, Noon to 2 pm. A great time to drop in and socialize. The monthly Leif Erikson Recreation Area (LERA) Board Meeting is the second Tuesday of February, February 13, at 7 pm, in Bekkestua at Norway Park. The **Annual Stockholder Meeting for LERA will be SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, at the Leif Erikson Lodge** in Ballard. Sign-in starts at Noon and the meeting begins at 1:00 pm.

~Nancy Solheim

### Leif Erikson Lodge Youth Activity

#### Calendar 2018

\*held 6:30-8 pm during members meeting

- January 10\*- Open-faced sandwich making
- February 3- District 2 Cross Country Ski Race @ Trollhaugen
- February 14\*- Waffle making
- March - District 2 Youth Activity (date TBD)
- March 17 - Leif to Leif Fun Run @ Heritage Day
- March 14\*- Viking Ship craft
- April 11\*- Rosemaling
- May 9\*- Scavenger Hunt & Pizza (6:00-7:30 pm)
- May 17+- Syttende Mai Parade
- June 13\*- Midsommer crafts and celebration
- June- Nordic Heritage Museum Camp (date TBD)
- July- August - Summer Break
- September 12\*- Norwegian Songs
- October 10\*- Pumpkin Carving and Pizza (6:00-7:30pm)
- October - Bazaar (TBD)
- November 14\*- Movie and Popcorn
- December 12\*- Heart Ornament craft
- December - Children's Christmas Party



Fun at January's sandwich making Youth Activity!

## KAFFESTUA KROKEN

Kaffestua is open and going strong, 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 to get a wonderful lunch, along with friendly conversation! There's always a fresh pot of coffee brewing, great traditional open-face sandwiches, heart waffles and sweets. Our Kaffestua President, Diane Aronsen, is looking forward to hearing from you about volunteering. 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:

Visitors from Edmonds, WA stopped in for some friendly conversation and lunch.

### Volunteers Lately at Kaffestua Include:

Janet and Hans Tofting, Kari Knudsen, Valborg Nordbo, Magni Hinsee, Magne Erga, Lee Ehrheart, Nancy Hiroaka, Ellen Beck, Helga Moen, Laurie Lund, GunnMarit McArthur, and Lisa Greenough. Tusen takk to all volunteers!

### People Who Recently Donated Food Items:

Diane Aronsen, Magni Hinsee, Vidar Warness, Bjarne Varnes, Bernice Chouery, Nancy Eagas, Ellen Beck, Kari Knutsen, Reidun Totland, Norma Larson, Sonja Adams, Valborg Nordbo, Karen Sheldahl, Lisa Greenough, Vickie Nelson, and Laurie Lund Gonzales. Many thanks to all of you for your generosity!

### Musicians Who Recently Entertained Us:

Trygve Bjorndal and Harold Nygaard.

Tusen takk, **Bernie Bowers**

## 2ND SATURDAY KAFFESTUA REPORT

Happy New Year! The January 2018 Second Saturday Kaffestua had a slow start with only a few visitors in the morning, including a special guest from Australia who enjoyed the ample spread of delicious bites. Activity at Kaffestua picked up in the early afternoon when a group of folks met to plan events associated with Heritage Day. While there was no live music, members enjoyed the open-faced sandwiches prepared by Lori and Cortney, and of course the heart-shaped waffles and coffee! It is always a good time meeting new people and visiting old friends at the Lodge.

- **Cortney Cain Gjesfjeld**

## CULTURAL DIRECTOR FEB 2018

It is with great pleasure that I accept the role of Cultural Director for Leif Erickson Lodge. I'd like to take a few paragraphs to introduce myself. I am originally from Seattle, and have also lived in Chicago, Washington, DC, and New York City. After traveling around the country, it's great to be home!

I believe my work history has prepared me somewhat for the position, but I look forward to learning from all the extremely capable past Cultural Directors. My work history includes about ten years in the museum field. I have a Masters Degree in Museum Studies and have worked or volunteered at MOHAI, EMP Museum (now MoPOP), National Archives and Records Administration, and the Nordic Heritage Museum (NHM). I have Swedish heritage, and working at NHM introduced me to the Nordic Community here in Seattle. I had some wonderful experiences as Registrar at NHM. The Registrar in a museum is part record-keeper, part community liaison, part object handler, and part knowledge keeper, to name a few aspects of the job. Central to the role of Registrar at NHM is building the collection. With the Collections Committee, I reviewed many items offered to the museum by the community. I learned a lot about folk art, fine art, traditional costumes, and local Nordic Heritage organizations. I always loved sharing the collection with the staff, volunteers, and audience of the museum through exhibits. I hope that as Cultural Director you will see the enthusiasm that I have for sharing Nordic culture. I look forward to serving you in 2018!

- **Ariane Westin-McCaw**



## LEIKARRINGEN OF LEIF ERIKSON LODGE 2



**Leikarringen of Leif Erikson Lodge 2-001** has been sponsored by this lodge for almost 60 years! Started informally by Norwegian immigrants at a birthday party at Lila Granaas' house in August of 1959, it was formally organized on February 19, 1960. Mary Viken was the founder of our group. (She is the mother of Christine Robel (LEL and Norway Park Board). The purpose of our group is to learn and perform the folk songs, music, and dances of Norway. We are the only Nordic dance group in the Seattle area specializing in these Norwegian traditions. Now, while many in our group are of Norwegian or Scandinavian descent, it is open to all.

Our name means a group of folk dancers from Leif Erikson Lodge 2-001. In the photo, we are at Norse Home, where we dance and visit every December! We perform throughout the year at private, lodge, and community functions, including Norwegian Constitution Day, known as *Syttende Mai*, in Ballard; occasionally at Northwest Folklife Festival at Seattle Center in May; Skandia Folkdance Society's annual *Midsommarfestin* June; at the Nordic Museum in November at Yulefest and NordicFest on Whidbey Island; and travel down to Portland's Scanfair in December.

Members of Leikarringen maintain frequent contact with the folk dancing community in the Scandinavian countries to continue to improve our dancing and learn new methods of teaching. Several of our members have done reverse immigration and now reside in Norway, Ingrid Hamberg, a former LEL queen, and Chris and Terryanne Reinert. Chris and Terryanne met in Leikarringen and eventually married as many in our group have done. Their love of Norwegian dance and music continued on in Norway. They return on a regular basis and even had their folkdancing group, Leikarringen i Haug BU, here as instructors for Norsk Folkedans Stemne. Stemne is an annual event planned by members of Leikarringen and others. We currently are meeting in August at Fort Worden. We try to have dancers and musicians from Norway every year or

nationally known instructors from the United States.

Bergljot Ringset Roswick was the first president of Leikarringen of Leif Erikson Lodge in 1960. She was also our dance director for many years. Her love of Norwegian songdances has been passed down for generations through Leikarringen and Barneleikarringen. Barneleikarringen, for young dancers and their families, was started many years ago. It now continues on Sunday afternoons. Please read more about them in this newsletter!

We are always looking for new dancers. We meet every Tuesday from 7:30PM-9:30PM in the auditorium. Larry Reinert serves as our current dance director. Instruction takes place every week. Experienced dancers will help you learn the dances in no time! The first practice of the month is our party night with potluck refreshments. We have several loaner costumes if you would like to perform with us!

If you have a love of Norwegian culture and heritage, this is the place to learn more about costumes, dance, music, history, songs, and more!

Our officers for 2018 are: Sheila Bartanen, president; Bonnie Berglund, Vice President; Paul Everitt, Treasurer; Christine Anderson, Secretary; Ken Bartanen, Styremedlem.

## NORWEGIAN HERITAGE DAY 2018

SONS OF NORWAY • LEIF ERIKSON LODGE 2-001 • 17TH OF MARCH 2018



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17th of March 2018, Saturday. LEIF TO LEIF 5K RUN / WALK 9 AM, Ballard to Shilshole Marina (Check-In 8 AM)

TASTE OF NORWAY 10 AM - 3:00 PM • Traditional Norwegian Food & Entertainment: SMØRBRØD (OPEN FACE SANDWICHES) LEFSE, KRUMKAKER, VAFLE (WAFFLES), RØMMEGRØT & ERTE SUPPE (YELLOW PEA SOUP)

NORWEGIAN MUSIC & FOLK SONGS, NORWEGIAN FOLK COSTUMES, TRADITIONAL NORWEGIAN CRAFTS, SCANDINAVIAN GIFTS, GENEALOGY & CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES. Admission free and open to the public. Alle er VELKOMMEN! All are WELCOME!

## 2018 Calendar

## Leif Erikson Lodge 2-001

## Sons of Norway

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
<p><b>**D2 X-Ctry Ski Event hosted by LEL &amp; LEL Youth Skiing (9:30 registration) – 3 / Seattle-Bergen Sister City annual mtg from 2:45PM – 4 / Norwegian Love Valentine tea &amp; Edward Grieg concert at LE Hall, 2PM, &amp; Barnaleikarriingen at Swedish Club, 1:30-2:30PM – 11 / LEL Program with new members &amp; Youth waffle making (6:30-8PM) – 14 / LERA Annual Stockholders Mtg at 1PM – 24</b></p>	<p><b>Cooks' Night Out at NPark – 3 / NPark Work Party #1 at 9AM – 10 / Program, Youth Viking ship craft (6:30-8PM) – 14 / Leif to Leif Fun Run, youth activity, &amp; Tastes of Norway – 17 / Overton Berry Jazz night and NPark Spaghetti Fund Raiser at 3PM – 24 / Scholarship apps due – 30 / Good Friday Kaffestua closed – 30</b></p>	<p><b>Easter – 1 / Kaffestua closed – 2 / Norwegian for travelers 2:9,16, &amp; 23 / NPark Work Party #2 at 9AM – 7 / LEL Queen, Past Presidents Night, Youth rosemaking (6:30-8PM) – 11 / Norse Home annual meeting at Norse Home &amp; Barnaleikarriingen at Swedish Club – 22 / Norway Park Fishermen's Breakfast – 28 / Ethnic Heritage Council annual meeting, 3-4PM at LEL – 29</b></p>	<p><b>115th anniversary, Awards night, New Members, Election of LEBA board (6:7-30PM) – 9 / GiveBig campaign for Educational Foundation – 9 / Second Saturday Kaffestua (10AM-2:30PM) &amp; Norsk-Svensk exchange at LE Hall &amp; NPark Work Party #3 at 9AM – 12 / Syttende Mai – all members &amp; youth march in parade at 6PM – 17 / Kaffestua closed (Office open) – 25 / NPark Picnic in the Park at 2PM – 27 / D2 Convention in Lynnwood – May 30-June 2</b></p>	<p><b>D2 Convention – May 30-June 2 / NPark Work Party #4 at 9AM – 2 / LEL Potluck &amp; Youth midsummer craft (6:30-8PM) – 13 / Lake McMurray Fire Dept. Salmon BBQ at NPark – 16 / NPark St. Hans Festivities – 23 / Kids' camp at NHM – 25-29 / Hall repair &amp; cleaning – June 24-July 9 / **D2 Camp Trollhaugen – June 24-July 7 / Kaffestua and Office open – 25, 27, 29</b></p>	<p><b>June 25-29 Kid's Camp at NHM</b></p>

JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
<p><b>Office &amp; Kaffestua closed – July 1-8 / Norway Park Men's BBQ at 1PM – 1 / **D2 Borderfest – 8 / **D2 Trollhaugen steak &amp; salmon fry and Seafoodfest in Ballard – 14 &amp; 15 / **D2 Camp Nidaros – July 8-21 / NPark Work Party #5 at 9AM – 21 / **Camp Normanna – July 22-August 4</b></p>	<p><b>Tur-Pas-Tur Lodge &amp; NPark Picnic at Norway Park and **D2 Golf Tournament in Spokane – 11 / Salmon Dinner – 15 / Norsk Folkedans Steinnie at Fort Worden – 17-19 / **D2 Camp Normanna – July 22-August 4 / ***Int'l convention in MN – 22-25 / Kaffestua closed – 31</b></p>	<p><b>NPark Picnic &amp; Chili cookoff at 2PM – 2 / Kaffestua &amp; office closed – 3 / Election of Nominating Committee &amp; Youth Norwegian Songs (6:30-8PM) – 12 / NPark Work Party #6 at 9AM – 15 / **D2 Heritage &amp; Cultural Retreat at Trollhaugen – 14-16 / Ski for light and LEBA fundraiser – 22</b></p>	<p><b>Leif Erikson Day – 9 / Youth Pizza and Pumpkin carving (6:30-8PM), New members, Sons of Norway Foundation month, and VPs night – 10 / Kaffestua closed (Office open) – 19 / Bazaar with youth activities – 20-21</b></p>	<p><b>Veterans' Day &amp; Barnaleikarriingen, 1:30-2:30PM – 11 / Youth Movie and popcom (6:30-8PM) and LEL Officer Elections – 14 / Twens &amp; teens Nordic dancing, 3-5PM – 18 / Kaffestua closed (Office open) – 21 / Thanksgiving – 22 / Kaffestua and Office closed – 23 / Christmas decorating of the hall after Thanksgiving</b></p>	<p><b>NPark Julebord – 1 / LEL Julebord – 8 / Children's Christmas Party – 9 / Youth Heart ornament craft (6:30-8PM) - New Members - Ballard Food Bank Donations – 12 / Kaffestua &amp; office closed – Dec 17-Jan, 2 / Christmas – 25 / New Year – 1</b></p>

<p>Social / Dinner / Program / Meeting, Wednesdays, 5:30PM / Meeting only 7:30PM Youth program (generally 6:30-8PM except May)</p>	<p>Norway Park (LERA) special events and work parties start at 9AM</p>	<p>Special events</p>	<p>Leikarriingen, Tuesdays, 7:30-9:30PM</p>	<p>Building closed except for special events</p>	<p>Library open Wednesdays, 10AM-2PM (and by appointment)</p>
<p>Second Saturday events Kaffestua &amp; Genealogy, 10AM-2:30PM / Happy Hour, 5PM-8PM</p>	<p>Norma, 12PM; LERA / Norway Park board, 7PM; Leikarriingen, Tuesdays, 7:30PM</p>	<p>LEL Educational Foundation Meetings / Scholarship applications due by March 30</p>	<p>Barnaleikarriingen, 2d and 4th Sundays until May then 1st and 3d Sundays, Dancing at 1:30PM – Music Practice at 3PM / (Meet mostly at Swedish Club)</p>	<p>LEBA / Building Association Board meetings, Wednesdays, 7:30PM</p>	<p>Exercise class every Wednesday, 10AM (walkins welcome) \$3 per session</p>
<p>LEL Board meetings, Wednesdays, 7PM-9PM</p>	<p>LERA / Norway Park Board Meetings, Tuesdays, 7PM</p>	<p>Kaffestua for members and their guests, Mon, Wed, Fri, 2d Saturdays, 10AM-2:30PM</p>	<p>Twens and teens, 3d Sundays from 3-5PM – Combined with Barnaleikarriingen on April 29, May 20 (Meet mostly at Swedish Club)</p>	<p>Norwegian for Travelers, Mondays, 7PM-9PM in Kaffestua</p>	<p>Norwegian class (Ellen Beck) Tuesdays,--starts January 10, 6:30-8:30PM</p>
<p>Holiday Building open on 1/15, 2/19</p>	<p>Hall cleaning and repair, call the office to volunteer – 206-763-1274</p>	<p>Office open Mon, Wed, Fri, 10AM-3PM – 206-763-1274</p>	<p>Youth activities (Evelyn and Karl) leifouthseattle@gmail.com</p>	<p>***International events</p>	<p>** District 2 events</p>



## DONATIONS TO GOFUNDME

Donations have now reached \$82,580 out of the \$96,000 goal. We get closer every week! In addition to the GoFundMe donations which are designated for large repairs and upgrades, Magne Erga donated \$1000 towards the purchase of a new ice machine which broke down recently during the holidays.

Please remember to refer your friends to Leif Erikson Hall for rentals such a birthday parties, anniversaries, special events, weddings, and more. Rentals are the best way for our lodge to receive operating funds for the many monthly expenses we have such as electricity, water, sewer, taxes.

We will soon need volunteers to accomplish the following tasks:

This spring, we need a **power washer operator with a power washer** to clean the wall on the east side, the garage and sidewalks.

**Stump grinder operator and a stump grinder** for the small stumps left in the south parking lot. Gordon Jack-ins has been busy cleaning up this area to prepare it for some eventual landscaping. **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](mailto:cmadance@earthlink.net) or leave a message at Leif Erikson Hall if you can help with these tasks!**

**Donations from December 15-January 12, 2018:**

**JoAnne Rudo \$1000,**

"Seattle needs this lovely lodge!"

**Gail Engler \$5000,**

"Hoping to see the Norna room remodeled soon!"

**Bjarne Varnes \$2500,**

"For the Norna Room update and improvements"

**Svein Randeberg \$100**

"In memory of Odd Nordbo"

**Svein Randeberg, \$100**

"In memory of Robert Okasake Goh"

**Randi Valdok, \$100,**

"In memory of Odd Nordbo"

**Einar and Anna Marie Johansen, \$5000,**

"For Leif Erikson Hall"

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 office mail

slot. You can also come into the office and drop off your donation. For credit/debit card donations go to: <https://www.gofundme.com/leif Eriksonlodge>

## FROM BILL NELSEN

In addition to representing great financial solutions from Sons of Norway I am also a broker. I have access to multiple companies and can shop when it comes to insurance for auto, home, business, personal umbrella, health, and Medicare plans. It is always a good idea to review your insurance situation every couple of years. I find all too often people are under insured or are missing out on discounts. For anyone planning a trip, I also have great options for travel insurance as well. Coverage goes way beyond lost baggage or trip interruption. Coverage includes medivac, accidents, crisis interventions, etc. You would be surprised at how reasonable rates can be for the amount of coverage and peace of mind you receive.

My goal is to help you develop an investment strategy geared toward the future. Every plan I put together is specific to you, your family and your goals. I look forward to helping you. Contact me @

**Bill Nelson**

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## OBITUARIES

**Olav M. Alfsvaag** died recently at age 85. He joined the Lodge in 1984. He received his 25-year pin in 2009 and became a Golden Member in 2014. The Memorial will go to the Leif Erikson Educational Foundation.

**Bjorg Didrikke Hansen** died on Christmas Day, at age 74. She was born in Maloy, Norway and came to New York at age 20 for a visit. At a Sons of Norway Syttende Mai dance in Brooklyn, she met her future husband, Iyvind, and they married the following year, and then had two children, Mariann and Iyvind Jr. Eventually the family settled in Seattle in 1973. She joined the Lodge in 2010. She is survived by Mariann and Hap, Iyvind Jr. and Kirsten and grandchildren Kari, Mari, Chris and Cory and her twin brother Trgyve. She lost her beloved husband in 2010, after 43 wonderful years. The Memorial will go to the Salvation Army.

**Harold A. Rice** died recently at age 88. He joined the Lodge in 1997. The Memorial will go to the Leif Erikson Educational Foundation.

**Norman Ringstad.** The Memorial will go to the Leif Erikson Educational Foundation.



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## FEBRUARY 2018 CALENDAR

### FEBRUARY 3RD

D2 Ski Races at Trollhaugen

### FEBRUARY 10TH

Second Saturday Kaffestua & Happy Hour

### FEBRUARY 11TH

Tea & Grieg Concert \$15 2PM

### FEBRUARY 13TH

Norna Potluck Valentine Party NOON

### FEBRUARY 14TH

Members dinner & meeting 5:30PM

### FEBRUARY 24TH

LERA Annual Stockholders Meeting NOON

### FEBRUARY 25TH

Norwegian Ladies Chorus dinner \$30 4PM

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