

VIKINGEN



PRESIDENT'S GREETING



Greetings friends, we are glad to be back after a month off and ready to gear up for the Fall. We hope you have found healthy and stimulating ways to keep busy this summer. Many of us on the Board have been using the extra time to work on projects we had put off, like scanning old photos or cleaning the garage. What have you been up to this summer? The lodge has been kept

exceptionally clean and a lot of work has been done to keep things ready for our eventual reopening. A special thanks to Gary and Ozzie for their time and efforts on that front, and for all the members who have pitched in around the hall in the last several months.

Plans are well underway for the Fall Bazaar; it will look and feel a bit different this year, but we are still very much looking forward to carrying on the tradition. The annual bazaar is our largest fundraising event of the year, and we need your help this year as much as ever. Further details are outlined in several articles to follow, and we will keep you updated via the E-news and the October Vikingen as more details are finalized. Also, check back at www.leiferiksonlodge.org on the events page anytime to see what's coming up around LEL. We still need volunteers as always for a variety of tasks leading up to and on October 24th. Please reach out to Gail or I and let us know if you can help out! A new twist this year, you will be able to order a delicious Norwegian meal to go as we attempt our first foray into "Take-Out". Grab a tasty spread including meatballs, pea soup, rømmegrøt and a special sweet treat. While we can't welcome you into the main hall, we will be delighted for you to swing down on Saturday October 24th and pick up your meal to take home. These dinners will be pre-paid only and all orders must be received by Sunday October 18th. More details to follow in October Vikingen.

This month we look forward to getting back into our normal swing of things with Board and Member's meetings in September, after taking our usual break in the summer. Join us on Zoom on September 9th to hear a program about the Education Foundation and Scholarships, followed by our business meeting for the month. Until we can safely meet in the hall, it is important that we keep in touch and move forward with business as needed, so please join us online.

As noted on the calendar, we will continue to host Crafting hours online every Monday afternoon, as well as a Trivia Night on Wednesday September 16th. Trivia will last about an hour, with fun prizes and loads of laughs. Have you received your copy of the September Viking Magazine yet? Take their quiz on the great explorers of Norway, let me know how well you score! In addition to that fun quiz, there are as always, some great articles covering all things Nordic. This month they delve into Norwegian Painter Nikolai Astrup, if you are not familiar with his life and work, I recommend giving it a read!

We hope to see you on Zoom for one of our upcoming events, please let us know if you need any extra help getting logged in. As always, please reach out to any of your Lodge

Board members to talk about what we can do to help you get the most of your membership to Leif Erikson Lodge.

Seth Maristuen, President, Leif Erikson Lodge

LEL MEMBERSHIP MEETING TO BE CONDUCTED VIA TELECONFERENCE

Please join us for our **September 9, 2020 Business**

meeting, to be held this month via Zoom Meeting. **Use the information below to log in on Wednesday September 9th at 7:30 pm.** <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/9155821189>

Meeting ID: 915 582 1189

Dial in by Phone: 1 (720) 707-2699

TIPS FOR USING ZOOM: Download the Zoom app and experiment with it ahead of time to minimize futzing around the day of.

Log in at least 10 minutes before the meeting to get used to Zoom settings

Tell everyone to mute if not talking, as otherwise we hear background noise like wind, dog barking. Adjust your device so you are visible to others.

JOIN US FOR CRAFTERNOON!



Join us every Monday from 2:00-4:00pm on Zoom.

Here is the link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88324219476>

With the shelter in place ordinance in effect, we have turned Monday afternoons into Monday CRAFTERNOONS! Some days there are just two of us and other times there are 5-6 and it is always a GREAT time! We spend the time together laughing, telling stories and of course crafting in our own homes. There are some great tales of boating adventures by Jan, bear sightings by Beth, recipes by Gail and the occasional song by Nancy! We all work on a different type of craft, everything from knitting and coloring to puzzling and woodwork and often we talk through and teach each other the processes. We did learn the hard way that this is not the time for very focused projects, with all of the fun going on it's nearly impossible to concentrate! Consider joining us this coming Monday from 2-4pm on Zoom.Us. - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88324219476> See you then!

-Barbie Varnes, Publicity Director, barbie@barbiehull.com

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Membership meeting.
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The Vikingen has been published since 1945.
Leif Erikson Lodge was founded on May 13, 1903

LEBA NEWS

The following people were elected to the LEBA Board in May 2020.

President, - Ozzie Kvithammer

VP Ryan Bornemeier

Treasurer, Theresa Nilsen

Secretary, Victoria Hunter

Members: Dan Baines, Magne Erge, Doug Warne, Laurie

Lund-Gonzales/Lisa Greenough (sharing one position)

-Ozzie Kvithammer, President, LEBA

PUBLICITY DIRECTOR NEWS

We have all been in the house for over a month now, and I don't know about you - but we are getting pretty stir crazy over here! We have been trying to stay positive and update our Leif Erikson Lodge social media feed with the fun activities that people have been participating in. We want to encourage everyone to stay active and lead by example and we would LOVE to feature you and yours!

Speaking of staying entertained, we have created a lodge crafting zoom date, starting on Monday (and every Monday until the ban has been lifted) from 2-4pm for a little group crafting. ANY crafts will do, painting, needle work, yarn work, latch hook, puzzling, carving. Here is the link - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88324219476>. Please feel free to share this with anyone you think might enjoy a little crafting with friends break.

Please send in photos of your family, your walks, your art projects, your puzzles, anything that is keeping you busy and entertained!

Here is the contact info - please send photos or questions to barbie@barbiehull.com or text 206-349-5540 be sure to include all of the W's! (Who, what, where, when).

Happy Spring!

-Barbie Varnes, Publicity Director/barbie@barbiehull.com

NORWEGIAN GREETING

Hei Allesammen!

Hallo! Jeg håper at alle har det bare bra! Vi er enda hjemme, og vet ikke når vi kan være sammen på Leif Erikson Losje. Vi har holdt så mange "Zoom" møter at de er nesten normalt. Nå tenker vi hvor godt det ville ha vært å klemme en god venn! Jeg har hatt håret mitt klip-pet flere ganger nå, og begynner å tenke på å ha neglene klippet!! Hilsen fra Ellen Margrethe

Hi Everyone!

Hello! I hope that everyone is doing well. We are still at home, and don't know when we can be together at Leif Erikson Lodge. We have held so many "Zoom" meetings that they are almost normal. Now we are thinking how good it would be to hug a good friend! I have had my hair cut several times now and am beginning to think about having my nails cut!!

Greetings from **-Ellen Margrethe**

VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



As the Summer turns to Fall, I'm taking a moment to reflect on the connections and friends I've made as a member of our lodge. While we have not been able to gather together for months, our bonds are still strong. Smiles over Zoom calls are not quite the same as a handshake or a hug, but they too brighten our day and remind us that we are surrounded by wonderful people.

Like you all, I was deeply saddened by the passing of our beloved friend and true Viking, Bjarne Varnes. If you needed support, Bjarne was there. If you needed a smile and good laugh, he was your man. He was the life of the party - the first to arrive and last to leave - but the person who contributed the most.

As a champion of Ballard's Norwegian heritage, Bjarne was devoted to his community and our lodge. His welcoming and kind demeanor made you feel like family. When I announced my plans to build Skål Beer Hall, he stood up, raised his glass, and led the lodge in his favorite drinking song, ending in a triumphant "Skål"! In that moment, I knew that I had found home. He made us all feel like we were in the right place.

In his honor, we will be renaming our Jarl's Table (the huge booth) at the beer hall, Bjarne's Booth. This is a spot for people to gather in a communal environment, laugh over food and drink, and celebrate life. No one embodied that spirit more than Bjarne.

Please join me in carrying on his legacy by welcoming each and every one of our members - new and old - with that same spirit when we are once again able to meet. He instilled in me a great pride for my heritage and our neighborhood. May we all think of him for inspiration when it is needed.

I raise a snap of aquavit in his memory. From Valhalla, he will no doubt be doing the same. Let's celebrate a life well lived!

-Adam McQueen, Vice President, Leif Erikson Lodge

DONATIONS FOR THE LODGE BAZAAR

Been spending a lot of time cleaning out your house during COVID-19? The lodge is accepting donations for our bazaar at this time. This will be an online auction. Details on how to sign up and bid will be in the October Vikingen, e-news and on our website. Used or new items, collectibles, Norwegian sweaters, Christmas items, rosemaling, crystal, gift cards, etc. Remember no weapons, drug paraphernalia, clothes, or furniture. Please call 206-784-6181 for pickups at your home between now and Friday, September 25th. Arrangements will be made at a mutually agreeable time. If you are able, you can also drop off your donations on Wednesday, September 23, from 11AM-3PM or Saturday, September 26, from 11AM-3PM. If you have questions, please call 206-783-1274 and leave a message. Someone will get back to you when we are able. **-Tusen takk!**

VIKING VALUE PACK

Support Ballard's Leif Erikson Lodge with the purchase of a \$50 Viking Value Pack! You'll receive:

- Two Brown Bear Carwash tickets
- Two Free Pints of Beer/Cider at Skål Beer Hall
- Two Free Coffees/Tea at Byen Bakeri
- One admission ticket to the National Nordic Museum
- 20% discount coupon at Scandinavian Specialties
- 20% off single purchase at Nordiska in Poulsbo, WA
- Four Kaffestua tickets (coffee + snacks) at Leif Erikson Lodge
- Two Happy Hour tickets (two drinks per) at Leif Erikson Lodge

The value pack costs \$50 but gets you OVER \$100 worth of coupons! Proceeds benefit the Leif Erikson Building Association (LEBA).



Leif Erikson Lodge 2-001
Seattle, Washington



LEIF ERIKSON LODGE VIKING VALUE PACKS

Please use this Coupon to order your Viking Value Pak and support the Lodge building.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip _____

Member of Leif Erikson Lodge yes ___ No ___ Phone # _____

E-Mail Address _____

I would like ___ LEL Viking Value Paks mailed to me at the above address and have enclosed \$50 for each \$100 value Pak.

Mail to: Valu Pak - Leif Erikson Lodge 2245 N.W. 57th St Seattle, WA 98107

You may wish to include \$1 for postage and handling

SPORTS DIRECTOR NOTES

Trails are open and many less travelled trails are easy to social distance. Now is the time to get up to the mountains, snow is mostly melted. For suggestions, check out WTA.ORG and the "Hiking Guide". The Hiking Guide will provide information about a trail's popularity (and potential crowding and full parking). As a general rule, the further away from main highways the better. Sometimes just going a bit further on a Forest Service road for a trailhead can be the difference between crowds and solitude. Here are a few suggestions: Mt Baker area takes longer to drive, but several trails just off highway 542 can be less busy. Check out Excelsior Peak, Hannegan Pass, Aster Butte. Middle Fork Snoqualmie road (out of North Bend): Avoid Mailbox Peak and try out Granite Creek Connector or Middle Fork trail head.

So, you can't ride your bicycle at the gym these days? There are many wonderful bike routes, protected from cars, around Seattle. This link takes you to the bicycle route map for Seattle: <https://www.seattle.gov/transportation/projects-and-programs/programs/bike-program/bike-web-map>. Enjoy the end of summer and our usual good weather in September!

-Kathleen Lange, Sports Director tatter59@me.com

LEIKARRINGEN NEWS

Leikarringen of Leif Erikson Lodge is working to find creative ways to keep connecting in the midst of the pandemic. Our June business meeting was on Zoom and we had a good turn out with positive feedback. Our first meeting in September will again be a business meeting on zoom including live phone call in for those not on a computer. This will be at 7pm on Tuesday September 15th.

Our dance director Larry Reinert is working to do some zoom teaching to review our dances so we don't forget the steps. We have not met to dance since the beginning of March and it is unknown when we can safely meet again. The Skandia organization has been doing this with some success so we hope this will also help us. We certainly miss dancing in our beautiful lodge space and spending time with our close friends sharing and preserving this wonderful Nordic dance and music tradition.

Currently one of our main projects is making Nordic ornaments to decorate trees that will be auctioned off for the lodge Bazaar fundraiser which will have an online auction October 9-24th. We are hoping to decorate one 2 foot tree and two 3 foot trees and also planning on making extra ornaments to place in variety packages for sale. Last year a number of folks wanted to know if they could buy individual ornaments to add to their trees at home so we are trying to accommodate this request.

Additionally, several members are making rommegrot to be picked up at the lodge on October 24th. Gluten free krumkake packets and 5 ring kranssekakes will also be offered for sale. We are hoping to have bunad clad Leikarringen members to be on hand to bring the pre-ordered food to members in their cars as people drive through the lodge parking area. [Editor's Note: Details on purchasing food on October 24th will be in the October Vikingen].
Tusen takk,

Sheila Bartanen, President

LEIF ERIKSON LODGE YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Greetings from the LEL Youth Directors! We hope you are staying healthy as we navigate this new normal during the pandemic. With the cancellation of all Lodge activities, we still want to offer something for our youth members.

Evelyn made a video showing how to make Heart Waffles which you can view on the Leif Erikson Lodge YouTube channel. In addition, Evelyn and her colleague Hilde Webber, also made possible two additional baking videos. Theresa Nilssen made Bløtkake or Cream Cake and Bernice Chouery made her famous potato lefse. These videos will be posted to YouTube soon.

Thank you very much to Hilde for providing her professional

equipment and expertise to make these videos and to Evelyn for coordinating this opportunity! Tusen takk! Lykkelig bakst! Happy baking!

Sons of Norway has brought back the Viking Kids magazine. It will be a quarterly digital publication. You can download it now by going to https://www.sofn.com/member_benefits/viking-for-kids/. "As part of SON's 125th anniversary celebrations, we are thrilled to announce the launch of Viking for Kids. Now available for download,

Viking for Kids is a quarterly digital publication that includes Scandinavian-inspired articles, quizzes, coloring pages and more! We are excited for our heritage members to have a magazine of their own and we look forward to seeing it in use." Sons of Norway, Minneapolis, MN
For more Youth Activities go to our website- www.leiferiksonlodge.org or see the e-news. Ha en fin dag!

-Kari and Evelyn, Youth Directors, lelyouthseattle@gmail.com

BART BRASHERS RECEIVES ASPASIA PHOUTRIDES PULAKIS MEMORIAL AWARD

Established in 1983 for significant contributions to an ethnic community and to the community at large. The award is named for a revered founding member of EHC who exemplified the organization's mission. The following article is taken from the EHC newsletter. The selection of Bart Brashers for the Aspasia Phoutrides Pulakis Memorial Award presented a fascinating opportunity to explore how a person's daytime occupation might seem unrelated to the avocation where they spend most of their time after work. Bart was brought to our attention because of his extraordinary achievements in preserving Swedish traditional music and dance. However, an interview of Bart revealed that what he does as an atmospheric scientist touches all our lives every day and happens to have a Nordic connection, just as his commitment to cultural preservation does. As a musician Bart Brashers is renowned in traditional music communities, both here in the U.S. and in Sweden, for leadership in preserving the nyckelharpa, Sweden's revered folk instrument. During the day he is a consultant in air quality in the Lynnwood offices of Ramboll, one of the world's most respected research and development companies. It is no surprise that Ramboll has offered their environmental health and safety teams to address the hazards of the COVID-19 pandemic. In his specialty of air quality, Bart is one of those experts who impact the quality of our environment. Bart's passion to preserve every aspect of the nyckelharpa has brought together enthusiasts from all over the world, just as Ramboll, the company he works for has done. "He has his hands in the whole life cycle of the instrument," says Anna Abraham. Bart's connection with the nyckelharpa began with his Swedish-American parents. His mother was a public schoolteacher and his father a professor at SDSU. On a sabbatical in Sweden, Bart's father took a class on how to build a nyckelharpa and Bart started lessons, keeping that passion to this day. Because of his efforts there is an American Nyckelharpa Association, which he helped found and establish by being the initial President, Treasurer, webmaster, and newsletter editor. He has been the music director of Springdans Northwest at Sebeck WA, a four-day event where he organizes the visiting instructors and manages the children's group. He often leads the song dances at the Skandia Midsommarfest. He plays for practices and performances of Barne-leikarringen, a pan-Nordic children's dance group. In addition to the nyckelharpa he performs on fiddle, the birch bark trumpet (näverlur), cow horn, and various flutes. In nominating Bart for Ethnic Heritage Council award, Vicki Nelson, Business Manager of Nordiska Folkdancers, said, "Bart is an educator and advocate for the nyckelharpa and his heritage at every opportunity. His head may be in the clouds in his work as an atmospheric scientist, but his heart is certainly in his love of his Swedish heritage and his music." Please go to www.ethnicheritagecouncil.org and read about the other 2020 Ethnic Heritage Council Awards Recipients

IN MEMORIAM

Ella L. Criscuola died June 27, 2019, at age 94. She joined the Sons of Norway in 1981 and transferred from Normanna Lodge in Everett to Leif Erikson Lodge in 1989. She was a Golden Member and received her 35-year pin in 2016. She is missed by all who knew her.

Former member, **Ivan J. Haugen** died June 18, 2020, at age 92. He joined the Lodge in 1994 and received his 25-year pin in 2019.

Svein Randeberg died June 10, 2020, at age 86. He joined the Lodge in 1966 and was a Life Member, after receiving a 40-year pin in 2006, and a 50-year pin in 2016. .

Virginia F. Stout died June 4, 2020, at age 88. She joined the Lodge in 2010 and was a long-time Skandia and Leikarringen member. She was generous with her time, her energy, and her home. She hosted visitors and events, and funded scholarships for Norsk Folkedans Stemne, Leikarringen's annual August dance camp. She will be dearly missed by all who knew her and will be remembered for all the things she did. Her family suggests that memorials can be made to the Seabeck Conference Center.

Sonja Haarklou Tilton died May 25, 2020, at age 71. She joined the Lodge in 1994 and received her 25-year pin in 2019. Sonja was born in Drammen, Norway and came to the U.S. with her parents, Olav and Eva Haarklou, and a brother Olav, Jr. in 1955. Olav and Eva were founding members of Norway Park and would have been proud that Sonja had a cabin she planned to retire to. Sonja was widowed and is predeceased by her children Jamie and Philip Tilton. She is survived by her sister Ingrid and family and two grandchildren, Kyle and Ariele.

Bjarne Varnes died July 17, 2020, at age 73. He joined the Lodge in 2009. He was born in Dryna, Norway and immigrated to America at age 12. He was great at keeping close contact with family back home and visited them often. Bjarne was a true Viking, battling cancer for seven years, while continuing to do what he enjoyed. In his life, he worked many jobs, but he loved Leif Erikson Lodge and dedicated much of his time to it. He is a past president of LEL and also the LEBA Board, volunteered in Kaffestua, and sang in the Norwegian Male Chorus. He was also a member of the Norwegian Commercial Club and a past Chairperson of the 17th of May Committee. He attended events at the Lodge, and many times helped behind the scenes or in the kitchen.

Bjarne won the Lutefisk Eating Competition – 2.5 lbs in 24 seconds – so many times in a row that he was eventually banned from the competition! Bjarne is predeceased by his parents, Margit and Jonas, brothers-in-laws Sam and Lee and all of his friends from Ballard Class of 1966. He is survived by his son Chris and daughter-in-law Barbie, his siblings and their respective partners – Magni (Fili), John (Judy), Ruth (Richard) and Ausie (Mike), as well as his many cousins, nieces,

nephews, and friends who he loved dearly, including his former wife Rose. Bjarne was an amazing, generous man filled with life, who lit up any room the minute he entered. He will be greatly missed by so many of us and others who were touched by having him in their lives. The family has asked for the memorial be made to Leif Erikson Lodge in Bjarne's name.

Unless noted otherwise, the memorials will go to the Leif Erikson Lodge Educational Foundation.

NORNA LADIES

Our summer is "over" and fall is on its way. Sadly, we have not met since the closing of the Hall in March, which means we've missed seeing each other for too many months. As of now, we don't have any plans to meet in person – just like all the other groups associated with Leif Erikson Lodge.

We will be represented at the Bazaar online auction with a special basket of our popular Norna crafts, including dish towels, hot pads, and a few surprise items. Please look for our contribution.

We hope you are all staying safe and well – taking all the safety precautions to keep those virus bugs away!!!

-Judy Gray and Diane Adams, Co-Presidents

LEIF ERIKSON LODGE MEMORIALS

Did you know there is a way to remember our members and friends at Leif Erikson Hall! It started back in 1985 when the hall was built. Many donations were received as memorials. We have now updated the memorial board. Donations received as memorials to Leif Erikson Lodge, Kaffestua, or Leif Erikson Building Association are included to the best of our ability from the records of these organizations. If you would like to remember a loved one, member, or friends, a minimum donation in the person's name of \$100 or more will provide a plate mounted on the memorial board. The minimum amount may be made by a combination of various amounts from family and friends to achieve the minimum. Be sure to include "in memory of the name of the person" on the memo line. Donations may be mailed to:

Leif Erikson Lodge 2-001 OR to Kaffestua OR Leif Erikson Building Association,
2245 NW 57th Street
Seattle WA 98107

Donations may also be made with credit/debit/PayPal through the donations tab on our website:
<https://www.leiferiksonlodge.org/wa-donations>.
Please write a note in the space provided below the donation amount such as: In memory of (name).

Thank you.

-Christine Anderson, Historian

LEIF ERIKSON LODGE RESPONSE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Greetings Lodge Members! I hope this finds everyone doing well despite, for most of us, being sequestered at home. Strange times indeed. Just want to give you another update on what Leif Erikson Lodge has been doing in response to the pandemic.

We have been making another round of phone calls to our senior members (age 80 and above). For the most part, everyone is doing very well and no one has requested assistance. We didn't envision the pandemic would be lasting this long. If you can't get out to walk or exercise, it makes it even harder. One member said his daughter has him "in jail". A virtual jail of sorts.

Most of the people I talked to have said "I'm doing fine!" They really appreciate the phone calls to reach out and check on them. Several of our members continue to sew masks for family and friends. Beth Kolle has been churning out masks on a weekly basis. Gail picks them up and delivers to Jody Gage who then distributes to other organizations or churches that provide masks to the needy or homeless.

The phone calls continue to reveal a number of disconnected or bad phone numbers. Be sure to let us know of a new number, address or email address. Please email Ellen Beck at ebeckster@gmail.com or call her at 206-523-6642 to update your information.

Gary and Susan continue to clean and disinfect the Lodge. Gary is also checking the mail. Ozzie is manning the office on Wednesday's. Ed and Sandi Conry continue to keep the landscaping looking nice and even Susan has joined the landscaping team planting flowers in the flower boxes.

If you can donate to the Lodge and LEBA there's a new "Donate" tab on our website- <https://www.leiferiksonlodge.org/wa-donations>. Our Lodge income stream without the usual rentals makes it difficult but we are getting some nice donations for both the Lodge and LEBA. Continue to support your local small businesses and restaurants if you are able. A few of our favorites are Skål, Byen Bakeri, Scandinavian Specialties, Bad Alberts and Larsen's Bakery, Secret Garden Books, Fresh Fish and many others. Mange takk to our members and supporters for hanging in there with us and keeping our Lodge strong and viable for another 114 years!

-Gratulerer med dagen Leif Erikson Lodge!

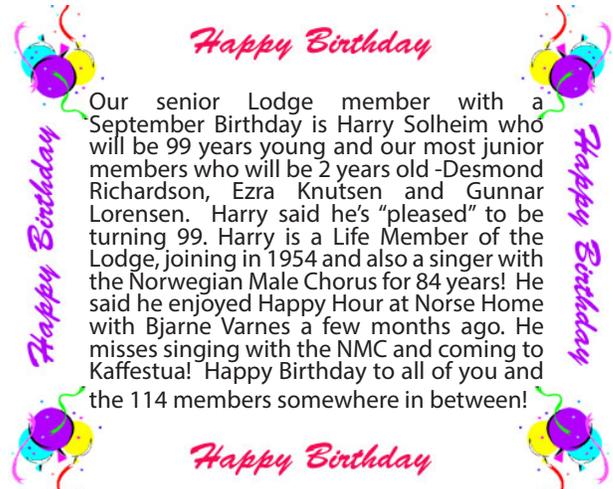
KAFFESTUA RE-OPENING

It may not come as a surprise that we are unable to open the Kaffestua yet. We are following state mandates for group gatherings. We will still planning on opening when Seattle hits phase 3. Most likely we will start by opening Wednesday's and Fridays. (Monday's have been getting very slow anyway). We will have lots of safety measures in place with lots of disinfecting, masks etc. We are looking to begin with service in the big hall upstairs so we can social distance properly.

We miss all of you and are waiting for the time when we can all gather again for coffee, wafler, smørbrød and lots of catching up!

Stay tuned! Stay Safe,

-Lisa and Laurie



Birthday Greetings for September Gratulerer med dagen!

SECOND SATURDAY KAFFESTUA REPORT

This will be the last report I write, and it feels a bit sad. Lisa and Laurie, the rock stars who head up Kaffestua, are graciously taking over 2nd Saturday. With so much happening right now, I felt it was a good time to combine the two. Tusen takk to all of you volunteers who hosted 2nd Saturday over the years. I so appreciate all of your enthusiasm and hard work and it was an absolute joy to work with all of you! I so look forward to Kaffestua returning when it is safe to do so. My plan is to play accordion on Fridays. Much love to you all.

-Nancy Hiraoka

NORWAY PARK NEWS

Want to know more about Norway Park? Check out the website- www.norwaypark.org. There you will find *Updated Events, *LERA Board of Directors, *Bylaws, *Updated Lots/Cabins Available, *Norway Park Video, *LERA Water Use Efficiency & Water Meters, *Water Quality Report and a *Slide Show. And a *Link to You Tube for the Video of the 2019 Pier Deck & Railing Rebuild.

In Member Only, you'll find: *LERA Board Minutes, *Stockholder Roster, *Nyheter (current & previous), *Norway Park Thumbnail Profiles and *Gårdsbok Lot Pages & Map *LERA Emergency Preparedness Plan and *LERA Resource Guide. Just click on Member Only to use your password, or to get a password from the webmaster.

Lodge members have the opportunity to purchase stock (lots and cabins) at Norway Park (Leif Erikson Recreation Association, Inc.—LERA.) The Stock Available Listing is on the Norway Park website www.norwaypark.org, in the monthly "Norway Park Nyheter," and posted on the bulletin board at the Lodge and Norway Park.

Nancy Solheim, Editor of Nyheter

Due to the continued pandemic the LERA Board has decided to keep the lower park/beach area at Norway Park closed. Following WA state guidelines for social distancing and masks are required.

Normally, applications for the lower gate card renewal would be sent out. That will not be done at this time. All lower gate cards were turned off April 1st – as we have done in the last few years. When we find ourselves in the all clear – we will issue renewal applications. If you have any questions about gate passes, please contact Berit Smith tantebitta53@hotmail.com. LERA Board/Berit Smith, LERA Membership and Records Committee

REMINDERS

You can sign up to receive the Vikingen via email. If you prefer to receive a hard copy email let us know at leiferiksonlodge@qwestoffice.net or call the LEL office and leave a message; 206-783-1274.

Not receiving the e-news? Sign up for e-news by emailing leiferiksonlodge@qwestoffice.net. This email comes out several times a month and provides an update to Lodge events and activities, as well as links to the Vikingen, renewing your membership and volunteering at the Lodge. If you actually open up and read the e-news you may find your name spelled backwards. If so, send an email to Vikingeneditor@gmail.com to claim your prize!

LEL Board positions: The Lodge needs people for the following positions: Secretary, Auditor, Trustee and Social Director. You must be a LEL member for at least 3 months to hold these positions.

Contact Seth at sethmaristuen@gmail.com if you are interested in any of the above positions.

Deadline for submitting articles to the Vikingen is the Saturday following the membership meeting. Send articles to the Vikingen Editor at vikingeneditor@gmail.com.

VELKOMMEN TIL NEW LODGE MEMBERS

Andrea Bell, Karla Colando, Poul Costinsky, Nikolas Komulainen Fahnstock, Arnie L. Gunderson, Sue Gunderson, Beth Ann Hibbs, Jaiden Jenssen, Paul-Eric Johnson, Lucia Sofie Johnson, Zachary Amund Kjelstad, Katherine A. Litz, Amber Nichole Loveless, Arianna Elizabeth Fanelli, Madison Mae Loveless, Alyssa Small, Kyle Eugene Norley, Steve G. Rosier, John E. Gower, Lanette Ann Williams, Marylee A. Williams. **[noskcaJ nna - iram]**

MEMBERS TRANSFERRED INTO LEL:
Catherine Blair, Joshua Kristoffersen, Mary L. and Terry L. Ovstedal.

REINSTATED MEMBERS: Terry L. Ovstedal

Please contact Ellen Beck for any questions about your membership, or to update your address, email or phone number. ebeckster@gmail.com/206-523-6642.

SENIOR CENTER AUCTION

SPRING FOR SENIORS

Al Hovland Memorial Auction to benefit Ballard NW Senior Center

September 13, 2020 at 6:00PM



Bid online in our first ever Virtual Auction!

Register now: <https://ballardseniorcenter.ejoinme.org/register>

Join us online for a very special Live Auction on **Sunday, September 13 from 6:00pm – 7:00pm**. Hosts Stephen Kilbreath and Cameron Smock will entertain while giving you the opportunity to bid on spectacular items, Raise the Paddle, Support your center, have fun and try something new. The Silent Auction opens **Sunday, September 6 at 9:00am** and closes **Sunday, September 13 at midnight**.

The auction is entirely online! You will bid from the comfort and safety of home using your computer, tablet, smartphone – or all of the above! Everyone is welcome to bid and attend for FREE, so send the auction website URL to your friends and family as well – the more the merrier. We need your help now more than ever before.

1. Register to bid by visiting the auction website: <https://ballardseniorcenter.ejoinme.org/register>
2. Once you register you will receive a unique link via email and text which enables you to bid.
3. Continue watching the [Ballard NW Senior Center website](#) and our [auction website](#) for updates.
4. [Follow us on Facebook](#) to see sneak peeks and connect with your community!

DO YOU HAVE A NEW PHONE NUMBER OR EMAIL?

If you have a new phone number or address let Ellen Beck know. You can also go to the SON website-www.sofn.com-log in and update your Member profile. Please remember to forward your mail if you will be gone for a longer time period.

If you have a new email, you can email both the office at leiferiksonlodge@qwestoffice.net and me at ebeckster@gmail.com. Thank you for keeping the Lodge in the loop!!

Ellen Beck, Financial Secretary/Membership Coordinator, ebeckster@gmail.com

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Join us in our new outdoor beer garden!

Sons of Norway Swedish Pancake Drive-thru Breakfast



Breakfast will be held on **SATURDAY 09/12/2020 8:00AM TO 1:00 PM**

Fundraiser for Bothell Sons of Norway Lodge
Sons of Norway 23905 Bothell Everett Hwy, Bothell, WA 98021
Phone: (425) 485-9085 Website: www.bothellsonsofnorway.org
Price: \$10.00 per order. All Orders To Go Only. No Seating Available.
Stay in your car and we'll do all the work. A breakfast will be delivered to you. Cash and cards will be accepted.



The **Scandinavian Hour** with Doug Warne & Team

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NEW SINGERS WELCOME
Rehearsals: Tues. 7:30 - 9:00 pm
At Leif Erikson Lodge Norna Room

Renewing and preserving our Norwegian Heritage in song since "1936"

Please join us for our fish and meatball dinner and auction on Sunday, June 4 2021, 4:00pm, at Leif Erikson Lodge.



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LEL CALENDAR - SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2020

All in-person Lodge activities/events for September/October are cancelled. Connect with us on Zoom for "virtual" events.

- Sept. 2** - LEL Board meeting, 7:00pm (Zoom Teleconference)
 - Sept. 9** - LEL Member Meeting, 7:30pm (Teleconference)
 - Sept. 12** - Bothell SON drive-thru pancake breakfast- 8:00am-1:00pm
 - Sept. 13** - Ballard NW Senior Center Virtual Auction
 - October 13**- Bazaar/online auction
 - Sept. 16** -LEL Trivia Night, 7:00
 - October 7**- LEL Board meeting, 7:00pm (Zoom Teleconference)
 - October 14** - LEL Board meeting, 7:30pm (Zoom Teleconference)
 - October 9-24** - LEL Bazaar Online auction
 - October 24** - LEL Dinner to Go -1:00-4:00pm
 - October 25** -Grand Prize Raffle Drawing-Via Zoom
- Craft meeting via Zoom: Every Monday from 2:00-4:00 pm throughout the "Stay Home, Stay Healthy" time period.**

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/88324219476>

****Please check the LEL website, e-news and Facebook for updates to the Lodge calendar and activities.**

www.leiferiksonlodge.org

Facebook -

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/LeifEriksonLodge>



ARE YOU READY WITH YOUR NORDIC KNOWLEDGE?

LEIF ERIKSON LODGE TRIVIA NIGHT

Prizes, will be awarded to the top scorers!
 Grab a chair, grab a drink, and join us!

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 16TH, 7PM
ZOOM MEETING
915 582 1189
SUGGESTED DONATION: \$20