

# VIKINGEN



Greetings everyone! This is a shortened special edition of the Vikingen to give you an update on plans for summer activities. We continue to battle the COVID-19 Virus so any plans we make may change depending on the course the virus takes. We will hope for the best and try to adjust course as needed.

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:**

Happy Fourth of July, Lodge members and friends. Though the virus and its effects have hung over us, I hope you enjoyed celebrating both the Norsk and American Independence days in the past few months. I still get a chuckle thinking about our virtual sing-a-long on May 17<sup>th</sup>, what a fun time that was! Much is still unknown regarding our return to lodge activities, but plans are underway for fall events including the Bazaar and a Leif Erikson Day party on Friday October 9<sup>th</sup>. I hope to see many of you at the D2 Golf Tournament on August 1st; more details below. Please check our website and your e-news for all the latest updates. [www.leif Erikson Lodge.org](http://www.leif Erikson Lodge.org).

**Seth Maristuen, President, Leif Erikson Lodge**

**KAFFESTUA UPDATE:** Hello Kaffestua friends. We miss seeing all of your friendly faces but are truly hoping to reopen Kaffestua when we feel it is safe. With that being said, we are planning to reopen when the City of Seattle reaches Phase 3. During this phase, we will be allowed to meet in bigger groups outside of our family. We will most likely be meeting upstairs in the main hall to allow for social distancing and move back to our cozy little Kaffestua room at a later date. We will also be requiring masks as that is now a State of Washington requirement. When we move to phase 3, we will try to get our opening schedule out in a variety of ways so that all of you will know. Email, phone calls, the lodge answering machine and maybe even our Facebook page. Looking forward to coffee and vafler again with all of you! Stay Safe!

**Lisa Greenough and Laurie Lund Gonzales.**

**BAZAAR PLANNING:** We had our first planning meeting on June 30<sup>th</sup>. Details will be distributed to everyone soon. Bazaar dates are October 24-25. Depending what phase we are in will determine how the Bazaar is conducted. Please contact Seth at [sethmaristuen@gmail.com](mailto:sethmaristuen@gmail.com) to volunteer.

**VIKING VALUE PACK:** If you have been paying attention over the last year, you know that the Lodge building needs repairs to keep it safe, usable and rentable. Items like the roof, the heating and air system and the elevator may need extensive repair or replacement. You received in a past Vikingen an order form for **Viking Value Packs**. For a \$50 price, purchasers receive over \$100 in valuable coupons and all the profits go to LEBA. If you haven't used the order form, fill it out and send it in with your check. If you have mislaid the form, send your check for \$50 and your name and address into the Lodge office. Leif Erikson Lodge, ATTN: Viking Value Pak, 2245 NW 57<sup>th</sup> St. Seattle, WA 98107. You will receive your Pack by return mail. Thank you for supporting the Lodge and local businesses including Skål, Scandinavian Specialties, Byen Bakeri, National Nordic Museum, Nordiska and LEL Happy Hour.

**LEBA DONORS:** Mange takk to the following people for their generous donations! Magne Erga, Joanna Elizondo, Nancy Hiraoka, Valborg Nordbo, Kathleen Lange, LoriAnn Reinhall, Karen and Mabel Abelsen, Arlene and Ernie Templin, Anne-Lise Berger and Ozzie Kvithammer, Gail Engler, Kristine Ekman, Ed and Sandi Conry, Stuart Mork.

**LEBA NEWS:** LEBA held their elections in May and the following people were elected: President-Ozzie Kvithammer, Vice President-Ryan Bornemeier, Secretary-Victoria Sangrey Hunter, Treasurer- Theresa Nilsen. Board members-Doug Warne/ Bjarne Varnes (sharing one position), Magne Erga, Lisa Greenough/Laurie Lund Gonzalez (sharing one position representing Kaffestua). Ozzie Kvithammer will be the temporary Officer Manager. Many thanks to Judy Gray for all her past work as the LEL Office Manager! Also, thank you to Peter Nestingen, outgoing President and to Judy Cooper, Board member, for all their hard work!

**DISTRICT 2 ACTIVITIES: LATE BREAKING NEWS:** The Steak Fry at Trollhaugen on July 18 and the Golf tournament on August 1st have been **POSTPONED UNTIL 2021**. Due to low registration and signup for both events, rising number of COVID-19 cases in several counties where our members reside, we felt it best to postpone these events until 2021. Disappointing of course but we would rather be safe than sorry and we will hopefully be back next year. Please contact Gail Engler at [englergail32@gmail.com](mailto:englergail32@gmail.com) if you have any questions or concerns.

**SON FOUNDATION NEWS.** Grant awards have been disbursed and the full announcement will be sent out by early summer. The Foundation is excited to share the work of local lodges and community partners throughout the year. Scholarship awards are approved, and notifications have been sent to the recipients. The Foundation Board of Governors voted to handle awards on a case-by-case basis for schools or programs that may be affected by the pandemic and will defer any awards to next year for programs that have been cancelled.

**NORWAY PARK NEWS:** At this time, the lower park/beach is not open. Re-opening is a month to month decision, depending on what Governor Inslee says. LERA will discuss the issue again at the July meeting. Visit the Norway Park website at [www.norwaypark.org](http://www.norwaypark.org) to learn more.

**NEW MEMBERS:** Welcome New members! Holly Catherine Berg and Blake Neil Gruger; Timothy Hugh and Quinlyann Jackins; Zachary K. Johnson; Suzanne and Greg Lund; Cathy Jean Parken, Tiffany Eva Berg and Frederick Joseph Del Re; Nelson, Keegan, Lydia and Roxanne Taggart; Rachel Wright; and David Zabinski. If you have any questions about your membership contact Adam McQueen ([adam@skalballard.com](mailto:adam@skalballard.com)), Vice President or Ellen Beck, Membership Coordinator ([ebeckstergmail.com](mailto:ebeckstergmail.com)).

**LEL MEMBERSHIP NEWS:** For new members, we will be emailing the Vikingen to your email address on file. If you do NOT have an email address recorded with the Sons of Norway, we will mail you a Vikingen. We encourage you to sign up for email, if you have an email address; please update your profile on the Sons of Norway site with the correct email. [www.sofn.com](http://www.sofn.com).

If you need help, please contact Ellen Beck, Membership Coordinator, at [ebeckster@gmail.com](mailto:ebeckster@gmail.com). Or leave a message on the **lodge phone (206) 783-1274**. We have found that for some members the Vikingen email may be coming in as Junk e-mail, so please add the Lodge email address to your address book. [leiferiksonlodge@qwestoffice.net](mailto:leiferiksonlodge@qwestoffice.net). [If you find your name spelled backwards in this newsletter please email Gail at [englergail32@gmail.com](mailto:englergail32@gmail.com) for your prize]. [sirK nilpmeT]

**IN MEMORIUM:** Our sincere sympathy to family and friends for the loss of the following members: Magne Erga and Eric and Susan Erga on the passing of Klara Enge Erga, who passed away on May 19, 2020, at age 90.

Christine Anderson and family on the loss of her 95-year-old mother, Elaine Anderson, on June 18, 2020. Christine is a longtime LEL Board member and our Historian.

Virginia F. Stout died on June 4, 2020, at age 88. She was a long-time member of Skandia and Leikarringen, with whom she performed until last year.

Ivar Reiten died May 23, 2020, at age 92. He joined the Lodge in 2009 and was a member for ten years.

Former member, Eilin Lyso died May 31, 2020, at age 99. She was a member of the Lodge for 50 years and was a Golden Member. Full obituaries will be published in the September Vikingen.

**MISSING VIKINGENS:** Christine Anderson, LEL Historian is still looking for some missing Vikingens to complete her files. *Vikingen*, our lodge newsletter, has been published since 1945. Recent issues have been fairly easy to locate. Issues from 1945-1971 have not been located. We are also missing some issues from 1972-1978. If you have any of these issues, please bring them to the Leif Erikson Hall office, or send them to Christine Anderson, PO Box 7679, Tacoma WA 98417. Thanks for your help!

**TUBFRIM:** If you have stamps that you have been collecting, please bring to the Lodge, fill out a form in the office to get credit for your stamps. If you have at least one pound of stamps, your name will be entered into a drawing for a roundtrip to Norway (whenever we can travel there in the future!). Leave ¼ inch around the stamp border and ensure that stamps are not torn.

**Hei Allesammen!** Ja, i juli er vi hjemme på grunn av COVID-19, men nå kan vi ha håret og neglene klippet. Jeg håper at alle er i gode helse og at vi kan være sammen på Losjen om høsten! Jeg fortsetter å gå på lange turer for å se på blå himmel og solskinn! **Hilsen fra Ellen Margrethe.**

Hi Everyone! Yes, in July we are to stay home because of COVID-19, but now we can have our hair and nails cut. I hope that everyone is in good health and that we can be together at the Lodge in the fall! I continue to go on long walks in order to look at the blue sky and sunshine!  
**Greetings from Ellen Margrethe**

**STAY SAFE, STAY WELL AND WE'LL SEE YOU SOON AT THE LODGE!**