



Sons of Norway | Leif Erikson Lodge 2-001 | God P aske -Happy Easter!

A Message From the Vice President

The lodge has been busy and we had a great membership meeting the second Wednesday of February where we also welcomed new members after a fantastic Valentine's Day dinner. The entertainment was great fun as well with Theresa Nilsen and her dance partner doing ballroom dances for us. Thanks to Kathy Buholm our Cultural Director, for planning the evening and setting up the red tablecloths to make it very festive.

The ski race weekend at Trollhaugen on February 3rd was so much fun and our lodge was awarded a gold medal for having the most medals and participants. It was great to be up there in the snow having fellowship with the other participating lodges. There were several district officers to greet us and pass out medals as well as the Trollhaugen board who meets there regularly to keep the wonderful lodge in good shape. The kids were very eager to cross country ski, some for the first time. They loved the snow and the races.

Thanks to our Lodge Counselor Seth Maristuen for leading the February membership meeting and to Gail Engler for leading the Board Meeting the Wednesday before as we make our way into the new year planning to grow membership through some fun events. Wendy Forselius received the Tusen Takk award for her outstanding work as our new Membership Coordinator and being the assistant secretary. She has done a lot and is now stepping down as the assistant secretary. She will focus on recruiting and retaining members. Please consider joining the Membership Committee to help in this work that is vital to the Lodge.

Heritage Day - Taste of Norway is coming on March 23rd. There will be entertainment and we will have plenty of wonderful tastes to try and buy. Coffee too. The Fun Run will begin the day at 9:00 AM. It is a Leif to Leif run starting at the lodge's Leif Erikson statue to near the large one at the Shilshole marina and then back to the Lodge. How Viking are you? Join us and find out. The lodge opens at 9:30 AM so get down there early to greet the returning runners and get that coffee and some of the many tasty treats.

Syttende Mai Festival is just around the corner on 17th of May and Ballard will have thousands come here to taste Norwegian food, watch the parade and be entertained with different instrumental music groups, Leikarringen dancing and singing from the Norwegian Ladies and Men's choirs. Last year we had entertainment and food in our Lodge as well as at Bergen Place and downtown Ballard. Join us for this unique and fun day and please feel invited to walk in the parade with your friends representing our Lodge. We will even have banners and flags. This year it is on a Friday and Ballard will be full of many people coming to enjoy the event. Plan ahead and it will make your parking and arrival easier. Please let me know any ways you think about how we can make this one extra fun and celebratory.

We still need six more delegates to have our full contingent for the District Two Convention. It is in Coeur d'Alene this year from May 29 - June 1. Please consider going with us if you are a lodge member. Let Seth Maristuen or me (206-612-0053) know if you are interested in attending and representing our Lodge.

Tusen Takk, God P aske!
Ken Bartanen
Vice President
Leif Erikson Lodge 2-001

Winter Denial Party!

Wednesday, March 13, 2024

Social 5:30 PM, Dinner 6:00 PM

Live Hawaiian Music 6:30 PM



Spring is approaching but winter still seems to be lingering along with the winter blahs! Forget the hassle of traveling to a sunny area or an expensive appointment with a therapist in hopes of ridding the blahs! Instead, come to the lodge's Winter Denial Party! Kory and Kermet will transport you to the warm tropics with their beautiful Hawaiian music.

Kory Tideman is a talented musician and plays many different instruments including the slack key guitar. Kory plays in many bands and is involved with the hula halau (schools) in preserving Hawaiian music and culture. Kory's talents were featured on a CD that was nominated for an award in Hawaii.

Kermet Apiu was born in Hawaii and shares his culture throughout the NW. His singing and music will transport you to the land of swaying palm trees and tropical breezes. His rendition of "Over the Rainbow" and "It's a Wonderful Life" is truly beautiful.

Of course, what would a Winter Denial Party be without tropical drinks? Ed and Sandi Conry will once again be setting up the bar with Mai Tais and Bahama Breeze drinks along with the necessary paper umbrellas. Malin will be preparing a tropical dinner that includes: tropical ham with coconut rice, citrus salad, Hawaiian rolls, butter and a pineapple cake with whipped cream for dessert!

Reminder! Make your reservations by **12 noon Monday, March 11**, please, no Tuesday or same day reservations. Sign-up on the bulletin board, online or call the lodge: (206) 783-1274.

Wear your brightest and loudest tropical clothes so that you may be awarded the ever so sought-after pineapples. The Winter Denial Party is a great time to invite your friends and introduce them to the lodge. They may be forever grateful to you for helping them rid themselves from the winter blahs!

Mahalo! JoAnne Rudo

INDIGENOUS LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Leif Erikson Lodge acknowledges our lodge stands on the traditional land of the first people of Seattle, the Duwamish people past and present, and honors with gratitude the land itself and the Duwamish people.

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Leikarringen Liaisons

It was wonderful to see three members of Leikarringen step up to be voted to fill three vacant positions for the lodge which also includes board memberships. Wendy Forselius Membership Coordinator, Beth Kollé Secretary and Ken Bartanen Vice-President. Additionally Wendy received the Tusen Takk award at the February membership meeting for all her work as the assistant lodge secretary for the past two years and beginning her new position with such thoughtful time and effort.

We are polishing our dance repertoire, learning some new dances as well as a new song dance to prepare for our first two performance in March.

They are on March 9th for the Daughters of Norway on Whitney Island and at the Lodge for Heritage Day on March 23rd.

Our craft committee is working on our offerings for Heritage Day and have drafted our plans for the Bazaar in the fall.

The head of our craft committee Joe Van Wassenhove submits this following report: Leikarringen's group of crafters generated \$2500+ for the Lodge in 2023, a 12% increase over 2022 and a 43% increase over 2021. We're planning how to raise even more in 2024 by participating in more events. Besides volunteering to work at Heritage Day, we will be dancing and will also have a table of items for sale with all proceeds going to the Lodge. Please contact us if you know of additional opportunities for Leikarringen to continue supporting the Lodge.

Sheila Bartanen,
President

Joe Van Wassenhove,
Craft Committee Chairman and Teacher



Velkommen! New Members as of mid February 2024

Hilda Brown, Eugene Brown, Joanne Foster, Peggy Shelley, Grant Learned, Chika Eustace, Jared Randall, Christina Greene, Don Moorhead & Julie Anderson Miller, Transfer Members Bradley Lenz & Cheryl Lenz.

Vikingen

Leif Erikson Lodge No. 2001 Sons of Norway 2245 NW 57th Street, Seattle, WA 981073134 **Business Manager:** Gail Engler **Co-Editors:** An-Magrith Erlandsen and Erik Bjarne Witzøe **Phone:** 206-783-1274 **Web page:** www.LeifEriksonLodge.org **Email:** leiferiksonlodge@qwestoffice.net **Email:** LEBArentals@qwestoffice.net **Membership Meetings:** 2nd Wednesday

beginning at 7:00 PM Deadline for Vikingen is Saturday following Membership meeting. The Vikingen has been published since 1945. Leif Erikson Lodge was founded on May 13, 1903.

You can sign up to receive the Vikingen via email. If you prefer to receive a hard copy newsletter 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 email - i n g 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.



As winter transitions to spring, busyness and activities know no season over another. March this year, has not only spring, Easter is the 31st of March, known as Påske in the Nordic countries, God Påske! Norway Park will see the budding of trees to plants and awaken from winters slumber, as well, the work parties will begin and volunteers are needed, also work party credits are given, contact by emailing LERABOARD@NorwayPark.net.

In February the annual **LERA Stockholder's Meeting** took place on the 10th, Saturday at the main room of Leif Erikson Lodge. So what was approved? 1. The Budget for 2024, 2. The Waterworks Project, 3. Bylaw change to protect Water Reserve funds from misuse. 4. The Interior Update for the *Berg Pavilion*, passed by an overwhelming number, we are also seeking **volunteer assistance** in painting and fixture upgrades, email us at LERABOARD4@NorwayPark.net and Tom Zabriskie will be heading the project. Mange tusen takk! to Marilyn Tangen and volunteers for proving the selection of confection delights and fresh coffee. Those voted to serve on the LERA Board, replacing outgoing members are as follows: 1. Tom Zabriskie 2. Linda Briggs 3. Grace Schroder, *Gratulerer!*

At the 13th of February LERA Board Meeting, new officers were elected and some retained their positions. Gratulerer! Congratulations to the following...

- President:** Madeline DeLia
- Vice President:** Greg Rasmussen
- Treasure:** Arne Voi
- Financial Secretary:** Grace Schroder
- Secretary:** TBA

Seeking volunteers for the *Fishermen's Breakfast* the 27th of April, Saturday at the Berg Pavilion. The breakfast will be *Swedish Pancakes* with sides, coffee and juice. Contact LERABOARD4@NorwayPark.net.

The Official Syttende Mai Pin Design for 2024



Announcing the design for this year Syttende Mai pin is for the 50th year in Ballard, was chosen by the 17th of May Committee. This will be the 8th design by Erik-Bjarne Witzøe, Lodge Rep. for Norway Park and Vikingen Co-Editor. The pins are being created and on sale soon and then selling for \$10 at local merchants. www.17thofmay.org

Leif Erikson Lodge Heritage Day 2024

Join us for this year's Heritage Day/Tastes of Norway at Leif Erikson Lodge, Saturday March 23, 2024. We will start the day with our annual Leif to Leif 5km Run/Walk through Ballard, from the Lodge, down to the waters of Shilshole Bay and back. Honor our lodge namesake with us by joining in the fun! This is a family friendly event for all ages. Ribbons and prizes will be awarded to top finishers, and a free treat from Kaffestua for all runners.

Stick around after the run for our Tastes of Norway and enjoy live Scandinavian music and other Nordic Heritage demonstrations. Coffee and Scandinavian foods and desserts will be served, volunteers will be needed for all aspects of the event! Find updates on the Leif Erikson Lodge Website Events page, and in your e-news! Sign up for the Fun Run will be available at RunSignUp.com - search for Leif.

LEIF ERIKSON LODGE
Heritage Day

Saturday | **23** March 2024 | 9:30 AM - 3 PM

Pølse med Lompe | Smør brød | Bløtkake | Verdens Beste Kake | Småkaker - Cookies | Lefse | Coffee & Tea

LEIF TO LEIF 5 KM | FUN RUN AND WALK

Registration: 8:00 AM in front of Leif Erikson Lodge. starting time at 9:00 AM
To Enter: 18 & UP \$20 • 13-17 YEARS OF AGE \$10 • THOSE 12 years and under are free.
The RUN /WALK route is from LEIF ERIKSON LODGE to The Leif Erikson statue and back.
Online registration: runsignup.com/Race/WA/Seattle/LeiftoLeif5kFunRunWalk

ENTERTAINMENT:
Nordic Music Groups, Traditional Folk Dancers.

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Donors to Educational Foundation

In 2001, we awarded three small scholarships. Now 107 recipients later and over \$70,851.75 distributed in combined funds, we have topped over \$150,000 towards our \$160,000 goal of endowed funds. Donating to the fund in honor of a loved one is a wonderful way to remember friends and relatives. Recently we said goodbye to several long time members. We received donations commemorating their contributions to our lodge and the many friendships they developed over time.

Work for a company that provides matching funds for volunteer work? Just provide them with our EIN 27-4674000. and submit your hours! We really appreciate the donations from Lorie Lind (Nordstrom), Laurie Lund-Gonzalez (Alaska Airlines), and Joe Van Wassenhove (Caterpillar) whose companies support their volunteer work with these additional funds!

Our purpose is to develop, establish, and award scholarships and grants which promote the objectives and purposes of Sons of Norway and Leif Erikson Lodge 2-001 including the heritage, culture, language, and history of Norway. It makes sense to give cents! Be sure to get those applications by the end of the month!

Takk level 1-\$99

Kroger/Fred Meyer
Bernice Chouery
Andrea Torland
Evelyn Elliott
JoAnne Rudo
Anne Lise Berger
Catherine and John Reardon in memory of Ruth Farrens
Catherine and John Reardon in memory of Bjarne Varnes
Leikarringen in memory of George Martin and Luann Williams
Andrea Torland in memory of Sig Odegaard
Joan Carson
Odd and Helga Moen
Kathleen Lange
Rosa Yngvason
Seth Maristuen
Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation

Leif Erikson level \$100-\$199

Greta Roseberg
Nancy Samuels via Schwaby
Lars Ollestad
James Howe
Carol Smith
Architectural Bldg Specialties
Gordon and Betty Jackins in memory of Georg Kjonsvik
Tina B. Aure in memory of Ebba and Reidar Olsen
Mark and Janice Quam in memory of Ernie Templin
Farid and Bernice Chouery in memory of Chris and Britta Furdal
Terry Long Taylor in memory of Torleif Samuelsen

Ja takk level \$200-\$499

Gail Hill
Mark and Janice Quam
Berggren Hospitality Group (Skål)/Ballard Gives Back
Amazon Smile Foundation
Leif Erikson Lodge members at April 2021 dinner

Mange takk level \$500-\$999

Paul and Patricia Kaald in memory of Lennard Tangen
Paul and Patricia Kaald in memory of David Solsness

Tusen takk level \$1,000-\$1,999

Nordstrom in honor of Lorie Lind's volunteer work
Caterpillar Foundation in honor of Joe Van Wassenhove
Janet Fruchtl
Carol Smith in memory of her brother, Lee Smith
Paul and Patricia Kaald
Leif Erikson Lodge 2-001 for queen and princess scholarships
Alaska Airlines in honor of Laurie Lund Gonzalez

Hjertelig takk level, \$2,000-\$3,999

Doug Warne through Seattle Foundation for scholarship

Scholarship funds are pooled together for better returns in an endowed fund and held in a separate account from all other lodge funds. No goods or services are provided by the Leif Erikson Lodge 2-001, Sons of Norway, Educational Foundation in return for contributions. Donations are tax-deductible. This is our EIN 27-4674000. Check with your financial advisor. Make your checks out to: LEL 2-001, Sons of Norway, Educational Foundation, 2245 NW 57th Street, Seattle WA 98107. Our scholarship applications can be found at: www.leiferiksonlodge.com
Educational Foundation President: Heidi Ludeman, 360-927-1194
or leleducationalfoundation@gmail.com



Hei Allesammen! Vi hadde det så festlig på den siste Member's Meeting som vanlig, med deilig mat og fri øl og vin! Vi fikk en virkelig flott oppstilling av Theresa Nilsen og henne's dansepartner. Etterpå fikk alle members en danseundervisning, og mange som deltok var nye members! Det var en fin måte å bryte isen på! Happy Hour ned i Kaffestua var også veldig livlig med smorgasbord, billig brennvinn og gamle venner med morsomme historier fra 70-tallet. Jeg håper snart å se noen fotos av disse legendariske festene vi hørte om i Norway Park! Kom igjen, mann kan lære mye på Happy Hour og Kaffestua! Ha en herlig Påske allesammen, og husk å lese noe spennende påskekrim som finnes i Biblioteket vårt ned i kjellern!



Hilsen fra Kaffestua!



We will be open all Wednesdays and Fridays in March.

Our hours are 10 AM - 2 PM

We also will have the first Saturday Kaffestua on the 2nd of March. More Volunteers are needed in Kaffestua. Please contact Laurie Lund - Gonzalez if you can help out.

Laurielg40@hotmail.com

NORNA LADIES

As we “march toward” toward a new month after the Leap Year month, we have two important dates to share. First, our next meeting and potluck lunch will be **Tuesday, March 19, at 11:30 am.**

Room or so we can plan of tables and Second, we will again **Heritage Day on March** sell our hand-crafted towels, dishcloths,



We will meet in the **Norna Kaffestua.** Please RSVP the appropriate setup chairs.

have a “booth” at **23** to display and items: kitchen

refrigerator towels,

potholders, knitted socks and slippers, Swedish-weave items, AND newly designed aprons.

Please stop by to enjoy and purchase our crafty items.

All proceeds are given to the Leif Erikson Lodge and Leif Erikson Building Association.

Please join us for our activities. All women LEL members can automatically be members of Norna!

Stay safe and well,
Judy Gray & Chris Heins
 Co-presidents

YOUTH GROUP

God Påske! Spring is finally in the air. It's time to get outside and enjoy the beautiful flowers. The Youth Group will be participating in the Leif-to-Leif 5K walk/run. This is the perfect event for parents and grandparents to attend with their kids. The course is only 3.1 miles and meanders through beautiful Ballard down to the Leif Erikson statue and back. You will need a comfortable pair of walking shoes and a light jacket. The best part is when you get back to the lodge you get a free delicious waffle made with love from the Youth Group. This event starts at 9:00 a.m. on March 23, 2024. Check in starts at 8:00 a.m. Adults cost \$20.00, Children 13-17 are \$10.00 and Children 12 and under are free. After the race the lodge is open to the public to enjoy Heritage Day.

Please join us if you can.

Take a peek at our upcoming events for the next few months:

March 23, 2024. Heritage Day and the Leif-to-Leif 5K

From 9:00 - 3:00 p.m. @ LEL

May 17, 2024. Syttende Mai Parade

5:00 p.m. @ 62nd & 24th NW

July TBD Snoqualmie Tunnel Bike Ride

October 09, 2024. Pizza & Pumpkin carving

6:00-7:30 p.m. @ LEL

As always, if you have any questions please call or email us!

Evelyn Elliott

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Tusen Takk,

Your Co-Youth Directors

Evelyn and Kari

TROLLHAUGEN SKI WINNERS!



A Ilan Hollinger, Seth Maristuen, Krystal Kaald, Ken Bartanen, Wendy Forselius, Bjørn Gjølmesli, Kari Gjølmesli, Tyler and Kaia Gjølmesli Middle row: Sheila Bartanen, Evelyn Elliott, Una Westin-Davies in Daniel Davies arms Kneeling/leaning: David Bevel, Patricia and Paul Kaald, Ariane Westin-McCaw On Floor: Steve Gjølmesli Missing: Thorleif Westin-Davies wandered off during the photo!

Ornamental Woodcarving Classes

by Mark Olsen



Wednesdays - March 6, 13, 20 - 10:30 am - 1:30pm

in the Norna Room at LEL

March 6 - a one class trial session for new beginners. The design is the fleur-de-lis (\$70), which includes the wood blank.

March 6-13-20 - a 3 session class for new beginners using the fleur-de-lis design (\$150), which includes the wood blank.

March 6-13-20 - a 3 session continuation class for those who want to work on an existing project (\$125). Bring your own project.

Mark Olsen - markcolsen55@yahoo.com

Beginners: <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/6248104>

Continuing classes: <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/6248065>

PÅSKE KRIM PÅ BIBLIOTEKET!



Every Påske (Easter) Norwegians look forward to the latest Påske krim (mystery/crime novels) that appear in all the ukeblader (weekly magazines) and bookstores all across the country.

As you may know Easter is a big holiday in Norway. Norwegians are generally given two weeks vacation, which is popularly spent in a traditional manner - snuggled up in a mountain cabin reading Påske krim by Norwegian authors - this is serious business!

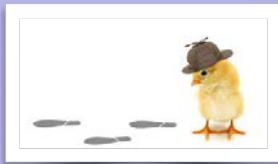
Jo Nesbø, a world famous Norwegian author, got his beginnings as a writer by reading Påske krim. As a child he was heavily influenced by this Norwegian tradition.

I personally learned to read Norwegian by reading Påske krim, and all the stories that come out every week in the local ukeblader. My grandmother would get Hjemmet, Ukeblad and Allers as well as the latest series of books by Scandinavian authors like Margit Sandemo. I am happy to say our bibliotek at the lodge has received many donations and we have a cart full of Norwegian mystery and romance novel paperbacks that you may check out! If you are learning Norwegian these are the perfect books for you! There is a lot of simple dialogue, and the intriguing plot keeps you turning the pages. Come visit our bibliotek located in the basement of the lodge. We are often open during Kaffestua on Fridays. Contact me, An-Magrith, or Ariana if you would like to make an appointment and pick up a good book this Påske! Also, check out the ukeblader and books on display in the Kaffe Stua.

LEL LIBRARIANS:

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NEW PHONE NUMBER, EMAIL OR ADDRESS ?

Let us know! Email Wendy at LEL.memberships@gmail.com. Or go to the SON website - www.softn.com-log and update your Member profile. Please remember to forward your mail if you are gone for a longer time period. If you have a new email, contact the office at leiferiksonlodge@qwestoffice.net.

Thank you for keeping the Lodge in the loop!

LEL Educational Foundation Scholarships

Completed applications, supporting documents, and recommendations must be RECEIVED by Friday, March 29, 2024, to the Leif Erikson Hall office.

The Youth Camp Instructor/Counselor is due on May 31, 2024.

Applications available at Leif Erikson Hall and on our website:

<https://www.leiferiksonlodge.org/scholarships>



Camp Normanna or Camp Nidaros Endowed LEL Scholarship

Award with the Youth Camp Program for District 2, Sons of Norway, provides the recipient with a scholarship for 50% of the fee for the camps.

Camp Trollhaugen Endowed LEL Scholarship Award with the Youth Camp Program for District 2, Sons of Norway, provides the recipient with a scholarship for 50% to the fee for the camp.

Douglas Warne Vocational Scholarship is funded from an endowment established by Past President of Leif Erikson Lodge 2-001, Douglas Warne. An award is given to an eligible person 18-25 years old attending or planning on attending an accredited technical, trade, or vocational program in Washington State.

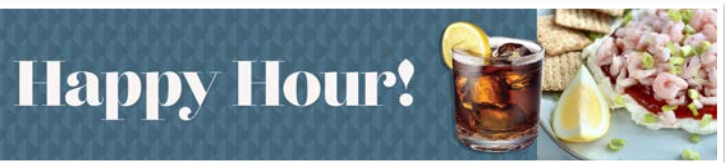
Royalty of Queen/King and Princess/Prince Scholarship Program awards two young people who represent the lodge as its Royalty an award of \$1500 or \$400 respectively. The winners will represent Leif Erikson Lodge 2-001, Sons of Norway, in at least five events of their choosing during the year.

Youth Camp Instructor/Counselor Grant for persons who can provide a positive camp experience for young people participating in the District Two Sons of Norway Youth Camp Program.

Youth Leadership Award is for one young person planning on attending an institution of higher learning or trade school. The amount of the award is \$1,000.

If you have any questions contact:

206-783-1274 or email LeifEriksonLodge@qwestoffice.net



March 9th 2024 is Happy Hour!

After a fine opening of Happy Hour on the second Saturday of February, we now look forward to second Saturday happy hour for a good time from 5:00 PM until 8:00 PM on March 9th. You'll receive some tickets from a drawing held at about 6:30 pm by bringing something to share on the snack table. Supper/Snack price is still only five dollars for snacks including two drinks. Drinks include water, pop, coffee if requested and regular simple bar drinks. Now where else in Seattle can you get two drinks and food for only a fiver?

The last four Happy Hours included, in addition to get acquainted with the new members activities, featured some games; Left, Right, Center and Mexican Bingo. Both games at this time cost nothing to play and there were some very nice prizes for the winners and everybody seems to have fun with happy laughter, conversation and enthusiasm. One month we also had a "Blind Auction" and fortunately the winner bid blindly for a little less than the cost of the very usable contents. Ask around for comments and come join in.

Regular Raffle tickets are a dollar and we have some very interesting things including some delicious special Novels". Hope to see you all from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

Volunteer helpers have signed up but we can always find a task for someone who wants to help even a little. Just let us know. Call Doug Warne at (206) 291-4330 to volunteer.

In Memoriam

Margie Conover was our oldest member at the age of 108. She was born on February 25, 1915, and passed away on January 27, 2024. She was a proud lifelong member of the Ballard (Seattle) community. Margie was born in Seattle during WWI to Harold and Karen Nelson both immigrants from Norway. Margie grew up in the Ballard community, attending Crown Hill, Greenwood, and Ballard High School, graduating in 1933. Margie and Dexter Conover married in June 1939, at Phinney Ridge Lutheran Church, in Seattle. She was a lifetime member of Leif Erikson Lodge.

Irene Systad Ness was born on June 4, 1936 and passed away on April 4, 2023. Irene was involved with Leif Erikson Lodge at a young age dancing with a children's dance group starting in 1947. She was featured at the age of 13 in the newspaper in her Hardanger bunad! Irene represented our lodge as Queen in 1953. Her son, Michael Ness, and his wife, Christine, are still members of the lodge.

Kirk Douglas Mathews was born August 5, 1960 and passed in 2023 at the age 66 He joined the lodge March 14, 2012. He was the husband of Lisbeth Mathews and son-in-law of Bjørn Gjolmesli. He provided the milk and cream products for the bazaar for many years. Memorial to Leif Erikson Educational Foundation.

Sverre Waage was born on August 25, 1936 and passed away on December 6, 2023. Born in Haugesund, Norway, he first came to Canada then traveled to Seattle in 1962. His wife, Vanja, and his daughters survive him. He joined Leif Erikson Lodge on May 14, 2003, just the day after our 100th anniversary! He was frequently seen in Kaffestua with his band of friends talking of many things. Memorial to Leif Erikson Educational Foundation.

Maria Lerbeck born November 18, 1928 and passed on November 2, 2023. She was born in Taksdal in the area of Rogaland Norway. She was a child nurse in Norway and then a nanny. Maria and her husband, Hans, often worked together in Kaffestua. Her daughter Annalisa Fortune, who is also a member of the lodge, and son Sven Lerbrek survive her. She joined the lodge on February 11, 1987, and was a golden member. Memorial to Leif Erikson Educational Foundation.

Pauline Olsen was born in Poplar Hill, Alberta, on May 24, 1935, on the Forseth family farm. She passed away on January 4th 2023. Her parents had immigrated to Canada from Norway, a heritage that was embraced by Pauline and her eight siblings throughout their lives. Thor Olsen and Pauline were married in 2000 and they had many travel adventures. They joined Leif Erikson Lodge together on October 4, 2004. Donations to kaffestua.

Carl Johanson was born September 8, 1928. Ballard born and bred, Carl Martin Johanson, a loving husband, father, brother, uncle and dear friend passed away at the age of 95, on January 25, 2024. Carl is survived by his wife Ellen of 43 years, his daughter, Jann Johanson and son-in-law, John Stratton III, granddaughter Jade Rettig, sister Helen (Konrad) Uri, and many nieces and nephews.



Happy Birthday to all our members with March 2024 Birthdays!

B., Pamela C., Osmund K., Delmar L., Karen L., Peter N., Greg and Diane O., Carol O., Russell O., Shannon P., Heidi R., Terry T., Jack R., Leroy V., Cody W., Joe W.

Special greetings to those who turn 90-something including Diane A., Norman A., Kristian B., Magne E.

Our youngest members are Blakeley B., Will D., Dag K., Grace H., Hudson J., Gian N., Charles P., Harper T.

After a leaky ceiling ruined the piano in the Norna Room we spread the word we were looking for a new piano. Thanks to Noel Wannebo, a beautiful Kawai piano has been donated to the lodge. A friend of Noel's who was selling her house had to make a tough decision to part with the piano. The piano has a beautiful sound, and although not new, it looks brand new! The new piano is in the Norna Room and will be a wonderful piano for Norwegian Ladies Chorus and Norwegian Male Chorus rehearsals.

Thanks very much to Noel and her friend Julie for donating such a wonderful gift to the Lodge. Mange takk!



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Leif Erikson Lodge Calendar - March & April 2024

- March 2 - Kaffestua Saturday 10:00 AM / Library open 10:30 AM - 1:30 PM
- March 6 - Leif Erikson Lodge Board Meeting - 7 PM (Zoom)
- March 6 - Woodcarving classes begin with Mark Olsen
- March 9 - LEL Movie Matinee - *Trolls*, Norna Room. 3 PM
- March 9 - Happy Hour 5PM - 8PM (Kaffestua)
- March 12 - LERA - Norway Park Board Meeting at Bekkestua (Norway Park) 7 PM
- March 13 - *The Winter Denial Party* - LEL Membership meeting/Social 5:30 PM; LEL Dinner, 6:00 PM Entertainment 7:00 PM; Business Meeting - 7:30 PM
- March 20 - Trivia Night 7:00 PM (Zoom Meeting 915 582 1189) Suggested Donation \$5
- March 23 - Saturday |Leif to Leif Run & Walk 9:00 AM | Norwegian Heritage Day 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM
- March 31 - *God Påske allesammen! Happy Easter Sunday* to all our members!
- April 6 - Kaffestua Saturday 10:00 AM
- April 27 - Fisherman's Breakfast (*Swedish Pancakes with sides*) Norway Park.

Ballard Health Club Silver Sneakers class meets at LEL Mon, Wed and Friday, 10:00 AM 11:00 AM. Contact Marianne for details. marianne@ballardhealthclub.com
 Exercise class lead by Audrey in main hall Wednesdays 11:15 AM 12:00 PM. 1st class free, \$5.00 after that. LEL Zoom information:
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/9155821189> Meeting ID: 915 582 1189; Dial in by Phone: 1 (253) 2158782.

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

