

VIKINGEN



PRESIDENT'S GREETING



Spring is in the air! I hope you have enjoyed the extra sun as the days grow longer. Maybe some nice walks or time spent in the garden has helped get you out of the house a bit more, we have been taking our Buhund to the park and for lots of treks around the neighborhood. Of

course, we are still getting our share of rain, but we are excited to get back to more consistent outdoor exercise and projects around the house and at the lodge.

I want to take a moment to thank once again everyone who contributed to our recent Heritage Day/Tastes of Norway event. It was a great success and could not have been done without the time and effort of our many volunteers. To those serving on the planning committee and those who were around the day of the event and days preceding, kudos on a job well done. A huge shout out to Larry Helms for leading the charge in the kitchen, the reviews were all very positive and I thoroughly enjoyed the food! It was a real treat to learn more about genealogy from our expert speaker Jill Morelli, and I look forward to digging into my family history much more in the years to come. Christine and Barbie did a wonderful job on the virtual Bunad parade, if you have not watched it yet please visit the Leif Erikson Lodge YouTube channel to view. Thank you also to our great community sponsors who donated food and prizes to make this event such a success. Everyone's willingness to take a different approach this year was inspiring, and we are so glad we were able to have a fun event and raise some funds for the lodge and the Ballard community.

As has become my tradition, this month I want to point you towards a fun article in your April Viking Magazine on new recipes to try this spring. There are five different recipes along with pictures, all of them look fantastic! I will certainly be trying my hand at the thyme-roasted radishes, maybe you will give the eggs benedict or the crab cake sandwich a shot? Food is certainly a central part to our love of Nordic culture and trying a new recipe is a great way to broaden your horizons while paying tribute

to the tastes of Scandinavia. I always like to flip through to the District profiles towards the end of the issue as well to see what has been going on at lodges around the country. Neat event ideas and member profiles are listed for lodges within each of the 8 districts.

The LEL Board has put together a committee to work on our plans for reopening the lodge when appropriate, and we will be sharing more specific information in the months to come as that committee presents their recommendations and we continue to monitor information from the state and local authorities. While I am certainly not a health expert, it does seem there has been some good news and trends working towards being able to meet in the lodge again soon.

As always, please let me or anyone on the board know how we can help you get the most out of your membership at Leif Erikson Lodge Sons of Norway.

-Seth Maristuen, President, Leif Erikson Lodge

LEL MEMBERSHIP MEETING TO BE CONDUCTED VIA TELECONFERENCE

Please join us for our **April 14, 2021** Business meeting, to be held this month via Zoom. Use the information below to log in on Wednesday, **April 14th at 7:00 pm**. Join us for a remarkably interesting program with David Ellingsen paddling the fjords through Norway.

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/9155821189>

Meeting ID: 915 582 1189

Dial in by Phone: (253) 215-8782.

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.

Please mute your microphone as otherwise we hear background noise like wind, dog barking. Adjust your device so you are visible to others.

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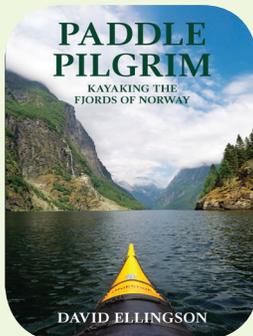
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**PADDLE PILGRIM:
KAYAKING THE FJORDS OF NORWAY
WITH DAVID ELLINGSON
MEMBERSHIP MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 7:00 P.M.**



In the January issue of the Viking magazine, six pages were devoted to David Ellingson paddling adventure as he explored the land his ancestors had left in the 1850's. David wanted to see and understand where and why his family emigrated from the Norwegian regions of the Sognefjord and Hardangerfjord. His journey involved many challenges as he kayaked 200 miles to his ancestor's home.

We are very fortunate to have David at our Zoom membership meeting on Wednesday, April 14, at 7:00 p.m. David will show a beautiful 25-minute film of his fjord kayaking experience and following the film, he will answer questions about his adventures that were physically challenging and very spiritual.

David Ellingson is an adventurer, author of several books including the book based on his Norwegian adventure, Paddle Pilgrim: Kayaking the Fjords of Norway. He paddled 2350 miles on the Mississippi River and kayaked the Erie Canal and the Hudson River until he reached the Statue of Liberty! David is also a Lutheran pastor, a Master Gardener, and a former distance runner—Boston Marathon, Western State 100-mile endurance run and the Hawaii Iron-Man Triathlon. Hmmm, I thought I was doing well when I walked five miles the other day. Well, I did go up a couple of hills!

Don't miss this very special presentation. Even though most of us will have to live precariously though David Ellingson's adventures, we will still be able to feel the Nordic spirit "frilufsliv" (fresh air life) as he shares his experiences.

HISTORY OF AKEVITT

Translated from an article in the Norwegian Newspaper Verdens Gang November 28, 2015 By Kaare Askildt

Thought to cure ailments. It is perhaps not so strange that the mystique about the power to restore health is still alive today. When the Archbishop of Nidaros, Olav Engelbrektson, received a parcel in the mail one day in April 1531, the sender wrote that he had sent "some water that is called aqua vite," which would assist in the fight against "all kinds of ailments that a person may carry inside." In other words, these precious drams would assist in the fight against all kinds of ailments! OLD TRADITIONS: Many of the recipes from the old distilleries are still being used today. Most people knew that liquor had been used as medicine for many years. – and it was touted that akevitt was really effective against the plague. However, even though akevitt no longer is believed to have such a healing effect, the tradition regarding the golden liquor has continued up until today. The descriptive name which in Latin means "life's water," has continued. Old production methods are still in use. Ivan Abrahamsen, the master mixologist at Arcus, who produce the majority of liquor in Norway, is telling "Godt" (VG) that they have also kept many of the really old recipes from the old Norwegian distilleries. - It is important for us to continue with the traditions. It is hard to determine exactly how old the recipes from the old distilleries are, but most of those that are still being used have not been changed since around 1800, says Abrahamson. Compared to our neighbours in Sweden and Denmark, who also have strong traditions with respect to production and consumption of akevitt, there are many peculiarities that makes the Norwegian akevitt so special – and world famous.

The akevitt that travels around the world/ As with the production of whisky that must follow certain criteria to be eligible to call itself "Scotch Whisky," there are also many rules for the production of the Norwegian akevitt. Among those is that it has to be Norwegian potatoes and the distillation process must be done in Norway. A special variety of the liquor must cross the equator twice while on a freighter, to get the much sought after label "Linie akevitt." This tradition goes all the way back to 1805 when the shipping magnate Catharina Lysholm sent a freighter from Trondheim to Batavia (today known as Jakarta in Indonesia), with the purpose of selling it there. However, nobody wanted to buy the vats with the liquor, consequently the akevitt was onboard for the return trip to Trondheim – and as a result the liquor tasted much better after the long journey, relates Abrahamson.

The shipping magnate's grandnephew established his own distillery, where one of the akevitt products had to cross "the linie" exactly twice as part of the storage. We continue to do this. Today part of the production of Linie akevitt is to store it in vats for one year here in Norway, before we send it on a four month's journey with a freighter. There are many parameters that create the extra good taste in this type of akevitt, such as changes in temperature, air quality including moisture and wave movements, says Abrahamson.

AQUAVIT COCKTAIL

For those who missed the class in February on making aquavit cocktails, here they are for future reference:

Aquavit Old Fashioned

2oz Aquavit of choice
 .25oz Rich simple syrup or Maple syrup
 3 dashes Angostura Bitters
 Stir with ice, pour over fresh ice into a rocks glass. Garnish with citrus peel and optional cherry.

Aquavit Sour

1.5oz Aquavit of choice
 .75oz Lemon or Lime juice
 .5oz Rich simple syrup or Maple syrup
 Shake all ingredients with ice, strain into a chilled cocktail glass.
 Optional float of bitters as garnish.
 Credit to Ben **Ernst @its_benagain**

VELKOMMEN TIL NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to the following new members for February and March: Lawrence, Theresa and Pressley Harris, Britt Harris, Malte Jespersen, Brian King, Jean Marie Markham, Penny Meenderinck, Daniel Falk, Wendy Robards, Bryon DeHart, J. Cole Hoffmann, Brian Lee King, Ryan Ness, Christie Porter, Parker Shore, Andrew Torgelson, Trina Torgelson.

Reinstatements: Leif Christine Brenne.
Members transferred into LEL: Nathan Torgelson and Kathleen Tynes Hodge.

NORNA LADIES

Like you, we're still staying at home, getting our vaccines, and waiting for Spring and freedom from the stronger COVID-19 problems. Until then, we don't have any news to share. But we can share a few "amusing thoughts about the past year." Please enjoy, Judy and Diane.

New monthly budget: Gas \$0, Entertainment \$0, Clothes \$0, Groceries \$799.
 I stepped on my scale this morning. It said: "Please practice social distancing. Only one person at a time on the scale."
 Not to brag, but I haven't been late to anything in over 11 months.

It may take a village to raise a child, but I swear it's going to take a vineyard to home school one.
 After a year of staying home, the garbage man placed an AA flyer on my neighbor's recycling bin.
 Never in a million years could I have imagined I would go up to a bank teller wearing a mask and ask for money.

Entertainment idea: Put a drink in each room of your house and call it a pub crawl.
 When this quarantine is over, let's not tell some people.
 From the Norna Co-Presidents,
-Judy Gray and Diane Adams

KATHLEEN LANGE BIO



Why are you involved with the board? I was interested in helping with the Fun Run, which led to being Sports Director. I was a newly empty nester and wanting to get involved in my ethnic heritage. My sister is active in Poulsbo Lodge, so that was something we shared and we enjoy doing things together.

Where do you work? Or if retired, what work did you do? I am a Pediatric and Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner working at Kaiser Permanente

Where do you live? Broadview neighborhood in North Seattle No address, just neighborhood.

Hobbies? Piano, flute, ski, bicycle, hiking.

Anything else that you would like to share? I have a wonderful grand daughter who is 3 years old.

I have made wonderful friends at LEL and enjoy lodge activities. I'm really looking forward to getting back to in-person events like movie night and Heritage Day. My sister and I are re-planning a trip to Norway to hike the St. Olav Way.

CHRIS VARNES BIO



Why are you serving on the board?

I like to stay connected to my Nordic heritage and was supporting my dad since he spent so much of his free time volunteering at the lodge.

What position do you have on the Board? I currently serve as one of the trustees and one of the things

we are responsible for is taking inventory of the Lodges assets.

What area of Norway did your family come from?

My family came from the Midsund islands of Romsdal county, near Molde.

Where did you go to school?

I grew up in Kirkland, am now back in school again, online to get a degree in my field of Data management and Analytics at WGU.

Where did you work or did work?

I worked for 5 years as a carpenter for McBride Construction & Charter Construction before I got into IT. I have now been in IT for over 25 years and 20 of them at Kaiser Permanente (formerly Group Health)

Where do you live-area? Greenlake. What do you like to do in your free time? Motorcycling, home improvement projects, but mostly spending time with my family, Photography and traveling.

BARBIE VARNES BIO



My role on the board is the Publicity Director and originally joined to support my Father-in-Law who was the best and most supportive man I've ever met! While I'm not Norwegian by birth, I married into the best Norwegian family! My background, I was raised in Southeast Alaska and moved to Seattle to attend Art School and fell in

love with the area. I started my commercial photography business in 2001 and have since traveled nationally and internationally photographing both corporate events as well as beautiful weddings! In my spare time, I love traveling the world and playing in the snow as much as possible!

ADAM MCQUEEN BIO



When I moved to Ballard six years ago from Boston, my partner and I gravitated towards Ballard because of the Nordic heritage of the neighborhood and strong cultural identity. I am proud of my Norwegian and Swedish heritage, so much so that I operate Ballard Ave's Nordic-facing bar/restaurant, Skål Beer Hall! I care deeply about

my community and wanted to create a warm, welcoming environment for those of us with Viking blood (and those who don't!) to gather in a place that honors Ballard's past. We opened in 2019 and have been keeping the neighborhood supplied with aquavit, mead, pølse, and pickled herring ever since!

I've been a lodge member since I moved to Ballard and joined the Leif Erikson Lodge board in 2020 as the Vice President. While I am able to support the lodge as a small business owner, I wanted to get more involved with the board to help build interest among and recruit younger members to ensure we keep the Nordic spirit alive in Ballard.

My family (the Berggrens) is originally from Gudvangen, a small village on an arm of the Sognefjord in western Norway. They came to the US in the 1920s and settled on the east coast in Norwell, MA. I still have many relatives in Norway and had a wonderful trip in the early 2000s to meet many of them for the first time with my grandparents.

When I'm not slinging beers at Skål, you'll find me outside skiing, snowshoeing, camping, kayaking, and hiking. Basically, if it's done outside, I'm into it. Friluftsliv, right?! I am also a resident of Ballard (just a stone's throw from the lodge) and am involved with championing other small businesses in the neighborhood through the Ballard Alliance. Skål!

Adam is Vice President of Leif Erikson Lodge.



JOANNE RUDO BIO



My grandfather immigrated from Nordfold, Norway in 1906. He entered San Francisco on a ship just in time for the 1906 earthquake. He eventually settled on a farm in Ridgefield, WA. I grew up hearing wonderful tales about the relatives that lived way above the Artic Circle. In the early 80's, I rented

a car along with a tent and drove many miles to northern Norway. At the time, the only way to reach Nordfold was spending many hours on a ferry. Now, it is a scenic four hour drive from Bodo. I was the first of my family to meet the Norwegian relatives. Since then, my family has traveled many times to Norway and the Norwegian relatives have come to Seattle.

I have been a member of Leif Erikson Lodge for several decades and attended various functions but never really became involved. I was always impressed with the activities held at the lodge and with the people who worked so hard to keep the lodge functioning. I have been the Cultural Director for a couple of years and have been rewarded by getting to know the lovely people who make up the lodge's membership.

My undergraduate degree in General Studies is from Portland State University. I also did graduate work at the University of Maryland. I worked my way through college by being a secretary, life guard and swimming instructor. I was a flight attendant for United Airlines and then worked for the US Government in Germany. I taught fourth and fifth grade and eventually became a community college instructor where I had the very rewarding work of running an adult learning center and also teaching English as a Second Language.

In the past, I climbed mountains, did three-week bicycle trips in Europe, trekked, belonged to the Konigsberg Ski Club and have traveled to 54 countries. This last year, I was scheduled to explore Svalbard and go on an expedition looking for polar bears and walruses with my two granddaughters. Yes, I had to be creative in getting the teenage granddaughters to agree to spend several weeks with their grandmother. I convinced them it would give them bragging rights to say that they spent time in Longyearbyen, the most northern city in the world. Unfortunately, due to COVID, it was cancelled. Now, much of my time is spent walking, exploring, caring for my disabled brother, and attempting to keep my large, 100-year-old house upright.

-JoAnne Rudo, Cultural Director

NORWEGIAN GREETING

Hei Allesammen!

Nå venter vi på april og varmere vær. Jeg håper at alle har hatt to vaksine-sprøyter og har tatt godt vare på hele familien deres. Og det er også godt å ha på masker enda når dere er ute fordi ikke alle har fått vaksiner enda. Og gjør noe som du liker – lese en bok, skriv et brev, ring en venn! Og vi håper at vi kan møte på Leif Erikson i fremtiden. Ha det bra og ta godt vare på deg selv og familien!

Hilsen fra Ellen Margrethe

Hi Everyone!

Now we are waiting for April and warmer weather. I hope that everyone has received two vaccine-shots and taken good care of their whole family. And it is also good to still have masks on when we are out because not everyone has gotten the vaccine yet. And do something that you enjoy – read a book, write a letter, call a friend! And we hope that we can meet at Leif Erikson in the future. Take care of yourself and your family!

-Greetings from Ellen Margrethe

NORWAY PARK NEWS

The Norway Park Board (LERA) met on March 9, 2021 and discussed a few items that may be of interest to Lodge members. The first was a discussion of a moratorium for the \$50 fee for adding family members to the stock certificate. One should check however to make sure that that doesn't compromise any senior citizens tax savings. There was also a reiteration of the Board rules that no boats should be stored at the lake. Any such boats not moved by March 30 will be considered abandoned.

Keeping the beach and lower Park closed during Covid restrictions was discussed. The discussion centered around the costs and the problems of operating a campground with restricted access during phase 2 and the board said that there were some expenses that they did not want to encounter for cleaning up, monitoring behavior and selecting how many people could come into the park etc. That same week the governor announced that we were moving to phase 3. The same expenses seem to be included so the Board has decided to wait opening until there were fewer or no expenses to operate the lower park in terms of monitoring the gate and cleaning the restroom facilities on a regular basis. After the February Stockholders meeting the election of officers took place at the next Board meeting. The new officers are: President - Doug Ross, Vice President- Doug Warne, Secretary- Heidi Koran, Treasurer- Synthia Tennyson, In Financial Secretary-Linda Willup. Submitted by ***Doug Warne, Lodge Rep to Norway***

Park, LERA Vice President

LELEF NEWS

Mange bekker smaa gjer ei stor aa / Many small creeks make a big river as of 1/31/2021

It makes sense to give cents (and dollars)!

In 2001, we awarded three small scholarships. Now 94 recipients later and with \$58,551 distributed in combined funds, we have topped over \$131,000 towards our \$140,000 goal of endowed funds. In 2021, we celebrate our 20th anniversary! Many thanks to all of you for making this possible!

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.

Shop on Amazon or Fred Meyer? Both this organizations help add to our funds by just shopping! You need to select Leif Erikson Lodge 2-001, Sons of Norway, Educational Foundation, a charitable organization, for us to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. Our EIN is 27-4674000. You can simply click the Amazon logo on our enews from LeifEriksonLodge@qwestoffice.net or sign up through your Fred Meyer id at <https://www.fredmeyer.com/signin?redirectUrl=/account/communityrewards/enroll>.

Work for a company that provides matching funds for volunteer work? Just provide them with our EIN and submit your hours! We really appreciate Lorie Lind's and Laurie Lund-Gonzalez's support and volunteer work along with their companies 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!

Takk level 1-\$99
Kroger/Fred Meyer
Amazon Smile Foundation
Irene Gansmoe
James and Marylee Moore
Martin Borge and Evelyn Elliott
Andrea Torland

Farid and Bernice Chouery
In memory of Bjarne Varnes by Randi Valdok
Leif Erikson Lodge 2-001 in memory of:

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Knut Lindberg

John O. Tennesen

Ella Criscoula

Svein Randeberg

Ivan J. Haugen

Sonja Tilton

Knut I. Karlsen

Kjartan Ask

Ruth M. Farrens

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Leif Erikson level \$100-\$199

Judith Jager

In memory of Gary Martin Lind by Greta Roseberg

Ralph Federspiel

Carol Smith

Nancy Samuels

Greta Roseberg

Lars Ollestad

In memory of Bjarne Varnes by Marilyn Fuller

Ja takk level \$200-\$499

Gail Hill

In memory of William Gilbert by Carol Smith

In memory of Knut and Knut Norman Karlsen by Vagn and Marian Jensen

Mange takk level \$500-\$999

Paul and Patricia Kaald

In memory of Bjarne Varnes by Berggren Hospitality

Nordstrom in honor of Lorie Lind's volunteer work

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. 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 email leleducationalfoundation@gmail.com

NORWEGIAN SPORTS STARS

Norwegian athletes continue to make headlines, excelling in a number of different sports. Our favorite Norwegian golfer, Viktor Hovland, won the Mayakoba Golf Classic golf championship in Mexico a few weeks ago. He also has tied for 2nd place in two other tournaments; the Workday Championships where he was just one shot behind the winner and the Farmers Insurance Open. He is ranked 3rd in the FedEx standings.

Norwegians are famous for their cross-country skiing prowess. Just last week Norway's Emil Iversen was declared the winner in the 2021 World Championships 50km mass start sprint after a dramatic finish where another Norwegian – Johannes Høsflot Klæbo- World Championships was disqualified after mixing it up with a Russian competitor.

Norway's Sebastian Foss Solevaag celebrated after winning the gold medal in the mixed team parallel slalom, at the alpine ski World Championships in Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy. Thea Louise Stjernesund, Sebastian Foss-Solevåg and Fabian Wilkens Solheim won their runs in the all-Scandinavian final against Sweden for a 3-1 victory. The American women's team, without Mikaela Shiffrin, beat Russia in the last 16 before losing to Norway. Meanwhile in Oslo, there is no snow. Artificial snow is being trucked in to downtown Oslo so Children in daycare can learn to ski. Norwegians, the saying goes, are born with skis on their feet. But with a lack of snow and the pandemic this year leaving many in despair, authorities are bringing snow and ski trails to downtown Oslo.

VALENTINE DAY THANK YOU

We received several thank you's for the Valentine Day goody bags that were distributed to some of our senior Lodge members in February.

We also gave every resident at Norse Home a Valentine Day bag. The Activities Director at Norse Home, Molly, said the residents greatly appreciated being remembered on Valentine's Day. Molly said any small kindness is greatly appreciated during the pandemic when our senior members are even more isolated than usual. A resident at Merrill Gardens also expressed her thanks to the Lodge for their "thoughtfulness and kindness bringing us the candy and chocolate for Valentine's Day. I am looking forward to coming to Kaffestua again!"

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Greetings from your LEL youth directors, says you after a year of shut down from activities, we are offering an opportunity to engage in person (while still following all safety protocols of social distancing and mask wearing). We have scheduled a visit to Skagit's Tulip Town farm, Saturday, April 17, 2-4 pm, to see the flowers. Spaces are limited and RSVPs are required by April 3rd. Due to COVID we will not be offering a carpooling option. Families will need to bring their child and participate in the event. LEL has purchased a block of tickets for this event and will cover the cost of your child; adult tickets for parent chaperones are \$20/ticket. RSVP to Kari at lelyouthseattle@gmail.com or call Evelyn at (206)850-8212.

Here is an activity created by our very own youth member Freya Knuteson! https://quizlet.com/Autumn_Knuteson/folders/norwegian/s.

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

NORWEGIAN LADIES CHORUS OF SEATTLE: SINGING OUR WAY THROUGH THE PANDEMIC

Norwegian Ladies Chorus of Seattle continues its long singing tradition, despite the pandemic. The chorus, which was started by August Werner in 1936, took a brief hiatus last spring, but started up last fall – virtually. Rehearsals take place every Tuesday at 7 p.m. by Zoom. Those interested can email the chorus at norwegianladieschorus@gmail.com for a Zoom link.

The chorus has a new director, Ellie Kok. Ms. Kok received her B.A. in music from Whitworth University and her M.A. in Teaching from Seattle Pacific University. She is also the choir director at Eckstein Middle School and Maple Leaf Lutheran. Long-time director Julie Svendsen continues to participate in the chorus as a singer. Ms. Svendsen has a long history of service to the chorus as both a member and director.

Last December, the chorus held its first virtual Christmas concert. It can still be viewed on our Youtube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCI-yRJT4MAVKuZ346sWwxkg>.

On May 14 at 7 pm, the chorus will air its second virtual concert. The theme will be springtime in Norway. Tune in to our Youtube channel for this event, which will be sure to inspire you for Syttende Mai. Norwegian Ladies Chorus of Seattle - YouTube.

Our fish and meatball fundraiser has been rescheduled from last year to June 6, 2020. The event will now include a virtual silent and live auction, along with a drive-through dinner. If you already bought a ticket, it's still good. If you'd like to purchase a ticket, please email the chorus at the address above. Look for updates regarding how to participate in the auction on our web site: www.nlcofseattle.org.

Submitted by **-Juanita Holmes**

IN MEMORIUM

Ernest (Ernie) Edward Templin passed away March 4, 2021 at the age of 91. He was born in Puyallup, Washington on May 13th, 1929 to Ernest and Anne Templin. He attended Pacific Lutheran College earning his Bachelor of Arts and teaching degree where he met and then married Arlene Wangenstein. He joined the U.S. Army and was stationed at Sandia Base in Albuquerque, New Mexico. After his service Arlene and Ernie purchased a home in Edmonds, WA. He taught 6th grade at Lake City Elementary School until Arlene and Ernie purchased a new home in Seattle. He then taught 6th grade at Whittier Elementary School while at the same time was one of the first employees at the Northgate JC Penney store. Ernie was an active member and volunteer of Leif Erikson Lodge in Ballard, awarded Man of the Year in 2005, attended Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church and a member of American Legion Post 1 member. Ernie served in the Coast Guard during WWII. He loved fishing at Norway Park where he served as a board member for many years. Golfing was also one of his favorite hobbies. The biggest priority to Ernie was his family. He was always willing to stop and help whenever he was needed and loved the family gatherings. He is survived by his wife Arlene, daughter Victoria and husband Tim, son Bruce and wife Bev and son Kris. Granddaughter Lorri and husband Mike, Grandson Ryan and wife Teresa, Granddaughter Brandi and husband Cory, Granddaughter Kjersti, Grandson Nicholas and wife Samantha. Great Granddaughters Evelyn, Kamryn, Alyse and Emery, Great Grandsons Brandon, Tyler, Kaiden and Fisher. Also survived by sisters Mary, Nora, and brother Walt. Celebration of life: Summer of 2021. Suggested Memorial donations: Leif Erikson Lodge Building Association (LEBA) <https://www.leiferiksonlodge.org/wa-donations> or <https://ourredeemers.net/donate/>.

Marta Pedersen Young Aicken passed away on July 1, 2020 at the age of 101. Born Marta Young on March 17, 1924 in Høyanger Norway on Sognefjord. She married George Young in 1947 in Ayr, Scotland and immigrated to Canada in 1948. A daughter, Elizabeth, was born in Vancouver, BC. The family immigrated to the U.S. in 1955 and bought a home in Queen Anne in 1957. Marta and George divorced, and Marta married Robert Ackein in 1966. She was a Life Member of Leif Erikson Lodge and was very active with the Lodge in the 70's and 80's when the Lodge was located at Norway Center, bowling on the Lodge team. Marta is survived by her daughter, Elizabeth Young, granddaughter Allyson and great grandsons Devin and Ethan Clemmans. The memorial will go to the LEL Educational Foundation.

Asbjorn Sorensen died January 22, 2021, at age 91. He was born in Vik, Norway, in the Lofoten Islands. He passed away at home surrounded by his family as he wished. He joined the Lodge in 1959 and became a Life member in 1994. He received his 60-year pin 2019. Asbjorn was married to Else

for a very happy 60 years, until she passed away in 2014. Asbjorn was President of the Lodge from 1978-1979, and 1985-1989. He also was Lodge Man of the Year in 1976. Asbjorn was also an Honorary member of LEBA. He was also on the first Board of Directors of LERA and served several terms during and 1960's and 70's being President of LERA in 1968. The family cabin on Lot 139, "Skogly" was drawn and built by Asbjorn in 1966. He is survived by his children, daughter Tove Wilson and husband Jim, and their children Alexandrina and Trevor; his son Ralph Sorensen; and daughter Linda Briggs and her children Siera and Grady. He is also survived by his youngest brother Bryniulf, and a very large family of nieces and nephews in Norway. He was very active in the Seattle Norwegian community, and proud of the lodge building that he helped build in 1983. Donations are suggested to the Leif Erikson Building Association. Our sincere sympathies and condolences to Judy Gray on the loss of her sister, **Jani Hoss**, who passed away from leukemia on January 14, 2021, at 72 years of age. Jani was a member of the Lodge from 2011 through 2019 and enjoyed going to Norna events. Her picture is in the Lodge membership book, smiling and in good health then.

NORWAY PARK NEWS

The Norway Park Board (LERA) met on March 9, 2021 and discussed a few items that may be of interest to Lodge members. The first was a discussion of a moratorium for the \$50 fee for adding family members to the stock certificate. One should check however to make sure that that doesn't compromise any senior citizens tax savings. There was also a reiteration of the Board rules that no boats should be stored at the lake. Any such boats not moved by March 30 will be considered abandoned.

Keeping the beach and lower Park closed during Covid restrictions was discussed. The discussion centered around the costs and the problems of operating a campground with restricted access during phase 2 and the board said that there were some expenses that they did not want to encounter for cleaning up, monitoring behavior and selecting how many people could come into the park etc. That same week the governor announced that we were moving to phase 3. The same expenses seem to be included so the Board has decided to wait opening until there were fewer or no expenses to operate the lower park in terms of monitoring the gate and cleaning the restroom facilities on a regular basis. After the February Stockholders meeting the election of officers took place at the next Board meeting. The new officers are: President - Doug Ross, Vice President- Doug Warne, Secretary- Heidi Koran, Treasurer- Synthia Tennyson, In Financial Secretary- Linda Willup.

Submitted by **Doug Warne, Lodge Rep to Norway Park, LERA Vice President**

REMINDERS

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 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! For the last several months the people whose name was printed backwards have not contacted me so they have missed out on their prize!

LEL Board positions: The Lodge needs people for the following positions: Secretary 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.



Happy Birthday



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Birthday greetings to our members with April birthdays. Some of our members with April birthdays include Sandi, Heidi, Randi V., Charisse, Dan B., Sheila, Martin B., Knut and Freya, Margareth, Paul, Kris T., Valborg, Anne Marie, Nancy S., Bill N. and many others!

Gratulerer med dagen!



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DO YOU HAVE A NEW PHONE NUMBER, EMAIL OR ADDRESS ?

If you have a new phone number or address let us know. Email Gail at englergail32gmail.com. 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 the office at leiferiksonlodge@qwestoffice.net. Thank you for keeping the Lodge in the loop!!

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LEL CALENDAR - APRIL/MAY 2021

All in-person Lodge activities for April are cancelled.
Stay tuned for reopening news.

Connect with us on Zoom for "virtual" events.

- April 7 - LEL Board meeting, 7:00pm (Zoom Teleconference)
- April 10 - Bothell SON Drive through pancakes-8:00am-1:00pm
- April 14 - LEL Membership meeting, 7:00pm
(Zoom Teleconference)
- April 17 - Deadline for Vikingen
- April 21 - LEL Trivia Night 7:00pm

May 5 - LEL Board meeting, 7:00pm (Zoom Teleconference)

May 8 - Bothell SON Drive through pancakes
8:00am-1:00pm

May 12 - LEL Membership meeting/7:00pm (Zoom
Teleconference)

May 15 - Deadline for Vikingen

May 17 - Happy Syttende Mai!

May 19 - LEL Trivia Night 7:00pm (Zoom)

LEL Board and Membership Meetings via Zoom:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/9155821189>

Meeting ID: 915 582 1189

Dial in by Phone: 1 (253) 215-8782.

Craft meeting via Zoom every Monday from 2:00-4:00pm.

<https://us04webzoom.us/j/88324219476>.

**Please check the LEL website, e-news and Facebook
for updates to the Lodge calendar and activities. [www.
leiferiksonlodge.org](http://www.leiferiksonlodge.org);

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

Leif Erikson Lodge Trivia Night



WEDNESDAY APRIL 21ST, 7PM

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