

Vikingen

LEIF ERIKSON LODGE 2-001 • SONS OF NORWAY • SEATTLE, WA



A MESSAGE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

It's January 2024 already. Time to make those new year's resolutions. That may be broken-or not. It's up to you.

The Lodge had a good year in that we held many successful and fun events, all well attended. We installed a new LEL Board with mostly all Officers returning - thank you all so much for your loyalty and persistence! We celebrated Heritage Day, Syttende Mai, and an ice cream social in June which brought out many new members. We returned in September and Fred Poyner told us all about the history of Pac Fish Shipyard and Doug Dixon, himself, was there. Radost entertained us with their energetic dancing. In November we held Lodge elections and several new people came forward. Kathy Buholm is our new Lodge Cultural Director and Daniel Nye and Lisa Sjong Wilson are the newest LEBA members. Velkommen!

New Vikingen Editors are An-Magrith Erlandsen and Erik-Bjarne Witzøe and new Membership Coordinator is Wendy Forselius. Tusen takk for joining the Board ! A few people have volunteered to work behind the scenes as our technical expert and perhaps a new Webmaster.

In December we held a wonderful Julebord with JoAnne Rudo and her hard-working committee at the helm, followed by the Children's Christmas Party the next day, chaired for many years by Bernice Chouery and next year the baton will be passed to our Youth Directors Evelyn Elliott and Kari VanSanford who took the initiative to take this task on! Tusen takk! On December 13th our members were treated to a mini-concert by the Norwegian Ladies Chorus singing beautiful Christmas songs and "Let There Be Peace". It was suggested that if we sent them on a world tour there would be more peace in the world! They are off to Norway next year, so that is a good start.

Being able to have these wonderful events means there are many hardworking volunteers who make it happen! Unless we get new leadership, i.e., a President, Vice President, these events will not happen because the Lodge will cease to exist and these events will not happen. It would be a shame to have the hall become silent. As I write this, we are still planning to have the Lodge Board installed by District 2 President Jerry Erickson on January 10th. If we have no President or Vice President, however, we need to prepare for closure of the Lodge. I'm pretty sure we don't want that to happen. In addition to President and Vice President we also have the following vacant positions: Social Director, Foundation Director. If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact myself or Seth Maristuen, Counselor.

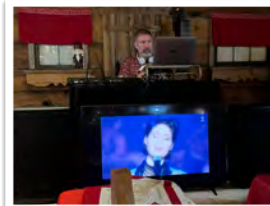
I hope that Leif Erikson Lodge continues for many years to come but it not only takes village to put on our many events but also Leaders.

Gail A. Engler
Vice President

Julebord LEL 2023



JULEBORD NORWAY PARK - LERA 2023



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.

LODGE OFFICERS

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425-785-6433

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2024 LEL INSTALLATION

5:30 PM SOCIAL/MUSIC BY SØLJE SISTERS, 6:00 PM DINNER,
INSTALLATION 7:00 PM

On January 10th we will install the Leif Erikson Lodge Board. The Sølje Sisters will entertain us starting at 5:30pm.

District 2 President, Jerry Erickson, will do the honor of installing the Officers. As of this writing we are in dire need of a President and possibly Vice President. The Lodge cannot exist without these officers.

Malin has planned a delicious menu - Norwegian meatballs, potatoes with gravy, green salad, and a special dessert. Let us know if you prefer a vegetarian main dish. Please make your reservations no later than Monday, January 8, 2024 by calling the lodge, (206) 783-1274, sign up on company, all for \$22.00 the bulletin board list or online in the e-news. If you don't RSVP by Monday you will be charged \$25.00. Entertainment, a great dinner and even greater O!

DECEMBER MEETING AWARDS AT LEL



December is a good time to recognize the many wonderful members who've worked hard to organize and put on the many successful events and meetings over the year of 2023. A big tusen takk to all these volunteers, especially the outgoing Cultural Director JoAnne Rudo who teamed up a wonderful group of volunteers to create an impressive Julebord the 9th of December. The 13th of December was our final Members meeting, with a lovely fiske-suppe (fish chowder) salad and a delicious Swedish Chocolate Cake created by chef Malin. A candle light tribute was given to our dearly departed LEL members who passed in 2023 and a chime was struck as each former member was read. Gary our Caretaker was given a Christmas bonus for the above and beyond work and dedication to our lodge.

VIKINGEN

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Membership Meetings: 2nd Wednesday beginning at 7:30 pm Deadline for Vikingen is Saturday following Membership meeting.

Vikingeneditor@gmail.com The Vikingen has been published since 1945. Leif Erikson Lodge was founded on May 13, 1903.

YOUTH GROUP

Godt Nytt År! We are looking forward to new events this year as well as embracing some of the traditional ideas of the lodge. Last year in February the Youth Group expressed their gratitude towards the elders of our lodge by mailing them a Valentines Day Card. We mailed out over 120 cards last year. We included a copy of our Youth Activities Calendar. This way they can stay connected to their lodge family. We know how lucky we are that they built the beautiful Leif Erikson Lodge, Trollhaugen lodge and Norway Park's Berg Pavilion for us to enjoy and take good care of. If anyone would like to help us thank them (no age restrictions on this one) please attend our Valentine's Day Card signing party.

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

January 10 ,2024. Valentine's Day Cards signing party. From 5:30-7:30 p.m. @ LEL

February 3, 2024. Cross Country Ski Races @ Trollhaugen Lodge. From 9:00 a.m. on.

March 23, 2024. Heritage Day and the Leif to Leif 5K. From 9:00 a.m. on. @ LEL

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

Evelyn Elliott

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HAPPY HOUR SATURDAY-SKÅL!

January 13th, 2024

Happy Hour on the second Saturday of the month has grown in popularity as a place to meet fellow members and guests. Many of the guests have joined the Lodge as a result of meeting members at the events. The next Happy Hour evening where \$5 tickets get you two drinks and snacks will be January 13 from 5:00 to 8:00. We skipped the 2 nd Saturday of December as it fell on the same night as Julebord. Even so the crack bartending staff will be up for the challenge in this new year. Pick up \$5 tickets at the door on the night of the event. Bring some finger foods to share on the supper table and receive a few raffle tickets. Guests are welcome but should sign in as guest of a member. Please remember that for this event to continue, we need enough participants to make it worthwhile so join us. We also need 10 helpers as bartenders and food helpers each time so volunteer by contacting **Carol Smith** or **Doug Warne**.



VELKOMMEN NEWEST MEMBERS:

Please welcome the following new members, voted on December 13, 2023 Eva Philips; Family of Melissa Ann, Peter Anthony and Trent and Adelaide Holmes. Please get to know your fellow Lodge members by joining us in the many lodge activities during the year and perhaps volunteering at an event. Contact Wendy Forselius, new Membership Coordinator. Current members, please renew your membership and pay dues as soon as you receive your notice from SON. Norway Park residents must always maintain current LEL membership as a condition of their residing at Norway Park. Wendy Forselius, Membership Coordinator, LELmembership@gmail.com



Margie Conover who is 108 years old is our oldest member!

IN MEMORIAM

A memorial for the deceased on December 13th at the lodge, with a candlelight vigil as each member's name was called out.

Deceased Members from January 2023 to November 7, 2023

Georg Mikal Kjonsvik – January 6, 2023 at age 91

Ebba Olsen – January 26, 2023, at age 86

Joseph Luke Bennett – March 15, 2023, at age 92

Inge Martinsen – March, 2023, at age 83

Ole Arvid Bakken – April, 2023, at age 96

Martin Lode – April 13, 2023, at age 87

Linda Bjorndal – May 4, 2023, at age 74

Rannfrid J. Hodne – May 17, 2023, at age 96

Charles O. Burgess – June 13, 2023, at age 91

Karen Diane Martinsen – June, July, 2023, at age 82

Harold Mork – July 1, 2023, at age 84

Erling A. Skaar – July 1, 2023, at age 80

Synnove Dragoy – July 3, 2023, at age 91

Mary L. Ovstedal – August 9, 2023, at age 93

Harold Duane Drevecky – August 12, 2023, at age 90

Blake Edward Hagen – August 14, 2023m at age 50

Margareth O. Kaldestad – August 19, 2023, at age 68

Willy Blom – August 22, 2023, at age 87

Marit Rockness Thompson – September 2, 2023, at age 82

Torstein Andreas Olsen – October 18, 2023, at age 69

Torleif Lister Samuelsen – October, 2023, at age 23

Thor A. Olsen – October, 2023, at age 89

Odd Isaksen – November 23, 2022 at age 97

Ida J. Cochell – No records



LEIKARRINGEN LIASONS

The end of November we elected our officers to serve for the coming year, starting in January 2024. President: Sheila Bartanen; Vice-President/Dance Coordinator: Elaine Everitt with assistance by Sal Gordon; Treasurer: Paul Everitt; Secretary: Wendy Forselius; Dance Director/Coach: Beth Kolle; Styremedlem: Ken Bartanen; Musicians: Bill Boyd and Nancy Morrison. We are very fortunate to have a stable leadership group.

This leadership also includes Joe Van Wassenhove, an unelected chairman, gifted weaver and teacher for our crafting committee which makes the beautiful, unique home decor and ornaments for our Bazaar and Heritage Day events. All supplies and labor are donated so that any money earned is given directly to the lodge. We are awaiting final numbers for all of LKR contributions to the Bazaar but we are seeing that we exceeded last year's donations. We are very excited about that.

This past year has also seen three more dancers join us: Diana, Petter-Anne and Martha. This is in addition to three folks from the year before. The current practice time is also making it possible for more consistent member participation each week and we are having fun dancing with everyone in our wider circle.

All are welcome and we would love to see you join us. Our first practice in 2024 is January 9th from 5 PM-7 PM in the main meeting room at the lodge.

No experience is necessary and we will teach you the dances!

Sheila Bartanen, President



THE CRAB FEED IS BACK!



Saturday, January 27, 6PM: *Our annual Crab Feed is on!*

Join us for crab or stuffed chicken breast, plus the trimmings, silent auction, dessert auction, heads/tails (winner gets a \$400 gift certificate to El Gaucho), and more. Music by Miles from Chicago! Tickets are: \$60 for one adult, \$30 for one student or child, \$440 for a table of 8 (all have to sign up at the same time). No reservations without prepayment. Want to pay by credit card? <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/6159863> You can also sign up in the hall office with prepayment on Wednesdays or Fridays from 10AM-2PM.

SPORTS DIRECTOR



Snoqualmie Pass, home to Trollhaugen Lodge, our District 2 ski lodge at the Stampede exit. We have a groomed cross country trail and marked snowshoe trail right outside the lodge door! Information about Trollhaugen: For overnight use, reservations are recommended. www.trollhaugensofn.com

If you are skiing or snowshoeing be sure to track your kilometers to earn a sports medal. Contact me if you want one of the information sheets. How to earn medals and how many Km are needed for the medals is on the information sheets.

Walking, swimming, dancing, and many other activities are eligible for sport medals.

Contact me for more information

Kathleen Lange, Sports Director tatter59@me.com

WOOD CARVING CLASS



Wednesdays, January 10, 10:30 AM-1:30 PM

New beginner wood carving class for those of you who want to try it out for one day!

\$45 + \$25 for the material=\$70 total.

Wednesdays, January 17, 24, 31, 10:30 AM -1:30 PM

To continue in this class must attend the January 10 or December classes.

Woodcarving classes cover European-styled carving chisels and gouges, learn important carving techniques with wood and basic tool sharpening. The project design is a “Fleur-de-lis”, a symbol used for centuries throughout Europe.

This style of carving is called “Dølaskurd” and typical for Gudbrandsdalen.

A basic set of tools is available to use in the class. The wood material is included in the class fee. Three class sessions, 3 hours per session / 9 hours total, \$125.00 plus \$25 material fee = \$150 total.

About Mark: *In 1984, after attending a series of crafts classes on furniture restoration and ornamental woodcarving at Sätergläntan Hemsjöjdens Gärd in Insjön, Sweden, Mark spent the following 2 years training in ornamental woodcarving at Hjerleid Vidargaande Skole in Dovre, Norway (1985/86) and then under the guidance of master carvers Bengt Johansson and Jonas Carlsson in Tibro, Sweden (1986/87). Upon returning to the Seattle area, Mark worked with some local interior designers on custom projects such as the fire restoration at St. Mark's Cathedral on Capitol Hill. That led to the design and construction of mantels, doors and trim in the custom home market..*

To reserve your space call Mark @ 206-330-5068 or email markcolsen55@yahoo.com



MOVIE MATINEE & TRIVIA NIGHT

Movie "SAMI BLOOD" Saturday January 13th 3pm, Norna Room.

LEL Lodge Trivia Night, Wednesday January 17th 7pm on Zoom.



LIBRARY NEWS

Our library has a new co-librarian, An-Magrith Erlandsen, who will be joining Ariane Westin-McCaw!

An-Magrith lives in Ballard, an avid reader she worked in a public library for years. She is an artist, art teacher and is fluent in Norwegian. She is currently reading “So Little Space: The Art Norwegian author Karl, born in 1968 in worldwide for the six novels, titled “My described as “one of greatest literary



Much Longing in So of Edvard Munch” by Karl Ove Knausgaard. Oslo, became known autobiographical Struggle”. He has been the 21st century's sensations".

The library will be open during Kaffestua on **Friday, Jan 12th 11am – 2 pm** In February the library will be open on the First Friday of the month beginning **Feb 2nd**, and will continue on First Fridays unless otherwise notified. In the meantime.

Happy Reading!

Gratulerer med dagen!

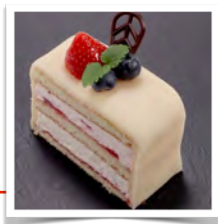
Happy Birthday to all our members with January birthdays.

Celebrants include: Karen A., Cindy B., Hronn B., Ellen B., Charlotte B., Robert B., Ken C., Christopher R., Jensen E., Duane E., Nancy H., Luci J., Eric J., Tony K., Lydia L., Karen N., Robert S., Marie S., Denis S., Christopher S., Linda S., Arlene T., Gerald T.,

Special greetings to those who turn 90-something: Marian J., Einar J., Erling R.,

Our youngest members: Liam B., Amelia H., Leo H., Deliah M., Abigail M., Goldie M., Emma O., Grace Anne W.

Our most senior member for January is Marian J.



BALLARD FOOD BANK

Tusen takk to our members, the lodge, and Leikarringen for their donations of \$411 to the Ballard Food Bank. There also have been several pickups of food and other donations by the Ballard Food Bank. It is a difficult time for many people in our community which still is recovering from all the issues of COVID.

- Christine Anderson

LEL received a letter of gratitude from Claire Kuldenow, the Donor Relations Manager at the Ballard Food Bank. She thanks us on behalf of the Ballard Food Bank for our compassion and generosity. They are

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"ALT FOR NORGE" IS BACK! NOW CASTING FOR US CITIZENS WITH NORWEGIAN ANCESTRY FOR TV SHOW!

We are CASTING NATIONWIDE for SEASON 11 of ALT FOR NORGE – the Norwegian Reality TV show that takes Norwegian-Americans to Norway to compete in AMAZING ADVENTURES and the chance to meet their long lost relatives and win \$20,000! HOW TO APPLY:

You can EITHER submit an application and create your own video OR submit an application and attend an open call in Seattle or Chicago.

We will be having OPEN CALLS in CHICAGO, IL on Weds. 1/24 and BALLARD, WA on Sat. 1/27. If you want to sign up for the VIP list, email us at the address below with the subject line "VIP – (City)" and tell us your name, phone number and city you want to attend the open call in. Do not contact O'Connor Casting by phone. If you have any questions, please email: castingnorway@gmail.com

Hilsen fra Kaffestua!



JANUARY 2024 DATES

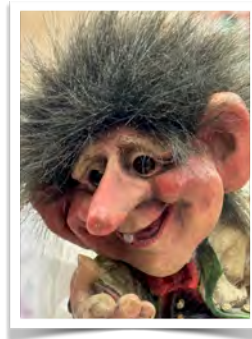
We will be open all Wednesdays and Fridays in January.

Our hours are 10am–2pm

We also will have first Saturday Kaffestua on January 6th.

More Volunteers are needed in Kaffestua. Please contact Laurie Lund –Gonzalez if you can help out.

Laurielg40@gmail.com



Godt Nytt År 2024 from Norway Park! It certainly was a festive season of Jul, starting off with the annual Julebord on the 2nd of December, Saturday on a cool crisp evening, however, a nicely koselig Berg Pavilion was being warmed by a toasty fire with logs. It was festively decorated as expected, the hungry guests were tempted by the aroma of the delicious julebord awaiting in queue.

Traditional Christmas in both English and Norwegian were played by Video Dj Andy, caroling around the Christmas tree took place after the meal. A long tradition of the Christmas story from the Bible, both Norwegian and English was impressively read by Kjirsten and Else Ludeman.

Berit Smith proudly launched a newer and efficient way of raffling off much sought after gifts. Santa – Julenissen arrived to the delight of children attending. Mange takk! to the many volunteers who make this wonderful community event happen every year, much inspirational memories.

NEW LERA GATE CARDS: NEW SYSTEM TO BE INSTALLED ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2024

The Board has been working on the upgrade to the gate security card system that had been approved at the Stockholders meeting. New gate cards are currently being distributed by Office Manager Berit Smith. Contact her during office hours on Wednesdays, 9am to 2pm.

You can get a new card issued by presenting the current card in person to the Office Manager at the Bekkestua Office. We will need the following information for each card that is to be exchanged.

- The Stockholder name/family that is responsible for the card.
- The lot of the Stockholder
- The old card presented for new card distribution. Or text a photo of the card to - Berit Smith at 360-820-2625 with the other information.
- The relationship to the Stockholder. (ie: Self, Wife, Husband, Son, Daughter, etc.)
- The license plate of the vehicle that the card will be most likely used with
- The Make and Model of the vehicle.
- Berit will issue new gate cards to the stockholder.

Please try to get your new gate cards from Berit by office hours on Wednesday, January 10, so that you will have gate access when the new system goes into effect on Tuesday, January 16, 2024

Thank you.

LERA Board

Ralph Sorensen #139

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LEL CALENDAR – JANUARY 2024 - FEBRUARY 2024

- January 3 – LEL Board Meeting (Zoom) 7:00pm
- January 6 – 1st Saturday Kaffestua, 10:00am–2:00pm
- January 9 – LERA (Norway Park) Board Meeting 7 PM –Bekkestua
- January 10 – LEL Membership meeting/Social 5:30pm; LEL Dinner, 6:00pm; Officer Installation 7:00pm; Business Meeting – 7:30pm
- January 13 – Second Saturday Events: Movie– 3:00pm; Happy Hour– 5–8pm
- January 13– Vikingen Deadline (for February)
- January 16 – Norna Ladies meeting, 11:30, Kaffestua January 17 – LEL Trivia, 7:00pm, via Zoom
- February 3 –Cross Country Ski Races @ Trollhaugen Lodge. From 9:00 a.m. on.
- February 10 - LERA Stockholders Meeting at Leif Erikson Lodge.

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, 11:15–12:00. 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) 215–8782.

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>

2024 DISTRICT 2 SKI EVENTS



Yes, 2024 in-person ski race at Trollhaugen Feb. 3rd. Registration 8:30-10. Race at 10:30

If you cannot make it to Trollhaugen on Feb 3rd, here is another way to participate! For the whole month of February, please record how many miles you cross country ski. This event is open to all ages and experience levels. Send your miles to District Two Sports Director: Laurie Berg. Be sure to include your full name, age, and the lodge that you are a member of.

The cut-off date for submitting miles is March 15th. Once all miles have been submitted, they will be tallied, and Laurie Berg will disperse participation awards. Results will be printed in the Dynamic 2.

Miles can be tracked for all skiing, not just miles done at Trollhaugen.

Email mile submissions to:
Laurieberg.lb@gmail.com

