



Upcoming Meetings

The May 19th meeting will be a Mai 17 celebration with hot dogs and ice cream and a parade, so bring your Norwegian flags to wave as we march around the church. Rolf Skorge will provide a short talk about Mai 17th.



May 20th is our Norsk Kulture Dag, which is described later in the newsletter.

May board meeting will be May 22nd at Kennewick First Lutheran, 7 PM. All members are welcome to attend. Deadline for submissions for the May newsletter is May 26th.

The June meeting will be June 16th. Details TBD, so watch for next month's newsletter. If you have ideas for the meeting and/or the program, please let us know.

Sol-Land has been receiving donations of cultural items from members. Once we have inventoried them, a summary list of donations will be provided. We thank those members who think of us when they have items they no longer need.

We need about 4 volunteers to help with the Kubb/Horseshoe tournament at the Steak Fry in July. It's a great excuse to enjoy a beautiful day (we hope) at D2's lovely ski lodge in the Cascades. Contact Nancy Holter (509-375-0919, sol.land.lodge@gmail.com) to volunteer.

Language Camps are back!!

2023 Registration for District 2 Youth Camps began Feb 14. The camps are:

- Camp Trollhaugen - (ages 13-15) Easton, WA June 25 - July 8, 2023
- Camp Nidaros – (ages 9-12) Gearhart, OR July 9 - 22, 2023
- Camp Normanna- (ages 9-12) Lake Riley, WA July 23 – August 5, 2023

Total all-inclusive tuition for each two-week camp is \$700. Registrations will be recorded in the order in which they are received. To attend camp, children must have a parent, grandparent or sponsor who is a Sons of Norway member in District 2.

There are two District-wide scholarships available to campers. The Draxten Memorial Fund awards funds to D2 campers who are also receiving funds from their local lodge. The amount varies from year to year, based on the total number of awards handed out. The Sofie/Olson Memorial Scholarship Fund supplies money to the children and grandchildren of district members to attend D2 youth camps. Please let a lodge officer know if you register a child for camp as in the past we have offered a small scholarship.

If you are interested in sending a child to camp, please contact Nancy Holter (509-375-0919, sol.land.lodge@gmail.com) for more information and application forms.

Sol-Land Lodge holds a monthly meeting on the third Friday of the month. We have a potluck dinner beginning at 6:30pm. Guests are not expected to bring food just to come and enjoy themselves! The cultural program begins about 7:30. We meet at Kennewick First Lutheran Church on the corner of HWY 395 and Yelm. We have a board meeting on the Monday after the regular membership meeting, beginning at 7:00pm, also at Kennewick First Lutheran. If you wish to come to a meeting, but do not have transportation, please contact us and we will arrange it for you. If you are interested in a membership, give one of us a call; we can tell you what we are all about and how to go about becoming a member. You can also visit our lodge website at www.sol-land.org.



Sol-Land Lodge 2023 Officers:

President	Greg Holter
Vice President	Laura Kostad
Secretary	Nancy Holter
Treasurer	Lucinda Twedt
Counselor	Virginia Fields
Social Director	Rennae Rosenberg
Cultural Director	Gretchen Makinson
Asst. Cultural	Ron Rolla/Joe Molvik
Sport Director	Lisa Bartholomew
Foundation Director	Nancy Holter
Publicity Director	Kristie Edwards
Editors	Sara Watson/ Nancy Holter
Musician	Linnea Hillesland
Librarians	Gretchen Makinson/Maureen Woodward
Marshall	Brad Horst
Assistant Marshall	Dave Payson
Greeter	Donna Smitt
Asst. Greeter	Ginger Fields
Sunshine Committee	Laurie Tyssen
Scholarship Chair	Dick Nordness
Tubfrim Chair	Laurie Tyssen

District 2 Zone 5 Meeting

The District 2 Zone 5 meeting was held here on Apr 29th. We had 26 attendees, with members from half of the lodges in the Zone. There were presentations from various District and International leaders and all attendees took part in an idea sharing session to compile a list of successful programs and fund raisers. Rennae provided a lovely lunch for everyone, thank you!!

District Two Golf Tournament

August 19, 2023; Leavenworth Golf Course, all ages are welcome. If you don't play golf, you can still attend the banquet to enjoy the company of other members.

DEADLINE TO REGISTER is August 1, 2023. No exceptions.

ADVANCE TICKETS

\$125 per player, including golf, cart, lunch and banquet.

\$30 per additional banquet plate for Guest.

CONTACT Laurie Berg:

Laurieberg.lb@gmail.com

District 2 Events

Steak Fry, Horseshoe and Kubb Tournament July 15, 2023.

Come and participate in the Family and group activities we are planning for the day. All activities will start at 10:00 AM. District 2 invites you to a Horseshoe and Kubb tournament Starting at 10 AM

Happy Hour (BYOB) 2:30pm

Dinner is 3:30pm

Tickets are \$30.00 Reservation deadline: 7 July 2023

For dinner reservations: **Contact Bill Hicks**
(425) 672-0194 or e-mail at:

Hicks1015@msn.com

For overnight reservation e-mail

Trollhau@outlook.com

Game on!

Yes, you read that right! Join us for a low stakes kubb and horseshoe tournament that will take place the morning of the Annual Trollhaugen Steak Fry.

Registration Starts at 9:30 AM

Tournament Starts at 10:00 AM

Donation of \$5 is requested for snacks.

If you have any questions about this event, please contact Laurie Berg:

laurieberg.lb@gmail.com

If you would like to stay for a night or the whole weekend, please contact the Trollhaugen Managers (509) 656-9997; Trollhau@outlook.com



Ron Rolla, Joe Molvik and Selma Brain celebrate Selma's second birthday. Ron and Joe were the oldest members at the meeting and Selma is our youngest.



Cultural News

norsk kulture dag will be held at Kennewick First Lutheran in the fellowship hall, on Saturday, May 20th from 10am to 2pm.

Members will be sharing these cultural skills:

- Figure Carving,
- Rosemaling,
- Knitting (needle and finger)
- Cooking (lefse baking).
- Literature,
- Music,
- Stamp Collecting,
- Language
- Genealogy



If you are interested in learning any of the skills, there will be sign-up sheets at every table so we can plan further activities.

You may bring your own lunch, Tables will be provided. Coffee will also be provided.

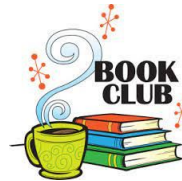
There will also be a 'museum' table where you may bring items of interest to share with each other. Please provide a written note that can be used to explain how it was used.

As part of an effort to re-energize inter-lodge cultural exchange within District 2, several members of Sol-Land Lodge recently visited Sonja Lodge in Eugene, OR, at their invitation, to provide presentations and workshops on several Norwegian cultural areas. Other similar cultural exchanges with other D2 lodges are expected in the near future. This kind of inter-lodge exchange is being encouraged within D2 and Zone 5 to help restore a healthy level of cultural activity opportunities within the District. Lodge members that would like to participate in similar inter-lodge activities are encouraged to volunteer for inclusion in a list being compiled by the D2 Board. To volunteer, please contact D2 Cultural Director Nancy Holter (509-375-0919, sol.land.lodge@gmail.com) or D2 VP Joanne Gray (360-259-0924, joanne@moholtusa.com).

Thinking Ahead

It may seem early, but it is time to start thinking about who will be officers for 2024. Except for our fantastic new Vice President, ALL of our officers have been in their positions for many years – far more than the normal 2 year stint. A healthy lodge needs to change up their officers regularly, both to bring in new ideas and to prevent officer burnout. If you want to know the duties of any position, please contact Nancy Holter (509-375-0919, sol.land.lodge@gmail.com).

2024 is also a convention year, and we will be electing delegates shortly after New Years. If you are interested in going to convention, now is a good time to check out what it entails. Also, if you have any desire to run for a District 2 office, you MUST be a delegate to run.



Nordic Book Club

Sons of Norway has a nation-wide Book Club that 'Zooms' the last Thursday of the month. To join the Sons of Norway Book Club, send an email with your name, lodge name and contact information (phone number and email address) to SonsofNorwayBookClub@gmail.com. The May selections are (**Main Read**) *Berlin Poplars* by Anne B. Ragde (author) and (**Mystery Read**) *Norwegian by Night* by Derek B. Miller. The June selections are (**Main Read**) *Cod: A Biography of the Fish that Changed the World* by Mark Kurlansky and (**Mystery Read**) *Red Bones* by Ann Cleves. For more info – contact Nancy Holter (509-375-0919, sol.land.lodge@gmail.com).

calendar

May 19 – 6:30pm - Monthly Gathering for Appreciation of Our Common Culture and Heritage - Syttende Mai Celebration!

May 20 – Norske Kulture Dag – 10am-2pm

May 22 – Board Meeting – 7pm

June 16 - Monthly Gathering for Appreciation of Our Common Culture and Heritage

July 15 – Trollhaugen Steak Fry, Horseshoe and Kubb Tournament

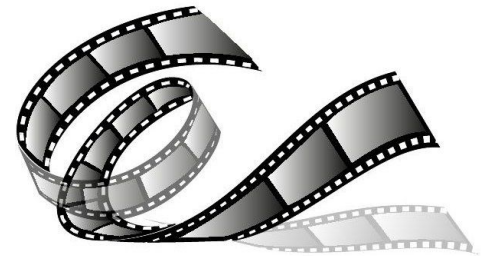
August 19 – District 2 Golf Tournament - Registration Deadline, August 1

There have been some questions about the availability of the movie we showed in April (“Where the Home Fires Died,” or “Der elden slokna”). We have the DVD in the lodge library for members to borrow, but as far as I know it is not available for sale any more. I did find an online source to stream it – in much better resolution than our digitized from a VHS tape version, but it has no subtitles. NRK TV has a number of similar videos, “Der elden slokna” is here: <https://tv.nrk.no/program/FMRD04000989> .

And if you’d like some history of how the movie came to be, there is an article about the man who sparked the interest in these dying farms here:

[https://www.idunn.no/doi/full/10.](https://www.idunn.no/doi/full/10.18261/heimen.59.1.3)

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Laura Kostad and her mother Jill decorate the kransekake they made for Selma's birthday.

Trollhaugen Board member Bill Hicks is searching for the cultural and sports pins he has earned.



Laura and Selma admire Selma's birthday kransekake.



District 2 board members met in Bothell on April 22.

Rennae Rosenberg provided split pea soup and Salmon corn chowder for the noon meal.



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