



Lutefisk baking Nov 14<sup>th</sup>  
9AM to noon  
Kenn. 1<sup>st</sup> Lutheran Church



# The Desert Viking

Nov 2007

## General Information about the Lodge

Sol Land Lodge holds a monthly meeting on the third Friday of the month. We have a potluck beginning at 6:30 PM. Guests are NOT expected to bring food, just to come and enjoy themselves. The general meeting or cultural activity begins about 7:30. We meet at the Kennewick First Lutheran, on 395 and Yelm. We have a **monthly board meeting** on the first Monday of the month at 7 PM also at First Lutheran. The current president is Jim Lande (582-0168), the secretary is Audrey Blegen (783-3387). They can supply you with names and phone numbers for other officers if you need them. If you wish to come to a meeting, but do not have transportation, give us a call and we can arrange it for you. If you are interested in 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 check out our lodge website at [www.Sol-Land.org](http://www.Sol-Land.org).

## Thanksgiving and Christmas meetings

The Nov. meeting will be Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30. Potluck at 6:30. Meeting will be held at the Lutheran Church. **We will be having election of officers that night.** Erik Neilsen will be providing a turkey for the potluck, so please bring complimentary dishes.

For Christmas, we try to create a typical Scandinavian Christmas dinner. The Dec. meeting will be on the 21<sup>st</sup>. Please bring what you feel needs to be a part of this dinner. The lodge will be providing meatballs and gravy. If you need recipes, or equipment or ideas, please call Ginger Fields (734-7876), Jacquie Sleeth (586-0097) or Nancy Holter (375-0919).

We are hoping that Santa or one of St. Nick's helpers will be in attendance. If you are bringing children to the party, please bring a wrapped gift with the child's FULL NAME on the tag. In lieu of an adult gift exchange this year, please bring a gift for a middle-school through teen age child. Wrap the gift, and on it put a removable tag that indicates what is in the gift, an approximate age range and if it is gender specific, boy or girl. These will be delivered by Jim Lande to a local charity that provides for older children. For the tree, please bring mittens, scarves and hats for the needy.

## Nordic Fest Roundup

The tickets were won by Gayle Staley. Congratulations! The event was a success by many standards; Jim Schlosser will probably have an over view at the next meeting. The lodge officers wish to thank everyone who participated. We can't put this on without everyone of you, whether you baked, ran a booth, sold raffle tickets, or simply came to enjoy our Fest. We got quite a nice review in the *Norwegian American Weekly*. I have included it as a separate item in this newsletter.

## Language Classes

The new season of language classes has begun. Please call Jim Schlosser for more information. The lodge is subsidizing the fee for lodge members this year, so it remains the same \$10/week, payable by the month.

## Trollhaugen Items

Donna Gllberry and Joe Molvik are looking to see if there is interest in a bunad/woodcarving weekend, in the spring. The bunad class will be for any type of bunad, or blouse that Donna has patterns for, but space is limited to a total of about 9 people. Joe said he needs at least 5 carvers to put on a class. The cost has not been finalized, it depends on how the food will be organized. Please call Donna (509-452-9790, [donnamg.wa@netzero.net](mailto:donnamg.wa@netzero.net) ) for the bunads, and Joe (582-5820) for woodcarving.

The dates for the spring retreat are April 18-20. Cost is \$95 if registered early, \$110 otherwise. Many people signed up during the last retreat, so space is limited. Please call Ginger Fields (734-7876), Nancy Holter (375-0919), or Doreen Parker (360-538-0572) for more info or for applications. Sol-Land lodge does provide some partial scholarships to this event. Call Ginger or Nancy for more information.

### Foundation grant

Our lodge was awarded a \$500 grant for cultural purposes. We have Cliff Blegen to thank for his part in securing this. Cliff has also provided information on the grants and scholarships awarded by the Sons of Norway Foundation in 2007. Cindy Olson, Sons of Norway Foundation Director as provided a summary of awards for 2007:

2007 has seen another successful scholarship and grant season for the Sons of Norway Foundation, with \$109,553 being awarded.

The following award amounts were made by the Foundation for 2007:

### 2007 Sons of Norway Foundation Scholarship and Grant figures

#### Scholarships:

Myrtle Beinhauer	2 @ \$3,000 each	\$ 6,000
Astrid Cates	6 @ \$1,000 each	6,000
Nancy Lorraine Jensen Memorial	6	36,550
Oslo International Summer School	1	1,500
Carl M Saltveit	1 @ \$2,800	2,800
King Olav V Norwegian-American Nor 2	@ \$1,500	3,000
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	2 @ \$1,250	6,500
Tronvold Folk High School	3 @ \$2,000	6,000
Draxten allocations to Districts 1-6		10,768
<b>Total for 2007</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>\$79,118</b>

#### Grants:

General Heritage & Culture	18	\$ 9,400
Helping Hands to Children	26	10,210
Local Lodge Partnership	27	10,825
<b>Total for 2007</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>\$30,435</b>

2007 Grants and Scholarships combined **\$109,553**

## Elections

The slate of officers for next year is:

President	D.J. Watson
V. President	Greg Holter
Secretary	unfilled as yet
Treasurer	Jim Schlosser
Membership Secretary	Vernie Tiwater
Social Director	Sara Watson
Cultural Director	Jim Lande
Counselor	Nancy Holter
Editor	Nancy Holter
Foundation Director	Cliff Blegen
Publicity Director	unfilled as yet
Youth Director	unfilled as yet
Sports/ Rec Director	Ken Leaf
Music Director	JoAnne Bjerke
Librarian	unfilled as yet
Calling Committee	Laurie Tyssen
Historian	unfilled as yet

Elections will be held at the November meeting.

## Request for Recipes

DJ Watson has requested heritage recipes for the web site. He particularly wants those that have a story associated with them. You can see examples on the lodge's website at <http://www.sol-land.org/culture/recipes.htm>

## Community and Fraternal Activities Tracking Process

In theory, we have been collecting charitable hours throughout the year. Knowing that this may be prone to error, here is the annual request for you to get your hours figured up BEFORE the January meeting. The secretary will have to submit the yearly Lodge of the Year form early in the year and s/he needs everyone's hours to show the District what a great lodge we really are. Don't forget

attending meetings counts, as does peeling potatoes for the lutefisk diner, baking for bake sales. This year, with Nordic Fest, we should have hundreds of hours to dazzle the District with.

## Bunad Patterns for lending

Ginger Fields has some generic bunad patterns for men, women and boys. She will bring them to the Christmas meeting for people to view, and will be letting people borrow them if they wish.

## Gift memberships make a lasting impression.

Are you looking for a special gift for Christmas or some other occasion? Consider giving the gift of heritage, culture and tradition by giving a gift membership. There's no better way to help a loved one reconnect with their heritage and introduce them to Sons of Norway than by giving them a gift membership.

Gift memberships can be purchased by credit card over the phone by calling (800) 945-8851, or by visiting Sons of Norway on the web at [www.sonsofnorway.com](http://www.sonsofnorway.com). Within two weeks, the new member will receive a personalized "Gift Membership" certificate and their new membership card.

This holiday season, give your loved ones a gift that lasts all year long; give a Sons of Norway membership.

## Directory update

There will be an update issued for the lodge directory in January. If there is an error in your listing, please contact Nancy Holter (375-0919, [sol.land.lodge@gmail.com](mailto:sol.land.lodge@gmail.com)) with the correction or addition. If you have an e-mail address and are not receiving this electronically, please forward that information, also. We have many new members this year, so the update is an important one.



**From the *Norwegian American Weekly*, September 28, 2007**

**Opinion: Norwegian Celebration  
Why they deserve your time and support!**

America's largest Scandinavian Festival, Hostfest, is coming up October 10- 13, for its 30th straight year. It started as a very small get together back in the 70's and has grown so much that the organizers expect 55,000 people to attend the event in Minot, North Dakota. One of the main reasons this event is attracting such a huge audience is the entertainment. Star Norwegian entertainer, Sissel, has sold out two concerts with over 10,000 people in attendance. Then there is Ann Margaret, Tony Orlando, Charlie Pride, Bill Cosby and the list goes on and on. The attendees also get to experience fantastic Scandinavian food, crafts, exhibits, demonstrations and purchase a whole range of items such as quilts, wood crafts, artwork and much more.

Hostfest is an American Institution now - with guaranteed growth (thanks to the hard working staff) for years and years to come. However, there are many, many Scandinavian Festivals, Nordic Festivals and Heritage Festivals all over this country that deserve your support. These are the places to connect - not only to your past, but your present and your future. Over the weekend of September 22nd and 23rd, I had the pleasure of attending the Nordic Fest in the Tri-Cities of Richland , Pasco and Kennewick , Washington. The hundreds and hundreds of people that I met were fantastic - in fact, I think I have friends for life from that event. The dances that were danced, the music that was performed, the arts and crafts and gifts that were available were of the highest quality. And, one of the busiest exhibits at the Nordic Fest was the Genealogy Exhibit - where festival attendees spent an average of 20 minutes going through their family history and roots. It was fascinating to watch as people discovered where they came from in Norway !

The Nordic Fest has been in existence since 1999 - and it has grown each year. However, it could grow more - we just have to support these types of festivals and celebrations so that they continue to be a vibrant and healthy part of our heritage AND our future. That was what was so exciting about the Nordic Fest - it wasn't all about folks over 50 years old. Many, many families attended with small children - some dressed in Holiday costumes - doing dances, eating the ethnic food and learning more about their families. It was heartwarming to see.

I encourage you and your family to check out our Events Calendar in each issue of the Norwegian American Weekly for upcoming celebrations and festivals in your area. Save the date on your calendar and get ready for a great experience. You might be surprised by the fun you're bound to have and the friendships that could stem from just one afternoon.

Even the Lutefisk Lunch at the Nordic Festival was memorable. One of the best meals I've ever had. (and, I haven't tasted Lutefisk in over 50 years!)

Jake Moe  
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