

# The Desert Viking

Feb 2008

## Hosting duties for Feb and March

Margaret and Ken Leaf are the hosting chairmen for the Feb. meeting, which is Feb 21. Jim and Joann Lande are the chairmen for March. **The March meeting is Mar. 14.** Please note the change in date for **March only**.

## Scandinavian Concert

As part of their world music series, the Mid-Columbia Symphony will present "Cool Blue: Music of Scandanavia", March 15, 2008 at 8 pm at the [Three Rivers Convention Center](#) in Kennewick. Edward Dixon leads the symphony though pieces including Sibelius' Symphony number 2 and Grieg's Holberg Suite. Tickets are \$30 (\$28 for seniors - 62+) for Gold seating and \$18 (all ages) for silver seating. Call the symphony office at (509) 943-6602 or visit <http://www.midcolumbiasymphony.org/tickets.htm>. Attending this concert and writing a review fulfills the optional requirement for part 1 of the Norwegian Music Cultural Skills pin--This will be discussed at the February meeting.

## Youth Group to start

Carrie Hallquist and Kip Campbell will be holding children's meetings during the regular meeting beginning (I think) in March. They will be focusing primarily on children 10 and under, as that seems to be the age of children we have. They will have activities, singing, stories, etc. Don't forget that junior membership is free until the age of 16, so get your kids (and grandkids) signed up.

## Election of Convention Delegates and Volunteer Hours Reports, Tubfrim challenge

These items will be addressed at the February meeting.

## Norwegian exchange students looking for homes:

Mari and Christian are Norwegian exchange students looking for host families to stay with during the 2008-2009 high school year. Hosting one of these young people will provide a great opportunity for a Sons of Norway member to learn more about Norway and to share our culture with the young students.

Mari is a sixteen-year-old young woman who lives with her parents in Stord, Norway. It has been Mari's dream to attend an American high school and experience American culture living with a host family.

Christian is a sixteen-year-old young man who lives with his parents in Tonsberg, Norway. Christian hopes to learn all he can about American culture and to become more independent during his American high school experience.

Mari and Christian will arrive in August for the 2008-2009 school year and need to have host families identified in the next two or three weeks. Any Sons of Norway member interested in hosting Mari or Christian should contact Shirley Mellick at 627-3825 for more information.

## Get your reservation in early !!

Bunad & Wood Carving Workshop  
April 4-6, 2008  
Space is limited  
contact Donna Gilbery @ 509-452-9790  
[donnamg.wa@netzero.net](mailto:donnamg.wa@netzero.net)

Spring Adult Heritage Retreat  
May 2-4, 2008  
Fall Adult Heritage Retreat  
Sept. 19-21, 2008  
Contact Doreen Parker @ 360-538-0572 or Chris Hicks @  
425-672-0194  
[hicks1015@msn.com](mailto:hicks1015@msn.com)

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 these events.

**Collecting used stamps for TUBFRIM**

Our lodge has set a goal of 1/2 lb of stamps collected each month through July. To encourage you, we are providing you with a short synopsis of what TUBFRIM is.

TUBFRIM is a humanitarian organization owned by the Norwegian Health Service. Used postage stamps are collected, packaged and resold to wholesalers and philatelists world wide. The profits earned from these activities are used to provide care and aid to handicapped children in Norway.

When TUBFRIM was founded in 1928, the objective was to help finance research on tuberculosis and to aid children afflicted by the disease. As this particular disease has almost been eradicated, the objective has been modified. Today TUBFRIM funds provide financial aid for the Society for Health and Development of Retarded Children and Youth.

Never throw away canceled stamps. Just cut or tear the stamps off the envelope, leaving a slight margin (approx. 1/2 inch) to keep the perforation intact. TUBFRIM is also happy to receive stamp collections, old envelopes, covers and postcards. If postcards or envelopes are more than 40 or 50 years old, please do not cut off the stamp, but send the whole envelope/postcard.

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