

Sol-Land Lodge #2-086

40th Anniversary 1968-2008



SONS OF
NORWAY

Kennewick, WA

November 2010

The Desert Viking

November Meeting

When: Friday, November 19th, 6:00pm

Where: First Lutheran Church

From Hallgrimskirkja to Verdens Ende

In 2009, Greg and Nancy Holter returned to Norway to complete their visits to places of their ancestral origins, with a stopover in Iceland on the way over. Places visited in Norway included Modum in Buskerud, Lærdal on the Sognefjord, Skien on the Norwegian Riviera, Tønsberg on the Oslofjord, Nes in Akershus, and Brandval-Gure in Hedmark. Highlights include visits to the Cobalt mines, the longest road tunnel in the world, and Viking mounds.

December Meeting

Our Christmas Julebord will take place on December 17th. Lutefisk and pork loin will be served, along with our members' Scandinavian inspired menu.

For our enjoyment there will be a Santa Lucia procession performed by the Barnekor singers, a dramatic reading of

"The Troll's Christmas" written by Jan Brett and, caroling 'round the juletre with accordion accompaniment by our very own Joe Ann Bjerke.



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 6:00 PM. Guests are NOT expected to bring food, just to come and enjoy themselves. The general meeting or cultural activity begins about 7:00. We meet at the Kennewick First Lutheran, on 395 and Yelm. We have a **monthly board meeting** on the first Wednesday of the month at 7 PM also at First Lutheran. The current president is Karen Aanes (438-6810). She 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.





The Desert Viking

President	Karen Aanes	438-6810
Vice President/Membership	Ben Borgen	783-9723
Secretary	Lisa Molvik	
Treasurer	Cliff Blegen	783-3387
Social Director	Carrie Hallquist	628-9669
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Counselor	D.J. Watson	628-3391
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Foundation Director	Cliff Blegen	783-3387
Publicity Director	Audrey Blegen	783-3387
Youth Director	Carrie Hallquist	628-9669
Sports/ Rec Director	D.J. Watson	628-3391
Music Director	JoAnne Bjerke	396-2341
Librarian	Carolyn Watson	735-7201
Calling Committee	Doris Olson, Laurie Tyssen, Adah Knapstead	547-8675, 545-9086, 586-6960
Greeter	Edith Winkler	736-9551
Scholarship	Max Kreiter	627-6556



In Memoriam

Bjorn Hilmar Fristad

3/23/36-10/15/2010

Bjorn was born in Sauda, Norway, to Oscar and Kristine Fristad.

Bjorn and Betty Lou Fristad were married on July 20, 1956, in Castle Rock, Washington. In 1973, they moved to the Tri-Cities area.

Bjorn was preceded by his wife Betty Lou, daughter Cindy and son Lonnie. He is survived by his son Johnny Fristad, daughter Kristina Fristad Martin and sister Gail H. Johnson.

Bjorn was a 26-year member of Sol-Land Lodge.

Our heartfelt condolences to Bjorn's family.

Upcoming Lutfisk Dinners

Spokane's dinner is Nov 14. For more information you can get in touch with Richard Tufteland (rwt417@yahoo.com).

Moses Lake will be holding their dinner on Dec 4. (pmunson@ifiber.tv).

Yakima Lodge has a new date: Saturday, December 11, 2010. The place is Holy Family Church, 5315 Tieton Drive in Yakima. Time: 5-7 pm. (Helga Staffan, 509-457-8405).

It's always more fun to go with someone. If anyone is interested in going, Nancy Holter is planning to go to many of them. You can call her (948-2684) or e-mail her @ sol.land.lodge@yahoo.com.

Dale LeVerne Tollefson

2/3/26-11/1/10

Born on a farm in Buffalo County, Wisconsin, on February 3, 1926, Dale was the oldest of 10 children.

Dale is survived by his children, Karen (Larry) Dodson, Katheryn (Rick) Eby, and Russell Tollefson; his grandchildren, Kevin (Heather) Dodson, Gretchen (Jake) Henke, Paul (Marquel) Dodson, Brooke Tollefson (Sam Walbuck), and Eric Tollefson; his nine greatgrandchildren; three sisters and four brothers, and many, many other nieces and nephews all over the country. He is welcomed in Heaven by his beloved wife Dolores and we are certain they are dancing to a polka smiling down on all of us!

Dale was a charter member of Sol-Land Lodge.

Our condolences to Dale's family. He will be sorely missed.





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WANTED: A Few Willing & Able Scandinavians!

The Nominations Committee is actively seeking to recruit members to fill open positions on our Sol-Land Lodge Board beginning in 2011. Board positions are 1-year terms commencing at our January meeting each year. Board meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at 7PM in the Fireside Room at First Lutheran. Nominations will remain open until elections at the meeting on the 19th.

Three of the open positions will be Treasurer, Publicity Director & Youth Director. Current office holders are rotating off the Board. Each of our members who currently hold the positions of Treasurer: Cliff Blegen, Publicity Director: Audrey Blegen, and Youth Director: Carrie Hallquist are willing to guide and mentor another member willing and able to be nominated to these positions.

In the Treasurer position, we are seeking a member with a background or familiarity in bookkeeping or accounting and the computer software program QuickBooks. The goal is to have our Lodge finances, banking, tracking, budgeting and reports accomplished using the QuickBooks program. Cliff Blegen is willing to help a new Treasurer in this transfer process by explaining and detailing our current bookkeeping and accounting practices to you.

In the Publicity Director position, we are seeking someone who is ENTHUSIASTIC about being a member of our Sol-Land Lodge in particular and Sons of Norway in general. You should be able to communicate positively and effectively with various local media: print, radio, TV and internet about our Lodge and its programs. Computer skills are very helpful in this position. Audrey Blegen is happy to help someone willing to take on this position by introducing you to the PR contacts and routines that she has developed over the last several years. She will also share her knowledge of getting photos sent via email and working with our local printer. There is a wealth of information in our PR files about past Lodge activities and how we have advertised them, all of which Audrey is willing to share and discuss with you.

In the Youth Director position, we are seeking a member who enjoys working with children and young adults. You should be able to plan and execute programming for our lodge youth. The goal is to have a youth cultural program available to our young members at our regular monthly meetings. Carrie Hallquist is looking forward to working with someone as Co-Youth Director. Carrie has a wealth of resources (she is also a girl scout leader) available to you and is happy to share in the fun of passing on our Scandinavian heritage to our younger members.

Please give your thoughtful consideration to this appeal by your Nominating Committee. We know that there are members capable and willing to serve in a more active way in the Lodge. Please call Nancy Carrs Roach, Cultural Director & representative of the 2011 Nominating Committee, if you have any questions or need clarification about the open Board positions. My phone is 509-547-2331.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Cliff, Audrey and Carrie for their service to the Lodge as Board members. They want to have their transitions off the Board be a smooth and positive process for their replacements. Please keep in mind that the Lodge is at optimum health when we have willing members to share in the fun & responsibilities!





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Norske bokklubben Update

On October 27, we met at Nancy Carrs Roach's house and discussed *Doctor Proctor's Fart Powder* by Jo Nesbo. This was really an enjoyable book, especially if you are familiar with Jo Nesbo's regular genre, his gritty detective mysteries. Mr. Nesbo deftly weaves a fun story that kids of all ages will find straight forward and funny with a few absurd plot twists. After all, what kid doesn't think that farting is absurd and funny? This is the first in a series planned by Mr. Nesbo, with the second book due out in January 2011.

Our next meeting is scheduled on December 8. It will be a combination November/December meeting. Our chosen book is *I Curse the River of Time* by Per Petterson. Last year we read *Out Stealing Horses* by this author and *I Curse the River of Time* is his latest publication. A poignant story about a middle-life turning point for protagonist, Arvid Jansen, who follows his mother to Denmark to try to reclaim the track of his life and connect with his dying mother.

We will meet at Sara Watson's house, 4195 Norris St., Richland, 628-3391 and I hope you can join us for discussion and refreshments!

Volunteer Hour Reporting

To make life easier for everyone (especially the secretary), it would be nice if you could report your hours and activities to her during the year, at least monthly. All it would require is an e-mail (annalisasophia@hotmail.com) or phone call (582-5820) telling her:

- The activity (e.g.: Nordic Fest committee meeting)
- The # of hours you put in on it (e.g.: 2 1/4)
- The time you spent traveling to and from it (e.g.: 30 minutes)

If you could PLEASE bring her up to date on your activities so far this year, that would be great, and then keep her up to date for the rest of the year. We give all this information to the main office every year and it is important in determining Lodge of the Year awards. If you're still not sure what to report, give Lisa a call and she can ask you the proper questions. Nancy Holter and Karen Aanes will also be available at our meeting to help you. We know that there are a lot of people putting in a lot of work each month, so please help us get recognized for it!



Is anyone interested in having an Apple Cup party this year?
The Apple Cup will be played on December 4th in Pullman. If you and your family are interested, please contact Nancy Holter at 375-0919.





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NORDIC fest 2010

I'd like to thank everyone in the lodge that helped us put together another successful Nordic Fest! In general, we had slightly fewer attendees than in 2007, but that didn't seem to hurt the bottom line compared to previous Nordic Fests.

I also received a lot of positive feedback from the vendors, who go to quite a few festivals and shows. The vendors had a successful weekend, many doing better than they thought they would. Additionally, many vendors commented on how impressed they were with the quality of our festival and all said they want to be a part of the next one. Considering these folks have a lot to compare our Nordic Fest to, I think that's high praise!

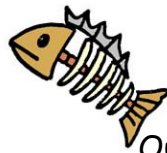
I would like to recognize all the people in our lodge that worked so hard to make this one of the premier cultural events in the Tri-Cities, but there isn't enough room in this newsletter. I'll just say I'm amazed at the hard work that all of our lodge members put in, especially some of our new members who really stepped up and filled in positions that we desperately needed.

So, thanks to everyone who worked the event, spread the word, provided displays and exhibits, or just came out to support the cause.

-D.J. Watson, Nordic Fest Chairman

(We will have a slide show of Nordic Fest photos at our November meeting. Thank you to Leona Germain for the photos.)

Lefse and Lutefisk anyone?



Speaking of Lutefisk...

If you are interested in purchasing lutefisk or lefse for the holidays, we do have some available in our freezer. Please contact Cliff Blegen at 783-3387.

Our Lodge Lutefisk dinner is set for Saturday, February 5, 2011. Lefse and cookie baking days will be set in January, so please watch for the dates in upcoming newsletters!



Two Norwegian hunters from Minnesota got a pilot to fly them to Canada to hunt moose. They bagged six. As they started loading the plane for the return trip, the pilot said the plane could take only four moose. The two lads objected strongly, "Last year we shot six and the pilot let us put them all on board and he had the same plane as yours." Reluctantly, the pilot gave in and all six were loaded. However, even on full power, the little plane couldn't handle the load and went down a few moments after takeoff. Climbing out of the wreck one Norski asked the other, "Any idea where we are?" "Yaaah, I tink we's pretty close to where we crashed last year."



Upcoming Calendar of Events:

November 19: *General Heritage Meeting*, 6:00pm, Kennewick First Lutheran Church, HWY 395 and Yelm, Kennewick. Greg and Nancy Holter will talk about their trip to Norway, with photos and stories about regions, including Buskerud, Sognefjord, Oslofjord, Akershus, and Hedmark. Also visits to the cobalt mines, the longest tunnel in the world and Viking burial mounds!

December 1: *Board meeting*, 7:00pm, Kennewick First Lutheran Church

December 8: *Norske bokklubben* reading club. 7:00pm, Sara Watson's house, 4195 Norris St., Richland, 628-3391. *I Curse the River of Time* by Per Pettersen.

December 17: *General Heritage Meeting*, 6:00pm, Kennewick First Lutheran Church, HWY 395 and Yelm, Kennewick. Christmas Julebord, dancing, singing and Christmas stories.

Come to Social Hour with us! Please come and visit with your lodge brothers and sisters beginning at 5:30pm. We'd love to see you there!

October Hosts: Audrey and Cliff Blegen, **November Host:** Ginger Fields,

December Host: Karen Aanes

Special thank you to Leona Germain, Barbara Rockne, and Erik Neilsen for the photos! If you do not receive the e-mail version of the newsletter, we will be showing more photos from Nordic Fest at the November meeting.



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District 2 Board Members



Top Row (left to right): Nancy Holter- Zone 5 Director, Roberta Morrow-Cultural/Foundation Director, Sally Dwyer, Zone 6 Director, Marvin Nelson-Zone 3 Director, Ron Rolla- Social/Publicity Director, Seth Tufteland- Youth Director, Julie Swenson-Zone 4 Director, Elaine Grasdock-Zone 2 Director, Karin Custance-Zone 1 Director, Chris Hicks-Sports Director

Bottom Row (left to right): Regina Agerter-Treasurer, Mark Agerter-Vice President, Waldo Bueing-President, Chris Brevick-Counselor, Martha Andrew-Secretary

The Zone 5 lodges and their regular meeting nights are:

- Epledalen, 2-96 Wenatchee 1st Thurs, 7:00 PM
- Tordenskjold, 2-5 Spokane 1st Thurs, 7:00PM
- Columbia Basin, 2-80 Moses Lake 1st Mon, 6:30 PM
- Sol-Land, 2-86 Kennewick 3rd Fri, 6:30 PM
- Odin, 2-41 Yakima 1st Thurs, alt 6:30 and 7:00 PM
- Blå Fjell, 2-163 WallaWalla 1st Thur, 6:00 PM
- Harald Haarfager, 2-11 Coeur d'Alene 1st & 3rd Fri, 7:00 PM
- Elvedalen, 2-129, Lewiston 3rd Sat, 1:00 PM
- Grondal, 2-122 Boise 2nd Thur, 6:00 PM
- Magic Valley Viking, 2-160 Twin Falls 3rd Mon, 7:00 PM

Nancy Holter



Nancy Carrs Roach and Linnea Hillesland



Karen Dodson and Bert Redwing



Beth Anne France's Language
Camp booth



The International Folk Dancers



Karen Aanes and



Joe Molvik and D.J. Watson



Lisa Molvik and Bert Redwing

Audrey Blegen and Nancy Carrs Roach



Ben Borgen and Rusty Tiwater



Joanne Bjerke and family



D.J. Watson and Torvald Sorensen



Look at the crowd! We were filled to the gills the first day!



Doris Olsen, Jacquie Sleeth and Deborah Holter work the bake sale booth.



Regional insurance agent Scott Schiermeister.



Our raffle was very popular and successful!



D.J. Watson and District 2 President Waldo Bueing.



The Fjord Horses were very popular!



Some guests were obviously stunned by the fantastic displays!



Flying the flags with pride!



The International Folk Dancers of Richland with our very own Adah Knapstad and Gretchen Makison.