



SONS OF
NORWAY

The Desert Viking

August 2018

Sol-Land Lodge

Kennewick, WA

Meetings

The August meeting is our annual Family Game night and Ice Cream Social. Please turn out for this evening so we can have lots of games going. It really is a case of “the more the merrier”. We will not be having a full meal, so we will gather about 7 PM on Aug 17th . Feel free to bring a dessert (or other “game food”) if you wish. We will be presenting the lodge scholarship that night, too.

In September we will be presenting a video about the building of the Hjemkomst Viking Ship. <https://www.hcscconline.org/the-hjemkomst.html> . Some of our members have been to Moorehead, MN and seen the ship and the Hopperstad Stave Church replica. The meeting will be Sept. 21 and we will have a pot luck meal.

In October the nominating committee will present the slate of officers for 2019 and the November meeting will include election of officers as well as a Memorial service remembering those we have lost in the last few years.

One Day Field Trip To the Nordic Museum

Would you like to view the new Nordic Museum that just opened in Seattle in May? We are planning a one day trip on Sat., Sept. 29th. to visit the museum. “The Nordic Museum is the largest museum in the United States to honor the legacy of the immigrants from the five Nordic countries: Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden.” (<https://nordicmuseum.org/>) We will ride a chartered bus from the First Lutheran Church in Kennewick to the museum in Ballard. We will leave Kennewick at 6 AM. After eating lunch and viewing the exhibits we will return to Kennewick around 8 p.m. Cost of the trip is \$25 for Sons of Norway members and \$30 for non-members. Seats are limited, so please contact Gretchen Makinson by phone at 943-1264 or by email at glmakinson@aol.com if you would like to go.

Taste of Scandinavia

Taste of Scandinavia will be held on October 27th this year. The committee consists of Ginger Fields, Rennae Rosenberg, and Nancy Holter. This is an “all hands on deck” event, so please contact a committee member to volunteer your help. We have all types of positions available.

Ginger will be holding lefse baking at the church on Tuesdays, starting Sept 25th. We need plenty of lefse for the bake sale and the café, so please help if you can – no experience is needed, just a willing attitude. We will be requesting lots of help with baking for the bake sale – those Norwegian goodies are always a big draw, so we need lots of cardamom bread, rosettes, sandbakkels, and all those other Norwegian ‘cookies’ we enjoy. If you need recipes or equipment, please contact the committee so we can provide help.

If you have an idea for a demonstration, a display, or someone you think we should encourage to be a part of our day, please let the committee know. Ginger: 509-734-7876, gngbrd44@hotmail.com, Rennae: 509-539-8948, imrennae@yahoo.com, Nancy: 509-375-0919, sol.land.lodge@gmail.com.

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 last Monday of the month, 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.



Officers for 2018

President	Greg Holter
Vice President	Darlene Roberson
Secretary	Nancy Holter
Treasurer	Lucinda Twedt
Counselor	Virginia Fields
Social Director	Rennea Rosenburg
Cultural Director	Gretchen Makinson
Sports Director	Sam Solem
Foundation Director	Nancy Holter
Publicity Director	Kristie Edwards
Editors	Sara Watson, Nancy Holter
Marshal	Brad Horst
Assistant Marshal	Dave Payson
Greeter	Donna Smitt
Assistant Greeter	Cinnamon Solem
Scholarship Chair	Dick Nordness
Musician	Linnea Hillesland
Sunshine Comm.	Darlene Roberson
Tubfrim Chair	Audrey Blegen
Librarians	Rennae Rosenberg Debbie Stavanger

Activities

The lodge continues to collect stamps for Tubfrim. Bring your stamps to a lodge meeting or contact our Tubfrim chairman, Audrey Blegen ((509) 783-3387) to get them to her. For every pound of stamps we send in, the lodge gets an entry in a drawing for a trip to Norway.

Bake sales will be returning after Labor Day. Hopefully the cooler weather will be returning by then so you can bake cookies and bars to provide. This is the main fund raising for our scholarship fund, so please help as you can. Ginger also needs volunteers to spend 2 hours or so helping her man the bake sales. Contact Ginger Fields (509-734-7876, gngbrd44@hotmail.com).

If you wish to help us provide quilts to Lutheran social Services for local foster kids, please contact Barbra Rockne ((509) 627-1967) or Nancy Holter (509-375-0919, sol.land.lodge@gmail.com).

Sons of Norway Foundation

Established in 1966, the Foundation's focus and offerings have grown to include several categories of scholarships and four categories of grants. The Foundation's awarded \$1,375,000 in scholarships, \$390,000 in grants and more than \$500,000 in humanitarian aid in the following areas:

Creating opportunities for higher education as a means for success.

Showcasing our unique Norwegian heritage to wider audiences.

Exploring cross-cultural exchanges.

Providing humanitarian support to Sons of Norway members who are victims of natural disasters.

It is the last area that we are focusing on right now. With the wild fires all over the Western US and Canada, the Foundation will be sending checks for \$1000 to any Sons member negatively affected by natural disasters. Consequently, the Foundation's coffers will need to be replenished. Please consider donating, either by helping stuff the piggy at a meeting or by going online to <https://www.sofn.com/foundation/donate/>.

In addition to the humanitarian handouts, this year more than \$18,000 was awarded to 33 Sons of Norway lodges for projects or programs in three categories:

- Lodge Culture and Heritage Grants, awarded to Sons of Norway lodges for projects to promote and preserve Norwegian culture and heritage.
- Helping Hands to Children Grants, awarded to help establish education and mentoring programs for children.
- Lodge Vitality Grants, new for 2018, which supplement a lodge's operating budget when needed funds are not available from other sources.

If you have an idea for something we might request funds for, please let the Foundation Director know. Nancy Holter (509-375-0919, sol.land.lodge@gmail.com)



The **Norwegian American** has a monthly feature to share with kids and grandkids. It is called Barneblad. You can see all of the articles from this page: <https://www.norwegianamerican.com/tag/barneblad/> . The most recent one is “Norsk geografi in a nutshell”. As you might guess, it is all about Norwegian geography. After reading it, you should be able to answer these true or false questions:

TRUE OR FALSE?

1. Norway is twice as big as California.
2. Most Norwegians live in Northern Norway.
3. Trondheim was once the home of the Norwegian kings.
4. Bergen is the oil capital of Norway.
5. The Sámi people live north of the Arctic Circle.
6. Most immigrants live in Stavanger, where jobs are plentiful.
7. Kristiansand is famous for the Nidaros Cathedral.
8. The royal family has its main residence at Jotunheimen.
9. Oslo is the capital of Norway.
10. Lillehammer became famous for the 1994 Summer Olympics.

To read it or to check your answers, you can go to <https://www.norwegianamerican.com/features/norsk-geografi-in-a-nutshell/> .

Classes

The wire knitting class was a sell-out, and next one is over half spoken for. If you are interested in attending a class this fall, please contact Gretchen Makinson (943-1264, glmakinson@aol.com).

We are collecting names for a genealogy class this fall. If you have an interest in a Genealogy class, please contact Greg Holter (509-375-0919, gmlholter@gmail.com) to be put on a list.

If you are interested in a class for some other craft/skill please let the board know. After all, if we don't know what you want, we can't provide it.

Do you want to learn more about your heritage? Join us in the beautiful Cascade mountains at Trollhaugen Lodge for a weekend of “ALL THINGS NORWEGIAN”. You can dream that you ARE in Norway while you sample rosemaling, genealogy, hardanger and some “Ekte Norsk” (real Norwegian) dining at The Doreen J. Parker Cultural Heritage Retreat at Trollhaugen Lodge. It will be the weekend of Sept 14-16, 2018. Tuition is \$150 before August 15th, \$160 after. Your tuition includes lodging, all meals & most class supplies. Sol-Land Lodge provides up to 3 partial scholarships to the retreat. For your application for the retreat go to <http://www.sonsofnorway2.com/events.html> or contact Nancy Holter (509-375-0919, sol.land.lodge@gmail.com) for information about the retreat and the scholarships. Your check secures your reservation. Space is limited.

High-school foreign exchange student

STS Foundation is bringing the world to your home. They are currently looking for volunteer host families to welcome a foreign exchange student into their home for the 2018-2019 school year. By hosting a foreign exchange student, you will not only be giving a young person the opportunity to experience all the great things your family and our country have to offer, you will also be opening yourself up to learn about a new culture and gaining a new family member. Families of all shapes and sizes are welcome to host! We are also offering a \$50 referral gift card or donation for the name of any family that will host. It is through student exchange that we plant seeds of kindness and understanding while building friendships around the world. For more information, please contact Barb Smith at 509-947-2610 or barb@stsfoundation.org. STS Foundation is approved by the Department of State, accredited by **CSIET**, The Council on Standards for International Educational Travel. STS Foundation takes great pride in maintaining high quality in our work with students, host families and schools. For more information about STS, you can go to their website <https://www.stsfoundation.org/> .

Back to School

We will be collecting school supplies and backpacks to donate to Vista Elementary. Please bring your donations to the meeting in August or September. Once school starts, we will be collecting food for their helping hands pantry and also Labels/Box tops for Education for them.

Calendar

August 17: Ice Cream Social and Game Night,
KFLC, 7:00pm

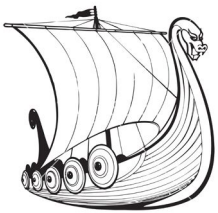
August 27: Board Meeting, KFLC, 7pm

September 21: Potluck Dinner Meeting,
Movie: Building of the Hjemkomst Viking Ship

September 29: Nordic Museum Field Trip,
6am-8pm. (See info. in this newsletter)



Newsletter Deadline: 1st Friday of the Month



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