



Meetings

The December meeting is Dec 20th. We are having a Christmas party, so come and help us celebrate. We will enjoy the children's dance program, and the lodge will provide turkey, pork loin, and potatoes. The members are requested to bring sides and salads for the many attendees we expect. We will be dancing around the tree, which hopefully will be decorated with SO many mittens, hats, socks, and scarves that we can't even see it!

In addition, Joe Molvik will display his "gammel stua" (old living room/house) at the Christmas lodge meeting. He has built a cutaway version of two rooms upstairs and downstairs of a Norwegian house based on his memories and pictures. He also tried to incorporate the style and color which was used for the furniture, floors and walls. He has added six carved wood figures doing typical jobs such as cooking at the stove, spinning wool and carrying the fire wood. Joe's wood carving class has been working the past month to decorate the house for Christmas so it will include a Christmas tree with packages and battery lights. He said Christmas is a time of great celebration in Norway that goes back to the Viking times.

January brings the 125th anniversary of Sons of Norway, and we will be learning a bit about our history. The meeting will be Jan. 17th. We will also install the new officers for 2020.

Music Groups at Sol-Land Lodge



Singing

Ron has been approached by some of the members to start a singing group at the lodge. They would like to use the Sons of Norway song book and have a fellowship. It could be started perhaps an hour prior to the lodge meeting. Ron would welcome hearing from anyone who would like to join the group. Please give him a call or email. Ron Rolla ((509) 768-7693, ronrolla@yahoo.com)

Dancing

Eight people attended the Scandinavian dance class held before the November meeting. We learned two new Danish dances, Feder Mikkel and Den Muntre Kreds. Our next dance class will be 5:45-6:15 before the Dec. 20th. meeting. We will review the two dances we did last time and learn a new dance, Allemande. No experience or partners are needed. For more information contact Gretchen Makinson at 943-1264 or glmakinson@aol.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.



2019 Officers

President - Greg Holter
 Vice President – Darlene Roberson
 Secretary - Nancy Holter
 Treasurer – Lucinda Twedt
 Counselor - Virginia Fields
 Social Director - Rennae Rosenberg
 Cultural Director - Gretchen Makinson
 Assistant Cultural – Ron Rolla
 Sports Director - Sam Solem
 Assistant Sports – Lisa Bartholomew
 Foundation Director - Nancy Holter
 Publicity Director - Kristie Edwards
 Editors - Sara Watson/Nancy Holter
 Musician - Linnea Hillesland
 Librarian – Maureen Woodward/Gretchen Makinson
 Marshall - Brad Horst
 Assistant Marshall - Dave Payson
 Greeter - Donna Smitt
 Assistant Greeter - still open
 Sunshine Comm. - Darlene Roberson
 Scholarship Chair - Dick Nordness
 Tubfrim Chair - Audrey Blegen

Community Involvement

Now that school is in session, we will be collecting food and school supplies for Vista Elementary.

My Friends Place is always looking for hygiene items, water, snacks, bus passes – all the things teenagers need. They also share space with SARC and often have small children, so support for them is important, too.

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(<https://www.boxtops4education.com/?>) and to scan your receipt within 2 weeks of purchasing products that qualify. **The lodge will continue to collect any box tops you bring in** and will get them to Vista so they can turn them in before they expire.

We constantly collect stamps for Tubfrim, and Laurie Tyssen has volunteered to be out Tubfrim collector. Please bring your stamps to the meetings. And remember, if you have envelopes that are 50 years old or older, do NOT cut the stamps off, just bring the entire envelope.

Barbara Rockne has found that Catholic Family Services will accept quilts for their clients. If you are in the mood to quilt, please let Barbara know. Barbara Rockne ((509) 627-1967).

If you have any ideas for things we can do for the community, to get our name out into the community, etc., please let a board member know. Just because you come up with an idea doesn't mean you are responsible for seeing it through (although that would be nice!) – I sometimes feel that people are reluctant to bring ideas up because they aren't willing/able to follow up on them.

Convention Information

The District 2 Convention will be held in Portland, May 27 – 30, 2020. The 2020 International Convention will be held on August 19-23 at the Scandic Hotel in Ringsaker, Norway. We will be electing delegates to the District Convention in February. Anyone can attend the conventions as a visitor, but only delegates to the District Convention are eligible to be delegates to the International Convention.

SOL-LAND LODGE SCHOLARSHIP

Sol-Land Lodge #2-086 is offering a scholarship for the 2020 / 2021 school year. The scholarship will be awarded to a current member, relative of a current member or descendent of a charter member of Sol-Land Lodge #2-086. Relatives include, a son, daughter, niece, nephew, grandchild, adopted child or a stepchild. The Committee will consider exceptions to the above-named relatives/descendants on an individual basis.

The scholarship is awarded based on information detailed on the application forms and is to be used for undergraduate college education or training at a technical school. The award money will be sent to the school registrar and applied to tuition only.

Lodge members and their family members may apply for the scholarship by contacting our scholarship chairman and asking for an application packet. The deadline for submittal of the application is April 15, 2020.

For more information or to request an application packet contact Richard Nordness at 509-948-2433 or by email at rnordness@hotmail.com.



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Groups/Classes

Hei,
Jeg heter Ron. Jeg lærer å snakke og lese norsk. Vi møtes på Richland bibliotek den andre og fjerde tirsdag. Vi vil gjerne at du også kom og lærer.
Contact Ron Rolla ((509) 768-7693) for further questions.

The Nordic Needleworkers' next meeting will be Dec. 17th, the third Tuesday, 7 – 9 PM. We are a small group, but would love to outgrow the room we meet in at the Kennewick Library on Union. For more information, please contact Nancy or Darlene: ((509) 521-8128, darleneroberson1961@hotmail.com; (509) 375-0919, sol.land.lodge@gmail.com)

We are in the planning stages for a genealogy workshop with Greg Holter. If you are interested, please contact him (375-0919, waxlerfarms@gmail.com)

Is there a class you are interested in having? A skill you want to pursue? Maybe a skills pin you want to attempt or a sports medal you'd like someone to partner with to achieve. Ask one of the board members, we will see what we can do.

End of Year Reports

The lodges of Sons of Norway report their volunteer hours to the International lodge every year. This is vital part of keeping our non-profit status with the IRS. We need to be able to show that what we do for the communities is important. So your secretary needs to know how many hours you spent doing things like baking for Taste of Scandinavia, volunteering at a heritage event as "Sons of Norway", anything you have done for the lodge or for the community in the name of Sons of Norway. Transportation time counts, too. If you haven't already done so, please send your hours and what they were for to Nancy Holter (375-0919, sol.land.lodge@gmail.com) before Jan 15th. We have the sign in sheets for the meetings, so you don't need to count the hours you attended.



Calendar

December 10: Conversation Group, 7pm, Richland Public Library

December 17: Nordic Needleworkers, Kennewick Library on Union, 7pm

December 20: Pre-Dinner Folk Dancing, 5:45pm, KFLC

December 20: General Heritage Meeting and Potluck Thanksgiving Dinner, 6pm, KFLC

December 25: God Jul!

December 30: Board Meeting, KFLC, 7pm

Newsletter Deadline: 1st Friday of the Month



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