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Intro. to Dancing

A beginner level Norwegian folk dance, Rugen, will be taught by Gretchen Makinson at 5:45-6:15 p.m. before our Jan. 20th. meeting. No prior dance experience necessary! While the dance is done in couples formation, any combination of people can be used.

February 17th meeting

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Sol-Land Lodge Scholarship

Sol-Land Lodge #2-086 is offering a scholarship for the 2017/2018 school year. The scholarship will be awarded to a current member, relative of a current member or descendant 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, 2017.

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

Volunteer hours

The November newsletter had a sheet that explained volunteer hours and how to report them. Now that 2016 is over, Karen needs to collect any outstanding hours so she can get them into the report. If you have any hours to report outside of attending meetings or other group activities, please send them in ASAP. If you need the information again, please contact Nancy Holter (sol.land.lodge@gmail.com, 509-948-2684) or Sara Watson (sarawatson@pobox.com, 591-5813).

Now, remember to keep track of your hours going forward – Lutefisk dinner is coming up, there will be baking and organizing galore to record.

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 2016

President	Greg Holter
Vice President	Debbie Stavanger
Secretary	Karen Aanes
Treasurer	Darlene Roberson
Counselor	Ron Rolla
Social Director	Rennea Rosenburg
Cultural Director	Gretchen Makinson
Sports Director	Sam Solem
Foundation Director	Doris Porter
Publicity Director	Kristie Edwards
Editors	Sara Watson, Nancy Holter
Guard	Brad Horst
Greeter	Donna Smitt
Scholarship Chair	Dick Nordness

District 2 Ski Race

The District Ski Race will be held at Trollhaugen on February 4. It is being sponsored this year by Norden Lodge#2-002, Tacoma. Registration starts at 9:30 a.m., the race starts at 11:00 a.m. Lunch will be served about noon. And the awards will be presented afterwards. The cost is a donation. All skiers, young and old, new or experienced are welcome. For more information contact: Susan Kirkeby – District 2 Sports Director, 509-535-5471 or vikings.gurl@gmail.com. For overnight reservations call Trollhaugen Lodge Managers: 509-656-9997.

Cultural groups

The knitting group is trying to set up a regular schedule of gatherings. The tentative schedule is the second Thursday of the month (January 12, February 9) at Paper Street Brewing in Richland and the next to last Tuesday of the month (January 17 this month and February 21) at the Kennewick Library on Union. Both from 7-9 pm.

We welcome you even if you are not knitting - if you want an excuse to work on your hardanger, crocheting, huck weaving - etc., please feel free to join us. If you just want to go to the pub, Paper Street assures us they will have cider on Thursdays.

Membership Directory

We are working on the 2017 directory. If you wish to have your cell phone listed in addition to, or instead of, your house phone, please let Nancy know (509-375-0919, sol.land.lodge@gmail.com). If there is something you think we should have in the directory, please let us know that, too. Deadline for input is the February meeting.

Lutefisk Dinner, March 4

The 2017 lutefisk dinner will be held on March 4. Samantha Solem has stepped up to be chairman!! As Sam is new to this lodge, she is working blind - we need to let her know what jobs we are willing to do. Please contact her with your offers of help - [707-843-9504](tel:707-843-9504), samanthae.solem@gmail.com.

We will be setting up lefse making days, and perhaps cookie making days. We will need LOTS of cookies for both the bake sale and the dinner itself. Three cookies each times 200+ diners means we need over 600 cookies just for the dessert table. If you need recipes or equipment, please contact Nancy ([509-375-0919](tel:509-375-0919), sol.land.lodge@gmail.com) or Karen ([509-619-1510](tel:509-619-1510), norskona@yahoo.com) or Ginger ([509-734-7876](tel:509-734-7876), gngbrd44@hotmail.com).

Tickets will go on sale in early February so watch for more information then.

Genealogy class

Given the interest shown for a genealogy class, we have scheduled one for February 18th, in the Fireside Room at Kennewick First Lutheran. We typically start in the morning and extend into the afternoon, including demonstration of available resources using questions from the class participants. Please respond to Greg Holter (375-0919, waxlerfarms@frontier.com) with expressions of interest. Cost for a class is \$30 which includes a light lunch. There is a limit on the number of attendees, and your seat is not held until your fee is paid.

Language

We are taking a survey of interest in Norwegian language classes. Either trying to find a teacher, or a self-study group. If you are interested, please contact Cultural Director Gretchen Makinson (509-943-1264, glmakinson@icloud.com) or Greg Holter (509-375-0919, waxlerfarms@yahoo.com). If you are interested in what Old Norse words you may already know, you can check out this site: <https://www.babbel.com/en/magazine/139-norse-words>



Upcoming Cultural Activities in Sol-Land Lodge

We are only beginning to plan our cultural activities for 2017, but we have some exciting things coming up.

First, for our January meeting, Rolf Skorge has offered to give a presentation about his experiences during WWII in Norway, to give us a personal perspective on events then.

For later meetings, but not specifically scheduled at this time, we have several programs about travel to Scandinavia, to be presented by non-members. One of these will address a recent trip to Iceland to travel the Ring Road around the country to see a variety of Iceland's scenic beauty. Another will focus on a recent winter trip to Sweden, with a stay in the Ice Hotel and a dog-sled adventure with the Sami in a frozen landscape north of the Arctic Circle.

As many of you already know, Greg Holter will be conducting a Norwegian genealogy class and workshop on February 18 in the Fireside Room at KFLC. If you wish to attend, there are still openings available. (If this date doesn't work for you, we will likely plan another session later in the year if there is sufficient interest.)

We are trying to get some Norwegian language lessons/learning organized. If you know of a teacher, please let Gretchen know. If you would be interested in joining a group to learn at your own speed, we have the beginnings of a group, so send us your name, too.

We have teachers for various crafts in addition to the classes above – knitting, hardanger, huck weaving, tatting, cooking/baking, wood carving, dancing... if you are interested in learning any of these, let us know so we can arrange a class or tutoring. If you have a skill you can pass on, PLEASE let us know so we can offer that, too. We don't know what you can do unless you tell us. Is there anything you might be interested in visiting? The stabbur near Moses Lake? The Nordic Heritage Museum? Ballard 17th of Mai? The flour mill in Pataha? Fort Walla Walla or the Mission site? Trollhaugen for the anniversary celebration this year? Ideas – anyone?

We also would like to request input from Lodge members on programs they would like to see in our Lodge, or programs they might even wish to present. Your ideas will help make sure that we can continue to bring interesting programs that will appeal to the membership. Please contact Gretchen Makinson at glmakinson@aol.com or 943-1264.

A few links for your enjoyment

A travel writer's assignment was to travel to Norway and photograph the story behind the iconic Norwegian knitting symbol called the Selbu Rose. The article, written by author and knitting expert Lela Nargi, is now out in the [November 2016 issue of Korean Air's Morning Calm](#) [http://www.lemurworks.com/lola/articles/2016_Nov_MorningCalm.pdf] (Written in Korean and English) and a few photos were chosen to illustrate the piece. But the writer wanted to share a lot more photos from the assignment on her blog, so she posted many more photos there. <http://www.lolaakinmade.com/europe/assignment-selbu-norway-photos/>

How about a stave church printed in gingerbread? It was not an immediate success, as you can see in some of the photos that accompany this article. <https://www.visitnorway.com/media/news-from-norway/the-worlds-first-3d-printed-gingerbread-house-is-a-norwegian-stave-church/>

And if you missed the online streaming of the New Year's Eve fireworks in Reykjavik, here is a drone's eye view for you to enjoy. <http://icelandmag.visir.is/article/beautiful-drone-video-reykjavik-new-years-fireworks>

Calendar

January 12: *Knitting Group*, 7:00pm, Paper Street Brewing, Richland

January 17: *Knitting Group*, 7:00pm, Kennewick Union St. Library

January 20: *General Heritage Meeting*, 5:45pm. Kennewick First Lutheran Church. In January, the outgoing officers will provide the main food, members are requested to bring desserts. We will be having a crock-pot meal – soups, stews, etc. with breads, etc. Prior to the meal, Gretchen Makinson will be teaching a beginner level Norwegian folk dance, Rugen. We will have installation of officers, and after the installation, Rolf Skorge will be presenting a program titled "Kid Stuff Under the Nazis" and he will be talking about his childhood experiences living in Norway during WWII. Social time/dancing begins at 5:45, dinner will be served at 6:30.

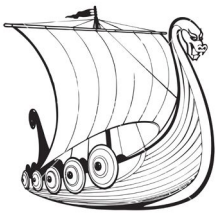
January 30: *Board Meeting*, 7:00pm, Kennewick First Lutheran Church, Fireside Room.

February 9: *Knitting Group*, 7:00pm, Paper Street Brewing, Richland

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February 21: *Knitting Group*, 7:00pm, Kennewick Union St. Library

February 27: *Board Meeting*, 7:00pm, Kennewick First Lutheran Church, Fireside Room.



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