



The Desert Viking

august meeting

The August meeting (**Aug 19**) will be the family game night and ice cream social. We will meet at 7 PM – no potluck beforehand. Bring your favorite games – indoor or outdoor. The lodge will provide ice cream; the members will provide toppings and/or other dessert items.

september meeting

For the September meeting (**Sept 16**), we will be viewing the video “This is My Childhood: Finland at War 1939-1945,” a documentary film based on the wartime memories of local Finnish and Swedish immigrants. It is a 55-minute film culled from nearly 25 hours of interviews recorded by volunteers of the Nordic American Voices Oral History Project over the past six years. Those who attended our May meeting saw bits of some of the interviews they have recorded. We will have a potluck at 6:15 (NOTICE this is earlier than usual), with the meeting starting at or before 7 to give plenty of time to see the movie before it gets too late.

Lodge Social Groups

The Social/Cultural director is trying to get some social/cultural groups going. Do we have anyone who is interested in starting/joining a group – reading, knitting, studying Norway, whist/pinochle – these are a few of the many possibilities for getting together. It can be just for fun, or you could work on a cultural skills pin. If you have an idea for a group, or want to help start a particular group, please contact Nancy.



Knitting Group

The initial meeting of the "Kntting Norskies", as my husband called us, was held on Friday July 15th. We enjoyed ourselves, so we decided to have another meeting. The next one will be August 4th at 7 PM. We didn't decide where we will hold the meeting, it depends on who will be attending. So contact me (sol.land.lodge@gmail.com, 509-375-0919) and we can put together a good plan. Any level of experience is welcome. If you want to work on your Cultural Skills pin that is excellent, if you just want an excuse to knit - that is fine, too. If you have no supplies and want to learn, that is ok, we have needles and yarn you can use.

General Lodge Information

Sol Land Lodge holds a monthly meeting on the third Friday of the month. We have a potluck beginning at 6:30 PM. Guests are NOT expected to bring food, just to come and enjoy themselves. The general meeting or cultural activity begins about 7:30. We meet at the Kennewick First Lutheran, on 395 and Yelm. We have a **monthly board meeting** on the last Monday of the month at 7:00 PM also at First Lutheran. 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.





Safe Harbor Support Center My Friend's Place 2016 Spring Wish List

- Monthly Youth Bus passes
- Bottled water/Sports drinks
- Boxed and canned food
- Snacks
- Dairy foods (milk, butter, cheese)
- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- Hand sanitizer
- Kleenex
- Cleaning supplies/bleach
- Trash bags
- Air fresheners
- L/XL/XXL men's underwear and socks
- Twin size sheets and pillow cases
- Twin size plastic mattress protectors

This is our lodge summer community service project. Please bring any donations to the meeting on August 19th, or call Nancy Holter (375-0919) for pick-up. All donations are greatly appreciated!

End of Summer Community Service

One way our lodge is participating in Project Framtid is by supporting Vista Elementary School. The Vista Vikings would welcome our assistance in many ways, but we have had a request for a few specific items, and as the back-to-school sales will be upon us soon, here is the list:

- backpacks
- glue sticks
- spiral notebooks
- pencils

You must admit it is a very modest wish list. If you can bring your donations to the August meeting, we can get them to the school by the beginning of the school year. Or you can deliver your donations to one of the officers and we will get them delivered. If you want to help but shopping is difficult, please don't let that stop you. If you provide cash support, we can purchase supplies for you.

Upcoming Fall Meetings:

October meeting

Since the Taste of Scandinavia has been rescheduled to the 29th, our third Friday night (Oct 21) is available for a real meeting. The program is not set yet; our Cultural director has a couple interesting topics up her sleeve. At this point, the potluck is expected to start at 6:30 as usual. Watch future newsletters for more information.

November meeting

Our Thanksgiving meeting will feature turkey, gravy and potatoes provided by the lodge. Members are requested to bring their favorite accompaniments and desserts. We will then adjourn to enjoy a presentation on the Ski for Light program presented by Roger Young. Ski for Light is a cross-country skiing program for blind, visually impaired, and mobility impaired adults. Every winter, snow willing, they spend two weekends a month at Trollhaugen enjoying the trails there. Sons of Norway is a huge supporter of this great program.

Taste of Scandinavia

Our first organization meeting will be held Monday, July 25th after the board meeting, about 8 PM. All members are welcome to attend the board meeting. Please come and lend your talents to a fantastic event this year. We are always looking for new ideas for demonstrations and displays.

The date for ToS has been moved this year to the last Saturday in the month. It will be October 29th. Please put it on your calendar, as we will need help from as many members as possible. We will need people to make lefse during the month and bakers to make cookies and breads for the bake sale. Now is a good time to dig out those recipes and see if you need any equipment or lessons! Or if you want to stretch your wings, we have lots of recipes on the lodge website, and many more besides.

June MidSommer Picnic

The weather for the picnic was a bit less than ideal – the wind tried to blow the food away! But we had a decent turnout and everyone had a good time. We enjoyed the sun and the food. The hot dogs and sausages were hot, the salads were nice and cool and the desserts were excellent – as usual. If you stayed home because of the morning rain, you missed out. Maybe next year you will be there with us.





Calling Committee/ Hosting committees

Multi-Cultural Fair

If you are willing to call a few people to remind them of meetings or to pass on other important news, OR if you are willing to help with set up and clean up at meetings, PLEASE call Nancy Holter (509-375-0919, sol.land.lodge@gmail.com).



Our lodge was part of the Richland City Cultural Fair on July 16th, at John Dam Plaza. We showed off the boat and some of our handicrafts and sold Norwegian waffles, lefse and almond cakes. The weather was beautiful and the entertainment was fantastic. Our next-door neighbors had a wonderful outrigger canoe and we were able to enjoy the music and dancing that took place on the stage. If you know of a cultural group in the Basin area that might be interested in joining in next year, could you contact Nancy Holter (509-375-0919, sol.land.lodge@gmail.com).

Ever wonder what goes on at the District 2 Convention?

Our district is made up of lodges from Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Alaska and Wyoming. The D2 convention this year was held in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. It was a wonderful place to spend some time. Our lodge had 3 delegates, one genealogist, and two D2 board members present. Staff and the convention hosts warmly welcomed us.

This will be a recap of all the things that took place for about 4 ½ days that we were there. Of course there were the business meeting to conduct the affairs of D2, which all went smoothly. Then there are the coffee and cookie breaks. The host lodge ended up with an abundant amount of cookies, so many that they packaged up what would freeze and sent them home with the lodges from Tacoma to have for the International convention in August.

The lobby was once again filled with great displays from various sources. There was always something to look at while munching on cookies. There was a cultural display room where members showed their works. We had 5 entries in the show and came home with 3 ribbons.

Wednesday night was the president's reception and the bunad parade. We had 132 voting members there and some guests and there must have been at least 30 bunads worn in the show. They also provided a big band for our listening and dancing enjoyment. It was very impressive.

Thursday evening, we boarded the bus and were taken down to the lake where we boarded a boat and had a dinner and a cruise.

Friday night the Alaska lodges and the D2 board provided a wonderful evening of great food: seafood from Alaska and many other wonderful things to eat. We had a gentleman playing piano along with two ladies playing the accordion. They played songs we could dance to and sing along with.

Saturday morning started with a beautiful memorial service for those who had passed in the last two years. We concluded our business meeting and had 3 breakout sessions we could attend. They had genealogy, geo-caching, and membership, recruitment and retention. We met again at 4pm to see the new District board installed. Following the installation, we had a social hour and then the dinner and awards.

As you can see there is a lot going on and a wonderful opportunity to meet new Sons of Norway people. A convention is a great experience. The next D2 meeting will be in Lynnwood in 2018. Think about attending. Everyone is welcome to attend. You do not have to be a delegate to go and enjoy.

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Karen Aanes



Upcoming Calendar of Events:

July 25: *Taste of Scandinavia* committee meeting 8:00pm, following the board meeting. Kennewick First Lutheran Church, Fireside Room. **All are welcome and encouraged to attend.**

August 19: *General Heritage Meeting*, 6pm, Kennewick First Lutheran Church, HWY 395 and Yelm, Kennewick. Ice cream social and game night! We will meet at 7 PM – no potluck beforehand. Bring your favorite games – indoor or outdoor. The lodge will provide ice cream; the members will provide toppings and/or other dessert items.

August 29: *Board Meeting*, 7:00pm, Kennewick First Lutheran Church, Fireside Room. *Taste of Scandinavia* committee meeting 8:00pm, following the board meeting. Kennewick First Lutheran Church, Fireside Room. **All are welcome and encouraged to attend.**

September 16: *General Heritage Meeting*, 6pm, Kennewick First Lutheran Church, HWY 395 and Yelm, Kennewick Video: “This is My Childhood: Finland at War 1939-1945,” a documentary film based on the wartime memories of local Finnish and Swedish immigrants. We will have a potluck at 6:15 (NOTICE this is earlier than usual), with the meeting starting at or before 7 to give plenty of time to see the movie before it gets too late.

September 26: *Board Meeting*, 7:00pm, Kennewick First Lutheran Church, Fireside Room.

October 21: *General Heritage Meeting*, 6pm, Kennewick First Lutheran Church, HWY 395 and Yelm, Kennewick Meeting agenda TBA.

Be sure to take a look at our Facebook page. Even if you don't have a Facebook account, our page is public so you can still view it. The address is <https://www.facebook.com/Sons-of-Norway-Sol-Land-Lodge-2-086-960288740667762/> Or, since that's a mighty long address to type in, simply Google “Sol-Land Lodge Facebook”. We have lots of interesting articles and tidbits about Nordic culture.



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District 2 Convention Photos

By Mike Satren and Nancy Holter



Karen, delivering 62 handmade pillowcases from Sol-Land Lodge.



District 2 Board



Darlene, Nancy, Karen, Ron and Elaine Grasdock from Bellingham, waiting for the dinner cruise.



2014 Gold Lodge of the Year Awards



2015 Silver Lodge of the Year Awards



Founder's Award for membership recruitment.



Sol-Land Delegates, Zone 5 Director and friends at the ending banquet.

Midsommer Picnic Photos

By Nancy Holter and Sara Watson





Cultural Fair – John Dam Plaza
By Nancy Holter

