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Adah Knapstad will be leading folk dancing from 5:45-6:15 before the meeting. We will be practicing Rugen, the dance that we learned at the Feb. meeting. The steps will be re-taught so even if you weren't there last time, you will still have a chance to learn it.

## **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](mailto:rnordness@hotmail.com).



## **Volunteer hours**

Please continue to send Karen Aanes your volunteer hours each month. This helps her keep them submitted and relieves her of having to do it all at once at the end of the year. If you are taking part in a group event (baking lefse, meetings, etc.) the organizer should be counting heads and keeping track of total hours. Karen Aanes – (509) 619-1510,

## **Taste of Scandinavia**

We have reserved the church of October 28<sup>th</sup> for Taste of Scandinavia. We need a get a committee together soon, please contact Gretchen Makinson ( (509) 943-1264, [glmakinson@aol.com](mailto:glmakinson@aol.com)) or Rennae Rosenberg ((509) 539-8948, [imrennae@yahoo.com](mailto:imrennae@yahoo.com)) to be part of the planning. If you have an idea for a display, or for someone to demonstrate, or something for the raffle, please speak up as soon as possible.

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](http://www.sol-land.org).



## Officers for 2017

President	Greg Holter
Vice President	Debbie Stavanger
Secretary	Karen Aanes
Treasurer	Darlene Roberson
Counselor	Ron Rolla
Social Director	Rennea Rosenberg
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

## Cultural groups

Knitting (or whatever you want to do) nights:

March knit nights will be the 9<sup>th</sup> at Paper Street Brewing and the 21<sup>st</sup> at the Kennewick Library.

April nights will be the 13<sup>th</sup> at Paper Street and the 18<sup>th</sup> at the Kennewick Library. We start at 7 PM and everyone is welcome. We welcome other crafts! Please join us.

## Membership Directory

We have completed the 2017 Directory. We will have paper copies at the March meeting for you to pick up – we'd much prefer to hand them out, since they will cost a fair amount to mail. We will also be providing an electronic copy to those members who have provided their e-mail address to the editor.

## Community Involvement

The board is looking into ways to be more involved in the community, both charitable endeavors and to get the lodge name out to the populace. They would love to have your thoughts on the subject. Please contact Debbie Stavanger ((509) 205-0365, [shortnfluffy@msn.com](mailto:shortnfluffy@msn.com) ) to contribute ideas or to volunteer to help put ideas into action.

## 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](mailto:glmakinson@icloud.com)) or Greg Holter (509-375-0919, [waxlerfarms@yahoo.com](mailto:waxlerfarms@yahoo.com)). In the meantime, there are lessons (with audio) on the International website <https://members.sofn.com/members/showPage.jsp?document=memberresources/learnnorwegian.html>



## A few links for your enjoyment

If you enjoy listening to audio books, here is one of Viking tales from Iceland, featuring the King Halfdan and his son Harald. It is about 3 1/2 hours long. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bdi0iZAuDw8>

We have played Kubb at our picnics. Mólkký is a similar but different game that you maybe interested in. this web site <http://www.tactic.net/molkkyy/rules.php?lang=int> lists the rules, and this one give a short visual of them <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZeEB8413vO8>. We do have a Mólkký set, so if you are interested in playing a game, let Sam Solem ( (707 843-9504, [samanthae.solem@gmail.com](mailto:samanthae.solem@gmail.com)) know.

"From topping your meal off with a slice of Jarlsberg cheese to digging into a scrumptious plate of salmon eggs benedict, here's your guide to some of the most popular and delicious Norwegian breakfast foods" <https://www.hurtigruten.us/must-read-articles/cuisine/your-guide-to-indulging-in-a-traditional-norwegian-breakfast/>



## Upcoming Cultural Activities in Sol-Land Lodge

Help keep our lodge an active and interesting lodge. If you have ideas for programs, please speak up. We don't know what you are interested in if you don't tell us.

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](mailto:glmakinson@aol.com) or 943-1264. We will be sending out a members interest survey shortly, please respond so we can tailor our meetings and classes to your interests.



### Zone Meeting

Planning is underway for a Zone meeting this Spring. Zone meetings are a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the organization and to meet and get to know members from other lodges in our Zone. The lodges in our Zone are Epledalen (Wenatchee), Columbia Basin (Moses Lake), Tordenskjold (Spokane), Harald Haarfager (Coeur D'Alene), Elvedalen (Lewiston), Grondal (Boise), and Sol-Land. District 2 officers and others will be presenting information that will be of interest to all members, so please think about attending. The more attendees there are, the more information will be exchanged, and the better the session will be. Whether you have been a member for months or years, you can always learn something, and get to know more about the lodges around us.

### Dues Increase

In August of 2016 at the International Lodge Meeting in Tacoma, a new dues structure was voted in by a strong delegate majority vote (121-32). How to simplify Sons of Norway's dues structure has been a topic of discussion for many years, since there has never been a simple answer to the question "What will it cost me to join your lodge?" Effective January 1, 2018 U.S. dues are set at \$60 for an individual and \$95 for a family. A family membership will be defined as all those family members living under one roof. Unge Venner members, whose primary mailing address is still the family residence, will be included. Those Unge Venner members who are no longer living at home will pay the standard individual dues rate. As of January 1, 2018, existing Life Members and Golden Members will keep their status with the current discount formula. This change will create a TRUE family membership category, which is something lodges, districts and international delegates have pursued for many years. The result of a family membership may lead to an increase in youth involvement within our lodges, and make joining more attractive to current non-member spouses.

This will be an increase for members of our lodge, if they are "single" members. But it is still only \$5 per month. If you start putting \$5 away each month when you pay your membership this year, you will have the \$60 ready when it is due next year. If you have a family membership, it will be a slight increase, but, again, if you save \$8 each month, you will be prepared when your 2018 dues date comes around.



## Greetings from the President,

First, I want to thank everyone that helped with our Lutefisk Dinner! That is an important event that gets us a lot of visibility in the community and also one of our biggest sources of income for our treasury. It is a lot of work but well worth the effort. Mange tusen takk!

We also want to thank Rolf for his fine presentation at our February meeting and we are looking forward to bringing some more interesting cultural and social activities this year. If you have ideas for these or would like to present something yourself, please let one of the officers know so we can work it into our list.

We are also looking forward to some events coming up this year, including a zone meeting (details TBD) that members may wish to attend to learn more about the organization, an anniversary celebration for Trollhaugen Lodge in July, and our Taste of Scandinavia in October.

We look forward to seeing you at our meetings and events this year, and please let us know if you have ideas to add to the mix.

All the best,  
Greg Holter

## Genealogy workshop

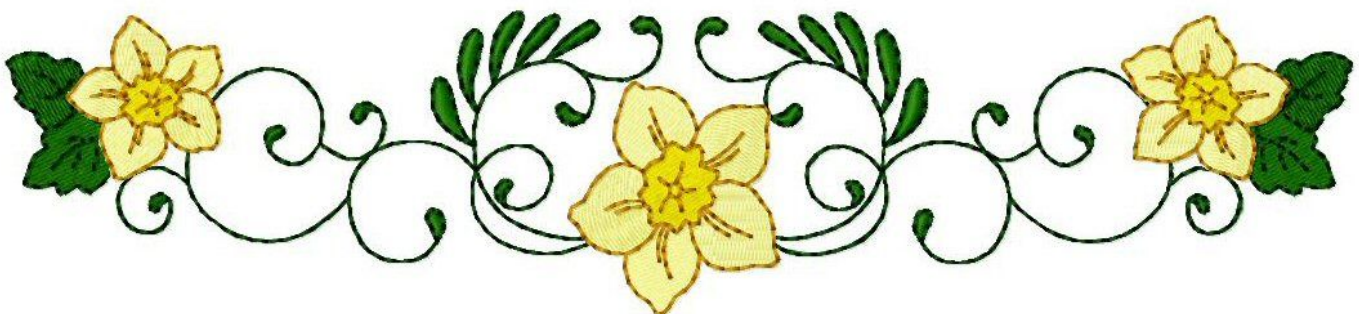
The workshop held on Feb 18th was a successful one. The attendees shared information and stories in addition to learning about Norwegian genealogy and the resources available to those searching for their ancestors.

If you would like to learn more about researching your Norwegian family history, please let Greg Holter know (509-375-0919, [waxlerfarms@frontier.com](mailto:waxlerfarms@frontier.com)). Given enough interest, he will plan another workshop.

## Daffodil Parade Invitation

Sol-Land Lodge has been invited to take part in the Daffodil Festival Grand Floral Parade on Saturday, April 8th. We can either just walk with the other lodges or take the boat and decorate it - it is required that all floats and vehicles be well decorated with daffodils. The group gathers around 7 AM, the parade starts in downtown Tacoma around 9:30 and then in Puyallup around 12:30. Teresa Hunt, VP of Norden Lodge in Tacoma is organizing the Sons' entries. She will need to know if we are coming, if we are bringing the ship, and she is also looking for anyone with "vintage" vehicles to carry some of the "special" members.

We will be discussing this at the meeting in March,. You can find more information about the parade here: <http://thedaffodilfestival.org/events/daffodil-parade/>; and the rules and regs can be read here: <http://thedaffodilfestival.org/paradedocs/Parade-Rules-and-Regulations-2017.pdf>.





## Norwegian Easter Orange Cake

### Ingredients

- 160g (1½ cups) flour
- 1½ teaspoons baking powder 180g (¾ cup) butter, softened
- 200g (1 cup) sugar
- 3 eggs, at room temperature
- Grated zest of 1 orange
- 1 teaspoon orange extract
- 75ml (1/3 cup) orange juice



### Instructions

1. Heat the oven to 175C/350F degrees. In a medium bowl, sift together the flour and baking powder. Set aside.
2. In a separate bowl, beat the butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Using a standing or hand mixer, this should take 3 to 5 minutes. One at a time, making sure they are each incorporated before you add the next, add the eggs to the mixture.
3. Next, beat in the orange zest, orange extract and orange juice to the butter mixture. The mixture might look a little odd once you add the orange juice, but it will all come together once you mix in the dry ingredients
4. Fold the flour mixture into the butter mixture and combine until the cake batter is even and without streaks.
5. Pour the batter into a greased and floured bundt pan, then bake for 45 to 55 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Allow the cake to cool into the pan for 45-60 minutes on a cooling rack, then remove from the mold.
6. Dust with powdered sugar and serve.

<http://thanksforthefood.com/norwegian-easter-orange-cake/>

### Notable Norwegian Immigrants



**Bernt Balchen** (23 October 1899 – 17 October 1973) was a Norwegian pioneer polar aviator, navigator, aircraft mechanical engineer and military leader. A Norwegian native, he later became a U.S. citizen, and was a recipient of the Distinguished Flying Cross. His service in the U.S. Army Air Forces during World War II made use of his Arctic exploration expertise to help the Allies over Scandinavia and Northern Europe. After the war, Balchen continued to be an influential leader with the U.S. Air Force, as well as a highly regarded private consultant in projects involving the Arctic and aviation.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bernt\\_Balchen](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bernt_Balchen)

### 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Sol-Land lodge will be celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in March 2018. We need to get organized for a big celebration. If you have any ideas to offer, please contact Nancy Holter (948-2684, [sol.land.lodge@gmail.com](mailto:sol.land.lodge@gmail.com)). If you have any historical information, photos, or display items, please let us know.

# Calendar

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

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

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

**April 13:** *Knitting Group*, 7:00pm, Paper Street Brewing, Richland

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**Newsletter Deadline: 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the Month**

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