



The Desert Viking

october 21st meeting

October's meeting meal will be a potluck. We will have a "share your heritage" night, so if you have a dish that is especially important to you, please feel free to bring it. If your sharing item is not food, we will have tables set up for display and you will have a chance to talk about what you have brought. In addition to the show-and-tell, we will learn a simple, fun folk dance.

Since Taste of Scandinavia is not on the day after our meeting this year, we will be setting up the evening of Oct 28th. There will be plenty of work to do and pizza to eat, so please be there by 6 PM. If you wish to bring a salad or dessert, that would be a nice addition.

november 18th 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 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. Please spread the word to any of your friends that might be interested in this wonderful program for the blind/visually- or mobility-impaired - either as a guide or a participant.



SKI FOR LIGHT, INC.

december 16th meeting

For our Jul meeting, we will be having a smørgasbord. The lodge will provide meatballs and another main dish, there will be a list of side dishes in the newsletter to help you come up with things to bring. Scandinavian Christmas desserts would be appropriate, also. There will be a free will offering for this meal, too. We plan to dance around the Jul tree, and to decorate the tree with mittens, hats and scarves for charity.

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.





Information about lutefisk dinners:

Spokane and Yakima lutefisk dinners will both be held on Nov 5th. Both feature lutefisk, meatballs and all the trimmings. Having been to both of them, I can say they are worth the trip. Ticket prices are the same for both dinners and must be reserved in advance. Adults \$20, youth 12 and under \$10.

Yakima's dinner will be 5 – 7PM at the Holy Family Church Gathering Hall, 5313 Tieton Drive, Yakima, WA. To get tickets, please call 509-965-3947 or 509-966-1583. Spokane's will be at All Saints Lutheran Church, 314 S Spruce, Spokane, WA. There will be two seatings, 12 – 1:30 and 2 – 3:30. To get tickets for this dinner, please call 509-326-9211.

Knitting Group

The next meeting of the knitting group will be held Oct 17th at 7 PM. We will meet at the Kennewick Public Library on Union (1620 S Union St, Kennewick, WA 99338) in one of their meeting rooms.

If Tuesdays don't work for you, but you wish to come, please let us know so we can look into other nights (or even weekend days). Call Nancy Holter (509-948-2684) if you need a ride or want information.



Genealogy Workshop

Greg Holter has offered to have another genealogy workshop if there is sufficient interest. It would consist of a morning of instruction and an afternoon of hands-on research. Cost, including lunch would most likely be \$30 or so. He would like a "show of hands" from those who are interested in attending. Please call him at 509-375-0919 or e-mail him at waxlerfarms@frontier.com.

Taste of Scandinavia - October 29

Karen Aanes and Darlene Roberson have graciously volunteered to be co-chair for this important event. Please contact them with your gracious offers of assistance. Lefse baking will start at the church on Oct 4 and continue on Tuesdays until the end of the month. Contact Ginger Fields for information or to offer to help. We will need plenty of Scandinavian baked goods for the bake sale and the cafe. If you wish to help but need recipes, equipment, supplies, or encouragement, please contact Karen, Darlene, Ginger or Nancy.

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Elections in November

No, not THAT election. Our Lodge election, which is a much more pleasant event!

The nominating committee is closing in on a slate of officers for next year, but there are still a few openings left. Please contact Karen Aanes (509) 619-1510, norskkona@yahoo.com, Doris Porter or Rennae Rosenberg to let them know you are willing to help keep our lodge running smoothly.





Heritage Committee Report

The Sol-Land Lodge Heritage Committee recently approved a proposal to bring a special exhibitor of enamelware to our Taste of Scandinavia in October. This will help defray the expenses of an exhibitor from the Puget Sound area, adding to the range of things that will be presented at the Taste of Scandinavia.

The Heritage Committee, chaired by Christa Knudson, administers funding from the Heritage Fund which is separate from the general treasury of the lodge. The Heritage Fund is intended to support special activities to help build the lodge as an organization. Lodge members with ideas for such activities are encouraged to contact Christa about proposal guidelines and to work with the appropriate Lodge Board member (Cultural Director, Social Director, etc.) to develop a proposal. Contact: christa.knudson@gmail.com or 509-460-1062.

October 2016 Newsletter Presidents Message

Hilsen fra Ron Rolla,

Fall has arrived and our programs are being developed for the next months. We have some exciting things happening at the lodge and I hope you will all come to see and enjoy them with us. Our "Taste of Scandinavia" will be the next big event for us to prepare for. It's happening on Saturday, October 29th. Then in November we'll all enjoy our Thanksgiving feast and this year at our December meeting we will all be sharing in a smorgasbord at the Jul celebration. It will feature many of the dishes you all remember having as a child but only if you bring them along for all of us to share.

I read in the Norwegian American that in Norway every year, the last Thursday in September is celebrated as Fårikål Day. This is Lamb and cabbage. It reminds Norwegians of simpler times when things were slower. I will be preparing fårikål for my family to enjoy and to remember my ties to Norway.

It is also time to begin making lefse for the season. We make it to not only serve to our guests but also as a fund raiser. Many people purchase our lefse for their own use at their homes. I invite you to join us to help out or, if you wish, to learn how to make your own lefse.

It is also the time for our members to step up and take an active part in the leadership of the lodge. I encourage each of you to search your heart and ask yourself if you are doing all you can to make your lodge a success. The nominating committee has been at work and if you desire, please contact them and offer to take on a position. The committee consists of Karen Aanes, Doris Porter and Rennae Rosenberg.

Many lodges have scheduled their Lutefisk dinners and I encourage you to visit the other lodges and meet the members and have a good time with them. Yakima and Spokane lodges have both scheduled their dinner on November 5. How many will take in both of them? Ask around and see if we can car-pool to either of them.

LITTLE OLE had been misbehaving and was sent to his room. After a while he emerged and informed his mother that he had thought it over and then said a prayer.

"Fine," said Lena, his pleased mother. "If you ask God to help you not to misbehave, he will help you."

"Oh, I didn't ask him to help me not to misbehave," said Johnny. "I asked him to help you put up with me."



Upcoming Calendar of Events:

October 11, 18, 25: *Lefse Baking.* 9am-12noon. Kennewick First Lutheran Church Kitchen.

October 17: *Nordic Knitting group.* 7:00 PM. We will meet at the Kennewick Public Library on Union (1620 S Union St, Kennewick, WA 99338) in one of their meeting rooms.

October 21: *General Heritage Meeting,* 6pm, Kennewick First Lutheran Church, HWY 395 and Yelm, Kennewick. Handicraft sharing night. Please bring your handicrafts to admire and discuss. Talent is meant to be admired!

October 28: *Taste of Scandinavia set up.* 6:00pm. Please come and lend a hand to set up tables, chairs and displays. The lodge will provide pizza for dinner. Please feel free to bring a side dish or salad for some variety.

October 29: *Taste of Scandinavia!* 10am-4pm. See flyer in this newsletter for details.

October 31: *Board Meeting,* 7:00pm, Kennewick First Lutheran Church, Fireside Room.

November 18: *General Heritage Meeting,* 6pm, Kennewick First Lutheran Church, HWY 395 and Yelm, Kennewick. In November, we will have a presentation by Roger Young about Ski for Light. Please spread the word to any of your friends that might be interested in this wonderful program for the blind/visually- or mobility-impaired - either as a guide or a participant. The Thanksgiving meal will be turkey, gravy and potatoes provided by the lodge, members to bring sides and desserts appropriate for the occasion.



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