



NORDEN NEWS

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Fra presidenten

Greetings Norden #2!

We had our second Sunday of the month breakfast in February which turned out to be a bit hectic. In March we applied a little crowd control and things went much smoother.

The February social was well attended. Shirley Haukeli and her crew cooked a delicious swiss steak dinner.

At the March social we also had a wonderful dinner. Unfortunately, due to inclement weather, attendance was down. I was in charge and got great help from Herb Daun, Robert & Lucille Bergum, Marge Kunschak, Dareld & Shirley Jolliffe, Randy & Karen Kunkle, Russ Gunderson, Don Anderson, Jim & Erna Lowe and Phyllis Melton. Jim, Erna and Don washed the dishes. A big Takk to all who helped. The Smilin' Scandinavians furnished us with great music.

We will be taking part in the Heritage Day at PLU on April 27 from 11am to 3pm. We will be making lefse to sell there and need your help. Paul Fauske will be at the hall on April 25th at 8am to peel and cook the potatoes. He could use some assistance with this. On April 26th we will be making lefse, so we will need rollers, turners and bakers. No experience is necessary. This is a great way to learn the 'art' of perfect lefse from the pros. If we get a big crew it won't take long to roll out 30 pounds. Call me at 253-845-5446 if you can come to help.

Don't forget to keep finding new members. Bring a potential member to our supper at the next meeting and sign them up.

Have a Happy Easter,
Iona



Dareld Jolliffe, Iona Dhaese and Randy Kunkle at the March social. Snow prevented many from attending. Those that were able to come had a great 'Irish' dinner of corned beef, cabbage and all the trimmings.

A Little in English

Fiancé Eats Engagement Ring

Norwegian Janne Grim wanted to surprise her boyfriend, Svein Frøyland, with an engagement ring in his Christmas porridge at a party with friends and family present. But poor Svein failed to notice the ring until it was on its way to his stomach. "Now I'm 24 carats heavier," says Svein. The happy couple, now famous throughout Scandinavia, had to wait for the ring to return by natural means.

From *Dagbladet*

Litt på norsk

Kjæresten spiste forlovelsesringen

Janne Grim ville overraske sin kjæreste, Svein Frøyland, med forlovelsesring gjemt i julegrøten på julefest med familie og venner tilstede. Men stakkars Svein la ikke merke til ringen før den var på vei til magesekken. "Nå er jeg 24 karat tyngre," sier Svein. Det lykkelige paret er nå kjent over hele Skandinavia. Ringen måtte ventes via naturlige kanaler.

Fra *Dagbladet*

As a little girl growing up in a place called Lofthus outside of Oslo, Norway, I remember how we longed for spring and for longer warmer days this time of year. The early morning air would still be wintery and crisp, and the high snow piles on both sides of the street would continue to be a reminder of winter still holding a strong grip on us for a few more weeks. To our delight, the days were definitely getting longer and lighter, and the sun would gradually creep up higher in the sky. By the time we would come home from school the snow would stream down like tiny rivers, and disappear through the storm-pipe with a cheerful gurgle. There would be green patches of grass appearing in the yard and tiny green leaves would timidly bud out on the birch branches. We would put away thick coats and heavy winter boots. I remember feeling like a free bird with wings putting on my regular leather shoes. What a wonderful sound to hear the shoes go click-clack on the bare ground.

My girlfriends and I would outline squares with chalk on the sidewalks and the street and play hopscotch for hours on end. If we were really lucky we would find a broken off tire-chain under the ice and snow. We would rub and polish it until it resembled silver more than a simple piece of steel. With a "five-to-six link" we would toss it in the squares, hop after it, retrieve it and then start all over again. Deadball was another game we played as soon as the streets were bare. This game is kind of like baseball with an inside team batting and an outside team catching the ball. We would hit a tennis-ball with a bat or a piece of wood and if you didn't make it to one of the bases the outfielders would touch you, with ball in hand, and you would be dead or out. We would play this game everyday on the street below our house, a street called Lofthus Terrasse. This was definitely a game for quick action and swift young feet.

I was also fortunate growing up near a lush green forest. In the winter I could put on my skis right outside my front door, find a narrow path on the side of the road, climb a couple of hills, and there was the forest; mysterious and inviting with white clean snow. There was a downhill run with lights, a huge wooden ski jump, and an elaborate sledding hill. I think we must have spent half of our childhood out in those woods. When the snow started to melt little blue and white flowers (blaveis and hvitveis) would bravely peek out of the snow and stretch their fuzzy stems toward the sun. It was a welcoming sign of spring and warmer days to come.

How fortunate we were to grow up in such a beautiful safe place. It surely has made us appreciate God's nature and made us better people. Later in the summer we would pick wild blueberries and cranberries in those woods and make necklaces out of wild strawberries, but more about that later.

Sincerely Sissel



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Norden 2 would like to extend a warm welcome to each of you and we hope to see you often at our meetings and lodge activities.

CULTURAL REPORT

Marlene Beggin, Cultural Director tells me that the entertainment for the April meeting will be provided by Ingrid Hamberg and Anna Abraham.

Iona will need a few children, ages 6-7, to participate in the Syttende Mai program. If you know of anyone, please give her a call at 253-845-5446.

GOD BEDRING

Myrtle Drahos has been hospitalized.
Will and Kathy Fry have been ill.
Karen Castleman has also been ill.
Arne Anderson will be having surgery on his knee.

The Lodge sends its best wishes to each of these members, as well as to any we haven't heard about. Call Frances Lingwall at (253) 531-5023 when you know of a member who is ill, injured or hospitalized.

Longtime member **Kole Oliver** passed away on February 27. We wish to extend our heartfelt sympathy to his family. He will be missed.

Attention Veterans:

Norden 2 would like to honor those men and women who have served in the armed forces. If you are a veteran please send the following information to Don Anderson at 1459 North Shirley St. Tacoma, WA. or contact him at 253-759-5028.

Name _____

Rank _____ Branch of Service _____

Years Served _____

Proposed Memorial Policy

The Executive Board of Norden #2 has recommended that the following policy on memorials be brought to the members of Norden #2. On Friday March 1, 2002 at the Monthly Business Meeting the members considered the policy and voted to send the policy to all members through the Lodge Newsletter. The policy will again be considered at the April 5th Business Meeting. Questions about the proposed policy can be directed to Tom Heavey, Lodge Vice-President, at 752-8450.

Policy Title: Memorial Recognition

Purpose: From time to time requests are received for permission to place memorials or plaques to an individual or group in the Lodge Hall. When properly designed, planned and displayed, memorials may provide for simplified explanation of individuals and events and furnish future generations with essential knowledge in capsule form.

Policy Outcome:

This will be a successful policy when:

- a) deceased members are remembered in a dignified manner.
- b) appropriate remembrances of deceased Sons of Norway brothers and sisters are made.
- c) the decorum of the lodge is maintained.
- d) Norden #2 provides an avenue for survivors to express appreciation for the life and service of deceased members

Accordingly, the following policies are adopted:

1. Remembrance

Following the death of a member of Norden 2 Sons of Norway, and as soon as practical at a lodge business meeting, the President of the Lodge will announce the member's death, direct the Marshals to drape the Lodge Charter, and read from the member's obituary. Members will be allowed a moment to share remembrances and pay verbal tribute. The Lodge will memorialize each newly deceased member by affixing their name to a "blue chair." (Until all the chairs are so marked.)

2. Memorial Plaque

A permanent "Memorials Plaque" will be placed in a prominent location in the lodge hall. When the lodge receives memorial gifts of at least \$250 honoring the memory of any one person, the name of the memorialized member and their years of membership will be

inscribed on an individual brass plate and mounted on the Memorial Plaque.

3. Individual Temporary memorials

The family and/or friends of any deceased member may provide to the lodge a photo or plaque, no larger than 8.5 inches by 11 inches, which will be displayed in an appropriate location within the lodge for up to 12 months following the death of the member.

4. Individual permanent memorials

Any member may request the lodge to place a permanent memorial inside the lodge hall for a member or individual who has made especially noteworthy and outstanding service

- a) to the Sons of Norway; or
- b) to Norden 2, Sons of Norway; or
- c) to promoting, preserving, and cherishing a lasting appreciation of the heritage and culture of Norway and other Nordic countries.

Individual permanent memorials will be placed under the following conditions:

- a) The individual memorialized must have died at least five years preceding the establishment of a memorial.
- b) Approval for the placement of a memorial must receive a majority vote of members at a regularly scheduled business meeting of Norden 2.
- c) The Memorials Committee of Norden 2 will have complete control of materials, design, size, and shape, as well as general aesthetics of the memorial.
- d) While contributions are always encouraged, the costs of any permanent memorial will be paid by Norden 2.

Application:

This policy applies to all memorials and plaques erected after January 1, 2002.

Procedure:

The President will appoint a Memorials Committee consisting of at least three members. The duties of the memorials committee include the following:

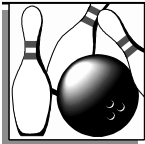
- oversee the implementation of this Memorials Policy
- receive and acknowledge all memorial gifts
- in coordination with the Treasurer of Norden #2, maintain an account for the deposit of all memorial donations
- make recommendations for the disbursement of Memorial Funds.



Member Announcements

Andy Balstad received a 55 year pin from the Carpenters Union Local No. 470 on March 16th. Congratulations to him on this achievement. Andy has worked on many projects around Normanna Hall over the years.

Tom Heavey was called to active duty in the U.S. Coast Guard after the events of Sept. 11. A USCG reservist for 18 years, Tom is the senior Yeoman in a joint Navy-Coast Guard harbor defense command unit. In late November, Tom was awarded the Navy Achievement Medal for his leadership and work preparing and completing the call to active duty of his reserve unit.



Bowlers Needed - April 27- 28
District 2 Bowling Tournament
Hosted by Normanna Lodge of Everett
Contact Virgil Loken at 253-564-9646
Let's put together a great team!

Pancake Breakfast

Our Norwegian pancake breakfast continues to be extremely popular. Last month we served 335 folks and earned \$1000 for Norden 2.



Memorial Service Held

A memorial service was held at the February business meeting for members who were lost in the past year. These were: Chester Grimstad, Ken Keil, Cleomay Nelson, George Buehler, Joy Carlson, Donald Hundven, Rannveig Aanes, Karl Warmedahl, Sigmund Hale, Ole Gunderson, Wally Kristiansen, Dorothy Buehler and Bill Maloney.



Sissel Barrett and Iona Dhaese

Norwegian Easter

The Norwegian idea of having a god påske is to be up in the mountains enjoying the early spring weather with sunshine flooding the wide, snow-white expanses where cross-country skiers can glide on and on forever.

This Norwegian description of an Easter paradise doesn't always come true, for unfortunately the weather gods don't always cooperate. But even without the blessings of the Easter sun, a Norwegian Easter vacation offers lots of opportunities for winter sports and good company, spending time with family and friends. Most people have at least a week off, so the possibilities are many.

Hotels, chalets and cabins are packed with people intent on having a good time, whatever the weather might be. So many people go on vacation at the same time that the entire kingdom of Norway is shut down, so to speak. Even the Norwegians who stay at home have no intention of doing business.

Most people do all their Easter shopping well in advance. It is wise to stock up on food, for the stores close early on the Saturday before Easter and don't open again until the Tuesday after. All offices are closed. Radio and TV operate as usual, but that is about it. Except for the phone service and a few other public services there is not much going on. There are no newspapers, no mail, little public transportation and no shopping. Even the churches are fairly empty.

A couple of weeks before Easter, Norwegian school-children start preparing for the holidays. The religious content of the holidays is stressed. Norway has a state church and instruction in religion is a natural part of the general education. But the children also decorate eggs and make little chickens and other Easter-time decorations.

17th May is Norway's Constitution Day and an official flag-flying day.

It is Norway's biggest day of national celebration, commemorating the signing of the country's first constitution in 1814 and its release from Danish rule after 400 years of subjugation. The celebration of 17th May started as a private party in the town of Trondheim in the 1820s, but took on more of a public nature when in 1823 the event was reported in a newspaper. In 1827, May 17th was publicly celebrated in the capital Christiania (now Oslo) for the first time.

The citizens' procession, in which only men participated, was part of the celebrations from an early stage. In 1870, the day was marked by a procession of children, on the initiative of the distinguished writer and politician, Bjørnstjerne Bjørnson. In 1889, girls also took part, initially without flags, but with flowers in their hair. In subsequent years, more and more women joined the processions.

During WWII, the German occupiers forbade any celebration of 17th May. After the liberation in 1945, Constitution Day gained a whole new significance, one that it has held to this day.

May 17th is a political and patriotic day which is marked by flags, music, national dress, parades, speeches and the laying of wreaths on monuments. The royal family symbolizes the unity of the people through greeting the procession of Oslo schoolchildren from the balcony of the royal palace.

Constitution Day is above all the children's day, with the schools as natural assembly points. The flag is hoisted in the schoolyard and the children walk in the processions under the special banner of their school. In the afternoon games and entertainment are arranged in the schools for both the children and their families.

The traditions linked to 17th May are very strong and Norwegians living abroad as well as their descendants continue to celebrate it.

Clara Magnussen and members of Norden 2 at Syttende Mai Parade to Wright Park in 1914. On this day the statue of Henrik Ibsen was dedicated. Norden 2 also participated in the restoration of this statue.

Address Books Available

Address books for 2002 have been completed and will be available at all lodge activities. We'd like to thank Gary Yost for his hard work on this project.

"Dorthea's Journey" comes to Tacoma Library

State Sen. Shirley Winsley of Fircrest will speak to the Tacoma Historical Society at 7 p.m. Monday, May 13, on her book, Dorthea's Journey. The meeting will be at the Main Branch of Tacoma Public Library, and admission is free.

Dorthea's Journey, a book that takes family history as its starting point, does a fine job of searching out roots in Norway, describing the discouraging conditions of life in the Old Country, and illuminating the Norwegian experience in America. Dorthea is Karen Dorthea Olsdatter Kongsgaarden (1803-1872). As a 52-year-old widow, Dorthea made the courageous decision in 1855 to leave Norway and build a new life on the Minnesota frontier. Winsley describes Dorthea as "the Rock of Gibraltar" and makes her the foundation block of her narrative.

-- Dale Wirsing

MS WALK - APRIL 6th

Team Norden 2 will once again participate in the MS Walk. This is one of our community service projects and helps raise funds to support services and education to those who have Multiple Sclerosis. The walk route follows 5-Mile Drive in Point Defiance. (This is also a good way to add points toward your Walking Medal in the Sports Program.) If you want to sign up for the Team please contact Nancy Heavey right away - (253) 752-8450. Participants must register by March 29th. If you are not able to participate in the Walk on April 6th, please consider sponsoring one of the walkers. Currently the Team includes: Nancy Heavey (Team Captain), Tom Heavey, Randy & Karen Kunkle, Will & Kathy Fry.

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KALENDER

Friday, April 5

Complimentary Dinner: 7pm, Business Meeting: 8pm

Saturday, April 6

MS Walk - Contact Nancy Heavey (253) 752-8450.

Sunday, April 14

Norwegian Pancake Breakfast, 9am to 1pm

Saturday, April 20

Social Dinner and Dancing 6pm/7pm/8pm

Saturday, April 27

Norwegian Heritage day at PLU. 11am to 3pm

Saturday / Sunday, April 27, 28

Bowling Tournament. Glacier Lanes, Everett
Contact Virgil Loken at (253) 564-9646

Friday, May 3

Complimentary Dinner: 7pm, Business Meeting: 8pm

Saturday / Sunday, May 4-5

Tacoma Historical Society will tour Normanna Hall.

Sunday, May 12th

Norwegian Pancake Breakfast: 9am to 1pm

Friday, May 17th

Syttende Mai Parade in Ballard

Saturday, May 18th

Social Dinner and Dancing 6pm/ 7pm/ 8pm

SOCIALS

Saturday April 20:

Steak Fry

Put on your best duds and bring your sweetie down to Normanna Hall. Thor Aanes, Karen Castleman and crew will be putting out some great food.

Saturday, May 18th

Syttende Mai Program

Come on down and join us for a dinner of Cod. Ed Egerdahl, from the Nordic Heritage Museum in Seattle will be our speaker and Annette Dennis will be singing Norwegian songs. Then dance the night away to the music of Sylvia and the Fjordsong Band.

Happy Hour begins at 6pm,
Dinner will be served at 7pm
Dancing will start at 8pm.
Cost is \$13.00

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