



# NORDEN NEWS

<http://www.norden2.org>

April / May 2003

## FRA PRESIDENTEN

Greetings Members ~

Our elected President, Tom Heavey, is a member of the U.S. Coast Guard Reserves, and is part of the Port of Tacoma security detachment that was called to active duty in mid-February. He is currently serving our country overseas in the Middle-East. Our thoughts and prayers are with Tom & Nancy and the Heavey family, and any other members who have family serving our country. In Tom's absence, I am now serving as the lodge's acting President and am writing this President's message. With only a three-day notice and a new path put before me, many Norden 2 members immediately offered their help, which I'd like to thank at this time.

The lodge had a nice February Social put on by the past presidents, with a wonderful meal prepared by Shirley Haukeli. This last weekend, Iona Dhaese and her crew put on a fantastic corned beef March Social. Coming up in April, Thor Aanes & crew will provide us with a western-themed New York steak dinner and in May, Vince Williams' committee will prepare our traditional Cod dinner with a great Syttende Mai program. Please come and join us!

Beginning in March, the lodge has decided to start their monthly business meetings at an earlier time of 7:30 pm. Following the meeting, the members can enjoy their fellowship during a nice dessert coffee hour. We've had rave reviews on this earlier time, and plan to continue this throughout the year. It would really be nice if each lodge member could volunteer to serve on one of our coffee or social committees during the year.

A cultural presentation plays such an important part of our monthly business gathering, and I'd like to thank Raghild O'Neal for sharing her knowledge on Norwegian Shields at our March meeting. In April, we'll be privileged to have the Leif Erikson Leikarringen dance group down to perform and in May, Thor Aanes will give a presentation on competitive ski jumping.

On a financial standpoint, the lodge's books have been audited for the year 2002, and the membership has approved of establishing a scholarship fund. What a great way to preserve our future. More information will be given on how you can contribute to this fund. Please remember that the Sons of Norway is a non-profit organization, so all of your contributions may be tax deductible if channeled through the international foundation. Donation forms are available at the lodge.

The Sons of Norway International office has expanded their website ([www.sofn.com](http://www.sofn.com)) to provide more resources its members. With this additional information, Norden 2 has enhanced their information/resource tables and encourages all of you to please take advantage of these displays.

It's exciting to hear the younger membership planning get-togethers at the lodge, and other members wanting to take a bus trip up to a Mariner's game. It's also comforting to know that during these trying times in our nation, our Norwegian friendships are something to treasure and share within our organization. Hope to see you down at the lodge!!

Hilsen and God Bless America,

~ Kathy Fry

## Breakfast Report...March 9th

We had another successful breakfast on March 9th with 298 attending, making over \$1000 for our lodge. We had a great crew and I thank all those who worked so hard to make everything run smoothly. I especially thank Sissel Barrett for lining up the waitresses, Sonja Horgen who got the cooking crew and Alyce Fletcher for making coffee. I got the egg cooks and dish washers. Our next breakfast will be April 13, 2003. Iona



*Russ Hafterson and Ted Dahl worked at the March breakfast.*

**Celebrate 100 years of Sons of Norway of the  
Pacific Coast Leif Erikson Lodge 2-001  
Seattle, Washington**

**May 4, 2003, Sunday, 1-4PM**

Open house for the public at Leif Erikson Hall,  
Dedication of Leif Erikson monument.

Contact: Ann Bjerneby or Alice Sagstad, 206-783-1274

**May 5, 2003, Monday, 7-10PM**

WWII Norwegian film evening at Leif Erikson Hall  
Contact: Terje Leiren, 206-543-0645

**May 8, 2003, Thursday, 7:05PM Game start**

Seattle Mariners v. New York Yankees Baseball game  
Norwegian American night. Tickets \$16, must be  
reserved by April 7, reservations at the Leif Erikson  
Hall office 206-783-1274. Metro shuttle service from  
Northgate 2 hours before game is an additional \$5.

**May 9, 2003, Friday, 7-10PM**

Kristin Lavransdatter, the film, with guest speaker  
and author, Dr. Claudia Berguson. Hosted by Norna.  
Donation at the door. Leif Erikson Hall  
Contact Terje Leiren, 206-543-0645

**May 10, 2003, Saturday, 5PM-8:30PM**

Centennial celebration dinner at Yankee Grill and  
Roaster, 5300 24th NW, Seattle WA 98107  
Tickets are \$40, dress is semiformal, Norwegian  
bunad encouraged. Program by Stan Boeson.  
Contact: Bjorn Gjolmesli, 425-747-0396

**May 11-18, 2003**

Centennial Celebration Alaska Cruise for Sons of  
Norway District 7

Contact: Marg Kirsebom, 604-524-0207

**May 13-August 10, 2003**

Sons of Norway of the Pacific Coast celebrates 100  
years of growth, community service, fellowship and  
cultural activities Exhibit opening at 6PM on May 13  
hosted by Leikarringen of Leif Erikson Lodge 2-001 at  
the Nordic Heritage Museum, 3014 NW 67th Street,  
Seattle WA 98117. Send Sons of Norway memorabilia  
by April 14 to: Christine Anderson, 206-784-6181

**May 14, 2003, Wednesday**

Friends and family celebration dinner featuring BBQ  
salmon followed by the honoring of Leif Erikson  
members. Reservations with prepayment by calling  
206-783-1274. Dinner tickets are \$15, \$8 for students  
and children at Leif Erikson Hall

**May 18, 2003, Sunday**

Norwegian Church Service at Ballard First Lutheran  
Church, 2006 NW 65th, Seattle WA 98117  
206-784-1306

Contact Christine Anderson at 206-784-6181 to add your  
Sons of Norway of the Pacific Coast Centennial event to  
the schedule.

## LOST ITEMS:

We've noticed that two pictures are missing  
from the upstairs dining room.

One is a photo of the Ambulance donated to  
Camp Lewis during WWI. This large picture  
seems to have vanished last summer.

The second is a smaller photo about 11x14  
and also seems to have vanished last summer.

If you know of the location of these items,  
please let us know so that we may return  
them to their proper place in our lodge.

We're also missing some green aprons from  
the kitchen. Let us know if you know where  
they may be.



**Paul Fauske** had surgery

**Shirley Haukeli** was ill

**Gudrun Balstad** is home and would like a call

**Andy Balstad** was hospitalized

**Herman Suess** was ill

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.

Did you know that you can view this newsletter on  
the internet in PDF format before they arrive in your  
home mailbox?

See the color version at:

<http://mywebpages.comcast.net/norden2/>

# TROLLHAUGEN

Trollhaugen Lodge, located in the beautiful Cascade Mountains of Washington State, is for overnight or day-use by Sons of Norway members and their guests. The lodge, built by volunteer members of District 2 Sons of Norway and completed in 1979, has full-time managers and is open four seasons of the year.

Trollhaugen is located off Stampede Pass Highway about one mile from interstate 90.

Sons of Norway members have full privileges in its use.

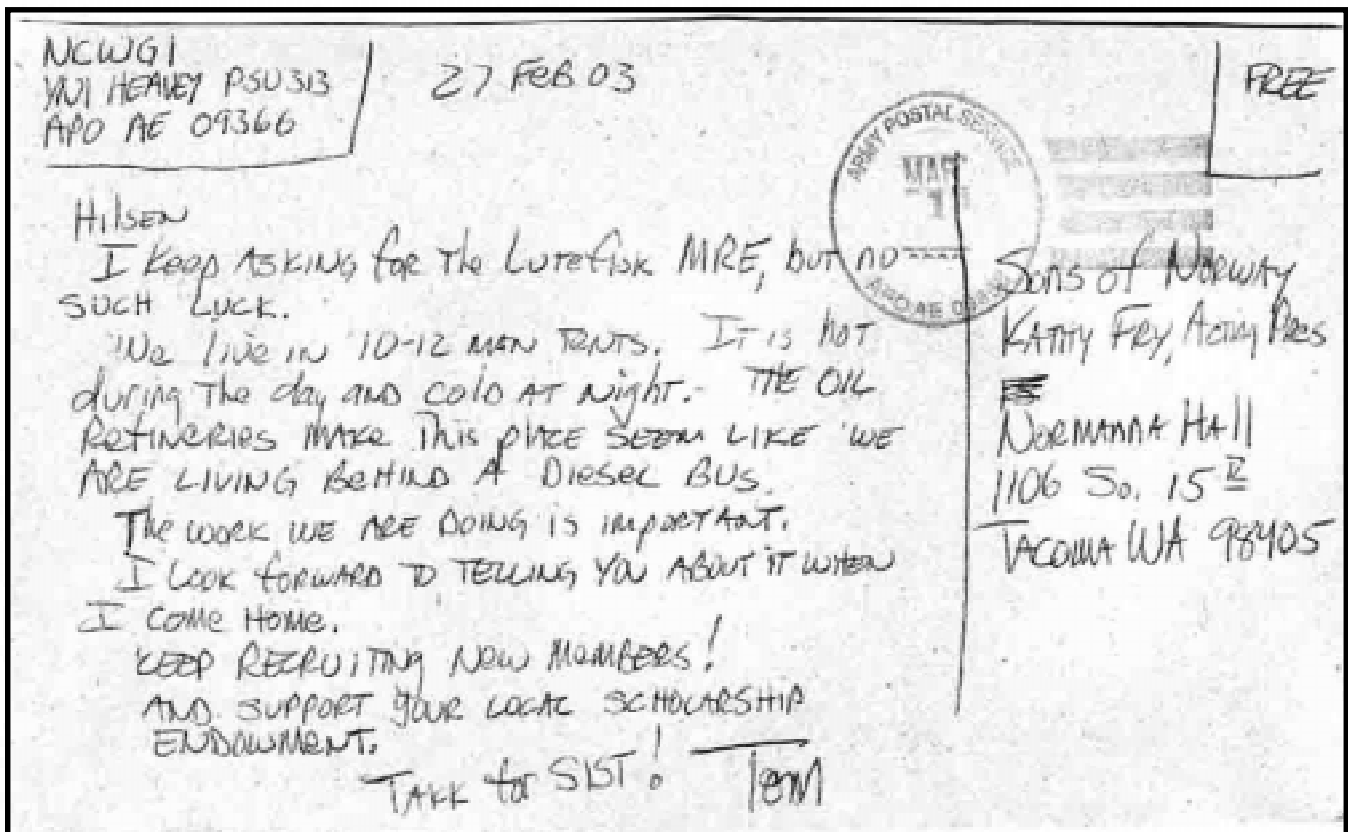
The cost for overnight stay at Trollhaugen:  
\$18.00 per member,  
\$8.00 for children 15 and under with a member,  
\$25.00 for non-member guest  
\$10.00 for a camping unit.

For Lodge functions and family reunions, Exclusive use can be reserved for \$775.00 per night.

Please come to enjoy the friendly atmosphere at Trollhaugen and share the fraternalism with other members of Sons of Norway.

Reservations are required for overnight stay and can be made by calling the managers at (509) 656-9997 or e-mail at [Trollhau@inlandnet.com](mailto:Trollhau@inlandnet.com). During the winter season, our snowcat "LITTLE OLE" will pick you up at the Crystal Springs Rock Pit Sno-Park on the Stampede Pass road about one mile from the I-90 intersection. Call the managers from Snoqualmie Summit or Cle Elum to arrange for pickup. When you stay overnight, you need to bring your own bedding, towels, food, toiletries and other personal items. Paper goods are provided and the well-equipped double kitchen is for your use. Day use of TROLLHAUGEN is always encouraged. Drop in for a day of cross-country skiing or to enjoy the spring flowers, summer warmth or fall colors. The managers do have days off (Wednesdays and Thursdays), so to be safe call ahead to be sure the Lodge will be open when you arrive. Cooking facilities are available for you to prepare a hot meal or a cup of coffee. However, be aware overnight guests have priority in the kitchen and dining areas so be sensitive to their plans and activities. Guidelines for guest are posted in the Lodge. Please review these when you first arrive to assure everyone's full enjoyment of TROLLHAUGEN.

A note from our President, Tom Heavey.



## Upcoming Events / Exhibits:

### **Norwegian Heritage Festival**

**Place:** PLU-Scandinavian Cultural Center

**Date:** April 26<sup>th</sup> (Sat) – 10am to 3pm --- **Cost:** Free

There will be Norwegian Food Booths, Entertainment, Demonstrations, Children's Activities, Raffle Prizes & Lots of Fun !! Norden 2 Lodge will be selling Pea Soup, Lefse (possibly some deli items) and also have an information table.

### **District 2 Adult Heritage Weekend**

**Place:** Trollhaugen Lodge

**Date:** May 2<sup>nd</sup> to May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2003 (Fri-Sun)

**Cost:** \$95.00 (Registration before April 15<sup>th</sup>)

A weekend full of activities like woodcarving, hardangersom, rosemaling, Norwegian language, folklore, cardweaving, cooking, and more... for more info and reservations, call Doreen Parker at (360-538-0572).

### **Seattle Mariners –vs- New York Yankees**

Norwegian American Night

Sponsored by Leif Erikson Lodge

**Place:** Safeco Field

**Date:** May 8<sup>th</sup> (Thurs)

**Cost:** \$16.00 for Game / \$25.00 for Game & Bus Trip

### **Glass Eats Light: Innovations in Glass by Bertil Vallien**

**Place:** Museum of Glass, Tacoma

**Date:** Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> to June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2003

**Cost:** Museum's Admission Price

Exhibit of Sweden's Bertil Vallien, organized by the Smålands Museum, Stockholm, Sweden and the Museum of Glass: International Center for Contemporary Art

### **Full Circle: First Contact**

Major Viking Exhibit from Canada and Scandinavia

**Ancestral Homes: A reflection of Norse-Scottish heritage,** G. Scott MacLeod

**Place:** Nordic Heritage Museum

**Date:** March 5 to May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2003

**Cost:** Entrance to Museum

As an incentive to get members involved in lodge activities by reading their newsletters, the board has decided to place a member's Sons of Norway membership number somewhere within the newsletter. The member that finds their number and calls the editor or one of the other officers, will win **\$10.00**. So read everything and good luck !!

## MEMBERSHIP INFO:

Velkommen New Members:

The board has decided that initiation of new members would be held on a quarterly basis, with the following months of April, June, September and December designated for initiation dates for this year. Please come to the business meetings to welcome our new members.

2003 Membership Costs to join Norden 2 Lodge, Sons of Norway:

Adult – Non-Insurance: \$ 40.00 / year

Adult – With Insurance: \$ 39.00 / year

Student (16-23): \$ 27.50 / year

Golden Member: \$ 25.50 / year

Life Member: \$ 0

Initiation Fee: Waived for 2003.

### **Membership Information Verification:**

Norden 2 maintains their membership information in their own computer database, in addition to that at the international office. The last time we verified the information was over 10 years ago. So a few of our lodge board members, our financial secretary Sherrod Hitch and myself, will be calling our membership personally, to verify that the information we have is correct, along with adding a few items like email addresses, family relatives that are current members, occupations and any pins or awards that you've received. Please note that this information is private, and will not be furnished to anyone outside of the Norden 2 Sons of Norway membership. Thank you for your cooperation. ~ Kathy Fry

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### **Scholarship Information:**

Camper scholarship forms will be sent automatically to those children of Norden 2 members that have been accepted to one of the District 2 youth camps.

Norden 2 also has scholarships available for college students. Please note that the applicant must be a member or a child of a member of Norden 2 lodge. Also, they can only receive a college scholarship once. If you'd like an application form, please call one of the scholarship committee members –

Nancy Heavey (253-752-8450), Don Anderson (253-759-5028), Will Fry (253-565-4583).

Greetings from Sun Village Arizona,  
**HAPPY EASTER TO ALL OUR FRIENDS AT  
NORDEN 2 .**

**LOVE SONJA & GUNNAR HORGEN !**

## Memories From The War by Sissel Hartun Barrett

April 9th 1940 must have been the most memorable and terrible day in Norway's recent history. Helpless and in shock we watched the German soldiers march up Carl Johan and take over our Parliament, Stortinget. A couple of months later our much beloved King Haakon and the members of Stortinget would flee to England. In five long years we would have to hide our national pride and the deep love for our country. Our colorful national dress, bunad, and even our patriotic red stocking cap, nisselue, would have to be hidden away in the attic. Any ties to our beloved country any national pride was simply verboten, as the Germans would say. But Norwegians are sometimes stubborn and always steadfast and we were simply not going to roll over and give up.

Dark shades were put over our windows and our small pocket flashlight had a funny looking metal lid covering the upper part of the beam. It also became illegal to own a radio, so we were in a sense practically shut off from the outside world. It didn't take long, however, before resistance cells sprang up all over the country and news both good and bad spread like wildfire. One day when I looked out of our dining room window I saw German soldiers practicing their war games in our street. To intimidate us further one of them put his rifle through the space between our fence. Down below us, in a bright yellow two story house, where the Tufts lived, the Germans rigged up a communication system in one of the large maple trees in their front yard. There were three generations living in that house at that time and we later found out that Grandma Tuft really got mad at those soldiers messing up her front yard. Gamlefru Tuft, as we called her, almost became a local heroine after that incident.

Although our parents tried to shield and protect us from the horror and reality of the war, we could still feel the fear hanging in the air. Almost all the houses in our neighborhood had basements and when the sirens sounded their shrieking warnings we would all grab our blankets and go below into the dark cold basement. My sister Grete and I would be so frightened as we sat there waiting for the different sound of the "danger over", faren over, siren. My mother would always say she was ever so thankful my sister and I still were quite small so she could better protect us from the soldiers. Our cousin Ellen who was 19 years old was working downtown Oslo for one of the newspapers, Morgenbladet. One day when there was an air raid, she was put on a truck and driven out of the city. We were all so concerned about her because we didn't hear from her for several days. Later she said she had been so scared she had hid in the forest and finally found her way back home on foot.

My father was a fair and upright man who could



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not stand for any injustice to be done to anyone. He had to promise his wife and two daughters that if he saw a group gathering together on the street, he would pretend he didn't see anything and walk straight ahead. We walked a lot in those days.

One rainy wet spring day when my Dad and I were downtown waiting to cross the street a car with some German officers rounded the corner where we standing and splashed the waiting pedestrians with murky rain water all over our clothes. Before I could even think my Dad had stepped forward and given them a threatening gesture as they sped away. To my utter horror the car stopped and slowly backed up. Out of the door on the passenger side a sharp voice warned my Dad that next time they would shoot. Fear crept in again. It was a desperate situation. There was so much anger and resentment piled up inside all of us and not many ways to vent our frustration.

A few nights a week my Dad had to do duty down at our local train station, Grefsen Stasjon. One night when he left it rained so hard and it was so cold and miserable my Dad was wearing a black rain cape that shone like a piece of coal in the night. We were told that if there was any illegal activity or sabotage my Dad and others who would be ordered by the Germans to do similar jobs, would be blamed for it and shot to death.

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## Memories From The War, cont.

Food was rationed and fat was scarce. Everything and everybody were lean. My Mother would save leftover fat in the iron skillet and use it the next time she would be frying something in the pan. High cholesterol was the last thing we worried about in those days. Our neighbors would get together and purchase a whole pig and at slaughtering time we would share every bit of meat among us. Nothing was thrown out. We also grew vegetables as a community project a few miles away from our house.

Our family ordered two dozen chicks through the mail. They would be cooped up in our upstairs bedroom to keep warm. I still remember their chirps and tiny feet scurrying across the papered floor. Unfortunately out of the 24 chicks there were quite a few mean roosters who would later attack our bare legs on our way from the front gate to the front door. We weren't too sad when we killed them and plucked their feathers.

Later we rented out the two bedrooms upstairs. The larger one to a spinster, Miss Hofelund and the smaller bedroom (that was after the chickens were gone) to Olaf Christoffersen from Odalen. The rent was 20 and 10 kroners per month respectively.

Sweets were also rare and as kids we would long for some candy to munch on. One day when on our way to town we were standing on the outside overflow of the old bright blue street car. A young German soldier approached my sister and I with a tempting piece of candy in his hand. I still remember the hard white piece of candy, drops, about the size of a quarter. When my sister and I were about to accept this sweet offer, our Dad stepped in front of us and with a sharp "No, we are not accepting anything that has been taken from us in the first place", we were all a little embarrassed, but the incident was soon forgotten and we found a seat inside the trikken (streetcar) on one of the hard oak benches facing each other. The ones who were not able to find a place on the hard bench had to hang onto one of the large straps hanging from the ceiling to keep their balance. We were told as children if there were any elderly people or a woman who was expecting a child who needed to sit down we would immediately get up and give them our seat. I didn't mind at all most of the time because I was small enough to sit on somebody's lap.

In 1943 when the war escalated my parents were afraid to stay so close to the city. My father was working for one of the large insurance companies in town, Idun, and was gone quite a bit on business trips. My mother felt unsafe alone with two small children, so we evacuated a few hundred miles north of Oslo to a small farming community in Valseth. We rented a room on the second floor of a large farm house, Struperud farm.

Our house back in Oslo was rented out to a younger couple with no children. They took very good

care of our place while we were gone. We had felt safe and secure out in the country, there it was peaceful with a slow steady pace and we had plenty to eat. I never remember going hungry.

When we returned to Oslo the war was almost over and on May 8, 1945 the church bells all over the country chimed from every steeple in a joyful song of freedom. Downtown Oslo complete strangers would hug each other out of pure happiness and dance in the streets. Out came flags and banners in red, white and blue, and the nisselue were dusted off and donned with pride.

The following month our beloved King Haakon made a jubilant reentry onto Norwegian soil. Once again we were downtown, anytime when something important was happening, we were there. I had not seen so many people in one place at one time. My Dad tried to shield me from the pressing crowd and the police mounted on their horses would try to prevent the throngs of people from streaming out into the streets. It felt good to see my parents so happy and carefree. It was a glorious day with little thought of the daunting task ahead of rebuilding our country and the lives directly affected by 5 years of enemy occupation.

We had a family down the street by the name of Stensrud, they owned a grocery store there. They had a daughter who had dated a German soldier during the war. The punishment for such a romantic friendship was the young women were forced to shave their heads. This was before the fad of wearing wigs so it was plain to see that this young woman was completely without any hair underneath her scarf. My Mom felt sorry for her because she had fallen in love with this German soldier. She later married him and they settled down in a small flat over her parent's grocery store where they would raise their young son.

A short time after the war our Dad would take us to the outskirts of the forest not too far away from our house where a young Norwegian was one of the first young men to be shot and killed for his country. Later on a statue was erected on the spot where the young man was killed by the enemy. I learned there and then that peace and freedom are very precious and it certainly doesn't come without a price or sacrifice of life itself.

As we walked home it felt good to hold on to my Dad's strong hand and to know we had a home where our Mom would be waiting for us. It was good to know there would be no more war games in our street nor any more sirens warning us about air raids from the sky. It was good to be home again.

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# Velkommen til nye medlemmer

January New Members

**Thomas R. Heavey, Jr.**  
**Kendra D. Jackson Heavey**  
4802 North Huson  
Tacoma, WA 98407  
Tel. 253-752-8450

February New Members

**Herman E. Tofte**  
4308 214th St. Ct., East  
Spanaway, WA 98387  
Tel. 253-847-3064


**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.**

## Library Report

### Library Hours:

1st Friday of the Month  
6pm to 10pm

Pancake Breakfast:  
9am to 1pm



I wish to thank Judy Williams for her generous donation of 15 books, both English and Norwegian. They include the definitive work on Lutheran church women "First We Have Coffee", advice on manners "Notes from a Scandinavian Parlor." A different donor gave us a 3-book series on Nor' Dakota. All of these books are now available for checkout. And I wish to encourage further donations: especially children's books in Norwegian. Some of us who are learning Norsk late in life need easier reading.

Tusen Takk,  
Alice Stephenson, Librarian Norden 2

## March Social



**Some of the workers from our Corned Beef Dinner.**

*Marge Kunschak, Randy Kunkle, Erna Lowe, Jim Lowe, Herb Daun and Karen Kunkle.*

March 22, 2003, corned beef and cabbage social. We had 96 diners and 2 dance only. The band was Gary and Diane. Iona Dhaese and her crew put on a wonderful feed, The music was great and we had one the largest social in along time. We made \$711.00. I want to thank all of you that made this so much fun.

Our next social is April 19th and the band is the Char's. Thor Aanes and Karen Castleman are the chairs for this event. This our annual western steak Fry. Please call for reservations (Alyce Fletcher - 253-759-2108) as we need to order the steaks. Also, if you can't have beef we need to know if you prefer chicken breast. Thank you for your help in this matter.

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## KALENDER

**Saturdays--**

Hiking Vikings 9am - In front of Johnny's Fish market at the Old Town pier on Ruston Way.

**April**

**Friday, 4th:** Business Meeting: 7:30pm  
Featuring the Leikarringen from Seattle Lodge

**Sunday, 13th** Norwegian Pancake Breakfast  
9am to 1pm, Adults \$5

**Saturday, 19th** - Dinner and Dancing

**May:**

**Friday, 2nd** - Business Meeting: 7:30pm  
Presentation by Thor Aanes on ski jumping.

**Sunday, 11th** --Pancake Breakfast:  
9am to 1pm, Adults \$5

**Saturday, 17th** -- Dinner and Dancing

**NEW BUSINESS MEETING TIME:**

Meetings will start at 7:30pm —  
Coffee hour with desserts to follow.

## Socials Steak Fry



**Saturday, April 19, 2003**

By: Thor Aanes and Karen Castleman  
Music by the Char's



Call Alyce and let her know your choice of  
New York Steak or Chicken.

## Syttende Mai

**Saturday, May 17, 2003**

**Hurrah, Hurrah...**

.Come and join us for a great Cod dinner by  
Vince Williams

**Music by Gary and Diane**

Contact Alyce Fletcher (253) 759-2108  
for further information \$13

Happy Hour - 6pm; Dinner - 7pm; Dancing - 8pm