



# NORDEN NEWS

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**Fra presidenten**  
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Greetings everyone.....

It must be Spring, I have noticed the "Snow-birds" are returning from their Winter hiatus in the land of Sun and Desert.....But the stalwart ones remain in the land of Evergreens and RAIN!!!!

We have had several events since I last wrote, first was the "Past Presidents" Swiss Steak social, with Mariann Fletcher as the first time master chief (great job Mariann). Then came the "St Patty's day" Corned Beef and Cabbage social, with the infamous Iona "O'Dhaese" at the helm. And just last week was the "Western" Steak fry social, hosted by our own Cowboy and Cowgirl, Thor and Karen Aanes (although I was disappointed Thor neglected to bring the "Mechanical Bull" and demonstrate how to ride it). All three Socials were a GREAT success, and I have to commend ALL who VOLUNTEERED their help. Without your able assistance we would not be able to have such smooth running events.

Our Sunday Breakfasts have also drawn large crowds with well over 300 attendees served in a four-hour period!!! Now that's a whole lot of work by the very able crew of about 30 some of who start setting up on Saturday and on Sunday start the cooking and preparation at 5 am. I can't say enough about the crew except, "you ALL are great!" without you we would be (as is said in the Navy) dead in the water.

The month of May brings with it two major events starting with "Syttende Mai" parade in Ballard, to be held on Tuesday, 17 May 2005. Norden 2 will be in attendance and marching in the parade, Don Barrett and Dennis Dhaese are co-chairing this project. Any of you that want to participate in this event contact Don or Dennis for further information and release forms. Lets all show the "City to the North" that the "City of destiny" is a major source of Norwegian heritage in the Pacific North West.

Next comes the "Norway 2005 Centennial Banquet" on Saturday, 21 May 2005. This is hosted by Norden 2 at Normanna Hall and co-chaired with Daughters of Norway, Nordlandslaget, Western Rosemalers, Scandinavian Cultural Center and Ålesund Sister City Committee. Come celebrate with us the 100<sup>th</sup> year of the peaceful dissolution between Norway and Sweden. This event is by advanced ticket purchase only, Norden 2 has a limited number of tickets available and when they are gone there will be no more. Contact Alyce Fletcher at 253-759-2108 for information and tickets.

Finally, a reminder to all, our next Business meeting is Friday, 06 May 2005. Harvey Johnson and Family will be hosting their annual Klub Dinner starting at 6 pm, business-meeting 7:30 pm. come one come all for this great "FREE"Dinner.

Hilsen,  
Cliff Magnussen, President

## 30th Annual Norwegian Heritage Festival

Saturday, April 30th ---- 11am to 3pm

Scandinavian Cultural Center  
Pacific Lutheran University  
122nd & Park Avenue, Tacoma, WA

Free Admission and Parking  
Entertainment, Craft Demonstrations  
Coffee and Punch

Authentic Norwegian Cafe, special children's program, genealogy discussions, door prizes and more

Special exhibit opening and reception  
Nordic Folk Art: The Florence Buck Collection

For information call  
253-535-9399 or 360-753-0329

## New in 2005: Family Memberships

Family Membership was approved at the 2004 International Convention. This membership category applies to any individual, age 16 through 23, who lives in the same household as a parent who is an active member of Sons of Norway. If qualified the individual can become an Unge Venner member and not pay dues.

### Family memberships have been implemented as follows:

1. All current Unge Venner members who qualify have been transferred to the family membership category. They will not be billed for future dues as long as they continue to live with a parent who is an active member. Their family should have received a letter notifying them of this change.
2. A notice will be sent to Heritage members when they turn 16, if they qualify, informing them of the availability of a family membership and inviting them to call (800-945-8851) or e-mail ([membership@sofn.com](mailto:membership@sofn.com)) to activate their *free Unge Venner membership*.
3. Any individual who wishes to join as a Unge Venner member, and take advantage of the family membership, just needs to complete a membership application on which they note the name and member number of the adult member of their household that qualifies them for family membership. The completed application can immediately be sent to Sons of Norway Headquarters since this membership class does not require approval at the local lodge level.

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### Adopt a School Program

Do you have time to spend an hour a week (or more) at your neighborhood school? Can you read to the class, or commit to help an individual child with his/her reading skills? Can you "show and tell" about your Scandinavian heritage to the class? Can you walk a neighbor child to and/or from school? Can you help an elementary school class clip stamps for Tubfrim? Can you help the office staff with mailings (stapling, sorting, folding, etc.)? The needs are many - let your mind wander into the school and classrooms and see where you might be able to help. All you have to do is contact the volunteer coordinator in your neighborhood school and volunteer to help in a specific task or ask what needs they have and where you can fit in. You will have to fill out an application form, but that takes only a few minutes. If you have any questions, please contact me at 564-8636. Thanks for considering this challenge. It also helps you and the lodge in our community involvement to help maintain our tax-free status as a non-profit organization. And please let me know how and where you are involved. Thanks,

Phyllis Melton  
Norden 2 Coordinator  
Adopt-a-School Program

## Sports Report

I have received 43rd Annual District Two Sons of Norway Bowling report. This tournament is held on April 30 and May 1 in Lynwood. See me for details.

I have copies of the various sports medal requirements and will provide a monthly-featured medal. REMEMBER TO SEE YOUR DOCTOR BEFORE ENGAGING IN ANY SPORTS ACTIVITY OR EXERCISE.

The order of sports medal somewhat mirror the Olympic medals. First you must earn the bronze, then the silver, then the gold, and finally the Enamel. You must earn each medal in this order. For each medal, you earn points annually, from your starting date. That date does not have to be January 1. You can earn more than one pin per year. They must, however, be earned in the order.

This month's feature medal is the Skimerke. I realize the skiing season is winding down, but there is always next year on the slopes. You can also carry over your distance from this season to next season.

The Skimerke medal is the first medal development by the Norwegian Ski Federation in response to the Norwegian's love of skiing, especially cross-country skiing.

Age groups for the medal break down the number of kilometers. If you are 40 years old, then you must ski 100 km. If you are 56 years old, then you must ski 85 kilometers. Usually the older you are, the less number of kilometers.

Other activities such as roller-blading, roller skiing or ice-skating can be used for this medal.

Possible future events to be considered but I need your input.

A field trip to a Mariner's Game or other Sports.

Golf Tournament

There are rules for a Scramble Tournament.

Orienteering is navigating a course along the countryside, using a map and compass. I can contact Headquarters or REI for assistance.

Any other game or sports activity you would like to see.

Robert W. Stephenson, Sports Director.

### Sunshine Note: Old Sheets Needed

Christine Beasley is asking members who have old sheets to dispose of to bring them to the lodge and give them to her or leave them in the lodge library in a bag marked for Christine Beasley. The women's group at her church uses them to make bandages or flannel layettes to send to the Congo. The only sheets they can't use are the knit or jersey type. It does not matter if the sheets have holes or are ripped.

Thank you, Christine Beasley

## March Social Report

The March Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner was held on the 19th with almost 100 people in attendance. The tables were decorated in festive St. Pat's green. The food was great and the kitchen crew as outstanding. They were; Iona Dhaese, Chairperson, Jim and Erna Lowe and their grandsons, Robert and Lucille Bergum, Janet Smith, Marge Kunchak, Dareld & Shirley Jolliffe, Don Anderson, Karen Kunkle, Phyllis Melton, Cliff Magnussen, Alyce Fletcher and Tom Heavey. Alyce and Cliff were given special recognition by the chair. Thank you crew - you did a great job.  
Iona Dhaese.



*Some of the happy cooks from the March Social.  
Dareld, Iona, Shirley and Karen.*

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## Social Report

Many Thanks to all of you that spend your Saturdays before our Breakfast helping set up, and then come back to help with the Breakfasts. This is a group effort. The first quarter of this year has been GREEEAAAT!!!! From Don & Sissel Barrett and Alyce Fletcher.

The Greater Tacoma Norway Centennial Banquet will be on Saturday, May 21, 2005, at Normanna Hall, with Happy Hour beginning at 5 p.m. \$35/person (Reservations are required ahead of the event).

This is a combined effort by the following organizations: Sons of Norway Norden Lodge #2, Daughters of Norway Embla Lodge #2, Nordlandslaget-Nordlyset, Scandinavian Cultural Center, Tacoma Aalesund Sister City Committee, and the Western Rosemalers Association.

Takk, Alyce



If you know of anyone who is sick, in a nursing home, hospital or just needs some cheering up, please let one of us know, so that we might follow up right away. If there are any restrictions, such as allergies, or in a place that does not allow flowers, please let us know when you call.

Thank you so much for helping us to remember our brothers and sisters and take care of our Norwegian family!!!

Christine Beasley  
253-564-6658 or cbizzley@runbox.com

Joann Thompson  
253-564-4564 or j\_thompson@yahoo.com

Cards were sent to the following members:  
Ole Dahl and Karen. Karen Aanes, Margaret Greenwald, Don Lindgren, Egil Bjerke, Tina Berg, Liz Lassoie, Don Anderson and Audun Toven.

We are saddened to announce the recent loss of 2 longtime members.

**Gus Lingwall**  
**Erling Sortland**

We wish to extend our sincere condolences to their families in this difficult time



## Norway's Centennial Commemorated

Norwegian-American organizations in the greater Tacoma area (Norden #2 - Sons of Norway, Embla #2 - Daughters of Norway, Nordlandslaget - Nordlyset, Ålesund Sister City Committee, the Western Rosemalers Association, and the Scandinavian Cultural Center Council) have come together to present the "Greater Tacoma Norway Centennial Banquet" on Sat., May 21, at the Normanna Hall in Tacoma. The event, which will begin with a Social Hour at 5:00 P.M., will be a commemoration of Norway's 100 years as an independent nation and a special occasion to celebrate Norway's Constitution Day ("Syttende Mai").

Special musical entertainment will be provided by members of the PLU Jazz Ensemble (who will be leaving a few days later on tour to Norway) and French horn soloist Danielle Lemieux, who has studied in Norway with renowned hornist Frøydis Ree Wekre. Caterer Shirley Haukeli will present a sumptuous Norwegian buffet.

The program for the evening will include the presentation of the Scandinavian Cultural Center's Outstanding Service Award, as well as the first "Greater Tacoma Peace Prize." Special guests will be on hand to honor the recipient. Mayor Baarsma of Tacoma, a representative from sister city Aalesund, Norway, and Kim Nesselquist, Norwegian Vice-Consul will bring greetings.

The evening will conclude with dancing to the music of "Sylvia and Fjordsong." For information or to purchase tickets (\$35 each), contact Alyce Fletcher (253-759-2108) or Janet Ruud (253-564-2832). Seating is limited - paid reservations only

### Meet Geir Ness,

#### Creator of the Norwegian Fragrance "Laila"

On May 18, the Tacoma Nordstrom store will be the setting for a special evening with Geir Ness, creator of the Grammy Awards women's fragrance "Laila" and men's fragrance "Geir." A light dinner will be served at 7:00 P.M. and Geir will be on hand to tell the story of his company. The cost of the event is \$15 (pre-paid).

Everyone in attendance will receive samples of Laila and Geir fragrances, as well as a chance to purchase a beautiful new gift set. The set includes a handbag/mini tote containing 3.4 Eau de Parfum (this product is sold separately for \$69.00), the 7 oz hand and body cream, and a shimmering body powder with camelia extract. The value of this set is over \$300.00, and it will be on sale the evening of the event for only \$88.00.

Geir will also bring the collectable bottle (pure perfume) he designed for the Grammy Awards. The value of this product is \$100.00, and it is the gift to the attendees with any Laila purchase.

If you would like to attend, contact the store directly by calling (253-475-3630) and have the assistant manager Tammy Plyler paged. She will personally make your reservation and give you the menu details and information. Limited space is available, so call soon.

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Applications, due on May 12th, will be available at the next business meeting or at the website listed below.

**Don can be reached at: 253-847-8191  
or DonBarrett238@WMConnect.com**

For complete details see:

<http://mywebpages.comcast.net/norden2/2005Ballard.pdf>

### Schedule of Events in Ballard

#### Tuesday, May 17

#### 12 NOON Luncheon at Leif Erikson Hall,

2245 NW 57th, Seattle; Cost \$22 per person

To purchase tickets send a check & self addressed stamped envelope to:

17th of May Luncheon Ticket Chairman:

PO Box 70433, Seattle, WA 98127-0433

Tickets must be purchased in advance to guarantee reservation. No refunds without a 48 hour notice. Tickets may be purchased in person at Viking Bank, 2237 NW 57th Street in Seattle.

For more information call Viking Bank at 206-784-2200. If tickets are still available the day of the luncheon, they may be purchased for \$25 at the door.

#### 6 PM Seventeenth of May Parade in Ballard

Starts at NW 62nd & 24th Ave NW proceeds south to Market Street, east to Bergen Place, then south to Ballard Avenue.

Grand Marshal and Speaker: Norwegian Consul General Are-Jostein Norheim

#### 10 AM - 4 PM Nordic Heritage Museum and Nordic Cafe 3014

NW 67th, Seattle

Admission free- donations appreciated.

Scandinavian exhibits and Nordic Cafe

Children's activities from 4PM - 5:30PM

#### 2 PM - 4:30 PM Barneleker children's games at Ballard Community Center

#### 2:30 PM - 5 PM Music and Entertainment at Bergen Place

featuring music and dancing from Norway and other Nordic countries

#### 9 PM - 1 AM Dance to Pickled Herring Band at Leif Erikson Hall, 2245 NW 57th, Seattle

\$10 per person at the door. Must be 21 years of age or older.

## Let's Save Some Money

### Border Festival 2005

#### Sunday July 10, 2005

Each year the lodges in northern Washington meet with the lodges from southern British Columbia for an day of fun, food, games, and fellowship at Peace Arch Park in Blaine, Washington, just next to the Canadian-US border. This year the theme is the Vikings, and there will be a Viking ship as well as various costumes for the children to dress up in for some photographs. A horseshoe competition and a tug-of-war are also on the schedule. The entertainment varies from year-to-year. Everyone brings their own lunch, but the desserts are pot-luck. A highlight is the crowning of the Borderfest Queen.

Board members have raffle tickets available for \$1 each. The prizes are cash, and you do not have to be there to win. It's a fun day, so plan to come!

Would you like to help save the Lodge both time and money? Mailing out a 'paper' newsletter is becoming increasingly expensive. Everymonth the Norden News is posted online before it goes to the post-office. We are currently compiling a list of members who may prefer to receive this publication via e-mail.

If you wish to participate, send your email address to **norden2@comcast.net** and I will send you the link (no large downloads or attachments) when the next newsletter is available.

### Norwegians flock to warmer climes

Record numbers of Norwegians are keen to fly south like never before. One local tour company is scrambling to charter extra flights in an effort to meet demand.

#### *A Little in English...*

#### **Norwegian National Anthem**

Yes, we love with fond devotion  
This our land that looms  
Rugged, storm-scarred o'er the ocean,  
With her thousand homes.  
Love her, in our love recalling  
Those who gave us birth.  
And old tales which night, in falling,  
Brings as dreams to earth.  
Norseman, whatso'er thy station,  
Thank thy God, Whose power  
Willed and wrought the land's salvation  
In her darkest hour.  
All our mothers sought with weeping  
And our sires in fight,  
God has fashioned, in His keeping,  
Till we gained our right.  
Yes, we love with fond devotion  
This our land that looms  
Rugged, storm-scarred o'er the ocean,  
With her thousand homes.  
And, as warrior sires have made her  
Wealth and fame increase,  
At the call we too will aid her,  
Armed to guard her peace

#### *Litt på norsk...*

#### **Nasjonalsangen**

Ja, vi elsker dette landet  
som det stiger frem,  
furet, værbitt, over vannet,  
med de tusen hjem, -  
elsker, elsker det og tenker  
på vår far og mor  
og den saganatt som senker  
drømme på vår jord.  
Norske mann i hus og hytte,  
takk din store Gud!  
Landet ville han beskytte  
skjønt det mørkt så ut.  
Alt hva fedrene har kjempet,  
mødrene har grett,  
har den Herre stille lempet,  
så vi vant vår rett.  
Ja, vi elsker dette landet,  
som det stiger frem,  
furet, værbitt over vannet,  
med de tusen hjem!  
Og som fedres kamp har hevet  
det av nød til seir  
også vi når det blir krevet,  
for dets fred slår leir.

Star Tour, one of Norway's major charter firms, is enjoying enormous response to its ad campaign that features sunshine and turquoise-colored seas and asks Norwegians whether they dare risk another rainy July at home this year.

The answer has been an emphatic "No!" The last few weeks of June and first several weeks of July last year were a veritable washout for those who spent the school summer holidays in Norway. Thousands of families are now rushing to book summer flights out of the country.

"We're now searching for more available planes to charter," Star Tour's sales boss Tonje Fossum told newspaper *Aftenposten*. "Our sales for June and July are so far running much better than last year."

Other tour companies are reporting the same thing, with sales up 25 percent at Saga Solreiser and Ving during the two weeks after Easter alone. Sales at Apollo

Reiser are up 30 percent.

Star Tour already has added flights to such popular destinations as Crete and the beaches of Bulgaria. Experts attribute the boom in travel to Norway's strong economy and increased purchasing power among many Norwegians.

*Aftenposten English Web Desk.*

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## Kalender

- May**
- Monday, 2nd**.....Board Meeting
  - Friday, 6th**  
Dinner, Klub, By Harvey Jonson..... 6pm  
Business Meeting..... 7:30pm
  - Sunday, 8** .....9am to 1pm.  
Norwegian Pancake Breakfast
  - Tuesday, 17th**..... Afternoon  
Syttende Mai Parade, Ballard  
Call Don Barrett (847 8191) or Dennis Dhaese (863-0595)
  - Saturday, 21st**  
Norway 100<sup>th</sup> Syttende Mai, Normanna Hall
- June**
- Friday, 3rd**,.....7:30pm  
Business Meeting
  - Sunday, 12th**.....9am to 1pm  
Norwegian Pancake Breakfast

## Syttende Mai At Normanna



**“Sylvia and Fjordsong.”**  
Saturday, May 21st.

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