



DYNAMIC 2

Sons of Norway

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Congratulations to Grays Harbor Lodge #4 and Tordenskjold Lodge #5. It was fun to celebrate the 100 year anniversaries of these two lodges on March 17 and September 8, respectively. When Sons of Norway members chartered lodges in these two communities 100 years ago, they certainly had a vision for the future. However, in 1907 the idea of a 100 year birthday celebration must have seemed like a far-off dream.

It takes dedication and lots of hard work on the part of our members to keep a lodge vital and active, and to do it for 100 years is a wonderful achievement. Two other lodges in our district have celebrated their centennial years and others will reach the 100 year mark over the next few years. All are fine examples for us to follow.

It is time to gather again at our lodges and begin a full schedule of activities. In addition to local lodge activities there are opportunities for members to attend on-going workshops sponsored by the district and the Home Office. Between now and October 31 our district will be completing Phase II of the workshops which emphasizes officer training. This is an especially timely workshop because of fall nominations and the election of officers. Check with your Zone Director for more information or to request a workshop at your lodge.

The leadership initiatives introduced by the Home Office over the last 3-4 years are providing guidance to our lodges in several areas of leadership. The first phase emphasized the development of leadership skills. Phase II, as noted above, addressed officer training, and the next phase will focus on membership issues. This is of utmost importance to all of our lodges. You will have a chance to meet together to talk about membership and share ideas with other members and lodges on ways to identify and attract potential new members and retain the members you have.

Let's commit ourselves to strengthening our lodges and our organization by increasing our membership, and offering a variety of programs and activities that appeal to all members. I wish you much success in your fall season of activities.

Fraternally,

Erlene Stevenson
President

Vice President's Message
Waldo Bueing

Greetings to all members of District Two, I trust everyone has had an eventful summer and are ready to start the fall full of energy and new ideas.

I have mailed out a lot of letters welcoming all new members to lodges 999 and 000, along with letters to lodges Vice Presidents advising them of the new members and inviting them to contact these members to transfer their membership to a local lodge. They can then receive the full benefits of membership in Sons of Norway.

Thanks to the efforts of our local lodge Vice Presidents, 45 members have transferred to local lodges through July in 2007. This is among the highest of all districts, and thanks go to all Vice Presidents for taking the time to follow up on my letters.

International gave us several goals they would like us to accomplish. One goal is membership committees in at least 70% of our lodges by the end of 2007. As of July, we have 22 lodges with membership committees which is 45%. Not bad, but with a little more effort I think we can achieve 70%. So if your lodge does not have an active membership committee, please consider forming one.

Another goal is getting non-member children of members to join Sons of Norway. When a focus group was held in Minneapolis it was determined we were just not asking our children to join. So this is what we have to focus on: Heritage members upon turning 16 until age 23 are eligible to apply for free membership. For a free membership, fill out the regular membership form; please write your name, membership number and your relationship with the new member somewhere in the margin of the form. Enter \$0 in the total dues space. How simple is that.

We also need to come up with some ideas on how to contact non-member children of members where the children live in a different area. We also need ideas on how to attract children of members who live in the area but for some reason

or another have never been asked to join Sons of Norway.

Our membership growth rate has not been achieved. At the end of May, we were 42 members from Jan 1; remember our goal is to have at least 1 more member than we started with. So Please Financial secretaries and Vice Presidents contact people on your list whose dues are past due and who has been dropped from some reason. We have a lot of work to do but it is not impossible!

Fraternally,

Waldo Bueing
District Two Vice President

Message from the
International Director
Bill Fosmoe

An update on where District Two stands with regard to the 2006 – 2008 Biennium membership goals as of June 30, 2007:

- During this period, District Two has lost 65 members either by death or not renewing their membership.
- We have increased our membership in the 40 to 55 year old category by 24 members.
- District Two has the highest increase in membership in this category for all of Sons of Norway.
- Our growth in insurance products has decreased.

I know all lodges are working hard to keep up our membership. Hopefully, most lodges have a membership committee chaired by the lodge vice president who is working with the District Two Vice President in promoting membership in Sons of Norway.

John Lund, Chief Executive Officer, has advised that there will be changes in the IRS Form 990 by the Internal Revenue. All lodges, even though those that have less than \$25,000 in annual

receipts, will need to file with the Internal Revenue Service. The form is to be called a 909N. It will be a short post card type form which at this time is still being developed. The 990N will be used for the tax year 2008. This return is to be filed in the year 2009.

Those lodges that have more than \$25,000 in annual receipts will still have to complete and file the IRS Form 990 in the normal manner.

My heartiest congratulations to the Border Festival Committee chaired by Elaine Graddock of Wergeland Lodge #21 and District Two Counselor for a great 60th anniversary Border Festival held on July 8th. This is a great picnic for lodges in District Two and District Seven.

Congratulations to Tordenskjold Lodge #5 who celebrated their 100th anniversary on September 8, 2007. What a milestone!

Fraternally,
Bill Fosmoe
District Two International Director

A TRIP OF A LIFETIME FOR YOU
By Ted Fosberg,
International President

By Ted Fosberg, International President

One of Sons of Norway's goals is to achieve net membership growth between July 31, 2006, and December 31, 2007. To aid in achieving this goal, we have established an incentive for recruiting new members – "The Norwegian Experience". The winner of this 10-night luxurious Norwegian travel adventure for two will receive:

- Deluxe business-class airfare to Norway for two
- All transportation in Norway
- Deluxe accommodations including hotel upgrades
- At least two meals included each day
- \$500 in spending money

- Private tour of the famous Hadeland Glassworks including a gift certificate

This travel package is sponsored by Borton Overseas Travel and Sons of Norway. What is most exciting about the adventure is that Borton Overseas will work with the winner to select a travel adventure tailored to their needs with many highlights to choose from, including a cruise through Norway's fjords, shopping in Oslo and seeing the Bergen harbor at night.

The contest period is January 1, 2007, through December 31, 2007. The guidelines include the following:

- Recruiters must be current members of Sons of Norway
- For each dues-paying member recruited, the recruiter's name will be automatically entered into the drawing
- There is no limit to the number of entries allowed, so recruit as many new members as possible to increase your chances of winning

To qualify for entry, membership applications for new members, with the recruiter's member number indicated, must be received at Sons of Norway Headquarters by December 31, 2007.

For more information visit:
www.sonsofnorway.com.

This will truly be a memorable experience for the winner. However, all the new members recruited will be enjoying the Sons of Norway experience and the many benefits we offer. By participating, you are helping Sons of Norway build membership while at the same time giving yourself a chance for a trip of a lifetime – a win-win for you, your new member(s) and Sons of Norway. Lykke til!!!

International Secretary
Marit Kristiansen

The following Resolution was approved at the 2006 International Lodge meeting in Vancouver B.C.

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Therefore Be It Resolved that the International Lodge support a process to review the current Constitutions as to its components and their relevancy to the laws and governance of our Society; and

Be It Further Resolved that the International President shall appoint a special committee to develop a re-ordered constitution and companion document which will be reviewed by the International Board during the 2006-2008 biennium and/or any other member groups. The committee shall submit a report to the 2008 International Lodge Meeting.

The eight member Constitution Committee was appointed by President Fosberg. I am one of the members and have to admit that this is a **major** task. Here is an update of our work:

- No changes to the Charter
- Develop a Policy and Procedures Document
- Renumber the Constitution to correspond with the Policy & Procedure Document

Currently, any changes to the Constitution needs a 2/3 vote, and as we read through it, there are sections dealing with officer duties, membership administration, new lodge development etc. that should only require a majority vote. These paragraphs would be placed in the companion document. We envision that the new documents (Policy & Procedures) will be available on the website.

The Committee will present the proposed documents to the International Board for their input. Then the completed project will be outlined at all 2008 District Conventions and further to the 2008 International Lodge Meeting.

There will be no changes to the present verbiage in the Constitution and all paragraphs will be placed in the Constitution, Policy or Procedure Documents. We hope the final product will be more “user friendly” for all members.

Fraternally & Beste Hilsen,

Marit Kristiansen
International Secretary

District 2 Secretary Janet Fruchtl

As summer comes to an end I hope you are all gearing up for the fun fall events. I can hardly wait for the first and second . . . bazaars to come. I love the feeling that I might find the perfect Christmas gift or just the craft item I want for my house. It is always such an adventure to visit other lodges and see what great ideas they have. Sons of Norway Lodges are such welcoming places to visit. Hugging old friends and meeting new ones is one of my favorite activities.

Check out our District 2 Web Page: www.sonsofnorway2.com Find out what is going on in our District and participate if you can. 2008 is a Convention year and Tordenskjold Lodge is working hard to make our stay in Spokane very special. Make sure your lodge is planning to send delegates.

September is when you elect your Nominating Committee. This is a very important committee as they will be approaching members to ask them to serve as officers of your lodge. Please help them to find good candidates and if they ask you, please consider doing your part to help your lodge succeed in meeting its goals. It is hard work for a lodge to be successful and everyone needs to do their share. Think about what you can contribute to make your lodge a place people want to come to. A smile on your face as you welcome new members and an invitation to join in the fun of an activity go a long way to helping your lodge grow and prosper. Just remember that what is to be begins with me.

Wishing you all a great fall and winter!

Fraternally,

Janet Fruchtl, Secretary

<i>Special Lodge</i>

Anniversaries

Bla Fjell Lodge No. 163 10 years
September 6, 1997

Tordenskjold Lodge No. 5 100 years
September 8, 1907

Skjonndal Lodge No. 127 25 years
September 11, 1982

Sonja Lodge No. 38 70 years
October 2, 1937

Roald Lodge No. 39 70 years
May 15, 1977

Elvedalen Lodge No. 129 25 years
February 19, 1983

Bothell Lodge No. 106 35 years
February 24, 1973

Sol-Land Lodge No. 86 40 years
March 2, 1968

Treasurer's Message

Mark Agerter

Greetings to all. I hope that you are having a terrific summer and enjoying those special activities that summer brings to us all. Regina and I attended the Pacific Coast Norwegian Singer's Association 98th Annual Sangerfest in Astoria in June and the Junction City Scandinavian Festival this past weekend and had a great time savoring all of the sights, sounds, foods and friendship that gatherings of this type brings to us. At events of this nature, the community outreach for all things Scandinavian is truly amazing.

I have included for publication in this issue a financial report for January through July of 2007. Thanks primarily to the dues increase at the last convention, the district is in sound financial shape. Although expenses continue to rise, we have been able to increase our account balances to an aggregate total of \$44,830.36 as of July 31.

This compares favorably with the balance in July, 2005, the last non-convention year, of \$35,024.14.

What this means for our members is that we have had the funds to invest in some special projects we have been putting off for some time. The first of these is that we are in the process of revamping the District web page. This makes us more visible to the public and hopefully more attractive to prospective members. The second is that we have been able to purchase laptop computers for both the Secretary and the Treasurer, which will make our jobs much easier, especially at future meetings and conventions. These had been voted on more than a year ago, but I felt that we could not make these purchases with the amount of funds on hand at the time. In addition, we should be in a much better position by next year to assist our delegates in attending the International Convention.

If you have any questions regarding the financial report, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mark Agerter

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District 2 Treasurer &
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(See January –July Treasurer's Report on pages 6 & 7.)

**Meetings & Per Diem
FINANCIAL REPORT FOR DISTRICT #2, SONS OF NORWAY**

For the period of 1/1/07 to 7/31/07

Acct. #	Balance brought forward	General	Fraternal	Total
		\$ 29,692.76	\$ (1,269.43)	\$ 28,423.33
RECEIPTS:				
4110	Idea Exchange Meetings		2,924.40	2,924.40
4120	Sports		974.80	974.80
4130	Cultural		2,437.00	2,437.00
4140	Youth Programs		974.80	974.80
4141	Cartridge for Kids		187.25	187.25
4142	Unge Venner			0.00
4143	Youth Camps		2,437.00	2,437.00
4152	Sofie/Olson Donations		35.00	35.00
4153	Draxten Memorial Scholarship		2,254.00	2,254.00
4210	Trollhaugen		16,529.31	16,529.31
4300	District Dues	24,793.92		24,793.92
4325	S/N Credit Card Income	235.00		235.00
4332	Interest S/N Dir Dep Fund	236.05		236.05
4333	Interest Sofie/Olson Dir Dep Fund		360.44	360.44
4334	Interest Sofie/Olson Savings		5.13	5.13
4335	Interest Draxten Memorial Savings		9.67	9.67
4345	Runescape Jewelry Commission	448.30		448.30
4360	Advertising	391.00		391.00
4376	Leadership Training - Int'l	1,810.19		1,810.19
	Total Received For Year	\$ 27,914.46	\$ 29,128.80	\$ 57,043.26

DISBURSEMENTS:

5110	Idea Exchange Meetings	561.50		561.50
5121	Sports Expense - Bowling		257.11	257.11
5123	Sports Expense - Golf		10.89	10.89
5124	Sports Expense - Skiing		401.85	401.85
5130	Cultural Expense		0.00	0.00
5141	Connect up Newsletter		0.00	0.00
5142	Unge Venner Activities		0.00	0.00
5143	Youth Camp Expense		2,483.33	2,483.33
5151	Youth Camp Board Meetings		561.60	561.60
5152	Sofie/Olson Scholarship Expense		750.00	750.00
5153	Draxten Memorial Scholarship Fund		2,405.00	2,405.00
5210	Trollhaugen		16,529.31	16,529.31
5211	Trollhaugen Board Meeting		1,044.70	1,044.70

5250	District Policy Book		0.00	0.00
5270	Adopt-A-School Expense		0.00	0.00
5300	Mileage & Parking	753.86		753.86
5301	Printing	2,424.15		2,424.15
5302	Postage & Shipping	686.53		686.53
5303	Office Supplies	333.44		333.44
5304	Telephone	75.96		75.96
5305	Meetings & Per Diem	3,410.53		3,410.53
5306	Newsletter	395.31		395.31
5307	Gifts	144.94		144.94
5308	Web Page Expense	573.93		573.93
5309	Equipment	2,044.91		2,044.91
5310	Liability Insurance	0.00		0.00
5315	Secretary Reimbursement	797.92		797.92
5316	Treasurer Reimbursement	797.92		797.92
5320	District President Travel	431.05		431.05
5325	Accounting Fees	280.00		280.00
5345	Runescape Jewelry Expense	118.37		118.37
5360	Advertising Expense	30.00		30.00
5365	District Convention Expense	0.00		0.00
5370	International Conv. Expense	0.00		0.00
5376	Leadership Training - Intl.		2,112.12	2,112.12
5377	Leadership Training District		0.00	0.00
5381	Zone 1 Activity Expense		130.00	130.00
5382	Zone 2 Activity Expense		0.00	0.00
5383	Zone 3 Activity Expense		0.00	0.00
5390	Miscellaneous Expense	90.00		90.00
		\$		
	Total Disbursements for Year	13,950.32	\$ 26,685.91	\$ 40,636.23
	Net Gain (Loss) for Year	13,964.14	2,442.89	16,407.03
		\$		
	TOTALS	43,656.90	\$ 1,173.46	\$ 44,830.36

ENDING BALANCES

		\$
1035	Checking Account	6,403.06
1040	S/N Direct Deposit Fund	18,279.96
1060	Sofie/Olson Direct Deposit Fund	19,694.22
1065	Sofie/Olson Savings	343.10
1070	Draxten Memorial Savings	110.02
		\$
	Total	<u>44,830.36</u>

Respectfully submitted by:

Mark Agerter, Treasurer

District #2, Sons of Norway

**Adopt a School Program
Coordinator - Sid Iverson**

*The Joy of Exciting Kids of Every Age.
Sons of Norway's "Adopt a School" Program*

The new school year has started and for many schools there is a need to find ways to reinforce the excitement in the classroom. Through Sons of Norway's Adopt a School program our lodges can help provide some additional sparkle to the learning process.

Pick an idea and develop a twist to that idea that might provide some intrigue. As Norwegians, we all know about the Vikings and the reputations they had. But, how about "The rest of the story?" Try your idea out on your lodge first. Your members might enjoy it, too.

In school we are introduced to the historical idea that our form of government comes from the model used by the English. Their two house system is the basis for our two house Congress. but nobody addresses the question of the source of the English system. Just think how intriguing it might be if a presentation might be made showing the connection between Norway to Iceland back to Norway then to Europe by way of William the Conqueror and finally to the British and their Parliament.

When we want to show a father - son relationship we might use "the second or the third, 4th" and so on. In Norway to show a relationship we might use the father's name then define the son by providing a descriptive term like "the Fair", or "Blood axe", or "the Red". In Scotland and Ireland, the prefix "Mc" or "Mac" to a name means "Son of" From what country did these two prefixes come? How come so much of Irish history and geography seems to contain a Norsk flavor? Are the Irish really close cousins to the Norwegians?

All around the world there are stories about the little people, the hidden folk. We know about the elves, the fairies, the leprechauns and the trolls. Are they related to Kilroy, the gremlins or the grinchies? What role do they play in the lives of children? Of grownups? Who are the Huldafolk and how are

they, even today, impacting the lives of one of our Nordic neighbors?

Answers to questions such as these are as close as your computer or the reference material at Sons of Norway. Don't be afraid to take some reality information that is not included in the normal school curriculum and shake the tree a little bit. Have fun in doing it.

Were you aware of the fact that two of Norway's historical instruments are the Mouth Harp and the Musical Saw. How much fun could one have in demonstrating these two instruments - or maybe even? Having some of the kids make some music with a saw. How about the story of the lowly paper clip?

Don't be afraid to jump into the water and get wet. It might even be fun.

If I can help you get wet give me a call.

Sid Iverson
Whidbey Island Nordic Lodge 2-164
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**Sports Director's Report
Albert Crompton**

The winter skiing at Trollhaugen in February was a huge success! The weather was perfect for cross-country skiing, and there were lots of participants from various lodges. All who attended had a good time. I would like to thank Waldo Bueing for all of his help with this event.

In April, Bothell Lodge #2-106 hosted the annual Bowling Tournament. Hearty thanks to all of the volunteers who helped make the event a success. There was wonderful entertainment and great food! Trophies were presented at the banquet. The winners were the usual groups and checks were mailed out to all of the individuals.

This year the Golf Tournament was held by Grieg Lodge #2-015 in Portland, OR. Due to many school reunions, the total number of golfers was 46 much lower than usual - these things happen. The winners

of the trophies were from Grieg Lodge this year. Everyone enjoyed themselves

A big thank you to all of the volunteers and entertainers at Grieg lodge for their fine hospitality enjoyed by all. The banquet was also most enjoyable to those who attended. I am pleased to report there were no complaints. I will send out emails to District-2 lodges asking for sponsors for next years Golf Tournament.

Fraternally,

Albert Crompton,
Sports Director

**Report of the District 2
Youth Director
Chris Hicks**

Youth camps are over for another year once again. Camp Trollhaugen had 26 campers, Camp Nidaros had 25 and Normanna 28. The weather was a challenge this year from over 100* and a sudden wind storm at Trollhaugen, to 10 straight days of rain and a little wind added at Nidaros and Normanna who finished with a few hot days, a few rainy days but mostly overcast skies. One bright side was all 3 final day programs were nice weather and a success. A Tusen Takk to all that helped put these camps on. We can not have these camps without the volunteers from the local lodges.

I am please to report that 25 campers received scholarships from 10 different lodges this year for a total of \$3,737.00. Lodge scholarships in support of our district youth camp program is important to maximize the number of kids that can afford to attend one of our 2 week camps. I would like to encourage lodges to support your youth and offer camp scholarships. If you would like some help setting up a camp scholarship program in your local lodge, please feel free to contact me and I will be happy to help anyway I can.

Local lodges need to mark May 1st as the deadline to get me the lodge scholarship information so your camper will also be eligible for Draxten Memorial funds. These funds can only be awarded to those campers that have received a lodge scholarship. In

2007 we gave away \$2405.00 in Draxton funds. This fall we are planning an Unge Venner weekend at Trollhaugen **October 26 -29**. This event will be for the youth 16-23. If you have youth in your lodge let then know to watch the District 2 web site for more information or contact me at hicks1015@msn.com or Seth Tufteland at sofnseth@yahoo.com.

2007 was the 10th anniversary for the Adult Heritage Retreat. We hold 2 each year one in the spring and again in fall. This will give you a taste of what your youth are doing at the 2 week summer camps all rolled up in 1 weekend at Trollhaugen. Contact myself or Doreen Parker (360-538-0572) for more information.

Chris Hicks
District 2 Youth Director
hicks1015@msn.com

**Social/Publicity Director
Kay Koski**

Fall is almost here and the District lodges will begin another year of exciting activities. With all of the interesting cultural and heritage events taking place that means even more lodge photo ops for submission to the Viking magazine! Be sure to capture action pictures of your special events, bazaars, dinners, and community partnerships and send them to me to forward to the Viking. I would especially like to receive photos from the lodges that have never sent them before! It is so exciting for your lodge members to open up the Viking to the District 2 page and see a picture of their lodge or themselves!

Be sure to include your event information along with your photos. **Be sure NOT to write on the back** as the Viking will not accept them. Info to include is: the event name and date, names of members listed from left to right, and a short paragraph about the event. A post-it note or note card taped to the back of your photo with your info is best.

Hearty thanks to those lodges who continually send interesting photos for the Viking Magazine! I greatly appreciate your efforts. District 2 is fortunate to have many ongoing cultural and heritage events in their lodges. Why not share your success in pictures?

After all, you ought to be in pictures! ☺

My goal is to submit photos from ALL LODGES in District 2 as there are many exciting events and programs planned that need to be shared with other lodges. So please send me your photos using the guidelines listed below”

My photo deadline is the 10th of each month. All you have to do is:

- Make sure that the photos are at least 4” x 6” in size and that there are 3-5 people in your photos.
- If you email photos they must be 4”x 6” and at least 300dpi for the Viking to accept them.
- **ACTION PHOTOS ARE BEST!!!**
- **Mail your photos to:**

Kay Koski,
District 2 Publicity Director
3103 Pershing Way
Longview, WA 98632

-or email your photos to:
kkoski@kalama.com

Beste Hilsen,

Kay Koski
District 2 Publicity Director

**Adult Heritage Retreat
Celebrates
10th Anniversary!**

They said it could not be done, but we are now celebrating our 10th anniversary in 2007 with this upcoming Reunion retreat.

**SONS OF NORWAY
DISTRICT #2
PRESENTS
ADULT HERITAGE RETREAT
OCTOBER 12-14, 2007
AT TROLLHAUGEN**

PLEASE NOTE- DATE HAS CHANGED

Get “hands” on your Heritage!
Learn crafts, language, cooking, woodcarving,
needlework, & much more!

Spaces are limited so register early!
Cost of retreat is \$95.00 before September 10th (\$110.00 after September 10th)
Price includes all costs for the weekend.

Please publicize this information at your lodge meetings and in your newsletters.

For further Information contact one of the following:

Doreen Parker – 360-538-0572
Chris Hicks – 425-672-0194
Ginger Fields – 509-734-7876

Doreen Parker
Retreat Chairman

**District Cultural-Foundation Report
Randi Aulie**

I hope you all have had a wonderful summer. I had my dream summer in Lofoten, Northern Norway with sun every day for three weeks. From time to time, I have heard people telling me about this wonderful weather in Lofoten, but, in the 56th years since I left, it's the first time it has happened to me and I go there on the average every other year!

When this newsletter arrives, we are into the fall activities and bazaars will be held and lutefisk made for big crowds.

There are a couple of items I like to put your attention to. First, should we continue with the lefse contest? I think we should but should we include other kinds of lefse too or just stick to potato lefse? Or, should we have only more lefse this year?

By including different kinds, we lefse lovers will be able to extend our lefse recipes and hopefully go home and use them. I need your suggestions as soon as possible because I am facing a hip replacement in the end of September.

The second item I'd like to point out is that October is Foundation month. Last year, I suggested for Leif Erikson, my lodge that we asked the members for a dollar each and then the lodge matched the amount we collected. We sent in to the Foundation \$100.00; not too much but if every lodge participated it would amount to a substantial amount of money.

Even the smallest lodge should be able to come up with \$20.

Many lodges are arranging a Grieg concert this year. I have been to two and they have been more than worth my time. We have one coming up at Leif Erikson Lodge September 16th. If there it will be one in your area, don't miss it!

When the Zone Directors get back from our September Board meeting, they will bring with them a new Resource Directory for each lodge. Please let your Zone Director know if you can't use one so we don't waste any. They are free this time so we are sure all the lodges have one with their name on it.

Remember this is lodge property and also please use it and let me know as soon as you have any additions.

Fraternally,

Randi Aulie,
Cultural/Foundation Director

**Zone 1 Director's Report
Sandi Shin**

Greetings to all of you! Here we are at summer's end and I wonder where it went so fast. I hope each and every one of you had a great summer. I guess for me the only good part of summer ending is that I can look forward to Christmas which is my favorite holiday of the year.

The big thing that I have been involved with this past year has been the Phase Two Leadership Training workshops. I have been fortunate to have Karin Custance (Columbia #58) as my co-trainer and we have used my husband, Sohng, to do the registration at the workshops. Without Karin and Sohng to help, I don't think we could have accomplished as much as we did. We have done 5 workshops and have had turnout from 8 out of 11 of my lodges. We may still try to do one more workshop if time permits and details can be worked out. I want to thank those of you who drove several miles to attend and I trust it was worth your while. I appreciate your efforts as it was impossible for me

to get to all 11 of my lodges in the allotted time frame.

I have visited several lodges in my zone but, with the extra workshops, I have not been able to get to every lodge (so far). Please be patient with me as I will visit your lodge.

A couple of exciting things that you should know about are: TWO 70th anniversaries are coming up. Sonja Lodge #38 (Eugene) began on October 2, 1937. Roald Lodge # 39 (Klamath Falls) began on October 17, 1937. Both of these lodges are planning 70th anniversary parties. I am so proud of both lodges. Sonja Lodge owns their own lovely lodge hall. If you've never been there, you should visit. Their meeting room has rosemaling everywhere and is truly beautiful. Roald Lodge is one of my smaller lodges and has struggled at times. They have kept going and I am so pleased that they are celebrating 70 years! Gratulerer!

Some Zone 1 lodges had a nice visit with Eivind Heiberg Fraternal Director from the home office as he made the rounds in District Two. I enjoyed talking to him and found out that he is from a part of Norway right near where my family lives.

One more item – if there are no events listed for your lodge at the end of my article, it's because I did not hear from you. I mailed a letter to every lodge president, secretary, and sometimes even a third person in some lodges asking for a list of your upcoming events for fall and winter. (Letter dated July 11). I mentioned in my letter that it was my desire to have input from every lodge in my Zone.

Zone 1 Lodge events:

Breidablik Lodge #27 - Kelso, WA

Fri., Sept. 7-Heritage Celebration & Business Mtg-7:00pm

Norwegian Language Class beginning Mondays , Sept. 10th from 7:00-9:00pm

Pancake Breakfast served Saturday, September 8, October 6, and December 8. Menu scrambled eggs, ham, sausage or bacon, pancakes, coffee and juice for \$5 adults, kids 10 and under \$3.

Scandinavian Bazaar & Pea Soup Luncheon

Lutefisk & Meatball Dinner tickets go on sale for Sunday, January 13th. Contact Bob Fristad at 360-423-7789 for tickets.

December 15-Christmas Party-Potluck bring the family for entertainment and potluck and of course the Jul Nisse!

Lutefisk & Meatball Dinner-Sunday, January 13, 2008. Contact Bob Fristad for tickets at 360-423-7789.

Columbia Lodge #58, Vancouver, WA

September 27 – Spaghetti Dinner, Silent Auction, and entertainment. \$7.50 adults and \$3.00 for children. Reservations needed – call Sandy 360-256-4842, Evelyn 360-1743, Juanita at 360-574-2488

Fjeldheim Lodge #47, Bend, OR

September 24-28 Rosemaling Workshop with Vesterheim Gold Medalist July Ritger teaching Gudbrandsdal style rosemaling.

October 20 – Dinner followed by a program of Norwegian music and dance by Vestafor Trio.

October 26-27 – Ski for Light Advance Scouting Party will be held in Bend.

December 8 – Annual Lefse and Norwegian Baked Sale at the lodge hall.

Grieg Lodge #15, Portland, OR

September 11 – Grieg by Candlelight featuring Norwegian Pianist Knut Erik Jensen. Contact: Julie Whipple 503-784-1796 jdwscrip@gmail.com

September 15 – Grieg Lodge open house, noon to 4 p.m.

September 22 – Grieg Lodge at the Hollywood Farmer’s Market 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Helgeland Lodge #30 Cathlamet, WA

October 6 – Ice Cream Social and Silent Auction from 2-4 November 9 to 11 Lefse making and sale

December 2 – 1 to 3 p.m. Children’s Christmas Party. No charge

All events are held at Norse Hall

Roald Lodge #39, Klamath Falls, OR

October 13 – 70th Lodge Anniversary catered dinner. Begins at 2 p.m. at Good Fellows Lodge. Six new members will be initiated. More information will be coming out about this event. You will need reservations – call 541-883-7810

December 1 & 2 – Annual lodge bazaar at the fairgrounds.

December 8 – Annual Christmas Party

January 12, 2008 – Annual Lutefisk dinner for lodge members.

Sonja Lodge #38, Eugene, OR

October 6 – 70th Anniversary Party

Bazaar – October 27

Thor Lodge #42, Salem, OR

September 24-28 Rosemaling Workshop with Vesterheim Gold Medalist July Ritger teaching Gudbrandsdal style rosemaling.

October 20 – Dinner followed by a program of Norwegian music and dance by Vestafor Trio.

October 26-27 – Ski for Light Advance Scouting Party will be held in Bend.

December 8 – Annual Lefse and Norwegian Bake Sale at the lodge hall.

Fraternally,

Sandi Shin,
Zone 1 Director
fiolett@msn.com

Zone 2 Director
Jane Bueing

I would hope that as we go forward into the fall and winter that we all try to visit different lodges, make new friends, and visit those that we know in other lodges. Support the lodge by showing your interest in Sons of Norway. Hopefully, we are looking forward to growing membership and retaining membership.

Normanna Lodge #3 - Everett
Contact # 425-252-0291 (Lodge #)

Starting in September:

Pancake Breakfasts - 2nd Saturday of the month

Norwegian Singers – Wednesday nights at 7pm at the Normanna Lodge

Need singers, all welcome to join

Meat Raffle – every Friday night

Dances – Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and some Sundays

Crafts – every Wednesday

Rosemaling begins in September

Language classes begin in September

Bowling starts September 2 for all Sons of Norway members, first Sunday of every month

Western Swing, second Sundays at 1pm, different dances and music

October 26, 7:30 **Halloween Costume Party** – Prizes for different Costumes

November 2 & 3 - **Bazaar**

December 1, 1 -4 pm -**Children’s Christmas Party**

December 16, **Adult Christmas Party and Dance** 3-5pm

December 21, **Tom & Jerry Party** (Good)

December 31, **New Year’s Eve Party** – Book Early

Plenty of activities feel free to call the lodge number above and join Normanna Lodge in the activities listed. The more the merrier.

Fritjov #17 –Contact Pam Lindahl 360-939-0963

Join **Fritjov** on Sunday, September 23, for a **Friendship Dinner** with Abel Lodge #29, Blomsterdahl #123 and Vasa lodge and former members of the Silvana Lodge. Dinner at 4:00pm. *A good way to get to know others in our Zone and District.*

Edmonds Lodge #130- contact Jane Bueing 425-882-2212 or waldoljane@aol.com

October 6, Pancake breakfast at 7:30 at the Edmonds Masonic Center

Meetings held 2nd Wednesday of the month starting at 4pm with activities for the youth and the adults.

Dinners each month begin at 6:30, September Potluck.

November, Thanksgiving Dinner at 6:30, December no regular meeting.

Whidbey Island Nordic Lodge #164 –

Contact Richard Johnson 360-678-4889 or dingwhidbey@cablespeed.com

Meets the 3rd Saturday at 10:00am.

The September meeting will feature Wes Westlund speaking on the PBY squadron on Whidbey Island during the 2nd World War.

The October meeting will feature "Iceland"

The November meeting will be in preparation for our community Christmas celebration and nomination of officers for 2008.

December will be the celebration of a lifetime for WINL and the community

And we will invite the Datters av Norge from South Whidbey.

Respectfully,
Jane Bueing, Zone 2 Director
425-882-2212 waldoljane@aol.com

Zone 3 Director’s Report
Carol Ollestad

Special events and meetings for District 2, Zone 3 Lodges are listed as follows:

Leif Erikson Lodge No. 1 – Meets the 2nd Wednesday

Kaffestua 10-3 Monday to Friday and 2nd Saturday

Tuesdays: Leikarringen and Barneleikarringen (folk dance for adults and children),

Norwegian Ladies chorus, Library open from 10-2.

Norwegian classes Monday, Wednesday and Thursdays

September 8th Luncheon for past queens and young women of Leif Erikson Lodge

September 16th Piano Recital by James E. Thompson honoring Edvard Grieg.

October 27th-28th Annual Bazaar

November 10th Norwegian Genealogy Workshop

December 15th Julebord

December 16th Children's Christmas Party

Knute Rockne Lodge No. 12 –

Meets the 3rd Friday- Location can vary so call first.

Terje Viken Lodge No. 31 – Meets the 3rd Friday

Cascade Lodge No. 87 – Meets the 4th Tuesday

Language lessons and folk music.

Bothell Lodge No. 106 – Meets 3rd Thursday.

Arts and crafts before the meeting from 4-6.

October 6th Norwegian Sandwich Making Class

October 20th Pickled Herring Class

November 3rd Bazaar and Bake sale

November 13th Rosemal Tote bags and aprons

December 1st Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner

December 8th Rommegrot Class

Vesterdalen Lodge No. 131 – Meets 3rd Monday.

Informal gatherings before the meeting, often a film on Norway.

December Julefest, place and time still to be determined.

Carol Ollestad,
Zone 3 Director

**Zone 4 Director's Report
Anne Vatshell**

Last March 17 we celebrated Grays Harbor Lodge at their 100th Anniversary. It was a "Grand" affair, with the center piece, being a 100 ring Kransekake.

We had a very good turnout at the Leadership Training Phase 2, hosted by Grays Harbor lodge. Chris Hicks was the lead trainer and I was her backup. It was great to have so many participate with their input.

May was a busy month for all the lodges with the

celebration of 17th of May, both at the Lodges and the Parade in Ballard. Hovedstad in Olympia had their 1st annual Norway Day. Both Norden #2 and Poulsbo #44 hosted Hordaland Theater Group from Bergen, Norway. It was a treat to hear their show "Singel og Sand", and to visit with the actors.

Summer is a quiet time for the lodges, and we store up energy for the busy Fall and Winter season. Fall is here and the lodges are now planning for Salmon dinners, Lutefisk dinners and Julebord. Lefse and cookies are being planned.

Elections of officers are not to far away, so the nominating Committees are getting busy asking us to serve our lodges on the board and committees.

I am looking forward to again visit lodge meetings in Zone 4.

Tordenskjold Lodge #5 in Spokane is celebrating 100 years on September 8. Gratulerer med dagen, Tordenskjold.

September is also being celebrated all over the world as the 100th year of Norway's great composer Edward Grieg death. When I was a young girl, we sometimes packed a lunch "Skiver og Saft" (sandwich and juice) and walked to Trollhaugen, Nina and Edward Grieg's home, for a picnic on the grounds, usually down by the water. Fond memories for me to have. I also grew up close to the Grieg family farm in Bergen, Norway.

Norden Lodge #2 meets 1st Friday of the month, at Normanna Hall, Tacoma at 7:30 pm

December 1, Julebord.

Grays Harbor #4 meets 1st Wednesday of the month, at SoN hall, Aberdeen, 7 pm

Oslo Lodge #35 meets 2nd Thursday of the month SoN Oslo Hall, Bremerton, 7 pm on odd months

October 28, Lutefisk Dinner. November 11, Kultur Sondag, Veterans Day Program, Dec. 1, Julebord.

Olympic Lodge #37 meets 2nd Monday of the month, at Scandia Hall, Port Angeles, 7:30 pm

Poulsbo #44 meets 2nd Tuesday of the month, at Grieg Hall, Poulsbo, 7:30 pm

Hovedstad #94 meets 4th Monday of the month, at American Legion Hall, Olympia, 7:30 pm

Skjonndal #127 meets 3rd Thursday of the month, at Lincoln Creek Grange, Centralia, 7:30 pm

Fraternally,
Anne Vatshell,
Zone 4 Director

Zone 5 Director's Report

Asbjørn Rostad

It has been and still is a busy time with lodge visits, leadership workshops and planning meetings for the 2010 International Convention in Coeur d' Alene and supporting Tordenskjold's preparation for the 2008 District Convention in Spokane. Topics I will cover include Conventions Update, Leadership Workshops, and Membership & Membership Recognition & Lodge Visits.

Conventions Update

I am pleased to note the president of Tordenskjold, Les Ostrom, is happy with the leadership for the 2008 District Convention and the progress that has been made, but he also points out that there is a lot of work and hopes the enthusiasm expressed now stays alive for the time remaining.

Some Harald Haarfager members have been attending the planning sessions for the 2008 District convention and expressed their willingness to help in making it a success. And Les Ostrom points out that "such friendship is a two-way street"; Harald Haarfager will need help with the 2010 International Convention too.

Harald Haarfager has monthly planning meetings for the 2010 International Convention and a lot more details will be provided at a later date. But a lot of hard work has been done. This International Convention had strong birth pains, but is also true that pain leads to gain. We hope that our pain will gain future bidders of International Convention through better instruction from Sons of Norway International and from more time allotted at the actual convention. We have had the pleasure of having International President Ted Fosberg and CEO John Lund visit Coeur d' Alene Resort and meet the staff and tour the facilities and we were told it met with their complete approval.

Leadership Workshops

I attended my first workshop at Grieg Lodge #5, Portland, in the fall of 2006. Based on what I learned there, I decided to ask for assistance from Donna Gilbery, who had received training presenting Phase I Workshops and from International Vice President Dan Rude, who had been assigned responsibilities for the present Leadership Workshops. With their participation, we had a very successful workshop at Harald Haarfager Lodge March 10 with 34 participants representing five lodges: Coeur d' Alene, Lewiston, Moses Lake, Spokane and Walla Walla. Thanks, Dan & Donna!

The next leadership workshop was held in Yakima April 28 with 18 members from three lodges: Kennewick, Wenatchee and Yakima. Donna Gilbery did a great job and we had many positive comments on the evaluation forms.

Membership and Membership Recognition

The timing of International President Fosberg and CEO Lund's visit to Coeur d' Alene was for them to be available to share in Harald Haarfager's 97th anniversary and membership recognition January 19. In particular we wanted Ted & John to present a 75-year membership pin and certificate to Art Olson, who had been a member of Harald Haarfager since 1932. As it turned out, Art was not well enough to come to the anniversary celebration so Ted, John and I went to Art's home, pinned him, and had a long conversation with him, his wife Helenjean proudly listening. Helenjean, a former president of Harald Haarfager, joined the lodge in 1948 so Art and his wife had contributed 114 years to Sons of Norway. Helenjean passed away January 31 and as I was writing this report, I was notified that Art passed away August 15.

I believe in recognizing members for their contribution while they are alive and capable of appreciating the compliments and thanks. So thank you Ted and John for visiting with Olsons; I know that it meant just as much to Helenjean as it did to Art. Harald Haarfager Lodge had discussed for some time a membership dinner with our S/N insurance department picking up the cost for prospective members.

We finally took action and had 17 potential members attend. About half have signed up as of now and we expect most of them to become members.

Talking about doing something may be interesting; action gives results.

Lodge Visits

I have attended many functions at Tordenskjold and Harald Haarfager, but I have also attended events at Wenatchee, Walla Walla, Moses Lake and Trollhaugen. September calls for a Centennial celebration at Tordenskjold, 10th anniversary in Walla Walla and the District Board Meeting, to mention a few. I hope to visit Twin Falls, Lewiston and Boise in the near future.

Fraternally,
Asbjorn Rostad
Zone 5 Director

Zone 6 Director's Report

Martha Andrew

This past winter and spring were busy with visits to lodges in zone 6 with the leadership workshops. I visited all but two of the lodges and I hope to visit them this fall or winter.

Our lodges in Alaska are a bit different from those in the rest of District Two in that we must deal with isolation. We are isolated from the other states in the district and we are isolated from each other due to the distances that we must travel to visit any other lodges. Bernt Balchen No. 46 in Anchorage and Arctic Viking No. 117 in Fairbanks are within driving distance as long as you are willing to over-night before your return trip. Visits to all the other lodges require one to fly – round trip airfare from Anchorage to Petersburg can cost in excess of \$600. Not to mention the fact that one can be weathered in and unable to fly out of a town or weathered out where one is unable to land at one's destination. (Ask President Ted about the Yakutat airport!) So – it comes as no great surprise to hear a common question asked by the lodges that I visit: "What are they doing in the lodges Outside?" Or, "What are they doing in the other Alaska lodges?" For those who are not familiar with Alaskan – Outside means any state outside of Alaska. Or, occasionally, reference is made to the "South 48" which means the same.

Communication is important. Sharing of ideas and information is important. The difficulty is that Alaskan lodges are quite diverse so what may be exciting to one lodge may seem like excess baggage to another lodge. So more information is better – what isn't appealing can be discarded and there is still, hopefully, good stuff remaining. Any news and ideas that I bring to a lodge from district meetings and other lodges always seem to be received eagerly. Conversely, our isolation has created some pretty spectacular activities at some of our Alaskan lodges.

This October, we have three and, possibly, four lodges participating in a Grieg Celebration with Jazz Musician Jim Martinez. Jim Martinez will be playing concerts in Juneau, Kodiak, Anchorage and, possibly, Petersburg. He is a wonderful musician and we are very fortunate to have the opportunity to enjoy his performance in celebration of the 100th Anniversary of Edvard Grieg.

Zone 6 Lodges will have many activities and celebrations through fall and winter in addition to the concerts by Jim Martinez. Check out the redesigned District 2 web site at www.sonsofnorway2.com for the most current calendars and information.

May your Holidays be the best ever!

Fraternally,
Mickey Andrew, Zone 6 Director

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2008 Convention Update Got Your Ship Ready to Sail to Spokane?

We know that you have spent these last days of summer scraping the barnacles off your boat and moved it inside for a new coat of paint over the winter so you will be ready to sail to Spokane next June. All of us just can't wait to see what new ideas all of you are putting in your vessels' living quarters that you want to share with your friends.

And the renewal of friendships, while acquiring new contacts with no effort, is the point of all the time outside of business conducted during the day from June 18 – 22, 2008 on the dry side of Washington.

Reminder, start sprucing up your bunads and party clothing this fall so there won't be any last minute scramble to have your picture taken.

We do have one change of our schedule for providing with you with a relaxing get-away time here. Thursday evening will be an event at Tordenskjold's beautiful lodge with dinner and entertainment. The consensus of the planning people is that we all would like to be better acquainted with each other and conducive to that is time spent with each other with few distractions. Those of us who attended Grays Harbor (2004) and Bothell (2006) lodge conventions agreed that we appreciated the chance to see their lodge premises and just relax. President Erlene Stevenson will be keeping us all on track during the day (and that is not an easy thing to achieve with all those Norskies fooling around), so we know she will appreciate some relaxing time away from the podium.

Our requests for ads for the conventional booklet are ready to go (be sure YOUR lodge is represented in that document), meals are planned, busses hired to take us to and from, fun stuff is already thought up, bids are coming in for various costs and none of our helpers have backed out yet. Isn't that the best part?

Spokane can't wait to see you and yours, please plan to join us.

Susan Kirkeby and Reba Haugen-Jewell,
Co-chairs Convention 2008

Cross Country Ski Tournament & Winter Carnival –

February 9, 2008

Location: Trollhaugen
Recreation Lodge

Sponsored by Leif Erikson
Lodge No 2-001

Contact: info@sonsofnorway2.com
More information coming soon!



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