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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

New Year Greetings! You'll have opportunities to participate in some interesting and fun programs and activities this year. Phase II of the Leadership Workshops are underway and will be ongoing through June. They are designed to strengthen our lodges by highlighting officer training, leadership skills, and membership recruitment and retention. You will be getting information from your Zone Director about the time and place of the workshops in your area. I encourage all officers and any of you who are interested in future leadership roles to attend a workshop.

Setting goals is very important to the continuing progress of our lodges, our District, and our International organization. Goals for the 2006 – 2008 biennium have been established by the International Board and by the District Two Board, and are listed in another section of this Dynamic Two. All lodges are encouraged to set their own goals for 2007-2008. It's an effective way to assess your lodge and accomplish the things that you identify as priorities for the things that you identify as priorities for the lodge.

All districts are being asked to look at the possibility of starting new lodges during the current biennium. Whidbey Island Nordic Lodge #164 is the newest lodge in our district. It was established on May 19, 2001. There are now 48 lodges in our district, down from 52 lodges in 2003. The most recent closure is Mjolner Lodge #34 in Silvana. In December the members voted to disband after considering all the options available to them. Several years ago the lodge donated their building, Viking Hall, to the Silvana Community Association. At the meeting in December they dedicated their remaining funds to the Association to help with the future preservation of Viking Hall. The building has been placed on the Historic Register which ensures that the legacy of Mjolner Lodge #2-034 and its many accomplishments and contributions to the community will not be forgotten. We are pleased that many of the members of the lodge are transferring their membership to other lodges in the area.

It is important to consider the possibility of new lodge starts in our district. If you know of an area that is a possible site for the establishment of a new Sons of Norway lodge, please let me know, or pass that information to your Zone Director. The District Board will be addressing this issue at its meeting in April and will appreciate your suggestions.

Membership recruitment and retention continues to be our challenge. Every member must be an active recruiter. We now have an opportunity to not only increase membership in our lodges but to be a winner in the new recruitment contest called the **Norwegian Experience**, sponsored by Sons of

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Take a Liking to a Viking!

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Norway and the Borton Overseas company. A chance to win this new promotional contest provides an incentive for us to talk with our relatives, friends, and acquaintances about membership in Sons of Norway. The grand prize is a customized trip to Norway for two, complete with Business Class air travel, deluxe hotel accommodations, a special tour of the Hadeland Glassworks near Oslo, extra spending money and much more. With the many benefits offered by Sons of Norway to its members, we should all be able to sign up at least one new member to qualify us for a chance to win this **Norwegian Experience**. The more members you sign up, the more chances you have to win. See the March issue of Viking Magazine for more details.

Eivind Heiberg, Director of the Fraternal Department in Minneapolis, visited our district in January and met with representatives from approximately 20 lodges in Oregon and Washington. New ideas and information were exchanged and the meetings provided an opportunity for Eivind to become better acquainted with our district. I want to thank Fjeldheim Lodge #47, Thor Lodge #42, Grieg Lodge #15, Breidablik Lodge #27, Poulsbo Lodge #44, and Bothell Lodge #106 for hosting these meetings. Oslo Lodge #35 also offered Eivind a tour of their Sons of Norway Hall while he was in the area.

Highlights for 2007 include two lodges that will celebrate their 100 Year Anniversaries, Grays Harbor Lodge #4, and Tordenskjold Lodge #5. Congratulations to both of these fine lodges. And good wishes to all of you as we continue to move forward in District Two.

Fraternally,
Erlene Stevenson
District Two, President

Note: I enjoy reading the lodge newsletters I receive. Please add my name to your newsletter mailing list if I am not already on it. Thank you!

Vice President's Message

Happy New Year to all Sons of Norway lodges in District 2.

Being Vice President it is my pleasure to receive a list of all new members joining Lodge 2-999. Members who join through International but at this time have no affiliation with any local lodge. I mail out letters of welcome to these new members and encourage them to consider joining a local lodge close to them.

Since the September Dynamic Two in the 2-999 lodge, we have gained 35 members and 9 members have joined some of our local lodges. I wish to thank all local lodge Vice President's who have taken the time to follow through on this important matter as a great tool to get new members.

We also have a category of 2-000 which is usually insurance member who become members since they bought insurance through Sons of Norway. I send letters to these potential local lodge members advising them of the closest lodge to them. I also follow up with a letter to the local Lodge Vice President requesting that they also follow up on these members and encourage them to transfer to a local lodge. We have 11 letters to new 2-000 members, but we have had no transfers to local lodges; however, if we continue to contact these people, we will get some to transfer.

As a district, we have been asked to support the International board in their goals of 2006 to 2008; therefore, the District Board at our annual board meeting at Trollhaugen also adopted these goals as ours.

They are as follows:

1. Adopt and actively support the International Board goals established for the 2006 – 2008 biennium:

- Achieve net membership growth in the “Local Lodge Members Adult and Juvenile” category between July 31, 2006, and December 31, 2007.

Sports Events for 2007

Bowling Tournament

April 28-29

Sponsored by Bothell Lodge #106

Contact: Don Fife

206-633-4113

Golf Tournament

August 10-12

Sponsored by Grieg Lodge #15

Portland, OR

Contact: Terry & Betty Peterson

503-663-3387

See www.norsehall.org for more info
and registration form

- Have active Membership Committees in at least 70% of Lodges by December 31, 2007.
 - Complete the second leadership workshops in all Districts evaluate results and formulate a plan for follow-up.
 - Grow membership of 40 to 55 year olds by a net of 10% over the time period July 31, 2006 to June 30, 2008.
 - Grow participation in insurance programs by increasing number of policy holders by 10% over the time period July 31, 2006 to June 30, 2008.
- 2. Create a District Two Membership Committee with District Vice President as chair and one representative from each zone.**
 - 3. Complete Leadership Training Phase II by June 30, 2007 with participation from 100% of the lodges.**

We look forward to your support with this membership goal.

Fraternally,
Waldo Bueing, District 2 Vice President

**Message from the
International Director
Bill Fosmoe**

District Two is very honored to have Ted Fosberg as International President and Marit Kristiansen as International Secretary. It is not often that two Sons of Members from one district are elected to such high offices. The other officers elected were Dave Rude from District Four as Vice President, Gene Brandvold from District One as Treasurer. Audun Gythfeldt from District Three was elected the fifth member of the Executive Committee. Because I was elected Alternate International Director at our District Two Convention in May at Lynnwood and Marit was elected International Secretary, I assumed her position as International Director for District Two. I will fill the balance of her term until the District Two Convention in June of 2008 at Spokane, WA.

During the International Convention the delegates received a new Membership Recruitment and Retention Kit. This kit was put together by the Fraternal Department, is very well done and can be used to recruit new members. By now, each lodge in the district should have received at least one kit as a sample. Additional kits are available from the Supply Department at International.

I would like to re-emphasize President Fosberg's goals for the 2006-2008 Biennium:

- Achieve positive net membership growth in the "Local Lodge Members Adult and Juvenile" categories between July 31, 2006 and December 31, 2007.
- Have active Membership Committee in at least 70% of Lodges by December 31, 2007.
- Complete the second leadership workshops in all Districts evaluate results and formulate a plan for follow-up.
- Grow membership of 40 to 55 year olds by a net of 10% over the time period July 31, 2006 to June 30, 2008.

Grow participation in insurance programs by increasing number of policy holders by 10% over the time period July 31, 2006 to June 30, 2008.

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At the International Convention in August 2006 at Vancouver, BC the delegates passed a new Sons of Norway Mission Statement. CEO Lund has received phone calls and e-mails expressing concerns about the new statement not being very nice to members of Sons of Norway from other countries. His position is that local lodges and districts should be free to adopt their own mission statement that expresses what they do and how they do it.

Fraternally,
Bill Fosmoe
International Director

**INSURANCE PARTICIPATION
INCENTIVES
By Ted Fosberg,
International President**

Starting in 2007, the International Board adopted important and exciting insurance participation incentives for District and local Lodges.

For our local Lodges, we have adopted a Revenue Sharing Program which will pay to local Lodges annually a proportionate share of Sons of Norway profit based upon insurance sales in the Lodge during the calendar year. Three percent (3%) of our gross annual operating profit before capital gains and losses will be distributed in this manner. This will be a fabulous opportunity for Lodges to share in the profitability of Sons of Norway, and to support and promote our great insurance products offered by our Financial Benefits Counselors. Local Lodges will also receive \$4 for each new insurance member.

Our Districts will receive an incentive based on an increase in insurance participation by its members. A District will receive \$1000 if it increases insurance members by a net of 1% and \$2000 for a 2% or more increase.

**International Secretary
Marit Kristiansen**

First let me say what an honor it is for me to hold the office of International Secretary. The position requires the preparation of all International Board Minutes which are also printed in the Viking Magazine in an abbreviated format. Thankfully, the Home Office Staff is very helpful.

President Fosberg appointed Board Committees and I remain on the Corporate Matters Committee. I was also reappointed to Chair the S/N Foundation Grants Committee and our work begins in February reviewing the Heritage & Culture Grants for 2007.

In my last Dynamic II article, I reported on the status of the proposal to change the Sons of Norway Mission Statement. Since then, the International Lodge Committee on Resolutions reviewed the proposed changes and came with another version. After some debate, the delegates voted to accept the following Mission Statement:

The Mission of Sons of Norway is to promote and preserve the Norwegian heritage and culture and provide quality insurance and investment products to its members.

It states who we are and what we do. We dropped the words “Other Nordic Countries”, because in all honesty, S/N has not promoted other cultures. We sing the Norwegian anthem, display the Norwegian flag, teach Norwegian language, promote tours to Norway, assist in genealogy with Norway – and our name is **Sons of Norway**.

Yet, that doesn’t exclude other nationalities from joining S/N and becoming very active members or exclude lodges from including other Scandinavian countries in their programming. An Example: My son-in-law is president of my lodge. During the Family Christmas Lucia event, he welcomed everyone by saying, “I am of Danish heritage, wearing a Norwegian bunad and welcoming you to a Swedish Event”. That is all inclusive!!

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Lastly, it is a pleasure to serve under the leadership of President Ted Fosberg and continue working with our new International Director, Bill Fosmoe.

Beste hilsen,
Marit Kristiansen
International Secretary

District 2 Secretary
Janet Fruchtl

2007 has arrived! Did everyone make it to several good bazaars, at least one lutefisk dinner and maybe a Julebord? 2006 had many opportunities to participate in a variety of holiday events and I hope you all did so. Unfortunately the weather made life a challenge as we endured rain, snow, more rain, wind and I had no power for 86 ½ hours. I learned how computers don't work without power and not always after. I also learned parts of computers wear out and must be replaced when you least expect to need those pieces that are necessary to the email process we all seem to take for granted. But except for the snow and ice on the ground we have now life has returned to as close to normal as possible. There are many exciting things to look forward to as lodges prepare for Heritage Day events and classes and other spring and summer activities. Help the youth in your lodge go to camp with scholarships and encouragement. Congratulations to the Adult Cultural and Heritage Retreat which is celebrating its tenth anniversary.

As I have been working on the District 2 Directory I find many new leaders taking positions in the lodges. Please help and encourage these members so you will have a successful year. A hearty thank you to all those outgoing officers and please continue to be active and enjoy your lodge programs. I find I learn new things all the time and that's a good thing for us to do. I will be asking for help on getting the correct information for each lodge. Please take a minute to provide what I need. It is so much better than complaining later that what is in the directory is wrong. Thank you to all who have cheerfully made my job easier.

Fraternally,
Janet Fruchtl, Secretary

**Special Lodge
Anniversaries**

Midnatsol Lodge # 32	80 years
January 27, 1927	
Abel Lodge # 29	75 years
February 4, 1932	
Grays Harbor Lodge # 4	100 years
March 17, 1907	
Wergeland Lodge # 21	80 years
April 29, 1927	
Arctic Viking Lodge # 117	30 years
May 15, 1977	

Treasurer's Message
Mark Agerter

Treasurer's Report

Greetings to all of our District Two members. As promised, in the last Dynamic Two, I have included a copy of the year end financial information for the District. The December check received from International was the first to reflect the new dues increase as passed at the Convention in Bothell. This increase will keep our financial nose above water, so to speak, and allow us to continue to support all of the wonderful programs that our District offers our members.

I would like to highlight a few things in the reports. Our fund-raising efforts have been highly successful. First, the Runescape program continues to grow. This year net income was \$1283.90 compared to \$437.15 in 2005. This is in addition to the many hundreds of dollars that have been sent to those lodges that have hosted the jewelry sales. Get in touch with your zone director or any District board member if your lodge wants to host a jewelry sale this year. In addition, the Cartridges for Kids program brought in \$795.80 compared to \$355.90 the year

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before. And President Erlene's See's candy sales netted the District \$436.65. This comes to \$2,516.35, or just over 3% of our total annual income, generated from these three sources.

Congratulations to all who have been involved in these creative efforts for adding to the District income. What a win-win situation, when we are able to raise money and have so much fun doing it!

While the report shows a loss for the year of \$8,673.60, this is not unusual for a convention year. The 2006 District convention cost us \$18,912.54 and the International convention cost \$7,590.00. These numbers compare very favorably with the loss in 2004 of \$25,944.46 and respective convention costs of \$20,162.32 and 22,487.71. We set a very tight budget this year and were highly successful in sticking to it and minimizing our expenditures.

Also note new item number 4325 S/N Credit Card Income. This is the money that we receive back from International for each credit card that is signed up for. So get as many people as you can to apply for our credit card as this could be a great potential source of passive income for us.

As always, if you have any questions about our financial affairs, do not hesitate to contact me.

Med beste hilsen,

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**Cartridges For Kids
Continues!**

Many thanks to all of our District Two lodges that continue to participate in our Cartridges for Kids collection efforts. When I wrote an article last January for the Dynamic Two, we had collected \$603.70 in our District-wide effort. I was thrilled at the time. Well, I am just as happy to report that in the past year, we beat that amount with \$706.00 collected. This makes a grand total of \$1,309.70 that we have raised to help fund our

youth programs since the Ocean Shores convention. This is fantastic. We hope that you will continue to support this fund raiser for years to come. It might be helpful to publish a small notice in your lodge newsletter to let your members know that you are collecting the cartridges. And remember, not only are we saving printer cartridges, but used cell phones, PDAs, and laptops as well. All of these items are thereby kept out of our landfills and recycled, reused or resold as the situation dictates.

So make sure that your collection box is displayed in a prominent place in your lodge or meeting place. You should designate someone as your local Cartridges for Kids Coordinator who can make the arrangements to pack them and call FedEx to pick them up. Not a difficult job but critical to the success of the venture.

If you no longer have a collection box or the information packet, or have questions regarding how the program works or how to get started, let me know. I will be glad to help you in any way that I can.

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District 2 Treasurer &
Cartridges for Kids Coordinator



SAVE YOUR USED CARTRIDGES!

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR DISTRICT #2, SONS OF NORWAY

For the period of 1/1/06 to 12/31/06

		General		Cultural		Total
Acct. #		\$		\$		\$
	Balance brought forward	38,712.71		(1,615.78)		37,096.93
	RECEIPTS:					
4110	Idea Exchange Meetings			2,995.50		2,995.50
4120	Sports			998.50		998.50
4130	Cultural			2,496.25		2,496.25
4140	Youth Programs			1,206.12		1,206.12
4141	Cartridge for Kids			795.80		795.80
4143	Youth Camps			2,496.25		2,496.25
4152	Sofie/Olson Donations			670.13		670.13
4153	Draxten Memorial Scholarship			2,655.00		2,655.00
4210	Trollhaugen			26,932.83		26,932.83
4300	District Dues	31,201.69				31,201.69
4320	International Dues	1,223.02				1,223.02
4325	S/N Credit Card Income	80.00				80.00
4332	Interest S/N Dir Dep Fund	195.25				195.25
4333	Interest Sofie/Olson Dir Dep Fund			725.37		725.37
4334	Interest Sofie/Olson Savings			6.91		6.91
4335	Interest Draxten Memorial Savings			8.16		8.16
4345	Runescape Jewelry Commission	2,628.75				2,628.75
4350	See's Candy Fundraising Income	876.65				876.65
4360	Advertising	48.00				48.00
4365	District Convention	30.00				30.00
4390	Miscellaneous Income	35.00				35.00
		\$				
	Total Received For Year	36,318.36		\$ 41,986.82		\$ 78,305.18
	DISBURSEMENTS:					
5000	Bank Charges	38.04				38.04
5121	Sports Expense - Bowling			691.38		691.38
5123	Sports Expense - Golf			163.38		163.38
5124	Sports Expense - Skiing			411.97		411.97
5125	Sports Expense - Other			56.80		56.80
5141	Connect up Newsletter			389.55		389.55
5142	Unge Venner Activities			91.27		91.27
5143	Youth Camp Expense			2,350.70		2,350.70
5144	Youth Activities Expense - Other			71.78		71.78
5151	Youth Camp Board Meetings			1,559.70		1,559.70
5152	Sofie/Olson Scholarship Expense			750.00		750.00
5153	Draxten Memorial Scholarship Fund			2,555.00		2,555.00
5210	Trollhaugen			26,932.83		26,932.83

5211	Trollhaugen Board Meeting		2,489.30		2,489.30	
5250	District Policy Book		363.48		363.48	
5270	Adopt-A-School Expense		56.45		56.45	
5300	Mileage & Parking	2,929.15			2,929.15	
5301	Printing	2,178.61			2,178.61	
5302	Postage & Shipping	1,148.89			1,148.89	
5303	Office Supplies	904.74			904.74	
5304	Telephone	71.95			71.95	
5305	Meetings & Per Diem	3,695.99			3,695.99	
5306	Newsletter	181.26			181.26	
5307	Gifts	363.79			363.79	
5308	Web Page Expense	95.40			95.40	
5310	Liability Insurance	646.00			646.00	
5315	Secretary Reimbursement	1,641.32			1,641.32	
5316	Treasurer Reimbursement	1,641.32			1,641.32	
5320	District President Travel	1,150.64			1,150.64	
5345	Runescape Jewelry Expense	1,344.85			1,344.85	
5350	See's Candy Fundraising Expense	440.00			440.00	
5360	Advertising Expense	88.82			88.82	
5365	District Convention Expense	18,912.54			18,912.54	
5370	International Conv. Expense	7,590.00			7,590.00	
5376	Leadership Training - Intl.		2,075.39		2,075.39	
5377	Leadership Training District		461.37		461.37	
5381	Zone 1 Activity Expense		70.00		70.00	
5382	Zone 2 Activity Expense		26.06		26.06	
5383	Zone 3 Activity Expense		74.06		74.06	
5390	Miscellaneous Expense	275.00			275.00	
		\$				
	Total Disbursements for Year	45,338.31	\$	41,640.47	\$	86,978.78
	Net Gain (Loss) for Year	(9,019.95)		346.35		(8,673.60)
		\$				
	TOTALS	29,692.76	\$	(1,269.43)	\$	28,423.33

ENDING BALANCES

		\$		
1035	Checking Account	4,766.32		
1040	S/N Direct Deposit Fund	3,043.91		
1060	Sofie/Olson Direct Deposit Fund	19,817.27		Respectfully submitted by:
1065	Sofie/Olson Savings	544.48		Mark Agerter, Treasurer
1070	Draxten Memorial Savings	251.35		District #2, Sons of Norway
		\$		
	Total	28,423.33		

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

Education is of prime importance to the Nordic peoples of the world. No matter which country one chooses, a strong education program is one of considerable emphasis. Here, in District Two, we also believe strongly in an educated society. Through our Sons of Norway members and/or lodges is one way we can be involved in the education of our youth.

Many lodges have already adopted schools, classrooms, programs or teachers to support. Some lodges have expressed a hesitation to begin offering their lodges because of not knowing exactly how, where or with whom they might make contact. It doesn't make a difference whether it is one lodge member or the whole lodge, your support is welcome. My thirty years as a public school teacher and administrator taught me that no matter what one does, one doesn't get his/her feet wet until one jumps into the water.

There are many ways a lodge can support an education program: working with a teacher; working in a classroom; working with a school either by working with the school administrator, the office personnel or the PTSA; working with the superintendent, the School Board or their staff. In whatever area, your extra support will prove valuable and important to our kids.

I have found that the successful program does require effort and energy and a little Norwegian stubbornness. No matter what the program provided, the staff and or the administration will be most appreciative.

If you haven't already formed a partnership with one of your schools or school districts and you are not too sure what or how to do it, I may be able to help you. Please contact me and let my creative thinking help activate your get up and go. There is a place for every lodge in our friendly education systems. Being involved with kids is such a goooooood feeling.

If your lodge is not involved or is already involved, please let me know what you are doing

and who in your lodge is my contact person and how do I make contact.

Sid Iverson
District Two Adopt a School Coordinator
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Whidbey Island Nordic
Lodge 2-164

**Sports Director's Report
Albert Crompton**

Mange tusen takk to **Leif Erikson Lodge #2-001** in Seattle for hosting the annual Ski Tournament at Trollhaugen Lodge on Stampede pass the weekend of February 10, 11, 2007. There were about 30 participants and lots and lots of snow making for great ski conditions. Leif Erickson has agreed to host the event again next year so mark the 2nd weekend in February 2008 on your calendars for the next Ski Tournament.

Other upcoming District 2 events include the Bowling Tournament hosted by Bothell Lodge #2-106 on April 28, 29, 2007. Get your teams together for a great time and YOU may win the coveted gold putter! Flyers will be mailed to all lodges and those lodges who have teams participating will be sent registration packets. For more information contact Don Fife at 206-633-4113.

Golf anyone? Now that spring is nearly here it is time to dust off your clubs and hit the courses! The District 2 Golf Tournament will be hosted by Grieg Lodge #2-015 in Portland, OR. The dates are August 10,11, and 12, 2007. A full program is planned and here are some of the details.

Friday, August 11 Arrival at Grieg Lodge and Evening Brunch hosted by the Ladies Social Committee **Sat., August 12 Golf Tournament at Glendoveer Golf Course**, 14015 NE Glisan St Portland, OR. Phone # 503-253-7507. Start time is 7:00am.

Golf widows will be entertained at Grieg Lodge that day with shopping and other adventures available.

Sat. Night Awards Banquet (semi-formal) at the lodge. Cocktails begin early afternoon followed by Dinner at 6:30pm (tentative time) with dancing beginning at 8:00pm to an 18-piece band.

Breakfast will be served Sunday morning at the lodge. Time to be announced

For more Golf information, contact Terry and Betty Peterson at 503-663-3387.

Fraternally,
Albert Crompton, Sports Director

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

WE are looking for Campers

Do you have a child or grandchild, niece or nephew or maybe just a friend that is between the ages of 9-15 that would like to go to one of our 3 youth camps? Well it is time to start making plans. This is a wonderful opportunity for our youth to learn about Norwegian heritage, culture and the language of Norway. Camp activities include: dancing, folk lore, trolls, Vikings, cooking, weaving, Rosemaling, orienteering, sports and other activities. They will make friends that will last a live time!

2007 camp sessions

Camp Trollhaugen

July
Ages 13-15
Mail Applications to: Dan Andrews,
13131 NE Failing, Portland, OR 97230

Camp Nidaros

July
Ages 9-12
Mail Applications to: Regina Agerter,
PO Box 71753, Eugene, OR 97401

Camp Normanna

July 28- Aug 11
Mail Applications to: Chris Hicks, 816
214 ST SW, Lynnwood, WA 98036

Applications are available on the Youth Camp

website (sofncamps.com) and the District 2 website (district2sonsofnorway.org) or by contacting Chris Hicks at hicks1015@msn.com or 425-672-0194. Please enclose a \$50 non refundable deposit for each applicant. Total tuition for each 2 week camp is \$425. The balance is due by June 11, 2007. Applications must not be postmarked before February 14, 2007 and will be recorded in the order they are received. To attend one of the youth camps, a child must have a relative or sponsor who is a member in Sons of Norway District 2.

Looking for camp Staff

You say you never got to attend one of the youth camps as a camper, or you have a special talent you want to share with the youth of our district? We are always looking for counselors, cooks, extra kitchen help, nurses and instructors (Norwegian crafts, language and dancing). Volunteers with special knowledge, talents and skills in Scandinavian music, craft, sports or culture are always welcome to come and share there talent, teach or perform. We are always looking for people to help and willing to learn!

Trailers, campers or motor homes are also needed to provide temporary staff housing for two weeks at a time.

If you are interested in participating with one or more of the camps, or you know someone who is, please contact or web site (sofncamps.com) for one of the camp directors for an application.

Scholarships Available

Sofie/Olson Scholarship is available for children who attend our District Two Youth camps. One scholarship is awarded to an attendee at each of our camps: Nidaros, Normanna, and Trollhaugen. To be eligible, the camper must be children, grandchildren, nieces or nephew of a current District Two member of Sons of Norway.

The camper must have applied and been accepted to the camp of their choice. The deadline for scholarship application is April 7, 2007.

The **Draxten Memorial Scholarship** is awarded to many of our children attending the District Two youth camps. **To be eligible, campers must have applied and been accepted to the camp of their choice AND they must have been awarded a camp scholarship from their local**

lodge. The Draxten Memorial Fund will grant an amount up to, but not exceeding, the amount given by the local lodge. If your lodge does not have a large scholarship fund, please do not let that stop you from awarding what you can. Last year, lodge scholarships ranged from \$50 - \$300. The lodge awarding the initial scholarship must notify me of the recipient's name and the amount given by April 30, which means that lodges must select scholarships no later than April, Please let me know if you have not awarded them yet and when you will do so.*

Important Dates to Remember:

- February 14** Youth camp registration forms must not be postmarked prior to this date.
- March 1** Deadline for receiving applications for the Carl Saltveit Scholarship for study at International Summer School.
- Upon receipt** Youth Camp Registrars mail campers confirmations and school arship applications.
- April 7** Deadline for receiving applications for the Sofie/Olson Scholarship.
- April 30*** Deadline for local lodges to notify me of the recipients' names and the amounts given so the campers are eligible to receive Draxten Memorial Scholarship
- May 15** Deadline for local lodge scholarship checks to be received by Youth Camp registrars –
- Please do not mail checks to campers!**
- May 31** Youth Camp Registrars mail final camper packets with statements reflecting balance due after all scholarships are received.
- June 12** Deadline for Youth Camp Registrars to receive full balance of fees

Everyone is welcome to the final program of each camp (always the last Saturday normally about 11 am). Each camp puts on a final program that

shows some of what the camps have learned. Even if you do not have a camper attending it is worth the drive to see what our young people can do.

For more information contact:
Chris Hicks
425-672-0194 or hicks1015@msn.com

Social/Publicity Director
Kay Koski

Hearty Congratulations to all new officers and those who have been re-elected! You will bring new energy and ideas to help your lodges grow culturally and in membership.

Many thanks to those lodges who continually send interesting photos for submission to the Viking Magazine! I greatly appreciate your efforts.

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:

- List the event name, date, and people in the photos (from left to right, please) on a post-it note or piece of paper and attach it to the back of each photo (please do not write on the back as the photo cannot be used!).
- Or, write up your info on your computer or by hand, about each photo with event name, date, and people in the photo
- Then number each photo with a post-it that corresponds to the number on the info sheet.
- 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 at:
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 2 Reunion retreats. Come to one or come to both.

We will have one retreat in the spring (April 20-22, 2007) and one in the fall (September 28-30, 2007).

If you have not attended since our first ones you will be pleasantly surprised at the changes. Besides our usual Hardanger embroidery, Rosemaling, Norwegian Language & Wood Carving classes, we have added Tatting, Genealogy, Card Weaving, Bunad making, Runes and more. Other Special events are announced before each retreat.

In April this year we are having a spinning wheel class, which already has proven to be popular. Due to a limited number of spinning wheels it is filling up quickly. If we have more that are interested we can try for another class again in the fall or in the future.

Some of you have been only to one retreat; some of you have been to them all. (I love you) It would be great to see you all again.

We still start on Friday night with dinner and get acquainted activities. Saturday morning following breakfast we will begin our smaller classes. We will also have a special speaker to explain "Mead" making and its history. Space is limited in this class. We will end Sunday after lunch and after you have eaten everything.

As most of you know, you need to bring your own bedding, toiletries and other personal items. Remember we have a hot tub and sauna so if you wish you can also bring a swim suit. Although all the meals are provided, if you wish, you can bring something to share for coffee. If it is home made we ask that you bring the recipe. We are working on a retreat cook book with all the recipes we have collected.

We have attached an application for your convenience to fill out and mail back with your check for \$95.00 made out to "Heritage Retreat"

Hope to see you all in 2007!

Doreen Parker
Retreat Chairman

**District Cultural-Foundation Report
Randi Aulie**

Happy New Year!

The storms and the cold in our area are not too promising for a happy New Year but hopefully it will soon be a memory. My condo stays very warm but I feel sorry for all the ones that have to save on the heat.

The Adult Heritage Retreat is coming up soon and I like'd to share with you my first experience at the there last fall.

I went there to get contact with other lodges and get ideas as a Cultural director, but, I got much more.

It was wonderful! The food was almost too good, because I gained too many pounds! In spite of that I will repeat my experience in March.

I had barely touched Hardanger embroidery before; although I have embroidered so many other things; this is the first time I got a lesson in how to do it.

It was so fun that I almost regretted any breaks.

Please let your lodges know about this retreat and thank you Doreen for keeping this not only going, but, to be a sold out event.

When it comes to the Resource Directory, I need help.

The first help I got at Trollhaugen. Linda Fialkowsky, the original creator of the disk with the forms, was present and she mailed me the disk that I had been asking around for.

Now, I need help in adding more names to the lists and help the lodges be aware regarding this tool we have.

As an example, only two are listed as a Genealogy source, but, I know we have many more available.

If any of you can ask around and notify me when you find somebody that is willing to participate, I will send the forms to the person.

I have tried to notify all Cultural Directors about this valuable resource we have, but, you might be a new one or you could also be an old one that never received my earlier information.

At the last District -2 Board Meeting, it was decided that the all lodges get one free copy. This copy is the property of the lodge and gets transferred over to the new Cultural Director. If the lodge wants more copies they are for sale at a cost of \$ 10.00.

As always, I am very grateful for any suggestions.

Maybe some of the Cultural Directors that live close by could meet with me and work out programs that are useful and will be attended?

Please use this email address: randiaulie@comcast.net

Fraternally,

Randi Aulie
District 2 Cultural/Foundation Director

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

Happy New Year to each and every one of you!

Things have been popping in Zone 1 for the past few months!

First of all, I want to congratulate Fjeldheim Lodge (Bend #47) on their 90th anniversary celebration last October. What a wonderful evening! The lodge really outdid themselves with a fantastic dinner, program and decorations. Each one of us had a little wooden Stabbur at our places to take home and hang on our Christmas trees. Sohng and I were able to attend this event taking Karin Custance (Columbia #58) and Toni Linne' (Grieg #15) with us.

I have gone on lodge visitations and also installed officers at Sonja (Eugene #38) and Thor (Salem #42). As always I thoroughly enjoy visiting my lodges. It gives me a chance to touch bases with the people, see what they are doing and also to encourage them.

I guess the really big thing that's been going on in Zone 1 is Phase Two Leadership Training workshops. The District was kind enough to give me a co-trainer, Karin Custance from Columbia Lodge. Our first Workshop was at Columbia Lodge in October. We were happy to have several lodges represented and a real good turnout. Our next Workshop was at Grieg Lodge in November and again, we had a good turnout with several lodges represented. Our next Workshop is scheduled for Thor Lodge here in Salem in January. We have 2 more Workshops scheduled – Sonja Lodge in February and Breidablik Lodge in March. It is hard to get to all 11 lodges in the time allotted me so I am really encouraging lodges to come together for training, which many of them have done. I am so grateful that District 2 gave me a co-trainer. I don't think I could do all this without Karin. My husband, Sohng, has also come to all the sessions to take care of the registrations and name tags. He has been a great help to us freeing us up to concentrate on the training side of things.

I'll continue to make lodge visits – I want to get to every one some time this year.

Tusen Takk to all you hard workers in my lodges,. You are appreciated!

Zone 1 Lodge events:

***Nidaros**

Crab Feed Feb. 17 at 2:00pm. Call Phyllis Nygaard, President at 503-738-9329 to make reservations.

***Cathlamet**

Syttende Mai celebration May 20.

***Fjeldheim**

Lutefisk/Meatball Dinner Jan. 20 6 p.m.
Purchase tickets in advance.

***Columbia**

21 Days in a Square Rigger in 1945 – Arne Soreng. Feb. 22- 7 p.m.
Up & Coming Country Singer Truseh Hill from Nashville program , March 22, 7 p.m
Language Class Presentation April 26, 7 p.m.

***Thor**

Meatball dinner and silent auction. \$8.00
Advance ticket sale

***Grieg**

St. Patrick’s Day Dinner/Show March 17th
Irish Road Bowling in the street ,Corn Beef & Cabbage Dinner followed by Irish Step Dancing. Dinner prices \$17 adults, children \$13.

***Sonja**

Syttende Mai celebration, May 17.

***Roald**

May 17 Banquet – place to be decided
Participation in local parade – July 4
Lodge picnic – Aug 19 - Crest Street Park

***Breidablik**

Mondays-Language Class from 7:00-9:00pm;
all language levels welcome!

Sat. Feb 17th-Socials-
Crab Feed at Nidaros Lodge or cards and games at the hall.

Sat. March 3rd - Pancake Breakfast from 8:30-10:30am \$5.00

Sat. March 10th-Lapskaus (Stew) & Bingo at 1:00pm

Sat. March 17th - Leadership Training 2. Trainers Sandi Shin, Zone 1 Director and Karin Custance, Trainer.

Fraternally,
Sandi Shin
Zone 1 Director

Zone 2 Director

Jane Bueing

As we go forward in Zone 2, the goal is to work on membership. We need to keep our members and increase if we can. Regretfully, Mjolner Lodge #34 of Silvana, WA has disbanded, however, some of the members will join Fritjov #17 in Stanwood, Normanna # 3 in Everett and other lodges nearby. We will retain some of these members but do need to make a great effort to become more involved with retaining our members.

ACTIVITIES IN THE ZONE 2 AREA

Monthly, on the 2nd Saturday of the Month, **Normanna #3** of Everett has a pancake breakfast. **March 3, Edmonds Lodge** will have a pancake breakfast.

March 31, the **Bite of Norway** with Bellingham, Fritjov, Blomsterdahl, and Abel as sponsors. Event held at **Frijov #17 in Stanwood**. They will have Norwegian Food demonstrations, entertainment and raffle.

April 21 will be **Wergeland’s 70th anniversary**. Event held from 2 – 4 PM at Wergeland’s lodge. There will be entertainment during this event.

May 5, Edmonds #130 will have their Scandinavian Festival at the Masonic Lodge in Edmonds. Pancake breakfast beginning at 7, Entertainment, Crafts and raffle.

Take a group of friends and go to the events above. Be supportive of all lodges, great friendships and lodge support.

Respectfully,
Jane Bueing, Zone 2 Director 425-882-2212
waldo1jane@aol.com

Zone 3 Director's Report

Carol Ollestad

As 2007 starts off cold and icy in Zone 3 our Lodges have lots of activities to keep us warm and cozy. Leif Erikson Lodge will be honoring Thomas Stang with a celebration of his retirement as Consul of Norway. As spring approaches there is Heritage day, genealogy workshops and Hawaiian night. Best wishes to the Scholarship committee as they host their first pancake breakfast. Knute Rockne and Terje Viken Lodges meet the 3rd Friday of the month. Cascade Lodge is enjoying folk music and is working hard on their Norwegian lessons. Thank you to Bothell Lodge for hosting several district events, along with all their own events. Vesterdalen Lodge likes to take short trips. This spring they are planning a trip to the Nordic Heritage Museum. If these events are not enough to keep you warm wax up your skis and enjoy the excellent snow conditions at Trollhaugen this winter. Happy New Year.

Lodge Events Calendar:

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
Feb 2nd – 4th Leikarringen ski and dance weekend at Trollhaugen
Feb 10th Hosting District 2 Ski races at Trollhaugen
Feb 17th Retirement celebration for Thomas Stang Consul of Norway
March 24th Tastes of Norway – Norwegian Cultural and Heritage Day
April 11th Coronation of Lodge Queen and Princess at the Business meeting
April 14th Norwegian Genealogy Workshop
April 21st Hawaiian Night
April 28th Pancake breakfast hosted by the Scholarship committee

May 17th Syttende Mai celebration

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, folk music and 17th May party

Fraternally,
Carol Ollestad, Zone 3 Director

Zone 4 Director's Report

Anne Vatshell

GRATULERER TIL ALLE DE NYE LODGE OFFISERENE.
(CONGRATULATION TO ALL THE NEW LODGE OFFICERS)

In October and November I visited the lodges in Zone 4. It is fun to be part, in a small way, of each lodge. Each lodge in the Zone are the same, but each in it's own way are different from the others, just like we people are. By now I am greeted like an old friend and that feels good to me. Some has even tryied to make a funny nice story about John and I, not knowing that it was almost true. That's when I felt like I belonged. On March 17th Grays Harbor Lodge in Aberdeen will celebrate their 100th anniversary. That is a large milestone, and they are still going strong.

GRATULERER MED 100 ÅRS DAGEN!!!
3X3 HIP, HIP HURRA FOR GRAYS HARBOR LODGE.

Norden #2 Tacoma, meet 1st Friday of each month at 7:30 PM at Normanna Hall

Grays Harbor Lodge #4 Aberdeen, meet 1st Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM SoN Hall
March 17, 100th anniversery celebration at SoN Hall
March 31, Leadership Training seminar, 8:30 AM -- 2PM, SoN Hall

Oslo #35, Bremerton, meet 2nd Thursday each month at 7 PM at Son Oslo Hall

Olympic #37 Port Angeles, meet 2nd Monday each month at 7:30 PM at Scandia Hall Leadership Training seminar February, DTA.

Poulsbo #44 Poulsbo, meet 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM, at Grieg Hall

Hovedstad # 94 Olympia meets 4th Monday at 7:00 PM, at American Legion Hall on Boston Rd.

Skjonndal #127 Centralia, meets once a month.

Fraternally,
Anne Vatsell, Zone 4 Director

Zone 5 Director's Report
Asbjørn Rostad

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL!

This report will deal mostly with the plans for the next few months. I have been in contact with the Zone 5 lodges and obtained schedules for upcoming events. These will be noted along with the events I have attended recently and the details for the first scheduled leadership workshop in this zone.

After participating in the leadership workshop at Grieg Lodge in November, I have planned one for Zone 5 Saturday, January 27 at Harald Haarfarger's new meeting place at the IOOF, 200 E. Railroad Avenue, just off the I-90 Spokane St. Exit in Post Falls. International Vice President Dan Rude, Missoula, MT, will be participating in this workshop which will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and includes lunch. These workshops are intended to assist all members in improving their leadership skills and are not restricted to officers. All are welcome, but reservations are needed to prepare lunch. Call me at (208)777-1030 or email me at asig777@aol.com.

Workshops for the remaining lodges in Zone 5 will be scheduled for February, March or April when the weather and road conditions are more predictable.

Recently I have attended functions at Tordenskjold and Harald Haarfager lodges and conducted a joint installation for them in December. In the immediate future I will be participating in Harald Haarfarger's 97th Anniversary & Membership Recognition Dinner January 19. The next day, January 20, I will visit Elvedalen in Lewiston to install their officers. Some of the upcoming events in Zone 5 lodges are listed, starting with Tordenskjold, the oldest, located in Spokane. They offer a social the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month featuring Happy Hour, 5:30; Dinner, 6:30; Program & Dancing afterwards.

Harald Haarfager, the Coeur d' Alene Lodge that now meets in Post Falls, plans its social for the 3rd Friday of the month and next on the agenda is lutefisk February 16 for \$12, reservations (208) 664-6234. March features corned beef & cabbage while April is the popular Taste of Norway. The 7th Annual 17de Mai Flag Raising is set for 11:15 a.m. May 17 while the annual picnic at Farragut State Park will be June 16 with camping June 15 & 16. In August a picnic and potluck in the Silver Valley is followed by group attendance at the Wallace melodrama.

Odin Lodge has their regular meeting in Yakima the 1st Friday at 7:30, alternating between a full potluck and dessert only

Columbia Basin Lodge has their Moses Lake meeting the first Saturday.

Upcoming special events include an Appreciation Dinner May 17 with picnics both July 7 and August 4.

Sol-Land Lodge meets the 3rd Friday. Their big event is the annual lutefisk dinner set this year for Feb. 3 at the First Lutheran Church in Kennewick.

For Epledalen, Wenatchee, that meets the 1st Thursday, the next major social will be their anniversary in April.

Grondal Lodge, Boise, plans Installation of Officers January 19.

February will feature a Map Study Game while Viking Exploration is on their March agenda.

A Family Program highlighting traditional songs and music from Norway is offered in April followed by a picnic May 17th.

Elvedalen Lodge meets the 3rd Saturday. Their next big event is a March 8 breakfast.

Magic Valley Viking Lodge, Twin Falls, Idaho, meets on the 3rd Monday of each month. They have heritage programs planned for their meetings. In February exchange students will give a presentation while in March a dinner will feature a program about members who traveled to Norway. Game Night is slated for April while a Breakfast Celebration is planned for Syttende Mai. A picnic at the Snake River is their June event.

Walla Walla's Blafjell Lodge plans a Norwegian Breakfast in February and a Midsummer Fest with Breakfast June 23.

While the meeting dates for the lodges are listed in the District #2 Directory, it is always best to call the lodge in case times and other details change. Use the lodge website when available for up-to-date information.

If you don't have a lodge's website address, you can access any lodge that has one by going through the Sons of Norway website. Follow these simple steps; the site you seek is but a few clicks away:

- 1). Go to sofn.com
- 2). Click on "Join Us"
- 3) Click on "Lodge Directories"
- 4). Click on D.#2 on the map of districts.
- 5). Click on the state you want within the district.
- 6). Lodges with websites will show up in blue.
- 7) Click on the one you want to read.

Fraternally,

Asbjorn Rostad
Zone 5 Director

Zone 6 Director's Report

Martha Andrew

How the time flies! It seems like the International Convention in beautiful Vancouver, BC, was just a couple of weeks ago. We've had lots of activities and events at lodges in Zone 6, members have baked their traditional goodies and celebrated Christmas, the lodges have held elections and we are into 2007.

Leadership Seminars are being presented at most of the lodges in Zone 6 and are being well received. I've found that this is a wonderful method to exchange ideas and to problem solve. It has been quite a few years since zone meetings have focused on officer duties and, judging from many of the comments, we shouldn't let so much time go by before doing it again. Some lodges find officer recruitment an easy task, other lodges have a difficult time filling those important jobs. A membership familiar with officer duties and knowledgeable in maintaining a viable, exciting lodge may be more willing to accept lodge officer positions. Our lodges in Zone 6 are amazing and I was honored to have the opportunity to meet with them and learn how they continue to have such good experiences year after year while always looking for new and interesting ways to preserve our culture and heritage.

**Spring-Time Events
in Zone 6 include:**

Fedrelandet No. 23 has their Lutefisk dinner on February 11th with their installation of 2007 officers on February 21. March will see the Pancake Breakfast and a Welcome Ceremony for new members. April is the Blessing of the Fleet and, of course, they go wild in May with Syttende Mai and Little Norway Festival. Members from other lodges in Zone 6 are encouraged to join in the party! Call President Sally Dwyer if you want more information.

Svalbard No. 33 is busy, too, with their Sweet-heart/Volunteer Appreciation inner in February, a Folk Dance Workshop in March, their Norwegian Breakfast in April and Scandinavian Games in

May. Their lodge team competed in WorldQuest 2007 in January but I do not have the results of that competition as I write this. They won the competition in 2005 and came in second in 2006 so expectations are high! Svalbard has been organizing a Zone 6 event in Juneau during the Alaska Folk Festival. It would have cultural booths, a bunad parade, the Norwegian Breakfast would be incorporated into it. It has proven difficult because of distance and expense for other lodges to participate but it would be great fun for everyone in April! For more information, contact President David Moe.

Bernt Balchen No. 46 has their annual Super-Bowl Party ton February 4 and a Musical Evening on February 10. There will be Iditarod Race activities on March 3 & 4 so that we can cheer on the Norwegian mushers. March 10 is a day for Woodcarving and a Big Screen Movie Night is on March 31. The Hatcher Pass Easter Ski Weekend is April 7/8, with the Smoked Cod Dinner on April 21. May has Mother’s Day Brunch, Syttende Mai Parade and Syttende Mai Banquet. Contact President Tom Falskow for details.

Arctic Viking No. 117 will have their Winter Dinner Party on February 10. Fastelaven Winter Sports Day follows on February 18. Syttende Mai will be celebrated on May 17th. Contact President Karin Weflen to learn about other activities if you should plan on visiting the Fairbanks area. They often have the nicest summer weather in Zone 6.

Island Viking No. 145 will have an Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social in February. Other events are still to be determined. Contact President Jan Finlay to learn about their activities if you are planning to visit Kodiak. They had a very successful “Salute to Our Veterans” in October at the American Legion Hall in Kodiak. Their program included a showing of the film “Defiant Courage”. Tim Andrew who played Jon Baalsrud in the film attended this event and was available for questions about the filming of the story in Alaska. Island Viking Lodge provided a wonderful opportunity for Sons of Norway to share a

story of World War II Norwegian courage with the citizens of Kodiak.

By the way – three of us “older” ladies from Bernt Balchen Lodge and a couple of “older” ladies from Fedrelandet Lodge went to the Adult Heritage and Cultural Retreat at Trollhaugen in September. If you’ve thought about going but just keep putting it off, get yourself going! We had a wonderful time. Lots to do, great friends to socialize with – it’s an experience you’ll really enjoy. We did – even if they put the “trouble makers” (aka Alaskans) all in one room. We just sang every camp song we could think of after everyone went to bed. We just couldn’t get the hang of Sally Dwyer’s Camp Fire yodel tho. Guess we’ll have to go back and try it again. Are you ready, Doreen?

Fraternally,
Mickey Andrew
Zone 6 Director

TROLLHAUGEN LODGE



**Come visit your
Trollhaugen Lodge.**

Come for the day, the night or the weekend.

**For reservation contact:
Steve & Kim Meuli
509-656-9997.**

**Convention 2008 Update
From Reba Haugen-Jewell**

**ALL ABOARD THE GOOD SHIP
TORDENSKJOLD!**

Welcome to Spokane, Washington June 18 – 22, 2008 for the District 2 Convention! Bring your oars because if we all row together, our ship will arrive in fine fashion and we will conduct necessary business but still have a boatload of fun – don't miss out!

Accommodations are available at our convergence center of the Mirabeau Park Hotel & Convention Center in the near Spokane Valley. Busses will replace our ship for travel to and from the events held away from our sleeping and meeting venue. Be sure to stay with us at this luxurious lodging.

Wednesday is the President's reception at Tordenskjold's lodge.

Traditionally, bunads are worn this evening. And of course we will be eating there.

Thursday is an evening dinner cruise on the water on a large sight-seeing boat.

Friday you may cruise on over to the nearby large shopping mall by our hotel, go see the Spokane Falls and Riverfront Park downtown, go sightseeing or perhaps tour some of the beautiful city of Spokane and environs.

Saturday we will remain at Mirabeau Park – this hotel is all on one level –with a heated swimming pool outdoors under the stars.

Mark your calendars now because June in our area is a lovely month for travel.

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

**Membership Recruitment
& Retention**

People who recruited new members in 2006 will receive a 2006 recruitment pin and certificate! These pins will be mailed to the lodge vice presidents by March 1 along with a list of recipient

members and the new members they each signed up. Each recruiter will receive one pin: either a 1, 5 or 10 member pin, according to the number of people they introduced to Sons of Norway. The certificates will indicate the exact number of new members recruited.

Congratulations to these star recruiters for their great results!!

Member	#	Recruited Lodge
Elaine Nelson	29	4-087
Randal D Ice	28	1-671
Dan D Rude	23	4-424
Berit H Peck	23	8-004
Marjorie A Grorud	21	1-508
Marcia A Larson	21	3-541
Ralph D Peterson	20	3-522
Albert Crompton	16	2-015
Elaine D Domier	16	4-143
Susan J Rokicki	15	5-670
Olav Robert Moseng	13	2-044
Norman L Sundquist	13	6-168
Helen L Evjen	12	4-143
Duane H Esperum	11	2-001
Audrey O'Hare Patterson	10	2-015
Evelyn M Karpack	10	3-427
Ruth Wenche Gransjoen	10	7-109
Egil Pedersen	10	8-023

Please contact membership services with any questions: 1-800-945-8851 ext 643 or fraternal@sofn.com.

Sons of Norway Viking Resource

Nordic Heritage Museum Hours

10am - 4pm Tuesday-Saturday

12pm - 4pm Sunday

We are closed on Mondays, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Years Eve.

Admission Prices

Adults \$6

Seniors and college students \$5

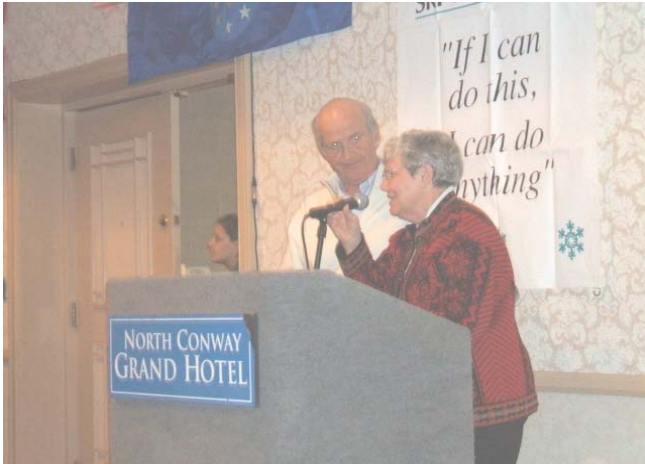
Children over 5 years \$4

Children under 5 years free

Members of the Nordic Heritage Museum free

Nordic Heritage Museum | 3014 NW 67th Street, Seattle, WA 98117 | Phone: (206)789-5707 | E-mail: nordic@nordicmuseum

**Ski for Light Award
Presented to Larry Showalter**



Larry Showalter is receiving his award at the Ski for Light International event in North Conway, New Hampshire, on January 27. I presented the award on behalf of Sons of Norway to Larry who is the International President of Ski for Light and a member of Cascade Lodge #87, Mercer Island. He received the Most Valuable Participant award from the National Fraternal Congress of America (NFC A) for the week of January 8, 2007. Sons of Norway submitted his name as a candidate for the award for his many contributions to Ski for Light and to Sons of Norway. The purpose of the NFC A awards is to recognize the good work being done by individual members of the Fraternal organizations that belong to NFC A. Larry is a blind skier and has been a strong Ski for Light leader for many years.

***Mark Your Calendars for These
Important info/Grant Dates!***

By March 1, 2007

Lodge of the Year and Family Lodge of the Year forms are due to zone directors.

D17 Financial Statements are due to the Accounting department at Sons of Norway Headquarters. 2007 recruitment pins and certificates are mailed to lodge vice presidents with accompanying paperwork.

April 1, 2007

2007 Lodge Directory is printed in April issue of the *Viking*.

**2007 Sons of Norway Foundation Scholarship
Applications Deadlines**

March 1

Astrid Cates/Myrtle Beinhauer Scholarships
Oslo International Summer School Scholarships
King Olav V Norwegian-American Scholarships
Tronvold Norwegian Folk High School Scholarships

April 1

Nancy Lorraine Jensen Memorial Scholarships
Local Lodge Partnership Grant

Local Lodge Historians/Archivists

In 2010 District 2 celebrates 100 years of the merger between the Grand Lodge of Sons of Norway of the Pacific Coast and the Head Lodge of Sons of Norway. at a convention held in Grand Forks, ND. From 1903 to 1910 the Grand Lodge consisted of local lodges from Washington, Oregon, Idaho, California, and British Columbia. With the merger Sons of Norway spread from coast to coast.

While working on the centennial exhibit for Sons of Norway on the Pacific Coast in 2003, I became fascinated with the beautiful panoramic photos of our then annual conventions, convention materials, pins, and district officer photos. Those annual conventions were often held with the Daughters of Norway on the Pacific Coast. My mission as District 2 Historian is to have a complete compilation of convention materials and photos over our 100 year history. With local lodge help I hope to complete this project in time for our big celebration in 2010. Many of these photos are stored in basements, attics, and at members' homes. Can you help me find them so if nothing else we can have a digital record of these historic moments in our past?

In particular convention photos and materials from 1903-1928 and photos of the district presidents/officers during the time are needed.

Please contact Christine Anderson at 206-784-6181 in Seattle or by email at cmaance@earthlink.net just to let me know you

are the historian for your lodge. In the near future a workshop for our local lodge historians is being planned so we can exchange information as to what our many lodges have and how to preserve what they have in the way of historical materials.

Christine Anderson
District 2 Historian
Leif Erikson Lodge No. 1
cmadance@earthlink.net

International Information

A Change in Lodge Revenue Sharing

The method used to calculate lodge revenue sharing is being changed. Previously a portion of each member's premium went to help fund programming at lodges and was distributed in with a semi-annual premium offset check. The checks distribute in January 2007 will be based on this method of calculation.

In 2007 funding will be based on the net revenue of Sons of Norway (*profitability*) and will be paid to local lodges in the first quarter of 2008 based on insurance premiums received from their members. This new funding method is expected to increase revenue for most lodges.

Promote the Advisor

Have you seen the *Advisor* yet? It's a new, exciting publication from Sons of Norway and your lodge's financial benefits counselor that is mailed to all members. Packed with important information on current financial topics, the *Advisor* is a valuable resource, along with your lodge's financial benefits counselor, to help members plan for their financial future. Please make your members aware of this important new benefit and urge them to read it when it comes.

Tubfrim Information for District 2

Tubfrim is an organization in Norway that resells cancelled stamps and donates the proceeds to help handicapped children and youth and to aid in tuberculosis research. Sons of Norway is proud to support Tubfrim in their work to support children in need.

To help Tubfrim do its crucial work, please have your members clip canceled stamps from envelopes, leaving at least a quarter of an inch around the edge. When a pound of stamps has been collected, members can have your Tubfrim chairperson or lodge secretary weigh and verify them. Have members place their stamps in a plastic bag and send it in a sturdy box to Tubfrim, 3540 Nesbyen, Norway.

For every pound collected, an official postcard (available in the members section of www.sonsofnorway.com, under *Lodge Management: Lodge Forms*) should be sent to:

Leif Erikson Hall,
2245 NW 57th St,
Seattle, WA 98107

or to Knut Karlsen, Tubfrim Chairman, 2214 Highway 9,
#187, Mt. Vernon, WA 98274.

Stamps may also be sent to one of the following individuals who will in turn forward them to Tubfrim:

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