



August 2009
August 22 Membership Drive
Dinner and Silent Auction
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August 22nd Membership Drive Members—Here's your chance to encourage your friends and family members to join our lodge. Invite them to the dinner and silent auction. There will be dancing with music by Thin Ice

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President's Message

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Since our president is still off basking in the midnight sun of wonderful Norway (and taking pictures to show us later), this spot is going to be used to bring a couple of important messages to all members.

First, we at the lodge want to express thanks to those lodge members who give of their time to keep everything running smoothly and to make the events held at Poulsbo Lodge 2-044 so successful. No names will be mentioned because, if that were to happen, someone's name would be left out and feelings might be hurt. **YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE!** Thank you, thank you.

Second, our membership drive is being held in August. The lodge is the total of its membership and the membership must continue to grow to keep things going and to keep the lodge in the black. There really is something for everyone here at the lodge. We have the Leikarringen for all youth who want to learn the dances and for the parents and grandparents to watch and share their pride in the children. We have Norwegian classes, woodcarving classes, help in hardanger and other handwork, Vestre Sund Mannskor for men who love to sing, Friday night dinners with volunteers cooking and serving scrumptious meals, movies, BBQs on the deck, sports events, Bingo, cultural programs including many groups from the Scandinavian countries and much, much more. Invite your friends and family to become members of the lodge. The membership drive dinner will be held on August 22, 2009. If you bring a potential member, your dinner will only cost half as much—such a deal!!! The menu isn't set yet, however, you are promised an authentic luau! The expertise of the cooks will ensure the South Seas' food will be delicious! Besides the meal, there will be a silent auction and later dancing with our own Doc Casper and Thin Ice.

Remember, the lodge can only be as successful as its members make it. Come on down and join in the fun—whatever you consider the fun to be. Hope to see you on the 22nd—it would be great to have a full house to thank the volunteers who are working so diligently to make this membership drive a huge success.

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The Lodge Fax number is: 360-779-5223
The Trolls Den number is: 360-779-2384

POULSBO SONS OF NORWAY LODGE #2-44 July 2009 Lodge Meeting Highlights

The following are the highlights from the July membership meeting:

- Vice President Weatherford ran the meeting in the absence of President Walsh.
- Kathy Moncrief's Treasurer's report indicated that the Trolls Den made \$2,000 for the month of June.
- New members Amy Swenson, Karla Smith and Bjorn Netland were welcomed to the lodge.
- Five youth, Hannah, Margaret and Joseph Graves and Evelyn and Emma Marlow were recognized with Cultural Skills pins in music.
- 37 children attended lodge's Heritage Camp.
- Sports Director Moncrief encouraged golfers to sign up for the tournament that will be held on August 23.
- The Scholarship Committee is seeking items for the Fall Silent Auction.
- Volunteers are needed for the many rental events at the lodge in July, August and September including a large wedding on August 1st.
- Upcoming events: Seafood Frenzy (July 25), the Trollhaugen Steak Fry (Aug 1), Membership Drive Dinner (Aug 22), and Member picnic at Raab Park (Sept 20).

Question for the Month: Who discovered the singing group The Jacksons that Michael began singing with at the age of 5? ☺






Reminder!

Be sure to collect your gently used items and save them for the September 26th Ladies Club Rummage Sale. All proceeds go to the Lodge.

A Special Thank you!

To our dear friends in the Lodge, Mitch and I would like to thank you not only for your monetary support during our dreadful ordeal, but also for the overwhelming support and kindness from your heartening notes, cards, and phone calls. You have been true friends. Warm regards, Barb Mitchusson

AUGUST 2009

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Sat</i>
						1 Trollhaugen Steak Fry
2 Vern's Pancake Breakfast 9:00am-Noon 1:00 "Hamsun" movie in Trolls Den (154 minutes)	3	4 Dinner 5:00-7:00pm Lodge Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.	5 Kaffe Stua 11am-2pm BINGO 6:00 pm	6 Wood-carving Support 6:00-9:00pm Wii Bowling Vikings meet 7:00 with potluck @ 5:30	7 Nordic Needleworkers Noon to 2pm Dinner – Surf & Turf 6:00 to 8:00 pm	8
9  BBQ on the deck 	10 BUL Kongsberg 3:00 workshop 5:30 potluck 7:00 program & Gammeldans	11 Dinner 5:00-7:00 pm 7:30 Lodge Meeting Walsh Trip to Norway Library open before & after the lodge meeting	12 Kaffe Stua 11am-2pm BINGO 6:00 pm	13 Wood-carving Support 6:00-9:00pm Wii Bowling	14 Nordic Needleworkers Noon to 2pm Dinner – Jan & Shorty <i>Surf & Turf</i> 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm	15
16 BBQ on the deck 	17	18 Dinner 5:00-7:00pm	19 Kaffe Stua 11am-2pm BINGO 6:00 pm Barstool BINGO (free)	20 Wood-carving Support 6:00-9:00pm Wii Bowling	21 Nordic Needleworkers Noon to 2pm Dinner –No Dinner because of the Membership Dinner on Saturday	22 <i>LUAU!!!</i> Membership Drive Dinner & Silent Auction Music by Doc's Thin Ice 
23 BBQ on the deck 	24	25 Dinner 5:00-7:00pm Celebration of July weddings in the Trolls Den	26 Kaffe Stua 11am-2pm BINGO 6:00 pm	27 Wood-carving Support 6:00-9:00pm Wii Bowling	28 Nordic Needleworkers Noon to 2pm Dinner – <i>Surf & Turf</i> 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm	29
30	31	1	2	3	4	5

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To Help with Tuesday Night Dinners please call Dorothy Walsh @ 360-779-5188. More Crews/Volunteers are needed for Friday Night Dinners, contact Barbara Mitchusson at barbaraj@comcast.net or 360-779-4553.

MEMBER COMMENTS

From the Desk of Your Editor:

Your lodge could certainly use more volunteers. Some have picked up the challenge but many more are needed. We are all busy with other things in our lives and everyone has a reason why he or she can't "get involved". However, volunteering for just one evening as security or to help the Ladies Club serve a catered dinner, or helping in the kitchen, or with Midsommar Fest, or with the Easter Egg Hunt or in some other manner just once a year would really help the lodge. If all the members would do this, the work would be light for all. Some people say it doesn't do any good to ask for more volunteers because only 10% of any membership group always carry the load for the rest. Should we just give up because of the naysayers who tell us most members won't commit to any service for the lodge? I don't believe it's a hopeless situation.

"They said it couldn't be done. But he with a chuckle replied that maybe it couldn't but he would be one who wouldn't say so 'til he tried. So he buckled right in with the trace of a grin on his face, if he worried he hid it. And he started to sing as he tackled the thing that couldn't be done—**AND HE DID IT!!!** Look through the Måken for upcoming events and contact information or simply call Vicky at the lodge and get yourself on a volunteers list. You'll be surprised how much fun giving up some of your precious time can be!

Answer to last month's question: Roosevelt's 4 freedoms (in a 1941 speech) were: Freedom of speech and expression, Freedom of religion, Freedom from want; and Freedom from fear everywhere in the world! ☺ Congratulations to Barb and Roseann—you both had the right answers!! Just for that, we're going to send you a Måken for August!



Lodge Officers for 2009: The following is the slate of officers elected to lead your lodge during 2009. If you have questions or concerns about your lodge or would like to volunteer in some area, please contact Diane in the office or feel free to contact any of these officers:

President – Skip Walsh	Vice President – Fred Weatherford	Sports Director – Wade Moncrief
Counselor – Barb Mitchusson	Cultural Director – Grace Overby	Social Director – Heidi King
Foundation Director – Phil Swenson	Secretary – Denise Bauman	Historian – Dorothy Walsh
Asst Secretary – Julie Swenson	Publicity Director – Darlene Burke	Financial Sec – Michele Burk
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Musician – Jan Peterson & Bonnie Schroeder		Trustee – Vern Herrick*
Trustee – Shirl Nadeau *	Trustee – Myrtle Jodry	Greeter #1 – Nancy Korsak
Greeter #2 – Kristin Holt	Auditor – Phil Swenson*	Auditor – Tony Smallbeck
Auditor – Bill Arness*	Marshall – Robert Kodalen	Asst Marshall – Donna Rice

* elected in previous years

Mom and Pop Quiz

This quiz is for the folks that were not at the lodge meeting on July 14, 2009. Here is the quiz. You or your children are involved in a serious at fault auto accident. **You are sued!**

Which of the following assets are protected 100% from creditors?

1. CDs
2. Savings Accounts
3. Brokerage Accounts
4. Permanent Life Insurance
5. Home Equity
6. 401ks
7. IRAs
8. Annuities
9. Vacation Homes
10. Time Shares
11. Motor home and boat
12. Term Insurance
13. 529 Plans.

The folks at the lodge basically said that none of the assets were protected from creditors. But back in the 1890s the Washington State Legislature ruled that life insurance and its cash value were protected from creditor claims. Therefore, only #4 and #12 are correct. This means if you were sued and lost; you could lose everything except your life insurance and its cash value. Please note that the home equity is only protected up to \$125,000. Your 401Ks and IRAs are protected until you start withdrawing the money from them. One course of action that you can take to give you some level of protection is to get with your **Property and Casualty** agent and ask and pay for an **Umbrella Liability Policy**. I recommend either a \$1,000,000 or \$2,000,000 umbrella policy. The cost should be from a couple hundred dollars per year to as much as \$400 or more per year. Let your agent explain it to you. I have a \$2,000,000 policy with USAA.

Mark your calendars for the 29th of September. There will be a free workshop at the lodge, from 6:30 to 9:00PM. Come learn how to grow and protect your assets. Bob Pittman, Estate Planning attorney and Ralph Naddeo, Financial Benefits Counselor will be presenting a "**Financial and Estate Planning Night**".

Ralph M. Naddeo

Financial Benefits Counselor.

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FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Leikarringen

Leikarringen dancers are on summer vacation. Dancing starts up in September with a Parents Meeting on September 14th and first classes set to begin September 21st. Details will be sent to all registered dancers. For more information, call Joanne at 779-9979.

Nordic Needleworkers

Instruction in Hardanger and help in other handwork is available most Fridays in the summer; 12:00-2:00 p.m. Call Grace at 360-779-2460 or 360-550-6049 for more information or if you want to be sure they are meeting.

Woodcarving

Woodcarving continues on Thursdays from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Norse Room. Ken Green is available for questions about the program at 360-697-2835.

BUL Kongsberg Program

Be sure to come to the lodge on August 10th for a very special program. BUL Kongsberg, a traditional folk dance group from Kongsberg, Norway, will perform at our lodge at 7:00 pm followed by a gammeldans. At 3:00 pm there will be a workshop and at 5:30 pm a potluck dinner. The program is co-sponsored by our lodge and the Sons of Norway Foundation.

The Leikarringen BUL Kongsberg is a 25-member folk dance group ranging in age from 11 to 70 years. Along with the dancers they bring musicians playing fiddle, hardanger fiddle, accordion, flute, and guitar. Kongsberg is a small town of about 24,000 in Buskerud County west of Oslo. The dance group first performed for Kongsberg's 300th anniversary in 1924 and they are celebrating their 85th anniversary with a visit to the United States. They will be performing in Portland, Oregon on August 8th and then will come to Gig Harbor, Poulsbo, and Seattle before leaving the Northwest.

This is a great summer event for our lodge and members of the BUL Kongsberg group will be staying with host families on the nights of August 9th and 10th leaving for Seattle on Tuesday. If you see them around town or in the lodge, please give them a hearty welcome.

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU to our host families. We couldn't do it without you!!!

A donation of \$5 is being asked—children of school age are free. For more information, call the lodge at 779-5209.

"Hamsun"

On August 2nd at 1:00 pm in the Trolls Den, the DVD "Hamsun" will be shown. This is the epic story of love and treason involving the controversial Nobel Laureate, Knut Hamsun. The star of this Norwegian movie with English subtitles is Max Von Sydow. Come on down to the Trolls Den and enjoy this 154-minute movie with family and friends.

Sports Information

Ole Berg Golf Tournament: The 2009 Ole Berg Tournament will be held at Meadowmeer Golf Course on Bainbridge Island on **Sunday**, August 23rd starting at noon. The tournament is open to all Sons of Norway members and their guests. Please note that this is the day after the District II Tournament. The registration fee is \$20.00 per player. Players are responsible for paying their own green fee, which is \$31.00 at Meadowmeer. Cart rentals are \$26.00 and, if you want a cart, it must be reserved in advance. We must have a minimum of 20 players in order to have the tournament. If you are a golfer, mark this on your calendar! If you have more questions or want to register for the tournament, contact Wade Moncrief ([297-3571](tel:297-3571)) or sign the registration sheet in the Trolls Den. **If you plan to participate, you must register by August 8th.**

Stemne Dance Camp

Don't forget Norske Folkdans Stemne at Camp Brotherhood August 14th to the 16th. Registration forms are available on line at: www.seattlestemne.org/regisform2009.pdf. For more information contact Joanne Graves at (360)779-9979.

Library

Open before and after the lodge meetings in the summer. Regular hours in September. Call Grace Overby at 360-779-2460 for further info.

Trolls Den Update

Beginning in August, the third Wednesday of each month there will be **Bar Stool Bingo** in the Trolls Den. (Note the change to Wednesday evenings!) It is free, fun and there will be prizes galore! Come on down for a good time!

Website News

We'd like our members to take a look at our lodge website www.poulsobsonofnorway.com. We have added a photo album page. Let's keep our photo album complete and up-to-date. Our goal is not to have tons of pictures, but a good selection of representative photos. So, while we may not put every photo we receive on the website, the more we do receive, the better selection we have to choose from and a better photo album we will have in the end. Digital photos can be sent to Joanne Graves at rain4days@embarqmail.com.

2009 Sons of Norway Lodge Calendar of Events

Aug.	10 Norwegian Folkdance Workshop 22 Hawaiian Luau Membership Dinner (music) 23 Ole Berg Golf Tournament
Sep	18 Country Western Night (music) 20 Lodge Picnic – Raab Park 26 Ladies Club Rummage Sale
Oct	9 Leif Erikson Day 23 Oktoberfest Dinner (may have music) 31 Halloween Party (music)
Nov	10 Lodge Meeting – Election of Officers for 2010 14 Vet's Night (music) 21 Lutefisk Dinner 29 Lodge Christmas Decorating Day
Dec	5 Bazaar and Julefest 7 Lodge Children's Christmas Party 10 Ladies Club Christmas Party 13 SHARENET Auction 19 Lodge Christmas Party (music) 28 Leikarringen Family Potluck 31 New Year's Eve Party (music)

Folk Dancing

Folk dancing classes will begin again in September. For information call Grace Overby at 779-2460.

Norwegian Language

Norwegian classes for different levels will begin again in September. Watch the Måken for details.

Vestre Sund Mannskor

Men who enjoy singing are invited to join the Vestre Sund Mannskor. For information about the group call Bob Ellerby [360-598-4831](tel:360-598-4831). You can also find more information at: <http://www.pcnsa.org/LocalGroups/Poulsbo.ht>

Steak Fry at Trollhaugen

On Saturday, August 1st, there will be a fun steak fry at Trollhaugen. This will be just one of many Fram forward into the future events celebrating the 100 years of District 2. Everyone is invited to come and be part of this event. For more information, call Christine Anderson, Leif Erikson Lodge, 206-783-1274 or online at www.leiferiksonlodge.com

Scholarship Congratulations and General Information

The recipient of the Poulsbo Lodge Peninsula Music and Arts Scholarship for 2009 is Miss Hannah Graves. Congratulations, Hannah! No applications for the Donald Turner Scholarship for the International Summer School in Oslo, Norway were received so the lodge will offer this scholarship for the 2010-2011 school year. For additional scholarship information, call Phil Swenson at 779-6545



Our Vikings Need You

The Sons of Norway Lodge #44 Vikings are looking for new members who are interested in being one of the hits of the Viking Fest parade and other Poulsbo events. They are a social bunch who enjoy potluck meetings, parades, and fellowship as Vikings. Please contact Chris Whitley at 360-692-2874 if you are interested in joining or attend their next meeting on August 6th downstairs next to the Trolls Den for potluck at 7:00 pm and meeting at 7:30 pm.

Lodge Meetings

Oh the places you've been and the people you've seen!!! At our August lodge meeting, Skip and Sandy Walsh, the President and his wife, will tell about their trip to Norway with photos and anecdotes. Hopefully they will have a map to show us all the places they've visited.

Ladies Club News

Many thanks to those volunteers who helped with the Chamber of Commerce catered lunch on July 8th, followed by the catered wedding on July 11th. Your help was invaluable. We will need even more volunteers for a large wedding on Saturday, August 1st. Please contact Kathy Moncrief if you are able to work, serving, cleaning up, doing dishes or any of the many tasks needed for this event. A very special thanks to Kathy, Jane Speer and Myrt Jodry who have generously given of their time to make these events a great success and have taken much of the work off my shoulders during this time.

The Ladies will have a **potluck picnic** hosted by Darlene Berge on Thursday, August 6th at noon. Darlene's home is at 17224 Lemolo Shore Drive. She will have balloons out to help identify the location.

The next meeting at the Lodge will be September 3rd.

Barb Mitchusson, President [779-4553](tel:779-4553), barbara.j@comcast.net

Membership Luau

August 22nd will be an important day here at your lodge. We will have a membership drive luau with a silent auction and Thin Ice for dancing. Bring a potential new member and receive half off your dinner—the cost not the food! There will be leis and enough other paraphernalia to make us all wish we were in the south seas! Come and share in the fun.

100th Anniversary Update

2009 is part of two 100th anniversaries this year! The Alaska-Yukon-Exposition took place in

Seattle in 1909 and we are also celebrating the birth of District 2 of the Sons of Norway. There will be many celebrations throughout the district during the year so stay tuned.

Lodge Raffles

Do you feel like a winner? As noted previously, the lodge is now authorized to conduct raffles during meetings and other gatherings at the lodge. The pot is split between the lodge and the winning ticket—with the proper amount taken out for taxes, of course! Members are showing an interest in keeping the raffles going and so far they have been quite successful. Buy a raffle ticket—it may be your turn to win!

Celebrate Your Nordic Roots

The Leif Erickson International Foundation is offering the opportunity for all Scandinavians to offer tribute to ancestors who immigrated to the US by having their names engraved on plaques placed around the base of the Leif Erikson statue at Shilshole Bay Marina in Seattle. Only 300 plaques will be sold at a cost of \$125 per plaque. For more information call 206-778-1081 or visit their website at www.leiferikson.org.

Norsk Folkedans Stemne

The Leikarringen BUL Kongsberg will be welcomed at Camp Brotherhood near Mt Vernon on August 14th, 15th, and 16th. Learning and sharing Norwegian dancing and music with folk dancing groups of all ages from Norway, Canada and the United States are the primary purposes of Norsk Folkedans Stemne. Because of the interest in *halling* or *laus dans*, there will be special instruction for the young and limber. The *halling* allows the performer to show off his flexibility, dance ability, and athletic ability with gymnastic steps done to rhythmic music. In the final moments of the dance, the man kicks off a hat dangling at the end of a pole held at least six to eight feet from the floor. If you are interested in learning the dances or just attending this event, visit their web page at <http://www.seattlestemne.org/> for information and registration forms.

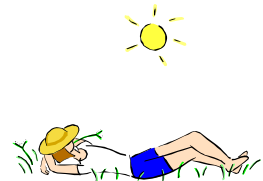
Tubfrim Stamps

Please keep saving the stamps but, until further notice, don't send them on to Leif Erikson Lodge. SAS is closing its flights from Seatac and lodge personnel are working on new arrangements for sending the stamps to Norway.

Volunteers Needed

For those members who would like to help out but don't know when or where they are needed—here's a chance to volunteer. If every member of the lodge shared in security duty for events at the lodge during the year, it wouldn't be a burden on anyone. Usually one or two people are needed for each event. The following is a list of events for August and September where security is needed:

- Aug 1 3 to midnight, Kipple wedding, No bar, Ladies club catering BIG 2 security needed (Marine Room)
 - Aug 8 6 to midnight, Bremerton Yacht Club 2 security needed ((Marine Room)
 - Aug 13 3 to midnight, Norma Hanson Party 1 security needed (Viking Room)
 - Aug 15 2 pm to decorate—1 security to open 5 to midnight, Coming of Age Party 2 security needed ((Marine Room)
 - Aug 29 10 am to decorate—1 security to open 6 to 10 pm, Class of '59 Reunion 1 security needed (Viking Room)
 - Sep 5 3:30 to midnight, Coming of Age Party 2 security needed (Marine Room)
 - Sep 12 9 am to decorate—1 security to open 4 to midnight, Wright Wedding 2 security needed (Marine Room)
 - Sep 26 8 am to 4 pm, Rotary Function 2 security needed (can split the time Up between the two) (Viking Room/Norse Room)
- Contact Shirl Nadeau at 206-201-3443, Vern Herrick at 360-770-2596 or Myrt Jodry at 360-697-1118 or contact one of them at a lodge meeting. **Please help.**



I have never seen a monument erected to a pessimist.

Vesterheim in Decorah, Iowa

It may be time for extraordinary action from the Sons of Norway, Daughters of Norway, etc.—as lodges, districts, International organizations, or simply as individuals to help preserve one of our greatest cultural resources. The Vesterheim Norwegian-American Museum in Decorah, Iowa is in financial jeopardy and could use everyone's help. A request has been made that each of you consider becoming a member of this organization and writing a donation check or making a contribution online. You could also sign up for a class (maybe online), shop at the online museum shop, or even organize a fundraiser for the museum. With the economy as it is, funds are tight and we know everyone is asking for help but, if this seems like a fit to you, you can contact them at: Vesterheim Norwegian-American Museum, 523 West Water Street, P.O. Box 379, Decorah, IA (they forgot to include the zip but the post office will have it), phone 563-382-9681 or website <http://vesterheim.org>

Don't cry because it's over—Smile because it happened!!!!



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2009 Camp Sessions

Camp Normanna

July 26 to Aug 8 Ages 9-12

Learn about Norwegian

Heritage, language & culture

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Call lodge for rates.



The Sunday Trolls Den hours will be determined by the Trolls Den Committee and the Bar Manager in order to take advantage of the sporting schedule and other events. Come on in and join in the fun!



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