



NORDEN NEWS

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Fra presidenten

Greetings Members and friends of Norden 2

As I begin this letter, and my term as your President for 2005, I want to bid farewell to a friend and shipmate, Tom Heavey, President 2003-2004. Tom's first year as President, to say the least, was strenuous! Shortly after his election in 2003, and with short notice, was called to active duty with the United States Coast Guard Reserve, to serve our nation in a time of crises. After several months, serving in a "hot, sandy foreign country" he returned to Tacoma and his post as President of Norden 2, and was elected for a second term. Tom, you have served both your country and Norden 2 well. "May you have fair winds and following seas" in all your future endeavors.

"To a Chief Petty Officer, from a Master Chief Petty Officer"

I'm overwhelmed, humbled and honored by your support and encouragement on my election as your President for 2005. You have also elected other previous and new officers, some, who as I, lack experience in the offices we have attained; please bear with us as we get acquainted with our new positions. We are here to lead and guide you, the members, and will do our best to gain your respect and confidence.

The upcoming year will be exciting and I know, challenging. Our first challenge came with a telephone call from Norway on a Sunday afternoon. It was from Terje Solheim, International Director, Sons of Norway. Terje informed me that he was the tour director with a group of music students from Valle high school in the Setesdal region of Norway, and will be on a music tour in the Pacific Northwest and would like to give a concert at Normanna Hall 23 February 2005! I thought, WOW, how can we do this on such short notice!!!! On Monday the executive board meet and with less than a months notice, with a unanimous vote accepted the challenge. The date is on the calendar, Wednesday, 23 February 2005, Potluck dinner 6:30pm, 7:30pm to 9:00pm entertainment, \$5.00 per person donation suggested. Now its up to you, our loyal and devoted members, to enjoy our heritage and culture, make this a successful event and

show our Norwegian extended family the hospitality of their Norwegian-American Cousins. Come one come all to this once in a lifetime event.

During 2005 and the years to come I want Norden 2 to attain the highest in integrity and be an example of excellence to all. But, you, the Members, with "Support", can only accomplish this. There are many ways to define support, in part, the dictionary defines it: "to provide (a person, family, etc.) With the means of sustaining life" or "to support is to hold up or add strength to, literally or figuratively". As your President, I define it as: "attend monthly business meetings, breakfasts, socials, special events, and recruit a new member" but, the most important of all, "Volunteer", we always can use your assistance, no matter what your desire or preference. Don't be shy, you will meet many new friends, do like I did, jump in with both feet, at first the water is cold and up to your shoulders, but as you walk ashore you dry off and get a nice warm feeling. Enough said!

Our January Crab feed was another HUGE SUCCESS! In attendance were over 240 very happy people! Normanna Hall Association chairs this event under the leadership of "Honorary Norwegian" Don Lindgren (otherwise known as "King Crab") and his crew. The Crabs were large, firm and succulent the Hens plump and juicy and the raffle prizes never-ending. Mange Tusen Takk to all attendees and the "Volunteers" who made this a successful event. (This is what I mean by "Support").

Hilsen,
Cliff Magnussen



Students from Valle Vidaregåande Skule in Setesdal will perform at Normanna Hall on February 23, starting with a potluck at 6:30pm

SPORTS NEWS

As your new Sports Director, I am in charge of promoting the sporting activities of the lodge. So I need to know some things.

1. What type or teams of sports would you like to see in the lodge?
2. What type of past teams were there?
3. Working with the social director, do you want me to schedule attendance at local sporting events?
4. As members, what are your expectations of my office?
5. What is your favorite sports activity?

As the sports director, I need to promote the sports medal program. This program recognizes members that engage in healthy activities to improve physical well being and attitude.

There are four different levels of sporting activities along with four different medals. The four medals are the bronze, silver, gold and enamel. Each medal requires greater effort.

The Gang-merke is walking sports medal. With daily, weekly, or monthly walks, you earn points for your medal.

The Idrettsmerke or general sports activity medal is for many sports activities, either individual or team.

Sykkelmerke is the bicycle-riding program You can ride on a bicycle or use a stationary bike.

Skimerke is the cross-country skiing program.

If you have any questions, see me at meetings.

Robert W. Stephenson, 565-2893

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Chair Project

Four chairs have recently purchased. They Are:

Centennial Chair--for Liz Lassoie

Memorial Chair--for Mary Ann Wall--1927-2004

Centennial Chair--Vincent Williams

Centennial Chair--Judith Williams

As previously reported this is the end of the chair project. We now have approximately 370 new chairs representing an investment of around \$12,000. With just a few exceptions most all of the chairs were purchased by members and interested friends of the lodge.

Names stenciled on the chairs were done in the first phase by Thor & Karen Aanes and finished by Llisa Jacoby who took over the business from Thor. We all owe them a huge debt of gratitude for a job well done. Thanks so much.

Our members seem very proud of the chairs and I notice they seek out "their" chairs just to have a look at them.

As we close the books on this project we owe thanks to all our members who purchased our comfortable and beautiful chairs. Thanks.

Don

CARTRIDGES FOR KIDS

We have a great opportunity to help the youth of District 2 and save some space in our landfills. District 2 Youth are requesting we recycle our computer printer cartridges through an organization called "Cartridges for Kids." This organization collects used printer cartridges and sells them to businesses that refill them for resale. District 2 Youth receive money for each cartridge sent to this organization. We have a collection box at Norden 2. It is preferred the used cartridges be placed in their original packaging before being placed in the collection box at the Lodge. However, If you do not have the original packaging, wrap the cartridge securely in paper prior to depositing in the box. Share this news with your friends and neighbors and offer to bring their cartridges to the Lodge as well. The more cartridges collected, the more money raised for District 2 Youth. Contact Nancy Heavey (253) 752-8450 if you want additional information.

Lodge and Buiding Name History

Some of our newer members have expressed a desire to know the history of the names used in our lodge.

The first immigrant ship to sail from Norway to the New World was a ship named Restaurationen in the year 1825. The second immigrant ship was the Brig Norden that sailed from Norway on July 20, 1836. Our lodge was named after the Brig Norden.

The Brig Norden was two masted square rigged sailing vessel that carried 110 passengers and had a displacement of 290 tons.

The trip was comparatively brief but encountered heavy seas resulting in much sickness. Five passengers died during the voyage. The manifest of the passengers list indicates several names familiar to the history of our lodge, but no connection has been established.

There was a Norwegian immigrant town established in Texas early in the century. The name of the town was Normanna, and there appears to be a connection regarding the name of our lodge building. Norden, in Norwegian, translates to north in English. It is hypostatized some of the Norwegians from Normanna, Texas moved to Tacoma and had a part in the early formation of our lodge, and had a part in the naming of our lodge building.

Don



Once in a Lifetime Opportunity!

Sons of Norway members are invited to join International President Jim Olson and his wife Phyllis on an unforgettable *Centennial Tour to Norway*, June 8-21, 2005 to celebrate Norway's independence from Sweden. There is no doubt that this trip will be the experience of a lifetime, with participants experiencing numerous events planned exclusively for the Centennial.

Information about the trip is available on the Sons of Norway website (www.sonsofnorway.com) or by contacting Borton Overseas (800-843-0602, (linda@bortonoverseas.com)). Tour brochures are also being mailed out to every lodge.



It's a Birthday Party Potluck

When: February 27th
Where: Normanna Hall
Hours: 2pm to 6pm

Mix up your favorite Jello salad and come join us for Iona's 85th birthday.

Ancient church found

The site of a nearly 1,000-year-old church has been found in Skien, making it likely Norway's oldest. Norway may have been converted to Christianity far earlier than believed. The remains were found in 2001 but have only now been dated radiologically. Experts believe the find strengthens theories that Norway was Christian in several spots long before Håkon the Good, Olav Tryggvason and Olav Haraldsson began their missionary raids.

"It is fun to see confirmation of what we have long believed, that there was a Christianization of Norway long before the two Olavs came," said Jan Brendalsmo, archeologist at the Foundation for Cultural Heritage Research (NIKU). Associate Professor Jon Vidar Sigurdsson at the Medieval Center at the University of Oslo said that new finds in recent years would likely push the date of Norway's conversion to Christianity to the 800s.

Archeologists believe the post church may be the "Hakastein" mentioned in writing from 1354. Researchers have also found two Christian graves from 885-990 at the same site.

"The two graves may mean that there is another church on the site. In addition, there can be about 1,100 people buried here over a period of 400 years. So we believe that there is absolutely unique information still buried at the site," said Brendalsmo. Nevertheless, the site is currently destined to become a park.

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A Little in English...

Princess Märtha Louise Expecting

Princess Märtha Louise and Ari Behn announced that they were expecting their second child, the palace said in a press release. The baby is due in the middle of April 2005 and the birth will take place at the Rikshospitalet University Hospital in Oslo. The palace said that the princess, 32, was in good health and a normal pregnancy is expected. The princess and Ari Behn have a daughter from before, Maud Angelica, born April 29, 2003. The news has not affected the couple's plans to move to USA in October. Princess Märtha Louise and Ari Behn delayed their plans to move to New York City in 2003 because Märtha wanted to give birth in Norway. Then King Harald fell ill and finally Märtha wanted to be at home to celebrate the arrival of Crown Prince Haakon Magnus and Crown Princess Mette-Marit's first child.

-from Aftenposten

Litt på norsk...

Prinsesse Märtha Louise er Gravid

Prinsesse Märtha Louise og Ari Behn har den gleden å kunne meddele at de venter barn, heter det i en pressemelding fra Slottet. Barnet ventes i midten av april og fødselen vil, ifølge Slottet, finne sted på Rikshospitalet i Oslo. Prinsessen er i fin form og det forventes et normalt svangerskap. Paret har en datter fra før, Maud Angelica, som ble født 29 april 2003. Nyheten har ikke endret parets planer om å flytte til USA i oktober. Prinsesse Märtha Louise og Ari Behn utsatte sine planer om å flytte til New York City i 2003 fordi Märtha ville føde i Norge. Kong Harald ble deretter syk og Märtha ville i tillegg være hjemme for å feire det første barnet til Kronprins Haakon Magnus og Kronprinsesse Mette-Marit.

-fra Aftenposten

Resources for Everyone!

We would like to remind all Sons of Norway members that a wealth of information is available through our web site, www.sonsofnorway.com. This includes Mini Presentations, Idea Banks and Information Banks small articles on everything from Norwegian holidays to Norwegian games, to "How to Plan a Family Reunion."

This information and more, including lists of our media lending library contents and the ever-popular "Norwegian in 5 minutes a month" with sound, are at your finger tips simply by accessing the "Members Log-in" portion of our website. If you are a new member or have not accessed our website after September 2004, just follow the log-in procedure outlined in our Sons of Norway Membership Portal.

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

See the color version at:

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

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Sons of Norway, District 2 www.sofn2.org
Sons of Norway, International www.sofn.com

SCHEDULE 2005

January

5,12,19,26..... Folk Dance Lessons*
7.....Business Meeting
9.....Breakfast
15.....Crab Feed

February

4.....Buisness Meeting
13.....Breakfast
19.....Social
23.....Potluck./Folk Concert
28.....Board Meeting?

March

4.....Business Meeting
13.....Breakfast
19.....Social
28..... Board Meeting?

April

1.....Business Meeting
6,13,20,27.....Folk Dance Lessons*
7 Film Festival, Blue Mouse Theater
10..... Breakfast
16.....Social
30Heritage Day PLU

May

2.....Board Meeting?
4..... Folk Dance Lessons*
6Business Meeting
8Breakfast
17..... Syttende Mai Parade, Ballard
21..... Norway 100th Syttende Mai
30.....Board Meeting?

June

3.....Business Meeting
12.....Breakfast

July

4Fireworks Picnic**

August

6..... Steak Fry, Trollhaugen
27..... Norden 2 Picnic

September

5.....Board Meeting?
9..... Business Meeting
11..... ..Breakfast
17..... ..Social

October

3.....Board Meeting?
7..... Business Meeting
16..... Lutefisk Dinner?

November

1.....Board Meeting?
4Business Meeting
13.....Breakfast
19.....Social
28.....Board Meeting?

December

2.....Business Meeting
3.....Julebord
11.....Breakfast with Santa

*For information call Richard Smaby
(253) 761-0945

**4th of July Fireworks/Picnic, Tom
Heavey will coordinate

**For information and reservations
for social events, contact Alyce
Fletcher (253) 759-2108**



December:

Cards to those who are sick or ill:
Kay booth, Ray Hill, Ted Dahl, Florence Buck
Cards to the families of those who have passed:
Gudrun Balstad, Paul Fauske

January:

Cards to those who are sick or ill:
Marie Hayden, Iona Dhaese, Shirley Haukeli,
Carolyn Hafterson, Gus Lingwall
Cards to the families of those who have passed:
Gladys Marr, Florence Buck, Frank Derosa,
Willhalm Shultz, Olaug Segel, Arne Feroy, Arne Forsberg

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

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

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

Joann has moved!! Her new info:
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New Name Badges

Dave, Christine and Joann have been working hard to get ALL our pictures taken for the new name badges / photo directory. Pictures for the badges, will be ongoing, as we get new members.

NOTE::: The last time pictures for the new 2005 directory will be taken: will be at the March Breakfast on the 13th. Please be sure to make it a point to have your pictures taken. If you are unable to get to the lodge and have it taken, then you can email your pictures to Dave and Christine Beasley at bizzley@runbox.com or mail them to 221 Alameda Ave, Fircrest WA 98466. The last day they will accept mail or emailed pictures will be March 31st. They hope to have the directory out in April.

If you have any questions on any of the above, please contact Joann at 253-564-4564 or Christine at 253-564-6658.

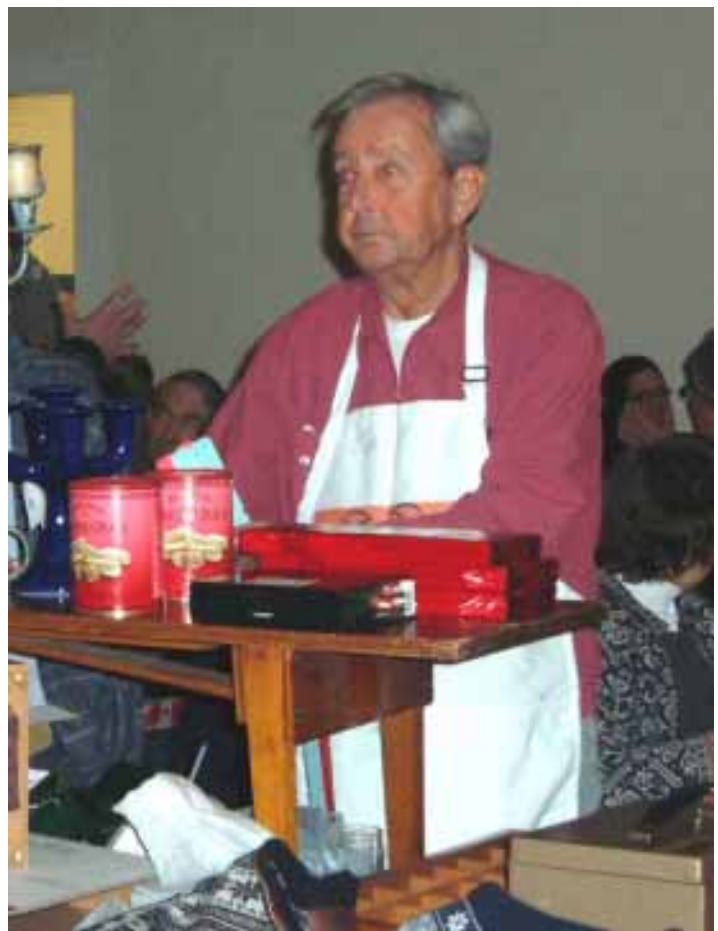
This would also be an opportune time to report any changes in your contact information to our new Vice President, Don Barrett. He can be reached at 253-847-8191 or donbarrett238@wmconnect.com

Urgent from Cliff !



Norden 2 has participated in the "Scandinavian Heritage Festival" at PLU for over 30 years. This year the former representatives from N2 are deeply involved with other lodge projects and committee's. I need 2 members from Norden 2 to be our representatives on the planning committee for this event. It is only a one day event on the 30th of April but their are several meetings to attend prior to the event and some planning as to what we will be displaying. A Husband & Wife team would be great! But anyone who has the desire is welcome. By the time of this news letter the first meeting will have occurred, the next meeting is at the end of the month of February and it is imperative we have representatives at that meeting. **PLEASE !!! Help us in this endeavor, "SUPPORT" your lodge !!! Give me a call or email me at cmag@prodigy.net.**

Tusen Takk
Cliff Magnussen, President, Norden 2



"King Crab" Don Lindgren sells raffle tickets

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Kalender

- Sunday, February 13th**
Pancake Breakfast.....9am - 1pm
- Saturday, February 19th**
Social.....6pm/7pm/8pm
- Wednesday, February 23rd**
Special Potluck Dinner...see page 1.....6:30pm
- Sunday, February 27th**
Potluck Birthday Party for Iona.....2pm
- Friday, March 4th**
Business Meeting.....7:30pm
- Sunday, March 13th**
Pancake Breakfast.....9am - 1pm
- Saturday, March 19th**
Social.....6pm/7pm/8pm
- Friday, April 1st**
Business Meeting.....7:30pm

Socials At Normanna

Saturday, February 19th
Swiss Steak by Mariann Fletcher and Past Presidents
Music by Gary & Diane

Saturday, March 19th
Corned Beef Dinner by Iona and Crew
Music by Lyle Schaefer

Happy Hour begins at 6pm,
Dinner will be served at 7pm
Dancing starts at 8pm.

For further information:
Contact Alyce Fletcher at (253) 759-2108

Wednesday, February 23rd
Special Potluck Dinner with Performance by
students of the Valle Vidaregåande Skule from Setesdal.
6:30 pm Dinner