



December 2009

December 7th – Pearl Harbor
December 21st – Winter Solstice
December 24th – Christmas Eve
December 25th – Christmas Day

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December 2009 Special Events

December 5th – Christmas Bazaar & Julefest
December 13th – SHARENET Auction
December 18th – Lodge Semi-Formal Christmas Dinner Dance
December 31st – New Year's Eve

President's Message

Uff da! As we enter the holiday season, it seems that the pace of events at the lodge shifts from high gear into overdrive!

Veteran's Appreciation night on November 7th was really something special. Mike and Ruby Patterson and their family operated our "cantina," providing nourishment for the evening. Our own Maryann Harris gave a very poignant talk about her experiences as a Vietnam Veteran that left no dry eyes in the house. John Emerick was selected as Veteran of the Year. The singers of the "Independents" provided a moving musical tribute to both our country and our veterans. Then the crowd moved downstairs for a bit of celebration and dancing. All in all, a superb evening. Thanks to all who made this event possible.

On a sad note, on November 8th we hosted a celebration of life party for one of our Troll's Den employees, Paymela Long, who lost her life under tragic circumstances. Her family felt it appropriate to have the party at our Lodge and we readily agreed to provide any help we could. The function was attended by several hundred people, and included performances by many of the musicians with whom Pam had worked over the years. Her daughter told me that Pam had told the family that when she passed away, she didn't want a funeral. She wanted a party. I think she would have been pleased by the event that Sunday.

Tusen Takk to Fred and Barb Weatherford and their horde of volunteers who put on yet another successful Lutefisk Dinner. We served nearly 500 lbs of the "fisk," to nearly 300 diners, and many folks said it was the best in years. A special thanks to the Leikarringen dancers for providing both entertainment and clean-up help. Congratulations to our new lodge Queen, Evelyn Marlow, and Princess Margaret Graves. These ladies have been active participants in lodge activities for many years, and are wonderful representatives of the youth of our lodge.

At our meeting on November 10th, we elected your Board of Directors for 2010, and yours truly was re-elected to serve as your President. I thank all of you for your confidence, and for your enthusiasm as we move into next year. I am particularly gratified that there are some new members who have agreed to serve on the board. The complete listing of new officers is elsewhere in this Måken.

Looking forward, we have another busy month in December. Among other activities, we will decorate the lodge for the holiday season on November 29th; our Bazaar and Julefest are on December 5th; the SHARENET Auction is on the 13th; the lodge Christmas Party is on the 18th; and the New Year's Eve Party is on the 31st. Details of all December activities are elsewhere in this Måken. I look forward to seeing you at some of these functions!

Best wishes to you and your families during the holiday season! Ha det bra! Skip

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

- International Foundation Director Cindi Olsen gave a short presentation.
- Treasurer's report indicates the lodge has been in the black for the last three months.
- John Emerick was selected as Veteran of the Year for the lodge.
- The speaker for Vets Night was Maryann Harris.
- New members were approved for membership.
- The membership elected the 2010 Board.
- Queen Evelyn Marlow and Princess Margaret Graves will represent the lodge for 2009/10.
- The Leikarringen dancers performed at the lutefisk dinner on November 14th.
- The Jaegers have donated a Christmas tree for the deck again this year.
- There is discussion of changing the Måken to a quarterly newsletter.
- The Norse and Viking Rooms were donated for the celebration of life for Paymela Faye Long.
- A report that attendance at Bingo on Wednesday nights appears to be dwindling.

Thank You, Volunteers

Fred and Barb Weatherford want to heartily thank everyone who worked so diligently to make the lutefisk dinner a success. There are way too many to thank individually without the chance of leaving out a name. You know who you are—**so, thank you for all your hard work!** Once again our members rose to the occasion taking time out of their busy lives to ensure the success of a lodge event.

Those members who haven't been volunteering don't know what you are missing—the camaraderie, the sense of accomplishment, the fun of getting to know fellow members of the lodge—it's all good. There will be many opportunities in December to step up and help. If you'd like to volunteer but aren't sure where you are needed, just ask someone or call Vicky at the lodge office.

The Lodge office number is: 360-779-5209
The Lodge Fax number is: 360-779-5223
The Trolls Den number is: 360-779-2384

DECEMBER

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| <i>Sun</i> | <i>Monday</i> | <i>Tuesday</i> | <i>Wednesday</i> | <i>Thursday</i> | <i>Friday</i> | <i>Sat</i> |
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| | | 1 Dinner 5:00-7:00pm Lodge Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. | 2 Also on the 3 rd the ladies will be making Oslo Kringle | 3 Wood-carving Support 6:-9:00pm 10-noon Advanced Norwegian Vikings meet 7:00 With 5:30 potluck Vestre Sund Mannskor 7:30-9 pm Wii Bowling Ladies Club Meets | 4 Nordic Needleworkers Noon to 2pm No Dinner because of Bazaar preparations | 5 Bazaar & Julefest |
| 6 Vern's Pancake Breakfast 9:00am-Noon 4:15 pm SF @ Seattle Comfort Food Day | 7 Teen Advanced Norwegian 3:30 pm Beginning Norwegian 6:15 pm (all ages) Intermediate Norwegian 7:15 pm Folk Dancing – 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm Library – 5 -7:00 pm Children's Christmas Party 6:00 pm in the Marine Room | 8 Dinner 5:00-7:00 pm 7:30 Lodge Meeting Library open before & after the lodge meeting | 9 Kaffe Stua 11am-2pm BINGO 6:00 pm NOTE Change: for this week only Wii Bowling on Wednesday | 10 Wood-carving Support 6:-9:00pm 10-noon Advanced Norwegian Vestre Sund Mannskor 7:30-9 pm Ladies Club Christmas Party | 11 Nordic Needleworkers Noon to 2pm Dinner – Jan & Shorty's crew—Roast Pork, 6:00 to 8:00 pm Tree of Giving gifts are due to the lodge by this date | 12 Sleigh Bells Caroling Contest |
| 13 SHARENET Auction 1:00 pm Seattle @ Houston Comfort Food Day | 14 Teen Advanced Norwegian 3:30 pm Beginning Norwegian 6:15 pm (all ages) Intermediate Norwegian 7:15 pm Folk Dancing – 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm Live Music Library – 5 -7:00 pm | 15 Måken articles due Dinner 5:00-7:00pm Women's Book Discussion 7:00 pm | 16 Kaffe Stua 11am-2pm BINGO 6:00 pm | 17 Wood-carving Support 6:-9:00pm Vacation begins for Advanced Norwegian Vestre Sund Mannskor 7:30-9 pm Wii Bowling | 18 Nordic Needleworkers Noon to 2pm Lodge Christmas Party – Semi-Formal with music | 19 |
| 20 4:15 pm TB @ Seattle Comfort Food Day | 21 Vacation begins for Norwegian classes Folk Dancing – 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm live music and potluck snacks Library – 5 -7:00 pm 1 st Day of Winter | 22 Dinner 5:00-7:00pm | 23 No Kaffe Stua NO BINGO | 24 No Classes Christmas Eve – Jul aften  | 25 Merry Christmas Glade Jul  | 26 |
| 27 1:00 pm Seattle @ Green Bay Comfort Food Day | 28 Family Potluck and Folk Dancing Party – 7 to 9:00 pm Live music & snacks Library closed | 29 Dinner 5:00-7:00pm | 30 Kaffe Stua 11am-2pm BINGO 6:00 pm | 31 New Year's Eve Dinner—Steamship Pork Leg, with music by the Imposters Happy New Year!!!! Godt Nytt År! | 1 | 2 |
| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |

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:

What to write, what to write? It's Christmas, of course, and that brings up so many possibilities! We could take a walk down memory lane, share "craziest" gifts received, describe our favorite or worst holiday, etc., etc.

I love Christmas! I love the reason we celebrate, the joy that surrounds us, the carols we sing, buying gifts for people I love, the decorations, the family tree-hunting breakfast and then tromping through the rain and mud (once we were lucky enough to have snow) to pick out that perfect tree, all the decorations we bring out that were so carefully put away last January while the bowl games played on and on and on (or the Monk marathon if you're lucky), the candlelight service, the excitement on the faces of our children and then our grandchildren, the parties with friends and family—so much to enjoy!

Once, several years ago, our son Shawn convinced us to go with them to the Bonjon Pass to cut our trees. What a trip that was! We drove as far as we could up into the snow then clambered uphill trudging through snow up to my knees and then, when we got to the top of the pass, we had to climb down into a valley to select a tree. Now the fun really began! The tree had to be dragged up to the top and then we could drag it down the other side. All I can say is "thank goodness for a friend of theirs who came riding up on his snowmobile" like a knight in shining armor. He saved my life! Of course, he nearly took my life also when we came inches from going off a cliff while rounding a corner!! **That was one of my life lessons—I learned that thereafter I would stay by the vehicles with a thermos of hot buttered rum, thank you very much!** May your holiday season be filled with love and laughter. Let's not forget those who may be alone during the holidays and, if possible, invite them to join in our fun. Also, remember the servicemen and women who can't be with their families during this special time of year because they are protecting our freedoms. Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Holidays, however you want to convey it. Have fun and make memories!

Answer to last month's question: The mascot for the 2010 Olympics in Vancouver and Whistler is the Inukshuk. It is an ancient stone symbol in the shape of a human found in Northern Canada. It symbolizes safe passage, shelter and good hunting as well as providing security and comfort to the lonely traveler. I wanted to put the picture I took of the one at the top of Whistler here, but it made the compute file huge! Way to go, Julie & Phil Swenson! They learned the answer at the 2008 International convention in Vancouver! You never know what important information you may learn at these conventions!!!

Know What Counts: "No matter what you've done for yourself or for humanity, if you can't look back on having given love and attention to your own family, what have you really accomplished?" Lee Iacocca

Lodge Officers for 2010: The following is the slate of officers elected to lead your lodge during 2010. If you have questions or concerns about your lodge or would like to volunteer in some area, please contact Vicky in the office or feel free to contact any of these officers:

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| President – Skip Walsh | Vice President – Fred Weatherford | Sports Director – Dan O'Connell |
| Counselor – Vacant | Cultural Director – Grace Overby | Social Director – Heidi King |
| Foundation Director – Phil Swenson | Secretary – Barb Mitchusson | Historian – Kristin Holt |
| Asst Secretary – Julie Swenson | Publicity Director – Rhonda Mitchusson | Financial Sec – Mary Gerstel |
| Editor – Sherry White | Youth Director – Joanne Graves | Treasurer – Priscilla Callaham |
| Musician – Bonnie Schroeder/Jan Peterson | Trustee – Vern Herrick | Trustee – Myrtle Jodry* |
| Trustee – Shiril Nadeau * | Greeter #1 – Bob Schulte | Greeter #2 – Nancy Korsak |
| Auditor – Phil Swenson* | Auditor – Tony Smallbeck* | Auditor – Bill Arness |
| Marshall – Robert Kodalen | Asst Marshall – Donna Rice | Bldg Assn Pres – Bob Loveland |

* elected in previous years

Retirement, Taxes and Inflation

The House of Representatives has barely passed their version of the Health Care Bill. Now it is up to the Senate. One thing we can count on is that life as we know it will change. This will affect all areas of our lives. As we near retirement or are already in retirement; will we have the health coverage that we have with Medicare and Medicare Advantage? Between November 15th and December 31st you are going to be asked by mail solicitation to change your Med Advantage coverage. Think twice before you change. Get all the facts and compare what the new coverage will do for you. Once you make the change you are stuck with it for another year. Back to the Health Care Bill. Will it take more of our retirement dollars to take care of our health? I do know that with the government bailout of this economy and the printing of more money it will take more dollars to just get by. Therefore, make sure your dollars are as safe as they can be. The less the government can mess with them the better. Your 401k and IRA funds are subject to increases in taxes and inflation. Permanent life insurance and annuities are some of the safest places to put your money. My recommendations are to wait until this economy settles down and folks go back to work before putting any money into the market. If you want a good read, look up, "Fiat-Currency".

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FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Leikarringen

Children's Lucia party

Everyone is invited to join the Leikarringen Dancers for our annual children's Lucia Party **Monday, December 7, at 6:00pm** in the Marine Room. Each of the classes will be dancing followed by a traditional Lucia procession and carols. Afterwards everyone dances around the Christmas tree singing traditional Scandinavian song dances. The Leikarringen families will provide refreshments. See you there!

Sleigh Bells Caroling Contest

Saturday, December 12th, the Leikarringen Dancers will be participating in the annual Sleigh Bells Caroling Contest to raise funds for the Fishline food bank. Our dancers will be performing traditional Scandinavian song dances as well as some American carols with a Nordic twist! Our dancers will be on Hav'n Veien, next to Liberty Bay Books. Come by and enjoy the music and dancing and drop a donation in our collection box. The group that collects the most money wins a prize (usually chocolates for all the dancers!). If you cannot make it downtown on the 12th, you can give your donation to Joanne at the lodge meeting on the 8th. Thank you for your support. For more information about our youth folk dance program contact Joanne Graves at [297-2186](tel:297-2186). **Reminder: There will be no dance classes after December 7th until we resume in January 2010.**

Nordic Needleworkers

Instruction in Hardanger embroidery and help in other handwork is available Fridays from noon to 2:00 p.m. in the Viking Room. For more information, call Grace at 360-779-2460 or 360-550-6049. **No class on Christmas Day!**

Woodcarving/Rosemaling

Woodcarving and Rosemaling continue 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. Call Ken for additional information on that too. **No class December 24th or December 31st.**

Norwegian Lessons

See the calendar for Youth, Beginning, Intermediate and Advanced classes. Note that the evening Advanced class is merging with the morning Advanced class. Christmas vacation for classes begins December 17th and the 21st.

Library

The library is open from 5 to 7. It is also open before and after lodge meetings. For further information, call Grace Overby at 360-779-2460.

Ladies Club News

Your 2010 Ladies Club officers remain the same: Pres. Barb Mitchusson, VP Jan Peterson, Sec. Bonnie Schroeder, Treas. Priscilla Callahan, Soc. Dir. Darlene Burke, Counselor Ann Cook. The impromptu lefse making sessions were very successful, providing the Lodge with lefse for the Lutefisk dinner and Kaffe Stuas. Most people do not realize what an enormous labor of love this is but our ladies willingly do this much needed task. Many lodges no longer make their own lefse and ours is always praised as being delectable.

December 5th Bazaar alert! Many of you signed up to bring baked goods for the booth at the Bazaar. They should be brought to the Sons on Friday after 10 for packaging, which some of you also signed up to do. We also have the Craft Booth and the Treasure Booth, which will have many Christmas and other fine items for sale. We will be making oslo kringle on Thursday, December 3rd at 9 a.m.

December 10th Christmas Dinner. If you have not called or e-mailed, please do so as we need to know how much food to prepare. We are fortunate to have chefs V.A. Mulder and JohnVanderhalf (and wife Diane) who will be fixing our dinner.

May you all have a blessed Christmas and a delightful December. Barb Mitchusson, 360-779-4553, Barbara.j@comcast.net

Book Discussion

The women's book discussion meets on the third Tuesdays at 7 pm. For location and further information, call Torbjorg Nilsen 360-779-9826. Read a chosen book by Scandinavian authors with lively discussions to follow

Norwegian Language Classes

See monthly calendar for ongoing schedules and call Stan for information at 360-779-2460. **Note vacation for the Advanced class begins on the 17th and for the Youth, Beginning and Intermediate classes on December 21st.**

Vestre Sund Mannskor

Enjoy Norwegian heritage in song at meetings on Thursdays from 7:30 pm to 9 pm. Men who enjoy singing are invited to join the group. If interested, call Bob Ellerby at 360-598-4831. You can also find more information at: <http://www.pcnsa.org/LocalGroups/Poulsbo.ht> **Last practice before vacation is Dec 17th.**

Lodge Meetings and Tusen Takk

Tusen takk to Cindi Olsen for her presentation at the November lodge meeting. Our lodge has received significant help from the Sons of Norway Foundation.

Two Norwegian high school exchange students will tell about Christmas in their areas at our December meeting. Maria H. Von Schack is from the Stavanger area and Amanda Sellereite is from the Alesund area.

Folk Dance and Family Potluck

Join us for basic instruction in Scandinavian dances on Monday evenings. Traditional dancing as done in the villages of the 19th and early 20th centuries are emphasized but we also do figure dances popular in ballrooms of the same period. On the third Monday, the 21st, there is live music and potluck snacks.

Monday, December 28th, our youth will be sponsoring the annual Christmas folk dance and family potluck with live music. Everyone is invited. Dinner will be at 5:00 with dancing at 6:00. Bring a hot dish and a salad or dessert to share. Musicians are welcome, our Dad's band will play, and there will be plenty of opportunity for allspel.

In Memoriam:

Paymela Faye Long
Larry Moore

Tree of Giving

Look for our annual "Tree of Giving" in the Trolls Den. The names are selected by Martha & Mary for several of their residents along with gift ideas. When selecting a name off the tree, please: 1) Remove the tag; 2) Write your name next to the number on the list; 3) Return the wrapped gift to the Trolls Den by December 11th with the person's name on the tag. Any questions, call Jan Saenz at 697-2795 or 434-7798.

2009 Sons of Norway Lodge Calendar of Events

- Dec 5 Bazaar and Julefest
- 7 Lodge Children's Christmas Party
- 10 Ladies Club Christmas Party
- 13 SHARENET Auction
- 18 Lodge Christmas Party (music)
- 28 Leikarringen Family Potluck
- 31 New Year's Eve Party (music)

A Norwegian Tradition

A julenek (Norwegian and Danish) or julkärva (Swedish) is a sheaf of grain hung on a tree or pole as a Christmas treat for the birds. One of the most popular symbols in Scandinavia today, they are sold on street corners in the weeks before Christmas. Few homes are without one. The tradition is actually from olden times, when people believed that by taking care of the animals and spirits during the coldest, darkest days of winter, good luck and a bountiful harvest would follow. Like other winter solstice traditions in rural Scandinavia, it eventually became part of the celebration of Christmas. On farms, the peace of Christmas began before sundown on December 24th, when the sheaf was tied to a pole and erected in the farm yard. It was thought to be very lucky if the birds flocked to it as it was being hung. Christmas sheaves will be available from the Sons of Norway Poulsbo Lodge 2-044 for \$14.00 at the Christmas Bazaar on December 5th or in the office any time after that.



Our Vikings Need You

The Sons of Norway Lodge #44 Vikings are still looking for new members who are interested in being one of the hits of the Viking Fest parade and other Poulsbo events. You'll enjoy potluck meetings, parades, and a special camaraderie. Chris Whitley, 360-692-2874, has the info if you are interested in joining or you can attend their next meeting on December 3rd downstairs by the Trolls Den for the potluck at 7:00 pm and meeting at 7:30 pm.

Christmas Bazaar & Jule Fest

The public is invited to come to the lodge's Scandinavian Christmas celebration and bazaar. On December 5th the bazaar will open at 10 am and will continue until 4 pm with arts, crafts, and gifts for sale, traditional pea soup, meatball dinner, Rommegrot and other delicacies to tempt the palate, folk dancing by our own Leikarringen and singing by our Vestre Sund Mannskor. At 4 pm the Jule Fest, which is co-sponsored by the Historic Downtown Poulsbo Association (HDP), will begin at Liberty Bay Park on the waterfront. Miss Poulsbo will light the Christmas tree and there will be music by the Vestre Sund Mannskor and the North Kitsap High School band and choir, as well as dancing around the tree at the pavilion. The Vikings will escort the Lucia bride (our Queen Evelyn Marlow with her Princess Margaret Graves) to the pavilion and to the firepit to light the bonfire with some of the original Jule log from Norway. Hot chocolate, hot cider, and hot dogs will be available and the evening will be closed out by the arrival of Santa Claus and Nisse at 6 pm. Come join the fun and dress warmly—the event goes on regardless of the weather! For more information, call Grace at 360-779-2460, Joanne at 360-297-2186, or Vicky in the lodge office at 360-779-5209.

December 2009 Lutefisk Dinner Schedule

Dec 5, noon-6 pm, Bothell Sons of Norway, adults \$19 and children \$10.

Dec 5, noon-5 pm, Yakima, for information call 509-457-8405.

Dec 9, 6:30 pm, Swedish Cultural Center, Seattle, adults \$18 with advance RSVP or \$22 if you just walk in.

Dec 15, 5:30 pm, Grondal Lodge in Boise, ID, at the Maple Grove Grange Hall in Boise City.

Dec 27, Juneau's Yulefest lutefisk dinner, Svalbard Lodge, Contact 907-789-2857.

Question for the Month: Where and what is the living memorial in Poulsbo that was dedicated in the 50s to all those who served our country and were lost in the wars?

Everybody Dreams!

Everybody dreams—the very young, the very old; Everybody has a secret dream he's never told. Everybody, at some time, has wished upon a star, blown out the candles on a cake, had hopes that drifted far. Everybody dreams—and dreams so often don't come true, but I think life is better for the dreams we have—don't you?

Trolls Den Update & Social News

Wii Bowling: Because of the Ladies Club dinner on December 10th, Wii bowling is being rescheduled that week to Wednesday the 9th.

Seahawks Games: Football season continues through December. Come on down to the Trolls Den and support the team. Check with Vicky in the office or with Doug in the Trolls Den for scheduled fun. See you all there!! See the calendar for the December schedule.

Comfort Food Sundays. During the colder winter months we will continue to have Comfort Food on Sundays from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Trolls Den for anyone who wants to come and cook their favorite comfort food for the gang. If you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact Heidi at 360-271-7472.

Christmas Party: Tickets are on sale for the Semi-formal Christmas Party in the Marine Room on December 18th. Enjoy dinner and dancing for just \$10. We will be serving Swiss Chicken and there will be a 15-piece band to dance the night away. The party and music start at 5 pm and dinner will be served at 6pm.

New Year's Eve Party: Join us in the Trolls Den on New Year's Eve for a Steamship Leg of Pork and live music. The Imposters will be playing and tickets for the dinner and dance will be \$15. Tickets will be on sale in the Trolls Den and in the lodge office about December 15th.

NOTE: If not enough tickets are sold to cover the cost of the food and the music, the New Year's Eve party will have to be cancelled!

Isn't Life Glorious

Isn't life glorious! Isn't it grand! Here, take it, hold it tight in your hand. Squeeze every drop of it into your soul, drink of the joy of it, sun-sweet and whole! Laugh with the love of it, burst into song! Scatter its richness as you stride along! Isn't life splendid and isn't it great—we can **always start living, it's never too late!**

Lefse Recipe from Jan Saenz

Yew tak yust ten pig potatoes, Den yew boil dem till dar done. Yew add to dis some sweet cream and by cups it measures vun. Den yew steal tree ounce of butter an vit two fingers pinch some salt. Yew beat dis wery lightly, if it ain't gude, it is your fault. Den yew roll dis tin vit flour an' light brown on stove yew bake, now call in all Scandihuvians to try da fine lefse yew make. (Thanks for sharing, Jan.)

Scholarship News

The Lodge is offering three scholarships this year. The first one is for study at the International Summer School at the University of Oslo, Norway for a teacher, medical person, or student and is for \$800 to \$1,000. The other scholarships are for students enrolled in post secondary training (college—either undergraduate or graduate study—or vocational or trade school). These two scholarships are for current members of the Sons of Norway or a child or grandchild of a current member and each one is for \$500. Information and applications for these scholarships may be obtained from Phil Swenson, Chairman of the Scholarship Committee, 360-779-6545.

Remember, the Silent Auction, part of which benefits the scholarship fund, will end at the Christmas Bazaar.

Children's Lucia party – December 7th, 6:00pm – Everyone Invited!

If you have never been to the Lucia party you have missed a wonderful Poulsbo tradition. Each of our youth dance classes performs a couple of dances, wearing traditional costumes. As the last dancers leave the stage, the lights are turned down, a hush falls on the room, all eyes turn to watch for the Lucia Bride and her escorts. The high school dancers, girls in white dresses, hair down long, carrying candles, come into the room singing "Sankta Lucia". The Lucia bride with real candles in her crown comes in last, carrying a tray with candles. The high school dancers, who are also pretty good singers, favor the audience with several traditional Scandinavian Christmas songs before processing out. As the lights come up, everyone is invited to dance around the Christmas tree. Norwegian and Swedish Christmas dances are enjoyed by young and old alike. As people retire from the dance floor, refreshments are served. The tables groan with sweets and savories provided by the Leikarringen families. Bring the children and the grandchildren, a plate of cookies to share, and join us **Monday**, December 7th at 6:00pm, in the Marine Room for a traditional Scandinavian Lucia Celebration.

Cribbage

Have you ever played cribbage or would you like to learn? Starting in January, we will have informal cribbage classes in the upstairs lobby from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm. Watch the Måken for details.

Flexible people never get bent out of shape.





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EVERYONE -
ENJOY EACH
DAY!
SEE YOU NEXT
YEAR!



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. It's Seahawks season! Come on in and join in the fun!



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