



January 2010
January 1st – Holiday
January 18th -- Martin Luther
King Day

**Happy New Year
Weather Alert**
During our unpredictable winter weather, please remember that, if the North Kitsap Schools are closed, the Sons of Norway Lodge #44 will also be closed. If the lodge is rented, those events will still take place if the guests so desire

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President's Message

Godt Nytt År – Happy New Year!

As we close out 2009 and begin the New Year, I am very encouraged by the happenings at your lodge. All in all it has been a very good year, and I look for even better things in 2010. I will provide a full report in next month's Måken, but it appears that we will finish the year in the black – both in terms of our income versus expenditures, and in our membership numbers.

In mid December, we had a visit from a reporter and photographer from "Verdens Gang" (or "VG" as it is better known), the largest daily newspaper in Norway. They came to Poulsbo working on a travel feature for Norwegians coming to the Pacific Northwest. I had the pleasure of speaking with them for more than an hour and a half, of sharing Kaffe Stua with them, and of giving them a brief tour of our fair town. I think they left very impressed with all that we have going on at the lodge and in town. Their parting comment was that, in many ways, we are more "Norwegian" than they are. They promised to let us know when the article will be published, and to send us a copy – something to look forward to in the Spring.

December was a very busy month at the Lodge; with the Bazaar, Julefest, Ladies Club Christmas Party, Children's Lucia Program, SHARENET Auction, Lodge Christmas Party, Christmas Folk Dance and Potluck, and our New Year's Eve party. All were well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by all. Mange Takk to all our volunteers for their tremendous efforts this past month.

Please come out to the lodge meeting on Tuesday, January 12 as our District Two President, Waldo Bueing, installs your new Board of Directors for 2010. Until then, Ha det bra!

Skip

Caroling Contest Congratulations and Thanks for the Support!

Thank you to all our generous lodge members who supported our youth folk dancers and Fishline food bank during the caroling contest. Our Sons of Norway youth folk dancers not only collected the most donations before the contest (over \$250.00), they also collected the most money on the street! The Kitsap Chordsmen were a close second with the Leikarringen beating them out by only a few cents! Every dollar really counted and it will make such a difference in our community as every dollar collected goes directly to the Fishline food bank here in Poulsbo.

POULSBO SONS OF NORWAY LODGE #2-44

December 2009 Lodge Meeting Highlights

- Maria Von Schack, a Norwegian exchange student, gave a brief presentation.
- Treasurer's report indicates the lodge continues to operate in the black.
- New members include Donna Williams and Eryn Anderson and reinstated members David Thorsen and Mike Wistrand.
- David Rice was elected Counselor for 2010.
- The SHARENET auction was held December 13th.
- The lodge sponsored a Santa breakfast with the HDPA (a downtown group) on December 13th.
- DonnaRae Johnson has been hired as a bartender in the Trolls Den.
- The Alive Church will use the lodge for two Sundays each month on a trial basis until April.
- The Leikarringen won the Sleigh Bell caroling contest raising money for Fishline.
- New officers will be installed in January.
- Dates for the 2010 calendar should be submitted to the President to be included in the January Måken.
- Cribbage is now being taught on Monday evenings.

Answer to last month's question: Following 14 years of fundraising and changing directions two or three times, on July 23, 1959, the North Kitsap Memorial Armory on Jensen Way was dedicated as a living memorial to all those who had given their lives in the cause during the Second World War.



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

JANUARY 2010

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
					1 New Year's Day Holiday Godt Nytt År Lodge Closed	2
3 Vern's Pancake Breakfast 9:00am-Noon Comfort Food Day 4 to 6	4 Youth Norwegian 3:30 pm Beginning Norwegian 6:15 pm (all ages) Intermediate Norwegian 7:15 pm 4:30-7 Leikarringen Cribbage Folk Dancing – 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm Library – 5 -7:00 pm	5 Dinner 5:00-7:00 pm 7:00 Board Meeting	6 Kaffe Stua 11am-2pm BINGO 6:00 pm	7 Wood-carving Support 6:-9:00pm 10-noon Advanced Norwegian Vestre Sund Mannskor 7:30-9 pm Ladies Club Wii Bowling	8 Nordic Needleworkers Noon to 2pm Dinner—Skip & Sandy fish & flank steak 6:00 to 8:00	9
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Feb 2010

To Help with Tuesday Night Dinners please call Dorothy Walsh @ 360-779-5188. More Crews/Volunteers are needed for Friday Night Dinners, contact Heidi King at 360-271-7472.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEM FOR CONSIDERATION

Notice of Agenda Item to be voted on at the February Lodge Meeting.

It is the recommendation of the 2009 Trolls Den Advisory Committee that the Poulsbo Sons of Norway Lodge require all alcoholic beverages consumed on lodge premises be purchased from the lodge. This would require all alcoholic beverages consumed at non-club functions be purchased from a lodge-operated bar. The reasons for this recommendation are: (1) this will enable the lodge to raise much needed additional revenue, and (2) this will allow the lodge to control the consumption of alcohol on lodge premises, something for which the lodge is already responsible.

To implement this recommendation, the lodge will need to purchase a "Non-Club Endorsement" from the Washington State Liquor Control Board at a cost of \$900 per year. This endorsement will allow the lodge to operate its own bar at non-club functions as described in the WSLCB's Private Club Management Guide, and covered in RCW 66.24.450.

For the year 2009, 22 non-member functions were booked in the lodge, and there are already 15 non-club functions booked for 2010. If we base some calculations on 20 non-club functions per year, and only 75% would require the services of a bar, a bar profit of only \$60 per event would cover the cost of the endorsement. This would require the sale of fewer than 50 drinks per function to cover the cost of the endorsement, and the profit from the sale of all drinks above those 50 would go to the lodge. If wanted, the lodge could also charge a bar set-up fee to cover that cost, a common practice at other venues.

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:

President – Skip Walsh	Vice President – Fred Weatherford	Sports Director – Dan O'Connell
Counselor – David Rice	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 Callahan
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

The Real Meaning of Life Insurance

How does one look at life insurance? From my experience in helping clients I have found that they view it as an expense and not as a benefit! Let me tell you of an experience that I just had with the value of life insurance. My brother-in-law just passed away from a very serious illness. When he was healthy and in business, he and his wife purchased term life insurance. This was to help his wife in case something happened to him. Something did happen and they were forced to close their business. When he passed away, he and his wife were in their late 50s. She has become uninsurable due to a recent illness. She has received the proceeds from his policy from the life insurance company and the amount received will enable her to live a comfortable life. Being that she is now uninsurable, she is unable to purchase life insurance. When she purchased her policy before, she was healthy. At that time she was rated "PREFERRED"! She decided, after his death, to convert her term insurance to a permanent policy with the same original preferred rating. Many of us have convertible term policies that we purchased when we may have been in better health than we are today. Why not convert your policies now and keep your original rating and also by converting now your premium will be less. Life insurance is one of those gifts, which keeps on giving and giving and giving.

I would like to introduce you to Marlene Taylor, CLU. She will be joining our lodge and she will be able to assist you in all of your estate planning needs. She and her husband have an insurance agency in Shelton, Washington that handles all lines of insurance. She can be contacted at 360-426-5595.

We would like to wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Ralph M. Naddeo

Financial Benefits Counselor.

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FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Leikarringen

Leikarringen Folk Dances classes start up again on Monday, January 4th. Our high school dancers will be practicing for their annual road trip. This year they will be performing in Portland, Oregon. We decided not to go to Canada this year because of the Olympics. The younger classes will be performing at area retirement homes over the winter months.

Cribbage for Everyone!

Do you play cribbage? Would you like to learn? Mondays in January we will be teaching cribbage in the upstairs lobby during Leikarringen. Our goal is to have a tournament later in the year. Watch the bulletin boards and the Måken for more information. Classes are free and everyone is invited!

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.

Woodcarving/Rosemaling

Woodcarving continues on Thursdays from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Norse Room. There is currently no rosemaling instruction.

Norwegian Language Classes

Norwegian classes resume on Monday, January 4th. Youth at 3:30 p.m., Beginner all ages at 6:15 p.m. and Intermediate at 7:15 p.m. Advanced Norwegian begins again on Thursday the 7th from 10 to noon.

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.

Book Discussion

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

In Memoriam:

Bob Ulvila
Ken Green

Ladies Club News

A big thank you to all our Ladies who baked so many delicious treats for our Baked Goods Booth at the December 5th Bazaar. Their efforts brought in \$905. The many lovely hand crafted items and donated treasures generated \$811.50, while the raffle of carefully created baskets of goodies made \$178. This brought in a total of \$1,894.50 to the Lodge.

The Christmas Dinner Party roast pork meal, prepared by V.A. Maldur, John Vanderhalf and Eddie Mason was very excellent and our servers, Doc Casper, John Emrick and Diane Vanderhalf did a superb job. We appreciate all the kitchen help that made the night memorable.

We look forward to starting a new year with our **January 7th luncheon** meeting. To help those less fortunate than ourselves, I would urge all attendees to bring a non-perishable food item.

Barb Mitchusson, president 779-4553;
Barbara.j@comcast.net

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>

Lodge Meetings and Tusen Takk

Thanks to Maria for telling us about holidays in the Stavanger area of Norway and also what it's like to be a teenager in Norway.

Our January 12th speaker will be someone from Wild Expeditions sharing their efforts to build a 56' Viking Ship using traditional methods—as were used over 1,000 years ago. For more info go to www.wildexpeditions.org. In January your lodge board members will be installed. And remember, in February we will be voting on the recommendation from the Trolls Den Advisory Committee. See page three of this edition for the full recommendation. You can even have a bite to eat before the meeting as dinners are prepared at the lodge the first two Tuesdays of each month. Come on down and be a part of the process.

A Julefest Thank You

Many thanks to all who made Julefest a tremendous success. The Vikings, Brian Davis, Vestre Sund Mannskor, ensembles from the high school, the Swensons, Bob Moseng, the Leikarringen singers, Maria and Amanda (the Norwegian exchange students), Trish Doornink and Matthew Doornink. If you've been left off the list, please know that your time and efforts were much appreciated.

Question for the Month: Whose birthday is January 15, 1929 and what prize did he/she receive in 1964?



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 January 7th by the Trolls Den for the potluck at 7:00 pm and meeting at 7:30 pm.



2010 Sons of Norway Lodge Calendar of Events

Hopefully, the Calendar of Events for the lodge will be set and ready to print in the February Måken. If you have something special planned, let the President, Heidi King, or Vicky Spray know so it can be placed on the calendar.

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Lutefisk Dinner Schedule

OK, So here's the deal. For those of you who just can't get enough lutefisk, here are your chances in January:

Jan 10, Bredidablik Lodge in Kelso, for info call 360-575-1385.

Jan 23, Normanna Lodge in Everett, for info call 425-252-0291.

Jan 30 & 31, Sonja Lodge in Eugene, OR, for info call 541-686-8674.

The Spirit of Poulsbo

You can read about the Living Memorial Armory (the answer to last month's question) and so much more in the new Poulsbo history book that is on sale at the Book Stop on Front Street. The Friends of Poulsbo History spent hours upon hours of research to ensure the book would be as accurate as possible and the author, Judy Driscoll, has a very winning and readable writing style—you'll love this book and you may even find yourself or family in the pages.

Olympic Creed

"The most important thing in the Olympic Games is not to win but to take part, just as the most important thing in life is not the triumph but the struggle. The essential thing is not to have conquered but to have fought well."

Folk Dance Classes

Folk Dance classes resume on Monday, January 4th at 7 pm. Traditional Scandinavian dances as done in the 19th and 20th centuries are done as well as figure dances done in ballrooms of those time. No partners are needed. All levels of expertise welcome. On January 18th, the third Monday of the month, there will be live music with potluck snacks. Call Fred Aalto at 206-780-8036 or Stan Overby at 779-2460 for additional information.

A Question For You: What American humor author was born in 1835, the year Halley's Comet appeared, and claimed he would die seventy-six years later when the comet reappeared—and he did?! (See the answer elsewhere in this issue.)

Trolls Den Update & Social News

Calling All Musicians: Lodge members who would like to showcase their musical talents or who would simply enjoy jamming with fellow members at the Trolls Den are invited to come on down. If you'd like to help start a jam/open mic band on Saturday evenings, let Doug, the Trolls Den Manager, know. The more the merrier so take that musical instrument out of the case, shine it up and come on down! If you don't have an "instrument" but you love to sing or just want to enjoy the music, you're still welcome to come on down and be part of the fun!

Wii Bowling: The Wii bowling in the Trolls Den continues to draw bowlers from beginners to advanced players. Come on down on Thursdays and make your mark!

Seahawks Games: Football season continues on Sundays in January. Even though our Seahawks have been struggling and won't be going to the Superbowl, come on down to the Trolls Den and have fun in spite of the score! Check with Vicky in the office or with Doug in the Trolls Den for scheduled times. See you all there!!

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 is 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.

Leif Erikson Scholarship Crab Feed

On January 23, 2010 at 6 pm Leif Erikson Lodge will have their annual Crab Feed Scholarship Fundraiser dinner and dance. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$12 for students. For information or to make reservations call 206-783-1274.

A Sweet Lesson In Humanity

Years ago, a ten year old boy approached the counter of a soda shop and climbed onto a stool. "What does an ice cream sundae cost?" he asked the waitress. "Fifty cents," she answered. The youngster reached deep in his pockets and pulled out an assortment of change, counting it carefully as the waitress grew impatient. She had "bigger" customers to wait on!

"Well, how much would just a *plain* ice cream be?" the boy asked. The waitress responded with noticeable irritation in her voice, "Thirty-five cents." Again, the boy slowly counted his money. "May I have some plain ice cream in a dish then, please?" He gave the waitress the correct amount and she brought him the ice cream.

Later, the waitress returned to clear the boy's dish and, when she picked it up, she felt a lump in her throat. There on the counter the boy had left two nickels and five pennies. She realized that he had had enough money for the sundae, but sacrificed it so that he could leave her a tip!

The moral: *Before passing judgment, first treat others with courtesy, dignity, and respect.* (Pat Williams & Fleming H. Revell)

Scholarship News

The Lodge is offering three scholarships in 2010. 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. The scholarships have been extended to include all students from the North Kitsap and Kingstons High Schools. Information and applications for the scholarships may be obtained from Phil Swenson, Chairman of the Scholarship Committee, 360-779-6545.

Volunteers – Be Like Old Warwick!

We all know about many hands making work light, the more the merrier, etc. etc. Volunteerism is like that. The lodge thrives on volunteers and the lodge needs you. As members of the lodge, we are all part of a team and the work is much lighter for all if everyone does their part—just volunteering to help with one event during the year would lighten the work load for everyone. And there is a wonderful feeling when working as part of a team. It's like Warwick, the old mule. A man lost control of his vehicle while trying to read a map and accidentally drove into a deep ditch. He walked to a nearby farm for help and the farmer told him that Warwick, his old mule, could pull the car out of the ditch. They walked back to where the car was stuck and hitched Warwick to the vehicle. The farmer shouted, "Pull, Fred! Pull, Jack! Pull, Ted! Pull, Warwick!" And that mule pulled the car from the ditch quite easily.

The man was amazed and asked the farmer why he had called out all those names before calling to Warwick. The farmer grinned and said, "Old Warwick is just about blind. As long as he believes he's part of a team, he doesn't mind pulling!" (James W. Moore)

Come on down to the lodge and be part of the team—you'll really enjoy it and the whole lodge will benefit!



The 2010 Winter Olympics

Everyone is looking forward to the start of the Winter Olympics in Vancouver, CA and Whistler February 12, 2010. Have you gotten your Inukshuk (the mascot) souvenir yet?

Tubfrim & Sending Stamps

Leif Erikson Lodge 2-001 is back in the business of accepting stamps and phone cards for Tubfrim. Just cut or tear the stamps off the envelopes leaving a slight margin (approximately 1/2 inch) to keep the perforation intact. Damaged stamps are worthless as are damaged phone cards. Georg Kjonsvik has made arrangements for the shipping of the stamps. Please remember that stamps that have not been trimmed as required before arriving at Leif Erikson Lodge will be discarded. You can send your stamps to: Leif Erikson Lodge 2-001
2245 NW 57th Street
Seattle, WA 98107

Answer to the Question: Mark Twain.

Light travels faster than sound. That's why some people appear bright until you hear them speak

Did You Know!

The Summer Olympics started in Athens in 1896 and the Winter Olympics began in Chamonix, France in 1924.

George S. Patton entered the Pentathlon in the 1912 Olympics in Stockholm.

Errol Flynn was on the Irish boxing team in the 1928 Olympics in Amsterdam.

Cornel Wilde was on the US fencing team in the 1936 Olympics in Berlin.

Four men who played Tarzan in the movies won Olympic Gold Metals—Johnny Weismuller, Herman Brix, Buster Crabbe and Glen Morris



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ENJOY EACH
DAY!

This space is available
for advertising.
Contact Vicky in the office.



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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