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HILSEN FRA PRESIDENTEN



Hello Vesterdalen Lodge Members,
Thank you to everyone who helped put on our Torsk Dinner, which was a great success! It was also our Syttende Mai celebration event. We couldn't have done it without all those who volunteered their time and efforts to make the dinner such a nice event. We had over 50 attendees, including three members from the Bothell Lodge (Bill & Chris Hicks and Jane Bueing) and some new members from the Tri-Cities. Those who helped in the kitchen preparing the

meal included **John Fatland, Sonja Whitcombe, Jennifer Whitis, Julie Taylor, Sande Nelson** and **Jacquelyn Scheurer** (Larry and Vernene's niece). **Taylor Reding** helped with serving and transporting food from the kitchen to the table.

We need to thank the servers and those who helped set the tables. Thank you to **Nancy Heavey** for the beautiful table settings, which made the tables very festively Norwegian. **Marv** and **Sande Nelson** helped with serving and coffee making and Riskrem for the dessert.

Thank you to **Nancy Sommerfield** for managing the dessert table and for all those who brought delicious desserts to select from.

Thank you to **Kathleen** and **Don Olson** for **making and bringing all the lefse**. Thank you to **Dotty Erickson** and **Rose Stevens** for providing so many items for the silent auction which brought in over \$1100! Thank you to **Karen Tofte, Amanda Reding** and **Dotty** for helping so much to set up the silent auction. Thanks to all who bought items too!

And of course, we couldn't have done this without all those who attended the dinner to eat and share fellowship. Finally, to all those who helped to clean up after the event, including **Jim** and **Carol Larson** and **Bill** and **Julie Taylor**. I am sure I missed some individuals who helped, so please forgive me for that.

I wasn't able to help as much since I was sitting in a wheelchair. The meal was great and I am so happy how it all turned out. There were even potatoes to take home (and lefse that was sold and some that was taken home from the dinner). Maybe we can do this again in the fall.

We hope to see you at our June meeting where we will honor those we lost this year.

Have a great month!

Vernene

The Mission of Sons of Norway is to provide quality insurance and financial products to our members, promote and preserve the heritage and culture of Norway, and celebrate our relationship with other Nordic countries.

Upcoming Meeting

Monday, June 15, 2026

Messiah Lutheran Church
410 "H" Street NE • Auburn, WA 98002

6:00 PM Potluck Buffet

Bring something to share

7:00 PM Memorial Service

to honor our departed members

District Convention Report

Join us for a Vesterdalen potluck. Our program will be a presentation from the district convention, and a brief memorial service to honor departed members. Please let me know if it's difficult to bring an item for the potluck and I will bring extra. See you there for an evening of great food and renewed friendships.



Norwegians of the Year 2025

On the afternoon of May 16th during the Torsk Dinner, two faithful volunteers were busy in Galli Hall silently doing whatever was needed. This was common practice for Sonja and Jennifer, freeing those in the kitchen preparing food. It is for this reason **Sonja Whitcombe** and **Jennifer Whitis** were awarded "Norwegians of the Year 2025". Mange takk!

John Fatland
2025 co-Social Director

SUNSHINE REPORT

A Thinking of You card was sent to **Roger Isaksen**.

June Birthdays:

- 1 Robert Tommervik
- 8 Lloyd Hartley, Zackary Rude
- 9 Derek Warren
- 11 Lorna Robertson
- 13 Brian Lee
- 19 Sonja Whitcombe
- 24 Leif Larson
- 26 Anita White
- 27 Roger Isaksen
- 29 Susan Lee



There was 1 milestone birthday this month.

Please email or call when you know of a member who needs some Vesterdalen sunshine. Your help is needed to reach everyone. Thank you so much.

Diane Fatland, Sunshine Chair
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In Memory of
Kenneth "Sonny" Bellcour
Sally Nesheim
Ervine Wicklund.

What's going on around here?
Check out the Sons of Norway District 2 website
<http://www.sonsofnorway2.com>

Picnic!

July 20 - Picnic - Start planning to attend!

Sunset Park -1420 69th St. SE - Auburn, WA 98002

Games 5 p.m. - Potluck Dinner 6 p.m. Sunset Park is a great new location, with a nice grassy area next to the picnic tables for games of Kube and Cornhole. Last year, we played games after the picnic as well. Please remember to bring your own place settings, including place mats or table cover and plates. Bring to Share: Hot dish, Salad, or Dessert, and your own Beverage.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Pickled Herring & Øl

Ingredients:
One jar of pickled herring
One bottle of Øl (beer)
One package of saltine crackers



The difficult part of this delectable repast is finding quality pickled herring. It must be pickled the way that God intended, in wine sauce.

Not mustard, sour cream or another unusual sauce. If you have a cooperative butcher or deli manager, they may order some herring cured the proper way.

Once you find the herring, simply open the jar (deli or butcher shops may the herring in another type of container - I've gotten wooden buckets) and pick out a piece with a fork or toothpick. Place herring chunk on a saltine & enjoy.

The second part of this meal is as important as the first. Shop carefully to get a nice pilsner (beer) that can be chilled prior to the meal. Rainier Beer works well... or any beer that is on sale that week. Pour carefully into a thick glass that has been stored in your freezer - try for about one-inch head for optimum flavor. Try alternating a few pieces of herring with beer.

Andy Wangstad



A big Thank You!

During the last two weeks of May, a group of Vesterdalen volunteers worked with Messiah Lutheran to move the storage container that we share with them. It was necessary because Messiah had to repair a garage wall before the South King County Tool Library could move in.

Many hours of work were volunteered and the Trustees heartily thank all who participated. The highlight of the project was watching the truck pick up the container and then set it down in its new location.

Jim Larson





Karen Aanes, Ron Rolla, Hans Rolla and Tom & Nancy Heavey



Sherry Fleury and Shirley Olson



Dotty Erickson



(above) Larry & Vernene Scheurer
We had a fantastic Torsk Dinner on May 16.



**SATURDAY
JUNE 27**



Fika coffeeshop, part of the Farm 12 restaurant complex in Puyallup: 1:00 PM.

It is flat and very accessible for walkers and wheelchairs.

The Kaffe Stuas we've had thus far at Fika have been really fun and well-attended!

Fika is the café near the main restaurant. 3303 8th Ave. SE, Puyallup, WA 98372

(253) 697-9486

Carol Larson
for the Cultural Committee



The Vikings Little League Team

Saturday, May 16, the Vikings won their game and then they waved Norwegian flags to celebrate the Syttende Mai. We have watched the team make amazing progress in their baseball skills this season. And two of the team members have older brothers who played on our Vesterdalen Little League teams in the past. Go Vikings!

Carol Larson

KALENDAR

The entire calendar will always appear at www.versterdalen.org

juni

- 1 Board Meeting via Zoom 6:30 PM
- 15 Social 6:00 PM
- Lodge Meeting in person and via Zoom 7:00 PM
- Memorial Service
- District Convention Report
- 27 Kaffe Stua at Fika Café 1:00 PM

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No Board Meeting this month

- 20 Picnic 5:00 PM
- Dinner 6:00 PM
- 25 Kaffe Stua at Fika Café 1:00 PM

August

No Board Meeting or Lodge Meeting this month

- 29 Kaffe Stua at Fika Café 1:00 PM

september

- 14 Board Meeting via Zoom 6:30 PM
- 21 Social 6:00 PM
- Lodge Meeting in person and via Zoom 7:00 PM
- 26 Kaffe Stua at Fika Café 1:00 PM

oktober

- 5 Board Meeting via Zoom 6:30 PM
- 19 Social 6:00 PM
- Lodge Meeting in person and via Zoom 7:00 PM
- 31 Kaffe Stua at Fika Café 1:00 PM

november

- 2 Board Meeting via Zoom 6:30 PM
- 16 Social 6:00 PM
- Lodge Meeting in person and via Zoom 7:00 PM
- 28 Kaffe Stua at Fika Café 1:00 PM

desember

- 4 Julefest 6:00 PM
- 7 Board Meeting via Zoom 6:30 PM
- 26 Kaffe Stua at Fika Café 1:00 PM

Lodge Shirt Available

Our printer has come up with a Lodge T-shirt so members and families can proclaim their Norwegian pride to all. It features our logo as created by Doris Hansen when we formed as a lodge 40 years ago and is printed on a beautiful maroon shirt.

To order yours, simply click on this link www.a-kprinting.com/vesterdalen. They can be picked up at either their Kent or Auburn locations.



2026 VESTERDALEN OFFICERS

- Co-Presidents: Amanda Reding, Vernene Scheurer
- Vice President..... Don Olson
- Secretary Nancy Sommerfield
- Treasurer Kathleen Olson
- Financial Secretary..... Dotty Erickson
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- Poofwreader Andy Wangstad

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Gnome Trail

David and Nancy Sommerfield hiked the Gnome Trail at the Vesterdalen Lodge outing this past month - it's amazing what you can find in the woods!



A Little Humor

A young man walks through New York Chinatown and notices a shop with the name Hans Olaffsen's Laundry. He thought it seemed out of place but curiosity got the best of him and he walked into the shop. He sees an old Chinese man sitting in the corner.

He asked the old man, How in the world did this place get a name like Hans Olaffsen's Laundry?

Old Man - That's the name of the owner.

Young Man - Who's the owner?

Old Man - I am.

Young Man - How did you get a name like Hans Olaffsen?

Old Man - Many years ago when I came to this country from Hong Kong, I was standing in line at Immigration. A man in front of me was a big blond Norwegian. The lady from Immigration asked him, What is your name? He say "Hans Olaffsen." Lady

ask me, What is your name? I say Sam Ting.



Visit the following website to find local Nordic events

WWW.NORDICSEATTLE.COM