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## SONS OF NORWAY BERNT BALCHEN LODGE – PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

### FORANDRINGER



*Forandringer.* That's Norwegian for changes. And with the new year upon us, it is a reminder that change is all around us. It is now 2019 and we look forward to what this new year will bring our way. One big change for our lodge is the nearly 60 new members that we welcomed in 2018, greatly exceeding our 9% growth target of 29 new members! For a lodge of our size, that is no small feat, and I thank each of you that helped bring in the new members, and I welcome all of you new members to Bernt Balchen Lodge, which in my humble opinion is the best lodge in Alaska, if not in the entire District 2!

Alaskans are not strangers to change. We have endured many significant changes, including the wild ride of oil prices that impacts our state's economy and the more natural changes that come from things like the 7.0 earthquake that woke us all up on November 30 to the fact that we live in a place that is subject to mother nature's desires. Reminder that the Sons of Norway Foundation has a Helping Hands grant that members can apply for that provides up to \$1,000 in assistance for qualified applicants. Please let me know if you are interested (*more info on page 3 of this Flyer*).

Other changes are subtler, but meaningful and perhaps needed. This year we have rebranded our membership meetings to call them, Viking Council and instead of meeting in a more formalized manner, we are now gathering around the "long table" to discuss our monthly business. The even more exciting change is that our Viking Council concludes with *Hygge Time*, or happy hour, during which we encourage our members to mingle and get to know each other better. Short meetings and lots of Hygge Time is what I am aiming for. The only ask is you bring something to share at Hygge Time, either edible or drinkable. I'm bringing champagne to the January Hygge Time to celebrate the new year, welcome the new members, and celebrate the success of 2018.

With all of this talk of change, let me assure you that we will not abandon our tried and true favorite events. But we might add a small twist to an event or two and see what other new ideas our members, especially our new members, might have for us to explore. The board is exploring several new things to excite our events in 2019. One added event we will celebrate this year is our lodge's 75th Anniversary. Bernt Balchen lodge was founded on August 11, 1944 and we plan to celebrate that achievement at the Fish Boil in August. Anyone noticed how many micro brew-pubs we now have in Anchorage? Lots! We are looking to feature some of their products at events in 2019, so stay tuned for when and where they might appear.

We had our most successful holiday bazaar this year by all accounts, and I want to firstly thank the bazaar chairs for all of the hard work on that all-important event. To make 2019 even better will be a challenge, but we are looking at what we can do to up our game. Perhaps some new food ideas, or new items for the bake sale? Some of you out there likely have some great ideas for us to consider, so don't be shy and let us know what you think. I'm open to new ideas as our lodge thrives as we are willing to look at things that excite our members.

So happy new year everyone and let's make 2019 as successful as possible. Our lodge is great because so many of you help out in ways big and small. If everyone could commit to help at just one event, even an hour or two, that would be fantastic and you would certainly make some new friends! By all accounts 2018 is going to be a tough year to beat, but I am excited about what lies ahead for us!

*Fraternally yours, Tom Falskow*  
*President, Sons of Norway Bernt Balchen Lodge*



## Cultural and Heritage Night - The 12th Man

Saturday, January 26, 2019 7:00 pm

Film Night: The 12th Man (Den 12. mann)

Cost: \$10 per person

Popcorn, beverages, and desserts provided

Viking Hall, 8141 Briarwood Street

Originally released in Norway in 2017, *THE 12TH MAN (Den 12. mann)* is the latest film version of the story of Jan Baalsrud. "This breathtaking action adventure tells an incredible true-life story of heroism and a man's unbreakable will to live.

Norway, 1943: after a failed anti-Nazi sabotage mission leaves his eleven comrades dead, Norwegian resistance fighter Jan Baalsrud (Thomas Gullestad) finds himself on the run from the Gestapo through the snowbound Arctic reaches of Scandinavia. It's a harrowing journey across unforgiving, frozen wilderness that will stretch on for months—and force Jan to take extreme action in order to survive. With gut-punching realism and vivid psychological immediacy, director Harold Zwart pays tribute to one man's extraordinary courage - and to the everyday heroes who helped him along the way. Jonathan Rhys-Meyers costars." (From <http://www.ifcfilms.com/films/the-12th-man>)

Norwegian with English subtitles

Unrated - war scenes 135 minutes

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The\\_12th\\_Man\\_\(film\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_12th_Man_(film))



## SUNSHINE REPORT



### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

*Greetings are sent to our members celebrating a birthday who are at least 75 years young!*

Alfred Augestad  
David Faurke  
Marilyn Martinson  
Shirley Moe  
Betty Rockne  
Evelyn Rush  
Susan Soby  
David Pederson



**"Happy Birthday!"**

John Hall  
Janice Halvorson  
Marit Kristiansen  
Richard Kulberg  
Donna Pederson  
Linda Pikey  
Elizabeth Ann Pool

**"Gratulerer med dagen!"**

*If you know someone who needs a little sunshine*

Call 696-0725 (cell - 862-1143)

or email Cindy McDowell:

[ccmcd38@hotmail.com](mailto:ccmcd38@hotmail.com)

## Strikkekafe



2nd & 4th Wednesday Evenings

7:00 - 9:00 pm

(beginning January 9th)

Viking Hall, 8141 Briarwood Street

Bring your knitting and join us by the fireside in Viking Hall! Don't know how to knit and want to learn? Drop in and we'll teach you. The coffee pot will be on. Feel free to bring treats to share, if you'd like.

For further information contact:

Christie Ericson at 602-0673

[christieak@gmail.com](mailto:christieak@gmail.com)

or Anita Persson at 301-4215

[persson@gci.net](mailto:persson@gci.net)

If you are interested in learning how to knit a basic Selbu mitten pattern, contact Christie for a materials list.

## SONS OF NORWAY FOUNDATION - HELPING HANDS

### HELPING HANDS TO MEMBERS GRANT GUIDELINES

The Sons of Norway Foundation Helping Hands to Members Grants are offered for up to \$1,000 to provide assistance to current Sons of Norway members whose homes are significantly damaged and are deemed unlivable for a period of time due to a natural disaster. Such disasters include floods, wild fires, hurricanes, tornados and other catastrophes.

#### *Who is eligible?*

To qualify you must be a current member of Sons of Norway for at least one year. The property in question must be your primary residence.

#### *How are grant recipients selected?*

The Foundation will make final decisions based on assessments of loss and the level of financial support available from the Humanitarian Fund of the Sons of Norway Foundation. In a large disaster, the Foundation may appoint one person in the affected area to coordinate information.

### Sons of Norway Foundation CONTACT INFORMATION

**Toll-free: 800-945-8851**

**Direct: 612-821-4632**

**E-mail: [foundation@sofn.com](mailto:foundation@sofn.com)**

*We are sorry you are going through these difficult times and we want to help, if possible.*

*Please enclose photos of the damage/ loss and send to the Sons of Norway Foundation at [foundation@sofn.com](mailto:foundation@sofn.com), via fax at 612-827-0658 or via mail at:*

*1455 W Lake Street  
Minneapolis, MN 55408*

#### *What are the requirements?*

Current Sons of Norway members may apply for a Helping Hands to Members Grant by contacting their Lodge President, Zone Director, District President or the Sons of Norway Foundation.

Please provide photo(s), your FEMA number and a brief statement by a person, other than immediate family, (ideally the Lodge President) to confirm the damage to your home. These items may be scanned and faxed to 612-827-0658, e-mailed to [foundation@sofn.com](mailto:foundation@sofn.com) or mailed to Sons of Norway Foundation, 1455 West Lake St., Minneapolis, MN 55408. You may be visited by a representative of Sons of Norway to assess your needs.

#### *Helpful information:*

If you are a victim of a natural disaster, please keep us posted with your temporary address,

e-mail address and current telephone number so we may reach you.

### Helping Hands to Members Grant Application

(please print clearly)

Member name: \_\_\_\_\_ Member #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Temporary Contact Information: \_\_\_\_\_

FEMA #: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of witness making statement applicant's behalf: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Statement regarding applicant's home including information regarding the natural disaster:

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Signature of applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Witness \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



The Sons of Norway Foundation is dedicated to funding activities that preserve and promote Norwegian heritage, positively affect members, and make Sons of Norway communities a more vibrant place to live.



## NORDIC CHRISTMAS BRUNCH

*Our Lodge shook, rattled and rolled and stood strong!*

*The Nordic Brunch with all the delicious food and happy company went on as scheduled!*



*Tusen takk to all who helped put on this festive feast!*

## Scholarship News

### 2019 Saltveit Scholarship-Apply Now!

The Sons of Norway – District Two application for 2019 Carl M. Saltveit Scholarship for study at the International Summer School at the University of Oslo in Oslo, Norway is now open. Applications are due postmarked no later than January 15th, 2019.

The scholarship is named for Carl M. Saltveit, Sr., in honor and remembrance of his contributions to the Norwegian-American community through Grieg Lodge #15 (Portland, Oregon), his work in Norwegian war relief, and educational exchange and services to immigrants and visitors from Norway.

In order to qualify, candidates must be current members or children/grandchildren of current members of District Two-Sons of Norway. The criteria used to evaluate candidates are: 1) Academic potential; 2) Benefit to Sons of Norway and to the larger Norwegian community; 3) Statement of education and career goals; 4) Involvement in school and community activities; and, 5) Other skills such as work experience or special projects. Applications are available at Viking Hall. Send us an email (sonancak@gmail.com) and we can send a pdf file or stop by our office Tuesdays through Fridays 9:00 am to 1:00 pm for a printed copy.

### Summer District-2 Youth Camps

Registration for District-2 Youth camp experiences are open now.

*Applications for 2019 summer camps are still not up on the site.* These camps are accepting applications for staff as well.

There are three camps serving youth as follows:

Camp Nidaros (ages 9-12) – July 14th thru July 27nd

Camp Normanna (ages 9-12) – July 28nd thru Aug 10th

Camp Trollhaugen (ages 13-15) – June 30th thru July 13th

Camp Nidaros is located in Gearhart, Oregon. Camp Nidaros, established in 1967, is for boys and girls ages 9-12 years old. With a beautiful view of the beach, the campground contains a main lodge building with four additional sleeping cabins. Camp activities include innovative Norwegian language activities, learning Norwegian songs, dances, hiking on the beach, arts and crafts and putting together a camp newsletter called “Avis.” Campers also practice Norsk skills by spending Nidaros ‘kroner’ at the kiosk.

Camp Normanna is located at the beautiful Lake Riley in Washington. Camp Normanna, established in 1965, is near Everett, Washington. It is for boys and girls ages 9-12 years old. The campground is located within the Sons of Norway recreational facility of Normanna Park. It has a large main clubhouse with additional cabins for staff, arts and crafts and a nurse’s cabin. There are also two large bunkhouses, a fenced swimming pool, and an outdoor basketball court.

Camp Trollhaugen is located in Easton, Washington. Camp Trollhaugen, established on 1983, is held at District-2’s lodge facility and is built near Stampede Pass in Washington’s Cascade Mountains. It is for boys and girls ages 13-15 years old. The 3-story lodge contains a kitchen, a dining area, 9 rooms with bunk beds, and an additional room for classes. There is an outdoor dance floor, a playing field, and a perfect forest setting to enjoy orienteering and other outdoor sports. Camp Trollhaugen caters to first-time campers as well as those wanting to build upon what they’ve learned at Camp Nidaros and Camp Normanna.

SONs is alerting members of these upcoming opportunities for children. *Applications will be available in February 2019.* Be sure to register early to guarantee your spot in the camp (or if you want to help as a staff member, contact them soon). Sons of Norway are in the process of updating their website; however you can visit them on-line for more information at <https://www.sofncamps.com> and download an application soon.

*Foundation Director, Amanda Saxton*





# Sons of Norway Lucia 2018



*All Photos courtesy of  
Anita Persson*





## Consul's Corner

Information and Opportunities for Norwegian Alaskans



### NEW DUAL CITIZEN LAW

On 6 December 2018, the Storting (Norwegian parliament) adopted a resolution that entitles anyone who is or wishes to become a Norwegian citizen to dual citizenship.



This means that Norwegians will be able to retain their Norwegian citizenship if they become citizens of another country. The same principle will apply to citizens of other countries if they satisfy the conditions for Norwegian citizenship.

Those who have lost their Norwegian citizenship under the existing rules will be able to reclaim it.

The new rules will not start for at least a year. Until then, the existing rules regarding dual citizenship still apply.

The Directorate of Immigration (UDI) is the central agency in the Norwegian immigration administration, and can answer questions about the citizenship rules.

#### Norway's Focus on the Blue Economy

Have you heard about Norway's focus and term, "Blue Economy"? We have heard a lot about "going green" and "green energy" but for many of us, including myself, the term blue economy is a new term for ocean development and sustainability in the Arctic. According to the World Bank Group, "The Blue Economy is sustainable use of ocean resources for economic growth, improved livelihoods and jobs, and ocean ecosystem health."

Dr. Andreas Raspotnik, Senior Researcher at the High North Center at Nord University in Bodø, Norway, and Senior Fellow at The Arctic Institute in Washington D.C. was in Anchorage to start a three year, \$11MNOK study on, "AlaskaNor: Opportunities for Blue Growth in Alaska & North Norway." He met with some Sons of Norway members at 907 Alehouse to talk about the Blue Economy and his new project. At the end of his work in Norway and Alaska, he will be bringing people from Norway to Alaska to explore business ideas and cooperation. Keep an eye out for Dr. Raspotnik and his Northern Norway/Alaska work.

#### Upcoming Arctic Conferences in Norway

Arctic Frontiers: Theme - Smart Arctic,  
20-24 January, Tromsø, Norway

High North Dialogue: Theme - Business in the Arctic,  
3-4 April, Bodø, Norway

Arendalsuka: Norway's Largest Political Meeting Place,  
12-16 August, Arendal, Norway

*Lise Kristiansen Falskow*

*Royal Norwegian Honorary Consul, Alaska*

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### SCARF IN A DAY - EARLY WARNING

*Please join us to weave a scarf at Viking Hall Saturday, February 16, 2019. This will be a great introduction to weaving, and you will be able to take home your finished scarf at the end of the day. Weaving looms will be available for use during class, prepared with suitable yarn. Materials and instruction will be provided during class.*

**Skill Level:** Beginner. No experience necessary.

**Student supplies:** Equipment, material, and instruction will be provided.

**Date & Location:** February 16, 2018, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at Viking Hall

**Amount:** \$35 to cover materials provided

To reserve a slot in the class, please register via sign-up genius:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0e44aeac2ba1fc1-scarf>

Payment must be made by February 1st, 2019 to reserve a place in class. Cancellations after February 1st, 2019 shall result in the forfeiture of the payment, unless a replacement can be found, whether from the waiting list or arranged by the person cancelling the registration in the workshop.

If you have questions, please contact:

Lorri Wright, (907) 360-0276, [lorrihome@live.com](mailto:lorrihome@live.com) or  
Sherry Rogers, (907) 694-3319, [sherryweaves@aol.com](mailto:sherryweaves@aol.com)



**SPECIAL NOTE:** If 10 people do not register to attend by February 1, 2019, this class may be cancelled.

The total class fee is \$35 which can be paid on-line or checks may be sent to: Anchorage Weavers & Spinners Guild, PO Box 244055, Anchorage, AK 99524-4055





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Our lodge continues to donate  
canned goods, non-perishable foods  
and money to the local food bank.

Please bring your food or monetary  
donation in to Viking Hall.

*Please consider  
helping those  
who are less  
fortunate.*



## EVENTS FOR JANUARY

**9th**  
**Wednesday**

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm  
Strikkekafe

**10th**  
**Thursday**

7:00 pm  
Officer Installation at Viking Council  
Dessert Reception

**26th**  
**Saturday**

Cultural & Heritage Night - Movie!  
(See page 2 of this flyer for more information)

***Join us Sunday, February 3, 2019, at Viking Hall for  
the Sons of Norway Super Bowl Party!***

Doors open @ 2 pm. Festivities include the showing of  
Super Bowl LIII on TWO big-screen TVs along with great  
food featuring Wayne Johnson's Lapskaus (Norwegian stew).



The cowbell will be ringing as the 20 winning raffle tickets are drawn and  
announced to an enthusiastic crowd. Only 300 tickets are sold so your  
chances of winning are huge!

*The Super Bowl Raffle is the primary source of funds for the Sons of Norway  
Bernt Balchen Lodge No. 2-046 Language/ Heritage/Higher Education  
Scholarships awarded each year at the Syttende Mai celebration.*

If you have not purchased your tickets yet please contact the Viking Hall  
office (349-1613). Tickets are selling for \$25 each or a book-of-5 for \$100.

## SAVE THE DATE

**Introduction to Tapestry  
Weaving Workshop**

**March 22 - 24**  
(Friday through Sunday)

**Viking Hall**

Early registration is advised for this workshop.

More information will be available through  
the E-blast and in February's *Flyer*.

**All events take place at Viking Hall, 8141 Briarwood St., unless otherwise noted.**

Please send articles or event information  
for the next Newsletter by January 20th to: [sonancak@gmail.com](mailto:sonancak@gmail.com) Attention - **Ruth** Subject Line - **The Flyer**