

Varden Newsletter

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Editorial

These are the last days of fall and winter is approaching. We have a lot of catching up to do, at Varden's October meeting we decided to hold our elections by e-mail. Susan Strang should have sent you an e-mail by now, and we ask you to reply by Nov.30th at the latest. Most of the Board is staying the same. However, Leslie-Anne Frostad-Eriksson is running for Secretary, Bruce Strang is running for Treasurer and Susan Strang is running for President. Again, please reply to the e-mail Susan sent as we want a true representation of our lodge members.

Remember in September's newsletter I mentioned that Varden won a mysterious raffle prize. We finally have it! And it is no longer a mystery. It is actually a large paddle with a lovely painting of cottage on a lake. Hopefully, after Covid-19, we can hang it up at Normanna.

Not to be outdone by Helen Mosdell, our International President, Ron Stubbings made it known at the October meeting that he is going to be a grandfather. His daughter, Deanna is expecting in February. And guess what??? Yes, the baby will be a boy! Now our lodge will have two new male members.

I think like, most of our lodge members, I miss the social camaraderie of our events. Something that is lacking right now. That is why I encourage everyone to get on the phone, e-mail some friend, or join a Zoom meeting to fight the isolation that we are facing with this pandemic. One way to combat this, that I may have mentioned and like, is to start a book club. If you are interested in Norwegian culture this maybe the way to go. Not only do you get to read an interesting book, you get to talk about it with friends. So I am inviting not only all our lodge members, but district members too to join myself and Susan Strang in this adventure. We are purposing that we gather together by Zoom once every two months to discuss a book by a Norwegian or Norwegian-American author. What, you may say, I can't read Norwegian. You don't have to be fluent in the language there are many good translations out there.

Even more, this is a great way to earn a Cultural Medal. All you have to do to complete a first level Cultural Medal is to read three books, of any kind of Norwegian literature, and form, or join, a book with Norwegian Literature as its focus. If you want to progress there are two more levels, one concentrating on fiction, the other non-fiction. If you are interested, you can go to the Sons of Norway website, or read the add in the upcoming Leifette. We are aiming for a meeting to plan the club in January and we'll go from there.

PS: Another way to earn a medal, join the cooking class! Susan taught us, by Zoom, to make rommegrot or Norwegian cream porridge on October 25th. Please see below about how to take part in one of her classes, or find them on the District website.

October Meeting!

This meeting was a business meeting using Zoom.

November Meeting!

There will be a meeting using Zoom on November 10th .

Education Grant

Varden offers an Educational Grant of \$700 for post-secondary studies to a child or grandchild of a lodge member. The Deadline for this year is 04/30/21. Please submit your application to Krista Solie at 604-540-2376.

Sunshine Report

Helen and Vivian visited Alice and said she is well. However, Helen fell about two weeks ago but now is doing physio and will be home in a week or two. As far as I know everyone else is fine.

November Birthdays

2nd-Sonja Busch
17th-Helen Mosdell
20th-Lucas Cooper

November Holidays

Remembrance Day is on the 11th. It's a time to acknowledge those those who protect and defend, and gave up their lives for us. Let's honour them by observing this day.

Calendar of Events.

1. Varden Lodge's, Tuesday, November 10th business meeting will be by Zoom at 7:30pm. Susan will send an e-mail regarding it.
2. Sleiper Lodge will be having a Board meeting by Zoom sometime in November but at this moment they are not sure of the exact date.
3. Viking Lodge's next meeting will be November 5th by Zoom at 10:30am.
4. Varden Lodge's Susan Strang will be holding a cooking class on November 11th at 4pm by Zoom. She will be teaching how to make Norwegian meatballs. For further information contact Susan at ssstrang49@gmail.com