

Varden Newsletter

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Editorial

Hello Everyone! I'm glad that the Covid restrictions were relaxed this summer as it finally allowed our lodge to get together. Yes, we finally had a celebration of our 110th Anniversary. Several of us got together and had a picnic at Ryall Park in Queensborough on Sunday, August 15th. The turn out was excellent. Some people brought friends, while others brought children. The youngest person there was Jaxon Zaharoff who was accompanied by his Mom, Deanna, and his Aunt Sonja Stubbings, and he is still a baby. Other younger members were Sadie and Spencer Strang who were with their parents and their pet dog. Especially nice, was seeing Sadie get her cooking medal. I must also mention that Leslie-Anne Frostad brought her grandson Corbin. Sadly, not all the winners of cooking medals could be there but I'm glad to say nine people received their medals. A special mention should be given to Susan Strang who won a sports medallion.

As you can read from above, we had a lovely turn out of families. It was nice to see the Linds who wore special Norwegian tee shirts that they said they got from Amazon. Both, Kassie and Kristie with their mother, Emy and Leslie's grandson, Corbin played a great game of Kubb. Edgar Chapman was kind enough to referee what was a challenging game. But in the end, Emy and Kristie triumphed.

This picnic was a lovely way to celebrate Varden's 110th anniversary, whether it was playing Kubb, or indulging in the birthday cake Susan brought, or just getting to see each other.

However, I do have some sad news. Although I did not know her personally, she was a good friend to many of our members, Reidun Seim passes away. There will be a celebration of her life on Oct. 30th. If you want more information, please contact Susan at sstrang49@gmail.com

On a brighter note, during this summer, Bruce and Susan Strang became proud grandparents, while Helen Mosdell also became a great grandmother to a baby girl on July 8th. The baby's parents are Karen and Adrian Schilbach and her name is Penelope.

Lastly, I want to remind everyone we have a lodge meeting on Sept. 14th. Hopefully, it will be the last Zoom meeting we have in a long while. Unfortunately, because of family commitments I will not be there. So I will now say, "Happy Birthday" to Bruce Strang who is celebrating his birthday on that day. But don't worry, I will be back in October with another newsletter.

June Meeting!

This meeting was a short business meeting.

October Meeting!

There will be a meeting on Oct.12th. Hopefully, it will be in person.

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 04/30/2022. Please send your application to Krista Solie at 604-540-2376.

Sunshine Report

Hopefully, no news is good news. I trust everyone is well and have had, at least, their first shot. (See above about Reidun Seim.)

September Birthdays

2nd-Ethan Delicato
6th-Chloe Delicato
 -Nadia Delicato
14th-Bruce Strang
15th-Adrian Schilbach
17th-Ben Folster
25th-Edgar Chapman
 -Karen Schilbach

September Holidays

6th-Labour Day
7th-Rosh Hashanah
16th-Yom Kippur
21st-International Day
 of Peace
22nd-First Day of Fall

Calendar of Events.

1. Varden Lodge's, Tuesday, Sept 14th, 2021 business meeting will be by Zoom at 7:30pm. Susan will send an e-mail regarding it.
2. Sleipner Lodge's meeting will probably be on Sept 9th, 2021 at 7:30pm.
3. Viking Lodge's meeting will be on Sept.2nd, 2021 by Zoom.
4. The Sons of Norway Foundation in Canada is holding its AGM on Sept.18th, 2021, at 1pm by Zoom.