

THE RUNESTONE



News from the Sons of Norway Lodge Fedrelandet #23, Petersburg, AK





UPCOMING LODGE EVENTS



Mark Your Calendars!

October 13 - Potato Ball and Ham Potluck Dinner @5pm

Brandi and Ambre along with their wonderful crew will prepare a delicious heritage dinner for all of us. If you are interested in helping with the peeling, squeezing and shaping the spectacular spuds, please contact Ambre Burrell (907-723-7514) or Brandi Thynes (907-518-4070). The rest of us need to bring side dishes, salads and desserts to round out the meal. Stephanie Thynes and Sally Dwyer will decorate, but we could use some hands to help set up.

November 17 - Harvest Potluck @5pm

This is a potluck celebrating the largess from the Forest, Sky, and Sea (or the store). Please share your favorite dishes made from "fin, fur, or feather" or fabulous sides or desserts. We need help with set-up and decorating —



and some imagination to make this lodge event something to remember!

December 7 - Annual Holiday Bazaar and Soup-To-Go Kitchen

We need 12+ homemade soups to sell. Please let Sally Dwyer know what you will be bringing so we don't have too many of

what you will be bringing so we don't have too many of one kind - we are known for offering a great soup variety.

We need a rental person to rent table space. We also need a se-tup team for early that morning. Please call Sally Dwyer (907 518-0601) if you can help with this great lodge moneymaker, which helps us cover the winter bills.

2024 Officers

President Sally Dwyer

VP <u>Stephanie Thynes</u>

Secretary Briana Drury

Financial

Secretary Sharon Wikan

Treasurer Rhoda Gilbert

Social

Director Ambre Burrell

Cultural

Director Brandi Thynes

Head Trustee Wendell

Gilbert

Trustees: Tom Rockne, Jim

Swainson, Troy Larson, Dave

Berg, Carolyn Kvernvik

Assistant

Secretary Tina Buschmann

Counselor Robert Larson

Historian Jill Williams

Sunshine Sylvia Larson

Musician Sue Paulsen

Newsletter Robin Roberts

Greeters Glo Wollen

Family, Heidi Lee

December 13 50th Annual Pickled Herring Contest @7pm

Cynthia Lee Mathisen and her faithful crew will head up this event that we share with the community.

The no-host bar will provide wine, beer, and maybe more. The appetizer tasting contest will happen again, along with the wonderful fish/seafood categories. All are welcome to enter, eat, visit, and have a nice evening out. The lodge meeting that night will start at 5:30pm that night

only, to ensure our business is finished before the public starts coming in the door.



December 15 – Julbord Annual Christmas Dinner @5pm

Janet Kvernvik and her happy cooks will prepare and serve the main course, and members and their families get to bring the sides, salads and desserts. Our Light-Master Kurt Kvernvik, along with Carolyn and his merry band of outdoor elves will provide the festive lights in and on the hall and in the park, brightening the dark nights.

December 22 - Julebukking Open House @2-4pm

We are a highlight during our local holiday tradition, as we provide seating for 80 or more members of our community to stop and visit, and get a coffee some goodies provided by the lodge members. Last year we provided a nice holiday break for 500 people in two hours! The community consumed a ton of sweet and savory food in record time. As the event gets closer, we will look for kitchen help, set-up and clean-up help. Let's remember that this is a member-driven donated event. Appetizers, meatballs, cookies, lefse, cakes, smoked salmon, cheese/crackers are just a few of the many delights for the long, decorated center food table.



Letter from the President

As you can see from the calendar of events above, we are VERY busy during the next three months, and we need all hands-on-deck volunteering here and there to make this all work smoothly, and so too much work doesn't fall on a very few shoulders. If you are new to the Lodge and see something you are interested in, please contact the contact listed or the Chair for that month (see list at the end of the Newsletter) - they will appreciate another pair of hands to help.

We are initiating a few new things that we hope you will all enjoy. Our newsletter editor wants lots of input and photos throughout the year to make this interesting and fun, so please contribute. Fraternally, Sally Norheim Dwyer, President, Fedrelandet #23

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Bingo Help

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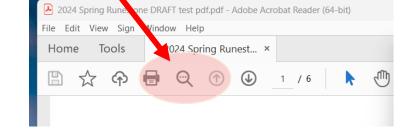


How Does Our Lodge Make Events Happen??

As Sally Dwyer points out, we have a very busy Lodge with many events throughout most of the year. Often, the Lodge puts out a call for volunteers to help out for something specific, but there is also a way for us to spread the work among all our members. On the last three pages of this newsletter, you'll find a roster of members and

Chairpersons for each month (except summer), and the officers have assigned each Lodge member to a

particular month. To find the month where you've been assigned, go to the tool bar at the top of this PDF document, and look for the magnifying glass icon (highlighted here in red). Click on that, and type your last name into the search box. It should take you to the month where you name appears.



If the month we have you listed does not work with your schedule, please contact Lila Trask at

907-518-0067 to change to a different month. Please let your month's Chairperson know as well.

In the News...

The Norwegian American's September issue has a nice article about Petersburg as well as a very good travel-related story on the Little Norway Festival written by Jerry Pugnetti (aka Don Pugnetti, Jr.). The author writes to Sally Dwyer: "We hope it accurately depicts the community's embrace of its Norwegian roots, and we thank you for all you did to help us. Our visit there remains very special. As for my second book, much of which is set in Petersburg, I've got the first 21 chapters and 65,000 words drafted." I'm working away at it. Take care of yourself, and thanks again.

https://www.norwegianamerican.com/summer-sojourn-petersburg-alaska/



Member's Corner: An interview with Dave and Sally Reimer

Q - How long have you been members of Sons of Norway?

A – We moved to Petersburg in 1977, and the community didn't even have a radio station at that time. Before Dave accepted a position with the Forest Service, we had an agreement that we would only stay here for two years, and then move back to Columbus, Ohio. Well, that didn't exactly work out as we're still here. We have loved our time in Petersburg.

We've only been members of the Sons of Norway for 15 years. When we first moved here, we didn't know we could join, since we aren't Norwegian. When we joined the Lutheran Church, folks started asking us why we weren't members. It was at that point we realized the Sons of Norway was about community and learning about Norwegian history and customs. Needless to say, we then joined.



Q – Why did you join Sons of Norway?

 \mathbf{A} – We enjoyed the people. We saw how hard they worked but also how much fun they were having. We saw all of the good things the organization was doing for the community by bringing everyone together, getting the kids involved, and caring for the historic building.

Q – If you could change one thing about our Lodge, what would it be?

A – We need to reach out and get more young people involved. We need to share more about Norwegian heritage, and ensure everyone knows they are invited and welcome. It's not only about the Norwegian heritage, but it's about what kind of community we want for ourselves and our children. We want to continue coming together as "good friends" to share a community meal. We also miss seeing the adult's Norwegian dancing.

Q – What do you like best about being a member?

A – It may seem strange to say but it's our building - the pride in maintaining it for future generations. Our daughter's wedding reception was the second one held there, so that adds to our desire to maintain the building. We love the improvements and how the building is being used today.

Lodge News

The **Muskeg Maleriers** rosemaling group has been very busy this summer. About 85% of the group are Sons members, and they rent the upstairs. They hosted five days of rosemaling classes, with 30+ painters, new and old, taking part in painting several projects.



The Muskeg Maleriers celebrated 50 years in September, with a window display at the Pilot.







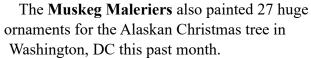
The Alaska
delegation attended
the Sons of
Norway District
2 convention in
Couer d' Alene,
Idaho at the end
of May 2024.
For over 40+
years, our
Alaska
delegation

has been the



"entertainment" for Friday night: hauling seafood, breads, cookies and much more to share and network. This year Carolyn Kvernvik also collected funds for the Youth Camps and raised over \$700. The catch phrase was "for the children." Our lodge sent three delegates: Liv Perschon, Carolyn Kvernvik, and Briana Drury. Sally Dwyer also attended as a District Officer delegate.











This year we have a beautiful **Lil' Fisk Derby banner** designed by Jean Curry to hang at the Harbor Shack. Looks good doesn't it?

Carolyn Kvernvik and her husband Aaron Phillips just returned home for a camping (not glamping) trip to Norway. Look for a story about their experiences in the next Newsletter.

Scholarship

Hunter Conn was awarded a \$500 scholarship from our Lodge, and he reports that he's doing well at AVTEC, and working on making his dream a reality!

We encourage more graduating seniors to apply for the 2025 scholarship!





THE RUNESTONE RECIPE BOX

Almond Wedges

From the collection of Sally Dwyer

Preheat oven 325 degrees

1 cup (2 cubes) of softened butter

1 whole egg

2-1/4 cups flour

1 egg white

1-1/2 cups sugar

1 egg yolk

2 Tbsp (yes) almond extract

1/3-1/2 cup sliced almonds, broken up

Cream butter, sugar, egg, and egg yolk well. Add almond extract. Add flour all at once. Spread in 2 lightly greased (I spray with Pam w/flour) pie pans. Beat egg white until foamy with a fork or a tiny milk frother (I use this), brush top of dough and sprinkle evenly with crunched up almonds.

Bake 30 minutes at 325 degrees. Let cool. Remove carefully from pans and cut into 16 wedges each, for a total of 32 wedges. (I use my ham knife that reaches all the way across). Rich and chewy.

Recipe found in the cookbook from Abel Lodge #29 in Conway, WA pg. 23.



Opportunities at the Lodge

Nominations are open for lodge officers for the 2025 season. It's good to change things up every now and then with new, fresh ideas. Will you help run the Lodge?

- ❖ Volunteer to help keep the upstairs Bingo room neat and tidy. It takes 30-45 minutes once a week. Light vacuuming, sweep the stairs and 2-3 times year: wash and shine the windows on the set of French doors. Pretty simple, much needed. Rhoda Gilbert and I spend 6-7 hours each week on Bingo bookwork, food prep, set up, and of course we are there every Friday from 4:45pm until 11:30pm.
- ❖ Doug, our volunteer bingo caller is hoping to find a person to be his once-a-month backup caller. Let Rhoda Gilbert



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(907-518-0205) know if you are interested. Our current back-up person is leaving in November until Spring.

❖ We are also in need of a chair person(s) for the annual Little Norway Festival Style Show and Luncheon. We have good notes, all the recipes, dates to order flowers, a list of volunteers who have helped in the past with contact numbers - basically what you need to have a successful event. Can you change it

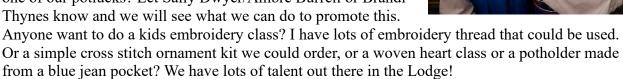


up? Sure! I have been on the committee since 2002 and am stepping down. I am also on the Smorbrod committee so I will stick with that, as I am finding that I need to concentrate on one fine thing and not get too spread out. Contact me (Sally Dwyer) if you are interested at 907-518-0601.

❖ We are always looking for photos of Sons of Norway happenings for the Newsletter to make it lots more interesting and fun to see what has been captured in phones and on cameras. Email

them to Robin Roberts, our newsletter editor, and please indicate who is in the photo and what is featured. robin@mvadventures.com

- ❖ The Honey-Do/Wish list just might have something you can help out with check it out in this Newsletter.
- ❖ Do you have a talent you want to share? A short class we could host for the members? Or a topic you think we would enjoy at one of our potlucks? Let Sally Dwyer/Ambre Burrell or Brandi Thynes know and we will see what we can do to promote this.



Honey-Do & Wish List for 2024

1) Sand, stain and varnish five old square tables. We use these at nearly all our functions and they are pretty beat up – they need some tender loving care (TLC)! One has been done by Suzanne Fuqua.

- 2) Sand, stain and varnish four podiums. We use these at all meetings and around the hall all year.
- 3) Weather stripping on door to the left of the stage into the back hall is falling off.
- 4) Treat the entire main floor with Bona, a highly recommended wood treatment. This will take 5-6 people to work as a team using Bona pads on sticks, and moving together to apply it in swaths on the floor. The

pads are approximately 12-14" wide, so many people working together will take less time than one person slogging on by themselves.

- 5) Attach a brass grab handle to the exit door, back left side, in the main hall.
- 6) Repair ice-torn roofing before the rain rots the under-roof wood. Mike Luhr has roofing we can bum/buy. Carolyn and Kurt Kvernvik are the leads on this, but might need help
- 7) Go through the stuff on the side porch. It cannot all be treasures. Trustees?
- 8) Weatherize the side porch with plexiglass for storage options and building protection.
- 9) Paint all interior doors that are scuffed up.
- 10) Build a small, locked closet in the entry coat area for storage of paper products, soaps etc.
- 11) Replace the flooring in the furnace room in a dark shade less wear and tear.
- 12) Power wash the Park as needed. Put flower beds to sleep.
- 13) Possibly have Polly Koeneman and Sally Dwyer repaint the bench rosemaling for next year.
- 14) Put wires across the outside windows in the main hall and kitchen to keep the pigeons off the ledge and messing up the windows.
- 15) Paint the kitchen floor in Bingoland as it is falling apart, stained 70+ years ago. Hoping this will suffice until we can afford to rehab and remodel the kitchen.



SONS OF NORWAY HALL

Thanks to Wendel Gilbert and Dave for replacing the carpet on the front porch – looks great!

I am sure there are more projects, but this is it for a while.

thank you for all you do to keep the hall looking good and standing tall!!



Petersburg Sons of Norway Hall Corporation (established in 2022) Fundraising

The Petersburg Sons of Norway Hall Corporation (PSONH) will be sending out a fundraising letter to members this fall. It's the first big "ask" to members to consider general giving and possible future estate planning. I hope we can turn it into an annual event and get members used to the idea of keeping the PSONH in their philanthropic consciousness.



Preserving our Norwegian past & our Petersburg presence

The goal of the Petersburg Sons of Norway Hall 501 C 3 Corporation is to preserve our iconic buildings and provide a link to the community's Norwegian heritage and many Petersburg traditions.

Donations help provide financial support for these goals Please specify amounts to categories of choice.

Maintenance and upkeep of the Alaskan Historical Landmark Lodge building/parkinglot. Built in 1912, building upkeep is essential to maintaining a good working environment for social and cultural community activities.

Maintenance and upkeep of the Bojer Wikan Fishermen's Memorial Park. Dedicated in 2000, the Park is a cornerstone of honoring Petersburg's tie to the commercial fishing industry in our community.

Cultural programing and events that help ensure the preservation of the unique connection to Norwegian culture and promote a sense of community.

Total donation amount

Send donations to:
Petersburg Sons of Norway Hall (PSONH)
P.O. Box 629
Petersburg, AK 99833

Mission:

"The Petersburg Sons of Norway Hall Corporation is dedicated to securing facility maintenance and financial stability, promoting cultural education and Lodge events, fostering membership involvement and preserving our presence in the community."

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Norwegian Dance

Mayfest 2024 and the summer cruise ship dance season were a success. This summer Kelli Slavin took on the leadership role for the Leikkering Dancers - thank you Kelli! We are grateful for the years Andrea Weathers taught the dancers and continued our goal of spreading our Norwegian heritage around the community and beyond.

As we see the leaves turning colors it's hard to believe we need to start sewing costumes for the 2025 dance season. We need to make six little girl jumpers, six or more big boy vests, and 12 knickers. The current challenge is that the Leikkering dance costumes are no longer just used for Mayfest and a FEW cruise ships. The kids danced three times a week for three-and-a-half months, and next year is already slated for more visiting ships in Petersburg. We really need volunteers with sewing talents to help with the mending and sewing new costumes. Also, if you have not turned in your child's Norwegian dance

costume, please get this to Brandi Thynes (907-518-4070).

Please contact: Stephanie Thynes (907-518-4065) or Kelli Slavin (907-518-1699) if you can help in any way.





Sons of Norway Committee List for 2024/25

January 2025 Committee

Chair: Gerry & Knut Frostad

Co-Chair: Glo Wollen

Events: New Member Dinner (Date TBA)
Monthly Business Meeting: 2nd Wed: 6:30 pm

Veronica Carter
& Jane Slater
Holli & Casey Flint
Knut & Gerry Frostad
Scott & Lin Horchover
Ryan Littleton
& Tessa Bergmann,
Cedar, Denali
Mike & Barb Luhr
Bruce & Barb Marifern
Sam Marifern
Lenore Mathisen
Erin Michaels

Jason & Vanessa Miller,
Gianna, Isabella
Sophia, Victoria
Marlena & Brian Newman
Bob & Niccole Olsen
Heather O'Neil
Megan O'Neil
& Troy Thynes
Liv Pershon
Robin & Jim Roberts
Dave & Tanya Somerville
Rexanne Stafford
Dick & Bridget Walsh
Glo Wollen,
Sigrid, Arne

March 2025 Committee

Chair: Officers

Events: Meatball Palooza (Date TBA)

Monthly Business Meeting: 2nd Wed: 6:30 pm

Josh Adams & Lisa Schramek,
Erik
Greg & Lisa Browning,
Zane & Linda Krapu
Dick Eide
Jeff & Susan Erickson
Carl R. & Judy Forgey
Carl G. Forgey & Jill Copeland,
Taralynn
Heidi Lee
Troy Larson

Don & Alice Merrill
Jeanette Ness
Al & Shannon Peeler
Brittany & Mikalai
Potrizuski
Dylan Swainson
Jim Swainson
& Mary Ellen Anderson
Paul & Holly Winje
Tula Bell

February 2025 Committee

Chairs: Grant Trask, Bob Martin & Neil Newlun

Lefse Chair: Lila Trask

Events: Lutefisk Dinner (Date TBA)

Monthly Business Meeting: 2nd Wed: 6:30 pm

Katy Brantuas
Craig & Nancy Curtiss
Stuart & Katie Eddy
Hakon, Soren
Sean Griss
Sarah & Randy Holmgrain
Alex, Arya
Craig Olson
Orin Pierson
Jeff & Lana Pfundt
Jimmy & Carrie Martinsen

Aaron & Katrina Miller, Mette, Rikka, Sarissa, Glenn Reid Jeff Robinson Bev Siercks Tommy Thompson Anna, Soren Jody & David Tow Kurt & Sheri Wohlheuter

April 2024 Committee

BOF Co-Chairs: Sally Dwyer, Yvonne Thynes

Litter Pickup Chair:

Events: Spring Litter Pick up & Blessing of the Fleet (weather permitting TBA)
Monthly Business Meeting: 2nd Wed: 6:30 pm

Dick Aho
Devron Bennett
Pat Blair
& Jeanine Sicard
Michelle Brock
Vicki Curtiss
Bob Dolan
Rocky Littleton
& Marva Reid
Heidi & Jack Lyons

Hillary MacDonald

Brooklyn, Madi Whitethorn

Matthew Pallisard

Carson & Sonja Paul,

Henry, Mason

Brian Paust

Brian & Hannah Smith

Lloyd & Yvonne Thynes

Tom Westof

Patty Zorich

May 2024 Committee

Style Show Co-Chairs: Sally Dwyer & Glo Wollen

Kaffe Hus Chair: Bridget Wittstock

Events: Style Show (5/17) & Kaffe Hus (5/18) Monthly Business Meeting: 1^{st} Weds 6:30 pm

Rick & Sue Braun Doug & Lana Corl Clyde & Jean Curry Charles & Dominique Davis Briana & Don Drury Merilee Enge, Marit Frost Julia Evens Norm & Lynda Fredricksen Dick Greseth Signe Haltiner Kelsey Hammer & Camille Hammer Chuck & Cathy Harris John Hoag & Debbie Downs Mark Jensen Tim & Polly Koeneman Sheryl Leekley Jenny Martens Larry & Julie Martin Morris & Cathy Mattson Shannon McCullough Debi & Dan McMahon

Margaret Newlun Natalie Nicholson & Michael Reid Ladd & Brenda Norheim Chris & Elizabeth Nyssen, Sofie, Sten Judy Ohmer Helmer & Annette Olson Sue Paulsen Tracey Reid Jeff Rice & Liz Cabrera Karen Rosvold Audrey Samuelson Mark & Karen Severson Floyd & Barbara Strand Stacey Thorsen Jackie Tyson Naomi Welde Bridget Wittstock & Scott May Gillian & Kjell

Naomi Youngberg

Fall (Sept/Oct) 2024 Committee

Chairs: Ambre Burrell & Brandi Thynes

Co- Chair: Sally Dwyer-setup

Event: Potato Ball & Ham Dinner (Date TBA)
Monthly Business Meetings: 2nd Weds 6:30 pm

William & Joyce Bergmann
Steve Berry
Dave Burleigh
Sig & Ambre Burrell,
Svea, Brandt
Daniel & Robyn Cardenas
Doug & Cathy Cronlund
Ty & Martha Cummins
Josh Etcher
Harley Ethelbah
Roger & Jean Hammer
Robert & Sylvia Larson
Tore Lenz

Mara Lenz

Andi Payne

Ken & Stacy Madsen

Terry & Karil Miller
Mike & Kay Schwartz
Rob Schwartz
Sue Short
Barb Steltz
Mark Sturgeon
Brandi Thynes
Chuck & Steph Thynes
Steve Thynes
Ted Thynes
Sam & Trish Titterington
Mike Wiegand
& Kaitlin Willis
Sharon Wikan
Vaya Wikan

Phil Meeks

Summer Break...

April Miller

Suggested Events:

*June: Summer Solstice

*July: 4th of July

November 2024 Committee

Chairs: Wendel & Rhoda Gilbert

Event: Harvest Potluck, Ski for Light (TBA) Monthly Business Meeting: 2nd Weds 6:30 pm

Dave & Nancy Berg
Michelle Cameron
Josh & Heather Conn,
Kennedy
Charlie & Diane Christensen
Charlie, Anders
Larry & Larine Dunham
Rick & Barb Fish
Jim & Maureen Floyd
Brad & Sharon Hunter
Andy & Stacy Kittams
Mickey Knight

Chris & Samai Kegans,
Chelsea, Melisa
Kristy McConville
Pat & Bennett McGrath
Cindy Moyer
Lanette & Veronica
Odegaard
Joe Short
John & Karen Tucker
Stewart Vick
Theresa Vick
John & Sheri Wikan

Ken & Vivian Yuen

December 2024 Committee

Decorating Chair: Kurt Kvernvik Julbord Chair: Janet Kvernvik

Contests Chair: Cynthia & Sig Mathisen

Julbuk Chair: Sally Dwyer

Bazaar Chairs: Rhoda Gilbert & Sally Dwyer Events: Julbord, Seafood Contest, Bazaar

& Julbuking (Dates TBA)

Monthly Business Meeting: 2nd Weds 6:30 pm

Curt Birchell Greg Birchell & Diane Otness Desi & Steve Burrell Ronn & Tina Buschmann Chris Buschmann & Devynn Johnson Ethan Bryner Darcy Caples John & Kirsten Dupree Paul & Ayla Dupree Jim Edgars & Alisa Jestel Kathy Emmeneger, Jack Engell Chris & Tamara Evens Craig & Ginger Evens Dave Evens Tom Rockne Mike & Cheryl File Michael, Ethan, Noah Sue Flint Mark Hofstad Patrice Huettl

Scott & Julie Hursey

Carolyn Kvernvik & Aaron Phillips Kurt & Janet Kvernvik, Adanna Nico Larson Pia Rogers Cindy Rogers Terry & Darcel Schouweiler Matt Short & Kendra Speh Gary Slaven Rob & Teri Swanson Kole Sperl Troy Thomassen & Leah Vick, Sam, Ivar Nick Versteeg & Haley Short Laife Weathers

Saphire, Valon Luke Whitehorn

Schedule Conflicts:

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