

## YOUR FOUNDATION NEWS

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Thelma Lysne, Editor

#### Greetings:

Last year in Issue 18 I requested answers to the question "Why do Norwegians bake seven different kinds of cookies for Christmas"?

My "Investigative Reporters" have given me several different options that make perfect sense. I will give you a few options and a full description of #7. 1) There are seven days in a week; 2) Seven Kings of Rome; 3) Joshua walked around the walls of Jericho seven times; 4) Seven wonders of the Ancient world; 5) Seven last words of Jesus on the Cross; 6) Seven years of plenty and seven years of famine; 7) Colors of the Rainbow:

- **1. RED** The color of enthusiasm, passion, anger, energy and security.
- **2. ORANGE** With orange you have endurance, perseverance and strength.
- **3. YELLOW** It symbolizes cheerfulness, energy, orderliness and memory improvement.
- **4. GREEN** Stands for growth, expansion, health, abundance, fertility, sympathy and harmony
- **5. BLUE** This color stands for peace, tranquility, stability, harmony and trust.
- **6. INDIGO** increases the energy of blue. Blue is a soothing color, indigo is a sedating color.
- **7. VIOLET-** the dark tone of violet stands for sorrow, deep purple signifies high spiritual attainment. Bluish-purple idealism and pale lilac shows for love towards humanity.

The best option to me is the Seven Sisters Waterfalls in Gerienger Fjord, Norway. Myth tells us that it is seven unmarried sisters dancing to attract the suiter across the Fjord.

Cookie recipes in Norway are handed down from generation to generation. The recipes may vary between the families and there are many cookbooks available with different variations of over 20 cookie recipes. Recipes can also be found on the Sons of Norway website.







#### REMEMBER TO SAVE THOSE CHRISTMAS STAMPS



This newsletter I thought we should focus on how the stamps enrich the Foundation funds.

Picture to the left is Gloria Benazic presenting a box of stamps from Hardanger Lodge 7-109 in Kelowna to Tore Pettersen and Ron Reine of Valhalla Lodge 4-341. Ron will take the stamps to Calgary where they will be weighed and processed by Russell Wiigs. A cheque will be sent to the Foundation treasurer and credited to Hardanger Lodge in Kelowna.

In the year 2018, eight (8) Sons of Norway Lodges collected \$366.06 in stamps. Dividing that figure between the eight Lodges comes to \$45.76. We have approximately 25 Canadian Lodges and if every Canadian Lodge collected (in stamps) \$45.76 that would total \$1,144.00.

I do not know when the stamp program started but since its inception the Foundation has realized \$7,636.67 from the stamp's you, the Lodge members, have collected.

This is an easy way for your Lodge to keep your Foundation working for you and your children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, friends and relatives.

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## PIZZA PARTY TIME

I am always interested in different ways Lodges hold Fund Raisers and Viking Lodge No. 81 held a "Pizza Party". Other Lodges, organizations, family and friends were invited. The cost was only \$15.00 a very reasonable price for an evening out.

A popular silent auction was held, a game was played and there were door prizes.

Approximately 70 people attended and had a great time mixing and visiting.

Over \$1,000.00 profit was realized from this Fund Raiser with the work load distributed among several people and no cooking A-La-Pot Luck.

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**Silent Auction bidding** 



Silent auction items





**Visiting** 

## CULTURAL GRANT

Nordlys Lodge No. 20 in Port Alberni requested a Cultural Grant from the Foundation to have Hardangersøm lessons.

Their request was granted and I was asked to teach this class.

There were six students with two (2) beginners and four (4) requiring advanced stitches. The class was a success, the ladies worked from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, everyone had a good time and learned several new stitches.

Thelma Lysne, Editor



The Group



"YOU DID WHAT?" Beginners Karen and Carol

## FOUNDATION FUND RAISER OCTOBER 19, 2019

Every year in October Foundation Director Jette Dunluck holds a Foundation Fund Raiser at Norway House in Victoria. Bursary recipients are asked to serve at a sit-down-dinner. Foundation Pins and Bursary cheques are presented.

Members use the old conception of a "coin-a-day" can and the participant's parade shaking their cans. This is still a unique and easy way to support your Foundation.

Please send pictures and information about your Lodge Foundation Fund Raiser.

EIDSVOLD LODGE No. 53 VICTORIA



Sarah Kedves



2 Amelia Dokken



Apprentice recipient Dalton Oldfield

## **TROLLHAUGEN CAMP 2019**



Trollhaugen group



Making a Kransekake



**Chip Carving** 



Ester on the Hardanger Fiddle



Syttende Mai Parade in August at Trollhaugen Camp



Children in costume at closing ceremonies

# HERITAGE CAMP 2019



Honoring District Vice -president, Jim Tore Breivik who turned 50 years old at Heritage



Past District Secretary, Patty Schwartz, Nordlys No. 20 at camp with family and friends.



Sleipner No. 8 members at Heritage Camp



Showing Viking ships made at Heritage Camp

## REPORT FROM HARDANGER LODGE NO. 109 KELOWNA

It is always rewarding for me to have a Lodge report on their activities done "For the Good of the Foundation" and Darlene Osterlin, Hardanger Lodge No. 109 in Kelowna, B.C. reported on their Lodge.

Hardanger is one of the Lodges leading the way in monies donated to the Foundation through stamp collection.

Pictured on the right are a few members taking part in a Silent Auction at their October meeting with proceeds going to the Foundation.

Darlene also reported the Amigos game purchased with a grant from the Foundation is being used in the Norwegian language class. As well, other members are being introduced to the game and to the Norwegian language through participation in the game.



Silent Auction Bidding



Ginny and Mikkel



Ginny and Mikkel

## EIDSVOLD NO. 53 LEIKARRING



In past years various Victoria Leikarring members have travelled to Calgary and Red Deer Workshops.

The inspiring events exposed us to Mikkel Thompson and Ginny Lee - gifted dancer/musicians! We were motivated to extend a one day Cultural Exchange invitation that occasioned their first visit to Victoria. The morning and afternoon focused on workshops accompanied by Eric, our island Torader musician.

The evening featured dinner, entertainment with dance and instrumental highlights by Mikkel and Ginny, followed by the Grand March and social dancing. Mikkel and Ginny were thrilled to become acquainted with Leikarringen, and expressed a desire to return.

Eleanor Gjelsten

The Eidsvold Lodge Leikarring received a grant from the Foundation in Canada to help with this event.

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Patricia, Donna, Mikkel, Ginny, Eleanor

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## **Post-Secondary Scholarship Recipients**



## 2019



Matt Blacklaws
Delta, B.C.
University of British Columbia
Bachelor of Kinesiology

Featured on these last two pages of "Your Foundation News" are the recipients of the 2019 Bursary's awarded at the Foundation's Annual General meeting in September 2019.

Eight (8) of the recipients received \$800.00 to help further their post graduate education.

This year Dalton Oldfield was awarded \$600.00 for the Apprenticeship Bursary.

This Bursary is intended for students who will be attending shorter term courses such as trade schools, polytechnic or some college courses where a certificate or ticket will be achieved. Only applications from Canadian residents will be considered.

It is gratifying to be able to have this venue to show you, the Sons of Norway Lodge members, how you are helping the young people of Canada to achieve higher education. It is only through your generosity that your Sons of Norway Foundation of Canada is achieving this goal.

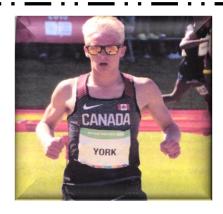
On page 6 there is a Thank-you letter from Amelia Dokken that expresses her appreciation of receiving a bursary. Most of the recipients send a Thank-you letter and although I would like to print them all there is not room in a four page newsletter. Please be assured that all the students are appreciative.



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Amelia Dokken Victoria, B.C. University of Victoria Bachelor of Science Biochem and Microbiology

#### To the Sons of Norway Foundation,

Mank you so much for choosing me as a recipient for me s.o. N. bulsary / scholarship. I teel so noncoured, and am very grateful to be one of mis years recipients. Your generosity not only nelph relieve me financial messel and purdens of port secondary schools, but allow me to facul on my academic end eavours.

This bursary is also of immense personal value to me. With me recent passing of my cirand pa- who wore his Norweigan neritage ploud- I feel as mough mis bursary is in his honour, and I know just how proud he would be of me. Thank you so very much.

Kind regards, Ameria Darren

## APPRENTICESHIP AWARD



Dalton Oldfield Nanaimo, B.C. Vancouver Island University Foundation Electrical Certificate



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