

The Lutfisk Wrapper

Vol. 26 Issue 6- July/August 2020

VASA Order of America - Harmoni Lodge # 472

Ordinarily Meets: 3rd Sunday of the month 4:30p

(Light Refreshments at 4pm)

Hollywood Senior Center

1820 NE 40th - Portland, OR 97212

Harmoni Homepage: www.harmonilodge472.org

Harmoni US Postal Address: PO Box 13282 Portland, OR 97213-0282

+++++

President's Message:

Dear Harmoni Members,

Happy summer to one and all!

The line above is cribbed from my President's Message from four years ago. At that time, I got to write about a successful Midsommar event at Oaks Park, an upcoming summer picnic at Ellen Jacobson's house (Thanks once again, Ellen! It was a fine afternoon), and look forward a bit to getting together in September. The context for this message is a little different, so while I hope you are all making the best of your limited options for summer pleasures this year, it is a fact that cancelling one lodge event after another has simply been a pain, and we're not through with it yet.

My immediate regret, of course, is that we will not be gathering in early August to enjoy a potluck at Scouter's Mountain. But beyond that it's time to consider that the current pandemic is likely to disrupt our plans for fall as well, and give thought to what we may be able to do as a group in place of our normal in-person meetings. A lot of organizations are using Zoom these days to conduct meetings and social events, and I will call around the membership to see how many would be interested in giving that a try. Glenn is doing a great job of keeping our webpage refreshed, and I encourage everyone to take a look at that from time to time, and of course Ann is happy to include tidbits from members' experiences in this newsletter. And a phone call from a friend is always welcome too, so please give someone a buzz. Happy summer to one and all.

In Truth and Unity,

Charlie



(Editor's note: The Summer (July/August) issue of the Lutfisk Wrapper is generally quite abbreviated, expecting we would be gathering for our summer potluck; its main purpose usually to provide directions to the upcoming event...)

Calendar of Events:

Sorry – No Summer Potluck Due to Covid-19

Sept 20 **Harmoni Bus/Social Meeting**
(Sun.) **Meeting TBD (Zoom?)**

+++++

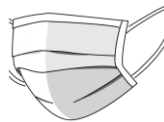
Covid-19 Cancellations

The Covid-19 pandemic has changed our lives.
What a bummer.

Even as States try to reopen, Covid-19 cases
continue to climb. Until a vaccine is
developed and available, this corona virus will
spread as it can.

It is most important to be safe during this
pandemic. According to the CDC: Limiting
close face-to-face contact with others is the
best way to reduce the spread of coronavirus
disease 2019 (COVID-19).

Keep your distance, wash your hands, and
remember to wear a face mask when outside,
and now inside, whenever you are around
groups of people other than your own
household. Please protect yourself, and our
community.



+++++

Friday Night Lectures Anyone?

There are currently several previous tapings
(from various years) available for
listening/watching. Check them out on the
NNW website:

<https://www.nordicnorthwest.org/past-friday-night-lecture-series>

Next up (available now): *Stubborn Norwegians!*
My Grandfather's Prison Camp Diary presented
by Erik Brakstad (filmed 5/1/1009).

Pop some popcorn and take a seat in the
comfort of your own home!



July & August HappyBirthdays!!



July Happy Birthdays!!!

1 Hans Lundin
24 Jan Ekberg
27 Martin Krueger

August Happy Birthdays!!!

12 Lisa Toth Green
20 Don McTaggart
22 Quenton Davis
26 JoAnn Johnson
27 Lisa Roeder

Ja, må du leva! Ja, må du leva!
Ja, må du leva!

Uti hundrade år!

Ja, visst ska du leva!

Ja, visst ska du leva!

Ja, visst ska du leva!

UTI HUNDRADE ÅR!

HURRA! HURRA! HURRA! HURRA!



+++++



Remember that a pile of money awaits you
if your name is pulled from the magic
Scandinavian jar, and you are attending the
monthly Harmoni meeting. (*Here's hoping for a
monthly meeting...ed.*)

Distinquished Fogelbo!

Ross Fogelquist emailed:

I received word Tuesday morning that the U.S. Department of Interior has approved Fogelbo as a National Historic Site. Fogelbo and five other national historic site applications were approved. This was a long time in coming—over a year was spent in applying for this national distinction. It required endless paperwork on behalf of Nordic Northwest. Board member Greg Jacobs persisted throughout this long and arduous process.

This is truly a great distinction for Fogelbo to be named on the list of national historic sites. There will be numerous benefits associated with this distinction. It will be much easier to apply for additional grants of support for maintenance and restoration. At some point, Ross will celebrate, when and if the virus is over.



(Great News for Fogelbo! ed.)

+++++

Around Town with our Members:

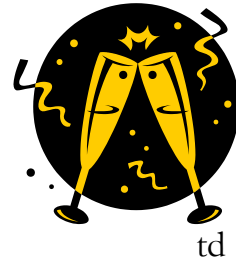
Email news from the **Davis** family:

Tori graduated from Columbia River HS in June and is starting Cosmetology School August 12th at Elite School of Beauty in Vancouver. Congratulations!!!

Quentin and Teri have been working this whole time. Quentin at Red Wing selling work boots and Teri still selling advertising (but less than usual) at The Columbian newspaper. (Safety boots and newspapers are deemed essential.)

Quenton and Teri went to the Oregon Garden in Silverton this past weekend and then down to North Bend (on the south coast of Oregon) to visit her parents. Tori stayed home, pet sitting for some other people (and for her family.)

The Davises will be celebrating their 30th wedding anniversary in August. Not sure if they'll do anything, but maybe a takeout picnic...



td

Ann and Charlie Tohlen have escaped the confines of home a couple of times, with careful concern for social distancing. They did pick some berries, (raspberries and blackcaps on Sauvie Island), and they took an unexpected road trip to Spokane for Fathers Day and to celebrate Midsommar with **Annika**. It was just a family affair, but an opportunity to see the Spokane grandchildren, make Swedish meatballs, gravlax, Swedish pancakes, rhubarb pie and cake, construct and decorate a lovely (if short) Maypole with wildflowers collected by the granddaughters, dance around it, and play family outside games. Colin and Annika won the wife-carrying contest! It was a great family time. Unable to travel to Canada as planned for their July wedding anniversary, a tent camping substitution was made at beautiful Lost Lake on Mt. Hood. The weather was unbelievable, and the comet Neowise was visible in the late night sky. Social distance camping is possible!



More:

Around Town with our Members:

Email news from Barbro and Larry Curtis:

Hello from the Curtises! We decided to stay at our Pine Hollow place during this difficult time, so we came here in February. We visit our Vancouver home every other Thursday to mow and to check on things, and have brief outdoor visits with the kids and grandkids. I converted a small bedroom into a pantry, and filled it with food items from home. Larry immediately made himself a To-Do list with over 50 items on it. His biggest item was turning the garage into a wood worker's dream. He hasn't done everything on his list yet, but it looks like we'll be staying here until fall, so there is time. We have both found that there just aren't enough hours in the day for everything we want to do! I reduced the size of the lawn in the back yard, and converted that space into a vegetable garden. We had to take down a huge spruce because it was leaning over the neighbor's house. Well, we ended up with a very unsightly view from our deck where the tree had been! So I designed a privacy screen and dear Larry spent 3 weeks building it. It's 11 1/2' tall x 19' wide (see photo) I was right there helping where I could, starting with digging 8 post holes down to the hard pan!

We surely miss seeing everyone, but we are enjoying having all this time to do things we have wanted to do for years. And we have also gone camping and clamming.



(Larry's new screen, designed by Barbro – above the General Store sign, antlers from Lapland, a gift from visiting 27 years ago! ed.)

And a new email from Joyce Neilsen:

Not much going on with us. My son, Bill Dent, was married on June 13 in Idaho Falls. We didn't attend due to concerns over the Corona virus. We are very pleased with the new daughter-in-law. She is a loving, caring person and good to his entire family. We did get out on the 4th of July for a potluck at daughter and son-in-law in Vancouver. It was great to see the family. We did exchange hugs as we hadn't seen each other since Christmas, but masks were worn. Hope this all changes soon. I met a young woman at Office Depot one day who had the virus in December. She was in ICU for ten days and almost lost a lung. My eldest son in Texas was also in emergency ICU for several days in December. He says, looking back, he's sure he had the virus but they weren't testing for it then. It was discovered that he had COPD as a result of working in the dusty oilfields in Wyoming and Texas for over 40 years. He is now retired and he and his wife (another much loved daughter-in-law) are taking it easy in Northern Texas where it's beautiful green countryside and a river runs through their town.

Word on the street is that Andy Toth has arrived home from his shoulder surgery, and that the Toths are moved into their new home in Vancouver, WA. More on that in the next newsletter.

+++++

Thanks to this month's newsletter contributors: Barbo Curtis, Teri Davis, Ross Fogelquist, Joyce Nielsen, Nordic Northwest, Charlie Tohlen and Margot Toth.

The deadline for the **September 2020** newsletter will be **Friday, September 4, 2020**.

Email your news to:

anntohlen@yahoo.com,

call (503) 236-0200, or send via US Mail to:

Ann Tohlen

474 NE Hazelfern Place

Portland, OR 97232