

Varden Lodge 07-19 June 2022 Newsletter

Editorial

Greetings! Thank you for your patience, there is a lot to report. First, our May 10th meeting. We finally met fact to face at Helen and Vivian's place and had a wonderful time! However, Zoom was used as a back-up so Honora and Lucas Cooper could join in from Kaslo, while Ron dropped in from Minnesota. We ate some lovely desserts and played Norwegian Bingo. Then something splendid happened. Helen received a telephone call telling her that her grand-daughter, Krista Marander, gave birth to a baby girl that afternoon. The baby's name is Charlotte. Congratulations!



Next, the District Convention took place at the end of May in Kelowna. I was a delegate along with Bruce Strang and Enid Britt. First, on Friday, Ron Stubbings gave a talk on Succession planning. Then we had Opening Ceremonies where Ron and Connie O'Brien, the Fraternal and Membership Director, informed us about what was taking place at the Head Office. Afterwards, there was an informal meet and greet. Saturday, we had our work cut out for us. We reviewed and passed resolutions. There was a moving memorial service where we remembered members who passed away in the last four years. We also voted in our next District Board, and I am glad to say I will be serving as the General Director with Gloria Benazic, our District President, and five enthusiastic others for the next two years.



District 7 Board 2022 to 2024

Now looking into the future. There will be a Mid-Summer Festival on June 25 and 26th at the Scandinavian Community Centre in Burnaby. Varden will be manning a booth representing Sons of Norway and they would love some help from Varden members. The Festival includes many Scandinavian groups but my favourite booth is the Norwegian Waffle booth. They make delicious hot off the grill waffles.

Sadly, there will be no Border-Fest this year. We hope our American co-hosts will join us next year. We miss them and the fun picnics we had.

Speaking of picnics, Varden will be hosting one on July 24th at Ryall Park in Queensborough, in New Westminster. Bring a dish to share and your own plates and cutlery. Sports Medals will be awarded, there will be, of course, a game of Kubb. The picnic will be from 11am to 3pm come rain or shine. (Don't worry we have a covered table.) The only thing we have to worry about is COVID restrictions. But, at this moment things are clear sailing so I hope to see you and your family there.

This newsletter is the last until September. I hope you plog, experience friluftsliv or just in general enjoy the summer. (I hope you enjoyed my little bit of Norwegian!) Until then, goodbye for now.

Krista Solie, Editor

From the President:

I am happy to report that, after nearly 20 years, I have stepped down from the District 7 Board. It is comforting to know that Krista Solie, our Editor was successful in running for General Director and was elected, so our lodge is still represented on the District 7 Board. Ron Stubbings has let me know that he plans to run for International President again, so there is a good possibility that our lodge will also be represented internationally.

The District 7 Convention was a wonderful event and I congratulate the Hardanger Lodge Committee who organized this event (twice, because it was cancelled in 2020). Our Memory book received first prize and our newsletter received a third place ribbon. Vivian Bates received a second place ribbon for her hardangersom entry. I am hopeful that we will have more entries at the 2024 convention!

Our social Committee has organized a picnic on July 24th at Ryall Park in Queensborough and I hope to see many of you at the event as well as the MidSummer Festival on June 25 and 26.

Susan Strang, Varden Lodge President

May Meeting

This meeting was a social meeting.

June Meeting!

There will be a business meeting on June 14th. For more info please see below.

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 04/30/2023.** Please send your application to Krista Solie at 604-540-2376.

Sunshine Report

Good news! I haven't heard anything. So I hope everyone is well.

June Birthdays

11th-Billy Zaharoff
21st-Cian Beeby
27th-Claudette Robinson

July Birthdays

3rd-Enid Britt
4th-Deanne Delicato
15th-Shauna Britt
26th-Jocelyn Delicato
29th-Nerissa Beeby

August Birthdays

9th-Carl Peterson
-Jeanette Stevens
15th-Donald Berg
26th-Jayden Britt
31st-Tracy Beairsto

June Holidays

19th-Father's Day
21st-National
Indigenous People's
Day.

July Holidays

1st-Canada Day

August Holidays

1st-Civic Holidays

Calendar of Events.

1. Varden Lodge's, Tuesday, June 14th meeting will be on Zoom. Susan will contact you with information about it.
2. Sleipner Lodge's next meeting will probably be on June 9th.
3. Viking Lodge's next meeting will probably be on June 7th.
4. Midsummer Festival, June 25th & 26th at the Scandinavian Community Centre. Gates open at 10:30am.