

# Varden Newsletter

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## **Editorial**

I hope all of you had a happy, if quiet, summer. Although Heritage Camp was officially cancelled, some members did go to Hatzic Lake. Although quiet, people from outside the Lower Mainland, such as the Pettersen family from Prince George, came anyway. Although not physical, there were some virtual events held. One was the Lip Sync contest and I am happy to say that the Britt/Beeby team from Varden Lodge won third place lip syncing to “The First Time in Forever” from the movie “Frozen.” Yea team!

The above is a good example of what can be done virtually. I thought I was technically inept but somehow I learned how to use Zoom with some friends’ support. Right now, I think, it will be the technology that will keep us together. Unfortunately, it looks like our lodge can’t physically meet until next year. None of us want to lose members who are not use to the computer. So I urge all of us to reach out for help and support. If you are adept with the computer kindly help someone who isn’t. The strength of our lodge is that we are a community. Let us not lose that.

If you think that all this computer stuff is too serious. There is a fun side to this. Susan Strang has planned some fun cooking courses for the rest of the year. By the time this gets published she’ll have conducted a “Norwegian Grilled Cheese” class. I can taste the Jarlsberg cheese already. This is also a fun way to get your cooking medal. Susan has also suggested that we conduct Norwegian Craft classes such as knitting by Zoom. Additionally, is anyone up for a book club? Perhaps, some Jo Nesbo mystery?

Another way, you can help our lodge is to run for a position as an officer. Elections are in November and soon there will be a Nominating Committee. Please consider running, this is fun way to learn about the workings of Sons of Norway and meet other members. If you cannot come, please consider attending the Zoom meeting in November and voting. Your ideas and input are invaluable. We need you.

As I mentioned before, our September meeting is via Zoom. I hope I did not scare you as you can also phone into the meeting, with all this new technology it is easy to forget how effective a phone call can be. If you have any questions about technology or the lodge please free to contact myself, or Susan Strang..

Lastly, on a lighter note...Varden won a painting from the raffle that did happen in spite of the cancellation of the International Convention. No one knows what this painting looks like. Any guesses? Take care and I hope to see and/or hear you at the September Lodge meeting.

### **June Meeting!**

This meeting was a business meeting using Zoom.

### **October Meeting!**

There will be a meeting using Zoom on October 13th .

### **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 04/30/21. Please submit your application to Krista Solie at 604-540-2376.

### **Sunshine Report**

Sadly, Edna Gundersen passed away on June 19<sup>th</sup>. However, that is the only sad news we have heard. Hopefully, everyone else is fine.

### **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**

7th-Labour Day  
19th-Rosh Hashanah  
21st-International Day  
    of Peace  
22nd- First Day of Fall  
28th-Yom Kippur

### **Calendar of Events.**

1. Varden Lodges', Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> business meeting will be by Zoom at 7:30pm. Susan sent an e-mail regarding it.
2. The Sons of Norway Foundation in Canada's AGM will be held on September 19 at 1pm using Zoom. Please check the Foundations website [www.sonfic.ca](http://www.sonfic.ca) for more information.

Please note; as of writing this I could not find out when, or if, Sleipner Lodge is meeting in September. I did get into contact with Gerry Jensen of Viking Lodge and he said his lodge was having an Executive meeting on Sept.24 at 10:30am by Zoom.