



# Nordahl's Tidende



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## *En hilsen fra Presidenten*

*Kjære Venner* (Dear Friends),

The busiest time of the year for Nordahl Grieg Lodge is fast approaching—LUTEFISK TIME! Busy, but also fun, because we get to see members and some non-members volunteering to get everything ready for our guests.

First up is the Hall Clean-up Day. I am reminded of days of yore when our household experienced “Fall Housecleaning” to get ready for the Holidays—the curtains were washed, ironed, and rehung; windows were washed; all the furniture was dusted and polished; the "good" dishes were washed and the silver polished. Everything was made spic and span! I am sure some of you had the same experience as I did and probably carry out some of the same traditions today. So, let's get our Lodge Home ready for our Big Event, too.

The preparation schedule can be found in this *Tidende*. Meatball making is first. We will make more meatballs this year, so we can have some leftovers for another Lodge function in 2015. They sometimes taste better the second time around, don't you think?

Lefse making is next and provides an opportunity for many of us to increase our skills in the art of making this delicious traditional treat. Some of the members of **Snorre Lodge** plan to join us with this effort. It is also a great time for the kids in our Lodge to practice rolling and baking one of their favorite things. So, plan to join us!

Cookie making is my favorite. Who can resist the wonderful smells that emanate from the Hall? We all sneak some of the delicious goodies—it seems there are always a few broken or misshapen ones that need to be tested.

Then, comes the BIG WEEK! But, I will leave that for next month.

But, I want to thank you in advance for your participation in getting ready for this special time. We could not do it without you!

Fraternally,  
*Shirley Shoup, President*



## **AGENDA ALERT**

**Next Business Meeting  
Friday, November 14**



- 6:30 PM Lutefisk Kick-Off with Wine and Cheese
- 7:30 PM Presentation on Norwegian Stamps by **Bruce Fihe**
- 8:00 PM Business Meeting with election of 2015 officers

**Looking forward to seeing you on the 14<sup>th</sup>!**

## Membership Update

We received no new members in October—that is the second month this has happened. Please, members... we need for you to sign up new members. Remember, International will send you an attractive pin and a recruitment certificate.

Two members were suspended by Sons of Norway International: **Virginia Frank** and **Sharon Mellott**. Sharon, who is a Past President of our lodge, is looking into making some changes since her husband passed away and this may include a move.

We have seven members on the Past Due list. Please, if you have received several invoices from International, you may be next to be suspended. Is there something we can do for you, questions to be answered? If so, please do not hesitate to contact us. Personally, I'm concerned about **Violet Johnson**, she was always early paying her dues.

We have the following address changes:

- **Coy Bratton**, 36911 Jackson Street, Yolo, CA 95697
- **Karen Harris**, P.O. Box 110052, Campbell, CA 95011  
She prefers to be contacted via e-mail: [sorrenelsall@yahoo.com](mailto:sorrenelsall@yahoo.com)

We have one name change:

- **Gavin Stahl** has changed his name to **Gavin Andersen**

Fraternally,

*Kari Warner, Financial Secretary*

(408) 248-5046 [karia107@earthlink.net](mailto:karia107@earthlink.net)



## Nyheter Fra Solveig Club

October was certainly a busy month for Solveig Club. Our Harvest Luncheon was another successful event raising money for our scholarship fund. All of the soups were tasty and our Nordic Boutique a huge attraction as many shopped early for Christmas.

**Sharon Bratton** was hostess at our October meeting and she brought us an early Halloween with her table decorations and pumpkin dessert.

Solveig Club will next meet in the Solveig Room on Wednesday, November 19 at 10:30 AM and **Liv Braaten** will be hostess.

Lutefisk time is soon here and our November meeting will finalize our preparations for our bazaar and raffle. We are always in need of usable donations for our "treasure table." We appreciate all help.

Remember to vote!  
Have a great Thanksgiving!  
Drive carefully!

*Ha det bra,  
Elderid Everly, Solveig Club President*

## November Birthdays

1	Russ Behel
1	Wayne Stavang
2	Virginia Jolly
3	Bjorn Haaberg
4	Leo Meyer
7	Pamela Johnson
7	Erik Cressall
10	Christine Kramer
15	Tom Marshburn
15	Ronald Fredlund
16	Nancy Burton
16	Cassandra Leventon
18	Karen Vogelhuber
19	Olaug Hanson
21	Terje Nordberg
21	Jane Marshburn
24	Sverre Knapstad
24	Greg Ansok
26	Oeistein Nyberg
26	Virginia Unruh
26	Vicki Everly
27	Garrett Hansen
29	Meg Laycock
30	Graham Hansen
30	Jeffrey Bennett

*Gratulerer med dagen!*



## News about Members



### FUN STUFF

**Coy Bratton** and his wife **Marcie** added another little Viking to the Everly-Bratton clan with the birth of their second daughter, **Ember Marie**, on October 22. Congratulations to all!

**Harriet and Richard Candelaria** are looking forward to an exotic trip to Tahiti. They will fly, and then cruise. It sounds exciting and we know they will have a good time.

**Sonja Flanagin** had a great trip to Northern Maine for a family reunion with her eight sisters, three brothers, and sisters-in-law. The weather was pleasant and she enjoyed the time at her old stomping grounds.

**Vicki Everly** enjoyed a non-working vacation to Oregon but managed to do some shopping for the upcoming Solveig Club bazaar.

**Mary Schlink** and her husband are looking forward to spending a month in Hawaii with their daughter. They are also looking forward to a trip to Europe next spring which will include a visit to Norway. Enjoy!

### HEALTH NEWS

**Harriet Candelaria** is having surgery on her foot on October 28. We want you to do well, Harriett, so you can enjoy your upcoming trip to Tahiti.

**A reminder to all!** Time to get your flu shot for the year. We don't want you to suffer with the flu as winter progresses, so don't forget. There are lots of available resources for you to get your shot!

Stay healthy and well, everyone!

Fraternally,  
*Shirley Shoup, Sunshine Chair*

Please contact Shirley if you have news to share about a Nordahl Grieg Lodge member:  
(408) 264-0912 [shoupshirley@yahoo.com](mailto:shoupshirley@yahoo.com)

## LUTEFISK NOTES



My mailman is not too fond of me these days—in addition to all the election material, my mailbox has been filled with ticket orders for the Lutefisk Dinner. It's too early to make predictions; however, if you plan to eat dinner at 5:30 PM on Saturday and haven't already ordered your tickets, I would seriously consider another seating.

I think the worst is over – but the orders will continue to trickle in every day until that December weekend. The cut off for each seating is 200 people, please keep that in mind.

*Kari Warner, Tickets/Publicity Chair*



## Nordahl Hall – Love Your Lodge Fund Drive

**Become a supporter of the  
"Nordahl Hall Capital Fund"**

**Help us repair and upgrade Nordahl Hall.**

All donations will be used for improvement projects.

Your donation\*—*at any of the following support levels*—will be listed in *Tidende* each month. Donations may be designated as "In Memory of..." or "In Honor of..."

**Donations can be made at any time.**

### ***Love Your Lodge Support Levels***

**Platinum \$1,000**  
**Gold \$500**  
**Silver \$250**  
**Bronze \$100**

**Please make checks payable to:** Nordahl Grieg Lodge

Write "Hall Capital Fund" on the memo line.

**Then mail to:**

Mike Block, Treasurer  
110 Flintlock Lane  
Ben Lomond, CA 95005

**For more info,** ask any Hall Board Member, or contact Larry Hulberg at 408-813-2615 or [lhulberg@gmail.com](mailto:lhulberg@gmail.com)

\* Donations are not tax deductible. Please consult your tax professional.

## To All of You—

*Tusen takk* for all your good wishes while I have been recovering from knee surgery. I am doing well—back driving, going to physical therapy, and moving from a walker to a cane. I'll be back on two feet very soon! Your good thoughts have helped and I appreciate them. Many, many thanks!

Fraternally, *Shirley Shoup*

# Connections

...ways to connect with your Norwegian heritage

## Tell us about activities and ideas to **CONNECT** with our Norwegian Heritage!

 You are invited to a **Holiday Boutique** hosted by **Anne Grimdalen Lodge, Daughters of Norway**, on Saturday, November 8 at 10:00 AM at the Sunny View Community Center, 22445 Cupertino Road, Cupertino. Norwegian items such as rosemaling pieces and holiday gifts will be for sale. Refreshments will be served. Questions? **Please call Mary Schlink** at 408-395-5561.

 **Bjornstjerne Bjornson Lodge** is holding their **Lutefisk Dinner** on Saturday, November 8 at Bjornson Hall, 2258 MacArthur Boulevard, Oakland (located in the Diamond District).

6:00 PM no-host social  
7:00 PM dinner – lutefisk, meatballs, potatoes, vegetables, lefse, and dessert  
Adults \$20, children 12 years and under \$5  
**For details call Nancy** at 510-530-3721 or email [nceikeberg@comcast.net](mailto:nceikeberg@comcast.net)

 **Norse Mythology Through Art and Music** will be hosted by **Freya Lodge** on Saturday, November 8 at Norway Hall, 617 W. Ninth Street, Santa Rosa. Dr. Kayleen Asbo is a cultural historian, musician, writer, and teacher who weaves together myth, history, and the arts with experiential learning. She is on the faculty of the San Francisco Conservatory of Music and the Osher Life Long Learning Institutes at UC Berkeley, Sonoma State University, and Dominican University. She teaches with joy, humor, and enthusiasm.

6:00 PM social hour  
6:30 PM dinner – traditional Viking buffet  
7:15 PM program  
Program/Dinner: \$22 members, \$27 non-members  
Program Only: \$12 members, \$17 non-members  
Kids 8-14 half price  
**For details contact Karen** at 707-996-9889

 **“Winterization of Camp” Work Party at Camp Norge** from 10 AM Saturday, November 15 to noon on Sunday, November 16. There will be no charge for lodging. Lunch and dinner on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday morning will be provided. **Please RSVP to Linda** at 415-515-2415 or **Cheryl** at 805-915-8877 or email Cheryl at [mkycheryl@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mkycheryl@sbcglobal.net). The plans are to make this an exciting and successful event giving everyone the opportunity to meet new people and make new friends.

 **Activity Snaps...** check out Lodge pictures at [www.nordahl-grieg.org](http://www.nordahl-grieg.org) and on our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/Nordahl.Grieg](http://www.facebook.com/Nordahl.Grieg).

## Help us make a difference in our community!

**Nordahl Grieg Lodge is continuing its community outreach activities. We are collecting the following items at our business meetings and events... please consider donating!**

 **Cans and boxes of non-perishable food.** Hunger is a critical concern in our community year round. **Items most in need are baby foods and meals-in-a-can such as chili, stew, and soup.** All collected items will be promptly delivered to a local food bank.

 Contributions are also being gathered for patients at the Palo Alto VA Hospital. We collect **used paperback books** and **2015 calendars** (think about the extra, unsolicited calendars you receive in the mail). All collected items will be delivered before the end of the calendar year to the VA Hospital.

**Tusen Takk for your contributions and your community spirit!**

# 2014 Lutefisk Dinner Preparations

We need your help to make it happen! Please contact the chairpersons listed below to let them know you're willing to help. Calling or e-mailing in advance makes it easier to plan. **If you don't know where you're needed or can simply help serve, contact Victoria Slama** (Volunteer Coordinator). This includes the many young people who turn out each year to serve. We need to hear from you in advance, so we know who we can count on. Many thanks!!

## General Chairpersons

**Larry Hulberg** (408) 813-2615  
*lwhulberg@gmail.com*  
**Harry & JoAnn Bjerkhoel** (707) 966-0219  
*buddyeste@gmail.com*

## Volunteer Coordinator

**Victoria Slama** (831) 359-5887  
*victoria\_slama@baymoon.com*

**Student Volunteers! We can provide community service hours – students just need to bring paperwork with them and the committee chair will verify the student's hours and sign their paperwork that day.**

## Mark your Calendar!



No experience is needed to assist with any of the preparations... just join us when you can. The actual stop time each day will depend on the number of volunteers available to share the work. Coffee, morning treats, and lunch will be provided each day for all volunteers. **Please join us!**

**November 2** (Sunday) – Meatball Making – begins at 7:30 AM... and should finish by 2 PM

**November 15 & 16** (Sat/Sun) – Lefse Making – the griddle will be hot by 8 AM each day... and should finish by 3 PM on Saturday and 2 PM on Sunday

**Nov. 30 & Dec. 1** (Sun/Mon) – Cookie Making – starts at 8:30 AM each day... and should finish by 3 or 4 PM each day

**December 3** (Wed) – Lutefisk/Hall Setup – starts at 9 AM

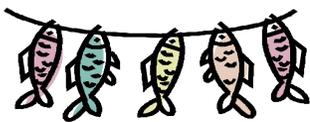
**December 4** (Thurs) – Table Setting – 10 AM to noon

**December 5 & 6** (Fri/Sat) – Lutefisk Dinner – first seating is at 3:30 PM each day and volunteers are needed for all seatings

**December 7** (Sunday) – Hall Clean-up – starts at 9 AM... finishing by 3 or 4 PM

**Please see Committee Chairs listed below for contact information. Thanks!**

Committee	Chairperson	Telephone	E-mail Address
Tickets/Publicity	Kari Warner	(408) 248-5046	karia107@earthlink.net
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Lutefisk Crew	Harry Bjerkhoel	(707) 966-0219	buddyeste@gmail.com
Table Setting	Elderid Everly	(650) 961-9817	vicki.everly2@gmail.com
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Solveig Bazaar	Elderid & Vicki Everly	(650) 961-9817	vicki.everly2@gmail.com
Music	Harry & Leland Bjerkhoel	(707) 966-0219	buddyeste@gmail.com
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Recycling	Kathy Whitesel	(408) 258-2562	saxonytarn@aol.com
Hall Clean-up	Harry Bjerkhoel Larry Hulberg	(707) 966-0219 (408) 813-2615	buddyeste@gmail.com lwhulberg@gmail.com



## 2014 Annual Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner

### Nordahl Hall – 580 W. Parr Avenue, Los Gatos, CA

**Friday, December 5**

*Early Diner's Special*

1st Seating 3:30 PM  
 2nd Seating 5:30 PM  
 3rd Seating 7:30 PM

**Nordahl Grieg Members**

\$15.00  
 \$20.00  
 \$20.00

**Non-Members**

\$20.00  
 \$25.00  
 \$25.00

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**Saturday, December 6**

*Early Diner's Special*

1st Seating 3:30 PM  
 2nd Seating 5:30 PM  
 3rd Seating 7:30 PM

\$15.00  
 \$20.00  
 \$20.00

\$20.00  
 \$25.00  
 \$25.00

**Special reduced children's prices:** Children 6-12 years – \$7.00 Under 6 years – free

**Invitation to Dance** – Diners from all seatings (both Friday and Saturday) are invited to participate in the entertainment and dancing on Saturday night beginning at approximately 9:00 PM.

**Visit the Solveig Club Bazaar** – The ladies of the Solveig Club will host their bazaar and raffle on both Friday and Saturday. Stop by and see their unique selection of Scandinavian items, baked goods, and “white elephant” treasures. Doors open at 3:00 PM. Please bring cash or checks for the bazaar and raffle... sorry, no credit cards are accepted.

**Join Now and Enjoy Member Prices** – Join the Nordahl Grieg Lodge #52 and get member prices for Lutefisk Dinner tickets. Have fun all year! **Call Kari Warner at (408) 248-5046 for membership information.**

**RESERVATIONS** – All reservations **MUST** be made by mail. You may make copies of the reservation coupon below for your friends. Please be sure to indicate your first and second choice of seating times.

**Some seatings sell out quickly... so don't delay!**

**PLEASE INCLUDE A SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE** to mail your tickets.

**Please mail your reservation form together with your check or money order PAYABLE TO: Nordahl Grieg Lodge #52**  
**Kari Warner, 1000 El Camino Real, #107, Santa Clara, CA 95050-4284**

**QUESTIONS?** Call Kari at (408) 248-5046



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### Lutefisk and Meatball Reservation Coupon

*Please indicate your **FIRST** and **SECOND CHOICE** of seating times*

<b>Friday, December 5</b>	_____	1st Seating	3:30 PM	<i>Early Diner's Special</i>
	_____	2nd Seating	5:30 PM	
	_____	3rd Seating	7:30 PM	
<b>Saturday, December 6</b>	_____	1st Seating	3:30 PM	<i>Early Diner's Special</i>
	_____	2nd Seating	5:30 PM	
	_____	3rd Seating	7:30 PM	

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

# of adult members: \_\_\_\_\_ # of non-member adults: \_\_\_\_\_ # of children 6-12: \_\_\_\_\_ # of children under 6: \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL AMOUNT of check enclosed: \$** \_\_\_\_\_ **PLEASE NOTE: there will be NO REFUNDS**

**Mail to:** Kari Warner, 1000 El Camino Real, #107, Santa Clara, CA 95050-4284  
**Please include a self-addressed stamped envelope**



Dear Loge  
 I love everything  
 ABOUT Camp. in Lengua  
 class we went into the  
 pool. the Dance was  
 as am, the theme was  
 Pajama party. Love  
 Gloria

Dear Solveig Club,

Thank you so much for giving me a scholarship to camp this year. I really appreciate that you took the time to let me go to camp. camp this year was awesome. My favorite class was crafts and dance. Some of my friends were in my group so that was fun. I loved free time and the night activities. All of the classes were great and I had fun in all of them. It was awesome to meet with old friends and get to know new friends.

Camp has been amazing these past years and I am very thankful that I am able to go. Again I would like to thank you for giving me the opportunity to learn more about my Norwegian heritage.

Thank you again,  
 Rosa Scott

### **Campership Thank You Notes**

Nordahl Grieg Lodge and Solveig Club shared equally in the cost of providing scholarships for our young campers. Below are the thank you notes received from our 2014 recipients. Enjoy



Dear members of the Solveig Club,  
 thank you for accepting my  
 Scholarship for camp. I am  
 having a great time. It's fun.

Thank  
 You. Sincerely,  
 Kathleen

## The Leif Erikson Story

by Elaine Edwards, Cultural Director



It was early spring in the year 1001, and there was great excitement in the home of Leif Erikson. He and fellow Vikings in the settlement in Greenland had been waiting all winter for this day. Plans had been made for many months to embark on this big adventure.

Leif couldn't help remembering how excited he had been when in 986, nearly 15 years earlier, he heard the great news. It came from Bjarni Herjolfsson who, along with 35 men, had just sailed into port on the lower left side of Greenland. To hear Bjarni tell it, they were lucky to be alive, but it really just boiled down to the fact that, while planning to return to Iceland, they ran into the most horrendous ocean storm, and it blew them off course. When the sky cleared, Bjarni said he was looking at a huge land mass that he believed had never been known about before. His story was so fascinating that, from that day, Leif knew he would make that same journey. After Bjarni drew a map, Leif knew where to sail. He had since bought the ship Bjarni had sailed in, believing it would bring him good luck. Leif's father Erik Torvaldsson (who because of his red hair and red beard was known as Erik the Red), had been born in 950 and was now close to 50. He was especially looking forward to going on the adventure with his son, Leif, of whom he was very proud. Also, Bjarni would be along to help locate the best place to drop anchor and to help with the settlement. Leif's wife and two small sons, Torgils and Torkell, would be waiting for Leif when he returned.

As the ship was being made ready, Leif couldn't help thinking of his grandfather, Torvald Asvaldsson, born in 924, who had since passed on. Leif remembered the stories of how early Vikings traveled to the neighboring countries of England, Ireland, Wales, Scotland, and nearby islands. It was a time of sailing into a port and making off with both their people and their treasures.

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## Love Your Lodge Donations

### Platinum Level

*In Memory of Karl and Agot Heistein*

**Gunnar and Gloria Heistein** (donation, Mar 2014)

**Kato Andersen** (donation, Oct 2013)

*In Memory of Clarian Pintacura*

**Alan Pintacura** (donation, Apr 2013)

**Liv Braaten** (donation, Mar 2013)

### Gold Level

**Donald Slama** (donation, June 2014)

### Silver Level

*In Memory of Clarian Pintacura*

**Anne Herbert** (donation, Oct 2013)

### Bronze Level

*In Memory of Hank (Elmer) Graslie*

**Sharon and Daniel Fisher** (donation, Oct 2014)

**Shirley J. Hansen** (donation, June 2014)

**Kate Slama** (donation, June 2014)

*In Memory of Hank (Elmer) Graslie*

**Sharon and Daniel Fisher** (donation, Mar 2014)

**Donald Peterson Family Living Trust**

(donation, Dec 2013)

**Eileen and Richard Grindelund** (donation, Dec 2013)

*In Memory of John A. Hansen*

**Virginia Hansen** (donation, Nov 2013)

*In Memory of Maybelle Jacobsen*

**Virginia Hansen** (donation, Nov 2013)

*In Memory of Clarian Pintacura*

**Alan Pintacura** (donation, Oct 2013)

**Shelley Smith Curtis** (donation, Oct 2013)

**Meg Laycock and John Stubblebine**

(donation, Oct 2013)

*In Memory of Robert Hansen*

**Shirley Hansen** (donation, July 2013)

*In Memory of Esther Tiftt*

**Egil and Gracie Larsen** (donation, May 2013)

**Jerry Pickett** (donation, Mar 2013)

**Kate Slama** (donation, Mar 2013)

### Tusen Takk for your support!

Donations made before March 2013 are not listed. Please view past issues of *Tidende* to see the donors and honorees from earlier contributions. *Takk!*

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Erik displayed this Viking tendency to take no prisoners when it came to causing trouble, and he ended up killing a man. He was convicted of manslaughter, banished from Norway forever and sent to Iceland to live.

As an outlaw of Norway, Erik found there was much work to do in Iceland, building homes for the new settlers, helping where he could, and getting new ships ready to sail. He soon met his wife, named Tjodhild. They lived quite happily in Iceland where his children were born including his daughter, Freydis, and his three sons, Leif, Torsteinn, and Torvald, the famous one being, of course, Leif. However, at some point, Erik's temper got away from him again, and he was involved in a fight with slaves and neighbors, following which he was banished from Iceland and sent to Greenland. As a result, Erik is credited with organizing Greenland's first settlement.

By the year 980 things began to change for the Vikings as Christianity began spreading throughout Viking lands. Leif was quite different from his father Erik. It is said that he was wise, considerate, and a strong man of striking appearance. In 999, just three years earlier, Leif had been on his way from Greenland to Norway for a visit when wind blew him off course, and he landed in the Hebrides, north of Scotland. While staying there for the summer, he met a Scottish noble woman named Torgunna. Together they traveled to Norway, where Leif met King Olaf

Tryggvason. As a result, Leif converted to Christianity and received the mission from the King to bring the religion to Greenland. His father Erik wanted none of it, and chose to follow his old pagan ideas. Erik's wife, who became a believer, was very upset with him.

Erik had looked forward to having Bjarni along on the trip, but unfortunately, quite recently, tragedy had struck his family. His settlement had been attacked by pirates who had killed his son and abducted his wife. A broken man, he ended up killing himself. It was a major disappointment, and Leif would always give Bjarni the credit for being the first European to find the North American land. As a result, with the information he acquired from Bjarni, Erik made the journey, and became known as the first European to land in North America.

Although everything looked like they were ready to go, another mishap occurred. This time it was Leif's father Erik, who, while on his way to the ship, fell off his horse, possibly from celebrating with too much ale. In his eyes, it was a bad omen, and so he reluctantly told Leif to go without him. He died 3 years later, and neither Leif knew that his father had died, nor did Erik know that Leif had found the new land and successfully settled there. This area is known as Newfoundland, located in eastern Canada.

When Leif returned to Greenland the following spring, there was much joy and admiration. He continued to spread Christianity to the people. It was in 1020 that he passed away in Greenland at the age of 50. His son Torkell, at age 20, succeeded him as chieftain of the Greenland settlement.

In 1964 the United States Congress authorized and requested the president to proclaim October 9 each year as "Leif Erikson Day."

## **Welcome Aboard!**

**Sundfjord Lodge** invites ALL lodges to join a 7-Night Alaska Sawyer Glacier Cruise on Royal Caribbean's "Jewel of the Seas."



Accommodations start at \$999 for an interior stateroom (per person based on double occupancy, plus tax and port fees)

August 28, 2015 – September 4, 2015 from Seattle  
Aug. 28 Leave Seattle, Washington at 4 pm  
Aug. 29 Cruising  
Aug. 30 Dock in Juneau, Alaska from 12 noon to 9 pm  
Aug. 31 Dock in Skagway, Alaska from 7 am to 12 noon  
Sept. 1 Dock in Tracy Arm Fjord, Alaska from 7 am to 12 noon  
Sept. 2 Cruising  
Sept. 3 Dock in Victoria, British Columbia from 9 am to 6 pm  
Sept. 4 Arrive Seattle, Washington at 7 am

“PASSPORT REQUIRED”

**Questions?** Please contact Lise Fleming at (909) 624-2868 or by e-mail at [lisenorsk@earthlink.net](mailto:lisenorsk@earthlink.net)

**To book travel,** contact Laura Sandercock at AAA travel (Auto Club) at (909) 596-7973 (desk) or at (909) 392-1444 (office) or via email at [sandercock.laura@aaa-calf.com](mailto:sandercock.laura@aaa-calf.com). Please let Laura know you are with the **Sons of Norway group**.

This is a very popular cruise, so book early or you will miss the boat!

## District 6 Convention

Here are just a few paragraphs from the poems presented at the convention by Poet Laureate Ray Fosse.



### June 22, 2014 – Sunday

The biennial convention of District Six is here. Hosted by the Solskinn Lodge down in Palm Springs this year. We have a lot of work to do that starts tomorrow morning but you can't bring up new business unless you give fair warning. Some resolutions will be offered just to make us more compliant. I will probably vote against them just to be defiant. We'll install our new lodge officers and bid the old farewell. And all of us will hope the District Six board will excel. So enjoy a few days in Palm Springs. I hope the heat don't getcha. We're going to have a great convention here, ya, sure, you betcha!

### June 23, 2014 – Monday

It started with a grand march to bring folks to the head table. The colors were presented then we sang as we were able. A Lutheran pastor blessed us, but he was not Norwegian. However, he eats lutefisk whenever it's in season. The local congressman brought greetings – he was raised in Minnesota, but he won't do the lutefisk, so I guess I'll eat his quota. From the Norwegian consul we learned of Norway's constitution. Some were mad because it made Norway a Lutheran institution.

### June 24, 2014 – Tuesday

Today we started out by singing "My Country Tis of Thee," and then appointed daily Marshalls and Greeters, don't you see? We had a presentation from the group's insurance side. The FBC Division presents our society with pride. Ordale Johnson reported on the District's Century Club. He said we'd get a better return than insurance – what a snub! Lyle spoke of breakout sessions and said which ones are where; there will be four of them today. I know you'll all be there. With all those things to hear about, I know it will be fun. But whichever one you go to, I'll be at the other one.

### June 25, 2014 – Wednesday

The day began a little late, twenty minutes or so. Then there was a roll call just to see who didn't show. It seems that some had slipped away to get an early start and hit the road to go back home. I guess they've done their part. So now there's one thing left to do and that's the installation. It will be held later tonight and be a great sensation. So thank you all for being here, I hope you all had fun. And of course, I hope you didn't melt out in the desert sun. I want to thank the Solskinn Lodge for hosting this convention Especially Luella Grangaard who paid such close attention to every detail necessary to make things go so well So I give her a big thank you – this convention was just swell!

## Viking Games

Condensed from the SON Newsletter Service

During the Viking Age, daily life involved a lot of heavy labor, but lives were not without fun. In a recent study, an archaeologist matched descriptions from saga literature with excavated artifacts to reveal how Vikings entertained themselves during leisure time. They loved board games, gambling, sports challenges, dancing, music, and crafts. Leisure activities were often associated with festivals, weddings, religious events, market days, and other social gatherings.

Many Viking sports served a purpose of preparing men for battle. An ideal warrior needed to be adept of body and mind, and the games were part of their preparation. Weightlifting challenges used boulders as weights. Tug-of-war was also popular. Wrestling (*glíma*) was widespread. Warriors would participate in weaponry games to hone battle skills. Competitions were held in archery, sword fighting, and spear- and stone-throwing. Various other physical games were played, including animal skin-throwing (*hornaskinnleikr* or *skinnleikr*), full-contact ball games (*knattleik*), turf games (*torfleikr*), and scraper games (*sköfuleikr*), similar to hockey.

Board games were played to develop intellect, strategy, and problem-solving abilities, and being adept at these games was considered noble. *Hnefatafl* was a favorite board game for two players, an ancestor of chess by four centuries, having been well-known by 400 A.D.

Peaceful hobbies were also pursued, such as woodcarving, whittling, and embroidery. Music and storytelling were favored pastimes and epic tales survived by word of mouth. Being an engaging storyteller was a prized skill, and some people did it professionally.

While Vikings lived hard lives with little time for leisure activities, they were adept at amusing themselves when the opportunity arose.



## September Business Meeting Highlights *(condensed from minutes approved in October 2014)*

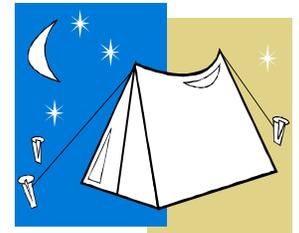
- Meeting followed a presentation by Financial Advisor **Fred Hymans** and refreshments.
- Charter was draped in honor of Lodge member **Gloria Knapstad**.
- Visitor **Sidney Holter**, a member of **Andrew Furuseth Lodge**, was welcomed.
- The minutes of the June and July 2014 business meetings were approved.
- Thank you letters from the *Kretsstevne* co-chairs and from **Morgan Frost**, scholarship recipient, were read. Numerous newsletters and flyers from other lodges were also shared.
- President **Shirley Shoup** discussed the International Convention in Jacksonville and announced that the 2016 International Convention will be in Tacoma. She also provided a *Kretsstevne* report and extended a thank you to all participants from Nordahl Grieg.
- Financial Secretary **Kari Warner** announced receipt of membership dues from International.
- A written report was submitted by Treasurer **Mike Block**.
- Social Director **Claire Smyth** reminded everyone about the upcoming BBQ and a thank you was extended to **Elaine Edwards** for providing the evening's refreshments.
- Cultural Director **Elaine Edwards** stated she will be discussing ideas with President Shoup on increasing membership. She also announced that **Bruce Fihe** will receive a cultural skills pin in stamp collecting.
- Webmaster **Bruce Fihe** announced the launch of the Nordahl Grieg Facebook page.
- Lutefisk Dinner Registration Chair **Kari Warner** gave an update on ticket activities and Lutefisk Dinner Chair **Larry Hulberg** announced that help is needed for everything.
- As Hall Board President, **Larry Hulberg** announced the upcoming lodge work party.
- **Mike Block**, **Meg Laycock**, and **Fred Hymans** were elected to the Nominating Committee.
- Birthdays and wedding anniversaries from August and September were acknowledged for those present.
- **Meg Laycock** announced an October dance workshop at Camp Norge taught by **Mikkel Thompson**.
- **Fred Hymans** announced a work party on Saturday, November 15 at Camp Norge.

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## NEWS ABOUT CAMP NORGE



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The *stabbur* is ready to go! However, several dead trees have to be removed from the area before construction can begin.

There will be a Work Party Weekend on November 15 and 16, when the lower portion of the camp is winterized and closed for the winter season. Between November 1 and April 1, only the main house is open to members. There is more information about the work party in the "Connections" column of this *Tidende*.

What do you think about a Lodge outing to Camp Norge next summer sometime? There was some interest at our last Lodge meeting. It would be an opportunity for members to get acquainted with Camp Norge and enjoy a relaxing and fun time together at our "Little Bit of Norway in the Sierra."

Fraternally.

*Shirley Shoup, Camp Norge Ambassador*



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*Save These Dates...*

<b>Nov 1, Sat</b>	Set your clocks back – daylight savings time ends overnight
<b>Nov 2, Sun</b>	Meatball Making
<b>Nov 4, Tues</b>	Election Day!
<b>Nov 14, Fri</b>	Lutefisk Wine and Cheese Kick-Off and Business Meeting
<b>Nov 15-16, Sat-Sun</b>	Lefse Making
<b>Nov 15-16, Sat-Sun</b>	Camp Norge Work Party
<b>Nov 19, Wed</b>	Solveig Club Meeting
<b>Nov 27, Thurs</b>	Happy Thanksgiving!
<b>Nov 30-Dec 1, Sun-Mon</b>	Cookie Making
<b>Dec 2, Wed</b>	Hall Setup for Lutefisk Dinner
<b>Dec 3, Thurs</b>	Dining Room Table Setting
<b>Dec 5-6, Fri-Sat</b>	Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner
<b>Dec 7, Sun</b>	Lutefisk Dinner Clean Up

**Dates will be added as they become available**

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