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Meet 2nd & 4th Fridays

En hilsen fra Presidenten

Happy 4th of July to all!!!

Enjoy all the celebrations for America's Independence Day. In Norway Independence Day will be celebrated on Sunday, July 3rd. It will be held at Frogner Park in Oslo and there is no admission fee! Festivities vary throughout the day which include kids activities, food, games and of course, music. American flags fly next to Norwegian flags. Of course there will be a raffle and speeches too.

This event has been going on since 1986 and draws thousands of spectators, even the Kings Guard. The royal marching band has put in several appearances over the years. This event is put on by the American Coordinating Council of Norway (www.aecn.no) and is the largest celebration outside of the United States. It was started by Bruce Allen, along with SON Christiana Lodge and other Norwegian-American organizations in 1985. If you are ever in Norway on this date, this is an event not to be missed.

During the summer places to visit include the Vesterheim Norwegian-American Museum in Decorah, Iowa; Blue Mounds, Wisconsin foothills which houses family-run Little Norway, an outdoor museum and the Nordic Heritage Museum in Seattle, Washington.

Also taking place in Iowa is the annual Nordic Fest usually held at the end of July.

Happy trails to you,

Ginny Hansen, President



Seeking Chairs for Nordahl Hall

We have discovered a discrepancy between the stated seating capacity of our hall and the number of chairs that are actually in the closet. It seems that if we were to fill the hall to "capacity," 32 poor souls would be left standing.

Until we have more rental income, we'd prefer not to spend a lot of money on the 32 chairs we need. Most of our chairs are standard metal folding chairs, not exactly pretty, but functional and durable. Often when churches or other organizations are replacing this type of chair with something

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July Birthdays

01 Leslie Jones	15 Ginny Hansen
01 Scott Ansok	15 Rolf Hofstad
03 Esther Tift	15 Karin Hansen
04 Katrine Heuer	16 Jane Brekke
05 William Likens	16 Laura Porter
07 Marion Harris	19 Patricia Erickson
07 Erlne Mello	20 Earl Rosebraugh
08 Egil Larsen	21 Victoria Slama
08 Peggy Anthony	22 Elizabeth Stepanek
09 Noel Tebo	22 Janice Stavang
09 Ruth Likens	25 Mary Lou Dundas
10 Marguerite Benson	25 Brian Kjellesvig
10 Ellen Sande	27 Sheryl Hawes
10 Jessica Hansen	30 Dale Eggen
11 Laura Hulberg	30 Nancy Thym-Hochrein
15 Gertrude Shearer	31 Harry Bjerkhoel

Gratulerer med dagen!

fancier, they will offer the old metal chairs for sale at a low price. (Sometimes they'll offer the chairs for free!) If any members know of a good, cheap (or free) source for metal folding chairs, please contact Janie Kelly (408-583-3555) or Don Slama (408-243-1592).

Hall Improvements

The next time you're at Nordahl Hall, take a moment to admire the ongoing improvements. Shirley Shoup recently donated many agapanthus plants, which have across from the Solveig Room

entrance and along the fence. As this issue of the Tidende goes to press, mulching of the plants with newspapers and wood chips is in progress. Eventually, we'll have the entire perimeter well mulched in preparation for further plantings. (Large quantities of newspapers will be needed. If you can save two or three weeks' worth, and bring them to the next Lodge function, please contact Meg Laycock.)

The other recent improvement is a complete replacement of the sliding doors that form the front of the stage and enclose the table storage area. John Stubblebine built new doors, reinforced the edges so they won't crumble from being banged around, and faced them with gorgeous new paneling. Come and help set up for a meeting or a social, or help put the tables away at the end, so you can admire the new doors in action, up close and personal!

Harry and Leland Volume 1

Harry and Leland Volume 1 is available for purchase!

For the first time Nordahl Grieg's very own Harry and Leland Bjerkhoel have come together to create an amazing collection of Norwegian favorites.

Rediscover your love for Norwegian music with this 20 song collection which includes a variety of polka, schottische, two-step, cha cha, and waltz favorites. Harry and Leland Volume 1 is a true find for any Norwegian music fan.

Each copy is personally signed by the artists themselves and is available for \$15 (includes shipping and handling). Order your copy today by contacting Leland Bjerkhoel at:

lelanders@sbcglobal.net

Don't miss out on this timeless classic to be enjoyed for generations to come.

*Nyheter fra
Solveig Club*



June was a very busy month for the Solveig Club. On June 5th we held our Spring Salad Luncheon. The proceeds benefited our Scholarship Fund. On June 15th we had our appreciation luncheon at the Blue Pheasant. It was to thank the many valuable volunteers who help at our bazaar. Sixteen people were there, and six new members were welcomed.

We also awarded two Camp Scholarships: Donald Hansen and Nora Frost.

College scholarships were awarded to Amanda Sorenson, Laura Hulberg and Jessica Hansen. Congratulations to all.

We hope you have a colorful and glorious Fourth of July. Stay safe.

This is vacation time. Please drive carefully.

Ha det bra,
Elderid Everly



Camp Letters

Dear Elderid and Solveig Club,

I would really like it if you would give me a scholarship so I could go to camp. I would lie to go to camp because I love to go to camp. I like to go to camp because I like being able to learn about my heritage. I haven't seen any more camps about Norweegen heritage. I like the people and I get to see all my friends.

The thing I enjoyed last year was the dancing the knitting and the language. I really want to learn

Norweegen! This year I really want to mak some- things in arts and crafts and I also want to learn some Norrweegean.

Sincerely, Donald Hansen

Dear Elderid Everly,

Hi my name is Kaitlynn Bjerkhoel and I am eight years old. I am applying for a half scholarship. My grandpa and grandma Herry and JoAnne are club members. They also are sponsoring me. My brother and sister has gone before me and they said I has been fun. So I want to go this year. Thank you. Kaitlynn Bjerkhoel.

Dear Eldrid Everly,

Hi my name is Karena Bjerkhoel. I am ten years old. My great grandma Joanne and grandpa herry are sponsoring me they are club members too. I would like to go to camp again this year because it was a lot of fun. I am appling for a half scholarship. My little sister kaitlynn Bjerkhoel is going for her first time. Iam really good at rosemallng.

Sincerely, Karena Bjerkhoel

Dear ladies of the Solveig club,

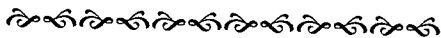
I loved my time at camp. May I have another scholarship please. I really want to go back. I made so many friends and I want to see them again. So may I go back to camp please! Love, Nora

Dear Eldred Everly,

Hello, my name is Douglas Bjerkhoel. I am twelve years old, and I am applying for a scholorship. I have went to camp for two yrs now. This will be my third. My sponsor members are my great grandma and grandpa JoAnn and Harry Bjerkhoel. I would like to go to camp because I

have had very fun at camp and it is a great learning experience about our culture. So please grant me a half scholarship.

Sincerely, Douglas Bjerkhoel



Directory Update

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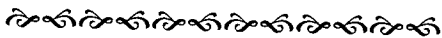
If you haven't done so already, provide your contact information for the lodge directory. Even if you're an old timer, don't just assume we have the information.

It leaves us wondering if we do, and this is enough work anyway.

Also, let us know if you prefer electronic delivery of the Tidende or still want regular mail.

Send name, mailing address, telephone, e-mail address and cell phone (optional) to:

Larry Hulberg
larry@hulberg.com
1692 Andalusia Way
San Jose, CA 95125



Directory Update

I will piggyback on Larry Hulberg's message - this will be the 3rd time it appears in the Tidende.

Larry Hulberg volunteered to do an updated Lodge Directory (I stress volunteered) - the last directory was published in 2008 - and you, our members are requesting a new directory.

Personally, I find his article self-explanatory and well written, however, responses are not forthcoming, please, this time, forward the information to him as soon as possible.

Why are we asking for e-mail addresses? Its a

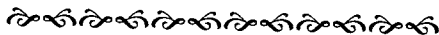
matter of convenience and money saving for the lodge and the members. If/when we can start using e-mails to forward the Tidende to members willing to accept it via e-mail, it will save printing cost and postage. I repeat - this is your choice - it is nothing you must accept. - We will still mail it out to you if that is your choice.

The Lodge Directory will also be available at our website.

I will start requesting e-mail addresses for my Lutefisk mailing list this year - again it will be the choice of the recipient. We print and mail in excess of 700 flyers - that would be a sizable saving that could be added to the Lutefisk Dinner profit.

Larry will also establish a group e-mail listing to be used should we need to send information to the members quickly. E-mail addresses will not be shared with any outside sources - members only.

Kari Warner
408-248-5046 — karia107@earthlink.net



From the Financial Secretary

We have 3 new members - hurrah and welcome!

Don and Jenevieve Schilling
1949 Hershner Dr
San Jose, CA 95124 — Ph # 408-377-4792

They attended our 17th of May Celebration, and were signed up by June Stennes.

Mark Hunsbedt
22774 Montrose Ct
Los Gatos, CA 95033
Ph # 408-206-0351
markhunsbedt@hotmail.com

Mark is the son of member Anstein Hunsbedt and was signed up by Janie Kelly.

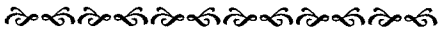
We have a couple of more applications out, and hope these prospective members will decide to join us.

Astrid Prater is no longer a member, she joined the lodge in 1972 but recently moved away. If you would like to send her a note - her is her address:

Cedar Creek Care Center, 500 N. Westberry Blvd, Apt 128, Madera, CA 93637-6005

Our membership is back at 300 - we would like to increase that number. We have so many capable members, and we would really appreciate your presence and assistance.

Kari Warner, Financial Secretary
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In Memoriam

In the absence of Shirley Shoup, our Sunshine Lady, Kari Warner covered for her while Shirley attended a graduation in Reno, NV.

The charter was draped in the memory of Lois Johnsen and Bill Shoup.

Lois Johnsen joined the lodge in August, 2009 and passed away May 7 from complications from brain surgery. She was married to Albert Johnson for 61 years. Albert is a member of our Lodge.

We received a nice letter from her daughters, Janet Brown and Joanne Riske. The letter was read in its entirety.

In her obituary - it stated "Lois would love the idea that family and friends remember her by donating to their favorite charity in her name and by doing something generous for someone they love."

William (Bill) Shoup joined our lodge in March 1969, he passed away May 8, 2011, at 89 years old.

Don Slama's Summer Soiree'

Sunday, July 31, 2011

1:00PM to 4:00PM

Where:

Don Slama's House
211 Serena Way
Santa Clara, CA
408-243-1592

Meat and Drinks will be provided, but please bring your favorite dish to share.

You can call Kari Warner at: (408) 248-5046 to let her know you are coming, but reservations are not required. Come and join your friends at this event.

Bill was a Past President of our lodge and participated in many Lodge activities throughout his life.

Following is a poem in his memory written by his nephew Kevin Christenson:

The Quiet Man

He was a quiet man, always calm and composed.
He would shy away from the limelight, preferring instead to let others "shine"

Still he was always there, strong and supportive.
A man of compassion and comfort, in every role he played,

Husband, Father, Grandfather, Uncle, Teacher and Friend.

He never failed. He was a listener, not a talker.
Yet in his own way, he spoke volumes.

We will always remember Bill, he loved to dance, and even danced with his cane. He just could not sit still when the music played. Rest in peace, Bill, you will be remembered.

Our condolences and sincere sympathy to the families.



To All our Nordahl Grieg Friends

Mange tusen takk for your caring thoughts these past several weeks. We appreciate your reaching out to us with such fraternal love. Bill really enjoyed his time in the Lodge and valued the relationships he had with you. We will remember with gratefulness the many kindnesses you so freely have given.

Fraternally,
Shirley Shoup and Raymond



EE alum Einar Larsen selected to the National Academy of Engineering

Einar Larsen has had a career of distinction with GE Power System Engineering in Schenectady, NY, where he has worked since graduating from Cal Poly in 1974. His work has included the invention and application of flexible AC transmission systems devices, which have led to the enhanced performance of the electric power grid. This achievement has earned him membership in an inclusive club: The National Academy of Engineering.

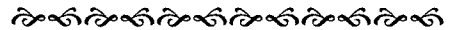
Election to the NAE is perhaps the highest honor that can be accorded to an engineer. Inductees are those who have made outstanding contributions to "engineering research, practice or education," or who have "pioneered new and developing fields of technology, made major advancements in traditional fields of engineering, or developed innovative approaches to engineering education." To date NAE membership totals 2,267 US individuals and 196 foreign associates.

In addition to his Cal Poly undergraduate degree, Larsen holds a master's degree from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Currently a director for systems engineering at GE, his work has focused on applying new equipment to power grids. Larsen is also a Fellow of IEEE. (Article appeared

in Cal Poly Engineering Advantage Paper).

Congratulations to Einar Larsen and to Egil and Grace Larsen for raising such an accomplished son.

If any of our members have children whose achievements they would like to share, or the members itself have reached exceptional levels of achievement, please share with your lodge.



District Spring Newsletter

I was perusing the District Spring Newsletter again, and was struck by how everybody seemed to use the word "rejuvenate". All the District Officers seemed to use that word.

One thing I found amusing from the District VP Mary Beth Ingvaldstad was something initiated by Joe Eggers, International Membership Coordinator - he initiated "Project Phone Tree" for communication. I had to smile.

Don't know how old this man is, however when I joined Sons of Norway - Edvard Grieg in Glendale, that, in addition to our lodge newsletter was our main means of communication in 1965 and forward. It worked well for a smaller lodge then, I still find it amusing to bring this back in 2011. In the instance of the District VP it worked because they happened to have a black-out due to a storm.

Another thing I found notable was from Zone Director, Nancy Madson. She mentioned in connection with the word rejuvenation the TTWWADI's or TWADI for short. About members who insist on the status quo or That's The Way We've Always Done It - TWADI. Quoting from her article - "Remember, that if Sons of Norway didn't change, we'd still be a group of young men, speaking Norwegian."

The complete newsletter and more information

can be found online at <http://www.sofn6.com>. Editor is Public Relations Officer Erik Pappa, e-mail at pappa@infionline.net. — Kari Warner



Needed: Person with Plumbing Skills

The Hall Board needs someone to assist with a couple of small plumbing-related projects at Nordahl Hall. Either a professional plumber or a skilled amateur will be fine! If you can assist us (or if you're just curious about the projects), please call Janie Kelly at 408-583-3555 or Don Slama at 408-243-1592.



PLEASE KEEP DUMPSTER LOCKED AT ALL TIMES!

We have been having problems with someone using our dumpster illegally. Two weeks in a row the dumpster was filled with construction debris. This is a problem not only because we and our renters cannot dump our usual trash, but the garbage company won't take it because it's too heavy. This costs us extra money in dump fees



and the added job of one of our members needing to haul the stuff away.

When you leave the hall make sure all doors are locked as well as the dumpster.

Lena was being interviewed for a job as maid for the very wealthy Mrs. Diamond, who asked her: "Do you have any religious views?" "No," said Lena, "but I've got some nice pictures of Norway."

Planning a party or special event?

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**Viking Property Management
(408) 583-3555**



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