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Meet 2nd & 4th Fridays

En hilsen fra Presidenten

Kjære Venner (Dear Friends),

The biennial District 6 Convention is coming up June 6 through 9 in Mesa, AZ. Several members have attended past conventions, finding them to be valuable both personally and for the Lodge, as well as highly enjoyable. Attending a convention provides an enlarged perspective on the activities and the impact of Sons of Norway in our District, and in the world. Please consider becoming a delegate from our Lodge to the convention.

If you are interested, please be certain to attend our next business meeting on March 10, when we will nominate and elect delegates to represent us at the convention. Each Lodge is allocated a certain number of delegates, based on the number of members in the Lodge. We are allowed eight delegates, although we do not need to fill all eight spaces.

In previous years, the Lodge has also provided some financial support to our delegates. At the March meeting, Treasurer Mike Block and I will provide an estimate of the out-of-pocket expenses that each delegate will incur, as well as the total amount of financial support the Lodge can afford. Armed with this information, we will vote on this year's support level for the delegates.

Lodge Achievement:

Each year our Lodge prepares and sends a Lodge Achievement report to International Headquarters. Vice President Vicki Everly has created a form for us to use at Lodge events to record the information we report about our activities. In addition, there are many other ways in which we all can contribute to our Lodge's achievement

data. At the next meeting, we will discuss many of these areas during the Good of the Order section. Two such sets of activities that all of us can engage in are Cultural Skills and Sports Medals. Secretary Meg Laycock, Treasurer Mike Block, and I are all members of the Leikarring, and are working on the Dance Cultural Skills medals. Meg and I also plan to earn the Sports Medal for Bicycling. All of this will be added to the Lodge Achievement form. All of you are invited to join us in these activities or other activities that are of interest to you.

Web resources for the conventions and for the Lodge Achievement report are described elsewhere in this issue of the *Tidende*.

Fraternally yours,

John Stubblebine, President

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March Birthdays

1	Lucille A Basso
1	Jeanne Shada
3	Cathy Ann Felkey
4	Gloria Knapstad
5	Alice I Ink
6	Julius Vannatta
7	Liv Olaug Braaten
7	John T Kramer
10	Vivian M Schatz
10	Rena Slama
10	Ted Peter Williams
11	Richard Grindeland
11	Carl T Windell
14	Mona B Madson
15	Roberta Heimark
15	Lorian Gail Ink-Hyatt
15	Richard I Kurkowski
15	Diane C Sousa
16	Lyndy Bullock
18	Steven Makuakai Porter
20	Margaret L Stamm
22	Janet M Pankratz
24	Patrick R Kelly
26	Sandra Peters
27	Ruth E Cole
28	Elise J Stoner
30	Meagan M Hansen
30	Kathleen A Moe
30	Pamela A Petersen

Gratulerer med dagen!



Dance Performance and Semi-Potluck Dinner

On March 30 we will host a performance of the Stoughton Norwegian Dancers, from Stoughton, Wisconsin. These energetic and talented high school students have performed all across the US, and we are delighted to have this opportunity to see them dance.

The dancers (and their chaperones) have quite a schedule lined up. They will arrive in San Francisco shortly before lunch, change into their bunads in the airport, and travel to an elementary school in Menlo Park for two performances. Then they will come to our Lodge for the evening's festivities, which start at 6 PM. We've been asked to schedule their performance before dinner, so that the dancers can get to know their host families during the meal. To keep your energy up until the main meal, the Lodge will provide hors d'oeuvres at 6. The dancers will perform at 6:45, after which we will pass the hat (or plate, or bucket, or...) for a donation to give the dancers.

For the evening meal, the Lodge will provide our famous meatballs. Please bring a generous side dish to share. In addition to ourselves and visitors, we'll be feeding 20 teenage dancers and their three accompanists, as well as the adult chaperones for the group. (Time to break out those church supper recipes that feed an army!)

After dinner and socializing (maybe some informal dancing with everyone), the chaperones will deliver the teenagers to their host families. Bright and early the next morning, they'll bid us farewell and head off to San Francisco for a day of sightseeing and then a dance performance that evening at the Santa Rosa Sons of Norway Lodge.

Many thanks to the Lodge members who have volunteered to house the dancers for their whirlwind visit to the South Bay. I appreciate your time and your willingness to go through the hassle of the background check for a single overnight visit.

And everyone, spread the word to your friends, and invite them to the lodge for this exciting event—and, of course, do come yourself!

Nyheter Fra Solveig Club

Our first meeting of the year was held on February 8. Mette Hellested, our hostess, delighted us with a Valentine's Day theme.

We had a very successful Scandinavian boutique at last month's Anniversary Dinner! Thank you to everyone who made purchases, the proceeds of which go toward our scholarship fund. Speaking of scholarships ... the deadline to submit college scholarship applications is June 1.

As you contemplate spring cleaning, please keep us in mind when you clear your shelves and closets of unwanted items. Sales at our Lutefisk Dinner Bazaar "white elephant" table are always brisk, with lots of interesting items donated by Lodge members. In the last couple of years, we have also received donations of vintage Scandinavian items which have become very popular items at the Bazaar.

Our next meeting date is Wednesday, March 14 at 10:30 AM in the Solveig Room. Virginia Hansen will be the hostess. We always welcome new members... so, please, come and join us for conversation, coffee, and a chance to help us get ready for the Lutefisk Dinner Bazaar. (Yes, we spend all year preparing for this major fundraising event).

Ha det bra,

Elderid Everly



Web Resources for the President's Message

District Convention

See the D6 Convention web site at:

<http://www.sofn6.com/convention/2012/index.html>

See the District Newsletter at:

<http://www.sofn6.com/newsletter/sofn6Newsletter-2012-02.pdf>

Sons of Norway International Convention 2012 in Fargo, ND. Web site at:

<http://www.sonsofnorway2012.com/>

Lodge Achievement Information is in the Members Section on the Sons of Norway site at: <http://www.sofn.com/home/index.jsp>

To access the following pages, you need to log in as a member of SoN.

Cultural Skills information is at:

<http://www.sofn.com/members/showPage.jsp?document=CulturalSkillsProgram.html>

Sports Medal information is at:

<http://www.sofn.com/members/showPage.jsp?document=SportsMedalProgram.html>

Ideas for Maxing Out Social Security

by Fred Hymans, Financial Benefits Counselor

If you are getting close to retirement age and are starting to think about how much you will get from Social Security, it might be smart to do some calculations first.

Most people understand you will get more if you wait until Social Security "normal retirement age"--66 for those now reaching retirement age, but gradually adjusted to age 67 for those born after 1954. Benefits continue to go up if you wait to claim until age 70.

But did you know there are strategies you can use to maximize your benefits that are more creative than simply waiting until the ripe old age of 70? Those strategies can especially benefit married couples who are willing to do a little adjusting.

These strategies are legal and fully supported by the Social Security Administration. Before you make a decision, you should meet with your local Financial Benefits Counselor (me) or financial advisor, and even make an appointment at Social Security.

Here is an article I recently read on "Yahoo Finance," written by Wall Street Journal Columnist, Glenn Ruffenach. The article details some of the strategies and their potential benefits and risks.

<http://finance.yahoo.com/news/strategies-to-max-out-social-security-benefits.html>

Remember to always consult a professional before making these decisions. Give me a call if you want to learn more about planning for retirement or any other financial planning or life insurance matters. I am here to serve our members' needs.

Email Distribution Lists

The Lodge has begun to use email lists to communicate between the times when the *Tidende* is published. So far, the officers have been exchanging emails by using the officers list. This enables each officer to compose an email and send it to one email address and to be assured that all of the officers will receive the same message.

Because the email address list for all the officers with email is on a server provided by the company that hosts our web site, no officer needs to keep up to date with the email addresses of all the officers.

One feature of the email list software service is that all the emails sent via the list are checked to make sure they are not spam. In addition, each list has one person on the list who looks at each email submitted before it is sent out, to check that it is an approved email from an approved sender.

In addition to the officers list, we have created a list for the members of Nordahl Grieg Lodge who have given their email addresses and agreed to be on the list. Any member can ask to be removed at any time. We will begin to use this list shortly.

A third list is composed of email addresses of people who are not members of the Lodge, but have attended our Lutefisk Dinners, and have provided their email addresses and permission to email them notices about Lutefisk Dinner.

The type of software that runs email lists is known by several names and is offered by several companies or groups: "Listserv," "listserve," "Mailman," etc. Our lists use the "Mailman" software, which is described at its web site: <http://www.gnu.org/software/mailman/index.html>

In the near future we want to use the email lists to provide optional electronic delivery of the *Tidende*. This would save the Lodge some money on *Tidende* printing and postage. Did I mention that this is completely optional? Some people might want to receive both the printed *Tidende* in the mail, plus the electronic *Tidende* by email. This would cost the Lodge no more than the printed *Tidende* only.

A further benefit of electronic delivery is that the *Tidende* can have color photographs included in

the electronic version. The cost of printing in color is so high that we cannot justify printing the *Tidende* in color. On the web site, however, color versions cost no more than black-and-white versions. Incidentally, the web site now has posted copies of the *Tidende* beginning with the September 2011 issue, and all later issues. In the electronic version, and on the web, adding color, and photographs, costs the same as a *Tidende* with no color and no photographs.

Rørosmartnan Winter Market Festival, 2007

by John Stubblebine

In February, 2007, Meg and I traveled to Røros, Norway for the winter market festival. The festival began in 1863 as a winter market day for the isolated mountain town of Røros so that foodstuffs could be brought in for the copper miners. Today it is a market for traditional arts and crafts that are brought by artisans and craftsmen who arrive on horse-drawn sleds. Some of them travel for as much as 14 days from their home town in Norway or Sweden. They stay at farms each night, so that their horses can be sheltered in a barn.



Norwegian Fjord Horse at Røros Market Festival

Almost all of the horses pulling the sleds are Norwegian Fjord horses. The people riding in the sleds wear heavy fur coats, and cover themselves with many layers of heavy furs. When we were there it would get up to about 20 degrees during the day, and would be well below zero at night.

One of the great attractions in Røros is the Cathedral. It is the second largest Cathedral in Norway, after Nidaros Cathedral in Trondheim. In the evenings there are dances in town, and usually a concert one night in the Cathedral. In 2007 we attended what was only the second performance of a concert of “Vindens hjul Gammeldnasmesse” which was composed and conducted by Henning Sommerro. The music is based on traditional dance music, and the songs are the Latin mass from the Norwegian Lutheran church.



Cathedral in Røros during Winter Market Festival

The Røros Cathedral was the site of a Christmas concert by Sissel Kyrkebø a few years ago; you may have seen it on KTEH.

Annual Meeting Shareholders of Nordahl Hall, Inc.

All of the members of Nordahl Grieg Lodge are shareholders in the corporation that owns the building. Each March on the evening of the regular business meeting, we also hold the shareholders’ meeting. The President of the Board of Directors for the hall presents an annual report about hall activities, the Treasurer presents a statement of the hall’s finances for the year, and shareholders (that’s you!) have a chance to inquire about any concerns they may have, or make suggestions about the hall management. At this meeting we also elect new directors to fill expired terms or vacant seats on the board. Board terms are arranged in groups of three—three groups of three directors, each group serving a three-year term.

March Social Featuring the Stoughton Norwegian Dancers

6 PM Hors d’oeuvres and social hour
6:45 PM Dance performance, with donation for the dancers

Followed by

Dinner and socializing with the dancers

Meatballs provided by the Lodge
Please bring a generous side dish to share.

Cost: \$5.00 to cover the Lodge-provided food
Children 12 and under free



Folk Dance Weekend at Camp Norge April 13 – 15, 2012

All are invited to beautiful Camp Norge for a weekend of folk dances and great music. Artistic directors and members of the Nordahl Grieg Leikarring will teach dances from Røros and Sør Trøndelag. Instruction in accordion and torader (button accordion) will be provided by Bill Likens. The weekend offers learning, parties, good food, and friendly people, all in the great setting of our own Camp Norge. For more information, see the flier on line at <http://www.ngls.net/CampNorgeStevne.htm>, or call Meg Laycock at 408-255-2111.

Scholarships for Camp Troll Fjell Norwegian Language & Heritage Camp

Nordahl Grieg Lodge and the Solveig Club will once again award scholarships for the Sixth District Language and Heritage Camp at Camp Norge in Alta, California.

Camp dates for 2012 are July 8 to 21. Children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren of Sons of Norway District Six members in good standing are eligible to attend. Campers must be at least 8 years old but no older than 13 at the time camp begins. Tuition is \$750 for the two-week session (tuition increases to \$800 after May 8). Please see www.campnorge.com for additional information.

To be eligible for a scholarship, the camper must be the child, grandchild, or great-grandchild of a Nordahl Grieg Lodge member in good standing. To apply, **the camper must write a letter that includes the following:**

- Camper's name and age
- Name of sponsoring Nordahl Grieg Lodge member
- Reasons the camper wants to attend Camp Troll Fjell

Letters must be postmarked no later than May 1, 2012 and sent to:

Vicki Everly
Scholarship Committee
41407 Millenium Terrace
Fremont, CA 94358

I look forward to hearing from this year's campers!

Fraternally,

Vicki Everly, Scholarship Committee



Nordahl Hall News

Improvements at the Hall continue. Major repair and enhancements to the plumbing system were done just before the annual Lutefisk dinner and you should continue to notice ongoing beautification to the entire property. Things you may not notice are also happening, such as a gradual increase in our rentals which will significantly help us continue to keep the lodge in good condition for our members and guests well into the future.

The upkeep and financial well-being of our Lodge and the Hall we all own are shared by every member. In these challenging financial times, it really takes teamwork to make ends meet. With this in mind, the Hall Board would like to remind everyone who uses our Hall to do your best to help keep costs down and improve the experience of our renters.

Please be sure to:

- Turn off the heat and/or AC system when you leave (both the main hall and the Solveig room).
- Wipe off all counters after events –food particles invite ants and other unwanted pests.
- Thoroughly clean out the kitchen sinks – including coffee grounds or other debris.
- Take the garbage out to the dumpster, and make sure it is locked afterward.
- Make sure to close the ice machine in the bar.
- Take extra care to help keep the Hall clean and tidy when you are done. Try to leave it as clean as possible so that our renters and fellow members can enjoy their next use as much as possible.

Thank you!



Ole and the Arabian Sheik

An Arab Sheik was admitted to the hospital for heart surgery. Before the surgery, the doctors needed to make sure they had adequate blood supplies, just in case. Since the gentleman had a rare type of blood, it couldn't be found locally, so the call went out to all the states.

Finally a Minnesota Norwegian was located who had the right blood type. The Norwegian, whose name was Ole, willingly donated his blood for the Arab.

As appreciation for giving his blood, after the surgery, the Arab sent Ole a new BMW, a pile of diamonds, and several million U.S. dollars.

A couple of days later, once again, the Arab had to go through some corrective surgery. His doctor telephoned Ole who was more than happy to donate his blood again.

After the second surgery, the Arab sent Ole a thank-you card and five pounds of lutefisk.

Ole was shocked that this time the Arab did not reciprocate with a new car, diamonds, and money.

He phoned the Arab & said: "I thought dat you would be yenerous again, and dat you would give

me anudder BMW, diamonds and money... But you only gave me a tank-you card and some lutefisk."

To this the Arab replied: "Ya, but now I haf Norwegian blood in my veins so I gotta tink twice before I spend."



Planning a party or special event?

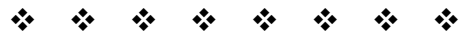
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Save These Dates

Mar 9, Fri Business Meeting
 Mar 30, Fri Stoughton Dancers
 followed by potluck
 Apr 13, Fri Business Meeting
 Apr 27, Fri Heritage Dinner Social
 May 5, 6, Sat & Sun
 Norway Day Festival
 May 17, Thu Syttende Mai Social
 May 26 – 28 Memorial Day at
 Camp Norge
 June 8, Fri Business Meeting

Additional dates will be presented as they become available.