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## *En hilsen fra Presidenten*

### *Kjære Venner (Dear Friends),*

Our Heritage Dinner is coming up on April 27. Many thanks to Pat Nyberg for suggesting the theme of Fjord og Dalene and for volunteering to lead the efforts in the kitchen. Pat has experience as a caterer in Norway, and her menu sounds delicious! Also many thanks to Vicki Everly and Meg Laycock for arranging the decorations and hall set-up. And, of course, thanks to Kari for being our Reservation Queen once more.

I look forward to seeing all of the items that you bring to represent the region (fylke, or county) that you come from in Norway. We will have a map of Norway so that each of you can place a pin in the map at the location of your origins.

Meg and I do not have Norwegian heritage that we can trace, so we have “adopted” Vest Telemark as our Norwegian “home,” especially the area around the town of Seljord. We will bring one or two items with Telemark style rosemaling.

In May we will welcome a new *Tidende* Editor, Don Schilling. Don is currently the editor for the Sons In Retirement (SIR) newsletter, and so knows just how to get the job done.

Another new volunteer, Gavin Stahl, will join us by becoming the webmaster to take care of the Lodge web site, as well as managing the email lists that are now working.

We have our first member who asked for the *Tidende* by email only. Nancy Thym, who provided our musical entertainment at the last business meeting, lives in Germany. Because mailing the *Tidende* all the way to Germany has been more expensive than mailing within the USA, we will save about one

dollar per month, and Nancy will be able to read her *Tidende* without waiting for international postal delivery.

I am hoping that those of you who already read materials on line will sign up for the electronic *Tidende*. You will be able to read it at least a day sooner than the paper copy can arrive.

Fraternally yours,

*John Stubblebine, President*

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## *April Birthdays*

- 1 Hans Skogheim
- 4 Ken Peterson
- 4 Don Schilling
- 7 La Verne Swanson
- 8 Anstein Hunsbedt
- 9 Eric Glenn Olson
- 11 Kay Lucille Broadway
- 14 Rebecca Slama Bennett
- 14 Karen Harris
- 15 Finn Wilhelmsen
- 18 Alissa Hansen
- 18 Raymond J Howard
- 19 Alissa Bjerkhoel
- 19 Sharon Bratton
- 19 Solveig Haller
- 21 Timothy Evjenth
- 21 Ken Leventon
- 21 Lois Lindseth
- 22 Homer Stennes
- 24 Randel Olsen
- 25 Harold Everly
- 25 Tor Hanssen
- 26 Linda Larsen
- 26 John Stubblebine
- 27 Beverly Smestad
- 28 Timothy B Knutson
- 29 Anna Likens
- 29 Kathy Whitesel



*Gratulerer med dagen!*

### *Barneleikarring*

Welcome to Spring!

The Barneleikarring met on March 11th and welcomed some new families.

We will meet again in April on the third Sunday, April 21, as the second Sunday is Easter Sunday. We will be dancing at Norway Day and as soon as the details are available I will be happy to let you all know.

Beste Hilsen,  
*Ginny Hansen*

## *Nyheter Fra Solveig Club*

Spring is here!

The trees are budding and several fruit trees are in full bloom. It lifts one's spirits. As I'm writing this we have some much needed rain.

Happy Easter to everyone! At our house we have an egg hunt for our small children. We invite the children in the neighborhood to participate. Some years we have quite a flock. They all have fun.

The Solveig Club met on March 14<sup>th</sup>. Already we are preparing for our Lutefisk Bazaar. Many items need wrapping, as our grab bag is very popular. Our next meeting will be April 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM. Liv Braaten will be hostess. Come and join us for coffee and conversation.

Enjoy the spring flowers, and the beautiful trees.

Drive carefully!

Ha det bra,  
*Elderid Everly*

### *Anniversary Dinner—Thank You!*

*Kjære venner,*

On February 25, we held a very successful 66<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner. Over 90 guests enjoyed the Solveig Club bazaar, pork roast dinner, and live music. Special thanks to Harry and Leland Bjerkhoel, Vicki Everly, Sharon Bratton, Bob Goodenough, Victoria Slama, Laura Hulberg, Mark Hunsbedt, Patrick and Janie Kelly, Ken and Cassie Leventon, Pat Nyberg, John Stubblebine, Meg Laycock, and Kari Warner.

We had a truly wonderful evening, and I couldn't have done it without all of your support.

Tusen takk,  
*Kristen Hulberg*



## Membership News

No new members this month, or for a while. Start canvassing your relatives, friends, neighbors, church members—we need more members, please.

**Judith Campbell Nicolaysen** has transferred out of our lodge to 4-656.

**Mona B. Madson** has a new address:  
6937 Rodling Dr, Unit G,  
San Jose, CA 95138-1933  
408-204-4141.

**Elizabeth Stepanek** has been suspended by Sons of Norway International.

We have 6 members on the past-due list; please pay your dues. (Actually, two of those members are youth, who don't pay dues till they are 23 years old.)

If any of your children or grandchildren have recently turned 16, they are eligible for membership in our lodge, with no dues till they are 23, as long as they are going to school. You will, however, have to fill out a Sons of Norway application form.

*Kari Warner*, Financial Secretary  
[karia107@earthlink.net](mailto:karia107@earthlink.net) - 408-248-5046

## In Memoriam

**Laverne Elwood** passed away quietly on March 12th at Paradise Valley Estates in Fairfield, where she had lived for about 10 years. Her daughter Lori was with her when she died. LaVerne, along with her late husband Wayne, were valued members of our Lodge for over 20 years. LaVerne, even at age 93, was a classy lady both inside and out. She possessed a delightful sense of humor and enjoyed a good time, whether it was dancing, skiing, partying, or making lefse. We will miss her and extend our sympathy and love to Lori in the loss of her mother.

## Condolences

To **Astrid Prater** whose husband Burt died in January in Madera. He was 90 and had been under care for a number of years in Santa Clara before the family moved to Madera last year. Burt attended many Lodge functions through the years with Astrid, and we appreciated his quiet nature. Astrid resides in the same Senior Living facility in Madera. We have missed them since they moved. Our thoughts are with you, Astrid, in the loss of your long-time partner.

## From the Hall Board

At the Annual Meeting of Nordahl Hall, Inc., we elected **Ginny Hansen** and **Russ Behel** to serve on the Board of Directors for the hall. Following the meeting, **Paul Nore** also agreed to be on the Board.

The Hall Board manages the physical and financial affairs of the hall. Nordahl Hall is the home for our membership activities, and just like any home, it requires care and maintenance. If you have attended a social at Nordahl Hall, enjoyed a beer at the bar, munched on cheese before (or after) a business meeting, or baked cookies or lefse at the hall, please consider sitting on the Board and helping oversee the affairs of our Lodge home. Currently we still have two vacancies on the Board to fill. We meet from four to eight times per year, usually for about 90 minutes. If you have been thinking about participating more actively in Lodge affairs, this is a great place to start.

The next meeting of the Hall Board will be on April 9 at 7 PM in the Solveig Room. All Lodge members are welcome. You just might discover that it's so much fun you want to be on the Board, too!



## Spring Cleanup Party on April 22

9 AM to 3 PM

Sponsored by the Hall Board

Join us for fellowship, good food, and good deeds on April 22 as we tidy up our building, inside and out. Weather permitting, we'll do a bit of outdoor weeding and trimming, as well as indoor cleaning and minor repairs as needed. New members are especially welcome. It's a great way to meet folks, and you may discover a shared passion for polishing woodwork or shining faucets.

Coffee will be in plentiful supply, as well as morning munchies and a scrumptious lunch. If you plan to come, please call Meg Laycock (408-255-2111). (But we always have plenty of food, so drop-ins are definitely welcome!)





## Member Health News

We understand that **Gene and Dot Arnold** had a safe trip to North Carolina. We aren't sure if they have settled into their assisted living facility yet. We send good wishes to them and hope that all is going well.

Our Editor, **Finn Gjerdrum**, has been very ill. He probably had a heart attack on March 2 at home in his trailer in Jackson. He was not found until the next day, when he was taken to the hospital on life support. He was in the CCU on life support and under heavy sedation for over a week. After the ventilator was removed, Finn has made a remarkable recovery. He is now in a skilled nursing facility for rehab, but there is a long road ahead. We are happy for your progress, Finn, and send our love and concern. Kari also appreciates all the love and support she has received from Lodge members.

**Grace Larsen** is recuperating from her leg problem and shingles. It is good to see you getting around again, Grace!

**Laverne Swanson** is still in Florida with her daughter. She had her shoulder replaced as planned but is experiencing a slow recuperation. So much rehab is involved! Her husband who resides in a nursing home here has been a recent patient at ElCamino Hospital with pneumonia. We wish you both speedy recoveries!

Fraternally,  
*Shirley Shoup*, Sunshine Chair

## Tidende Mailing List

Please, everybody, respond to our President's request to let us know your preference in receiving the *Tidende*. You can have email notification only, printed copy plus email notification, or printed copy only. Please call me or email your preference, so I can update the mailing list.

Our primary goal is to get the *Tidende* to all our members and subscribers in a timely manner. If we can also save a bit of postage for the Lodge, that is an added benefit.

Kari Warner  
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## Norway Day

Planning for the 20th Annual Norway Day Festival is well underway. Entertainment and activities include curling demonstrations, ale tastings, and a special exhibit of photographs and artifacts from Roald Amundsen's polar expedition.

Tickets are \$13 if purchased on line, or \$15 at the door. Children 3 to 12 are \$3, and children under 3 are admitted for free. **Group discounts** are available for any ticket purchase online over 8 tickets, and bus parking will be available at the Marina School parking lot, if you choose to come to the festival via bus. More information about the festival, including directions to Fort Mason and to bus parking, is on the web site at <http://norwayday.org/>.

As we did last year, our lodge is sharing an exhibitor's booth with the Nordahl Grieg Leikarring og Spelemannslag. We will need volunteers to staff the booth, especially during the Leikarring performances. A few complimentary passes are available for the booth volunteers.



Norway Day Festival 2012 • May 5 & 6, 2012

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[www.norwayday.org](http://www.norwayday.org)



## Folk Dance Weekend at Camp Norge

*April 13 – 15, 2012*

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. For more information, see the flier on line at <http://www.ngls.net/CampNorgeStevne.htm>, or call Meg Laycock at 408-255-2111.



## *Tusen Takk*

Thank you so much to all of you for your outpouring of love and prayers for Finn and our family after Finn's heart attack. It was touch-and-go there for a while. It does something to you, seeing your loved one lying there completely dependent on the machinery keeping him alive. I just know all of you and your prayers helped save Finn's life. Sutter-Amador Hospital is amazing, and their follow through to make sure Finn gets continued care is more than commendable.

Special thank you to Don Ansok for driving me to see Finn. Shirley Shoup is truly a Sunshine Lady. She called me every day, and her love and caring helped me over the rough spots.

Thank you again for cards, calls, and e-mails.

*Kari Warner and family*

completion of Heritage Hall. Please consider this opportunity to serve the District and its members in preserving our Jewel in the Sierras--our Little Piece of Norway.

Lots of activities are coming up at Camp Norge in the next few months, including Folk Dance Weekend, Rosemaling Seminar, Bunad Workshop, Memorial Day Weekend, Camp Trollfjell, and Krettstevme. Think about attending an activity and have an enjoyable relaxing time!

On a personal note—I spent a couple of days at Camp Norge in February with 5 teenagers. The weather was downright balmy—no snow then, although there has been some since. We enjoyed our stay and I urge you to consider a visit to get away from it all.

Fraternally,  
*Shirley Shoup, Camp Norge Ambassador*



## *News from Camp Norge*

The District 6 Recreation Center (Camp Norge) Board of Directors has established an Ambassador Program to improve communication between the Board and local lodges. I volunteered to be the Ambassador from Nordahl Grieg and our President approved. It is my responsibility to keep you informed about what is happening at Camp Norge, so you will hear from me from time to time at Lodge meetings, as well as in the *Tidende*.

Jim Erickson continues to serve as Manager of Camp Norge. Since last fall, Aren Sutton has been responsible for security and caretaking duties. He and his family live in the apartment attached to the Main House. Aren also assists Jim with management.

A projection screen has been installed at the front of Heritage Hall for use for movies, slide shows, etc. A pair of Snowshoe Thompson skis is now installed on the back wall of Heritage Hall. The skis were restored and donated by the Yuba City Lodge, which is named after Snowshoe Thompson.

Nominations for members of the Recreation Center Board for the next term are now being solicited. They will be elected at the District 6 Meeting in Arizona in June. Our own Harry Bjerkhoel is completing 6 years on the Board and has been instrumental in the

## *Heritage Dinner Social*

### *Fjord & Dalene*

*April 27, 2012 at Nordahl Hall*

We'll explore all the regions of Norway where you or your ancestors came from.

Please bring an item that represents your area, to display and share with everyone.

### **Menu**

Gourmet fish soup, fresh rolls, and special dessert  
Prepared by Lodge member Pat Nyberg

6 PM Social Hour

7 PM Dinner

\$12.00 per adult; \$7.00 for children 5 to 13;  
children under 5 free

Make your reservations by **April 24** with  
Kari Warner at (408) 248-5046.

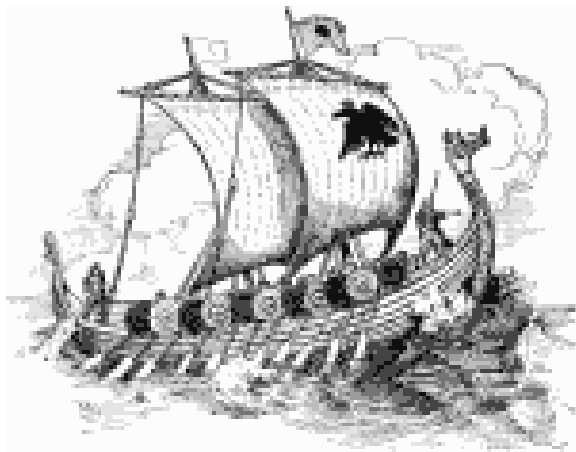
Please tell Kari which part of Norway your family comes from, so we can set up tables for each area.



## Stories and Songs from Norway and Scotland

After the business meeting on March 9, we were transported to long-ago times in Norway and Scotland, as Nancy Thym and Thilo Viehrig presented stories and songs accompanied by harp, rebec, and medieval fiddle. For many centuries during the Middle Ages, Scotland and Norway belonged to the same cultural area, and much intermarriage occurred among royal families. As a result, early Scottish ballads often have parallels in Norwegian stories and songs. Among other songs, we heard the Ballad of Sir Patrick Spens, who escorted a party of Scottish nobles to Norway for the wedding of princess Margaret of Scotland to King Eric. Alas, on the return voyage, the ship sank in a terrible storm (which the ballad describes in extreme detail!). Another tale told of the evil creature called a nøkk, who lives under a stream and snatches young women to live with him under the water. However, it seems that once the nøkk was outsmarted by a fiddler of such rare skill that his music controlled the flow of the river. As he played ever and ever more slowly, the current slowed until the water ceased to move at all! Without the flowing currents, the nøkk was in terrible pain, and he released the fiddler's bride and her two sisters who had been previously captured.

Originally from Auburn, CA, Nancy now lives in Germany, and is one of our long-distance lodge members. Thilo Viehrig is a German instrument builder who made all of the instruments played in this program. We were very fortunate that they were visiting California and able to come to our meeting.



## May 1 Deadline for Camp Troll Fjell Scholarship Applications

Parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents... please remind the campers in your family that the deadline to submit their letter of application for a scholarship to language-heritage camp at Camp Troll Fjell is May 1, 2012.



This year's camp dates are July 8 to 21. 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 and increases to \$800 after May 8.

Children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren of Nordahl Grieg Lodge members in good standing are eligible for a scholarship to be awarded by Nordahl Grieg Lodge and the Solveig Club.

**To apply, the camper must write a letter that includes the following information:**

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

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

Vicki Everly  
Scholarship Committee  
41407 Millenium Terrace  
Fremont, CA 94358

For additional information, please log on to [www.campnorge.com](http://www.campnorge.com).

Fraternally,  
Vicki Everly, Scholarship Committee



## Strawberries

Ole was resting peacefully on his front porch when he saw a cloud of dust up the road. He watched as Sven approached with a wagon. "Good afternoon! Where are you headed?" hollered Ole.

"Afternoon. Home to my farm," replied Sven.

"What do you have in da wagon?" Ole continued.

"Manure," said Sven.

"Manure, eh? What do you do wit it?"

"I spread it over my strawberries," Sven said matter-of-factly.

"Vell," said Ole, "you should come over here for lunch someday. Ve use whipped cream."

## Caring for Our Building

*[The following paragraph is from the Hall Board Annual Report presented at the meeting on March 9, 2012.]*

Looking toward the future, we need to plan for maintenance and improvements to the hall. The air conditioning system is 40 years old and requires repairs about once a year. The hall exterior needs painting; the parking lot needs sealing and re-striping. Inside the hall, we need to repair or replace the interior lighting, and a new oven would be welcome in the kitchen. All of these projects need planning and funding. Current projections for rental income offer hope that we can begin such planning within the year.



## Planning a party or special event?

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### *Save These Dates*

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.

*Happy Easter!*