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## En hilsen fra Presidenten Kjære Venner (Dear Friends),

Two big things for our Lodge came out of hallway conversations at the Convention, both involving Henrik Ibsen Lodge's Park on Skyline Blvd. in Woodside. These both could be a lot of fun for members of our Lodge, and for their children and grandchildren.

First, we learned that Henrik Ibsen Park is open to Nordahl Grieg Lodge members, and the members of the other Bay Area Lodges. See the article on p.4 inside this issue of the *Tidende*.

Also, a picnic is being planned at Henrik Ibsen Park on August 18, Saturday – SAVE THE DATE. This picnic is jointly sponsored by the Lodges of the Greater Bay Area. See the article inside this issue of the *Tidende*. More information will follow in the August *Tidende*.

At the Convention, the topic of the non-profit status of SoN was discussed. Janie Kelly (Board Member of SoN International) and Marit Kristiansen (VP of SoN International) both made comments about maintaining the non-profit status of each Lodge, and of Sons of Norway International. Both stressed the critical importance of this, as

losing this status could result in a big tax bill, and the inability to continue with our insurance company. Either loss would be devastating to Sons of Norway. The following are important for maintaining our non-profit status:

- We must collect and report data for the Lodge Achievement program and award (previously known as the Lodge of the Year program and award).
- As a part of our purpose as a service organization, we must participate in activities that support the local community outside our lodge.
- We must participate in activities that support the “fraternal” aims of the SoN, such as funding scholarships or promoting Norwegian cultural awareness.

For quite some time our Lodge has collected stamps for Tubfrim. This counts as a service to outside communities.

Another possible service activity was discussed at the last Business Meeting. There was general agreement that it would be good to collect cans of food for donation to Second Harvest Food Bank, locally. If many (why not all??) of us bring one

can of food to each meeting, we will tally them and make certain that they get to Second Harvest.

A cultural activity that would count is if we, as individuals, or in groups, were to earn Cultural Skills pins. The fitness medals also count to maintain our status as a Fraternal organization, which helps maintain our non-profit status. Several people are working on pins for walking, or bicycling. Meg (secretary) will keep copies of some of the materials and forms at her station during Business Meetings.

Fraternally yours,

**John Stubblebine,**

**President**

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## July Birthdays

1	Scott W Ansok
1	Leslie B Jones
5	William C Likens
7	Marion K Harris
7	Erline M Mello
8	Peggy Alreck Anthony
8	Egil I Larsen
9	Ruth Likens
9	Noel Tebo
10	Marguerite Benson
10	Jessica L Hansen
10	Ellen Andrea Sande
11	Laura Hulberg
12	Conlin Peter Smyth
15	Karin M Hansen
15	Virginia R Hansen
15	Rolf B Hofstad
15	Gertrude A Shearer
16	Jane S Brekke
16	Laura M Porter
19	Patricia Erickson
20	Earl Rosebraugh
20	Mark Williams
21	Donald Alan Schallock
21	Victoria Slama
22	Janice Stavang
25	Mary Lou Dundas
25	Brian O Kjellesvig
27	Sheryl Hawes
30	Dale R Eggen
30	Nancy A Thym-Hochrein
31	Harry L Bjerkhoel

Gratulerer med dagen!

## Email Lists for Lodge Members and Officers

With our new Internet company, we have an additional step to get signed up for one or more email lists: Each person is invited by email to join the list. When you receive the invitation, you must reply to the invitation that you DO want to be on the list. This extra step adds one more level of protection against SPAM being connected with our

lists. Many of you have already replied to your invitation/s, and are on the list/s. Thank you.

When you get an invitation to join a list, simply REPLY to the email without altering it at all. The rest of the email invitation is not written in English, it is written in computer-ese, and is incomprehensible to ordinary people. So just ignore the rest of the message.

We have several different lists for different purposes; their names indicate what they're used for.

- Nordahl-Grieg-Lodge. Includes every Lodge member with email. Used for sending reminders or notices between editions of the Tidende.
- Lodge-Officers. Used to distribute District or Home Office information to Lodge officers.
- eTidende-ONLY and eTidende-BOTH. Used to notify subscribers that the latest edition of the Tidende is on the web site and available for download. Members on the BOTH list will also receive a paper copy in the mail. **Remember:** If you always receive only a paper copy, you don't need to do anything special. Your Tidende will continue to arrive in your mailbox.
- eTidende-COMPLEMENTARY. Used to notify people outside our Lodge of the latest edition of the Tidende on the web site. These folks include officers and members of neighboring lodges, officers of District 6 and SoN International, and other friends of our Lodge
- Lutefisk-ONLY. Consists of non-members who are regular attendees at our Lutefisk dinner. We use this list to send them electronic versions of the Lutefisk flyer.

If you have any questions or problems, please email me at: [jstub@jstub.com](mailto:jstub@jstub.com) Thank you.

**John Stubblebine**

## Norwegian Language & Heritage Camp

Six campers applied for a half-tuition scholarship to Camp Troll Fjell this year. As in the past, Nordahl Grieg Lodge and the Solveig Club each contributed equal funds towards scholarships to help send all applicants to camp. Campers are aged 8 to 13 and to receive a scholarship they must write a letter stating the reasons they want to go to camp. Their letters are included below as submitted – *complete with unique spelling and grammar* – however, due to space limits, Lotty Del Barga's letter could not be included in its entirety. Log onto the Nordahl Grieg web site to view a PDF copy of each of the actual letters.

I'm sure that all campers will have a wonderful experience learning about their Norwegian heritage!

**Fraternally,**

**Vicki Everly, Scholarship Committee**

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My name is **Nora Frost**. I am 9 years old but I will be turning 10 on July 10, 2012. I had the greatest time last year and I made so many friends. I really want to go to camp this year because I want to learn more about Norway and I want to see my friends again. My sponsoring Nordahl Grieg lodge member is my mom Sharee Frost. I would really like to have a scholarship for camp this year if that is alright with you.

**Love, Nora**

My name is **Kaitlynne Leigh Bjerkhoel**. My age is nine and my Grandparents names are Harry and JoAnne. I just wanted to tell you that I had so much fun last year. My consler's name was Hiddie. I liked learning how to do rosemalling. I liked learning how to speak Norwegian. I would love to go again this year. This is why I am applying for a half-scholarship.

**From, Kaitlynne**

My name is **Karena Bjerkhoel**. I am 12 years old. My grandparents Harry and JoAnne Bjerkhoel are helping to pay for us to come to camp. One reason why I would like to go to camp is because I went for 2 years. This would be my third. My brother and sister both are coming to camp again. My 2<sup>nd</sup> reason is I enjoyed learning how to speak Norwegian. My favorite part is doing the rosemaling. I really loved Norwegian camp and I would really like to go their again. This is why I would love to have a half scholarship.

**Sincerely, Karena Bjerkhoel**

My name is **Douglas Bjerkhoel**. I am thirteen years old. My birthday is March 16, 1999. My grandparents names are Harry and JoAnne Bjerkhoel. I am applying for this half-scholarship because I really love going to Camp Troll Fjell. My favorite class is heritage. I love to make belts, ropes, and bracelets. I like to do arts & crafts also. We made trolls with clay last year and I hope I can do this again. I always give my parents my painting from rosemary so they can hang them up. All of the books from language, I still have. I downloaded some songs we learned in dance so I can practice. Camp Troll Fjell is one of the places I love going to spend my summer on.

**Sincerely, Douglas Bjerkhoel**

My name is **Max Jones** and I'm thirteen years old. I would like to go to camp this year because it would be my last year to possibly go there as a camper. I would also like to go because of all the good times I've had there and I would like some new ones. However, I really don't want to go because I have to try one bite of everything at the traditional lutefisk dinner. The Lodge sponsoring me is Nordahl Grieg #52 and the sponsoring member is **Leslie Jones**.

**Sincerely, Max Jones**

Hello, my name is **Lotty Del Barga** and I would like to apply for a scholarship to camp Trollfjell. The two times I went to camp in the past I had so much fun. I made tons of friends and loved all the activities that they let us do. I love this camp and I will never forget the memories I have from there. Someday I would love to be a counselor.

There were so many benefits of going to camp there, one being able to learn about my Norwegian heritage. I used to be able to speak some Norwegian but over the years, I have forgotten it. I would love to relearn the language and be able to speak it fluently. Then I could have a conversation with my grandma (Mette Hellested Goldeen) in Norwegian, which would be cool. Another awesome thing about Trollfjell was the people I met there. My best friend was someone that I met at the camp (Minuett Bratton). Trollfjell showed me things about myself that I never knew about.

There were so many things I absolutely loved about the camp. I felt that it taught responsibility and independence. I thought the idea of chores on the weekend was a great example of responsibility. I loved the dances every Friday. There was also the 8-mile hike. I am pretty sure it was 8 miles (it felt like 8 miles). That was so much fun. Please consider me for your scholarship I have enjoyed the camp so much in the past years. ☺

**Tusen Takk, Lotty Del Barga**

## **June Meeting/potluck**

Although other salads slightly outnumbered the jello dishes, we had plenty of different sorts of wiggly (or creamy) gelatin offerings at the June potluck/business meeting. Thanks to Kathy Whitesel's creative efforts, the hall was splendidly adorned with red and white tablecloths, with flowers on the tables. The buffet table was laden with red jello with mixed fruit, two creamy green confections, a creamy pink-with-strawberries dish, and a big bowl of multicolored cubes of jello, as well as other creative salads. All of these, plus assorted sausages, fortified the attendees for the rigors of the coming business meeting.

Most of the meeting discussion had to do with various doings at the Convention (watch for future articles). High points were singing "Hurrah for Deg!" to Kari Warner and Elderid Everly, and acknowledging the Bertelsons' 60<sup>th</sup> (!) anniversary.

Thank-yous to Fred Hymans for tending the bar and to Erlene Mello for lingering to help us wash and put away those last few trays and utensils.

## **Meg Laycock**

### **Henrik Ibsen Park—Check It Out!**

Have you heard about Henrik Ibsen Park? Our sister Lodge in San Francisco (Henrik Ibsen Lodge, as a matter of fact) has a beautiful property in the hills above Woodside. Quoting from their website, the park "is located in the Coast Range Redwood trees of the San Francisco peninsula. The park is a 27 acre area located within 35 miles of San Francisco. There is no need to cross a bridge, pay a bridge fare or travel a great distance."

The park has a large picnic area, a dance hall, a short-order restaurant, and a swimming pool. In addition to plenty of parking (free!), there are lovely views of trees, meadows, and (on a really clear day) the distant coast. All Nordahl Grieg Lodge members may take advantage of the facilities at Ibsen Park, and there is no admission fee. There is a charge for pool use, to cover their maintenance costs. The park

is located on Henrik Ibsen Way, which is on the west side of Skyline Blvd. just North of Kings Mountain Road in Woodside. Many people prefer to go West on Highway 92 (San Mateo to Half Moon Bay highway) and turn South on Skyline Blvd. (Highway 35). Henrik Ibsen Way is immediately next to the Mountain House restaurant. The road is quite narrow, so drive slowly!

## **Ibsen Park Picnic**

Henrik Ibsen Lodge is leading the effort to organize a picnic on Saturday, August 18 for all of the lodges in the Bay Area. Lodge members, their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren would all be welcome. A committee has been formed to make the plans and communicate them to the lodges. The hours of the picnic would be from 11 to 6. The plans are still fluid, but it sounds like the following activities have a measure of support:

- \*A pot-luck lunch and BBQ. The Park has several BBQs available for use.

- \*An early evening pot-lucksmørgåsbord (or as they say in Norway, koldtbord).

- \*An informal sports competition which would be called the "Viking Olympics."

- \*Meg Laycock and friends teaching us the øgammaldans dances known to our parents and grandparents, such as: schottisches, hambos, polkas, Scandinavian waltzes etc.

- \*Swimming pool available for all.

Also, the following activities have been discussed, and may be included (or not):

- \*Kids' running and swimming races

- \*A large bouncy structure for smaller children

- \*Adult egg toss or water balloon toss

- \*Adult pie-eating or watermelon eating contest

- \*Adult tug of war

Participants can either bring their own picnics or buy hamburgers, hot dogs, milk shakes, sodas, etc. from the Park Kitchen, which is open from 11 'til 5. What are your thoughts about what this picnic should be?

Nordahl Grieg Lodge needs a volunteer with experience and skills at organizing to work with the people from the other lodges to plan this event, and to communicate with our officers and members. This job will be important, but will be over on August 18.

Please email your thoughts to me at: [jstub@jstub.com](mailto:jstub@jstub.com)  
Thanks!

## **MEMBER NEWS**

We have received information from Sons of Norway International about one new member added to our lodge. Please welcome Karen Ann Aaker:

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[karen@aftonranch.net](mailto:karen@aftonranch.net)

A Membership application from Raymond Howard is in the mail and when accepted at International, it will change his status from Heritage Member to Unge Venner Member.

We have 2 Heritage members who are qualified to become Unge Venner members, however, they do need to fill out an application form and either mail to me or to Minneapolis. Their names are Megan Hedman and Hunter William Holz. No dues to be paid till they reach the age of 23, as long as an adult member of the family is a Sons of Norway member in good standing. Any other member of Sons of Norway between ages 16 and 23 will pay dues at a reduced rate.

Unfortunately, we do have 5 members on the Past Due List. Please pay your dues, your lodge needs you.

Finn Gjerdrum has been suspended, that is just a temporary status for him. I will make sure he is reinstated.

## **MEMBERSHIP BADGES**

Presently we/ I have 4 membership name badges on order. If you would like a name badge, please let me know, preferable in writing. The first is free of charge to the member, lost or damaged badges are available for \$5.00.

**Kari Warner, Financial Secretary**  
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## **Nyheter from Solveig Club**

June was a busy month for the Solveig Club. We hosted our annual "thank you" luncheon to honor everyone who donated prizes and helped at our Lutefisk Dinner Bazaar. Thirteen enjoyed a great lunch at the Blue Pheasant Restaurant.

We were happy to award camp scholarships to Lotty Del Barga, Nora Frost, and Max Jones. Have fun kids! We were also very pleased to award college scholarships to three young women – Amanda Sorensen, Kristin Hulberg, and Jessica Hansen. Congratulations and good luck in your studies.

July is vacation time! We also have the Fourth of July celebrations. When I was a child, the Fourth was a day to celebrate. It meant dressing up in your good clothes and going to town... where there was always a very colorful parade with marching bands and soldiers from bygone wars. For several years a Civil War soldier marched in his uniform.

After the parade we played in the park or explored the "dime store," which stayed open all day. It was a wonderful day with fire crackers exploding and cap guns popping everywhere. We were a tired bunch when we came home, but so happy! It was always a perfect day.

Happy Fourth of July to everyone! Remember to drive carefully.

**Ha det bra,  
Elderid Everly**

## **LUTEFISK EN GANG TIL**

Lutefisk is dried cod that has been soaked in a water and lye solution before it's made edible. The word 'lutefisk' is from Norwegian: from 'lute' to wash in lye solution + 'fisk', which means fish. It is boiled or baked and served with butter and salt and pepper. It is traditionally served in the United States for Thanksgiving and Christmas and avoided the rest of the year.

**Don Slama's Summer Soiree and  
Canned Food Drive**

**Sunday, July 29, 2012\_1:00 PM to 4:00 PM**

**Location:**

**211 Serena Way Santa Clara, CA 408-243-1592**

We look forward again to our annual Summer Soiree at Don Slama's house on July 29. Don provides drinks and barbecued meat; last year's tri-tip was scrumptious! Please bring your favorite dish to share.

NEW THIS YEAR: Please bring one or more cans of food for donation to the Second Harvest Food Bank.

Most-needed canned items include meals in a can (stew, chili, soup); tuna and canned meat; peanut butter; canned foods with pop-top lids; fruit packed in juice; and low-salt vegetables.

**Earn Your First Cultural Skill Pin at Krestevne!**

Many Lodge members have attended Kretsstevne at Camp Norge, the Labor Day gathering of Sons of Norway members from all over Northern California. This is a weekend to camp out, make new friends and greet old ones, play horseshoes and other games, share meals and music and dancing, and celebrate Norwegian-American heritage. This year, inspired by a mini-seminar at the District 6 Convention, a special new activity will happen: Earn your Level 1 Cultural Skills pin in Folk Dancing!

Meg Laycock will teach you what you need to know for this first step toward having a pin that shows your interest and accomplishment in a Norwegian cultural skill. She will guide you through the required and optional activities for this first level, prepare the paperwork for you, and set you on the path toward becoming a Master of Norwegian Cultural Skills!

Once you have the initial pin, you can add bars for additional skills, such as cooking or wood carving or reading Norwegian literature or any number of other interesting activities.

So come to Kretssteyne for relaxing and fellowship – AND for the opportunity to get a new Cultural Skills pin! Look for more details in the next issue of the *Tidende*.

**CONDOLENCES**

To **GRACE LARSEN** in the loss of her younger and only remaining brother in Bellevue, Washington. We express our sympathy to Grace and all her family. May your memories of better days help in the days ahead.

**MEMBER HEALTH NEWS**

**FINN GJERDRUM**, our former Editor, continues to recover from his very serious health problem earlier this year. He is now in a new program in Stockton where he will be for at least 6 months. He feels he is improving but still has times of uncertainty about what he experienced.

We are pleased you are doing so well, Finn, and are totally amazed at the remarkable recovery you have made.

**VIRGINIA HANSEN** is recuperating from an upper respiratory infection followed by an acute gastrointestinal problem which has really curtailed her activities for the past few weeks. She reports she is feeling much better now which we were happy to hear. Take good care of yourself, Ginny. We have missed you!

Our Assistant Musician, **CLARIAN PINTACURA**, has been very ill this past month in the ICU at Good Samaritan Hospital. She has been on a ventilator, has had a long surgical procedure, and is having dialysis treatments. She is showing signs of improvement each day but will need a long period of recuperation and rehabilitation. Her husband, Alan, has been at her side for innumerable hours providing care and support. Our thoughts have been with them both during this time. We send our love and best wishes for better days ahead.

Fraternally.

**Shirley Shoup, Sunshine Chair**

**Recipe of the Month\***

**Summer Rice Salad (for 6 servings)**

2 -3 cups cooked plain white or brown rice  
olive oil or excellent salad oil  
freshly squeezed lemon juice and/or  
wine vinegar  
salt/pepper  
a good handful of fresh chopped parsley

Toss rice in a bowl with a little oil, lemon or vinegar, parsley.

When the rice is nicely flavored, toss in other garnishes.

Garnish suggestions:

diced cooked shrimp, lobster, crab, ham, chicken,  
pork or sausage  
Diced red and/or green pepper  
Minced mild onion, scallions  
Pine nuts, walnuts, pecans, hazelnuts, peanuts  
Minced fresh herbs such as basil, dill, tarragon,  
chives  
Cucumbers, diced  
Diced hard cheese such as cheddar, Swiss,  
Parmesan: or diced feta  
Black or green olives, pitted  
Quartered cherry tomatoes  
Broccoli florets, blanched  
Quartered or chopped hard-boiled eggs

Use your imagination & mix in what you prefer.

Cover with plastic wrap & refrigerate until ready to serve. Mayonnaise can be served separately.

All you need is a bottle of white wine & a loaf of French bread and dinner is served!

(Or a big glass of iced tea or lemonade with whole grain bread).

***Pat Nyberg***

**\*Your recipe can be here next month.**



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### *Save These Dates*

July 13, Fri Business Meeting

July 29, Sun Slama's Summer Party

Aug 18, Sat SofN Picnic at Henrik  
Ibsen Park

Additional dates to be added as they  
become available.