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Meet 2nd & 4th Fridays

En hilsen fra Presidenten

Kjære Venner (Dear Friends),

We need volunteers to serve on the Nominating Committee and will vote for the members at the September meeting. Please tell me if you wish to be on this very important committee.

The picnic at Henrik Ibsen Park is coming up on August 18. A flier in this issue of the *Tidende* provides information and directions to the park. This is an ideal opportunity to take your family to a beautiful private park in the redwoods. There is plenty of free parking. So that we can order the correct amount of food, please call **Kari Warner** and tell her you are coming.

Henrik Ibsen Lodge has been very generous in making the Park available to all the Bay Area lodges; all you need to do is check in at the snack bar and let them know that you are a member of Nordahl Grieg Lodge. You can go up there to have a picnic and enjoy the park anytime.

Kathy Whitesel, our Social Co-Director, is making a large banner for our lodge that will be on display at the picnic. The District 6 President has urged all lodges to have a banner (called a *fane* in Norwegian; however, *fana* is an often used Americanized spelling) so we can display it at gatherings like the picnic and Kretsstevne. There are photos of some of the District 6 lodge *fane* on the District web site, at:
<http://www.sofn6.com/fana/>

All the lodges with *fane* had them on display at the District 6 Convention. Some are really well done! Banners are about 3 feet by 5 feet in size, so they are quite impressive. I took photos of them on my cell phone, and will post them on the web next to this issue of the *Tidende*. To see these photos go to:
<http://www.nordahl-grieg.org/Tidende/2012-08-01-Additional.htm>

Another really great park to visit is the District 6 Camp Norge in the Sierra foothills. Over the Labor Day weekend, members of District 6 lodges will

gather there for our annual Kretsstevne... to camp and eat and have fun. It has been years since Meg and I have been at Kretsstevne (ok, 20 years) but we are going this year! All the dorm rooms are already booked, so I guess we will be camping. See the two articles about Kretsstevne inside this issue, especially the one about Meg giving Norwegian dance instruction from the SoN Cultural Skills Program. You can earn your Level 1 pin over the weekend.

Also on the horizon is a Viking themed social on October 26. I spoke with the "Vikings of Bjornstad" at Norway Day about participating in our event. They have recently held a two-day event, so they will have plenty of new material to share with us when they attend our social. Save the date and look for more information about this event in the next *Tidende*.

Keep up your good work on the SoN Sports Medals program. I am bicycling regularly and adding 22 miles to my total each time. Meg and I are walking some, but need to do more. Meg added 6 more miles to her tally when she participated in the recent Relay for Life. Meg will have information about the Cultural Skills and Sports Medals programs on her Secretaries table at business meetings. Check them out!

Fraternally yours,

John Stubblebine, President

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Membership News

Good news – we received 3 new members last month, that makes a total of 5 new members in 2 months.

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International did not list **Raymond Howard** separately as a New Member, however, they removed "Heritage Member" from his status, so we welcome Raymond as a regular lodge member.

Welcome all to our lodge, we hope you will participate in our meetings and other functions. You will find information in this *Tidende* on several exciting plans for the next few months.

Unfortunately, we also have 5 members on the Past Due list. Please pay your dues, we need you as part of the lodge family.

We now have 290 member – this includes Juvenile Members with active insurance.

Kari Warner, Financial Secretary

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Hall Board News

Great news! As many of you know, the HVAC units on the roof are very old and have been in poor shape for many years. In fact, the unit closest to the front door, above the bar, has been inoperable for some time. But due to improved rental income, we were recently able to replace that unit. We also replaced the motor on the unit closest to the stage. So, heating and air conditioning should be much more efficient and reliable than it has been. We also installed two new and easy to operate thermostats. But... the key to keeping the hall cool on hot days is to keep the doors closed. No A/C unit can keep the building cool if there is hot air coming directly in from the outside.

We now have a recycling bin. So, please recycle cans, plastics, and paper when possible. But to prevent unwanted dumping, we need to keep the recycling bin inside. So, please crush larger items so as not to fill the bin prematurely. That way we won't have to dump it more frequently than necessary, which means hauling it out on trash day and then putting it back.

The Hall Board is working on a number of other projects. We'll have a fall work party and hope many of you can participate. Remember, if you have particular thoughts about hall improvements, we welcome your suggestions. We have a long list that we're working on, but we're making progress. Thanks for your support.

Fraternally yours,

Larry Hulberg, Hall Board President



Nyheter Fra Solveig Club

Is everyone enjoying the hot weather? This time of year always brings me back to my childhood in North Dakota. Every summer in the 30's when I was growing up seemed to be steaming every day, and we had many chores to do on the farm.

One of the chores the twins, Ruth and Rachel, and I would do with mother was "glean" the grain that fell on the ground when the threshing was being done. The day after the threshers left we pulled our little red wagon loaded with a shovel and gunny sacks, and off to the straw stacks we would go. I would shovel the grain while one of the twins held the sack open and mother supervised. We tied the sacks closed and left them for our Pa to bring home. Why did we glean the grain? We had lots of chickens who loved the grain, and we loved eggs and chicken. Besides, we were in a "great depression" and nothing was wasted at our house. Because of the heat, this task needed to be done early in the morning, but we still had plenty of time to play in our "house" in the woods.

Speaking of the woods... I just spent a day at Camp Norge helping the campers learn to make lefse. I truly count that time as a highlight of my life.

Enjoy your days and drive carefully.

Ha det bra,

Elderid Everly, Solveig Club President

August Birthdays

- 1 Fred Hymans
- 3 Jacqueline Mehus
- 4 Coy Bratton
- 5 Ona Knutson
- 6 Bente Ellis
- 7 Paul Petersen
- 8 Rhonda Ansok
- 8 Joshua Dybdahl
- 8 Linda Smestad
- 11 Lotty Del Barga
- 12 Bodil Grodum
- 13 Kenneth Gulbraa
- 14 Johan Rold
- 16 Shondra Stoner
- 18 Hali Wilson Hansen
- 18 Kristen Hulberg
- 18 Melissa Dawn Orvis
- 19 Jonathon Bennett
- 19 Matthew Bennett
- 20 Joan Kyle
- 20 Paul Nore
- 25 Patricia Nyberg
- 29 Norman Johnson
- 30 Johan Lund
- 30 June Stennes

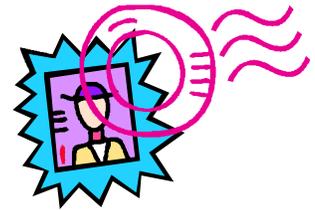
Gratulerer med dagen!



**Save the Date for the
Solveig Club
Harvest Lunch and Nordic Bazaar
Sunday, September 16**

Used Stamps Needed!

Since 1929, Tubfirm, a non-profit based in Nesbyen, Norway has collected used postage stamps from all over the world. The stamps are then sold to collectors worldwide and money earned is used to improve the quality of life for handicapped children and youth, and support tuberculosis research.



The Sons of Norway is the largest collector of these stamps outside of Norway and Nordahl Grieg Lodge is an active participant in this worthy cause.

We accept any type of postage stamp – even the ones from “junk mail.” Please cut or tear the stamp from the envelope, leaving about ½ inch margin around the stamp. If the envelope or postcard is more than 50 years old, please do NOT cut off the stamp, but send in the entire envelope or postcard.

You can bring your collection of used stamps to any lodge function or mail them to our Tubfirm Chair:

Lois Bertelson

114 Cirrus Avenue, Sunnyvale, CA 94087-1443

Thank you!



Canned Food Drive

As a community outreach campaign, Nordahl Grieg Lodge has embarked on a food drive to benefit local food banks. The need for donations in our community is critical year round and we know we can rely on our members to help.

We ask you to bring non-perishable packaged food items to business meetings and lodge social events; the officers will see that these items are collected and delivered to a local food bank. The items most in need are baby foods and “meals-in-a-can” such as chili or stew.

Help us help the community with your donations. Thank you!

Subscribe to eTidende

Subscriptions to eTidende, the electronic version of the *Nordahl's Tidende* newsletter are growing.

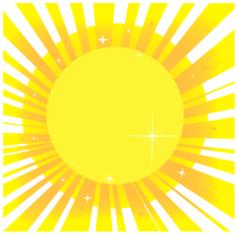
Advantages to the electronic version are that you receive it several days earlier, with color photographs and color graphics... and cost to the lodge is reduced since we save on both printing and postage.

You can read the eTidende on our web site at:

<http://www.nordahl-grieg.org/Tidende-newsletters.htm>

Member Health News

Egil Larsen is feeling much better after having a pacemaker inserted in mid-July. He noticed that his pulse rate was low (in the 30's); his doctor diagnosed a "heart block," and put him in the hospital. He is feeling more energetic now for which we are happy to hear. Take care of yourself, Egil!



Clarian Pintacura is finally out of ICU after 44 days. She is still at Good Sam and is undergoing intensive physical and occupational therapy. She continues to receive dialysis. Her spirits are great (what else can you expect from this vibrant Norwegian lady!) and is looking forward to getting home. Alan has been at her side throughout this ordeal. We are so glad that you are on the road to recovery, Clarian!

Fraternally,

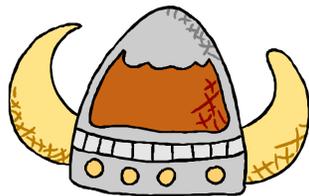
Shirley Shoup, Sunshine Chair



Northern California Kretsstevne

**Labor Day Weekend at Camp Norge
September 1-3, 2012**

All members of Northern California Sons of Norway lodges are invited to join in a weekend of fellowship, friendship, and fun. Come in your RV or bring your tents... you will have a great time!



Activities include: good food, horseshoe tournament, games for all ages, swimming, dancing, a raffle, and karaoke.

Unfortunately, all the dorm rooms have been reserved but there is plenty of space for campers and reservations are not required for RVs and tents.

Meal packages are available and must be ordered in advance; a sign-up form available at the Nordahl Grieg web site: www.nordahl-grieg.org

Questions? Call Lillie and Marvin Hanson at 707-279-0974 or email at mnlhanson@att.net

Registration deadline is August 24, 2012.

Welcome to our littlest Viking...

Congratulations to **Stephanie Bratton** on the birth of a son... Jaylen Anthony... who came into the world on July 7 weighing in at 5 lb. 7 oz. Jaylen is the great-great-grandson of **Elderid and Harold Everly**, and the great-grandson of **Sharon Bratton**.

**Do you have member news to share with *Tidende* readers?
Please submit details to the Editors.
We look forward to hearing from you. Thanks!**

Norsk Trivialitet... Berserkers were Norse warriors who are reported to have fought in a nearly uncontrollable, trance-like fury... a characteristic which later gave rise to the English word "berserk." Most historians believe that *Berserkers* worked themselves into a rage before battle, but some think that they might have consumed drugged foods.

Come to Kretsstevne Earn a Cultural Skills Pin

During the Labor Day weekend YOU can earn your first-level Cultural Skills pin in Norwegian Folk Dancing!

Meg Laycock, Artistic Co-Director of the Nordahl Grieg Leikarring, will teach a mini-institute modeled on the one that was offered at the District 6 Convention about Norwegian music. You will learn three dances (only three!) and participate in one other activity. We'll complete all the paperwork right there, and you can receive your pin at Kretsstevne.

Only at the Kretsstevne: In addition to the enamel Cultural Skills pin, you will also receive a special District 6 badge for Folk Dancing.

Please RSVP by August 15, so that we can have enough pins and other materials. Send your name, phone number, lodge name, and whether or not you have any other Cultural Skills pins to:

Meg Laycock
21491 Vai Ave., Cupertino, CA 95014
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If you have questions, call Meg at 408-255-2111

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Saturday August 18, 2012

Henrik Ibsen Park
13800 Skyline Blvd (Hwy. 35) in Woodside

Plenty of free parking!

*Event Hosted by Bay Area Sons of Norway Lodges:
Henrik Ibsen, Bjørnstjerne Bjørnson, Snorre, Nordahl Grieg,
Freya, and Vigeland*

Flag-raising at 11 am

Picnic & Fun until at least 6 pm

Activities will include a Raffle, Kids Games, Viking Olympics,
Horse Shoes, Card Games, Board Games, Swimming,
and Norwegian Dance Instruction.

BBQ at 4 pm

Hamburgers and hot dogs with buns and condiments will be provided.
Please bring a picnic dish to share – pot-luck.

Please RSVP with Kari Warner at 408-248-5046 if you plan to attend.



*View of the swimming pool – the normal admission fee for
the swimming pool will be complimentary for Nordahl
Grieg members and their guests.*

*View of the lodge
building (currently
undergoing
renovation)*



DIRECTIONS

From San Francisco or South Bay:

- Take 280 to Highway 92 toward Half Moon Bay.
- At the top of the hill, turn left onto Hwy 35 – Skyline Blvd.
- Go approximately 7 miles until you see the Mountain House Restaurant on your right.
- Take Henrik Ibsen Road down into the Park.

From the East Bay:

- Take the San Mateo Bridge to Highway 92 toward Half Moon Bay.
- Follow the above directions.

Nordahl Grieg at Camp Trollfjell

As in years past, our lodge played a major role at this year's District 6 language heritage camp. Five of the staff members at Camp Trollfjell are members of Nordahl Grieg (pictured below from left to right):

Morgan Frost, Counselor-in-Training

Heidi Larsen, Head Counselor

Russ Behel, Camp Director

Kristin Jones, Dance Teacher

Sharee Frost, Crafts Teacher



The six young campers who received scholarships from Nordahl Grieg and the Solveig Club had a great day at camp learning to make lefse from our own resident lefse-expert **Elderid Everly**.



Nora Frost (age 10) with her great-grandma Elderid. Nora is the great-granddaughter of **Elderid and Harold Everly**, the granddaughter of **Sharon Bratton**, and daughter of **Sharee Frost**.



Max Jones (age 13) learning about lefse dough with crafts teacher, **Sharee Frost**. Max is the son of **Leslie Jones**.

Lotty Del Barga (age 13) rolling lefse. Lotty is the granddaughter of **Mette Hellestad Goldeen**.



Douglas Bjerkhoel (age 13) and **Karena Bjerkhoel** (age 12) worked as a team to roll and bake.

Kaitlynne Bjerkhoel (age 9) practiced her rolling skills. Kaitlynne, Douglas, and Karena are grandchildren of **Harry and JoAnne Bjerkhoel**

June Business Meeting Highlights (condensed from minutes approved at the July business meeting)

- News from the biennial District 6 Convention:
 - Norwegian cookies donated by Nordahl Grieg were served at the convention and were praised and appreciated.
 - **Harry Bjerkhoel** received a plaque of appreciation for his 12 years of service on the District 6 Recreation Board; 8 of those years serving as President.
 - Nordahl Grieg Lodge and **Garret Hansen**, 2010 Nordahl Grieg President, received a Silver Award Lodge Achievement certificate for 2010.
 - Nordahl Grieg Lodge and **Ginny Hansen**, 2011 Nordahl Grieg President, received a Bronze Award Lodge Achievement certificate for 2011.
 - Lodges were reminded to keep records of volunteer activities both in the lodge and in the community; these activities are important to maintain a non-profit status for Sons of Norway.
- Discussion regarding the need to participate in community service activities resulted in a decision to launch a canned food drive to aid local food banks.
- A motion was passed to donate \$1 per Nordahl Grieg member to the Stabbur Fund at Camp Norge. The *stabbur* will be built as a protective cover for the camp's existing well head.
- Congratulations were extended to **Marv and Lois Bertelson** for their 60th wedding anniversary.





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Please email information for inclusion to the *Tidende* Co-Editors listed below.**

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Save These Dates...

- Aug 10, Fri** Business Meeting
- Aug 18, Sat** SoN Picnic at Henrik Ibsen Park
- Sept 1-3, Labor Day Weekend**
Kretsstevne at Camp Norge
- Sept 16, Sun** Solveig Club Harvest Lunch and Nordic Bazaar
- Oct 26, Fri** Viking Social with the "Vikings of Bjornstad"
- Nov 30, Fri and Dec 1, Sat**
Annual Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner

Dates will be added as they become available.

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