En hilsen fra Nordahl Grieg Presidenten

Kjære Venner (Dear Friends),

How can it be February already? 2017 went by so fast and now 2018 seems to be zooming by even faster. My hope for our lodge in 2018 is to continue with the growth from the previous years and to continue working out the kinks on some of the changes we have made as a lodge. All members of Nordahl Grieg Lodge should be so proud of our 72 years. In that time, we have accomplished so much and we will continue to grow our membership to make the next 72 years even more amazing.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our Anniversary Dinner, which is always an amazing event. To see members receive their anniversary pins is always such a special event. To know that people are active in any organization year after year, you know that something is going right. So many people that I have met through Sons of Norway, from Nordahl Grieg and other lodges, have become like family to me. We might not always be on the same page, and we have disagreements, but that’s what makes us a family. The fact that we can come back together and have moments of fellowship makes me so proud to be a part of Sons of Norway.

The future of our Lodge is something that I think about constantly. We are in need of growing new leadership from within our ranks and finding new leaders to join us. Many organizations are having the same issue, and there is never just one solution. We might try something and find out it doesn’t work, or we might find a perfect solution quickly. As our members attend the district convention this year, I hope that we are able to gain knowledge from other lodges on what has worked or hasn’t worked. That is another thing that is so wonderful about Sons of Norway: each lodge has its own personality. But we can all get together as members of Sons of Norway and work together to make our lodge and other lodges the best they can be.

To finish off this very rambling President’s message, I want to thank everyone again for having your trust in me to be your President for a third year. I’m sorry I was sick for the officer installation but was glad that my father was able to read a message from me. I hope that we can all come together to make 2018 an amazing year for Nordahl Grieg Lodge!

Fraternally,
Laura Porter, President

February Agenda Alert

Business Meeting – Friday, February 9 at 7:30 PM
... with Norwegian song practice before the meeting at 7 PM

72nd Anniversary Dinner – Saturday, February 17... see details on page 4

Sons of Norway Headquarters is Packing Up!

A purchase agreement has been signed and plans are underway for the redevelopment of Sons of Norway’s Headquarters. The new multi-use building will be designed with a Nordic flair, and the property developers will welcome us back as an anchor tenant in approximately two years.

In the meantime, headquarters will relocate to temporary offices. Our mailing address and phone numbers will remain the same, but our physical location will be a few miles west from our current Uptown Minneapolis address.

If you plan to visit us (and we hope you do), as of March 5, 2018, you will find us at:
11100 Bren Road West
Minnetonka, MN 55343

...from SON Newsletter Service

The mission of Sons of Norway is to promote and to preserve the heritage and culture of Norway, to celebrate our relationship with other Nordic Countries, and provide quality insurance and financial products to our members.
**Nyheter Fra Solveig Club**

Our first meeting in the new year will be a potluck lunch at the home of Mary Schlink on Wednesday, February 21 at 11:00 AM.

Beste hilsen,

Duane Adams, Solveig Club President

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**Hall Board News**

In December we had some damage to our vinyl fence that runs along our property on the side with the storage containers. It was a hit and run, but happened after one of our hall rentals, so we held on to the renter’s deposit to put toward the repair. It has now been repaired. Thanks to Janie Kelly, we got three panels replaced for the price of two!

We have had a few instances of damage or squatters where it would have been helpful to have our premises monitored. The board discussed the idea and decided to pursue it further. Marlin Jones put together a detailed proposal for a camera surveillance system to monitor the outside of our hall. The Hall Board approved his proposal and the system components have been purchased. Installation will begin in the next few weeks as time permits in Marlin’s schedule.

Leslie Jones, Hall Board President

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**February Birthdays**

5  Turid Sinagra
9  Mikkel Thompson
10 Carolyn L Olsen
10 Sonja Flanagin
11 Richard Bondelie
12 Erik Werner
14 Orland Larson
16 Harold Shellum
18 James Marlowe
19 Laszlo Gunderud
20 Elaine Edwards
21 Clara Graslie
23 Sylvia Stevens

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**Camp Norge Fundraising Campaign**

**Nearing its Goal.**

Camp Norge’s fundraising campaign has raised over $34,000 in the few short months since it started. Our goal is $50,000, which will help us make sure we have enough to pay for a complete rebuild of our roof structure. We’re almost 70% to our goal!

Contractors are already submitting final bids and it ain’t getting any cheaper folks!

Remember, your tax-deductible donations will be put to good use. We need to tear off the old roof, repair all the broken and rotten rafters and eaves (and there’s a ton of them!), then nail down a fresh layer of plywood and water-proofing; all BEFORE the beautiful new metal roof is attached. It’s going to look great!

Go to [www.sofn.com/campnorge](http://www.sofn.com/campnorge) and make your donation.

Just in time for Valentine’s day, why not make a donation to the “Raise the Roof!” campaign and dedicate it to your special Valentine. What says “I love you” better than a new roof at Camp Norge?!

If you prefer to contribute the old-fashioned way, by writing a check and putting it in the mail, write your check payable to “Sons of Norway Foundation” and write “Camp Norge” in the memo section on your check. Mail the check to Sons of Norway Foundation. 1455 West Lake Street, Minneapolis, MN 55408-2666. Be sure to write “Camp Norge” in the memo section!

For more information about the fundraising campaign, contact Board President, Fred Hymans at (916) 486-4429 or email to: fred.hymans@campnorge.com.
News About Members

Morgan Frost visited her family over the holidays from Sweden, along with her fiancé and his family. Time was spent with wedding preparations, including a bridal shower at her great grandma Elderid Everly's home. The ceremony is planned for August 4 in Sweden, and many of her family will be attending. Morgan is working on her Master's in Neuroscience and is getting ready to do her thesis. We send our best wishes!

Leslie Jones and family are leaving the Bay Area for Georgia in the Spring. They have already bought a house to which they will move after Marlin retires. Max is a freshman at CSU Channel Islands, and Kristin has started her new job in Dallas. We will miss all of you and appreciate the many contributions you all have made to the Lodge over the many years of your membership. Our best wishes go with you!

HEALTH NEWS

Elderid Everly went home just before the holidays from the skilled nursing facility. She now has home health care supervision during the night, and the family is providing care and supervision during the day. She is still having difficulty with her communication, but Elderid would love to hear from you by phone, card, or visit, which would brighten her day. You certainly are in our thoughts, Elderid!

Judy Purrington has been struggling with a bone infection in her foot for several weeks. She has not been able to work and has had a lot of doctor appointments. She has been on antibiotics and is under wound care supervision. She is hopeful that she is improving but realizes it may be awhile before she is back to her usual busy schedule. Take care of yourself, Judy!

Many of our members have been under the weather this month with a myriad of problems. I hope each of you is feeling better and back on your feet. Take care!

We send CONDOLENCES to Judy Purrington who lost her mother on January 5. Judy's mother lived in Wisconsin, and Judy was able to get to Wisconsin in spite of the bad weather and her own health issue to say goodbye. We are thinking of you, Judy, as you mourn the loss of this important family member and express our sincere sympathy. May you find solace in the memories you have of times past!

Fraternally,

Shirley Shoup, Sunshine Chairperson

Love Your Lodge Donations

Platinum Level

In Memory of Elmer Graslie
Clara Graslie (donation, Jan 2016)

In Memory of Ann Smestad
Linda & Ron Smestad (donation, Aug 2015)

In Memory of Greg Ansok
Don Ansok (donation, June 2015)

Solveig Club (donation, Mar 2015)

In Memory of Harold Everly
5 Generations of the Everly Family (donation, Feb 2015)

Gold Level

In memory of Minnie Munson
Jane & Tom Marshburn & Laura Porter (donation, Oct 2016)

Silver Level

In honor of their many friends at Nordahl Grieg Lodge
Glenn & Peggy Riddervold (donation, Nov 2016)

Bronze Level

In Memory of John Hansen
Virginia Hansen (donation, Mar 2017)

Shelley Curtis (donations, January 2018, April 2016)

In memory of Shirley Hansen
Solveig Club (donation, April 2016)

Don Slama (donation, April 2016)

In Memory of Clarian Pintacura
Anne Herbert (donation, Feb 2016) and
Alan Pintacura (donations, Nov 2017, Jan 2017, and Nov 2015)

In memory of Noel Whaley
Sydney Whaley (donation, April 2015)

Duane Adams (donation, Feb 2015)

Bob Goodenough (donation, Feb 2015)

Victoria Slama (donation, Feb 2015)

Special Raffle Donation

In Memory of Elmer Graslie
Linda Garcia & friends & family (donation, Mar 2015)

Tusen Takk for your support!

Donations made before January 2015 are not listed.

Please view past issues of Tidende to see donors and honorees from earlier contributions. Takk!
Nordahl Grieg Lodge
72nd Anniversary Dinner
Saturday, February 17
6:00 pm Social Time • 7:00 pm Dinner

Hovedrett (Main Course)
- Torsk med Sitron Smør Saus (Cod with Lemon Butter Sauce)
- Rød Poteter (Red Potatoes)
- Kremet Kål (Creamed Cabbage)
- Gulrøtter (Carrots)
- Agurksalat (Cucumber Salad)

Dessert (Dessert)
- Brødpudding (Bread Pudding)

Program immediately after dinner will include:
- Presentation of Membership Longevity Awards and Presidential Awards
- Solveig Club raffle drawing

Cost: $22 adult
No charge for children age 12 and under

Please RSVP by Wednesday, February 14
Make checks payable to “Nordahl Grieg Lodge” and mail to:
Kari Warner, Financial Secretary
1000 El Camino Real, #107
Santa Clara, CA 95050
Phone (408) 248-5046

Shop the Solveig Club
Nordic Boutique
and buy Solveig Club Raffle Tickets
(cash and checks only, please.)

Feed the Pig
Our piggy bank will be waiting on the check-in table, eager to gobble up your donations to benefit Camp Norge.

Please bring non-perishable food and used paperback books for our Community Outreach program.

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**Member Anniversaries**

The following Lodge members will receive longevity awards at the 2018 Anniversary Dinner. **CONGRATULATIONS to everyone and THANK YOU for your continued membership and support of Nordahl Grieg Lodge!**

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**District Six Recreation Center Board of Directors**

How can you help Camp Norge? Think of the ways!! Be a Board member—yes! Have a family reunion—sure! Bring a church group up for a retreat—you betcha! Attend Northern California Kretsstevne and hang out with everyone—why not? Send your children/grandchildren to Camp Trollfjell—whooppee! Attend a Rosemaling or Leikarring (folk dance) weekend—such fun!

Have you wondered about who keeps this camp running like a well-oiled machine, so all of these events can take place each year? It is the 9-member Board of Directors, who meet 2 to 4 times a year at the facility. They receive no monetary reimbursement for time spent and their travel costs are not paid for. But the joy of keeping this 46-acre Camp, the “Jewel of the Sierras” that it is, is more than enough compensation!

We have four members whose terms are up in June 2018. Directors are elected for 4-year terms at the District Six Convention (candidates need not be present). There are many jobs for Directors to handle and therefore many skills are brought to the table. If you would like more information or would like to run for this Board of Directors, please contact President Fred Hymans (fred.hymans@campnorge.org) or Vicki Running (vicki.running@campnorge.org).

Yah sure, you betcha!!
Camperships...

It’s time to think about summer camp.

- **Trollfjell Folkehøgskule** for 14-17 year olds – June 24 to July 7
- **Camp Trollfjell** for 8-13 year olds (and this year, 14 year olds can also attend) – July 8 to 21

Children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren of Sons of Norway District Six members in good standing are eligible to attend the District Six Language and Heritage Camp at Camp Norge in Alta, California. Check out the “youth” tab at [www.sofn6.org](http://www.sofn6.org) for additional info.

Nordahl Grieg Lodge and the Solveig Club will again award campership scholarships. Children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren of Nordahl Grieg members in good standing are eligible to apply for a campership.

To apply, campers must write a letter that includes the following:
- Camper’s name and age
- Name of sponsoring Nordahl Grieg member
- Reasons camper wants to attend camp

Letters must be postmarked by Tuesday, May 1, 2018, and mailed to:
Laura Porter, Nordahl Grieg President
820 La Jennifer Way,
Palo Alto, CA 94306

Scholarships

District Six offers up to three $1000 academic scholarships each year to deserving Unge Venner or Youth Members who are or will be attending any accredited post-secondary schooling or training institution. The District President annually appoints a scholarship committee to evaluate the applicants and determine the recipients. **Note: effective 2018, the District Six scholarships are now open to high school graduates who have been accepted for enrollment in any accredited program of higher learning based upon high school performance/grades.** Also of note, application is available online at the District Six web site at [http://sofn6.org/scholarships/](http://sofn6.org/scholarships/) and must be postmarked on or before May 1, 2018 (versus April 1 as in years past).

District Six also offers a $1,000 scholarship for a Heritage or Unge Venner member to attend Skogfjorden Norwegian Language Camp. Information can be found at [www.concordialanguagevillages.org](http://www.concordialanguagevillages.org); click on Norwegian village. This is operated by Concordia College and is situated in Bemidji, MN. Life at Skogfjorden is immersion in the Norwegian language and culture from the moment you wake up – participating in small language learning groups, cultural and camp activities, sports, dance, and song – until the close of the day. Scholarship Committee Chair: Carl P. Ingvoldstad at cingvoldst@aol.com or 707-987-2404

Two 50% cost of tuition camperships to Camp Folkehøgskule and two 50% cost of tuition camperships to Camp Trollfjell are available District-wide for attendance at Camp Norge’s summer camps in the High Sierras between Sacramento, CA and Reno, NV. For more information about Camp Trollfjell and the Folkehøgskule, check out [www.sofn6.org/arv](http://www.sofn6.org/arv) for camperships and applications. Also, check with your local Lodge for ½ camperships that may be available. District Six Campership Chair: Kristen Hunsbedt at kristenhunsbedt@gmail.com

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**Annual Shareholders Meeting • Nordahl Hall, Inc.**

**Friday • March 9 at 7:30 PM**

All members of Nordahl Grieg Lodge are shareholders in the corporation that owns Nordahl Hall. Each March, on the evening of the regular Lodge business meeting, the President of the Nordahl Hall Board of Directors presents an annual report and the Treasurer presents a financial statement.

Shareholders (that’s you!) will have the opportunity to inquire about any concerns or make suggestions for improvement. At this meeting, we also elect new directors to fill expired terms or vacant seats on the Board. Please plan to attend!

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**In Norway, Valentine’s Day is known as Valentinsdagen... or All Hearts Day (Alle Hjerters Dag). Here’s a few Norwegian words in honor of the day:**

- Jeg elsker deg.
  - Vil du være min Valentins?
  - Ha en fin Valentinsdag.
  - Du er min Valentine.
  - Jeg er en håpløs romantiker.
  - Til min kjære.

- I love you.
  - Will you be my Valentine?
  - Have a nice Valentine’s Day.
  - You are my Valentine.
  - I am a hopeless romantic.
  - For my beloved.

- Fra din Valentins.
  - From your Valentine.
  - Ha en fin Valentinsdagen alle sammen.
  - Have a nice Valentine’s day everyone.
  - God Valentinsdag, vennen min.
  - Good Valentine’s Day, my friend.
7th Annual Bunad Camp – May 4-7 at Camp Norge – Sue Sutherland of Bunad Butikken in Ely, Minnesota, will be the instructor for this fun and informative weekend. Class size is limited to 12, but space is still available. Class cost is $325 for SON members ($375 for non-members) and includes instruction and the rental of Heritage Hall; you are requested to bring your own sewing machine. A meal plan is available for $60 per person and lodging fees at Camp Norge are additional. For registration information, log onto the District Six website: [http://sofn6.org/7th-annual-bunad-camp/](http://sofn6.org/7th-annual-bunad-camp/)

PBS’s “New Scandinavian Cooking” showcases Nordic cuisine, culture, and history. Recipes available at [newscancook.com](http://newscancook.com).

- **Saturday, February 3 at 8:30 AM on KQED 9** – Oil Adventure – travel to Fredrikstad in Eastern Norway for cold-pressed rapeseed oil, the olive oil of the north.
- **Sunday, February 4 at 6:30 AM on KQED Plus** – Drama on a Plate – travel to the port town of Skien in Eastern Norway, the hometown of Norway’s most important playwright, Henrik Ibsen.
- **Saturday, February 10 at 8:30 AM on KQED 9** – Coastal Express – travel along the coast starting from the Sami territories of the Arctic.
- **Sunday, February 11 at 6:30 AM on KQED Plus** – Tina’s French Pantry – travel to the Cognac region of France and combine Scandinavian and French ingredients.
- **Sunday, February 25 at 6:30 AM on KQED Plus** – Pale Fish – visit the small community of Bulandet, on a group of wind-blown islands in western Norway.

Norwegian Folk Dancing – Every Wednesday at 7:30 PM at the Masonic Hall, 890 Church Street (one block off Castro), Mountain View. Everyone is welcome, whatever your experience level. Enjoy live music, friendly folks, and lots of fun! For info, contact Meg Laycock at 408-255-2111 or [meg@jstub.com](mailto:meg@jstub.com).

Norwegian Folk Dance Weekend – April 20-22 at Camp Norge. Work towards a cultural skills pin! Details in next month’s Tidende.

Tell us About Activities and Ideas to CONNECT with our Norwegian Heritage!


**Planning a Party or Special Event?**

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Viking Property Management at 408-909-9055
a little in English...

Erna Solberg is one of the world's most powerful women

Angela Merkel tops the list of the world's most powerful women. But Erna Solberg is more powerful than Hillary Clinton. Forbes magazine is known for creating lists. They write who earns most and has the most power. Recently a list came out of the world's most powerful women. Forbes mentions 100 women who they think are the most powerful.

Prime Minister Erna Solberg is 46th. She appears before Beyoncé Knowles (50th place) and politician Hillary Clinton (65th place).

"Norway's Angela Merkel," writes Forbes. At the top of the list is Germany's leader. 63-year-old Angela Merkel is number one for the seventh consecutive year. She retains the position despite losing power during the election this year. Forbes calls her the actual leader of the European Union (EU).

In second place is Theresa May. She is Prime Minister of the UK. Third place goes to Melinda Gates, the wife of Bill Gates, founder of the software company Microsoft. Melinda Gates runs a large charitable organization that helps people in poor countries.

There are many different women on the list. There are politicians from several countries, there are powerful leaders from big companies, and there are entertainers.

Here are a few examples:

8th place: Christine Lagarde, head of the International Monetary Fund
11th place: Indra Nooyi, head of the company PepsiCo.
15th place: Tsai Ing-wen, Taiwan's first female leader
19th place: Ivanka Trump, businesswoman, Donald Trump's daughter
21st place: Oprah Winfrey, media queen
33rd place: Aung San Suu Kyi, leader in Myanmar
45th place: Gina Rinehart, owner of Hancock mineral company in Australia
78th place: Kersti Kaljulaid, Estonia's first female president
85th place: artist Taylor Swift from the United States

From Ashes to an Art Nouveau Inspired Town

What used to be a town of ashes is now one of Norway's most beautiful cities. In 1904, the town of Ålesund burnt to the ground after an oil lamp fell to the ground. More than 10,000 residents were without homes, and nearly 800 buildings destroyed. Shortly after, a group of Norwegian architects and designers embarked on rebuilding Ålesund using the Art Nouveau period as their inspiration.

Today, Ålesund is known for having the world’s most exquisite concentrations of Art Nouveau architecture. Visitors will find hewn stone buildings, crested roofs or towers typical of medieval wooden churches, and an occasional sculpted head of a Viking. To learn more about visiting Ålesund, go to www.visitalesund.com.
Bank Interest Rates Got You Down?

Contact me for fresh ideas for how Sons of Norway financial products may be able to give you a lift.

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Feb 9  Business Meeting at 7:30 PM… with Norwegian song practice at 7 PM
Feb 14  Happy Valentine’s Day!
        Deadline to RSVP for the Anniversary Dinner
Feb 17  Anniversary Dinner (see page 4)
Mar 9  Business Meeting and Nordahl Hall Annual Shareholders Meeting
Apr 20-22  Folk Dance Weekend at Camp Norge
See “Connections” for other cultural events. Dates will be added as they become available.

Remember to bring community service donations to Lodge events… non-perishable food for a local food bank, used paperback books for the VA Hospital, and cancelled stamps for Tubfrim. Tusen Takk!

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