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Meet 2nd & 4th Fridays

En hilsen fra Presidenten

Summer draws to a close with another bout of anticipated "hot days," with the temperatures 90 and above. WHEW!!! I hope your summer has been pleasant. The Lodge is looking ahead to a busy fall.

- Crown Princess Martha Louise celebrated her birthday Sept. 22!
- Nordahl Lodge celebrated State Fair Social on Sept. 23. Bring your Pies!
- Leif Eriksson's Day is celebrated on Oct. 9th by Congressional Proclamation! Fly your Norwegian Flag. Play Edvard Grieg music. Read a poem.
- Nordahl Lodge's Business Meeting on Oct. 14th!
- Nominating Committee appointed!
- Lutefisk Preparations in the works!

When contacted by a member of the Nominating Committee of Meg Laycock, Vicki Everly and Shirley Shoup, PLEASE consider how YOU might help the Lodge by becoming an officer for 2012, hosting a social, or by sponsoring a coffee/dessert at one of our business meetings. In order for the Lodge to go forward we need officer positions filled.

Our Lutefisk/MeatBall Extraordinaire event is again in the works. All helpers, servers, volunteers, students, chefs, lefse rollers, meatball makers cookie makers, and cleaners you are needed for the preparation of this weekend. Of

course that list includes the chairpersons who meet and plan for this event and Kari Warner who faithfully keeps the reservations I hope I've included everyone since this is a vital part of our Lodge life. We in the Bay area are so fortunate to have this wonderful cultural dinner take place at our hall and it is our only fundraiser. Year after year many of the same attendees arrive and new ones come to enjoy this Norwegian Fest. We are truly a melting pot while sharing the traditions of our heritage.

Mange Tusen Takk to Larry Huhlberg and Joann Bjerkhoel.

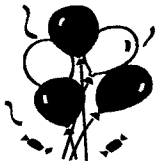
Ha Det Bra!

Ginny Hansen, President

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Happy Leif Eriksson's Day!



October Birthdays

02 John Mattson	20 Anne Herbert
02 Stephanie Bratton	20 Lavonne Hardy
05 John Ecklund	21 Sue Laurie
06 Mark Hunsbedt	23 Bob Goodenough
07 Paul Mehus	23 Martin Alkire
07 Rickey Pixley	24 Leland Bjerkhoel
07 Louisa Capp	25 Gerd Holmsen
10 Jenevieve Schilling	27 Paul Crawford
11 Mary Carlson	28 Darrell Brekke
14 Elizabeth Oaktree	30 Erna Nore
16 Judith Nicolaysen Campbell	31 Jessyca Bratton

Gratulerer med dagen!

Lutefisk Flyers

By the time you receive October Tidende, all the flyers have been mailed. There are 660 copies plus what goes out with the Tidende these last 3 months.

I have made some changes in putting these flyers together. Next year we should be able to have as couple of "Lutefisk Flyers Assembling Parties" in the Solveig Club room. Depending on how many volunteers I can get, we may be able to do everything needed at one time.

We still need to keep one person in charge of the Mailing List and the Reservations.

Depending on the response from our diners regarding e-mail addresses, we can discuss what to do after the dinner. We have successfully done it more or less the same way for 50 years, some-

times drastic changes is not the best way, even if it will save postage. The majority of our guests/ diners are elderly, many do not have computers, time will tell what our next step should be.

Invite your friends and relatives, also prospective members to the Lutefisk Dinner. We are counting on all of our members to help make it another successful event.

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From the Financial Secretary

We are very happy to welcome back two of our members:

Jeff Bennett and Rebecca Slama-Bennett
1690 Lewiston Dr
Sunnyvale, CA 94087 - Ph # 408-720-9562

I did not get an e-mail address.

Welcome them back into the fold, we have missed you two.

Morgan Frost has changed her status from Heritage member to lodge member.

Keep in mind when your Heritage Member turns 16, he/she must fill out an Application form, they pay no dues till age 23.

We have 5 members on the Past Due List - please pay you dues, we would dislike losing you as a member.

One new address:

Pam J. Aakhus, 4803 Fern Hollow, Austin, TX 78731 Hope you will not be affected by all the fires burning outside Austin. We will miss you.

*Nyheter fra
Solveig Club*



Lutefisk is coming! We spent our meeting in September planning our bazaar and getting our articles prepared.

We welcomed two of our new members at our September meeting. Sharon Bratton and Vicki Everly joined our fold at our June luncheon. We love new members.

October is Leif Erickson month. Display your Norwegian flag alongside "Old Glory".

Halloween is soon here. It's a big time for our little ones, and not so little also. By the size of their bags, they expect lots of treats. With their enthusiastic "Trick or treat" their faces glow in expectation. It's a fun evening for all.

Our next meeting is October 12th. Shirley Shoup is Hostess.

School is open. Drive carefully!

Ha det bra,
Elderid Everly



Kalia Frias' last name is now Kalia Iglesia. Congratulations to her and Richard on the birth of their daughter Mariella Adeline Kelly Cornell as reported by Elderid Everly last month.

While I'm congratulating, Ezra Johannes Overby was born 9/12/2011 - he is the 23rd grandchild of our Treasurer - Duane Overby.

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Nordahl Grieg #52 Member Directory

Through the combined efforts of Larry Hulberg and Janie Kelly, the badly needed directory is now completed and available. Tusen takk for your work on this, it is a very big job.

Several copies - 40 - were distributed to members present at the last business meeting. More will be distributed at the September social. We have a long way to go.

Postage is expensive and will be a minimum of 61 to 78 cents each. If you are willing to wait till the Lutefisk Dinner and pick your copy up at that time please notify me. What would be even better if you would come to a lodge function and receive your copy. It is one copy per family. I will of course mail copies to members living out of town or even out of state. Trying to keep mailing cost to a minimum.

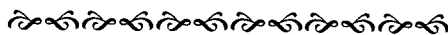
Changes - additions or deletions will be posted in the Tidende, so watch your newsletter carefully every month. Store Tidende in a safe place till you receive a copy and make your corrections. Members attending the last meeting were given directories for their immediate family - like sons, daughters, parents etc.

Change the address of Pam Aakhus listed in this Tidende. We have one change that you can take care of right now. Kathy Whitesel's zip code is incorrect, the correct number should be 95133. Even International has/had that number wrong.

I will take care of getting copies to my children.

Contact me if you need more information.

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Engagement!

Kretsstevne at Camp Norge over Labor Day weekend, is always a special gathering for ours and many other families.

This year we had an additional reason to celebrate. Our granddaughter, Jamie Bjerkhoel became engaged to Brendan McVey.

Congratulations !!!!!



Barneleikarring

The Barneleikarring's fall season started on Sept. 11, 2011. Thanks to all who came We had one new dancer and several returning dancers. We reviewed several dances and practiced a variety of special steps to become familiar with them.

Our next meeting will be on October 9th which is the day we celebrate Leif Eriksson Day.

Come on out and celebrate by dancing.

We will meet at Nordahl Hall, 10/9, 1:30-3:30pm and have a snack before closing. Call me with any questions, Ginny Hansen 408-745-1595.



Folk Dancing and Music at Camp Norge

The time has come again to think about dancing up at Camp Norge! The Folkedans Stevne for Fall 2011 will take place from the evening of Friday November 4 through Sunday November 6.

We will learn dances from Rogaland, including Springar frå Suldal, gammaldans, and turdans, with instruction by Ginny Lee and Mikkel Thompson.

As always, there is something for musicians as well: Toby Weinberg teaching fiddle and Hardanger fiddle, and Bill Likens teaching accordion and torader.

For more information, check the Nordahl Grieg Leikarring og Spelemannslag website at:

<http://www.ngls.net/Alta-Flyer-2011-Fall-Stevne>

or call Meg Laycock at 408-255-2111.



Sympathy Card

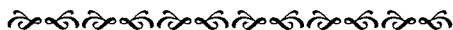
Our lodge received the following Sympathy Card from one of our renters:

As long tenants of Nordahl Hall, and as parents, sisters , brothers, etc., we want you to know that our hearts and prayers are with

you, your extended families, and all the residents of Norway, as you grieve over the many lives lost in such a senseless tragedy.

The Women of Mission Valley Chorus

We thank them for their very thoughtful gesture.



Address Change

Please make the following change in the new Lodge Directory:

Harriet & Richard Candelaria
5078 Tiberan Wy
San Jose, CA 95130

If you do not have your directory yet, please save your copy of the Tidende and make the correction.

Others with changes, please contact Kari Warner and we will note it in the Tidende.

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Leif Ericson—By Linn Ryne

Columbus' Predecessor by Nearly 500 Years

In 986, Norwegian-born Eirik Thorvaldsson, known as Eirik the Red, explored and colonized the southwestern part of Greenland. It was his son, Leiv Eiriksson, who became the first European to set foot on the shores of North America, and the first explorer of Norwegian extraction now accorded worldwide recognition.

The date and place of Leiv Eiriksson's birth has not been definitely established, but it is believed that he grew up on Greenland. The Saga of Eric the Red relates that he set sail for Norway in 999, served King Olav Trygvasson for a term, and was sent back to Greenland one year later to bring Christianity to its people.

There are two schools of thought as to the subsequent course of events. One of these is that Eiriksson, en route for Greenland, came off course, and quite by chance came to the shores of northeastern America in the year 1000, thus preceding Columbus by nearly 500 years. However, according to the Greenland Saga, generally believed to be trustworthy, Eiriksson's discovery was no mere chance. The saga tells that he fitted out an expedition and sailed west, in an attempt to gather proof of the claims made by the Icelandic trader Bjarni Herjulfsson. In 986 Herjulfsson, driven far off course by a fierce storm between Iceland and Greenland, had reported sighting hilly, heavily forested land far to the west. Herjulfsson, though believably the first European to see the continent of North America, never set foot on its shores. Leiv Eiriksson, encouraged by the current talk of potential discoveries, and the constant need of land to farm, bought Bjarni's ship

and set off on his quest of discovery.

He appears to have followed Bjarni's route in reverse, making three landfalls. The first of these he named Helluland, or Flat-Stone Land, now generally regarded as having been Labrador. The second was Markland, or Wood Land, possibly Newfoundland. The exact location of the third, which was named Vinland, is a matter of scholastic controversy, but it could have been as far north as northern Newfoundland or as far south as Cape Cod or even beyond this.

Eiriksson and his men spent the winter in Vinland, at a place they named Leifsbud-ir, returning to Greenland the following year, 1001.

It was left to Eiriksson's brother, Thorvald to make the next voyage to the new-found territory, for strange as it may seem, Leiv Eiriksson never returned there. Subsequent attempts at settlement of Vinland were unsuccessful, due to strong friction between the Viking settlers and the native North Americans.

Though many still regard Christopher Columbus as the discoverer of the New World, Eiriksson's right to this title received the stamp of official approval in the USA when in 1964 President Lyndon B. Johnson, backed by a unanimous Congress, proclaimed October 9th "Leif Ericson Day" in commemoration of the first arrival of a European on North American soil.



The Story of Halloween

The story of Halloween story begins over 2,000 years ago in an extremely large open area that today includes the United Kingdom, Ireland, and a section of France. This is where a group of people known as Celts celebrated their holiday called, Samhain – on November 1 – the first day of their New Year. This celebration also signified the onset of Winter with its cold and blackness

combined with the final days of Summer with its warmth and sunshine. The Winter season in their belief was related to death and, most importantly for us, the night before Samhain was also believed to be the exact time that the separations between the living and the dead became intermingled.

During the celebration of Samhain – crops were burned and animals were sacrificed to their Gods over huge bonfires that were built by their clergy – known as the Druids. Animal skins and skulls were worn as costumes while their Priests forecast the futures of the individual Celts. The Druid prophecies were looked upon as a source of quiet comfort in the coming desolate months of Winter. At the end of the evening of celebration – the Celts lit their small torches, took them home, and used them to light their fires that would last through the entire Winter season. It was on the night of October 31st that they believed the dead might return to damage the community food supply and create havoc.

After the Romans conquered the Celtic territories they combined two of their festivals with Samhain. One commemorated those that had passed away and the other was related to a celebration of fruits and trees. The focused fruit of this festival was the apple which explains the custom of ‘bobbing’ for apples to this day.

In the first millennium AD...the Pope of the day, Boniface IV decreed that November 1st would be known as All Saints Day in honor of all martyrs and saints. It is today understood that this designation was an attempt to replace the Celtic celebration with one that was sanctioned by the Church. It is not so well-known that the Mid-English translation of All Saints Day was All-Hallows or All-Hallowmas...starting to make some sense? It became comfortable for the night before All Saints Day to be called All-Hallows Eve which soon became Halloween – as it remains to this day.

In the mid-1800s...combining Irish and English

traditions...the story of Halloween began with Americans by creating and wearing costumes of their choice and going door-to-door of their neighbors. This practice was then and is now known now as ‘trick or treating’. Within 50 years, the significance of this night became about tricks, ghosts, apparitions, and parties for all ages and it was in this way that the celebration removed itself from any remaining ties to its religious or supernatural foundations.

One cannot describe the story of Halloween without making reference to the importance of costumes to disguise one’s features. This originated with the ancient belief that by disguising a person’s normal appearance with masks, makeup, and varied types of clothing – evil and supernatural confrontations would be avoided. To this very day, costumes and Halloween are intertwined to the point that the celebration becomes stilted without the costume.

In closing it deserves to be noted that our celebration of Halloween has invented new traditions in costuming and donations of money. The costumes are showing a revitalization of traditional types, also known as vintage... plus those of movie stars, pop art performers, athletes and politicians. It appears as if the door-to-door approach is becoming the venue of younger children who are accompanied by one parent, at minimum. The older youths as well as most adults tend to gravitate to house parties or costume parties where prizes reward them for their costuming efforts.

This is the story of Halloween as it has been written in many, many publications that can be found online or in your local public library. I trust that I have done a credible job in assembling it for you and that it is easily understandable for everyone. Thank you!



Some say the glass is half full, some say the glass is half empty. I say, “Are you going to drink that?”

Late one night from the Norway Int'l airport, Sven and Ole phoned their wives back in the States to inform them of their expected time of arrival back home after their Scandinavian vacation.

Sven and Ole then boarded the 4-prop airplane headed back to the States. All was going well until the Captain announced over the PA system that there had been engine trouble in engine number 4, and as a result their arrival time in the States would be pushed back 30 minutes. Sven told Ole that this shouldn't be too much of a problem with his wife, as she was usually not punctual and would probably be late to get him anyway. Ole agreed, and the flight continued.

An hour later the Captain came on the PA system again, announcing that there had now been problems with engine number 1, and as a result the flight would be 60 minutes late in arrival in the States. This time it was Ole who spoke, telling Sven that now there could be a problem with his wife, as she was not an extremely patient person in these matters. Sven consoled Ole by telling him that he could ride home with him and his wife if Ole's wife didn't wait for the late arrival.

At about the same time the two had resolved the issue and drifted off to sleep, the Captain got on the PA system a third time. He announced his apologies, but there now had been troubles with engine 3, and as a result the flight would be 90 minutes late. It was at this time that Ole looked over at Sven, and in utter dismay announced, "For cryin' out loud. If another engine goes out we'll be up here all night!"

Happy Leif Ericson Day!

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Save These Dates

Oct 14, Fri	Business Meeting
Oct 28, Fri	No Social
Nov 6, Sun	Meatball Preparation
Nov 11, Fri	Business Meeting
Nov 12 & 13	Saturday & Sunday Lefse Making
Nov 27 & 28	Sunday & Monday Cookie Making
Nov 30, Wed	Lutefisk & Hall Set-up

Additional dates will be presented as they become available.