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En hilsen fra Presidenten

Dear Members and Friends,

By the time you read this we will have had our annual Lutefisk/Meatball dinner with all the trimmings, thanks to the many hours of work by you the members and Chairpersons of this event. Well done!!

We also have had our family Christmas party and danced around the Christmas tree. Don't forget to put your "heart baskets" on your Christmas tree. Hearts are a traditional motif found on many different items in Norway and loved by all.

Since my term of office is almost over, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the 2011 officers for the job they have done all year. It was an honor to serve with you and I want to thank the members for electing me. To our president-elect John Stubblebine and new slate of officers, my best wishes for a successful year.

I wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a healthy New Year.

God Jul og Godt Nytt Ar!

Ha Det Bra!

Ginny Hansen, President



Happenings at the Hall

Have you noticed? All sorts of small (and large) improvements have been taking place at our hall over the past few months. We have fresh paint in the entry and the ladies' room foyer. The edges of the parking lot have been mulched with newspaper and wood chips, to keep down the weeds and provide a good base for future plantings. We have agapanthus plants outside the Solveig Room and along one side of the parking lot (thanks, Shirley Shoup!), and we look forward to future additions of low-maintenance plants. The lighting in the pantry and kitchen has been vastly improved, and when you read this the back door overhang will have been repaired where the wood was deteriorating.

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Merry Christmas!



December Birthdays

05 Marilyn Nelson	17 Robert Mulvany
06 Sally Mercado	17 Steven Hawes
06 Justin Baldwin	20 Barbara Shoup
09 Marcia Madson Corcoran	23 Lois Bertelson
09 Kris Brekke	25 Jesusa Bjerkhoel
10 Shirley Shoup	26 Rakel Skogheim
11 Judith Lund	27 William Alkire
12 Cheryl Breitreutz	28 Gunnar Heistein
14 Robert Lindblom	30 Sharron Maria
14 Earl Thygeson	31 Donald Slama
	31 Vidar Dallokken

Gratulerer med dagen!

The latest improvement isn't especially visible, but it's a big one, and rather expensive. For years we have had problems with the main sewer line out of the hall backing up under the extra strain of the Lutefisk Dinner. The pipe was smaller than current standards, and we simply ran too much extra water (and other material) through the drains. At the November business meeting, the members approved the replacement of the sewer line, and this week work has been completed to install the new line, as well as a cleanout near the street. (Ask Janie Kelly about how they traced the line--It was quite an interesting process!)

So, the next time you're at the hall, for the Lutefisk Dinner, or the Yule Party, or the Officers' Installation in January, look around and admire the improvements. (You'll have to imagine how the sewer looks, but you can admire that too, in your imagination.)



From the Financial Secretary

We have one new member and one re-instated member.

Please welcome these members. Merle will be attending the Lutefisk Dinner with his wife.

Please add the following to your membership directory:

Merle Loney
19475 Black Rd,
Los Gatos, CA 95033
408-395-2126 loneymerle@gmail.com

Kenneth L. Larson
1225 Laurent St
Santa Cruz, C 95060

Please change the following address:

Rolf B Hofstad
5136 Cribari Pl
San Jose, CA 95135

The following members have been suspended or cancelled:

Gerd E. Holmsen, Park City, UT

Betty A Zacharisen, (Betty said she will retain her "right" to come and visit).

We still have 4 members on the Past Due list - please pay your dues, we want you and need you.

Kari Warner, Financial Secretary
karia107@earthlink.net - 408-248-5046



May your Christmas be wrapped in happiness and tied with love.

Nyheter fra Solveig Club



Our November meeting was busy getting ready for our Lutefisk Bazaar.

This will be busy month as we prepare for the Christmas Holidays. In a Norwegian household, a good hostess prepares Sju-slag. Seven kinds of pastry. I will attempt a few kinds. My household is happy with Lefse and doughnuts, and a few other goodies.

I wish everyone a wonderful holiday with your family.

Drive Carefully!

Happy Holidays,

Elderid Everly

We wish to thank everyone who came to help make Lefse. It was a great success.

Vicki and Elderid Everly



Oh Lutefisk, Oh Lutefisk!

By the time you read this, the annual lutefisk event will be in full swing. The dinner is always well attended, lots of fun and a great fundraiser.

We want to thank everyone who has given so generously of their time and talent, especially the committee chairs. There are too many to mention everyone by name, but know that your efforts are appreciated. This is a community effort in which we can all take pride. Special mention goes to the following individuals, without whom this could not have happened.

Kari Warner – Tickets/Publicity
Kathy Whitesel/Meg Laycock - Hall Decoration
Janie & Pat Kelly/Kristen Hulberg - Meatballs
Elderid & Vicki Everly/Sharon Bratton – Lefse
Leslie Jones/Virginia Hansen – Cookies
Victoria Slama – Volunteers/Kitchen
Harry & JoAnn Bjerkhoel – Planning/Set-up/
Security
Harry & Leland Bjerkhoel – Music
Russ Behel - Recycling
Elderid & Vicki Everly - Solveig Club Bazaar

Special thanks also go to Don Slama for getting the old metal folding chairs replaced with more comfortable padded chairs. There are many, many others of course and everyone's participation is greatly appreciated. Thinking ahead, let's make next year better yet. Mange tusen takk till alle!

Larry Hulberg



Stoughton Folk Dancers

The Stoughton Folk Dancers from Stoughton, Wisconsin, will be visiting Northern California at the end of March. Don Ansok can tell you what a great performance these high school students provide!

They will perform at our Lodge on Friday, March 30, and we will provide housing for them that evening, possibly for another night as well.

Because these are teenagers, the school will perform background checks on the host families. If you can house one or two (or more) students, please let Meg Laycock or Kari Warner know.

Stay tuned for more details in future issues of the Tidende.

2012 Installation of Officers

Sunday, January 8th, 1:30 PM

Please join fellow lodge members, family and friends for this special ceremony to welcome Nordahl Grieg's new and returning officers for 2012.

A light lunch of open-faced sandwiches, cake, coffee and punch will be served immediately following the installation ceremony.

All incoming and outgoing officers are asked to please bring a platter of open-faced sandwiches to share.

Remember to wear your bunad!

2012 Lodge Officers:

President	John Stubblebine
Vice President	Vicki Everly
Counselor	Ginny Hansen
Secretary	Meg Laycock
Treasurer	Mike Block
Financial Secretary	Kari Warner
Assistant Social Director	Julia Jaroshenko
Assistant Social Director	Kathy Whitesel
Assistant Social Director	OPEN
Trustee 3 years	OPEN
Trustee 2 years	Elderid Everly
Trustee 1 year	Vicki Everly
Cultural Director	OPEN
Marshal	Vidar Dallokken
Assistant Marshal	Roy Vanatta
Greeter	Erline Mello
Greeter	Shirley Shoup
Musician	Marv Bertelson
Assistant Musician	OPEN
Editor	Finn Gjerdrum
Historian	OPEN
Librarian	OPEN

As noted above, positions that are still open are the Three-year Trustee, Cultural Director, Librarian, and Historian. If you would like to find out more about any of these positions, contact one of the Nominating Committee members: Shirley Shoup (408-264-0912), Vicki Everly (510-651-0825), or Meg Laycock (408-255-2111).

New officers will be installed at our first gathering of 2012, on Sunday, January 8. More details will be in next month's Tidende.



Dallokken Wedding

Congratulations to Vidar Dallokken and Lian who were married November 19, 2011 at 12 Noon at St. John's Lutheran Church.

I was very honored and pleased to be their witness, and I also met Marina, Lian's daughter.

It was a nice ceremony, and the love was obvious. Wish I could have taken a picture of Vidar's face when he said "I do". The words were "I do" but his eyes said "I love you".

We wish them all a long and happy marriage.

Kari Warner



Lutefisk Update!

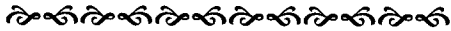
The dinner will be over when you read this, however, you should know that ticket sales for the later seatings have gone very well.

At this date, I only have 5 tickets left for Friday, 7:00 PM and Saturday tickets for 5:30PM and 7:30PM are all sold out!!

I will not sell out the earlier seatings, but the latecomers will certainly make a dent in those tickets as well.

Not too many people called me "Karl" this year, but I did have one "Kurt".

Kari Warner



Nordahl Grieg Lodge Yule Party

Sunday December 12, 2011

From 1:00 to 4:00 PM

(One week after Lutefisk)

This is our family party for members and friends of all ages. We'll have crafts for children (and the young at heart), and plenty of seasonal music for listening, singing along, and dancing around the juletre.

Please bring potluck goodies to share for a nice julebord. The Lodge will provide cookies, coffee, cocoa, and spiced cider. (Also, we have it on good authority that Ginny Hansen will bring her famous glogg.)

Parents, please bring a wrapped gift with your child's name on it, to help out the Julenisse. He'll be reading a story to the children and then will distribute the gifts. (It may be a good idea to use wrapping paper different from your usual supply. One little girl exclaimed to her daddy, "Look! Santa has the same paper we do! That's cool!")

Join us for a cozy afternoon of holiday cheer with all our Lodge friends.



Web Site Updated

The Nordahl Grieg Lodge web site has a new look and has been updated with current information about our lodge and our events. Check it out at <http://www.nordahlgrieg.org> .

Christmas In Norway

A report from TRONDHEIM --- Christmas in Norway starts with the Advent season. This is the time allotted, sort of, to Christmas preparations (at least that's when most people start, despite promises to the contrary last year: Next year I WILL start earlier...) Decorations in most Norwegian homes are sparse during most of December. The following is the norm in most homes:

1. The Advent stake: A light-decoration composed of seven lights looking like candles, arranged in a fashion similar to Jewish Hanukkah-lights. It is displayed in a window.

2. The Advent Star: An electric fixture as well. It is shaped like the star, and is meant to hang in the most prominent window. It represents the Star of Bethlehem. Walking through a typical rural town in Norway, you'll see a star in almost every house. It exists in many shapes and fashions, depending on which store it was bought in. Most of the time it has seven points.

3. The Advent Candles: These are four candles in a candleholder. On the First Sunday of Advent (There are four, the last one will be as late as 24th dec.) the first candle is lit, and allowed to burn a quarterway down.

On the Second Sunday of Advent, that and one more candle is lit, and allowed to burn a further quarterway down. This continues through to the Fourth Sunday of Advent when all the candles are lit, and allowed to burn out.

4. The outdoor tree: If the family has a garden or a yard with fir(s) or spruce(s) in it, they will often place lights on them. A lit tree covered with snow can be a sight to behold. The lights used for Christmas trees and the other decorations in Norway are rather larger than those in the US - they are large enough to look a bit like candles.

Close to Dec. 1st, shops start putting up their

Christmas decorations. It is considered untasteful to put up Christmas-window decorations earlier than this. The streets are decorated for Christmas as well, in a style recognizable for most people, with lights, garlands, and the like. The Christmas-street, as they call it after the transformation, is opened with some ceremony, particularly in larger cities. Most communities also have a public Christmas-tree, which is lit on whichever is first of First Sunday of Advent, or Dec 1st. Sometimes the two are done simultaneously.

By the 23rd, time is getting short. This day is called Li'l Christmas Eve. The Christmas tree must be brought indoors on the morning, at the latest, to acclimatize it. Everything needed for Christmas MUST be in the house before the shops close (Closed shops on Christmas Eve seems to be making its way across Norway), and the Christmas decorations are brought out of storage. This day is also the most common day for making the porridge. The Christmas tree must be put in the holder, and fitted to both holder and to the living room. Then it must be decorated. Things are hectic, with high levels of stress, and it is one of the more dangerous days for relationships and marriages.

Now TV-traditions start kicking in. On TV, normally at around 10 p.m., they show a 10 min. program that has been broadcast every year since we've had TV in Norway. It is "The Countess and the Butler". The butler ("Same procedure as last year, Miss Sophie?") serves at the dinner party of Miss Sophie ("Same procedure as EVERY year, James!"). Invited are Sir Toby ("Cheerio, Miss Sohpie!"), Admiral von Schneider ("Schkaull!"), Mr. Pomeroy ("Happy new year, Miss Spohie!") and Mr. Winterbottom ("Well, here we are again, and here's to one of the nicest women that ever lived!"), all of them quite dead, with the butler having to stand in for them at the drinks. The menu is Mulligatawnysoup, followed by fish, fowl, and fruit. Everybody watches it.

The Christmas tree is decorated in the evening, or

during the night (some families still stick to decorating the Christmas tree when the kids are asleep). During the night, parents will also fill a stocking with candy and hang it at the head of the bed, while the children are asleep.

Come christmas morning, the children will wake to find a fully prepared house. The children will be busy watching TV most of the morning, with such classics as "Tri Orisky Pro Popelku" ("Three Nuts for Cinderella" - a Czech movie version of Cinderella), and Disney's "From All of Us to All of You", but before this, NRK has its own Christmas childrens programme, live from studio, with HRH Princess Märtha Lousie as guest. There are many good Norwegian movies on as well, with the best being "Flåklypa Grand Prix", known in English as "The Pinchville Grand Prix", a puppet animation movie, and "The Journey to the Christmas Star". At 5 p.m., the boys choir Sølvguttene sings the Christmas in, as church bells all over Norway peal the Christmas in, and people gather for dinner. At midnight, NRK transfers to the Midnight Mass broadcast from St. Peter's Church in the Vatican.

Christmas morning is otherwise used to get showers and to get everything prepared for Christmas dinner. It is now allowable to read the Christmas albums as well. These are large, landscape-format comic albums issued for Christmas. Longtime favourites here include Beetle Bailey, Snuffy Smith, the Katzenjammer Kids, Bringing Up Father, and Blondie, and many others of international and Norwegian origin. The No. 1, however, is "Nr. 91 Stomperud", about one Private No. 91 Stomperud, who is the typical Norwegian serviceman doing his compulsory primary service with the army.

The rice porridge is normally for lunch, for those families that have it. Christmas dinner differs greatly across Norway. My family has ribs, medistersausage, medister patties, Christmas sausage, sossiser (small handmade sausages), with gravy (the thin deep brown European type), pota-

toes, and vegetables. Some areas have poached cod. Some have pinnekjøtt (lamb ribs prepared in a special way), some have lutefisk, some have Smalahove.

The barn elf is called fjøsnisse, or simply nisse, and in many places functions as Julenisse (Santa Claus). Christmas presents in Norway are placed in a huge heap under the Christmas tree.



Ole lived across River from Clarence who he didn't like at all. They all the time were yelling across the river at each other.

Ole would yell to Clarence, "If I had a way to cross dis river, I'd come over dere an beat you up good, yeah sure ya betcha by golly!"

This went on for years. Finally the state built a bridge across the river right there by their houses.

Ole's wife, Lena, says, "Now is you chance, Ole, why don't you go over dere and beat up dat Clarence like you said you volud?" Ole says, "OK, by yimmy I tink I will do yust dat" Ole started for

the bridge but he sees a sign on the bridge an he stops to read it, then he turns around and comes back home.

Lena asked, "why did you come back?"

Ole said, "Lena, I tink I change my mind 'bout beatin' up dat Clarence, you know, dey put a sign on da bridge dat says "Clarence is 13 ft. 6 in." You know, he don't look near dat big when I yell at him from across da river"

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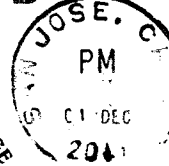
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Save These Dates

Dec 2 & 3	Friday & Saturday Lutefisk Dinner
Dec 10, Fri	No Business Meeting
Dec 12, Sun	Lodge Yule Party
Jan 8, Sun	Installation of Officers
Jan 27, Fri	Business Meeting

Additional dates will be presented as they become available.

Merry Christmas!