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Meet 2nd & 4th Fridays

En hilsen fra Presidenten

Kjære Venner (Dear Friends),

Godt Nyttår. I hope all of us have had a happy holiday, and are looking forward to the new year.

Welcome 2012 and all the opportunities it presents.

Tusen takk to the past officers, and especially to Ginny Hansen, The Lodge has been given to us in good shape for this new year.

Tusen takk to the entire Lutefisk team, but especially to Harry and Jo Ann Bjerkhoel and to Larry Hulberg for being such effective leaders of the team. Our Lutefisk Dinner was a great success this year!

Tusen takk to both the returning and the new officers for 2012. The Lodge works best if we ALL support these officers by volunteering where we can.

"Many hands make light work" is an old saying, but it especially applies to this Lodge, since we are a "Do It Yourself" organization.

Tusen Takk to Larry Hulberg for taking on the job of Lutefisk Chair for 2012. We all need to support him by volunteering to help. There is planning that goes on all year.

At the Lutefisk Dinner we passed out a survey, and a few people took the time to comment. In addition, the incoming officers met on December 9 to talk about the coming year. The consensus from both the survey and our discussion is that the

Lutefisk Dinner is one of our most important functions, and so we need to fully support the team that puts it on. An additional point from both is that people like food at events. People want a Norwegian connection in socials and business meetings and would like more interesting programs at business meetings. The officers are thinking, planning, and working on all of this. We especially welcome your ideas, and your help! Please call, write, email, or talk with us at any meeting.

One more thing deserves comment here: We have created a list of email addresses for all who have volunteered their emails. This email list will be used for Lodge announcements, in addition to the Tidende. We also have a web site at

<http://www.nordahlgrieg.org/>

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Happy New Year!



January Birthdays

04 Clinton Lindseth	20 Marjorie Habenicht
04 Ruth Tebo	20 Regina Jensen
05 Wanda L Guzzi	24 Laddie Hughes
05 Joyce Cosce	25 Donald Ansok
05 Ron Smestad	25 Kermit Lund
07 Kalia Iglesia	25 Bonnie Brekke
08 Craig Slama	26 Sharon Felkey
08 Christine Roed	27 David Mc Intyre
09 Harriet Candelaria	27 Clarian Pintacura
15 Finn Gjerdrum	30 Lane Tronson
19 Jo Ann Bjerkhoel	

Gratulerer med dagen!

where a lot of information about our Lodge is posted. The web site has the current issue of the Tidende, as well as several past issues posted.

We are planning on making the Tidende available electronically for those who have internet access. Those who choose to receive their Tidende electronically will save the lodge some money over the course of the year. In addition, a few COLOR pictures of Lodge activities are posted now, and more will follow. If you have photos to offer, please send them to me. Soon there will be photos on the web site associated with articles in the Tidende.

Please remember the Officers' Installation on January 8 at 1:30 PM. This is the meeting that begins the new year. We welcome all of you!

Tusen takk to all of you for your support of the Lodge!

Fraternally yours, *John Stubblebine, President*

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

*Nyheter fra
Solveig Club*



Godt Nytt Ar! Happy 2012! May this year be prosperous and healthy for all.

Our "Lutefisk Festival" was a big success, and hopefully a fond memory for all who attended.

Our Solveig Club had a successful bazaar, thanks to our many volunteers.

Mette and Michael had many treasure hunters in their little nook, and were kept very busy. Gracie Larson helped on Friday, and Raymond Howard helped Saturday.

Thank you to Marcia Hulberg, Harriet Candeleria, Meg Laycock, John Stubblebine, Clarion Pintacura. They all worked many hours on both days.

Erline Mello, and Sharon Bratton kept very busy in the bread room, as sales were brisk.

Harry Bjerkhoel again contributed his now very famous "lefse turners". Thank you Harry!

What a famous raffle it is becoming. Donations came from Marv Bertelson, Kari Warner, Kate Slama, Mette and Michael, Sherri Sullivan, and Harriet Candeleria. Thanks everyone!!

Shirley Shoup, our treasurer, is very busy. She gets to count all the money. Thanks to Shirley for her many extra hours.

Last, but not least, thank you to my wonderful family. My "CEO", and right hand girl. She keeps everything in good order. In the background my granddaughter Apryl unpacked and checked all incoming orders. My daughter Linnea Williams helped with pricing and deliveries. They all work well together.

How can a bazaar not be successful when so much cooperation is forthcoming? Thanks everyone!

Solveig Club will welcome the New Year with a pot luck luncheon at my house on January 11th at 11:30AM.

Drive Carefully! Stay warm!

Ha det bra,
Elderid Everly



NEEDED: Housing for Teenage Folk Dancers

We will need to provide housing for about 23 high-school students March 30 and possibly April 1, when the Stoughton Dancers from Stoughton, Wisconsin, visit our lodge and the Bay Area. At this time we have a couple of volunteers, but we need more! (Dividing the group of teenagers between only two households will be just a bit difficult.)

Minimal transportation will also be needed, from the hall to your home. When the group goes sight-seeing or to their next performance, they will travel in rented vehicles as a group.

For those members offering hospitality to the dancers, you will need to send in a form allowing a background check to be done on all adults in the household. Meg Laycock has a copy of the form and can send you one either electronically or through regular mail.

If you have a spare bedroom, please consider offering it for a night or two to provide shelter for one of the dancers. Call Meg Laycock (408-255-2111) or Kari Warner (408-248-5046) to let us know how many dancers you can accommodate and to arrange to get the background check form.

Thank you!

Member Health News

Here's an update on some of our members.

It was good to see **Gene and Dot Arnold** at the Lutfisk dinner. Gene uses a wheelchair now and continues to receive dialysis. Dot uses a walker since her stroke and has trouble with her vision. They would welcome contact from their Lodge friends.

Liv Braaten has had a difficult time recently. She had to have arthroscopic surgery, but is doing better now. She attended both the Lutfisk dinner and the Lodge Christmas party. It was great seeing you, Liv, and hope to see you more in 2012.

Laverne Elwood has moved from the assisted living to the skilled nursing part of her facility in Fairfield because she needs more help with her care at this time.

Harold Everly has been in a rehab facility for a while now so he can get back on his feet. He is progressing and continues to have dialysis. Keep up the hard work, Harold!

Both **Clara and Elmer Graslje** have been ailing. Clara broke her foot which is now almost healed up, while Elmer has had to reduce his activity due to his emphysema and back problems. They missed the Lutfisk dinner, but will try to see everyone in 2012.

Andy Hunsbedt has done beautifully after his replacement surgery. He was working hard with all those potatoes at the Lutfisk dinner.

Grace Larsen had another fall and is slowly recuperating under Egil's watchful eye. Take it easy, Grace, and be safe.

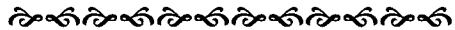
Dorothy Stoner is very ill with an aggressive brain tumor. She is at home with care being provided by her family. She was able to fly East for the holiday to attend her son's wedding and be

with her beloved granddaughter. She is not experiencing a lot of pain at this time. Our thoughts are with you, Dorothy.

Ray Vanatta is looking robust and active after taking care of his heart issues. It is nice having you around again, Ray.

Let us all remember our members experiencing health problems and wish them well.

Fraternally, Shirley Shoup, Sunshine Chair



From The Financial Secretary

The Activity Report as of 11/30/11 from Sons of Norway International was again dismal, hopefully we will do much better in 2012.

Transferred: Pam Aakhus has transferred to lodge 1-645. She has moved to New Mexico. Please delete her name from our membership.

We have 3 members on the past due list, that is not good news, but worse news 4 members were suspended:

Edith Bargfrede - she lives in Albany, GA

Mary Carlson - I spoke to her at the Lutfisk Dinner, she has had many health problems, we hope you will stay healthy, whether or not you are a member of our lodge.

Laverne Elwood - she is no longer able to attend any of our functions

Elizabeth Stepanek

It is not too late to re-join our lodge by submitting your dues to Sons of Norway International.

On a positive note, Fred Hymans signed up five (5) new members, he was multitasking while he was also serving as a very competent bartender during the Lutfisk Dinner. The names of these new members will appear in the Tidende next month after receipt of final 2011 Activity Report 12/31/2011. The number of members showing on

that report will also determine the delegate count our lodge is entitled to for the 2012 Convention to be held in Mesa, AZ the first week of June.

Nordahl Grieg membership count as of 11-30-2011 shows 296 - this includes Juvenile Members with active insurance. This is the lowest membership since I joined the lodge in 1976.

Kari Warner, Financial Secretary
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Yule Party

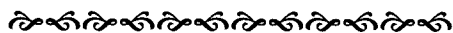
A cozy group of about 35 members and friends gathered at Nordahl Hall on December 11 for an afternoon of munchies, cookies, gløgg, seasonal crafts, and a visit from our own personal Julenisse (aka Russ Behel). The hall was festive with the decorations and tree we had put up for the Lute-fisk dinner, plus a small tree in the center of the room provided and decorated by Kathy Whitesel. Only a fireplace with Yule log was needed to complete the holiday atmosphere. (Hmm . . . maybe next year?)

Our potluck julebord (Christmas buffet) was crowded with all manner of yummy goodies that folks brought to add to the cookies provided by the Lodge. In addition to Ginny Hansen's famous gløgg, another standout was the lemony ice cream confection that Kathy Whitesel first shared with us at the September State Fair social. Vicki Everly says it tastes exactly like the citron fromage she had in Norway. Kathy promises to share the recipe with us in a future issue of the Tidende.

Cassandra Leventon helped interested youngsters build snowmen from marshmallows and decorate ice cream cones as Christmas trees. (Other sugar-laden, frosting-cemented items might have also been created, but this writer's eyes began to go blurry from a sugar contact high.) Meg Laycock

hosted the paper craft table, where kids (and a few adults) learned how to weave julekurv (paper heart baskets). This year we had a new paper craft, suggested by John Stubblebine's daughter Julie. She researched the idea and provided instructions for making paper Lucia crowns--green wreaths with candles. (Little did we know that the cover of this month's Viking would feature a young woman dressed as St. Lucia!) It was quite a sight to see all the wreath-bedecked kids clustered by the Julenisse as he read "A Visit from St. Nicholas." After handing out presents to all the children, the Julenisse led a rousing line dance of adults and kids around the hall.

Everyone had a great time. Remember, our Christmas party is not just for children. (After all, they aren't the ones drinking the gløgg!) It's a chance for all ages to sample a bit of Norsk Jul tradition, celebrate the season with our Lodge friends, and possibly make some new friends. We look forward to seeing all of you next December!



Program Committee Needs YOU!

What sorts of events would you like to attend at the Lodge? Do you have an idea for a bang-up, time-of-your-life party that would be the perfect way to celebrate August? Would you like to come to a day of craft demonstrations, or do you have a favorite craft that you'd love to share with others? Would you like to see Norwegian movies or learn some tips for planning your first trip to Norway?

Do you have a favorite charity that you'd like to tell us about, or a passionate interest in sustainable fishing practices or a passionate interest in Country/Western music? Folks with passionate interests often like to share them with others. We can provide your audience!

If you have a brilliant idea--or even just a good one--or one that you think might be acceptable--for a program or social event that you'd like to see

happening at the Lodge, let us know! Although Kathy Whitesel and Julia Jaroshenko are our Social Directors, remember that it takes a village (or at least a committee) to plan and execute a successful event. Send Kathy (408-258-2562) or Julia (408-773-1909) your ideas, and we'll try some new themes for coming events.



*WANTED: Friendly Folks Who Like
Food and Socializing*

Do you like to socialize over food? Do you enjoy (occasionally) providing food to socialize over? Would you enjoy socializing while you prepare food?

If any of these applies to you, contact Kathy Whitesel. She'll be delighted to sign you up to provide the refreshments for one of our monthly meetings. The Lodge provides coffee and serving items, and we'll help you find your way around the kitchen and pantry, if you're unfamiliar with that part of our hall.

You can call Kathy at 408-258-2562, or email her at SaxonyTarn@aol.com.



Thanks to Everyone!

Thanks to everyone who participated to make this year's lutefisk dinner a great success. We received compliments from many guests and everyone seemed to have a good time. Comments like "the meatballs were especially good" and "everything is run so efficiently" were heard often and we have many capable hands to thank. We even had Sons of Norway members from Santa Rosa who came to see how we served so many people.

Lutefisk is an annual event that brings families

and friends together. It's a great tradition for our lodge but wouldn't be possible without the involvement of so many individuals. Your efforts are greatly appreciated. But there are a few individuals who deserve special recognition:

Kari Warner who handles tickets and public relations with special care.

Elderid Everly who at 90 years spent two days on her feet making lefse and is instrumental in the Solveig Club bazaar and raffle.

Wayne Stavang who drives three hours each way to cheerfully assist with set-up, cooking and clean-up.

Harry Bjerkhoel and the cook tent crew who do the heavy lifting (lutefisk and potatoes).

Victoria Slama and her amazing kitchen crew who kept everything humming.

A few statistics of which we can all be proud:

Nearly 1,100 Guests served

950 lbs. of Lutefisk

450 lbs. of Potatoes

180 lbs. Coleslaw

8,944 Meatballs

4,560 Pieces of lefse

4,894 Cookies

Tusen takk!!



In Memorium

Our Lodge has again lost two members recently and we mourn their loss.

Esther Tiff died at home after suffering a massive stroke. She was 94 and had been a member of Sons of Norway for nearly 40 years. To know Esther was to love her! She had a great sense of humor and was fun to be around. She was a hard worker and always willing to help with whatever

she was asked to do. She rolled a mean lefse. She was proud of her North Dakota Norwegian heritage and spoke Norwegian the way we would all like to. She leaves behind four sons of whom she was justly proud and their families. We will miss her and keep her in our hearts.

One of our newer members, **Gareth (Gary) Hagen** passed away December 16, 2011 He joined our lodge in August 2010. He and his wife attended a couple of our socials.

Our sincere sympathy to his wife Catherine (Kitty) and his four sons Skye, Kirk, Erik and Martin, plus his sister Gwen.

May he rest in peace.



Condolences

We extend our condolences to **Sharon Mellott** whose husband, **Keith**, died recently. He suffered a massive stroke at the Nursing Home where he had been a resident for quite sometime.



Thank From Sharon Mellott

Thank you, Nordahl Grieg members, for the cards, calls, letters, and many acts of kindness following the passing of my husband, Keith, in mid November.

The outpouring of your caring was very comforting to me.

Sharon Mellott

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