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En hilsen fra Presidenten

Kjære Venner (Dear Friends),

The officers have been talking about membership growth, which we need! I have talked with several members about this, and have received good ideas.

Main points: We need to offer programs of value to younger members and potential members. Given the economy today, the concerns of the people we want to attract center on careers and finances.

A helpful framework is to think of four age groups or stages of career and financial life: a) before family, b) family, c) with their children living on their own, d) retirement. Each of these stages has its own needs for career and financial information and support, but all fit within this framework.

For financial information, we have Fred Hymans, who is the Sons of Norway Financial Benefits Counselor for our lodge. Fred is willing to give a presentation about the financial needs of each of these four stages, giving information that is helpful.

For career information, the Rotary Club in Cupertino has a job search support group that is highly regarded throughout the South Bay. I have spoken with its leader, Jim Gibson, and he is also willing to give a presentation about the career planning needs of each of these stages. Yes, the fourth stage, retirement, can be thought of as a career stage, with its own career-oriented needs.

So, two requests: Begin discussing these ideas with your grown children and grandchildren, with friends and neighbors. When specific programs are announced, you can invite all of these who have expressed interest. Second, as you discuss these ideas, and get feedback, please send that information to the officers – by calling, by emailing, by coming to business meetings and socials and talking with us.

This could make for interesting programs, and help us attract new members!

Fraternally yours,

John Stubblebine, President

District 6 Convention

The District 6 Convention is coming up on June 6-9 in Mesa, Arizona. The theme of the convention is: "Discover Your Inner Troll" and it should be interesting and a great experience. Our member, Janie Kelly, is on the planning committee, and so we know it will be a lot of fun!

Nordahl Grieg Lodge is able to send as many as 8 delegates. We are asked to select our delegates, and alternates and submit names by March 15th. We do not need to send all 8 of the delegates we are allowed. In the past we have offered partial support to help delegates with the expenses.

If you are interested in being a delegate from Nordahl Grieg Lodge, please attend the February 10th and March 9th business meetings, as we will discuss this at both meetings, and select and vote on delegates at the March 9th meeting.

Thank you, John Stubblebine

Congratulations 2012 Officers

From Set up to clean up, from refreshments to the installation program,

Tusen Takk to all!

JoAnn Bjerkhoel, Chairperson

Officers' Installation

About 45 sociable folks gathered on the afternoon of Sunday, January 8, to install Lodge officers for the coming year. The hall was still festive with snowflakes and jultre from the Christmas season. Many members wore their bunads for the occasion; others showed their Norsk spirit in Norwegian sweaters.

Jo Ann Bjerkhoel served as our Installing Officer. Bill Likens provided music as each officer was escorted to

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Happy Valentine's Day!

his or her seat by Installing Marshals Russ Behel and Harry Bjerkhoel.

As soon as the formal part of the installation had finished, members of the Nordahl Grieg Leikarring gave a brief performance, followed by a lively audience-participation mixer. Almost everyone present joined us on the dance floor, having a great time.

Former and incoming officers brought a wonderful variety of open-face sandwiches, herring, deviled eggs, and other good foods for a light meal, capped off with cake and coffee. The combination of good food, good company, serious business (the installation itself), frivolity (dancing!), and a sunny day all made a delightful afternoon.

Many thanks to JoAnn and Harry, their daughter Sharon Hawes and their granddaughter Jamie Bjerkhoel for planning the event. Also thanks to everyone who helped set up, clean up, and celebrate.

February Birthdays

03 Marian Lanier	16 Harold Shellum
05 Turid Sinagra	17 Jean Lund Drew
05 Reed Stoner	18 James Marlowe
06 Donald Auker	20 Elaine Edwards
09 Mikkel Thompson	21 Clara Graslie
12 Erik Werner	23 Sylvia Stevens
14 Orland Larson	24 Kenneth Larson

Gratulerer med dagen!

Lodge Achievement Form

Many members do not know that each February the officers must complete a form that is sent to the District offices, reporting on our activities for the previous year. We provide information about how our Lodge promotes and preserves heritage and culture, how we recruit members, and how we participate in fraternal activities and community activities. These reports from all lodges are important in maintaining the non-profit status of Sons of Norway and local lodges.

We're asked to tell about our social events, joint events with other lodges, and community events. We report how many members actively participate in lodge doings, how many help produce the events, and how many person-hours go into our various activities. As you might expect, the Lutfisk Dinner accounts for a big piece of our reporting, but our Lodge does much more than that.

We'll have more information about this form and the information it requests in future issues of the Tidende.

Nyheter Fra Solveig Club

How time flies! February already. When I was growing up in North Dakota we were deep into winter, with lots of snow and cold, but we also knew that winter was waning, and with it the snow banks. Since there were no hills around, we had to seek out

any large snow banks near by, and slide down on our flexible flyer or a large piece of card board.

One year our neighbor built a slide off the straw stack in the pasture. Such fun! We scared all the cows away with our squealing and laughter. Too soon, dusk was upon us and we went indoors.

Since Valentine's Day was just around the corner we spent our evenings making Valentines. Using wall paper samples our teacher had obtained for us and using home made paste and some paper doilies, we made some presentable Valentines. We were also allowed to send to Montgomery Ward for a packet of "store bought" Valentines. A packet of twenty five were twenty-five cents, and my twin sisters and I each had eight. There were nineteen kids in school and three teachers. In looking back I consider it all very fond memories.

I hope you have a very wonderful Valentine's Day with your loved ones.

Remember to drive carefully!

Ha Det Bra, Elderid Everly

Member Health News

Scott Ansok has recently had his gallbladder removed, but has done well since his surgery.

Clara and Don Auker have been living at Sunnyview for about a year now. Both of them are using walkers, but seem to be doing well. They enjoy coming to some of our Lodge social activities. It was good to see them at the Lutfisk Dinner and they hope to get to our Anniversary Dinner. It is always so pleasant to see the two of you!

Elderid Everly fell at home earlier this month--no broken bones, thank heavens! But, Elderid is using a walker which has slowed her down a bit. She is improving, however, and is looking forward to seeing everyone soon. We are looking forward to seeing you, too, Elderid.

Duane Overby has been battling a bad respiratory infection since the holidays--too much partying? He has felt miserable, but is now improving. Hope you are all better soon, Duane.

La Verne Swanson injured her shoulder in a fall. Her fall was due to an unstable knee, so she recently had a knee replacement. At the present time, she is recuperating at her daughter's home in Florida. She will return soon to have a shoulder replacement. We wish you a quick recovery, La Verne.

Take care of yourselves until we meet again.

Fraternally,
Shirley Shoup, Sunshine Chair

"If you wish to travel far and fast, travel light. Take off all of your envies, jealousies, unforgiveness, selfishness and fear" - Cesare Pavese



66th Anniversary Dinner

*Saturday, February 25, 2012
580 West Parr Ave, Los Gatos, CA
Social hour – 6:00 PM
Dinner and program – 7:00 PM
Nice casual attire requested*

Featuring

Presentation of anniversary pins and special awards

Solveig Club bazaar

Special pork roast dinner

Live dance music by Harry Bjerkhoel

Please RSVP by February 10. Make checks payable to Nordahl Grieg #52.

_____ total guests attending (x \$17.00 each) = \$_____

Name: _____

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ANNIVERSARIES 2011

5 years (2006)

Coy Bratton
Marcia M. Corcoran
Laura Hulberg
Christine Kramer
Robert Lindblom
Mona Madson
Jane Marshburn
Erna Nore
Paul Nore
Judy Purrington
Earl Rosebraugh
Earl Thygeson

10 years (2001)

Bente Ellis
Ona Knutson
Nancy Thym-Hochrein
Cassandra Leventon

15 years (1991)

Don Erickson
Patricia Erickson
Vivian Schatz

20 years (1991)

Ronald Fredlund
Elizebeth Hansen
Hali Wilson-Hansen
Larry Hulberg
Regina Jensen
Robert Mulvaney
Rosalind Mulvaney
Donald Peterson
Rena Slama
Lane Tronson

25 years (1986)

Rhonda Ansok
Sharon Bratton
Vicki Everly
Paul Kennelly
Mayvid Maclay
Øistein Nyberg
Linnea Williams

30 Years (1981)

Dale Eggen
Erik Hansen
Graham Hansen

Golden Members

Dale Eggen
Sylvia Stevens

35 Years (1976)

Scott Ansok
Norman Hulberg
Victoria Slama

40 years (1971)

Violet Johnson

45 years (1966)

Ruth Cole
Shirley Hansen
Virginia Hansen
Gloria Knapstad
Sverre Knapstad
David McIntyre
Margaret Stamm
Sylvia Stevens

50 years (1961)

Solveig Haller
Sydney Whaley

55 years (1951)

Donald Slama

Anniversary Time

It's almost anniversary time!

Hello dear members! I hope that everyone is recovering nicely from the holidays and lutefisk comas. Our 66th Anniversary Dinner is quickly approaching! We will be having a pork roast dinner on Saturday, February 25, 2012. Cocktail hour begins at 6:00 PM, and dinner begins at 7:00 PM.

Several gracious members have already volunteered their time to help make our dinner a success, but more help is always appreciated. Assistance is especially needed with set-up and clean-up. If you are interested in helping, please contact me.

I'm very excited to share this special event with all of you, and I hope you will reach out to our newer

members to extend a warm welcome to them as well.

Takk skal du ha,

Kristen Hulberg
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From The Financial Secretary

We'll start with the good news first - Fred Hymans signed up the following new members:

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Conlin P. Smyth
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Let us welcome these new members, hoping to see them often at our functions.

There are 3 members on the Past Dues List - please pay your dues, you are needed and wanted in your lodge

One member was suspended by Sons of Norway International, Minneapolis:

Wayne A Ellingson, Los Gatos

Membership at the end of December - 299 (this includes Juvenile Members with active insurance.)

If we all could sign up just one new member each year, we could easily at least double our membership numbers.

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

Barneleikarring

Wishing you all health and happiness as we start 2012. The Barneleikarring will meet at Nordahl Hall on Feb. 12th at 1:30 to 3:30pm.

Families are invited to come and dance and bring a snack to share at the close of dancing. Hope to see many of you then. Call me with any questions, 408-745-1595, Ginny Hansen.

Goodbye!!!!!!

We have learned that **Gene and Dot Arnold** are leaving our area and moving to North Carolina in early February to be closer to Dot's son.

We understand that Gene and Dot will be moving into an assisted living facility and that Gene will be continuing his dialysis treatments. Gene has been a member of our Lodge since 1953, so it will be strange not to see him at some of our functions. In recent years, he has experienced increasing health problems. We wish them well in their move and send them off with our very best wishes.

Keep in touch from your new environment.

In Memoriam

Dorothy Stoner died January 9th at home after a short battle with an aggressive brain tumor. She had been a member of our Lodge since 1999, and

was a faithful and contributing member. While Librarian, Dorothy did a marvelous job reorganizing our library and brought to our attention many interesting books in the Library.

She just completed her three year term as a Lodge Trustee.

Dorothy was very proud of her Norwegian heritage and made several trips to Norway, the last one this past summer with her 15 year old granddaughter.

She attended Prate Klubb regularly and was also very active in Daughters of Norway and her Church.

We will miss her and remember her. We extend our sympathy to her family.

Condolences

To **Julia Jaroshenko**, our Assistant Social Director, who recently lost her father.

To **Don Sommerfeld and Family**, our friends from the Stockton Lodge, at the loss of wife and mother, Vicki. Many of us of Nordahl Grieg Lodge have fond memories of the great music provided by the Sommerfeld family at many of our Lodge events in past years..

To the **Anderson and Ronneberg Families** of the San Francisco Lodge with the loss of **Fred Anderson**. We remember Fred joining Harry Bjerkhoel with one of his musical instruments for some rollicking dance music at some of social events over the years.

Planning a party or special event?

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"No," she replies. So they hug and kiss some more. Again, Ole asks Lena to go in the back. Lena replies, "Ole, why are you always asking me to go in the back, I want to stay in front with you!"
-Author Unknown

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Save These Dates

Feb 10, Fri	Business Meeting Hat Night
Feb 25, Sat	Anniversary Dinner
Mar 9, Fri	Business Meeting
Mar 30, Fri	Potluck followed by Stoughton Dancers
Apr 13, Fri	Business Meeting
Apr 27, Fri	Social
May 11, Fri	Business Meeting
May 25, Fri	Social

Additional dates will be presented as they become available.

Happy Valentine's Day

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