



Nordahl's Tidende



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Meetings on 2nd Friday

En hilsen fra Presidenten

Kjære Venner (Dear Friends),

On February 23, our Lodge celebrated its 67th anniversary. It was a special occasion at Nordahl Hall with nearly 90 people in attendance, including visitors from other lodges. The dinner was delicious and typically, Norwegian.

But, it was a night to honor our members with membership recognition pins and certificates. There were recipients ranging from 5 years to 50 years of membership, as well as second, third, and fourth generation recipients. It was the people who made the evening special!

We did give out some special awards that I want you to know about.

Sports Medals: **Bodil Grodum** has earned two more sports medals for cycling (Sykkelmerke) and sports/fitness (Idrettsmerke). She added a silver medal to her bronze in cycling and a gold medal to add to her bronze and silver for sports/fitness. We are very proud of her efforts!

Cultural Skills Program: **Dick Kurkowski** was given the beautiful Cultural Skills Medallion to commemorate his achievement in folk dance. Keep dancing, Dick!

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Past Presidents: Two past Presidents were honored with past president's pins to honor their service.

Ginny Hansen wasn't able to receive her pin last year. She served during 2011, during a difficult time personally for her and her family. She did an admirable job and we acknowledge her efforts, her diligence, and her ability to carry on during some dark days in her life.

John Stubblebine, our immediate past president, experienced a difficult year (2012) as President. He was confronted with several unexpected challenges. But, he pulled through and we all survived. He worked hard to carry out his responsibilities and received his pin as a reward for his service.

Tusen Takk Award: Two of our members were honored with a "thousand thanks."

The first award went to **Mike Block**, our Treasurer, who has carried out his responsibilities in a most professional manner. With respect and gratitude, we honor Mike for his exemplary performance. It is a pleasure to work with Mike and to know our Lodge is "in such good hands."

The second *Tusen Takk* award went to a "behind the scenes guy," **Pat Kelly**. We don't get to see him very often, but we know he's been around because we see the results of his efforts around Nordahl Hall. Pat has assisted our Hall Manager, **Janie Kelly**, in keeping our Lodge home clean, repaired, and shiny, and his hard work is much appreciated!

Hjertelig Takk Award: Our "heartfelt thanks" award went to a long-time member who has been our Lodge's "cultural conscience," and has willingly served in many capacities throughout the years, **Meg Laycock**. It gave me much pleasure to express our Lodge's appreciation for Meg's efforts in maintaining our cultural focus through many creative cultural activities, and for all the service to the Lodge and Hall Board that Meg has provided.

King Olav Award: Given annually, this award acknowledges outstanding service to the Lodge and to the greater Norwegian community. The recipient of this honor this year is **Vicki Everly**. Vicki is a "go-to" person. We

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“go to” her for creative ideas, for advice, for assistance with projects. Vicki is always willing to assist the Lodge, the Hall Board, and the Solveig Club with her expertise. We are grateful for her presence in our Lodge and appreciate all the effort she puts in to make us a stronger Lodge.

I really enjoyed the opportunity to honor so many special people at the Anniversary Dinner. It is one of the “perks” of being President! Congratulations to all the members that our Lodge honored. We are proud of each of you.

Fraternally yours,
Shirley Shoup, President



Membership Update

We have no new members this month.

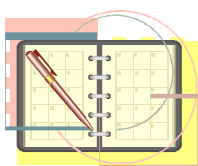
I did get quite a scare noticing we had 11 members whose membership was past due. I do not list the names of members other than new members and cancelled/suspended members.

I was very pleased when I received a phone call notifying me that 3 of the Past Due members had paid their dues. Thank you for letting me know; you know who you are.

We still have 7 members on the Past Due List – please pay your dues, the lodge wants you and needs you.

We have 301 members, including Juvenile Members with insurance.

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



AGENDA ALERT

The following items will be discussed at the upcoming Business Meeting scheduled for **March 22**.

We hope to see you there!

- **6:30 PM – Potluck Dinner and Fellowship**
 - Please bring a favorite dish to share!
- **7:30 PM – Lodge Business Meeting**, agenda items include:
 - Norway Day Festival
 - Lodge Objectives for 2013
- **8:30 PM – Hall Board Annual Meeting**, agenda items include:
 - Annual Report
 - Financial Report
 - Election of Directors for 2013-2016
- **Cookies and coffee after business is concluded!**

Save the Date!

Viking Night

Saturday • April 27

March Birthdays

- 1 Jeanne Shada
- 3 Cathy Felkey
- 4 Gloria Knapstad
- 5 Julie Rose
- 6 Julius Vannatta
- 7 Liv Braaten
- 7 John Kramer
- 10 Vivian Schatz
- 10 Rena Slama
- 11 Richard Grindeland
- 11 Carl Windell
- 14 Mona Madson
- 15 Diane Christianson
- 15 Roberta Heimark
- 15 Richard Kurkowski
- 20 Margaret Stamm
- 21 Shelley Curtis
- 22 Janet Pankratz
- 24 Patrick Kelly
- 27 Ruth Cole
- 28 Elise Stoner
- 30 Meagan Hansen
- 30 Kathleen Moe
- 30 Pamela Petersen

Gratulerer med dagen!



Nyheter Fra Solveig Club

Solveig Club met on February 13 and **Harriet Candelaria** was hostess.

The table was set to resemble a valentine, with several plates filled with colorful sweets.

Our guests were eighteen-month old **Mariella Cornell** (my great-great-granddaughter) and **Mary Schlink**, who became a member. Welcome Mary!

This was our first meeting in our newly repainted and carpeted room. It is so clean and fresh – thank you to everyone who made it happen!

March is the beginning of spring and time to clean house. As you clean and organize, remember we will welcome any usable items you no longer want since our treasure table was depleted at our last bazaar – but please, only items that can be displayed on a table. We also welcome small items – for use by adults or children – that would be suitable for a “grab bag.” All proceeds from our treasure table sales goes to our scholarship fund.

Solveig Club meets the second Wednesday of each month. We have lively conversation, coffee and sweets. Every month we sort and wrap items for our bazaar. Come and join us, and in doing so, you also help our young people obtain a scholarship for camp or college. It is a worthy cause.

Our next meeting is **March 13 at 10:30 AM in the Solveig Room. Virginia Hansen** will be hostess. Please join us.

Enjoy the springtime! Smell the roses! Drive Carefully! And, have a Happy Easter!

*Ha det bra,
Elderid Everly,
Solveig Club President*



News about our Members

Karen Aaker had shoulder replacement surgery on February 21. She did very well and was home in two days. She will have a long stint of rehab, but in the meantime is being well cared for by husband, **Bruce Fihe**.

Joyce Cosce continues her treatment for her tumor, which should be completed soon. She is carrying out some of her usual activities and maintains an upbeat attitude.

Don Slama has been using a cane, off and on, because of arthritis. But, he still goes bowling! Hope things get better for you, Don.

John Villarreal's wife, **Kat**, was hit by a car while on a visit to Los Angeles. She got banged up and bruised but is now back to normal. We're glad it wasn't worse than it was, Kat.

Kari Warner is feeling much better after being on antibiotics for an infection.

It was wonderful to see both **Harold Everly** and **Elmer Graslie** at the Anniversary Dinner. Both are using walkers but seem to be doing okay with their health issues at this time.

Fraternally,
Shirley Shoup, Sunshine Chair



We are still looking for a new Sunshine Chair.

If you have time to serve in this capacity, please contact President **Shirley Shoup** to find out more information.

Please contact Shirley if you have news to share about a Nordahl Grieg Lodge member:
(408) 264-0912 shoupshirley@yahoo.com

Barneleikarring News

The *Barneleikarring* met on February 10 and, although the group was small in number, we practiced a lot of dances with some changes to dance positions. Everyone did very well in making these changes which we will continue to use in the future.

We will meet again at **Nordahl Hall on March 10 at 1:30 PM**. Any questions, please call me at 408-745-1595.

*Ha det bra!
Ginny Hansen, Barneleikarring Director*

Lodge Work Day



Come on down and help!

Please mark your calendar for the next Lodge Work Day: **Sunday, April 28 starting at 9:00 AM.**

As always, we have a number of projects to work on... anything from cleaning to a little carpentry.

Lunch will be provided but a head count helps us with planning... so please let us know if you can come.

(408) 813-2615 larry@hulberg.com

Please contribute your sweat equity to help us make our lodge a better place for all to enjoy. Thanks for your help and support!

Fraternally yours,

Larry Hulberg, Hall Board President



Community Outreach



Efforts Ongoing!

Please remember to bring a can or box of non-perishable food with you to business meetings and social events.

All collections are donated to a local food bank.

Remember to save cancelled postage stamps for *Tubfrim*. Bring your stamps to any business meeting or social event...or envelopes filled with stamps can be dropped off anytime via the mail slot on the exterior door of the Solveig Room.

Mange Tusen Takk!

Hall Board Update

For those of you who didn't have a chance to see them at the Anniversary Dinner, partitions in the ladies restroom have been refurbished and look great.

Thanks to **Mark Hunsbedt** for getting it done; we appreciate your efforts! The work was done between rentals and the Anniversary Dinner and accomplished at relatively low cost. We know that our renters appreciate it and hope everyone else at the Lodge does too. Thanks again Mark for some creative thinking and getting the job done!

Top priorities for upcoming projects include refurbishing the kitchen drop ceiling and painting the building exterior. But before we can paint, there's a great deal of preparation required. There's cracking in exterior walls, particularly on the west side of the building, which may indicate settlement, and evidence of water damage in several locations. We're investigating necessary repair and remediation work. Thanks to **Don Schallock** for his professional expertise in shepherding this along.

Elections for the Hall Board will be held at the March 22 business meeting. There will be four vacancies to fill. **John Stubblebine** and **Meg Laycock**, who have made many contributions over the years, have declined to run for another term; they are taking a much needed break and deserve everyone's thanks and appreciation! **Vicki Everly**, **Fred Hymans**, and **Paul Nore** are each willing to serve another term which leaves one vacant position. If you're interested, please contact **Larry Hulberg** or attend the March business meeting to make your interest and availability known. We're making great progress but still have a lot of work ahead. If you're interested in making Nordahl Hall a better place for all to enjoy, please consider serving on the Board.

Fraternally yours,

Larry Hulberg, Hall Board President

PLANNING A PARTY OR SPECIAL EVENT?

Welcome to Nordahl Hall Banquet & Meeting Center ■ Perfect for weddings, parties, meetings & more! ■ Convenient Campbell-Los Gatos Location
Please contact: Viking Property Management at (408) 583-3555



Upcoming Cultural Event

Plan to attend the **April 12 business meeting**. The guest speaker will be **Julie Rose**, a Nordahl Grieg Lodge member who will talk about her book, *Oleanna*.

Julie was inspired to write this book, set in 1905, from her great-grandfather who immigrated from *Sogn og Fjordane* to North Dakota. He left behind two sisters, Elizabeth and Oleanna. Julie became curious as to why the sisters never left Norway. She wondered why they lived alone on the farm and what their lives were like... while the world outside was changing. The story concerns Oleanna and her peaceful but isolated life, and finding her place in a new world.

Julie is a member of the Historical Novel Society. She graduated from SJSU with a BA, and received an MA from the University of Virginia. She lives in the Bay Area with her husband, and this is her second novel.

“VIKINGS”



Watch on the History Channel
starting Sunday, March 3rd



Love Your Lodge Donations

Platinum Level

In Memory of Joanne Ansok

Don Ansok (donation, Dec 2012)

Solveig Club (donation, Dec 2012)

In Memory of Esther and Elmer Hulberg

Larry and Marcia Hulberg (donation, Oct 2012)

In Memory of Esther and Elmer Hulberg

Norm and Lisa Hulberg (donation, Oct 2012)

Gold Level

Bodil Grodum (donation, Dec 2012)

Bronze Level

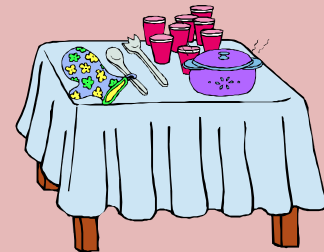
Marvin and Lois Bertelson (donation, Feb 2013)

Christine Roed (donation, Dec 2012)

Anonymous Donor (donation, Dec 2012)

Thank You for your support!

*Friday, March 22
at Nordahl Hall*



*Potluck Dinner
beginning at 6:30 PM*

*It's Sweater Night –
wear your favorite
Norwegian style
sweater!*

Dinner followed by:

- ∞ Business Meeting*
- ∞ Hall Board
Annual Meeting
and Election*

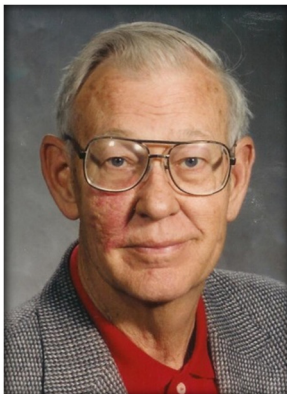
MEMBER PROFILE

Marvin Bertelson entered this world in September 1925, born of Swedish-Norwegian parents. They were grateful in being US Citizens and were very patriotic. They only spoke their native language when relatives visited. His childhood days were spent in Chicago living among a great number of European immigrants.

At North Park Academy, Marvin sang in the school chorus, but started his musical background at age 10 playing the piano. He became acquainted with five other fellows from church who all attended different schools. They decided to re-unite after WWII. They raised their glasses and toasted Kim Novak, the movie star and Hugh Heffner who published *Playboy*.

Marvin was drafted and served in the 12th Armored Division and celebrated his 19th birthday on a Liberty Ship bound for England. After a short stay in England, the 12th AD departed for France and was aligned to the 7th Army under General Patch. They drove the width of France to an area called Alsace. Their first day of combat was December 4, 1944 and on December 25 Hitler launched "Operation Nordwind." The 12th suffered 6,000 casualties and were sent to Strasbourg for R&R and replacements. In March, General Patton selected the 12th to spearhead the race to the Rhine. They crossed the river at Worms and headed for Southern Germany. The 12th captured a bridge over the Danube and came to an area near Landsberg where they liberated men from Hurlach Lager #4 concentration camp. Dead bodies were scattered around the camp. It was quite a ghastly scene, one which Marvin has never forgotten. Because of his experience from the camp, he speaks at high schools. The "*Band of Brothers*" were on a nearby road experiencing similar sights.

The Division pushed into Austria. Near Kockel, a navy jeep pulled up and asked for help finding a person. They drove down the road, and in fact, found the person they were looking for. His name was Werner von Braun, the scientist.



On May 8, Marvin celebrated VE Day while quartered in a former Hitler Youth Camp. He was discharged on April 1, 1946. Steven Spielberg's SHOA Foundation has interviewed Marv. The video may be seen in the Holocaust Museum in Washington; Yale University; Wiesenthal Museums in Los Angeles; and in Israel. Marvin attends all the Army reunions and is proud to have served his country and aware of how fortunate he is to live in this beautiful country.

After the army, Marvin attended Luther College in Decorah Iowa. During the summer of 1950 he played the piano in a 5-piece band in Yellowstone National Park. In 1952 he married **Lois Huntley** from Cedar Falls, Iowa.

She is related to Chet Huntley of Huntley-Brinkley anchor team of TV, and also a descendant of John Adams, second president of United States. Twin sons, Dale and Erik, were born in Iowa.

From 1958 to 1990 Marv was employed by Mountain View Schools in Mountain View, California. In addition he has been Choir Director at St. John's Lutheran Church in Sunnyvale since 1958!

The Bertelson family has traveled back to Norway five times visiting relatives in Lyngdal located on the southern tip near Lindesnes. Their favorite locations are Bergen and staying at hotel Belview in Geiranger.

Marv is still active singing barbershop in the Peninsulaires Chorus; playing the piano twice a month at Filoli Mansion in Woodside; the South Bay Orchestra, and for many years our musician at Nordahl Grieg Lodge.

Marv enjoys attending Lodge meetings and visiting with people of Norwegian heritage. He especially enjoys Norway Day in San Francisco and visiting the Seamen's Church. Marvin is also an accomplished photographer and has won several awards with his pictures of Norway. Together with his wife, Lois, they have delivered many MANY pounds of stamps, packaged for shipment to Norway, to the Seamen's church in San Francisco.

Thank you, Marvin, for sharing your experiences and your talent with all the members of Nordahl Grieg!

Sons of Norway's Cultural Skills Program

The Cultural Skills Program provides a framework for learning about traditional and contemporary Norwegian culture. Each unit consists of three levels of skill-specific activities. You can complete the units on your own, through your lodge or through a special class or group.

For each level, you'll complete a few activities, email (or mail) them in to Sons of Norway Headquarters, get feedback, and earn a pin in recognition of your accomplishments. As a benefit of membership, the Cultural Skills Program is available only to members of Sons of Norway.

Cultural Skills Pins are awarded to participants as they progress through the units within the program. For instance, when you complete part 1 of your first unit you'll receive a Cultural Skills pin, a skill bar, and a level 1 bar. You'll receive additional level bars when you complete parts 2 and 3 of that skill, and new skill bars when you complete level 1 of a new skill.

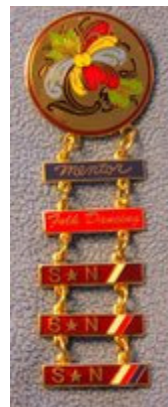
Want to take your skills to a new level? Members who have completed multiple units or mentored others in the program can earn special recognition.

- A *Master of Cultural Skills* is someone who has completed multiple units. Finish all three parts of any three units for the bronze level, all parts of six units for the silver level and all parts of nine units for the gold level.
- A *Cultural Skills Mentor* instructs or guides others to learn about Norwegian cultural skills. If your instruction has helped others earn Cultural Skills awards, you can earn a mentor pin.

For more information about the Sons of Norway Cultural Skills Program, call (800) 945-8851 or email culturalskills@sofn.com

The Cultural Skills Program covers a wide variety of subjects, ranging from Norwegian cooking to music appreciation. Each unit is designed to provide skill-specific activities at the beginner, intermediate and advanced levels to foster learning and advancement with each newly acquired skill.

- Traditional Norwegian Cooking
- Reading Norwegian and Norwegian-American Authors
- Collecting Norwegian and North American Stamps
- *Rosemaling*
- Genealogy--Family History
- Hand Knitting
- Norwegian Language and Culture
- *Hardanger* Embroidery
- Figure Carving
- Weaving
- Ornamental Woodcarving
- Chip Carving
- Folk Dancing
- Music and Musicians of Norway



Sports Medal Program

The Importance of Fitness

Sons of Norway recognizes the importance of healthful activities not just to prolong your life, but to improve the quality of your life. This Sports Medal Program, which originated in Norway, will improve your attitude as well as your physical well-being.

Something for Everyone

No matter how young or old you are, and no matter what your present physical condition, the Sports Medal Program offers a fitness plan for you. With doctor's advice, you can determine the appropriate level. Then you are assigned point or mileage requirements for medal qualifications that are within your reach. The program is great because you don't need to be a natural athlete—the only one you are really competing with is yourself.

Different Levels, Different Medals

As you reach each objective, you will be awarded different grades of sports medals. Begin in pursuit of the Bronze, then work yourself up to Silver, Gold, and eventually Enamel (there is no longer a fee for the pins, and only members can take part in this program). Set your own pace—your program can be for just one medal or all sixteen!

Available Sports Medals

- *Gangmerke* (Walking)
- *Idrettsmerke* (Sports and Fitness)
- *Skimerke* (Skiing)
- *Sykkelmerke* (Bicycling)
- *Svømmemerke* (Swimming)

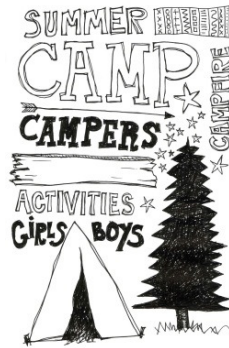
Log onto the Member's page at www.sofn.com for more information about the Sports Medal Program.

Scholarships Available

Camp Troll Fjell Camperships

Nordahl Grieg Lodge and the Solveig Club will once again award scholarships (camperships) for the Sixth District Language and Heritage Camp at Camp Norge in Alta, California.

- Camp dates are July 7-20, 2013.
- Log onto www.campnorge.com for additional info.



Children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren of Sons of Norway District Six members in good standing are eligible to attend camp. Campers must be at least 8 years old, but no older than 13 at the time camp begins.

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 Troll Fjell.

Letters must be postmarked no later than May 1, 2013 and sent to:
Ginny Hansen, Scholarship Chair
1220 Tasman Drive #468
Sunnyvale, CA 94089-2424

I look forward to hearing from our campers!

Fraternally,

Ginny Hansen, Scholarship Chair

Solveig Club College Scholarships



The Solveig Club is pleased to announce that the window to apply for their college/university scholarships is once again open.

Any daughter, granddaughter, or great-granddaughter of a member in good standing of

Nordahl Grieg Lodge is eligible following at least one completed year of college or university work (45 quarter units/30 semester units).

Applicant must be no older than thirty (30) years of age. Both undergraduates and students enrolled in a Master's degree or PhD program are eligible.

A full list of eligibility criteria and the application are available on the Nordahl Grieg web site at www.nordahl-grieg.org

The deadline to submit completed applications is June 1, 2013.

CONSTRUCTION NEXT DOOR

The apartments next to Nordahl Hall at Villa Vasona will be updated this spring. It's anticipated that the project will take three to four months. During this time a portion of the fence between our two properties will be removed and we will be renting approximately 15 parking spaces to our neighbors.



Activity Snaps

Log onto the Nordahl Grieg Lodge web site for photos of member activities:
www.nordahl-grieg.org

If you have photos of lodge events to share, please email your snaps to our Web Master at:
webmaster@nordahl-grieg.org

Subscribe to eTidende

Subscriptions to eTidende, the electronic version of the *Nordahl's Tidende* newsletter continue to grow.

To add your name to this mailing list, please send an email to Web Master **Bruce Fihe** at:
webmaster@nordahl-grieg.org

Receive lodge news several days in advance of the mailed copy and save the lodge both printing and postage costs. ☺

You can read eTidende anytime on our web site at: www.nordahl-grieg.org/Tidende-newsletters.htm

Connections

...ways to connect with your Norwegian heritage

-  **Rosemaling Workshop** Saturday, March 9 • 9 AM to 4 PM
Viking Hall • 240 Plymouth St., Santa Cruz • Call 831-464-3310 for more info or visit www.scc-santacruz.org
-  **Spring Cleaning Day at Camp Norge** Saturday, March 23 • 9 AM to 4 PM • lunch provided
-  **Norwegian Folk Dance Weekend at Camp Norge** April 12-14
Come to beautiful Camp Norge for a weekend of Norwegian folk dance and music. Dancers of all experience levels are welcome. **Tom Sears** and **Meg Laycock**, Artistic Co-directors of the Nordahl Grieg *Leikarring*, will teach *turdans*, set dances, song dances, and couple dances. **Bill Likens**, music director of the Nordahl Grieg *Spelemannslag*, will provide instruction in *trekkspill* and *torader*. Instruction during the weekend will include six dances required for levels 1 and 2 of the Sons of Norway Cultural Skills program. The dance parties always include lots of fun mixers, as well as opportunities for request dancing.
Meals are provided from Saturday breakfast through Sunday lunch. Friendly people, good music, fun dancing, tasty meals, all in the beautiful setting of our own Camp Norge. It's a perfect springtime getaway! The detailed flier will be available soon on the Nordahl Grieg *Leikarring* web site at www.ngls.net.
If you have questions, contact Meg Laycock by email at meg@jstwb or by phone at 408-255-2111.
-  **First Annual Writer's Workshop at Camp Norge** April 19-21
Call Dr. Severson at 530-632-2115 or email calviking@comcast.net for registration info.
-  **57th Rosemaling Seminar at Camp Norge** April 27-28
For further info, contact Penny Joseph Knudsen at 916-941-6433 or pennyjknudsen@sbcglobal.net
-  **Bunad Workshops at Camp Norge** April 29-May 2 OR May 6-10
Contact Pamela at clothrafter@sbcglobal.net or at 707-778-8120 for additional information.
-  **Memorial Day at Camp Norge** May 25-27
To make room reservations, call Camp at 530-389-2508 or via email at campnorge@yahoo.com
Check out www.campnorge.com for menu, pricing, and additional information.
-  **Norway Day Festival** Saturday and Sunday, May 4-5 in San Francisco
Plan to attend this annual Norwegian extravaganza! Check out www.norwayday.org for additional info.
-  **Nordahl Grieg Heritage Night Social** Friday, June 28
This is the opportunity for our members to bring family heirlooms and treasures from Norway to display and discuss with fellow members. This event was a huge success last year so plan to participate!
-  **Serve as a Nordahl Grieg Officer... learn more about this great organization**
The following positions are in need of a volunteer: Greeter, Publicity Director, Historian, and Sunshine Chair

Happy St. Patrick's Day



TO DISTRICT SIX MEMBERS,

I am writing to you this spring of 2013 to express my gratitude on behalf of the Century Club Board for your past support. We have done so much to improve the Camp Norge facilities, making it much better equipped to take care of the vacation guests that have enjoyed it over the years. The new recreation hall has been finished and is being enjoyed by all. The problem we are facing now is that the original buildings, including the house, are badly in need of new roofs, plus many other repairs to make it safe and habitable. The buildings in the winter months have the bad weather to deal with.

Have you ever felt that your contribution to a charitable cause would not make a difference, so you dropped the request in the waste basket? Well, any contribution to this beautiful mountain camp is appreciated by so many families with children, lodge members and family reunions, plus language heritage camp. The fact that this camp is owned by the Sixth District makes it a gift to all of us who are SON members and have the right to use it. The Century Club has been in existence since 1996 and began with 86 members.

Please give this some consideration and join the Century Club or renew your membership, so we can continue on the road to keeping this Camp a beautiful and peaceful place to visit. We encourage the lodges to also become members of the Century Club. The annual dues are \$100 and 50% of each year's dues will go to the Camp and the other 50% will go to the SON savings in Minneapolis for future needs at the Camp. We currently have 61 members and a Board of 9, which meets twice a year. I want to thank all of those members who have been so faithful throughout the years. Keep up the good work!

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 805-642-0880. Anyone wishing to join, just let us know and we will mail an application to you.

Sincerely,
Ordale Johnson,
Century Club President



Nordahl Hall – Love Your Lodge Fund Drive

Become a supporter of the "Nordahl Hall Capital Fund"

Help us repair and upgrade Nordahl Hall.

All donations will be used for improvement projects.

Your donation*—at any of the following support levels—will be listed in *Tidende* each month. Donations may be designated as "In Memory of..." or "In Honor of..."

Donations can be made at any time.

Love Your Lodge Support Levels

- Platinum \$1,000**
- Gold \$500**
- Silver \$250**
- Bronze \$100**

Please make checks payable to: Nordahl Grieg Lodge

Write "Hall Capital Fund" on the memo line.

Then mail to:

Mike Block, Treasurer
110 Flintlock Lane
Ben Lomond, CA 95005

For more information, ask any Hall Board Member, or contact Larry Hulberg at (408) 813-2615 or larry@hulberg.com

* Donations are not tax deductible. Please consult your tax professional.

Dear Lord...

Today, dear Lord I'm 80 and
There's much I haven't done,
I hope Lord you'll let me live
Until I'm 81.
But then, if I haven't finished
All I want to do,
Would you let me stay awhile
Until I'm 82?
So many places I want to go,
So very much to see,
Do you think that you could manage
To make it 83?
The world is changing very fast
There is so much in store.
I'd like it very much to live
Until I'm 84.
And, if by then I'm still alive
I'd like to stay until 85.
More planes will be up in the air,
And I'd really like to stick,
And see what happens to the world
When I'm 86.
I know, dear Lord, it's much to ask
(and it must be nice in heaven),
But I would really like to stay
Until I'm 87.
I know by then I won't be fast
And sometime will be late.
But it would be so pleasant
To be around at 88.
I will have seen so many things,
And had a wonderful time,
So, I'm sure that I will be willing
To leave at 89. Maybe!
Just one more thing I'd like to say,
Dear Lord, I thank you kindly,
But if it's okay with you,
I'd love to live past 90.



January 2013

Business Meeting Highlights

(condensed from minutes approved in
February 2013)

- President **Shirley Shoup** reported she has been busy “connecting” with other lodges and hopes to get new ideas for programs and cultural programs. She also reported that the officers met on January 21 to discuss the 2013 budget and calendar.
- Financial Secretary **Kari Warner** reported that she has received no new applications. Checks were received from International for October (\$260), November (\$280), and December (\$200).
- Treasurer **Mike Block** presented an account summary and report of 2012 financial activity. The lutefisk dinner had expenses of \$14,549 and income of \$25,334. Income from lodge socials exceeded expectations, bringing in \$3,224. The Lodge, excluding the lutefisk dinner had revenue of \$6,030 and expenses of \$11,319. \$244 was sent to the Sons of Norway Humanitarian Foundation and \$83 to Camp Norge from the coin march.
- Treasurer **Mike Block** presented the 2013 budget; a motion passed to approve the budget.
- Motion passed to approve the proposed 2013 calendar of events.
- Nominating Committee reported there are two officers to elect: **Ken Leventon** was elected and installed as Assistant Marshall; and **Cassandra Leventon** was elected and installed as Secretary. Additionally, **Elaine Edwards** was installed as Cultural Director;
- Social Director **Kathy Whitesel** thanked **Ginny Hansen** and **Shirley Shoup** for the food this evening. Thanks were also extended to **Anne Herbert** for help with set-up.
- Cultural Director **Elaine Edwards** reported that she has lots of activities planned for Viking Night.
- Hall Board President **Larry Hulberg** reported the Board is moving ahead with projects, the rentals are continuing, and the overall financial picture is better.
- Lutefisk Dinner Chair **Larry Hulberg** reported it was a tough year because of the weather and offered a big thanks to everyone. A round of applause was given to Larry for his hard work.
- The wedding anniversary of **Ken and Cassie Leventon** was acknowledged.
- Web Master **Bruce Fihe** demonstrated the new web page and calendar features.



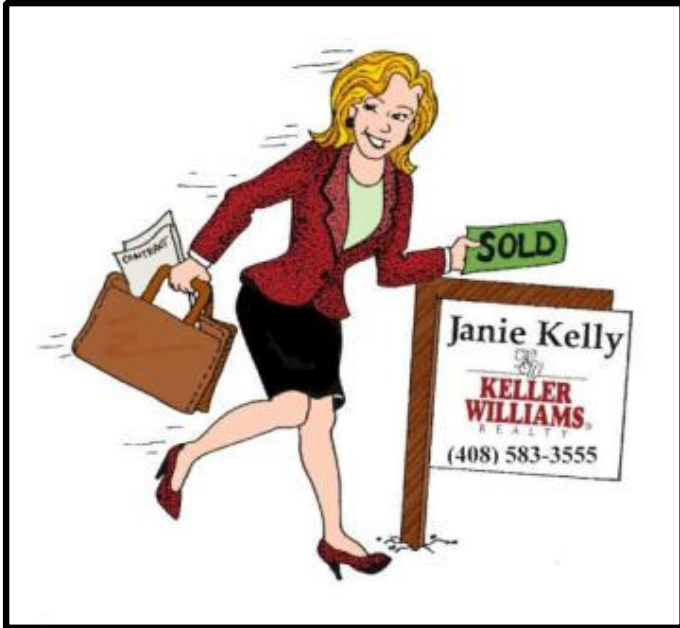
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Save These Dates...

Mar 13, Wed Solveig Club meeting

Mar 22, Fri Potluck Dinner, Business Meeting and Nordahl Hall Annual Meeting – Sweater Night

April 12, Fri Business Meeting – Silly Hat Night

April 27, Sat Viking Night Social

April 28, Sun Lodge Work Party

May 1, Wed Deadline to submit Camp Norge campership applications

May 4-5, Sat/Sun Norway Day at Fort Mason

May 17, Fri 17th of May Celebration – wear your bunad!

June 1, Sat Deadline to submit Solveig Club scholarship applications

Dates will be added as they become available.