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En hilsen fra Presidenten

Kjære Venner (Dear Friends),

Summer 2013 has arrived! Although, for me, summer begins with Memorial Day and ends with *Krettstevne* on Labor Day. Summer is the time to have fun – going on picnics, enjoying barbecues, doing some traveling, watching baseball (had to get that in!), doing some gardening, relaxing on the patio, heading for the beach, attending family gatherings, going camping. So, I'm wishing all of you a fun and happy time this summer.

Norwegians welcome the Summer Solstice after the cold, dark days of winter. June 24 is the longest and brightest day of the year in Norway and is greeted with joyous celebrations. Norway celebrates *Sankthansaften* or St. John's Eve each June 23, the evening before the longest day of the year, with festivities that give thanks to the bright warm sun and the flowers in full bloom. Family and friends grill sausages and light bonfires bigger than any on any other day of the year. Most bonfires are built along the coast of Norway and are supposed to protect Norwegians from evil spirits and trolls lurking in the forests. *Rømmegrøt* (yum) is a favorite meal with melted butter, sugar, and cinnamon added to make it especially luscious. The bonfires start to die down and the pragmatic Norwegians realize that now the days will get shorter and shorter until the days are mostly dark. So, these hardy people take full advantage of every summer and enjoy the extended company of the sun on *Sankthansaften*.

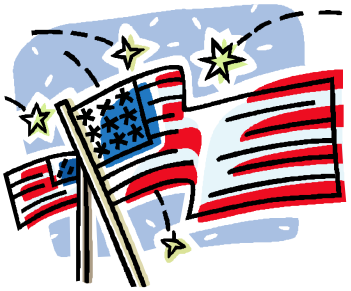
If you have been in Norway during the summer, you have experienced the long days and the brief nights. Both your body and mind have to adjust. But, here at home as Norwegian-Americans, let us also take full advantage of summer and enjoy our sunny days. Have fun, be happy. We look forward to your sharing your summer activities.

Fraternally yours,
Shirley Shoup, President

AGENDA ALERT

To allow members the opportunity to enjoy the summer with family and friends there will be NO business meeting and NO social event in July.

Happy 4th of July!



We ask that everyone save the following dates in August…

Friday – August 9

- Ice Cream Social and a slideshow of Marv and Lois Bertelson's travels to Norway
- Business Meeting to follow

Saturday – August 17

- Bay Area Wide Sons of Norway Picnic at Henrik Ibsen Park.
- See page 8 for more information.

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Membership Update

We have received two new members since last report:

- **Kariana O. Owen**
  725 Blossom Hill Rd, San Jose, CA 95123-1301
  408-284-9281 *oncomplete.robot@gmail.com*
- **Marsha K. Owen**
  5171 Leigh Ave, San Jose, CA 95124-5536
  408-377-5373 *marsha@owen.sj.ca.us*

Welcome to both of you, we hope you can participate in some of our activities.

One member, **Rolf Hofstad**, has been suspended by Sons of Norway International.

Two of our members informed us of their change of address:

- **Joan Kyle**
  81541 Avenue 48, Space 88, Indio, CA 92201-6749
  760-342-4691

- **Violet Johnson**
  1700 Norton Ave, NW, Apt 109, Bemidji, MN 56601
  Move scheduled for 7/7/2013; phone will be updated after this date

Unfortunately we also have six members on the Past Due List. Three of these members are from the same family. Therefore, I have a plea to all our members – please check with your relatives, and friends from your church or other activities, and encourage them to join our lodge. We are really a friendly group, working hard to preserve and promote our Norwegian Heritage.

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

At the June Lodge Business Meeting, our Vice-President and Membership Chair, **Vidar Dallokken**, presented several of our members with certificates and pins for their recruitment efforts during 2012.

Those recognized were:

Fred Hymans, who signed up four members
Harold Shellum, who recruited two members
Kathy Whitesel, who signed up two members
Patrick Kelly, who also recruited two new members
Karen Aaker, who signed up her husband
Kathleen Moe, who signed up one new member
Scott Ansok, who recruited his cousin

Thank you for your recruiting efforts! Your Lodge appreciates it. Welcome new members to Sons of Norway!

July Birthdays

1	Scott Ansok
1	Leslie Jones
5	William Likens
7	Erline Mello
7	Marion Harris
8	Peggy Alreck-Anthony
8	Egil Larsen
9	Noel Tebo
9	Ruth Likens
10	Marguerite Benson
10	Jessica Hansen
11	Laura Hulberg
12	Conlin Smyth
15	Virginia Hansen
15	Karin Hansen
15	Gertrude Shearer
16	Laura Porter
16	Jane Brekke
19	Patricia Erickson
20	Mark Williams
20	Earl Rosebraugh
21	Victoria Slama
21	Donald Schallock
22	Janice Stavang
25	Brian Kjellesvig
25	Mary Dundas
27	Sheryl Hawes
30	Dale Eggen
30	Nancy Thym-Hochrein
31	Harry Bjerkhoel

Gratulerer med dagen!

News about Members

FUN NEWS! **Alissa Bjerkhoel**, daughter of **Leland** and granddaughter of **Harry and Joann Bjerkhoel**, just completed a 600-mile Innocence Walk from San Diego to Sacramento. Alissa, an attorney with the Innocence Project in San Diego, walked with the Project Director and a colleague to draw attention to wrongful convictions. They started on April 27 and presented clemency petitions to the governor's office on June 19. We are very proud of you, Alissa, for your dedication to this project.

Liv Braaten is leaving soon for a visit with her four brothers and families in Norway. In July her daughter and grandsons will join her and she will bring her grandsons home after an extended visit. Liv spent Syttende Mai in Seattle and enjoyed seeing old friends. Happy traveling, Liv! You'll need to tell us all about your adventures when you return.

Vidar and Lian Dallokken are experiencing "an empty nest" this summer as Lian's daughter is spending two months in China. Enjoy your time together!

Elaine Edwards enjoyed a family reunion in hot Las Vegas in June.

Lori Elwood is enjoying a visit in Norway. She'll be experiencing those long days that Norway is known for this time of year.

We still need a Sunshine Chair!
Please contact President Shirley Shoup if you have news to share about a Nordahl Grieg Lodge member or can help in this important role:
(408) 264-0912
shoupshirley@yahoo.com

Bruce Fihe now has gold and enamel Sports Medals pins in cycling. They were presented at the last Lodge business meeting and represent nearly 1,000 miles on his bicycle. Congratulations on your achievement, Bruce. We are proud of you!

Larry and Marcia Hulberg spent a few days in Ashland attending the Shakespeare Festival. Later in the summer, they are taking a cruise to Alaska. Enjoy now, as the Lutefisk Dinner is looming.

Kristen Jones, daughter of **Leslie Jones** and niece of **Russ Behel**, graduated with Honors from Leland High School early in June. She will attend Georgia Tech in Atlanta in the fall. Our congratulations, Kristen, and best wishes for the future.

Dave Melius and **Claire Smyth** are heading for a visit to the Great Northwest very soon. They will be visiting the area where I grew up– a conservative, Norwegian community. Claire is planning to visit Leif Ericson Lodge in Seattle for some ideas about socials, now that she is our Assistant Social Director. Have a fun time!

Paul and Erna Nore have been on a road trip to the Midwest to visit family. We hope they had a good time and missed all the bad weather that the Midwest has been experiencing.

MEMBER HEALTH NEWS!
Joyce Cosce reports she is "cancer free." We are so happy and pleased for you, Joyce. You are looking great!

Elderid Everly is wearing a walking cast on her left lower leg for an avulsion fracture. She was visiting Harold at Belmont Village on June 19 when she fell. She has been encouraged to maintain as much activity as possible. Knowing Elderid, this won't slow her down too much. It's that Norwegian attitude!

Ginny Hansen has been having lots of dental work done--ouch! So, she has to watch what she eats for a couple weeks. She also plans to have cataract surgery later in July. Take care, Ginny!

Barbara Shoup is back home after her surgery and five weeks in a rehab center. She is able to get around without a walker or cane and is back driving. She will need to be followed closely for any recurrence of the rare tumor found in her right femur.

Don Slama is suffering with his arthritis. He is using a cane and is moving slowly with quite a bit of discomfort. We hope things improve for you soon, Don.

CONDOLENCES are extended to **Pat and Janie Kelly** and all their extended family. Pat's mother, who had been under hospice care, passed away on June 13 in Southern California after a long struggle with Alzheimer's. There will be a Memorial Service at a later date in Grass Valley, where she will be laid to rest next to her husband of 60 years. Our thoughts are with all of you at this sad time.

Fraternally,
Shirley Shoup, Sunshine Chair

Barneleikarring News

The *Barneleikarring* met and danced on the afternoon of June 9 with ten kids and 17 adults, of which seven were members of the adult *Leikarring*. Following the dancing we all enjoyed lots of ice cream and fresh fruit. Yummy!!

The *Barneleikarring* will now take a break until we meet on September 8, the second Sunday as usual, at Nordahl Hall at 1:30 PM.

I wish all of the dancers and their families a happy, healthy summer. It's been fun dancing with all of you. Come back and get ready to dance again in the fall.

Ha det bra!
Ginny Hansen, Barneleikarring Director

Community Outreach

Keep that canned food coming! Thanks to everyone who has contributed to our canned food drive. The local community continues to be in need and we can help make a difference! ***Tusen Takk!***

Activity Snaps

Log onto the Lodge web site for photos of member activities: *www.nordahl-grieg.org*
If you have photos to share, please email your snaps to our Web Master at: *webmaster@nordahl-grieg.org*

Nyheter Fra Solveig Club

Solveig Club hosted its annual "thank you" luncheon at the Blue Pheasant on June 12, our way to show appreciation for contribution of prizes or help at our Lutefisk Dinner Bazaar.

At that meeting we also awarded college scholarships to four young women: **Kristen Hulberg**, **Morgan Frost**, **Alissa Hansen**, and **Jessica Siler**. We wish to congratulate each of them and wish them another great year in college.

Happy July 4th! When I was a child, this holiday was almost as important as Christmas. My father, an immigrant, was an expert with dynamite having worked for the government in clearing tree stumps for new roads. Well, early in the morning on the Fourth, he would walk far into the field and set off a stick of dynamite. Everyone knew it was Olaf Kordahl showing his pride in America with his version of a firecracker!

After that wakeup call we scurried to get ready for town and for the parade. Sometimes we were lucky and a carnival would be in town. That would mean a Ferris wheel and merry-go-round. It was a glorious day with picnics, ice cream, meeting friends, and, of course, the parade.

I hope you have a fun-filled day on the Fourth of July!

Drive carefully

Ha det bra,
Elderid Everly,
Solveig Club President

Hall Board Update

Demolition of the roof overhang was completed safely and efficiently, thanks to planning and hard work on the part of everyone involved. The lodge owes a big "thank you" to **Eric and Earl Rosebraugh**, **Mark Hunsbedt**, and **Dave Melius**. **Don Schallock** is working on the next step of the project with help from Eric, who is a foreman at Blach Construction. See page 9 for photos of this project.

The lodge also owes a big thank you to **Kato Andersen** who worked like a whirlwind making many electric upgrades at the Lodge Work Day. He returned yet another day to work with **Dave Melius** on electrical issues in the bar. They cleaned up wiring to the water chiller and eliminated the extension cord to the ice maker, making it a much safer configuration. At the same time, **Claire Smyth** noticed that a toilet was leaking in the ladies restroom. Fortunately, Kato had the parts and knowledge to fix that too. Thanks to Dave, Claire and especially Kato!

The parents at Village School really appreciate the continued use our parking lot for picking up and dropping off their children. Not only did we receive a big "thank you" card from the children at Village School for being a good neighbor, but the PTA donated $1,000 to help with our maintenance and repair projects. Board member **Fred Hymans** commented *"I like what they're teaching the kids at that school!"* The parents are setting a great example and they're great neighbors too.

Villa Vasona residents have also been using our parking lot during construction at the complex next door. They're paying us $500, which we really need. The project was originally supposed to have lasted three months but we recently learned that the work will run through October. We hope everyone at the Lodge can live with the inconvenience. Again, we really need the money.

Fraternally yours,
Larry Hulberg, Hall Board President

Love Your Lodge Donations

Platinum Level

In Memory of Clarian Pintacura
Alan Pintacura (donation, Apr 2013)

Liv Braaten (donation, Mar 2013)

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

In Memory of Esther Tifft
Egil and Gracie Larsen (donation, May 2013)

Jerry Pickett (donation, Mar 2013)

Kate Slama (donation, Mar 2013)

Marvin and Lois Bertelson (donation, Feb 2013)

Christine Roed (donation, Dec 2012)

Anonymous Donor (donation, Dec 2012)

Tusen Takk for your support!

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MEMBER PROFILE

This month we profile **Kari Warner**, nee Stenersen. Here's Kari's story:

I was born in Oslo, Norway to Kirsten and Thor Stenersen. My mother was born in Oslo, and my father grew up at Gardermoen. Don't know where they met; however, my father was in the King's Guard, so more than likely, in Oslo.

I can remember back to when I was 4, my mom took me to Akershus where Queen Maude lay in state. I remember many people walking very slowly around the elevated casket, and the King's Guard soldiers standing at each corner. I also remember one 17th of May when the circus was in town. That's when I saw my first elephant and loudly informed my dad that the animal had a tail in both ends. Then a monkey in a cage stole my flag, and I was screaming so loud I had to be removed before I scared the animals.

I was five when WWII came to Norway, which was a very traumatic experience. I changed from being a little girl not even afraid of the dark, to someone who tried desperately to find a hiding place when I heard an airplane, high in the sky.

My parents divorced when I was 8 or 9 years old; that was hard, because I was a daddy's girl–I adored my father. My mother and I moved in with my grandparents –*mormor* and *bestefar*. They lived on a "farm" in the city; their large apartment was in a building that was over 200 years old. The Hansen family leased the land and had nine children–7 boys and 2 girls–all older than me. The boys were always full of tricks and jokes. They had lots of animals, especially horses. During the war, some of the horses were rented for deliveries; Norway was skimpy on gasoline, so horses were more practical. My mom ended up marrying the oldest son, Rolf, so I now had a very large extended family. My stepfather, raced trotters when he was younger, and was the only man to win the Norway-Denmark-Sweden Triple Crown in sulky races with the same horse, Thora.

In 1945 Sweden and Denmark invited Norwegian schoolchildren to come and spend 6 weeks living with families to "fatten us up after the war." I was very fortunate to be chosen to spend time in Denmark. That started a special summer life for me. I was matched with a wonderful family who lived in a small village, Korning, a few miles from Horsens, Jutland. They owned the general store and had 3 sons, and had always wanted a girl. I went back each year… and my whole family spent time visiting in Denmark… and we also had visits in Oslo from our Danish "family." Those weeks every summer were the happiest in my life. Sometimes I wish I had moved to Denmark instead of the US.

I finished grade school in 1948, the same year our school, Lilleborg, celebrated the 50th anniversary. When I left Lilleborg school I went to *Fagerborg Gynmasium* where I completed *Artium* (no, it had nothing to do with gymnastics it was a high school and I graduated).

I foolishly married young, had a son, Finn, and after 3 years divorced. I worked at various jobs where I was able to utilize my English, German, and even some French. My work at the American Embassy fueled my secret wish to move to America. I was secretary to three Vice Consuls in the Visa Section. They would interview various applicants for visas to the US, and I would translate their notes to Norwegian and send out letters. I'm afraid I had a bad impression of American women… my boss, Miss Winn, would swear like a sailor and stomp her feet when she was angry. The ambassador was a woman, and on the 4th of July all of us working in the embassy were invited to a party at the "Ambassadress'" residence. That was very interesting.

I finally secured a sponsor, for a position as au pair for a Norwegian-Danish couple with 3 children living in Oxnard, CA. That experience was not pleasant, more like a scary nightmare. I did wonder why they went all the way to Norway to find an au pair, and did I ever find out! They had already exhausted all resources in Oxnard and surrounding communities. The children had a bad reputation, but all they ***Continued on page 11***

Thank you from our young neighbors!

A giant thank-you card was found at the hall on June 5 and on the back was a typed note that said:

Dear Sons of Norway,

The Village School Student Council wanted to thank you for being a great neighbor. When the students met, they shared who they consider great neighbors and what they do for our school. They shared experiences and expressed gratitude but of course when they set out to write thank you cards, they did not expand beyond "thanks for being a nice neighbor" so I wanted to share with you some of the things the Village students appreciate about you:

They are kind
They let us park at Nordahl Hall
They put up with our noise
They let us use their room for Music Sharing

Thank you for being a wonderful neighbor, your kindness and courtesy has not only been noticed but also prompted recognition from the students. I know all of the Parents appreciate you too.

Thanks,
Veronica, mom of Austin and Maria and Village Student Council Parent Volunteer

Connections

...ways to connect with your Norwegian heritage

All Bay Area Sons of Norway Picnic

Mark Your Calendar!

Saturday, August 17
Henrik Ibsen Park

Plan to attend for fun and food! Enjoy children's races and games, swimming, bingo, Norwegian schottisches and polkas, a horseshoe tournament… and a potluck lunch in the redwoods!

Last year's picnic was a great success. You… your children… and your grand-children won't want to miss this year's picnic! More details to come.

A connection from member **Violet Johnson**:
In addition to informing us a about her move to Minnesota, Vi again mailed stamps for Tubfrim. Vi used to be an active member of Solveig Club and offered much to our lodge. In her own words: ***"Best to all of you at Nordahl Grieg and looking for your* Tidende*. Please don't forget to mail me the monthly* Tidende*. Thanks and love to you all. Violet"***

Tell us about upcoming activities to CONNECT with our Norwegian Heritage!

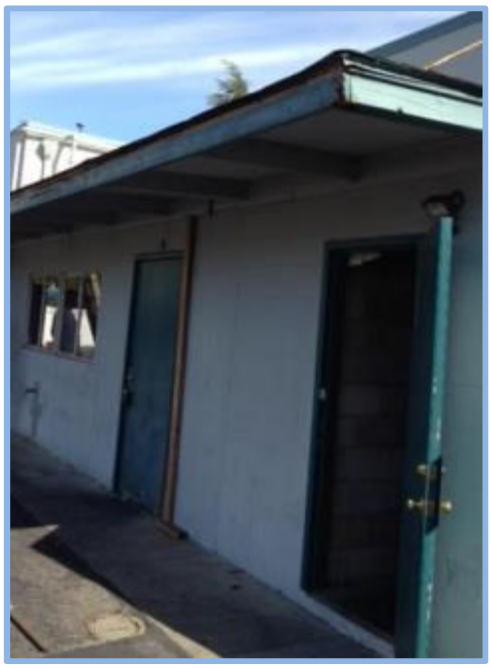
News From Camp Norge

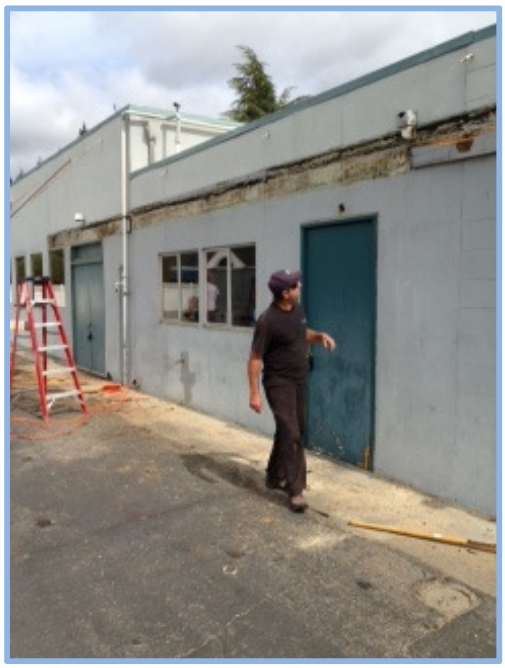
Memorial Day at Camp Norge went well – cool, sweatshirt weather. The raffle winners were a member from Colorado, and two Southern California Lodges. A silent auction – a first – was held and turned out successfully. Recreation Center Board members donated Norwegian type items this year. Next year, donations of Norwegian type items will be accepted from any member who wants to participate. A new vacuum cleaner and a high pressure washer have been purchased for the camp; members present donated toward the purchase and the new acquisitions were completely paid for by the end of the weekend. Camp Norge is looking to a busy summer season. Camp Trollfjell begins July 7 and our four Nordahl Grieg campers are looking forward to a fun time!

Submitted by: Shirley Shoup, Camp Norge Ambassador

Roof Overhang Demolition... Before... During... and After

Tusen Takk to the work crew who made this happen!





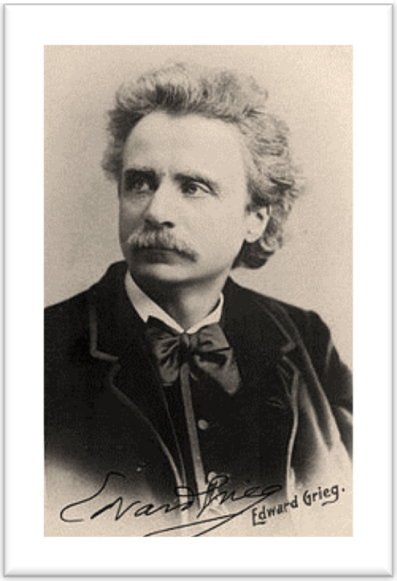
April 2014 Business Meeting Highlights

Condensed from minutes approved at the June 2013 business meeting

Prior to the business meeting, a presentation was given by member and Author **Julie Rose** about her novel *Oleanna*.

- President **Shirley Shoup** welcomed new member **Erik Creswell** and his wife **Kate**; Nordahl Grieg member **Mary Schlink,** who is also President of a Daughters of Norway Lodge; and the evening's speaker, **Julie Rose**, member and author.
- Financial Secretary **Kari Warner** provided an update on membership and dues from International.
- Secretary **Cassandra Leventon** reported on correspondence received.
- Treasurer **Mike Block** was absent but sent a written statement regarding scholarship funds, our claim with the State of California unreported property, and an account summary and report of income and expenditures.
- Social Director **Kathy Whitesel** reported on the upcoming Spring Ting Viking Night. She also thanked **Ken, Cassie, Svea, and Skyla Leventon** for hosting the snacks before tonight's meeting.
- Scholarship Committee Chair **Ginny Hansen** reported that two campership application have been received with two more expected.
- Sunshine Chair **Shirley Shoup** provided an update on members *(all info included in previous* Tidende *issues)*.
- Discussion was held regarding the Norway Day event and booth to be shared with the *Leikarring*.
- It was announced that the District 6 newsletter is available online; members with email addresses on record should have received an email notification.
- Anniversary greetings were extended to **Harry and JoAnn Bjerkhoel** and to **Harold and Elderid Everly**.
- The Solveig Club President **Elderid Everly** donated two pictures for the lodge wall decorations on behalf of the Club.
- **Shirley Shoup** and **Ginny Hansen** have been reviewing lodge minutes back to 1967 to consolidate historical information regarding the lodge and scholarship funds.
- Applications for the Sports Medal Program are available from Secretary **Cassandra Leventon**.

Edvard Grieg... composer, concert pianist, and conductor, was highlighted at our June business meeting by **Elaine Edwards**, Cultural Director. Here's a synopsis of the information shared by Elaine:



Edvard Grieg was a contemporary musical star on the world stage and was embraced around the world. He inherited his musical talent from his mother, Gestine Hagereup, who was Danish and Norwegian. She had studied at the conservatory in Hamburg and gave solo performances with the Bergen Symphony Orchestra. As a result of his mother's musical connection, Edvard's musical interest was developed at an early age, and his love of music grew until he decided he wanted to be an artist. At the time, Edvard may not have realized that this was not going to be easy.

Ole Bull, a famous Norwegian musician and folk hero, supported Norwegian plays, music, and dance. When he heard young Grieg, he was so impressed that he decided to send him to Leipzig to become an artist at the age of 15.

To become a composer, Edvard would need to travel abroad to learn what was needed. The starting place for him was Copenhagen. While there, Edvard met a man named Rikard Nordraak who would become his closest friend, and he provided encouragement and praise for Edvard, and therefore influenced him greatly. It was a time that Edvard wrote many songs, and because of this time period, Copenhagen not only left a lasting impression on him, but he considered it his second homeland.

Copenhagen had another important significance for Edvard. It was here that he found a wife, Nina, who turned out to be a cousin that he had grown up with in Oslo until he was eleven and she was eight. Nina's father was the brother of Edvard's mother, and she had moved to Copenhagen with her family and did not see Edvard again until 10 years later. It turned out that Nina was also a talented pianist and had a wonderful singing voice. She was influenced by her mother, who was a theatre instructor and who helped her perform and interpret.

Upon seeing each other after ten years, Edvard and Nina became secretly engaged. Both parents opposed the marriage: Edvard's father felt it was irresponsible, and Nina's mother became hostile to Edvard and told her daughter that Edvard "was nothing" and that he wrote music that no one listened to.

During their engagement, Edvard wrote music for Nina that is among his very best. When Nina sang his music, Edvard thought that she was the only true interpreter of his songs. They married when Edvard was 24 and Nina was 21, and none of the family members attended the wedding.

Edvard and Nina moved from Copenhagen to Oslo. With a poor income, it was a drastic change for Nina. With the lack of security and lack of liveliness from the theatrical circles she had enjoyed in Copenhagen… she found Oslo to be small. Edvard experienced a dormant music life and was forced to give piano lessons to earn a living. He wanted to bring his music to life, but he did not compose, and they had no visitors.

Things began to look up for Edvard and Nina in 1868 when they had a baby girl they named Alexandra, after Edvard's father. That summer was an exceptionally happy time, and they traveled back to Copenhagen in an atmosphere of good fortune. It was at this time that Edvard created his inspired work of genius, Piano Concerto in A Minor, Opus 16.

Unfortunately, the happiness did not last. One year later their daughter died of meningitis. It was written that they were not a family, just an artist couple performing together throughout Europe.

Part 2 of the Edvard Grieg story will be shared at the September Business Meeting ...
... and Part 3 in October

Plan to Attend Both Meetings!

Member Profile – continued from page 6

wanted was attention and love, and I was able to give them that in the short time I was there.

I still had not learned my lesson that "running away" from problems is not a solution. I married again, but only after checking with immigration and an attorney to find out if I could legally do so without breaking my so-called contract as au pair. The Immigration Officer kindly advised me to wait with the marriage. Did I listen? No.

I eventually ended up in the Los Angeles area and was fortunate to secure a home typing job where I could stay with my children and still make money. Then I was single again, but found Sons of Norway. I joined Edvard Grieg #74 in Glendale and immediately became very involved in lodge work serving in various officer chairs including Vice President and President.

I attended my first SON Convention in San Francisco in 1968 and received a phone call from District President, Trygve Søyland, who offered me the position of District Publicity Director; back then it was an appointed position. I accepted and was off and running. I spent a total of 26 years as a District Officer, and 14 of those years as District Six Secretary. In 1975 my boyfriend, Bob Warner, was transferred to Santa Clara and he leased a house with his mother and oldest son, and I rented an apartment not far away. In 1975 I transferred my membership to Nordahl Grieg Lodge. Bob and I had both agreed never to get married again but did so after a four year relationship; we married in July 1979 and Bob joined the lodge. Our marriage ended when Bob died less than three months before our 25th Wedding Anniversary; we had spent almost 30 years together.

I'm still a Norwegian at heart; my family celebrates *Juleaften* (Christmas Eve)… I used to make lefse till my back gave out… I still bake Norwegian cakes, cookies and waffles, among other Norwegian food.

I have been back to Norway four times. The first time was in 1967, and then to attend two SON International Conventions in Trondheim/Lillehammer and Stavanger. My daughter, Diane, traveled with me in 2000 to Stavanger and we took the train to Drammen, where we were met by my sister; that was the last time we visited my mother in the care center where she lived. In 2008 Diane and I attended my nephew's wedding, and what a wedding it was. That was likely my last trip to Norway - unless I can win the lottery!

Sons of Norway has been one of the most important influences in my life, if not the most important. Nordahl Grieg is "my" lodge and that is now my "home," and the members are my family. Can't imagine what my life would be like without Sons of Norway and all my awesome friends.

In addition to my sister and her family in Norway, I have made a connection with one of my father's sons, Steinar Stenersen. He is living in Spain with his Argentine wife of 50 years. I'm also in contact with my nephew and nieces on Facebook. We may never meet, but we are still blood…. Life is good.

Nordahl Hall – Love Your Lodge Fund Drive

Become a supporter of the "Nordahl Hall Capital Fund"

Help us repair and upgrade Nordahl Hall.
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Love Your Lodge Support Levels

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