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En hilsen fra Presidenten

Kjære Venner (Dear Friends),

Thinking about writing a message for this column each month causes me some sleepless nights. I always want to write something meaningful, thought-provoking, and to be articulate as well. This month, it has been especially difficult to decide what to write, as the creative juices have just not been there.

Since it is the month of October, I thought about writing about baseball. As many of you know, I love baseball and I'm looking forward to the FALL CLASSIC with my beloved Oakland A's in the hunt. But, how do I relate baseball to Nordahl Grieg Lodge and Sons of Norway? I see relationships, but I am going to leave that for another day.

I could write about Leif Erikson since we celebrate his birthday on October 9th, but better people than I have written about his discovery of North America long before Columbus. And, our Italian friends may take umbrage to our extolling our pride in "being here first!"

It is also Sons of Norway Foundation month and I could review all the positive activities that the Foundation has provided over the years, while appealing for continuing support for the Foundation. But, most of you are aware of the important role of the Foundation.

So, I decided to comment on the Community Service role of the individual lodges of Sons of Norway. Our District 6 Board of Directors has been placing a great deal of emphasis on this community service role as exemplified by the many articles by Board members in the last two District 6 Newsletters. Each individual lodge is encouraged to provide some community service in a way that best suits their membership and the community in which they live.

We at Nordahl Grieg Lodge are becoming more community service oriented. Many of our members

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LUTEFISK DINNER – IMPORTANT INFO

Because we perceive an increased demand for Lutefisk Dinner tickets this year… we are giving Nordahl Grieg members the opportunity to purchase tickets in advance of ticket sales to non-members.

Nordahl Grieg members can postmark their dinner reservation beginning October 10… as before, non-member reservations may ***not*** be postmarked before October 15! Happy Eating!

AGENDA ALERT

Our next Business Meeting is Friday, October 11

7:00 PM *Vaffler* provided by **Kari Warner** – yum!

7:30 PM Cultural Director **Elaine Edwards** will present ***"Edvard Grieg – Part 3"*** about his success as a composer and the final years of his life. A few of his musical compositions will again be shared.

8:00 PM Business Meeting: agenda includes a report from the Nominating Committee.

P.S. Your President goofed! In the last Tidende*, it was stated that the Wine & Cheese Lutefisk Kick-Off Party would be prior to the October business meeting. This event will actually be held immediately prior to the November 8 business meeting from 6-7:30 PM.*

Membership Update

Not much to report this month, no new members – I'm working on a person transferring from Eugene, Oregon, who now lives in Santa Clara. And, I have a promise of an application from a long time Lutefisk Dinner attendee.

We do however have six members on the Past Due list – that makes me sad. Please pay your dues, and also to everyone, we need more members.

Until next month, fraternally,
Kari Warner, Financial Secretary
(408) 248-5046 *karia107@earthlink.net*

Barneleikarring News

Our next get-together on October 13 follows the Harvest Luncheon and Boutique held by the Solveig Club in support of their Scholarship Program for camp and college. The luncheon starts at 11:30 AM and the cost is $5.00 per person.

Our practice will start as usual at 1:30 PM and goes to 3:30 PM. All are welcome, just come and be prepared to dance! Please bring a snack to share at the end of dancing.

Any questions, please call me at 408-745-1595

Ha det bra!
Ginny Hansen, Barneleikarring Director

Lutefisk Dinner Update

Preparations are underway for our annual lutefisk and meatball dinner. This is an important event and the biggest fund raiser of the year for the lodge. It's a lot of work, but a lot of fun too. Please see the enclosed schedule of preparation events. If you would like to help but are not sure where you are needed, please contact **Victoria Slama** or **Larry Hulberg**.

…Larry Hulberg, Lutefisk Dinner General Chair

Like I mentioned at the last business meeting, it looked like we had more new people at last year's dinner, and I expected an increase in the Lutefisk mailing list. The increase was even more than expected; therefore after discussing this with Lutefisk Chair **Larry Hulberg**, it was decided that for this year, we will allow **NORDAHL GRIEG MEMBERS ONLY to submit their ticket orders early… beginning on October 10.**

This may be a one-time only early mail-in date until we find out for sure what this increase of names on the mailing list will mean for the future.

…Kari Warner, Lutefisk Dinner Ticket and Publicity Chair

October Birthdays

2	Stephanie Bratton
2	John Mattson
5	John Ecklund
6	Mark Hunsbedt
7	Louisa Capp
7	Rickey Pixley
7	Paul Mehus
10	Jenevieve Schilling
14	Elizabeth Oaktree
20	Anne Herbert
20	Lavonne Hardy
21	Sue Ellen Laurie
23	Brendan Mcvey
23	Bob Goodenough
23	Martin Alkire
24	Leland Bjerkhoel
27	Paul Crawford
28	Merle Loney
28	Darrell Brekke
30	Erna Nore
31	Jessyca Bratton

Heritage Members

17	Julia Teeple
19	Jakob Dybdahl
21	Donald Hansen
25	Miles Macdiarmid

Gratulerer med dagen!

News about Members

FUN NEWS!

Congratulations to Unge Venner member **Alissa Hansen** who is one of three recipients of a District 6 Scholarship. We have seen Alissa grow up in our Lodge; now, she is a sophomore at Holy Names University in Oakland. She is studying Nursing and runs on the college's cross-country team. We are proud of you Alissa and wish you continuing success.

The **Bjerkhoels** – **Harry, JoAnn, Leland, and Susan** – will soon be heading to the Hostfest in Minot, North Dakota, in their motor home. We know they will enjoy the food, entertainment, and fun. Can we go with you guys?

The **Hardys** – **Bonnie and Don** – are traveling this fall. They plan to spend some time visiting family in the Midwest, but will be back to help with preparations for the Lutefisk Dinner. Have a fun time and enjoy!

HEALTH NEWS

Joyce Cosce continues to experience back pain and is now awaiting an appointment for back surgery in the next few weeks. She has plans to visit her grandsons in Colorado at Thanksgiving, so she is eager to get her surgery done and be on her way to recovery soon. We wish you well, Joyce!

Elmer Graslie is still receiving rehab. He uses a wheelchair and is working at graduating to using a walker. He is looking forward to getting back home one of these days and enjoying home-cooked food. Thinking about you, Elmer, and wishing you better days ahead.

Grace Larsen is home from the rehab facility and is receiving continuing therapy at home. **Egil** is doing things *"that I didn't know he could do"* and she is very grateful for his love and care. We are happy for your progress, Grace, and look forward to your being back with us soon.

Don Slama has had another episode with his "racing heart." It occurred in Colfax at his daughter **Kate**'s house. The paramedics were called and transported him to the hospital in Auburn where he received emergency treatment. He is continuing to be evaluated at this time. Don is using a walker more than his cane at the present time for his arthritis. He continues to manage his bowling team, but is not bowling, which he really misses. Take care of yourself, Don!

Kari Warner has been *"under the weather"* for several weeks, which has been very frustrating for her. She has experienced several health issues back-to-back, but is beginning to feel better recently. We hope your health continues to improve, Kari – we need you!

Fraternally,
Shirley Shoup, Sunshine Chair

Nyheter Fra Solveig Club

Solveig Club met on September 11 and **Sharon Bratton** was hostess. It was a busy meeting as we planned our upcoming Harvest Luncheon and Nordic Boutique set for October 13. This event is a fund-raiser for our scholarship fund – please plan to attend.

Lutefisk time is almost here, and we spent part of our September meeting planning our Lutefisk Dinner Bazaar. We are always in need of items for our grab-bags and our ever-popular treasure table. We also need children's toys and articles for their grab-bags. Please consider donating items that are usable but no longer needed.

October is such a busy month! Halloween is a very special time for our young people. In my youth, there was no trick-or-treating in this country, but we would have a treat and a small party in school. The young boys out in the country would prowl at night tipping over outhouses or lifting farm machinery onto the roof of machine sheds. I remember my dad staying up late on Halloween to prevent looting at our important "little house."

I enjoy Halloween as much as the youngsters! I have many trick-or-treaters come to my home with their colorful costumes and large pillow-cases to hold their loot. October, indeed, is a great month. Enjoy! But, remember to drive carefully and watch for the goblins and witches our looking for their treats.

Leif Erikson Day is Wednesday, October 9… it is also our next Solveig Club meeting, and **Shirley Shoup** will be hostess. Be sure to fly your Norwegian Flag right alongside the Stars and Stripes!

Ha det bra,
Elderid Everly,
Solveig Club President

Harvest Lunch and Nordic Boutique

Sunday, October 13
11:30 AM to 1:30 PM at Nordahl Hall

Donation: $5 per person

This is your invitation to join the Solveig Club members for their annual fundraising luncheon. 100% of donations at this event are used to fund "campership" scholarships to send youngsters to language heritage camp at Camp Trollfjell and to provide college scholarships.

The menu will be an assortment of hearty soups served with bread, coffee, and dessert (of course). All are welcome! Plan to bring your appetite… and your family and friends… for a great meal and great conversation with fellow lodge members.

Our Nordic Boutique will be open during the luncheon offering Scandinavian-style gift items and *lefse*. This is your chance to get a jump-start on holiday shopping. All boutique sales proceeds benefit the scholarship fund.

Please RSVP with the number in your group to Sharon Bratton at 510-651-9869. We hope to see you there!

Reminder… the Solveig Club is always looking for donations of usable "white elephant" items for sale at our Lutefisk Dinner Bazaar and for our ever-popular "grab bags." The Harvest Lunch would be a great time to bring those items that you no longer want or use. We can turn your donation into someone else's treasure and you will be helping to bolster our scholarship fund! *Tusen Takk!*

2013 NORTHERN CALIFORNIA KRETSSTEVNE

Nordahl Grieg was well represented at this fall's gathering at Camp Norge. About 90 of those attending represented our Lodge. I was told "If it wasn't for Nordahl Grieg, there wouldn't be a *Kretsstevne*."

Many of our members contributed to the enjoyment of the weekend, which started with lovely sunshine but ended with rain and many wet tents and campers. **JoAnn Bjerkhoel** registered campers in RV's and tents, as well as, day trippers. **Meg Laycock** and **John Stubblebine** provided instruction in Folk Dancing, and those participating performed at the cultural program on Sunday afternoon to earn their first Cultural Skills Medal. The "**Kelly Clan**" prepared and served a delicious tri-tip/chicken dinner on Saturday night. **Leland and Susan Bjerkhoel** provided the Karaoke music at the Saturday night dance. The Horseshoe Tournament and Sunday's children's games also involved **Nordahl Grieg** attendees. Our appreciation to all who helped make the weekend special!

Once again, two raffle winners were from our Lodge, while the third was from the San Rafael Lodge. More raffle tickets were sold at *Kretsstevne* than sold in the 23 supporting lodges of Northern California and Northern Nevada.

The most nostalgic part of the weekend for me was the Sunday evening dance with music provided **by Don Sommerfeld** of the Stockton Lodge, who has played at many past *Kretsstevner* when we danced away the evenings at the Fire Hall in Alta. It was great to be at Camp *Norge* and to "connect" with Sons of Norway brothers and sisters at another fun and successful *Kretsstevne*. Already looking forward to next year!

Fraternally, *Shirley Shoup*

Celebrate Leif Erikson Day!

October 9

MEMBER PROFILE

Our profile this month is a little different; we are actually getting the profile of a *"team"* well known to our lodge:

Don and JoAnne Ansok

We also need to let you know that as of January 22, 2013, Don was recognized as the recipient of a 65 year membership award and we will honor him at our 2014 Anniversary Dinner. Enjoy reading Don's story…

Let's start with my Dad. He was born in 1901 on the family farm in Liabygda, Norway. For those familiar with the Geirangerfjord, as you exit, it forms a "T" intersection: to the left is the town of Stranda, and to the right are open waters leading to the Atlantic. At the head of this "T", and up the mountain, is the family farm. It is still in the family, but is now used as a summer home. Dad was one of nine children, and after working in the office of a large department store, he left Norway in 1923, settling in San Francisco and working as a carpenter. Dad was active in the Henrik Ibsen Lodge in San Francisco where he was a Past President. He also served a term as District Secretary for District 2 (when California was part of that District), and he served on the committee that formed District 6 in 1952.

Mom was born in New York City in 1904 to Finnish parents. They moved back and forth a couple of times to Pori, Finland, but returned to the US and settled in Minneapolis with their five children. At the age of 24, Mom decided that she wanted to go to San Francisco. So, after checking everybody's credentials, she and two other young ladies, and two gentlemen, drove across the plains and arrived in California. She met Dad at a dance and, after a year or so, they were married.

I was born on January 25, 1932 in San Francisco, the only child of George and Helen Ansok. We lived in the City until just after the war, when Dad got a job as Construction Superintendent for the building of the Kaiser homes in San Jose/Santa Clara… and I have been in the Santa Clara Valley ever since. Shortly after my 16th birthday, I joined Nordahl Grieg Lodge. Dad eventually became self-employed as a home builder, and for a period of time, I worked for him… and working for your father can be a learning experience.

Then I was off to San Jose State College, where I met JoAnne on a blind date. She was born on September 28, 1935 and was the elder of the two daughters born to William ("Buzz") and Edith Harris in San Jose. When I went to meet her family, her Dad turned to me and asked how my parents were enjoying their vacation. Her Dad, as a senior lending officer at the bank, and my Dad as a builder, knew each other professionally… so we were off to a good start.

On September 1, 1957 we were married and started our life together; and JoAnne joined the Lodge the following year. Shortly thereafter, our family started growing – Gary in 1959, Scott in 1960, Greg in 1962, and Jon in 1964. It was about this time that I went to work in the savings and loan business, and became a Branch Manager, with the majority of my time being spent with American Savings & Loan. JoAnne had been working for an accountant during high school and college when he found a business that was about to be put on the market. JoAnne bought the Ideal Business Service, and was self-employed until declining health forced her to sell her business in 2000.

JoAnne and I have both been active in Sons of Norway, and the boys participated in the Junior Lodge. Over the years, both JoAnne and I have served multiple terms as Lodge President, and JoAnne was also Lodge Treasurer for a number of years as well as serving as Treasurer for 20+ years for the Sons of Norway Recreational Center in Alta, CA. And during the 70's, each of us served as a District Officer: Sports Director for me and Publicity Director for JoAnne.

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Hall Board Update

The HVAC unit near the stage failed and needs to be replaced. We repaired the unit last year but knew at the time it was only a band-aid to buy us a little more time. We recently obtained a quote from AAA Furnace and Air Conditioning, which is the contractor that replaced the unit over the bar last year. The estimate is $5,600, which the Hall Board approved, and the unit should be replaced shortly. Finances are extremely tight, and it was only because AAA offered 12-month no-interest financing that we were able to move ahead.

After replacing the HVAC unit the Hall Board felt that it would be unwise to move forward with stuccoing the building exterior, which is a major expense. This delay is due to limited funds, even considering the amount that is available in the Capital Improvement Fund. However, we are still considering painting options and the best long-term solution.

Lodge Work Day

It's time to spiff up the lodge in preparation for our annual Lutefisk Dinner. The hall is rented most weekends but we've set aside **Sunday, October 27** as a work day. We'll start at 9 AM but need as much help as we can get… so please come when you can. We will be working on lots of small tasks, from organizing to cleaning to painting to carpentry… something for everyone! Lunch will be provided.

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 Robert Hansen
Shirley Hansen (donation, July 2013)

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!

Member Profile – continued from previous page

Over the years, we have attended many District Conventions, and some International Conventions. And from these, we met and became friends with many wonderful people.

As far as travels, aside from the conventions, my folks took JoAnne and me to Norway in 1979. Dad realized that this would be his last trip, and he wanted to show us around. We had a great two-week trip at and around the family farm. Dad passed away two years later at the age of 80. Following JoAnne's passing in 2006 and Mom's in 2007, I took a trip the next year to Stavanger. And in 2012, I found a cruise that went up the west coast of Norway. During this cruise, I had the opportunity to meet two cousins in Bergen that I had never met before, and another never-met cousin who had driven to Molde. From here, we all went to the family farm, and finally back to the ship. The ship's last stop was in Stavanger, where I again met relatives. Needless to say, this was a well enjoyed trip (but it would have been more enjoyable if JoAnne were here to enjoy it with me). My next scheduled trip will be next spring when I travel to Miami, Florida for (my grandson) Chase's graduation from medical school.

Enjoy Sons of Norway. You will get out of it what you put into it. And this, I believe, covers the life of *"the old man."* *Takk.*

Connections

…ways to connect with your Norwegian heritage

Folk Dance Weekend at Camp Norge • October 18-20

Nordahl Grieg Leikarring og Spelemannslag (NGLS) present a weekend of folk dance and music featuring guests from the *Jolster* and *Naustdal* traditions. The instructors welcome dancers and musicians of all abilities. No partner is necessary; we mix and match as needed. Contact **Meg Laycock** at 408-255-2111 for more info, or see the registration form on the *Leikarring* website at ***www.ngls.net/CampNorgeStevne.htm***.

Discover Norway: Fjords, Folkways, and Friends • Sunday, October 20 • 1:30 PM

The Friendship Force of the San Francisco Bay Area will present an illustrated talk by members who recently returned from two weeks in Norway. This free event takes place at the Palo Alto Lawn Bowls Club at 474 Embarcadero Road in Palo Alto. The public is invited – light refreshments. Questions? Call 510-794-6844

Dances and Tubas! • Thursday, October 24 • 7:30 PM

The San Jose Metropolitan Band presents Guest Soloist **Øystein Baadsvik… Norway's world-renowned tuba virtuoso and recording artist**… at the Mission City Center for Performing Arts. Nordahl Grieg member and oboist, **Judy Purrington**, is a member of the band that will accompany Baadsvik. Admission: $20 for adults; $10 for seniors 65 and over, students, and children. For tickets visit: ***sjmb.vbotickets.com*** For additional information visit: ***sjmetroband.org*** or call 408-647-5621 or email: ***sjmbconcerts@gmail.com***

Julebutikk • November 9

Shop for Scandinavian items and authentic handmade crafts at the Daughters of Norway boutique at the Sunnyview Retirement Community located at 22445 Cupertino Road in Cupertino, California.

Combined Zone 2 and 3 Seminar at Bjørnson Hall • November 16

Save the date! More info will follow for this event to be led by Zone Directors **Carol Campbell** and **Marne Olson**

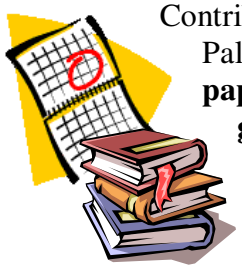
Tell us about activities and ideas to CONNECT with our Norwegian Heritage!

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***

Help us with our community outreach activities!

Nordahl Grieg Lodge is working to make a difference in our community. We are collecting the following items at our business meetings and events… please consider donating!

Cans and boxes of non-perishable food. Hunger is a critical concern in our community year round. **Items most in need are baby foods and meals-in-a-can such as chili, stew, and soup**. All collected items will be promptly delivered to a local food bank.



Contributions are also being gathered for patients at the Palo Alto VA Hospital. We are collecting **used paperback books**, **2014 calendars, and unused greeting cards** (think about the extra, unsolicited calendars and greeting cards you receive in the mail). All collected items will be delivered before the end of the calendar year to the VA Hospital.

***Tusen Takk* for your contributions and your community spirit!**

Edvard Grieg... Part II was highlighted at our September business meeting by **Elaine Edwards**, Cultural Director. Here's a synopsis of the information shared by Elaine:

It is interesting to think of Edvard Grieg as a teenager – he was only 5 feet tall, had a boyish face, and was basically a dreamer. However, a big change occurred when, at age 15, he met Ole Bull. Ole Bull was a world-famous violinist and wealthy contributor supporting Norwegian plays, actors, music, and ballet. His interest was also in increasing the popularity of Norwegian folk music. To Grieg, Bull was a "fairy tale God."

Bull eventually learned that Grieg composed and played piano and he spoke to Grieg's parents telling them he had a plan for Edvard to become an artist. Bull became a huge influence on Grieg and his music; and Grieg felt he was now living a fairy tale.

Grieg soon left for the Leipzig Music Conservatory founded by Felix Mendelssohn but he disliked systematic study. He learned harmonic theory, but otherwise felt he had learned nothing and lacked composition technique. Grieg had a way of interpreting music that did not match with the current style. He learned from Mozart and Beethoven… and although he knew this music was not for him… he did not know what his style would be.

Grieg was also influenced at Leipzig by Niels Gade, considered to be the greatest composer of the time. However, Ole Bull spoke to Edvard and said, "Leave the style of Gada. Create your own style and you will be famous. If you don't, you will be stuck in the mud."

After leaving Leipzig, Edvard struggled financially, giving piano lessons, but not composing. To receive the help he needed, he would need money. In 1868 at age 25, he thought of applying for an "artist stipend," but felt that no one in Norway cared about him as a creative artist. The approval for the stipend would come from a group of older, conservative musicians, and they didn't think much of Grieg at this time. However, it was known that Franz Liszt had a warm interest in Grieg. The movie *The Song of Norway* has an episode where Grieg's wife Nina, his friend Rikard, and Edvard make a visit to Liszt explaining the situation… whereby Liszt writes a letter supporting Grieg. Supposedly, when the letter was presented, Grieg received the stipend he needed.

Edvard was bothered with ill health all his life. In Leipzig, he contracted pleurisy that became TB and resulted in a collapsed lung that was permanently destroyed. In spite of these struggles, he succeeded in accomplishing his dream of being an artist. His first opus demonstrated that he was a true musician… but he was not yet considered a Norwegian musician.

Edvard was fortunate in having a friendship with another patron of the arts named Bjorn Bjornson who offered encouragement to the young musician. Through this friendship, Edvard learned that if he continued on his initial path, he would not achieve his Norwegian status. But with Bjornson continuing to help, he eventually found his own style… and as it turned out… it was deeply rooted in Norwegian folk music.

Call for Volunteers!

The Nominating Committee is hard at work recruiting volunteers to fill Nordahl Grieg Officer positions for 2014. Please think about serving during the next year. There are lots of jobs to fill and ***NO EXPERIENCE*** is required for most! We welcome new volunteers with new ideas to help make Nordahl Grieg Lodge ever stronger.

To find out more about the positions available, please contact Nominating Committee members **Ginny Hansen**, **Meg Laycock**, or **Mike Block**. ***Mange takk!***

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 (408) 583-3555

CAMP NORGE NEWS

The District 6 Recreation Center (Camp Norge) Board of Directors met during *Kretsstevne*. One of their primary items of business was seeking a new maintenance/ security/caretaker person to replace Aren Sutton who left in the middle of August. I have not heard if they have been successful in finding someone to fill the position. The Board is also moving ahead with updating the website, as well as developing an electronic reservation system which they hope to have ready within the next few months. I will keep you posted.

Recent Camp improvements include:

- a new roof on Dorm 1 paid for by the Century Club
- heaters replaced in the social hall and upper bathhouse
- "on demand" water heater installed in the social hall
- double-pane windows installed on the north side of the social hall
- repair of the water heater in Dorm 1 (done by Board Member Tom Gundershaug during *Kretsstevne*)

The Board members and a couple of volunteers have been generous in donating time, talent, and money for these projects. There is much deferred maintenance at Camp, and the Board would appreciate help from Lodges to assist with upcoming projects, either with physical help or with funding of projects.

A cultural wall is being planned for Heritage Hall. There will be a display of all *Kretsstevne* pins in a shadow box, but the 1978 pin is needed. If you happen to have one, please consider donating it and let Penny Joseph Knudsen know.

The meadow and dorms will be closed from November 1 to April 1, but the Main House with its 3 bedrooms, bath, and kitchen will be open for members to enjoy during the late fall and winter months. It's a wonderful place for R & R!

Fraternally yours,
Shirley Shoup, Camp Norge Ambassador

Check out *www.campnorge.com* for more information about Camp Norge

President's Message – continued from front page

provide community service as individuals and they share some of their efforts with us and ask other members to join in their efforts. For example, **Kathy Whitesel** is very active in working with Project Linus providing blankets for needy, hurting children, not only locally, but also outside our community.

For many years our Lodge has been active in collecting cancelled stamps for *Tubfrim,* and we thank **Lois and Marv Bertelson** for their continued work for this charity.

As a group, the Lodge has been collecting canned food for over a year now to help feed those in our community who are hungry. **John Stubblebine** and **Meg Laycock** have spearheaded this project and I appreciate their dedication to seeing that the food our members share is delivered to the West Valley Community Services. Recipients are truly grateful to our members for our donations. We will continue to do so! John and Meg are also very involved in Relay for Life and would like to inspire Nordahl Grieg Lodge to organize a team to walk in this worthwhile event next year.

At this time of year, all of us are receiving multiple 2014 calendars in the mail, as well as greeting and note cards from various groups. For the second year, we are collecting your extras and will take them to the VA Hospital in Palo Alto so they can be distributed to the veterans who are under care there. **Vicki Everly** has been instrumental in collecting these items and seeing that they get to the hospital.

We embarked on a new project recently. **Claire Smyth** and **Dave Melius** alerted us to another need of our veterans who receive or seek care at the VA Hospital – a need for paperback books for their library, clinic waiting rooms, and transport system. They are most willing to accept your donations of paperback books (anything goes) and see that they are delivered to the Hospital. They thank you for your contributions and we thank them for their efforts.

Some of you may have a special community service project that you would like the Lodge to assist with. Let us know, as there are many of us who might assist you with it. As someone said – "there is power in numbers."

For the moment, however, please support these community outreach efforts by sharing some canned food, calendars, greeting/note cards, and paperback books. Bring them to any meeting or social – it is the perfect time of year to share our fortunate circumstances and an acknowledgement of a Norwegian tradition – sharing and caring for others – one of the foundations upon which the Sons of Norway was founded.

Fraternally yours,
Shirley Shoup, President

NOTES FROM DISTRICT 6

Folk Art Exhibition

Folk Art from other Nordic Countries, any media, is a new category for the 2014 District Six Convention Folk Art Exhibition. This category will be for exhibition only, with honorable mention ribbon(s) awarded. Normal rules for the Folk Art Exhibition and Competition require that the folk art item be created in the two year period since the previous District Six Convention. Since this **Folk Art from other Nordic Countries** is a "late breaking news" new category, the two year restriction will be waived for this category only, for 2014 only.

This new category will allow us to learn about our fellow Nordic Countries. It is desired that entrants submit a page or note card with the particular art or craft, giving the name of the folk art, the country where it is practiced, and any info, comparison, or explanation that might help us to learn.

All lodge members are encouraged to enter the competition. This new category might allow more members to get involved with the Convention. The Traditional Norwegian Folk Art has always been a very important part of our Conventions.

Date to Remember

June 22-25, 2014
District 6 Convention
Renaissance Hotel in Palm Springs

SONS OF NORWAY FOUNDATION

Online Auction: October 1-14, 2013

Be sure to participate in the second annual October on-line auction! For the link, go to the Sons of Norway home page at ***www.sonsofnorway.com***. There will be many wonderful items to bid on. The proceeds go to the Heritage and Culture Fund of the Foundation. This fund awards grants to lodges and their communities to promote Norwegian and Nordic culture.

Early 70's to late 80's Camp Norge Reunion

- **Host** Velina Lujan 303-717-7709
- **When** Friday, October 4 at 5:00 PM to Sunday, October 6 at 5:00 PM
- **Where** Camp Norge, Alta, CA 95701

Message from Host:
We will be staying in the cabins just like when we were campers. So you will need to bring sleeping bags and pillows or whatever you feel most comfortable sleeping on. Also, please bring all of your camp photos. We can set up a table for the albums for everyone to enjoy.

Once we determine who is going, we can work out details on food – please be prepared to bring food to share. The cost is $50/night per person. We have reserved the entire camp and dining hall so the camp is ours. If the cost is an issue, please don't let that keep you from coming. Just let us know.

Be sure to bring a swimsuit and warm clothes for the cold evenings. We will reenact camp as much as possible with a camp fire and possibly a dance night. We will wait to see what the group wants. But brush up on your camp songs.

RSVP if you are coming and what you can bring to help, such as food, drinks, firewood, etc. Music would be great if anyone plays a guitar; and if someone has a portable iPod player with good sound, we could have music set up in the dining hall.

Please message me with ideas and questions.

Letter from Norway

Dear Friend,

Thank you very much for your recent shipment of canceled stamps to TUBFRIM. We are happy to tell you that the net amount of the annual sale in 2012 was NOK 650,000. The total amount since TUBFRIM was founded is now more than 19 million kroner!

The result was made possible only because of our many loyal friends, among them are you, who have been collecting canceled stamps for us through years. The stamps come from Sons of Norway members and lodges in USA, the Norwegian Seamen's Churches and some other groups and persons. Most of the stamps are shipped with Grieg Star Shipping and DSV Air & Sea free of charge, or with SAS (Scandinavian Airlines) at very low costs.

Your effort on behalf of TUBFRIM and the handicapped children that we support, is highly appreciated. Please, keep up the good work and we will get a nice surplus this year as well.

Sincerely yours,
Mr. Kåre Myro, TUBFRIM

2013 Lutefisk Dinner Preparations

The Lutefisk is Coming! It's time to start planning for our annual Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner. This is a great tradition for our lodge and an important fundraiser, but we need your help to make it happen.

Please contact the chairpersons listed below to let them know you're willing to help. Calling or e-mailing in advance makes it easier to plan. **If you don't know where you're needed or can simply help serve, contact Victoria Slama** (Volunteer Coordinator). This includes the many young people who turn out each year to serve. We need to hear from you in advance, so we know who we can count on. Many thanks!!

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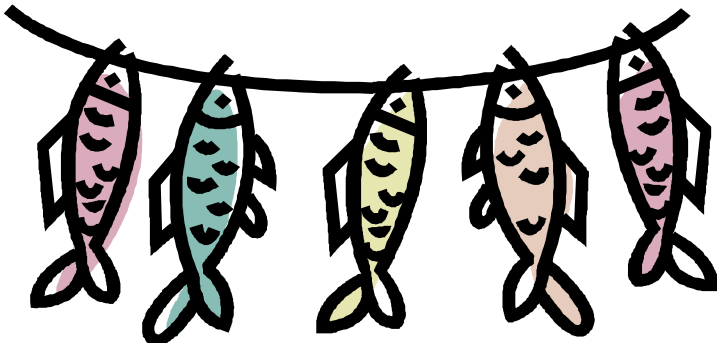

Mark your Calendar!

November 3 (Sunday) – Meatball Making
November 9 &10 (Sat/Sun) – Lefse Making
December 1 & 2 (Sun/Mon) – Cookie Making
December 4 (Wed) – Lutefisk/Hall Setup
December 5 (Thurs) – Table Setting
December 6 & 7 (Fri/Sat) – Lutefisk Dinner
December 8 (Sunday) – Hall Clean-up

Please see Committee Chairs listed below for contact information. Thanks!

Student Volunteers! We can provide community service hours — students just need to bring paperwork with them and the committee chair will verify the student's hours and sign their paperwork that day.

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2013 Annual Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner

Nordahl Hall – 580 W. Parr Avenue, Los Gatos, CA

			Nordahl Grieg Members		Non-Members
Friday, December 6					
Early Diner's Special	1st Seating	3:30 PM	$15.00	DONATION	$19.00
	2nd Seating	5:30 PM	$20.00		$25.00
	3rd Seating	7:00 PM	$20.00		$25.00
Saturday, December 7					
Early Diner's Special	1st Seating	3:30 PM	$15.00		$19.00
	2nd Seating	5:30 PM	$20.00		$25.00
	3rd Seating	7:00 PM	$20.00		$25.00

Special reduced children's prices: Children 6-12 years – $7.00 Under 6 years – free

Invitation to Dance – Diners from all seatings (both Friday and Saturday) are invited to participate in the entertainment and dancing on Saturday night beginning at approximately 9:00 PM.

Visit the Solveig Club Bazaar – The ladies of the Solveig Club will host their bazaar on both Friday and Saturday. Stop by and see their unique selection of Scandinavian items, baked goods, and "white elephant" treasures. Doors open at 3:00 PM.

Join Now and Enjoy Member Prices – Join the Nordahl Grieg Lodge #52 and get member prices for Lutefisk Dinner tickets. Have fun all year! **Call Kari Warner at (408) 248-5046 for membership information.**

RESERVATIONS – All reservations MUST be made by mail. You may make copies of the reservation coupon below for your friends. Please be sure to indicate your first and second choice of seating times.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING CHANGE TO RESERVATION MAIL-IN DATES: Reservation coupons from *Nordahl Grieg Members may be postmarked beginning October 10*. Reservations from non-members will NOT be accepted if postmarked before October 15. Mail postmarked before the indicated dates will be returned.

PLEASE INCLUDE A SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE to mail your tickets.
Please mail your reservation form together with your check or money order PAYABLE TO: Nordahl Grieg Lodge #52
Kari Warner, 1000 El Camino Real, #107, Santa Clara, CA 95050-4284

QUESTIONS? Call Kari at (408) 248-5046

Invite a friend!

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Lutefisk and Meatball Reservation Coupon

Please indicate your FIRST and SECOND CHOICE of seating times

Friday, December 6	_____	1st Seating	3:30 PM	*Early Diner's Special*
	_____	2nd Seating	5:30 PM	
	_____	3rd Seating	7:00 PM	
Saturday, December 7	_____	1st Seating	3:30 PM	*Early Diner's Special*
	_____	2nd Seating	5:30 PM	
	_____	3rd Seating	7:00 PM	

Name: _____ **Phone:** ( ) _____

Email Address: _____

# of adult members: _____ # of non-member adults: _____ # of children 6-12: _____ # of children under 6: _____

TOTAL AMOUNT of check enclosed: $ _____ **PLEASE NOTE: there will be NO REFUNDS**

Mail to: Kari Warner, 1000 El Camino Real, #107, Santa Clara, CA 95050-4284
Do NOT mail before October 10 (members) or 15 (non-members) ▪ Please include a self-addressed stamped envelope

August 2013 Business Meeting Highlights...

as approved at the September business meeting

- The Charter was draped in memory of two members: **Jacob Lebeck** and **Sharron Maria**.
- President **Shirley Shoup** introduced four new members: **Jim and Marlys Annis**, and **Kariana and Marsha Owen**. Also attending as guests was the granddaughter of **Marv and Lois Bertelson**, and **Sherrie Sullivan**.
- June 2013 minutes were approved
- President **Shirley Shoup** extended thanks to **Dave Melius** and **Kato Anderson** for their work on the sound system; to **Elaine Edwards** for her work on Heritage Night; and to everyone who helped out at that event. Thanks were also extended to those who responded to the Sons of Norway letter regarding the threat to our tax exempt status; 1,700 SON members nationwide sent letters to their Senators.
- President **Shirley Shoup** announced that a scholarship survey had been completed for International.
- Financial Secretary **Kari Warner** announced two new members: **Richard Owen** and **Billielynn Adams**, and provided an update on membership and dues from International and income from the Heritage Night social.
- Treasurer **Mike Block** presented an account summary and report of income and expenditures.
- Social Director **Claire Smyth** reported on the social planned for Sunday, September 29.
- Cultural Director **Elaine Edwards** thanked **Marv Bertelson** for sharing slides from his trip to Norway before the meeting.
- Sunshine Chair **Shirley Shoup** provided an update on members *(all info included in previous* Tidende *issues)*.
- Scholarship Chair **Ginny Hansen** reported that there were four campership applications and the Solveig Club had voted to fund all four. In addition, she reported that the Solveig Club gave out four college scholarships.
- Reminders were announced for the Ibsen Park Picnic on August 17. A motion was passed to provide two tickets to our Lutefisk Dinner for the raffle.

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 info, ask any Hall Board Member, or contact Larry Hulberg at 408-813-2615 or *lhulberg@valbridge.com*

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

- A motion was passed to move Lodge funds from Bank of America to Boston Bank because of lower overall fees.
- **Claire Smyth** requested donations of used paperbacks for the Palo Alto VA Hospital as a community service project; members can bring them to business meetings.
- Congratulations were extended for August wedding anniversaries: 50 years for **Jim and Marlys Annis**; 19 years for **Meg Laycock and John Stubblebine**; and 30 years for **Bruce Fihe and Karen Aaker.**
- **Elaine Edwards** discussed "Viking disease." She would be interested in talking to anyone who has experience with it, especially if they are aware of alternatives to surgery.
- **John Stubblebine** and **Meg Laycock** walked in the Relay for Life in San Jose and Half Moon Bay and suggested the lodge form a team for next year; it would provide excellent publicity for the lodge.
- The lodge is still collecting canned food and there is a box available for *Tubfrim* stamps.

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✂ ***Save the stamp on your Tidende envelope for Tubfrim!***

Deadline to submit articles for the next issue is the 15th of the month.
Please email information for inclusion to the *Tidende* Co-Editors listed below.

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Save These Dates…

October 9, Wed	Leif Eriksson Day and Solveig Club Meeting
October 10, Thur	First day for NG Members to mail Lutefisk Dinner reservations
October 11, Fri	Business Meeting and Part 3 of the Edvard Grieg story
October 15, Tues	First day for non-members to mail lutefisk dinner reservations
October 13, Sun	Harvest Luncheon and Boutique and Barneleikarring
October 18-20	Folk Dance Weekend at Camp Norge
October 27, Sun	Lodge Work Day
November – *various dates*	Lutefisk prep begins… see full calendar of prep days on page 11

Dates will be added as they become available.

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