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En hilsen fra Presidenten

Kjære Venner (Dear Friends),

The Anniversary Dinner is one of my favorite Lodge events; this year was no exception! It is a time to greet members that I haven't seen for a while, to enjoy traditional Norwegian food, to feel the vibrancy of a shared culture, to appreciate the festive atmosphere of our Lodge home, to hear the buzzing voices of those attending, and to honor some special people.

The 68th Anniversary of Nordahl Grieg Lodge was indeed a joyous occasion, made possible by many special people. The food, prepared by our own **Russ Behel** and his very capable assistant, **Lavoy Bergendahl**, was delicious and enjoyed by all. **Kathy Whitesel** prepared the program. **Claire Smyth**, our Social Director, was in charge of the whole event, and appreciated the help she received from **Barbara Shoup** and **Kathy Whitesel**. **Ginny Hansen** was responsible for the festive atmosphere provided by her beautiful flower bouquets, as well as the individual roses she made for each recipient of a membership pin. **Dave Melius** took care of the liquid refreshment needs of those in attendance. **Sharon Bratton** and

Elderid and Vicki Everly managed the Solveig Club Boutique and Raffle. Music was provided by **Sharon Mellott**, while **Meg Laycock** and **John Stubblebine** served as Marshalls. *MANGE TUSEN TAKK* to all of you – YOU MADE THE EVENING A GREAT ONE!

Membership pins and certificates were presented to 25 members or their designees. It was a special privilege for me to recognize those who have been members for many years. **Eilif Land** received a standing ovation in honor of his 70 years of membership in Sons of Norway. He first joined the Lodge in Vancouver, British Columbia. After he moved to the United States, he joined the Lodge in Santa Cruz and, after that lodge disbanded, he became a Nordahl Grieg member. We are very proud of you, Eilif, and were so glad you could be with us on this special occasion.

Our 65 year members hold a special place in our Lodge, as well as in our hearts. **Don Ansok** has always been a member of our Lodge, while **Egil and Grace Larsen** were members of Bjornson Lodge in Oakland before they came to us.

All the members who received pins and certificates have brought their uniqueness to our Lodge and have made our Lodge the special place it is. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

Some special awards were made during the evening. The first was a "one-of-a kind." When I was at Camp Norge last July for the last day of Camp Trollfjell, our District Language/Heritage Camp, I learned that Camp Trollfjell did not have an American flag for their activities in Heritage Hall. That concerned me and needed to be corrected, so I pledged our Lodge to donate an American flag to Camp Trollfjell in honor of its long-time Director and our esteemed member, **Russ Behel**. So at the Anniversary Dinner, Russ received a small replica of an American flag to honor his years of service to Camp Trollfjell. When the Camp begins again in July, there will be a full-size flag on a pedestal to display in Heritage Hall for years to come in Russ' honor.

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Membership Update

There are no new members to welcome this month.

Unfortunately we do have five members on the past due list. At least one of them will be suspended by International next month. Please pay your dues. *Tusen Takk.*

There is one address change to note; please update your directory:

Jessica Siler – 830 N 2nd Street, Silverton, OR 97381

Phone 925-642-2213

NEWS ABOUT OUR MEMBERS

Greetings from **Vi Johnson** in Bemidji, MN where she said it feels like outer Siberia. She mailed us stamps for Tubfrim again. Also heard from **Shirley Hansen** in Bakersfield; she is feeling well. Both Vi and Shirley send greetings to our lodge members.

COINCIDENCE?

When I took our King Olav Plaque in to order an additional plaque, the lady who took my order said: "Sons of Norway? I had a Norwegian neighbor for many years, Bertha Hansen." She told me Bertha taught them to make Rosettes and a special cookie, that her family calls "Bertha's cookies." Small world.

Fraternally,

Kari Warner, Financial Secretary

(408) 248-5046 karia107@earthlink.net

AGENDA ALERT

March 14 – Business Meeting

7:30 PM Business Meeting with discussion of Lodge donation to Camp Norge

8:30 PM Nordahl Hall, Inc. Annual Meeting with election of Hall Board members

Refreshments immediately following the meeting.

Claire Smyth will serve as hostess.



Barneleikarring News

Barneleikarring will meet at Nordahl Hall on March 9, the second Sunday in March, from 1:30 to 3:30 PM.

Come and spend a couple of hours having fun dancing! Bring a friend and bring a snack to share.

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

Ha det bra!

Ginny Hansen, Barneleikarring Director

March Birthdays

- 1 Lucille Basso
- 1 Jeanne Shada
- 3 Cathy Felkey
- 4 Gloria Knapstad
- 5 Julie Rose
- 6 Julius Vannatta
- 7 Liv Braaten
- 10 Vivian Schatz
- 10 Rena Slama
- 11 Carl Windell
- 11 Karen Aaker
- 11 Richard Grindeland
- 14 Mona Madson
- 15 Roberta Heimark
- 15 Richard Kurkowski
- 15 Diane Christianson
- 21 Shelley Curtis
- 22 Janet Pankratz
- 24 Patrick Kelly
- 25 Duane Adams
- 27 Ruth Cole
- 30 Meagan Hansen
- 30 Pamela Petersen
- 30 Kathleen Moe
- 30 Kariana Owen

And Heritage Members:

- 16 Douglas Bjerkhoel
- 17 Karena Bjerkhoel
- 18 Steven Porter

*Gratulerer
med dagen!*



News about Members



HAPPY NEWS!

Kristin Hulberg and **Mark Hunsbedt** are engaged and planning a May 2015 wedding. They met as volunteers at the Lutefisk Dinner in 2010 and started dating a year later. Lutefisk can cause great things to happen! Mark proposed

on Valentine's Day at his home in Yosemite with the help of Grover, their little dog. They are thrilled and so are we! Our best wishes to the happy couple from all of us!

At our Valentine's Day meeting, we celebrated two sets of Sweethearts! **Marv and Lois Bertelson** have been sweethearts for 63 years, with **Vidar and Lian Dalløkken** for 4 years. Both couples were honored and feted with boxes of chocolates and wishes for many more happy years together.

Meagan Hansen has been named Youth Sportsman of the Year by United States Equestrian Federation, and horses are the passion for this 17 year old! Meagan is the daughter of **Graham and Karin Hansen** and granddaughter of **Ginny Hansen**. Way to go Meagan, we are proud of you!

Congratulations to **Kari and Finn Gjerdrum** who celebrated 55 years in America on February 18!

TRAVELING NEWS

The **Candelarias** are on a 49 day cruise to South America. They left on Valentine's Day, so it will be a while before we see them again. We hope they have a great trip!

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

Vicki Everly recently spent three weeks in northern Florida on a working vacation. She reports the weather was pretty cold for Florida. She was very busy working, but did have some time for some sightseeing and fun.

Ginny Hansen with some of her family are heading for Hawaii on St. Patrick's Day. They are looking forward to a warm and sunny time on the beaches, as well as some sightseeing. Sounds great, doesn't it?

Larry and Marcia Hulberg recently returned from a two-week whale watching trip to Baja California. We don't

know if they saw many whales, but we hope they had a good time. We'll hear more about their adventures soon.

Happy St. Patrick's Day

HEALTH NEWS

Ginny Hansen had successful cataract surgery on February 8 and is thrilled with the results. She is back driving without her glasses and seeing things she hadn't seen for a while. Happy for you, Ginny!

Erna Nore's radiation treatments were helpful in shrinking the tumor on her vertebrae and have reduced the symptoms she was experiencing. So, she is more comfortable now, but is experiencing fatigue from the radiation which is a common side effect. We wish you continued well-being, Erna.

Duane Overby has recently had a severe bout of gastroenteritis which necessitated a trip to the emergency room and treatment for dehydration and pain control. He is feeling better now but is really "wiped out" from the experience. We miss you, Duane, and hope you feel better again real soon.

Ray Vanetta is scheduled for his first cataract surgery February 21, with the second one scheduled for March 21. He is looking forward to better vision and being able to drive at night. Our best wishes for success go to you, Ray.

It was good to see **Marilyn Wall** at our last meeting. She has recuperated nicely from her recent surgery and looks well. She was comparing notes with **Meg Laycock**, who was able to provide her with both information and support. Keep healing, Marilyn!

CONDOLENCES

To **Bente Ellis** and her family in the loss of her husband earlier in the year.

He had experienced health issues for a period of time, but most recently needed care in ICU where Bente spent a lot of time with him. Your friends at Nordahl Grieg send their caring and sympathetic thoughts to you, Bente, in your loss.

Fraternally,
Shirley Shoup, Sunshine Chair

DON'T PEEK... here are the answers
for the quiz on page 10

1. The coat of arms
2. 6 referendums
3. Sami Parliament (1999)
4. 8 political parties
5. 1884
6. Labor Party



Nyheter Fra Solveig Club

After several postponements, the Solveig Club finally met last month for our "Holiday Pot-Luck Luncheon." Everyone came with their best culinary specialty and we all had a great Valentine's Party. We are always happy to share our coffee and conversation with guests. Pay us a visit and you might like to join our club.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the raffle and purchased items from our Nordic Boutique at the recent Anniversary Dinner. 100% of the proceeds from that event will be deposited into our scholarship fund. We appreciate everyone's continuing support.

Springtime is here and to many of us that means "spring cleaning." Perhaps you have some articles you no longer use. Those items can be donated for our bazaar and the proceeds will help send a youngster to camp... or help a young college student with their education. We accept any gently-used household item or children's toy for our Lutefisk Dinner bazaar "treasure table."

Solveig Club will next meet on Wednesday, March 12 at 10:30 AM in the Solveig Room. **Anna Likens** will be hostess.

Enjoy the flowers as they bloom and soon our trees will have leaves and blossoms. And... have a great St. Patrick's Day!

As always, please drive carefully.

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



Saturday, May 17, 2014

Save this date and help us celebrate the 200th Anniversary of the Norwegian Constitution (*Grunnlov*) at Nordahl Hall.

We will celebrate with dinner, at least one speech (a Norwegian tradition), and entertainment by the *Leikarring* and the *Spelemannslag*.

Plans are in the works. Please let us know if you can help. We need helpers to plan activities for the day, and helpers on the day to make the work lighter.

... submitted by *Kari Warner and Vidar Dalløkken*.



Cultural Skills

The Sons of Norway Cultural Skills Program is an enjoyable way to appreciate Norwegian Heritage. Therefore, the Lodge is offering our members the opportunity to work in one or more areas relating to our Norwegian culture.

Many choices are possible for those interested in earning the cultural pin recognition you receive when you complete one of the programs. The first step is to find out in which of the programs our members would be interested. We are also looking for mentors in the different programs.

A survey listing the choices was presented to those attending the February business meeting. Also our web master, **Bruce Fihe**, has volunteered to include the survey on the Lodge web site. That way, all of our members can see the choices, and, hopefully, find one or more that is of interest to them, thereby continuing to promote our Norwegian traditions.

Further information regarding how to connect to others with your same interest and when and where meetings will take place will be determined after we have an idea of what the response is of our Lodge.

... submitted by *Elaine Edwards, Cultural Director*

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

Hall Board Update

The Hall Board will meet on Sunday March 2 at 2:00 PM to discuss projects and priorities. As always, meetings are open to all members, and we encourage your input. You can also contact **Larry Hulberg** at (408) 813-2615 or any Hall Board member to express your views.

The Annual Shareholders Meeting of Nordahl Hall, Inc. will be held on Friday, March 14, in conjunction with the Lodge business meeting. Agenda items include priorities for the next year and election of board members. Current priorities include a new roof overhang at the back of the building, and front entrance awning or other architectural treatment.

We'll also be discussing signage, parking lot repair, and other building upgrades. Fortunately, due to the generosity of members contributing to the Hall Capital Improvement

(aka *Love Your Lodge*) Fund, we have resources to pursue at least some of these projects at the present time.

The Hall Board thanks **Marcia Hulberg** for the generous donation of a good-quality chest freezer from her mother who recently passed away. This will replace the large freezer in the storage shed which is in poor condition and needs to be replaced. And... a special thank you goes to **Dave Melius** for assisting with moving our "new" freezer, and for expertly handling the bar at the Anniversary Dinner. Everyone appreciated Dave's friendly service.

Fraternally,
Larry Hulberg, Hall Board President



Here's a recipe from the Sons of Norway website that looks like it could be a little bit of Ireland with a Norwegian twist. Enjoy it this month as we celebrate St. Patrick's Day!

NORWEGIAN CABBAGE ROLLS

- 16 medium cabbage leaves
- 1 tsp. salt per quart of water
- 1 pound ground beef
- 1 ¼ tsp. salt
- 4 tsp. potato starch
- 1 ½ cups whole milk
- ½ tsp. ground pepper
- ½ tsp. ground ginger
- ¼ tsp. ground nutmeg

Parboil the cabbage in lightly-salted boiling water until soft, about 2 minutes. Drain well and remove the thick stems. Mix the ground beef with salt and potato starch. Gradually add milk and season with spices. Place a spoonful of the meat mixture onto each cabbage leaf. Wrap the leaf around the meat to form a small package. Place the cabbage rolls, seam side down, in a greased ovenproof dish. Gently pour 2 cups of boiling, lightly-salted water over the cabbage rolls and place the dish in a water bath. Bake about 30-40 minutes in a pre-heated 325°F oven. Serves 4. Serve with brown gravy, boiled potatoes, cooked carrots, and lots of bread to soak up the juices.



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.

Nordahl Grieg College Scholarship Announcements

Nordahl Grieg Lodge #52 is pleased to announce two college/university scholarship opportunities.

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

Solveig Club College Scholarship

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. Applicant must be no older than 30 years of age.

Deadline to apply is June 1, 2014 (*postmarks accepted through Monday, June 2*).

Submit completed applications to:

Elderid Everly, Solveig Club President
1596 Spring Street, Mountain View, CA 94043

Nordahl Grieg College Scholarship

Any child, grandchild, or great-grandchild of a member in good standing of Nordahl Grieg Lodge is eligible. Applicant must be a full-time student, no older than 30 years of age, have completed at least one year of college or university, and have a cumulative minimum 2.75 GPA.

Deadline to apply is June 30, 2014.

Submit completed applications to:

Shirley Shoup, Nordahl Grieg President
5315 Calderwood Lane, San Jose, CA. 95118



Camp Troll Fjell Camperships

Children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren of Nordahl Grieg members in good standing are eligible to apply for a campership. Campers must be at least 8 years old, but no older than 13 at the time camp begins. See www.campnorge.com for additional info.

Campers must write a letter that includes:

- Camper's name and age
- Name of sponsoring Nordahl Grieg member
- Reasons they want to attend Camp Troll Fjell

Letters must be postmarked no later than **May 1, 2014** and sent to:

Elderid Everly, Scholarship Chair
1596 Spring Street, Mountain View, CA 94043



Love Your Lodge Donations

Platinum Level

Kato Andersen (donation, Oct 2013)

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)

Silver Level

In Memory of Clarian Pintacura

Anne Herbert (donation, Oct 2013)

Bronze Level

Eileen and Richard Grindeland (donation, Dec 2013)

In Memory of John A. Hansen

Virginia Hansen (donation, Nov 2013)

In Memory of Maybell Jacobsen

Virginia Hansen (donation, Nov 2013)

In Memory of Clarian Pintacura

Alan Pintacura (donation, Oct 2013)

Shelley Smith Curtis (donation, Oct 2013)

Meg Laycock and John Stubblebine
(donation, Oct 2013)

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!

CAMP NORGE NEWS

Camp Norge is gearing up for this year's exciting season beginning April 1, 2014. The Recreation Center Board of Directors is pleased to announce a savings of \$6,000 in utilities due to the new "on demand water heater" and energy efficient heater in the Social Hall and the Upper Bathhouse donated by Andrew Furuseth Lodge #49.

Volunteer member and engineering contractor Grant Cooper has installed the new 1,700 foot water line from the tanks to the meadow and there is now water available. The new pipeline material is expected to last hundreds of years.

A new fire hydrant has been installed in the meadow and many, many water leaks have been repaired. There is a new roof on Dorm 1, thanks to the Century Club. Our new Webmaster, **Dawn Buehler**, is designing a new and modern website. Check it out at www.campnorge.org.

New Board Members are still needed. Since our Camp is for members and their guests (one member, seven guests), members and lodges are asked to participate more in the upkeep and financing of the camp.

So, there will be a **"SPRING CLEANING WORK PARTY"** to get ready for the upcoming season:

March 22 and 23 ■ 10:00 AM Saturday to 12 PM Sunday

No charge for lodging.

Saturday night dinner and Sunday breakfast provided.

Projects planned for the weekend include:

- Install and paint new wood siding on Barn
- Sheetrock and paint inside of Meadow Bathhouse
- Gardening, weeding, planting

RSVP to **Cheryl Mallseed** at (850) 915-8877 or mkbycheryl@sbcglobal.net

Additional priority needs with cost estimates at Camp Norge have been identified by the Recreation Center Board and include:

- Swimming pool pump controller (\$3,500)
- Barn floor and structural reinforcing (\$2,500)
- New water heater for Dorm 1 (\$2500)
- Replace floor in Social Hall kitchen (need estimate)
- Replace cabinet doors and shelves in Social Hall kitchen (need estimate)
- New roof on Main House (\$35,000)
- Tree trimming (\$1500)

Projects in progress include:

- Replacing plumbing in Meadow Bathhouse
- Evaluation of Heritage Hall water problems

Please consider participating in the work party and supporting the needs of **"OUR LITTLE BIT OF NORWAY."**

Fraternally,

Shirley Shoup, Camp Norge Ambassador

A SHORT HISTORY LESSON

As you know, we are planning a special 17th of May Celebration. This lesson is for the members who call this "Norway's Independence Day." This is not quite correct.

Norway was ruled by Denmark for approximately 300 years – and this was not popular in Norway.



In 1814, 112 men of the Constituent Assembly gathered and after 6 weeks of discussion they concluded the work on the Constitution of Norway on 17th of May at Eidsvoll. Many political discussions took place between Norway and Denmark and Sweden in those days. Denmark lost Norway to Sweden who was then ruled by King Carl Johan. To make a long and interesting story short, Norway finally became a free country. Since Norway did not have anybody suitable to become a king, the Danish Prince Carl accepted the crown, and on June 7, 1905, he arrived in Norway with his wife Queen Maude and young son Olav. That is how Norway got a most popular King Haakon 7th.


Therefore – the 17th of May became Norway's Constitution Day – not Independence Day.


Jubileum (Grunnlovs jubileet) 2014 officially started at Eidsvoll on February 16, 2014. Norway will continue to celebrate in various locations throughout Norway through May 17, 2014.

... submitted by *Kari Warner*


Connections

...ways to connect with your Norwegian heritage

 The second season of **Vikings** roars back on the History Channel on February 27 at 10 PM with battles, romance, family, and friendship.


 **Norwegian Folk Dance Weekend** at Camp Norge will be held April 11-13. Enjoy a weekend of dancing, music, fellowship, and fun at the spring *Folkedans Stevne* at beautiful Camp Norge. The weekend will feature a survey of Norway's regional traditions in various dance categories—figure dances (*turdans*), old-time dances (*gammeldans*), village dances (*bygdedans*), and song dances—taught by **Meg Laycock** and **Tom Sears**, directors of the Nordahl Grieg Leikarring. **Bill Likens** will offer instruction in piano accordion and two-row button accordion (*torader*).

Everyone is welcome. No partner is necessary; we mix and match. The instructors welcome dancers and musicians of all abilities and will include dances for different levels. The weekend starts with an informal party on Friday night, and finishes after lunch on Sunday. The cost of \$125 per dancer covers accommodations, all instruction, and meals from Saturday breakfast through Sunday lunch. For an information flyer with an application form, check the Nordahl Grieg Leikarring website at www.ngls.net/CampNorgeStevne.htm; or call **Meg Laycock** (408-255-2111) or **Zena Corcoran** (650-355-3752) for more details. *Skal vi danse?*

 The **Spring Rosemaling Seminar** at Camp Norge will be held April 26-27. It's time to make your reservations – space fills fast! There will be 3 classes and we will be painting on a 12-inch scalloped rim plate. **Carl Larsen** is teaching a variation of *O's* on a white background. **Mardella Ivers** will teach a *Numedal* on a Williamsburg Blue background. **Sandra Cole** will teach the advanced beginners class, doing a wonderful *Valdres* on a Jo Sonja Sea Swirl background. Look on the Camp Norge Website for pictures of all three projects. Mardella will also teach a stroke class for those who wish to come early.

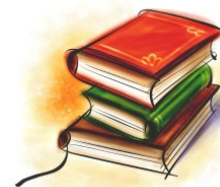
Contact **Penny Joseph Knudsen** at (916) 941-6433 or pennyjknudsen@sbcglobal.net for information if interested in attending. Registration info is also available at www.campnorge.org under Rosemaling.

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

 **Activity Snaps...** Remember to view pictures posted on the Lodge web site at: www.nordahl-grieg.org. If you have photos to share, please email your snaps to our Web Master at: webmaster@nordahl-grieg.org

Peder P. Johnsen Scholarship 2014 – Administered by Henrik Ibsen Lodge # 7

The Peder P. Johnsen Scholarship has been established to recognize students of Norwegian ancestry for academic excellence and involvement in the Norwegian–American community. Scholarships are awarded to any deserving students who are residents of Northern California studying full time at accredited colleges and universities. Beginning freshmen, undergraduate, and graduate students are eligible. A minimum GPA of 2.7 is required.



Deadline for submission of applications is **April 1, 2014**. Applications and information can be obtained by writing to: **Jo Ann Wentker**, 650 Upland Drive, San Francisco CA 94127, or by calling (415) 587-9210.

**Connect with your heritage... and fellow Sons of Norway Members...
participate in the 2014 District Six Convention**

Solskinn Lodge #6-150 is hosting the biennial Sons of Norway District Six Convention in Palm Springs from June 22–25, 2014, at the Renaissance Hotel.

Pre-convention sessions on Sunday include:

- Demystifying the Sons of Norway Cultural Skills Program
- Music Cultural Skills – level one
- Music Cultural Skills – level two
- New Delegate Orientation, facilitated by Nordahl Grieg member, Janie Kelly, International Director

Sessions are open to delegates and visitors/guests.

The Traditional Folk Art Exhibition and Competition will be open to the public at certain times Monday through Wednesday. Nordahl Grieg Web Master, **Bruce Fihe**, will be entering his amazing hand-knit Viking design sweater... and we hope other members will consider submitting their creative efforts (hint, hint... **Marv Bertelson**... how about your photography?).

Nordahl Grieg will submit a half-page black and white ad in the Convention Program, to be created by **Vicki Everly**.

The following Nordahl Grieg members were elected by members at the February business meeting to represent our Lodge as delegates:

Shirley Shoup	Harry Bjerkhoel
Ginny Hansen	Bruce Fihe
Karen Aaker	Elaine Edwards
JoAnn Bjerkhoel	Judy Purrington

Lodge members also voted to provide a \$500 stipend for each convention delegate.

Convention registration information, visitor and guest information, and Folk Art Exhibition and Competition entry rules are available at: www.sofn6.com

Check out the hotel at:

www.renaissancehotelpalmsprings.com

**Deadline to submit convention registration forms
and payment is May 17, 2014**

It's Movie Night at Nordahl Hall

Enjoy Pizza and a Movie

Friday • March 28 • 6:00 to 9:00 PM

(show time at 7:30 PM)

Feature Show is "O'Horten"

along with Norwegian cultural short films



**"O'Horten" is an award winning
2007 feature length
comedy-drama focused on a
life-changing moment for
67-year-old Norwegian train
engineer Odd Horten on the
evening of his retirement.**

**We ask for a \$5 donation per person to cover pizza,
salad, and soda – no cost for kids under 12.**

Beer and wine will be available for purchase.

**Please bring a snack to share (e.g., veggie sticks,
chips, fruit).**

**So we can plan the pizza order, please RSVP
by March 21 to Claire Smyth at (408) 244-4497
or smythclaire@hotmail.com.**

Two *Tusen Takk* Awards were presented to deserving members. The first went to a member we all know and love for her devotion. Her hard work impacts each and every one of us and we are so appreciative of her – **Kari Warner**. Kari is my mentor and my friend. It was with much gratitude and respect that we say *Tusen Takk* for all her hard work and true devotion to our Lodge and to Sons of Norway.

The second *Tusen Takk* Award went to a couple who have always been supportive of the Lodge and willing to help when asked... and have done so pleasantly and with smiles – **Homer and June Stennes**. We were sorry they were not present to receive this award, but we honored them for their important role in distributing our Lodge Newsletter, *Nordahl's Tidende*, in such a timely manner. They fold, stamp, label, and deliver to the Post Office the final product of our main communication tool. We are grateful for their willingness to do this job and for their commitment to the effort to keep our members informed of Lodge matters.

Our *Hjertlig Takk* (Heartfelt Thanks) award went to another couple – long-time members who have shared their talents with us and have contributed year after year – **Marv and Lois Bertelson**. Marv adds a "touch of class" to all our gatherings with his musical talent he so freely shares. We are so fortunate that he brings music into the life of the Lodge and thank him so much. Lois, as our *Tubfrim* Chair, has kept the stamps going to Norway to assist the handicapped program there. Lois collects, sorts, and cuts stamps that we donate and delivers them to the Seaman's Church in San Francisco to be sent to Norway. Just recently, 44 pounds were delivered. We appreciate Lois's diligence and support of this important program.

The King Olav Service Award – the highest honor our Lodge can bestow – acknowledges a true prince, who has contributed to both the Lodge and the Hall Board in exemplary fashion. He has demonstrated great leadership qualities and commands much respect among all of us – **Larry Hulberg**. This award to Larry is richly deserved for his efforts in spearheading the "Love Your Lodge" capital improvement fund and for all the hard work he has put in improving our Lodge home. Furthermore, he has provided leadership to the past two successful Lutefisk Dinners. It is a distinct pleasure to work with Larry; he is special to all of us. Our congratulations!

The Anniversary Dinner was a great evening. I felt proud but also humble as President of Nordahl Grieg Lodge to be able to honor so many special people.

Until next time, fraternally yours,
Shirley Shoup, President

Take the Parliamentary Quiz



In honor of the 200th anniversary of the Norwegian Constitution, let's learn more about Norway's government (*condensed from the Parliamentary Quiz from Sons of Norway Newsletter Service*). Take the full quiz online at www.stortinget.no/quiz/

1. What hangs in Parliamentary Hall over the painting of the Eidsvoll Assembly from 1814?
 - A. The coat of arms
 - B. A Norwegian flag
 - C. Viking Ship
2. How many national referendums have been held in Norway?
 - A. 15
 - B. 6
 - C. 19
3. What is the youngest political institution in Norway?
 - A. Sami Parliament (1999)
 - B. Progress Party (1973)
 - C. Confederation of Trade Unions (1899)
4. How many political parties are represented in Parliament between the years of 2013-2017?
 - A. 20
 - B. 8
 - C. 7
5. When can you say that Parliamentarism in Norway got its breakthrough?
 - A. 1884
 - B. 1940
 - C. 1905
6. Which party had absolute majority in the elections of 1945?
 - A. Labor Party
 - B. Conservative Party
 - C. Liberal Party

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November 2013 Business Meeting Highlights

(condensed from minutes approved in January 2014)

- The Charter was draped in memory of **Hans Waagen**. Condolences were extended to **Larry and Marcia Hulberg** in the loss of Marcia's mother.
- Visitors **Linda Taaje Iversen** and **Stan Williams** were introduced.
- In honor of Veteran's Day, President **Shirley Shoup** honored and thanked all Lodge members who have served.
- October 2013 business meeting minutes were approved.
- Financial Secretary **Kari Warner** announced receipt of dues from International.
- Treasurer **Mike Block** provided a report on finances.
- Social Directors **Kathy Whitesel** and **Claire Smyth** announced plans for the lodge "Jul Party."
- Thank you was extended to **Ginny Hansen** for taking the lead on tonight's Wine and Cheese Party.
- Counselor **John Stubblebine** announced plans for the January Officer's Installation ceremony
- Sunshine Chair **Shirley Shoup** provided a current update on members' health.
- Lutefisk Chair **Larry Hulberg** provided an update on the Lutefisk Dinner. As Hall Board President, he stated that contributions to the "Love Your Lodge" campaign will pay for painting the building exterior. A motion was passed to increase funds available for the exterior painting project by \$400 to a total of \$6,000.
- A motion was passed to accept the nominations for 2014 as announced. Thanks were extended to the Nominating Committee, **Mike Block**, **Ginny Hansen**, and **Meg Laycock**, and to the officers who agreed to serve.
- A written report was submitted by Scholarship Chair **Ginny Hansen** recommending that Nordahl Grieg offer a college scholarship, using interest only. A motion was passed to accept this recommendation: rules and application will be established to comply with International SON requirements.
- A motion was passed to provide \$100 to purchase publishing software for use by the *Tidende* Co-Editors.
- Members present with November birthdays were acknowledged as was the November wedding anniversary of **Vidar and Lian Dallokken**.
- **John Stubblebine** announced that 23 pounds of food was donated and tonight's collection will be also be delivered.
- **Meg Laycock** was presented with a bronze sports medal for cycling.
- **Kathy Whitesel** thanked **Bruce Fihe** and **Karen Aaker** for yarn they donated to Project Linus.



January 2014 Meeting Highlights

(condensed from minutes approved in February 2014)

- The charter was draped in memory of **Harold Everly** and **Albert Johnsen**.
- Minutes of the November 2011 meeting were approved. Minutes from the January 2014 Officers' meeting were available.
- Financial Secretary **Kari Warner** reported a new member application from **Hsiao-in Wang**, and a check from International for November dues.
- Treasurer **Mike Block** presented a financial report and summary from the lutefisk dinner.
- Cultural Director **Elaine Edwards** reported the Lodge will collectively work on Cultural Skills pins.
- President **Shirley Shoup** thanked **Kathy Whitesel** for the sweater cookie display in acknowledgment of "Norwegian Sweater Night" and thanked **Andy Hunsbedt** for providing the evening's refreshments.
- Sunshine Chair **Shirley Shoup** provided a current update on members' health.
- President **Shirley Shoup** installed Email Master **Jon Villareal**; Social Director **Claire Smyth**; and Counselor **John Stubblebine**.
- A motion was passed to accept 2014 goals: 1) continue to promote Cultural Skills and Sports Medal programs among members; 2) implement membership committee; 3) develop and implement guidelines and application process for the Gunderson-Delphy Fund; and 4) continue and expand, if necessary, community service projects.
- A motion was passed to accept the 2014 budget.
- Thanks were extended to Web Master **Bruce Fihe** and Financial Secretary **Kari Warner** for completing the new directory.
- A motion was passed to accept the proposed 2014 calendar of Lodge events.
- A motion was passed to provide complimentary Anniversary Dinners to members receiving Golden Member pins and longevity recognition of 30 years and above.
- Plans are underway for the Syttende Mai Gala; the planning committee consists of **Kari Warner**, **Vidar Dallokken**, and **Pat Nyberg**.
- Members' December and January birthdays were acknowledged.



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Save These Dates...

March 12, Wed Solveig Club Meeting

March 14, Fri Business Meeting & Nordahl Hall Annual Shareholders Meeting

March 28, Fri Movie and Pizza Night

May 1, Thurs Deadline to postmark Campership applications for Camp Norge

May 17, Sat Syttende Mai Gala at Nordahl Hall

June 2, Mon Deadline to postmark Solveig Club College Scholarship applications

June 22-25 District 6 Convention in Palm Springs

June 30, Mon Deadline to postmark Nordahl Grieg College Scholarship applications

July 13-26 Camp Troll Fjell

Aug 9, Sat All Bay Area Lodge Picnic at Henrik Ibsen Park

Dates will be added as they become available.