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En hilsen fra Presidenten

Kjære Venner (Dear Friends),

Indeed, it was a festive evening at Nordahl Hall on *Syttende Mai*! Norwegians, Norwegian-Americans, American-Norwegians, and wanna-be Norwegians celebrated the Bicentennial of Norway's Constitution with joy and patriotism. The Hall was a sea of red, white, and blue; the food was delicious, the music created a happy atmosphere, and the entertainment was first-rate.

There are many people to thank for this exceptional evening. **Kari Warner** and **Vidar Dalløkken** spearheaded the effort, spending many hours in getting arrangements "just right." **Pat Nyberg** planned and prepared an absolutely wonderful dinner enjoyed by all. And, oh, those fantastic desserts! She was ably assisted by her husband, **Øistein**, as Grillmaster for the *pølse*, for wrapping in **Elderid Everly**'s special *lompe*. Many thanks to **Claire Smyth**, **Liv Braaten**, and **Barbara Shoup** for assisting with serving and clearing tables.

Virginia Hansen arranged all the table decorations. The *Spelemannslag* provided delightful music and led the "Parade" and the *Leikarring's* performance was outstanding.We appreciated **Carol Campbell**'s piano accompaniment and **Randi Cruze** adding her voice to our songs.

Special appreciation goes to **Kristen Hulberg** for her tribute to Norway on this special occasion, as well as to **Elaine Edwards** for her contribution. And, where would we be without **Dave Melius** and **Larry Hulberg** who not only took care of the bar, but are always "right there" to set up and put away the tables and chairs? Our Webmaster, **Bruce Fihe**, posted a number of pictures of the evening on the lodge website so those of you who couldn't attend could share in the activities of the evening. I appreciate each and every one of you!

It was also so great to have visitors from other Sons of Norway lodges, the Daughters of Norway lodges, new Nordahl Grieg Lodge members, as well as non-members, participate in this very special event.

Now, it is on to the 6th District Convention in Palm Springs from June 21-25. It is already hot there! Your Lodge delegates are getting ready to participate in all the activities that are planned. The Pre-Convention Sessions on Sunday focus on the Cultural Skills Program with an orientation to the program and an opportunity to earn a Cultural Skills pin in Music. The President's Reception on Sunday evening is an opportunity to meet other delegates, greet members from all over the District, and do some socializing before we get down to business on Monday.

The highlight on Monday will be the Memorial Service for those members who have passed away since the last Convention. It is always a very moving ceremony when each member of each Lodge is named and remembered with a flower placed in a remembrance bouquet. Culture continues to be the focus for Monday evening's gathering, highlighted by a Bunad Parade.

Tuesday we are asked to wear Camp Norge t-shirts to support our "little bit of Norway in the Sierra." A Craft Social will be held in the evening when all our Norwegian crafters will share their projects and expertise.

Elections occur on Wednesday and new District Officers will be installed at the Grand Banquet and Dance that evening.

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Membership Update

When I received the Activity Report from SON International, we had two more members that I did not report on last month, plus we received one more new member who joined on line. We welcome these members, and hope to see them often!

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Unfortunately, the following members were suspended by International
William Alger
Marian Lanier
Melissa Orvis
Cory (Conlin) Smyth
We hope you will come back to us, you will be missed.

As of April 30, we had 287 members – this includes Juvenile members with active Insurance.

Fraternally,
Kari Warner, Financial Secretary
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AGENDA ALERT

Next Business Meeting is
Friday, June 13
7:30 PM Cultural Program –
Our Norwegian Roots (continued)
8:00 PM Business Meeting
Yummy refreshments provided by **Vidar Dalløkken**

Coming in July – Business Meeting Friday, July 11
6:30 PM Ice Cream Social – Delicious!
7:30 PM Business Meeting including reports from Convention Delegates

There will be no business meeting in August.
Save the Date – Saturday, August 9
Bay Area Lodge Picnic at Henrik Ibsen Park

June Birthdays

1	Gary Ansok
1	Melvin Fadness
4	Clara Auker
4	Shirley Hansen
5	Clara Rodrigues
5	Carol Fadness
7	Billylynn Adams
7	Amanda Sorensen
7	Catrina Ballou
8	Gavin Stahl
10	Marion Chaeff
11	Sila Capp
14	Violet Johnson
15	Pamela Valentine
17	Virginia Frank
18	Doug Grude
19	Jonas Capp
19	Marilyn Wall
19	Marla Berg-Vivit
20	Mark Groethe
21	Grace Larsen
22	Kristine Olsen
23	Donald Peterson
23	Dayna Bjerkhoel
24	Don Erickson
26	Norman Hulberg
27	Inger Govin
27	Jo Anne Burton
28	Astrid (Kari) Warner
29	Eilif Land

Heritage Members

8	Svea Leventon
28	Skyla Leventon

Gratulerer med dagen!

News about Members

HAPPY NEWS!

Congratulations to **Shiloh Curtis**, the daughter of Lodge member **Shelley Curtis**, and member of *Barneleikarring*. Shiloh won the top prize for high school students at the California State Science Fair held in Los Angeles. She won for a project creating a hands-free, hat-based, touch-based navigational aid for visually impaired people. It was the project of the year in the senior division. There were 1,030 entries in the fair. We are very proud of you, Shiloh!

CONGRATULATIONS to all the graduates associated with our Lodge:

- **Chase Ansok**, M.D.
- **Jessica Hansen**, B.S.
- **Meagan Hansen**, High School Diploma
- **Megan Hedman**, High School Diploma
- **Kristen Hulberg**, M.Ed. in Counseling… and with a 4.0 GPA!

Good wishes to each of you for future success.

More good news about **Chase Ansok** – he is newly engaged and enjoying a trip to Norway with his parents, **Scott and Rhonda**, before he starts his orthopedic residency on July 1 at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit. Grandpa **Don Ansok** is very proud of him, as are we.

Clara Graslie traveled with her daughter to Arkansas to check on some property. She reports she is doing okay.

Best wishes to **Larry and Marcia Hulberg** on Larry's retirement on May 31. They, and **Norm and Lisa Hulberg**, recently entertained a cousin from Norway (a nephew of their mom Esther) and took him to Yosemite, Lake Tahoe, San Francisco, and Santa Cruz – all the while brushing up on their Norwegian. We hope you will enjoy your retirement, Larry.

Mary Schlink is currently spending some extended time in Hawaii. Sounds especially nice, Mary.

Homer and June Stennes recently returned from the Midwest – Michigan and Minnesota – visiting family and enjoying some special time with them. Now, they are again working on getting settled in their new abode.

HEALTH NEWS

Don Ansok is beginning a series of radiation treatments for a recently diagnosed tumor. He has a very positive attitude about his treatment, and we are wishing him well as he embarks on this adventure. You will be close in thought, Don!

Joyce Cosce has moved to using one cane, but ends up using two canes quite often for safety and stability. She continues her upbeat outlook and misses being able to participate in some of the Lodge activities. We miss her, too, but are happy that she keeps progressing toward mobility.

Grace Larsen missed our *Syttende Mai* party due to an infected tooth, which was treated by antibiotics before being pulled. She is recuperating well.

Suz Levitz was in a car accident from which she emerged battered and bruised, but without major injuries. She is receiving some home health care while she recuperates and was able to celebrate her own *Syttende Mai* birthday at our Lodge Party. Take care of yourself, Suz!

Mona Madsen had serious surgery on her cervical vertebrae in April and is now recuperating at home. She is off work for 3 months. Mona looked terrific at *Syttende Mai* and seems to be improving very rapidly. Good to see you doing so well, Mona.

Øistein Nyberg has completed his radiation treatments and was the chef at the grill at the *Syttende Mai* party while wife **Pat** served as chef of the kitchen. Everyone enjoyed the pølse wrapped up in **Elderid Everly**'s lompe. Thanks, Øistein, for your contribution to the fun evening.

Judy Purrington was comparing notes with Mona at the *Syttende Mai* celebration, as Judy is also recovering from back surgery. Judy is already driving again and back at work. She is looking forward to being a delegate to the District Convention.

Don Slama had his second hip replacement in early May. He truly is a BIONIC MAN with two new hips and two new knees. He has recuperated very well, is almost ready to ditch his cane and get back to his activities, sans pain. We are so pleased for you, Don!

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

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SAD NEWS

Our Lodge is mourning the loss of two beloved Lodge members.

Don Auker passed away quietly on *Syttende Mai* at Sunnyview Manor where he and his wife, **Clara**, have lived for the past four years. Don was a 20 year member of our Lodge, and is remembered for his kind and caring ways and his friendly nature. He was an expert at pressing *Sandbakkels* dough into those little tins for our Lutefisk dinner. A Celebration of Life Service was held at Sunnyview on May 24 to honor Don and he will be interred at the Willamette National Cemetery in Oregon. Clara will be moving to Oregon to a facility near their daughter. We bid her farewell and send condolences to her in the loss of her partner of nearly 74 years.

Erna Nore passed away at home while under Hospice Care and with her family close by. Erna and her husband, **Paul**, have been members of our Lodge since 2006 and life partners for over 60 years. We remember Erna for her quiet way and her many contributions to the community service efforts of our Lodge, as well as to the Solveig Club. She readily shared her expertise in locating and repairing Norwegian sweaters that could be sold at the Solveig Club Bazaar. We are grateful for her presence in our lives. A Celebration of Life Service will be held on Sunday, June 15 at 2 PM at Christ the King Lutheran Church at 1301 Mowry Avenue in Fremont, with a reception to follow. Our condolences to Paul and his family at the loss of this lovely lady so important to them.

Fraternally,
Shirley Shoup, Sunshine Chair

Nyheter Fra Solveig Club

Syttende Mai was the theme for our May meeting, complete with flags and grand desserts. **Shirley Shoup** was our hostess. It was very festive for our celebration of the 200th year since the signing of the Norwegian Constitution. Coffee was hot and conversation lively. Come join us, and perhaps you will join our group. **Sonja Flanagin** came to visit and joined. Welcome Sonja!

June is graduation month. Congratulations to all our graduates this year!

Remember – fly your flag on June 14 – Flag Day. And remember to give extra special hugs to all the dads out there on June 15.

On June 18, the Solveig Club will host a thank-you luncheon for our members and invited guests at the Blue Pheasant.

Solveig Club will not meet in July and August. Have a good summer and remember to drive carefully.

Ha det bra,
Elderid Everly,
Solveig Club President

Hall Board News

I am sad to report that **Paul Nore** resigned from the board so that he could care for his wife Erna. We thank Paul for his many years of service and offer our sincere condolences to him and his family. **Terje Nordberg** has agreed to fill the vacant position. Welcome Terje!

On a happier note, the awning, with the words *Nordahl Hall*, was installed over the main entrance. We think the awning makes the entrance more appealing and helps dress up the building. *Mange tusen takk* to the contributors to the Capital Improvement Fund who made this possible.

Special thanks to **Dave Melius** for a great job tending bar at the *Syttende Mai* celebration. It was a festive event, enjoyed by all, and the bar was a centerpiece. We thank Dave for his special talents and efforts.

Fraternally,
Larry Hulberg, Hall Board President

NEWS ABOUT CAMP NORGE

As I write this, the Memorial Day activities are in full Swing at Camp Norge. I would rather be there than here, but couldn't arrange it this year.

The "Spring Cleaning Work Party" was a big success… members from six different lodges contributed all kinds of essential skills. The Barn and the Meadow Bathhouse received the most attention. The Barn was refurbished inside and out with a new paint job, a new wood floor, a new larger double paned window, and new steps and railings. Much needed foundation supports underneath the barn were applied. I usually stay in the Barn when I go to Camp Norge, so I am eager to check its refurbishment when I next visit.

The Meadow Bathhouse was completely re-plumbed. Sheet rock was torn out and replaced, plumbing was repaired or replaced, and the storeroom cleaned out. Major labor by the volunteers has made the Bathhouse usable again, and we owe them a huge debt of gratitude for their talent and hard work.

Other tasks were also completed. The Social Hall kitchen now has a new floor that closely matches the existing floor in the dining part of the Social Hall. The new well pressure tank got a new shelter, the grounds were cleaned up, and the large pile of brush behind Heritage Hall was burned. Much "elbow grease" was expended cleaning and straightening, so Camp looked downright spiffy for its opening on April 1.

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Some other news about our "special place in the Sierras"…

- We have a new caretaker whose name in James.
- A new Camp Norge T-Shirt is now available.
- The design for the Stabbur has been approved.
- The fire ring will be replaced over Memorial Day.

Hope you will think about a visit to YOUR CAMP NORGE soon. I certainly am and you will love and treasure it as so many of us do.

Fraternally,
Shirley Shoup, Camp Norge Ambassador

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I must admit, I'm glad it's over. The lack of sleep and stress almost did me in – or maybe I'm just too hard on myself. We set the tables for 96 diners, and we had 94. Personally, I think the Hall looked great! Special thank you goes out to **Ginny Hansen** who did all the flowers. **Vidar Dalløkken** and **David Melius** set up the tables and chairs, and **Shirley Shoup**, **Claire Smyth**, and I made the tables look pretty. Adorning the stage, I finally got my picket fence with birch branches… thank you, **Kathy Whitesel** and **Pat Nyberg**, who had buckets of sand to hold up my fence… and Norwegian flags added that extra touch to the stage.

Special thank you to **Pat Nyberg**, chef extraordinaire! Do you realize that not only did Pat put the menu together, she did all the cooking and baking? Small mistake, we allowed guests to serve themselves… we normally dish out the food… the result was that not everybody got salads, my fault for not checking in time. And, my fault for not numbering the tables when it came time to serving; another lesson learned.

Personally, I think the *Leikarring* and the *Spelemannslag* outdid themselves! *Tusen Takk!* They definitely added much atmosphere of the evening. Special thank you also goes to **Carol Campbell**, our Zone Director from Vigeland Lodge in Redwood City, and to **Randi Cruze**, both assisting with the National Anthems and the singing of Norway's special and beloved song, *"Norway in Red, White and Blue."* Randi belongs to Bjornson Lodge, our "mother lodge" in Oakland. I felt it was special to have members of our two closest lodges actively participate in our celebration.

Every 17th of May celebration must have a special speech. Thank you to **Kristen Hulberg** for *"Dagens Tale"* (speech of the Day). She graduated just days later with her Master's Degree. She is a very special person.

Thank you also to our Cultural Director **Elaine Edwards** for her reading; it was very entertaining (we will have a copy in next month's *Tidende*).

I was so happy to see so many guests and members from our lodge, our sister lodges, and other organizations. I will allow myself to bask in all the compliments, even if everything was not perfect.

We had two "grand dames" attending; **Doris Henrickson** who belongs to Bjornson lodge and will be 94 next month, and our own *lefse* queen and now also our *lompe* queen, **Elderid Everly**, who turned 93 in early May. Let us not overlook our youngest attendee, 13-month old **Trever Siler** – or TJ, who is **Ginny Hansen**'s first great-grandchild; I think he was very well behaved. **Kathleen Howard**, Shirley Shoup's 10-year old great granddaughter, was also there and dancing with the *Leikarring*.

I hope I have not missed anybody – I am eternally grateful to all who contributed to the party – you all know who you are.

Tusen takk!
Kari Warner, 17th of May Co-Chairperson

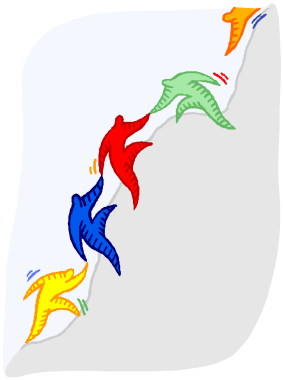
Nordahl Grieg College Scholarship

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.

Application available on the Lodge website.
Deadline to apply is June 30, 2014.
Submit completed applications to:

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

Community Outreach!



Please remember to bring canned food for the local food bank, gently used paperback books for VA Hospital patients, and stamps for *Tubfrim* to our get-togethers. Help us help others. *Tusen Takk!*

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Tusen Takk for your support!

Donations made before December 2012 are not listed. Please view past issues of *Tidende* to see the donors and honorees from earlier contributions. *Takk!*

Connections

…ways to connect with your Norwegian heritage

2014 District 6 Convention in Palm Springs – June 22–25. Convention registration info and Folk Art Competition entry rules are available at ***www.sofn6.com.***

Northern California Kretsstevne at Camp Norge – August 29 - September 1. All members of District 6 are invited for a weekend of fellowship, friendship, and fun. Whether you come in your RV, stay in the dorms, bring tents, or stay in a motel, we know you will have a great time. Rooms at Camp Norge will fill fast… so call Sandy at 530-389-2508 to make your reservation; no site reservations are required for RVs and tents. Meal registration deadline is August 22 – check out the event registration flyer on our website at ***http://nordahl-grieg.org/Tidende/Registration_flier_2014.pdf***. Questions? Call Mary Beth Ingvoldstad at 707-987-2404 or *mbingvoldst@aol.com*.

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

Activity Snaps… Don't forget… check out pictures on the Lodge web site at ***www.nordahl-grieg.org.***

President's Message… continued from front page

Always, one of the most exciting features of the Convention is the Folk Art Exhibition. Two of our members, **Marv Bertelson** and **Harriet Candelaria**, are submitting entries to be judged. **Bruce Fihe** is submitting his gorgeous hand-knitted sweater for exhibition only. Hope we bring home some prizes!

Of course, when Norwegians gather, the coffee pot is always on. There will be time for coffee breaks accompanied by some of those famous Norwegian cookies, which our Lodge will help in providing.

In between all our eating and socializing, there will be some business to take care of. As of this writing, I am aware of only two resolutions being submitted. One is to add the office of Cultural Director to the District Board of Directors and the other is to establish a procedure for a Nominating Committee at the District level. Past practice has been for candidates to declare their interest in an office and then be nominated for placement on the ballot.

Members of each Zone (we are Zone 3) will caucus twice to elect a Zone Director and International Delegates to the Convention in August in Jacksonville, Florida. The annual meeting of the Recreation Center (Camp Norge) will also be held. A report of actions of the Board of Directors will be given and a financial statement will be shared. And, an election of board members for the 2014-2018 term will be held.

Your delegates would appreciate your feedback about the business of the District, as it is OUR DISTRICT. Perhaps, you have some suggestions for officers, or Zone Director, or Rec Center Board members. Maybe you have some ideas about how to make the District more closely aligned with local Lodges. Please share them with us! Your delegates for the 2014 convention are **Shirley Shoup**, **Harry Bjerkhoel**, **Bruce Fihe**, **Karen Aaker**, **Ginny Hansen**, **Joanne Bjerkhoel**, **Elaine Edwards**, and **Judy Purrington**, with **Fred Hymans** as alternate.

Hopefully, at our next business meeting on June 13th, I'll have some more information about the Convention to share with you. Your delegates want to represent you and our Lodge in the best possible way, so we seek your input and support.

Fraternally,
Shirley Shoup, President

Check out more photos on this month's *Tidende* link at the lodge website!

The stage was beautifully set for the ***Spelemannslag***

Showing us their beautiful and festive bunads… Liv Braaten (left) with **Elaine Edwards**, and **Kathleen Howard** (below)

Members of the ***Leikarring*** and ***Spelemannslag***

Kari Warner (left) and **Shirley Shoup**

Dave Melius (far right) hard at work in the bar

Bruce Fihe and **Karen Aaker**

Little **TJ** with mom **Jessica Siler**

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Save These Dates...

June 13, Fri	Next Business Meeting
June 18, Wed	Solveig Club Luncheon
June 22-25	District 6 Convention in Palm Springs
June 30, Mon	Deadline to postmark Nordahl Grieg College Scholarship applications
July 11, Fri	Business Meeting and Ice Cream Social
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.

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