Nordahl's Tidende

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En hilsen fra Presidenten

Kjære Venner (Dear Friends),

I just returned from Palm Springs from the District 6 Lodge meeting. It was a busy four days for your delegates. The weather was hot – 106-108 degrees, but the hotel was pleasantly cool, sometimes too cool! Many enjoyed the pool, especially later in the evening to get refreshed. The food was delicious, the accommodations pleasant, and there was much camaraderie among the members from all over the District. The Convention Committee did a great job in planning and welcoming all of us!

There is some exciting news from the Convention for NORDAHL GRIEG! First, our newsletter, the *Tidende*, won second place in the Large Lodge Newsletter contest. I was very proud and pleased to accept the award on behalf of the Lodge. But, it really belongs to our very capable Co-Editors, **Vicki Everly** and **Sharée Frost**, and to the many contributors who spend hours each month putting together this important communication to our members. I knew it was an award-winning publication. Congratulations!

Many of us have been impressed with the sweater knitted by our member, **Bruce Fihe**. Well, so were the judges! He won FIRST PLACE in the knitting category in the Folk Art Competition. He received many compliments for his achievement. We are very proud of you, Bruce!

Then, there were the Cultural Skills pins earned by six of our delegates, mostly in Music 1. We were awarded the pins at the Installation banquet on the last night of the meeting and will show them off at our next meeting. Combined with our increased knowledge and awareness of this program, we are "on our way" to even more Cultural Skills pins being earned by our Lodge members in the days ahead.

Our Lodge also received SILVER MERIT AWARDS for FRATERNAL EXCELLENCE for the years 2012 and 2013. These awards are based on the information submitted on those infamous Lodge of the Year forms. These awards also acknowledge the many hours our members commit to fraternal activities and community service projects, so CONGRATULATIONS to all Nordahl GRIEG members for the work you do and the contributions you make to our Lodge.

We remembered those members who have passed from our midst since the last convention at the Memorial Service. A white carnation for each member was placed with others forming a bouquet of white carnations and a single red carnation which served as a centerpiece for our deliberations. We remember our several lost members with fraternal love!

These highlights just touch on all of the activities of these four days.

Each of your delegates came away with different impressions of our days together. They will share these with you at our next meeting. I was proud of the delegation from Nordahl Grieg – they were attentive, always present, involved, and participatory. They served you well!

Tusen takk for supporting our participation at the District 6 meeting. We tried to represent you well and to the best of our ability.

Fraternally,
Shirley Shoup, President

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Membership Update

Guess we have a little confusion when members are reported on the Monthly Activity Report from Minneapolis. This report usually arrives too late for me to add it to the *Tidende* the month the member joins… but is published as soon as possible.

Catrina K. Ballou (she and her family attended 17th of May party)
12301 Coleman Avenue, Felton, CA 95018-8915
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Welcome to our lodge, hope to see you often.

Change address for:
Laura Porter
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We only have 2 members on the Past Due List, please pay your dues – we need you as members.

As of June 1, 2014 our lodge has 284 members - this includes Juvenile members with active insurance.

Fraternally,
Kari Warner, Financial Secretary
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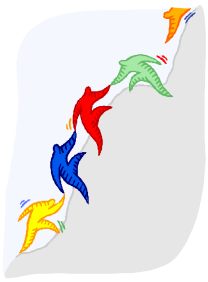

Show Your Community Spirit!

Please remember… we are always collecting canned food for the local food bank, gently used paperback books for VA Hospital patients, and stamps for *Tubfrim.* Bring any of your donations to a business meeting or a social gathering. Help us help others. *Tusen Takk!*

AGENDA ALERT

Next Business Meeting Friday, July 11

6:30 PM Ice Cream Social – Sundaes, Floats, Fellowship – Delicious!
7:30 PM Business Meeting with reports from Convention Delegates

There will be no business meeting in August.

Coming in September:
"EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT GETTING OLDER – AND PROTECTING YOUR MONEY – BUT DIDN'T DARE ASK" with **Fred Hymans**, Financial Benefits Counselor, Sons of Norway

July Birthdays

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

Gratulerer med dagen!

News about Members

HAPPY NEWS!

Congratulations to three of our Lodge members who have recently earned Cultural Skills pins. **Richard and LaVinnia Pierson**, members of the *Leikarring*, have earned pins in Folk Dance 1 and 2. **Nancy Thym-Hochrein**, who lives in Germany, has also earned her Folk Dance 1 and 2 pins. Nancy is now working on her Cultural Skills pin in Music.

Congratulations also go to Lodge members who have recruited new members in 2013. Our Membership Chair, **Vidar Dalløkken**, presented pins and certificates to the following recruiters at our last business meeting:

- **Marv Bertelson** recruited 2 members.
- **Sharon Bratton** recruited 1 member.
- **Kariana Owen** recruited 1 member.
- **Shirley Howard Shoup** recruited 1 member.
- **Kari Warner** recruited 5 members!

Thank you for helping our Lodge to grow.

Many of our Lodge members are traveling as summer approaches. Here are some of them and we hope they and everyone has a HAPPY SUMMER!

Marv and Lois Bertelson are heading for the Northwest to attend the wedding of their middle granddaughter – the first one of the three to get married. Our best wishes to the happy couple!

Sharon Bratton with her daughter and granddaughter, **Sharée and Nora Frost**, have been on a road trip to the Midwest and return home via Historic Route 66. They are home in time for Sharée and Nora to attend Camp Trollfjell, where Sharée will be Crafts Teacher and Nora will be a camper.

The traveling Candelarias are heading for Cancun for a couple weeks of vacationing. In July, Harriet will go to Minneapolis to attend the Daughters of Norway convention. Happy Trails to you!

Ginny Hansen is planning a trip to Alaska in August.

Anne Herbert with her son and his family are flying to visit family in Wisconsin. Watch out for the mosquitoes!

Norm and Lisa Hulberg are in Norway visiting relatives and will be gone for about three weeks.

Claire Smyth and **Dave Melius** are also heading to the Pacific Northwest for a few days of visiting.

HEALTH NEWS

Don Ansok is undergoing his radiation treatments and reports "so far, so good." He will have a total of nine weeks of treatment, so he will be staying close to home for most of the summer.

Harry Bjerkhoel fell from a ladder at his home and broke some ribs. He still has some pain but is feeling better as the days go by. Be careful, Harry, the next time you decide to use a ladder.

Joyce Cosce reports that her cancer has returned and she is deciding whether to have more surgery. She is not a candidate for more chemo or radiation. Our thoughts are with Joyce, who keeps a very positive attitude.

Carol Fadness is recovering nicely from recent surgery and is feeling better each day. We are happy you are doing well, Carol!

Don Slama is looking great after his two hip replacements and is thrilled that he is without pain for the first time in a long time.

Kari Warner has been undergoing diagnostic tests to determine the source of some of the symptoms she has been experiencing and which have slowed her down to some degree. We hope you feel better soon, Kari.

SAD NEWS

Condolences to **Claire Smyth**, our Social Director, in the recent loss of her father, who had experienced health issues for quite some time. We express our sympathy and fraternal love to Claire and to Dave, also.

Two former members of our Lodge have passed away. **Julia (Julie) Hansen** is remembered for her friendly manner, her vivaciousness, her willingness to help, and her pride in her Sami heritage. **Arne Lunde** is remembered for teaching Norwegian to a number of our members when he was on the faculty at West Valley Community College. He had retired to Santa Barbara. We express our condolences to their families in their losses.

Fraternally,
Shirley Shoup, Sunshine Chair

Please contact Shirley if you have news to share about a Nordahl Grieg Lodge member: **(408) 264-0912**
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Hall Board News

Village School is very appreciative of their continued use of our parking lot, and the PTA made a $1,000 donation for the second year in a row. Volunteers from the school also handle watering, which is a big help. They're great neighbors and we can certainly use the financial support.

KT Properties is proposing a residential development at 375 Knowles Drive, directly behind but not actually backing the lodge. This is a small-lot subdivision with 33 detached two-story homes. The project will extend from Knowles to Capri Drive but does not include the former courthouse on the corner, which was acquired by El Camino Hospital. We've been following the project for some time and met with the developer to express our concerns. The project is tastefully designed and has been downsized from an earlier 40-unit proposal with 21 three-story homes. We believe the project is an improvement for the neighborhood and makes use of land that has been vacant for many years. At the developer's request, we wrote a letter of support to the Town of Los Gatos. The project will be reviewed by the Planning Commission at its next meeting on June 25.

We also accomplished several smaller projects, including:

- Repairing the pantry door jam which was splintered during *Syttende Mai* festivities
- Installing a threshold for the double doors into the hall, which will improve security and help keep out dust and debris.
- Patching holes and gaps in the asphalt at the front entrance.

We're also working on the dishwasher, which needs a new solenoid.

Fraternally,
Larry Hulberg, Hall Board President

Barneleikarring News

First of all, thanks go to **Alissa Hansen** and **Kathleen Howard** for dancing with the *Leikarring* for the Lodge's wonderful Bicentenary Celebration of our Traditional *17th of Mai* Program. You both were a great addition to the group.

While *Barneleikarring* will not formally be meeting during the summer months, everyone is invited to the multi-lodge picnic at Henrik Ibsen Park on August 9. The park is located on Skyline Drive and is a beautiful park with a pool, café, and picnic tables. This is the third anniversary of the get-together of the Lodges and is a really fun day. More details will follow in our next *Tidende*.

In the meantime, enjoy the summer with all things summery!

Ha det bra!
Ginny Hansen, Barneleikarring Director

Nyheter Fra Solveig Club

June was a busy month with graduations and parties and the Solveig Club was also very busy. We hosted a "thank you" luncheon for those who donated prizes for our raffle and for our helpers at our Lutefisk Dinner Bazaar. Everyone enjoyed a great lunch at the Blue Pheasant.

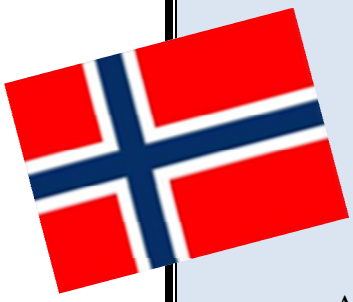
Three little girls received Camperships for Camp Trollfjell this year, namely, **Kathleen Howard**, **Nora Frost**, and **Gloria Panttaja**. We are certain they will have a great time!

Two of our young college girls applied for and received scholarships for the coming year from the Solveig Club. Congratulations to **Alissa Hansen** and **Morgan Frost** and good luck with your studies.

Happy 4th of July to everyone! When I was a child we waited impatiently for the day to arrive. We always dressed up to go into town and see the big parade – and sometimes, we even had a new dress for the occasion. There were marching bands, and decorated cars and farm tractors. For several years a Civil War veteran marched in the parade… but when he reached 90 years of age he rode in the lead car. Even then, he was an imposing veteran, much admired by everyone. Such wonderful memories!

Drive carefully.

Ha det bra,
Elderid Everly, Solveig Club President



I'M GLAD TO BE A NORWEGIAN

When you mention nationality and think of "what you are"
It often brings up references to foreign lands afar.
Of course, we know "American" is our nationality,
But all of us have ethnic roots that denote our family tree.

For my part, I claim Norwegian as my ancestral tie,
And I believe that Viking look still lingers in my eye.
A thousand years ago, they say, the Vikings ruled the seas
And conquered many kingdoms in long boats made from trees.

Leif Eriksson went sailing with Viking ships and crew,
And they discovered Vinland around one thousand two.
The land's now called America… history tells us that…
Discovered by a Norseman back when the world was "flat."

Rocky Norway's climate and meager farming land
Made our ancestors emigrate, as we can understand.
And so here in America we have so many "sons"
Like Olson, Nelson, Hanson, and Johnson by the tons.

We have Gunsmoke's own Matt Dillon, who's a Norwegian boy.
Knut Rockne and Sonja Henie were America's pride and joy.
Many thousand others have brought their Nordic skill
And made us proud of heritage that lingers with us still.

It's OK to be German or Pole or Dane or Swede,
And even being English would make me proud indeed.
But somehow there's a special feeling that fills me deep inside,
And that is being NORWEGIAN, for it is my ethnic pride.

So all of you sons of Norway, and all you daughters, too,
Remember Norwegian heritage and what it means to you.
With Lutefisk and lefse and other Norsky food
We keep that special feeling, that real Norwegian mood.

I'm glad to be Norwegian and all that it implies
Of honest working people with good, strong family ties.
We love our land, America, in everything we do,
And glad are we to say, that we do love Norway too!

Originally submitted by Esther Hulberg (Tidende 2002)
and read at the 2014 Nordahl Grieg Syttende Mai Celebration

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April 2014 Business Meeting Highlights

(condensed from minutes approved in June 2014)

- Minutes of the March 14, 2014 were approved.
- President **Shirley Shoup** thanked members for bringing food for tonight's potluck.
- **Kari Warner**, Financial Secretary, announced two new members from online applications, and that an insurance "revenue sharing" check was received from International.
- A thank you letter was read from the District 6 Recreation Center for our donation to Camp Norge.
- Announcements were made regarding the 104th Anniversary for Bjornson Lodge and the upcoming Daughters of Norway "Nordic Heritage and Crafts Fair" in San Francisco.
- Stories were shared by **Kari Warner**, **Elderid Everly**, and **Shirley Shoup** about their personal and family experiences regarding April 9, 1940 when Norway was invaded by the Nazis.
- A letter from Sons of Norway International was shared regarding the availability of an internal process to investigate any complaints that local lodges or members may have regarding fiscal mismanagement or problems within the lodge.
- A report from Treasurer, **Mike Block**, was shared including an account of all assets.
- Social Director, **Claire Smyth**, and Committee Co-Chair, **Kari Warner**, reported on the upcoming 17th of May event.
- Cultural Director, **Elaine Edwards**, provided an update on the Cultural Skills Program.
- Scholarship Chair, **Elderid Everly**, announced the status of campership applications.
- Hall Board President, **Larry Hulberg**, extended thanks to all those who participated in the work day last Sunday and gave a report on the activities accomplished. He also discussed a proposed building project for single family homes on Knowles and Capri.
- A motion was passed to provide the Hall Board with funding from the "Love Your Lodge" compaign for the front entrance awning with "Nordahl Hall" lettering.
- Four Sports Medal pins were awarded to **Bodil Grodum**.
- April Happy Birthday greetings were extended to members.

Love Your Lodge Donations

Platinum Level

In Memory of Karl and Agot Heistein
Gunnar and Gloria Heistein (donation, Mar 2014)

Kato Andersen (donation, Oct 2013)

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

Liv Braaten (donation, Mar 2013)

Gold Level

Donald Slama (donation, June 2014)

Silver Level

In Memory of Clarian Pintacura
Anne Herbert (donation, Oct 2013)

Bronze Level

Shirley J. Hansen (donation, June 2014)

Kate Slama (donation, June 2014)

Donald Peterson Family Living Trust (donation, Dec 2013)

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In Memory of John A. Hansen
Virginia Hansen (donation, Nov 2013)

In Memory of Maybelle 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)

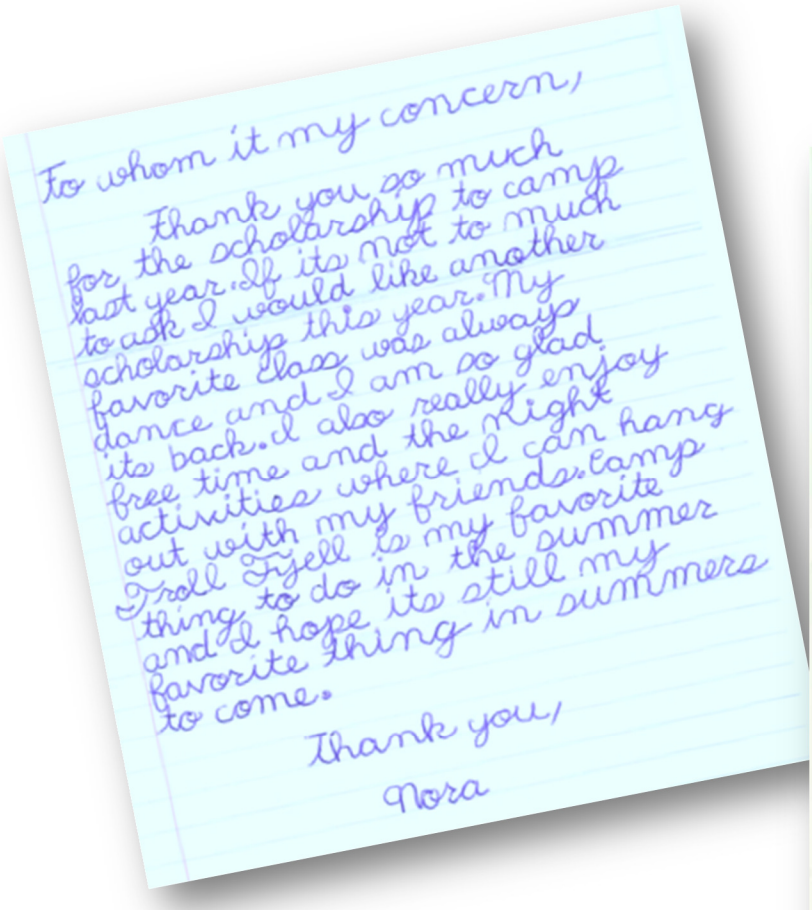
Kate Slama (donation, Mar 2013)

Marvin and Lois Bertelson (donation, Feb 2013)

Tusen Takk for your support!

Donations made before January 2013 are not listed. Please view past issues of *Tidende* to see the donors and honorees from earlier contributions. *Takk!*

It is July and our campers will be heading up to Camp Trollfjell. Here are their letters applying for a campership.



To whom it my concern,

Thank you so much for the scholarship to camp last year. If its not to much to ask I would like another scholarship this year. My favorite class was always dance and I am so glad its back. I also really enjoy free time and the right activities where I can hang out with my friends. Camp Trollfjell is my favorite thing to do in the summer and I hope its still my favorite thing in summers to come.

Thank you,

Nora

4-26-14

Hello My name is Kathleen Howard, I'm 10 years old, went to camp last summer and loved it & look forward to going again this summer. I had so much fun meeting new people and learning about Norway. My sponsor is Shirley Shoup. Thank you for considering me.

Sincerly,

Kathleen Howard

March 3, 2014

Dear Elderid

I am applying for a campership.
My name is Gloria Panttaja and I am 11.
I want to go to camp because it sounds fun and I like dancing.
My grandma Meg Laycock is a member of the lodge.

Thank You,

Gloria Panttaja

Gloria Panttaja

Connections

…ways to connect with your Norwegian heritage

Bay Area Lodge Picnic at Henrik Ibsen Park – Save the Date – Saturday, August 9

Northern California Kretsstevne at Camp Norge – August 29 to September 1. All members of District 6 are invited. 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 fill fast… so call Sandy at 530-389-2508 to make reservations; no site reservations are needed for RVs and tents. Check out the event registration flyer at ***http://nordahl-grieg.org/Tidende/Registration_flier_2014.pdf***. Meal registration deadline is August 22. Call Mary Beth Ingvoldstad at 707-987-2404 or ***mbingvoldst@aol.com***.

Activity Snaps… check out Lodge pictures at ***www.nordahl-grieg.org.***

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

St. Olav's Day – St. Olav's Day is celebrated in memory of Olav Haraldson's death at the Battle of Stiklestad on July 29, 1030. It was the last major battle of the great clashes for the Christianization of Norway. Olav was buried near Nidelva (river) and Olav's church (Nidaros Cathedral) was built on that spot. Shortly after the funeral major miracles began to happen at the grave. Olav the Holy was revered as a saint by people from all over Europe, and after his death pilgrims came from many different countries to attend Olav's mass at Nidaros Cathedral. Still today many pilgrims travel to Nidaros Cathedral where St. Olav's remains are kept.

St. Olav has been celebrated with great fanfare throughout Scandinavia and those celebrations continue today. The largest of the festivals in Trondheim takes place every year at the end of July. The St. Olav Festival is Norway's biggest church and cultural festival and every year people can experience both national and international artists.

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Please email information for inclusion to the *Tidende* Co-Editors listed below.

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Save These Dates…

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
Aug 29 – Sept 1	Kretsstevne at Camp Norge

Dates will be added as they become available.

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