Nordahl's Tidende

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En hilsen fra Presidenten

Kjære Venner (Dear Friends),

It is the day after Christmas and I am under a deadline to submit this column to the *Tidende*. 2014 is almost over and 2015 is almost here. It is the time for reflection of times past and anticipation of the future.

I have some fond memories of this past year at Nordahl Grieg. They start with the Anniversary Dinner in February. It is my favorite Lodge activity because it gives us the opportunity to recognize our members who are the backbone of our Lodge. Then, there was the *Syttende Mai* Gala at which we celebrated 200 years of the Norwegian Constitution with wonderful national delicacies, patriotism, and pride in our Norwegian heritage. In June, there was the District 6 meeting in Palm Springs which was informative and enjoyable, even if it was hot outdoors. I appreciated the chance to renew old acquaintances and make some new ones. The Bay Area Lodge Picnic at Ibsen Park was such fun as was the Labor Day *Kretsstevne* at Camp Norge. Finally, there was the Lutefisk Dinner. I was impressed by the involvement of so many members and the cooperation of all to accomplish the many tasks. And, I was humbled by the kind and caring manner in which everyone treated our guests. It made me proud to be your President.

What will 2015 hold for our Lodge? We cannot predict the future but I have hopes for our Lodge.

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AGENDA ALERT

Sunday, January 4 at 2 PM
Officer Installation…
followed by refreshments and fellowship

Friday, January 23 at 7:30 PM
Business Meeting…
Agenda includes the Lodge budget and calendar for 2015… refreshments and fellowship before and after

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, February 21
Nordahl Grieg Lodge's 69th Anniversary Dinner
Social Hour at 6 PM and Dinner at 7 PM
Membership Pins and Special Awards will be presented immediately following dinner

I hope that we continue to be a kind and caring Lodge. I hope for increased member participation. I hope for the emergence of inspired leadership. I hope for continued community service involvement. I hope for a cultural renaissance. I hope for fun times together. And, I hope for all of us to stay healthy and happy.

What are your hopes for the Lodge? Do you share my hopes? Or maybe, your hopes are entirely different. That's okay, but please share them with the 2015 officers who will work to make 2015 a good year. WE NEED YOU! Working together, Nordahl Grieg Lodge has the potential for another successful year.

Godt nytt år!

Fraternally,
Shirley Shoup, President

New Year, New Website!
Check it out at
http://nordahl-grieg.org/

Membership Update

There were no new members in November; I will report on December next month.

Three members who were on the Past Due List last month have paid their dues; however, **Billylynn Adams** has been suspended and **Wanda Guzzi** has cancelled her membership. Wanda was a cousin of **Gene Arnold** and lives in Minnesota. We still have two members on the Past Due List. Please pay your dues, our membership is shrinking.

I had a nice note from **Vi Johnson**; she has let her membership lapse and now lives in Minnesota. She sent greetings to the Lodge and also stamps for *Tubfrim*.

Karen Vogelhuber called and did not quite understand why she was suspended; **Fred Hymans**, our Financial Benefits Counselor has contacted her to help clarify.

As of 11/30/2014 we have 273 members; this number includes Juvenile members with insurance.

Wishing all of you *Godt Nyttår* – Happy New Year, with hopes and encouragement for a successful membership growth in 2015!

Fraternally,
Kari Warner, Financial Secretary
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PS Thank you all for the many beautiful cards – I unfortunately got sick and was unable to finish what I started. I hope I can leave all aches and pains behind in 2014, and start fresh and healthy in 2015!

Kari Warner and Bruce Fihe handling ticket sales at the Lutefisk Dinner

Please contact **Shirley Shoup** if you have news to share about a Nordahl Grieg Lodge member:
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January Birthdays

2	Denise O'Connor
4	Clinton Lindseth
4	Ruth Tebo
5	Ron Smestad
5	Joyce Cosce
7	Kalia Iglesia
8	Craig Slama
8	Christine Roed
9	Harriet Candelaria
10	Morgan Frost
19	Jo Ann Bjerkhoel
20	Marjorie Habenicht
20	Regina Jensen
23	Hsiao-in Wang
24	Laddie Hughes
25	Kermit Lund
25	Donald Ansok
25	Bonnie Brekke
26	Sharon Felkey
27	David McIntyre
30	Lane Tronson
31	Michele Eliason

And one heritage member:

5	Kaitlynne Bjerkhoel

Gratulerer med dagen!

Nyheter Fra Solveig Club

Godt Nytt År! December for Solveig Club was a busy and fun-filled time. Our Lutefisk Dinner Bazaar was a huge success. We extend thanks to all our ever-faithful volunteers! At the Nordic Tables were **Marcia Hulberg**, **Meg Laycock**, **Harriet Candelaria**, **Sharee Frost**, **Julie Lang**, and **Vicki Everly**. Bread sales was staffed by **Sharon Bratton** with help from **Liv Braaten** and **John Stubblebine**. Our Treasure Table looked like fairy-land and **Anna Likens** and **Gracie Larsen** had lots off eager customers. Thank you to everyone who donated their gently used items… and especially to **Manley Lokken** who donated a wonderful collection of vintage Nordic items. And of course, we thank our Treasurer, **Shirley Shoup**, who was busy helping out wherever she was needed. A special thank you goes to my daughters **Vicki Everly** and **Sharon Bratton** who coordinate and manage the entire bazaar every year.

Our Raffle Table offered six popular items this year. Thank you to **Claire Smyth**, **Dave Melius**, and **JoAnn Bjerkhoel** for their donated raffle items… and a special thanks to **Shari Sullivan** and **Kari Warner** for their annual donation of handcrafted items for the raffle. And of course, we extend a huge thanks to those that bought tickets… and offer congratulations to the lucky winners! And last but not least, thank you to our many, many shoppers who bring cash and checkbooks to the bazaar! Your purchases help send youngsters to camp and help fund college scholarships.

After our successful bazaar, Solveig Club members met for a holiday potluck luncheon on December 17 and welcomed several guests, including **Clara Graslie** and **Shari Sullivan**. We all enjoyed an array of wonderful salads, hot-dishes, and desserts… along with much conversation.

The next Solveig Club meeting will be on Wednesday, January 21 at 10:30 AM in the Solveig Room. **Anna Likens** will be hostess.

I wish you all good health and happiness in 2015! Stay warm and drive carefully

Ha det bra,
Elderid Everly, Solveig Club President

Elderid Everly (above) at the raffle table

Meg Laycock (left) and Marcia Hulberg (right) working at the bazaar

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…"*
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Love Your Lodge Support Levels

Platinum	**$1,000**
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Bronze	**$100**

Please make checks payable to: *Nordahl Grieg Lodge*
Write *"Hall Capital Fund"* on the memo line.
Then mail to:
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Ben Lomond, CA 95005

For more info, ask any Hall Board Member, or contact Larry Hulberg at 408-813-2615 or *lwhulberg@gmail.com*

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

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

SUNDAY
JANUARY 4
2:00 PM

Please join fellow lodge members, family, and friends for a special ceremony to welcome Nordahl Grieg's new and returning officers for 2015.

A light lunch of open-faced sandwiches, cake, coffee, and punch will be served immediately following the installation ceremony. All incoming and outgoing officers are asked to bring a platter of open-faced sandwiches to share.

All are welcome. Please wear your bunad or Norwegian sweater!

2015 Lodge Officers

President	**Shirley Shoup**
Vice President	**Karen Aaker**
Secretary	**Vicki Everly**
Co-Secretary	**Duane Adams**
Financial Secretary	**Kari Warner**
Treasurer	**Mike Block**
Counselor	**John Stubblebine**
Social Director	**Claire Smyth**
Assistant Social Director	***Position open***
Cultural Director	**Elaine Edwards**
Assistant Cultural Director	**Bruce Fihe**
Musician	**Marv Bertelson**
Marshalls	**Andy Hunsbedt**
	Paul Nore
Greeters	**Lois Bertelson**
	Ginny Hansen
Three-Year Trustee	**Judy Purrington**
Two-Year Trustee	***Position open***
One-Year Trustee	**Elderid Everly**
Co-Editors	**Vicki Everly**
	Sharee Frost
Webmaster (Co-Editor)	**Bruce Fihe**
Librarian	**Kathy Whitesel**
Historian	***Position open***

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)

Gold Level

Donald Slama (donation, June 2014)

Silver Level

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

Bronze Level

Richard Grindeland (donation, Nov 2014)

In Memory of Clarian Pintacura
Alan Pintacura (donation, Nov 2014)

In Memory of Hank (Elmer) Graslie
Sharon and Daniel Fisher (donation, Oct 2014)

Shirley J. Hansen (donation, June 2014)

Kate Slama (donation, June 2014)

In Memory of Hank (Elmer) Graslie
Sharon and Daniel Fisher (donation, Mar 2014)

Donald Peterson Family Living Trust (donation, Dec 2013)

Eileen and Richard Grindeland (donation, Dec 2013)

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)

Tusen Takk for your support!

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

Hall Board Update

We had a substantial roof leak in the Solveig Room that started just before the lutefisk dinner and resulted in flooding on four occasions, two due to rain and two due to leak testing. We had the roofers out twice and finally determined that the cause was water backing up from a downspout inside the wall that feeds into the storm drain. There's an immovable cast iron connection (elbow) between the downspout and storm drain. The roofers proposed sealing off the existing scupper and building a new downspout at a cost of approximately $1,500.

I spoke to **Craig and Don Slama** to see if they knew someone who could cut cast iron and Craig responded that he could do the job and saved the day! We attached a rubber fitting and PVC pipe that allows water to run out onto the surface of the parking lot rather than into the storm drain. Hopefully, the situation is resolved.

Another problem was that the parking lot fence behind the adjacent residence nearly collapsed. I placed braces between the fence and their storage sheds to prop it up. Hopefully, this will get us through the winter.

Happy New Year!
Larry Hulberg, Hall Board President

Connections ...ways to connect with your Norwegian heritage

Snorre Lodge's Annual Crab Feed Saturday, January 24, 6 PM social hour with dinner at 7 PM, at 1808 B Street, Hayward. Seating is limited to 200! Menu includes salad, spaghetti, garlic bread, CRAB, and dessert. Cost $40 adults; $17 children. Reservations required by January 17. Contact **Jeannie Thompson** for additional information at 510-656-3549 or via email at *jeannie352@aol.com.*

Rosemaling Workshop with instructor **Mardelle Probasco**, sponsored by The Scandinavian Cultural Center of Santa Cruz (SCCSC). Saturday, March 7, 9 AM to 4:30 PM, at Viking Hall, 240 Plymouth Street, Santa Cruz. **Cost:** $45 if received by February 27; $50 after that date. An additional $22 materials fee is to be paid to Mardelle in class ($2 discount if you bring you own paints.). $5 discount for current SCCSC members. Visit *www.scc-santacruz.org* under the *Events* tab for a list of supplies to bring, or call 831-464-3310.

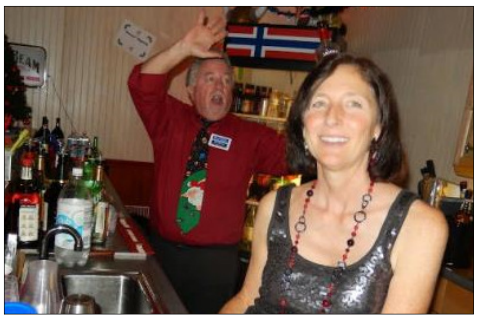
Norway DNA Project. Everyone with known Norwegian ancestry is invited to join Norway's national DNA project. The project collaborates with Norway's two largest genealogy associations: *DIS-Norge* and *Norsk Slektshistorisk Forening*, through articles, presentations and events. For more information visit: *www.norwaydna.no/norway-dna-project/*

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

Activity Snaps... check out some photos of the lefse preparation activities in this *Tidende*. Other Lodge pictures can be viewed at ***www.nordahl-grieg.org*** and on our Facebook page at***www.facebook.com/Nordahl.Grieg.***

Left... Lois, Nicole, and Marv Bertelson working as Lutefisk Dinner servers

Right... Leland and Harry Bjerkhoel warming up to entertain after the Saturday night seatings

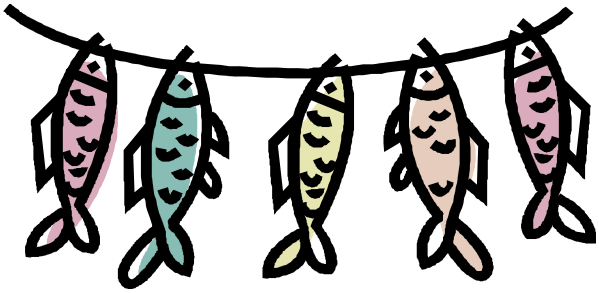


Left... *"One more Aquavit for table 5!"* Fred Hymans and Leslie Jones working in the bar

Lutefisk Thank You!

It's hard to believe that our annual lutefisk dinner has already come and gone. Although attendance was down from last year, the event was another great success thanks to the hard work and dedication of so many individuals. We couldn't have done it without each and every one of you! This year, participation was even more important because several of our regulars were missing due to illness or injury.

Where to begin? There are so many who contributed that it's hard to name everyone. Just know that your contributions are very much appreciated. But there are some standouts that deserve special recognition.



Our annual event starts with a great deal of planning. As always, **Kari Warner** handled tickets, reservations and publicity with assistance from **Bruce Fihe**. Again, the committee chairs were instrumental in making it all happen.

A dedicated crew turned out for set-up under difficult circumstances. It was raining and windy but they got the cook tent, kitchen, and dining hall ready to go. The **Solveig Club** members handled table settings, the raffle, and bazaar, which is a big attraction for so many of our members and their guests.

Wine service set an all-time record for sales. The bar was similarly a great success. This year, the bar offered a variety of mixed drinks which was a big hit with many customers. The bar also set a record for sales and income this year.

The *leikarring* and *spelemannslag* gave a special performance of traditional dances which was a real treat. **Harry and Leland Bjerkhoel** provided entertainment for the evening that kept many people dancing well into the night.

Finally, after an exhausting week for many, there's cleanup. Putting everything away and starting to think about next year are important too. Thanks to those individuals who turned up for this less than glamorous task.

Last but not least, a big thank you to **Mike Block** who keeps us all on track handling accounting, payments, and reimbursements. Finally, **Harry and JoAnn Bjerkhoel**, as lutefisk co-chairs, are the glue that holds it all together. They provide cheerful guidance based on their many years of experience in addition to planning, security, entertainment, and handling myriad details.

Tusen Takk til Alle!

Larry Hulberg, Lutefisk Dinner Co-Chair

Left... Russ Behel and Rena Slama working in the kitchen

Below, left to right... Lori Elwood, JoAnn Bjerkhoel, Paul Nore, and Ginny Hansen

Scott Ansok (left) taking a short break from the lutefisk cooking pots

The star of the evening... massive lutefisk pots in the cook tent

Our dishwashing crew catching their breath between loads of dirty dishes!

Lutefisk Volunteers... Thank You !!

Once again, we try to thank everyone who made this year's Lutefisk Dinner another great event. It truly takes a team effort to get everything to run smoothly from the planning to the staging to the clean-up. Thank you to all who contributed time and talent to the 2014 event.
We have tried our best to include everyone and sincerely apologize if we have missed anyone.

Purchasing
Harry Bjerkhoel
JoAnn Bjerkhoel
Jim Basso
Larry Hulberg
Bill Likens

Tickets & Publicity
Kari Warner
Bruce Fihe

Decorations
Kathy Whitesel
Claire Smyth
Dave Melius

Hall & Cook Shed Setup
Andy Hunsbedt
Harry Bjerkhoel
JoAnn Bjerkhoel
Earl Rosebraugh
Ray Vanatta
Paul Nore
Martin Alkire
Bill Likens
Larry Hulberg

Table Setting
Elderid Everly
Shirley Shoup
Linnea Williams
Sharon Bratton
Vicki Everly
Anne Herbert
Anna Likens
Duane Adams
Harriet Candelaria
Liv Braaten
Stan Johnson
Sonja Flanagin
Ginny Hansen

Bazaar & Raffle
See page 3; *Nyheter fra Solveig Club*

Coat Room
Nora Frost
Svea Leventon

Parking
Mark Hunsbedt

Dining Room Hosts
Don Slama
Kate Slama

Bar & Wine Service
Dave Melius
Fred Hymans
Colleen Gregg
Lori Elwood
Leslie Jones
Laura Hulberg
Norm Hulberg
Jeff Bennett

Dining Room Servers
Anne Herbert
Paul Nore
Lois Bertelson
Marv Bertelson
Nicole Bertelson
Adela Vestberg
Kristen Hulberg
Genevieve Deppong
Kathleen Howard
Ingrid Alkire
Alan Pintacura
Vidar Dalløkken
Lian Dalløkken
Marina Dalløkken
Becky Bennett
Karen Aaker
John Stubblebine
Judy Purrington
Gabby Trulson

Bread & Cookie Service
Claire Smyth
Judy Purrington
Elizebeth Hansen
Alissa Hansen
Ginny Hansen

Kitchen Crew
Victoria Slama
Rena Slama
Craig Slama
Bob Goodenough
Leslie Jones
Fred
Patrick Slama
Russ Behel
Joyce Cosce
Barbara Shoup
Kevin Barlow

Dishwashers
Matthew Bennett
Jonathan Bennett
RJ Vogt
CJ Sloan
Max Jones

Cook Tent
Harry Bjerkhoel
Scott Ansok
Andy Hunsbedt
Bill Likens

Entertainment
Harry Bjerkhoel
Leland Bjerkhoel

Recycling
Kathy Whitesel

Clean-up
Harry Bjerkhoel
Leland Bjerkhoel
Susan Bjerkhoel
JoAnn Bjerkhoel
Ray Vanatta
Anne Herbert
Marilyn Haaberg
Larry Hulberg
Shirley Shoup
Marcia Hulberg
Sharon Bratton
Vicki Everly
Don Hardy
Bonnie Hardy

Meatball Making
Janie Kelly
Kristen Hulberg
Janie Kelly
Craig Slama
Becky Slama
Adela Vestberg
Victoria Slama
Larry Hulberg
Vicki Everly
Earl Rosebraugh
Bonnie Hardy
Don Hardy
Kate Slama
Marion Harris
Karen Harris
Patrick Kelly
Erin Harris
Rena Slama
Mark Hunsbedt
Dave Melius
Claire Smyth
Shirley Shoup
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Karen Harris
Marion Harris
Meg Laycock
Pam Cosce
Joyce Cosce
Shirley Shoup
Ginny Hansen
Duane Adams
Kristen Hulberg
Laura Hulberg
Alissa Hansen
Elizebeth Hansen
Karen Aaker
Asa Sanchez
Joel Thorson
Kathleen Howard
Judy Purrington
Margot Zaretzka
Karla Henderlong
Karen Mueller
Jeannie Thompson
Emily Trulson
Astrid Alkire
Julie Larson
Ingrid Alkire
Gabby Trulson
June Stennes
Homer Stennes
Sonja Flanagin
Harriet Candelaria

Cookie Making
Sheryl Hawes
Anne Herbert
Judy Purrington
Harriet Candelaria
Leslie Jones
JoAnn Bjerkhoel
Larry Hulberg
Jane Brekke
Joyce Cosce
Paul Nore
Shirley Shoup
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Victoria Slama
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Julie Larson
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Jan 1, Thurs	Happy New Year!
Jan 4, Sun	Officer Installation and Luncheon
Jan 21, Wed	Solveig Club Meeting
Jan 23, Fri	Business Meeting
Feb 13, Fri	Business Meeting
Feb 21, Sat	Lodge Anniversary Dinner

Dates will be added as they become available.

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