Nordahl's Tidende

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En hilsen fra Presidenten

Kjære Venner (Dear Friends),

The Nordahl Grieg Lodge 69th Anniversary Dinner on February 21 was a gala event. About 90 people enjoyed wonderful hors d'oeuvres, delicious food, and fun fellowship while honoring many members with membership pins and certificates, as well as special awards. We were delighted to have many special guests with us, including our current Zone 3 Director, **Carol Campbell**, and two past International Directors, **Karl Eikeberg** and **Janie Kelly**. Also joining us were members from the Oakland, Hayward, and Redwood City Lodges. I also counted eight past presidents of Nordahl Grieg Lodge present and we appreciate their continuing involvement and support of our Lodge.

An event like this takes many helpers and I thank them for their assistance in making the evening a special one. **Claire Smyth** as Social Director is commended for the wonderful social hour repast, and **Dave Melius** was an outstanding bartender. **Russ Behel** and his helper, **LaVoy Bergendahl**, prepared a wonderful meal in spite of oven problems. Helpers included **Barbara Shoup**, **Kathy Whitesel**, **Alissa Hansen**, **Larry Hulberg**, **Elizebeth Hansen** and **Carly Byrne**. **Vicki Everly** developed the program and with the assistance of **Sharon Bratton**, **Elderid Everly**, and **Duane Adams**, provided a special shopping experience at the Solveig Club Boutique and Raffle. **Marv Bertelson**'s music added a touch of class, while **Kari Warner** greeted our guests as they arrived. Thanks a whole bunch to all of you.

The Anniversary Dinner is one of my favorite Lodge events and I was so pleased to present 20 membership pins and certificates with the help of **Duane Adams**, who did all the organization of the pins and certificates, and **Ginny Hansen** who served as Marshall. When I was having some difficulty with distributing the pins, **Alissa Hansen** stepped up and helped me out. My appreciation goes out to this special young lady.

Some special awards to very deserving members were also presented. As President, I selected these members as deserving to be recognized for their contributions to Nordahl Grieg Lodge. Two ***Tusen Takk Awards*** were presented.

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AGENDA ALERT

Business Meeting
Friday, March 13…
6:30 PM Potluck
7:30 PM "Our Irish Connection"
8:00 PM Lodge Business Meeting
8:30 PM Nordahl Hall, Inc. Annual Meeting and Election of Directors
Refreshments provided by Kari Warner

Skål! Aquavit Anyone?
Friday, March 27 at 7:30 PM
… Infusion Party…create a custom libation!
Friday, April 24 at 7:30 PM
…Tasting Party…taste the results!
See details elsewhere in this *Tidende* issue

(President's Message: continued from front page)

The first one went to a member who is always willing to share his myriad skills when asked, sometimes in emergency situations. And he does it with a smile and good humor – **Craig Slama**. We appreciate the many contributions Craig has made this year to the Lodge and to Nordahl Hall, saving us from some disastrous consequences. He is a member who can be counted on.

The second *Tusen Takk* Award went to a "special guy" who hasn't been a member for very long but has become a "go-to" person for almost everything. He is my "gentle giant" – **Dave Melius**. I am not sure what we would do without Dave. Everything he has accomplished for the Lodge and Hall has been done with accuracy, aplomb, and grace, and with his charming "aw shucks" manner. We love you, Dave!

The ***Hjertilig Takk Award*** *(Heartfelt Thanks)* was presented to another fairly new member who has added a whole new dimension to our Lodge. His expertise is recognized not only by us, but also by other lodges and by District 6 – our Webmaster, **Bruce Fihe**. Bruce has brought us into the 21at century with his development of our Web page, the maintenance of our e-mail list, and the organization of our member directory. We are indebted to Bruce for his many hours of work, his creative ideas, his support for us "technologically challenged" members, and his willingness to share his knowledge and ideas. In addition, Bruce is a great knitter, an avid bicyclist, and dedicated stamp collector. We are happy you are "one of us," Bruce!

The **King Olav Award** was presented to a long-time member who has made many contributions to our Lodge, to District 6, and to the community at large. She is always willing to take on the "tough jobs," and it was a pleasure to recognize **Meg Laycock** with this award. Meg richly deserved this recognition for all her service over the years. Meg is held in high regard within the Lodge for her commitment to our cultural heritage; she has helped raise our cultural consciousness. Her leadership of the Leikarring has been exemplary and her willingness to share her many skills is much appreciated. Furthermore, Meg has helped us, as a Lodge, to reach out to the greater community, which has not always been an easy task. Our congratulations on this recognition, Meg!

After the awards, it was time for cake and coffee and some more visiting. I was happy to see all of you who attended and thank the many who stayed to put the Hall back in such good order. You are the best!

It indeed was a Happy 69th Anniversary, now, onto our 70th in 2016!

Fraternally,
Shirley Shoup, President

March Birthdays

1	Adela Vestberg
1	Lucille Basso
1	Jeanne Shada
3	Cathy Felkey
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	Diane Christianson
15	Richard Kurkowski
15	Roberta Heimark
21	Shelley Curtis
22	Janet Pankratz
24	Patrick Kelly
25	Duane Adams
27	Ruth Cole
30	Kathleen Moe
30	Meagan Hansen
30	Pamela Petersen
30	Kariana Owen

Heritage Members:

11	Kaylee Kramer
16	Douglas Bjerkhoel
17	Karena Bjerkhoel
18	Steven Porter

Gratulerer med dagen!

Nyheter Fra Solveig Club

The Solveig Club met on February 18 with ten members in attendance; **Vicki Everly** was hostess and served heart-waffles and a strawberry salad.

Our heartfelt thanks go to **Linda Garcia**, daughter of **Clara and Elmer Graslie**, for the donation of her beautiful hand-created afghan, and to all who purchased raffle tickets at the Anniversary Dinner in the hope of winning this beautiful afghan. The money raised will be donated to the Love Your Lodge fund in honor of Elmer. We also thank everyone who purchased items at our boutique; all proceeds benefit the Solveig Club scholarship fund to send kids to language heritage camp and to fund college scholarships. *Tusen takk* to all!

Spring is just around the corner and soon our trees and flowers will burst with color. While "spring cleaning," please, remember that the Solveig Club will accept your donation of gently used items you no longer need. Your donations make our Lutefisk Dinner "treasure table" interesting and fun… and income from this sale benefits our scholarship fund. We also welcome "vintage" Norwegian items and souvenirs… it is exciting when a Lutefisk Dinner shopper discovers a vintage item from Norway that reminds them of their childhood or a long-ago vacation.

Solveig Club will next meet on Wednesday, March 18 at 10:30 AM; **Sharon Bratton** will be hostess. Please plan on joining us!

Have a great St. Patrick's Day. And, always, drive carefully.

Ha det bra,
Elderid Everly, Solveig Club President

Nordahl Grieg Lodge Gets Ready to Conquer Cancer!

At the February business meeting, members voted to form a team this year for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life in Los Gatos. The event will happen on Saturday, June 6, from 2 PM to 10 PM. This is a wonderful way to give back to the community, to honor our members who have been affected by cancer, and to publicize our lodge!

Judy Purrington and **Meg Laycock** are the team captains, and several people have already volunteered to be on the team. As we go to press, a request has been emailed to lodge members asking for ideas for a team name. Judy and Meg will select the best suggestion and register our team with the Los Gatos Relay for Life – and then the fun begins! Our team will have a web page, and you can join the team or make contributions on-line. Don't do on-line stuff? Not to worry! Just contact Meg or Judy.

At the Relay, we'll have a booth with our team name and our sponsor (yay… Nordahl Grieg Lodge!) prominently displayed. During the afternoon and evening, team members who are able will take turns walking around the track. Other team members can staff our booth, helping with the on-site fund-raising.

The on-site fund-raising can be loads of fun, and we'll be sure to play up the Viking/Norwegian theme. We can sell lefse or cookies. We can make a cardboard Viking ship and rent it to other Relayers to "sail" around the track on a Viking raid against cancer. We can sell "Viking helmets" or cardboard shields. If you also have ideas (and we bet you do!) send them on to Judy or Meg.

For more information about the American Cancer Society and the Relay for Life in general, go to ***http://www.relayforlife.org***

For specific information about the Los Gatos Relay, google "Relay for Life Los Gatos." Once our team is named, you will be able to link directly to our page and track our progress.

Please contact Judy or Meg with your questions or your ideas for how to make this fun.

Meg Laycock	408-255-2111	***meg@jstub.com***
Judy Purrington	408-799-3262	***judypurrington@aol.com***

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 408-909-9055

News about Members

HAPPY NEWS!

Our co-secretary, **Duane Adams**, will miss our next meeting as she will be basking on the beach in Hawaii. Enjoy, Duane – we are looking forward to your helping us make *Aquavit* on March 27.

Erik Bertelson, son of **Marv** and **Lois**, has been selected as Citizen of the Year in Dublin, California. Erik teaches music at a middle school and has a 300-piece band which has won many trophies for their performances and has brought much acclaim and attention to the city. Congratulations, Erik; we are proud of you, too!

Alissa Bjerkhoel is engaged to **Steve Foley**. Alissa is an attorney and lives in San Diego. No word about wedding plans, but we send our best wishes to the couple. Alissa is the daughter of **Leland Bjerkhoel** and the grandaughter of **Harry and JoAnn Bjerkhoel**.

Vicki Everly will soon be on her way to Budapest. She will first stop in snowy Boston to pick up her grandniece, **Morgan Frost**, and they will then spend Morgan's spring break seeing the sights of Budapest. Enjoy this once-in-a-lifetime trip!

HEALTH NEWS

Lucille Basso is improving after her serious leg fracture. She is receiving physical therapy at home and her husband, **Jim**, is providing the caretaking duties. They just celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on February 5, so congratulations and best wishes.

Our Cultural Director, **Elaine Edwards**, had surgery on her right hand on February 12 and is recovering nicely. She attended the Anniversary Dinner and also celebrated her birthday on the 20th. Elaine is glad that she will be able to play the piano again soon.

It was great to see **Clara Graslie** at the Anniversary Dinner looking and doing well. She was so proud of the beautiful afghan that her daughter, **Linda Garcia**, made for the raffle to honor **Elmer**. Proceeds from the raffle will go to the Love Your Lodge Fund. The first raffle ticket drawn was Clara's – *ironic, huh?* – but, Clara graciously requested that a second ticket be drawn and **Elizebeth Hansen** was the lucky winner of this gorgeous creation. Thanks to Linda and Clara, and congratulations to Elizabeth.

Egil Larsen is recovering from a bout of pneumonia. He is home after a brief hospital stay and has completed his antibiotic regimen. He reports he is feeling much better and sends greetings to all. Take care of yourself, Egil. You are special to all of us.

We understand that **Øistein Nyberg** has had another round of treatment. We are thinking of you, Øistein, and **Pat**, too, during this tough time.

Duane Overby is still waiting to have his knee replaced. It is now scheduled for March 9 if he gets over his respiratory problem and his vertigo improves. We are pulling for you, Duane!

The flu bug has hit some of our members recently. **Larry and Marcia Hulberg** were really hit hard with the "nasty bug" which laid them low. But, they are on the mend now, for which we are grateful.

Elderid Everly is experiencing an extremely painful bout of arthritis in her wrist and is under doctor's orders to stop rolling lefse and doing any other activity with her right hand for at least two weeks. Take care, Elderid, we need you strong again!

Janie Kelly had recent knee surgery and is home recovering. We hope you are back on your feet soon, Janie!

Fraternally,
Shirley Shoup, Sunshine Chairperson

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

Annual Shareholders Meeting
Nordahl Hall, Inc.
Friday ▪ March 13 at 7:30 PM

All members of Nordahl Grieg Lodge are shareholders in the corporation that owns Nordahl Hall. Each March, on the evening of the regular Lodge business meeting, the President of the Nordahl Hall Board of Directors presents an annual report, and the Treasurer presents a financial statement.

This meeting provides shareholders (that's you!) with the opportunity to inquire about any concerns or make suggestions for improvement.

Also, at this meeting, new directors are elected to fill expired terms or vacant seats on the Board.

Please plan to attend!

Membership Update

We have three new members and are still waiting for one more application to be confirmed from International. We welcome:

Ginger Guglielmoe
1480 E Main Ave, Morgan Hill, CA 95037
408-710-8902
ginger.guglielmoe@gmail.com

Kristin Arvidsdottir White and
William Lindsay White
1915 Killarney Ct, Gilroy, CA 95020
kristin.white@yahoo.com
cyclethealps@gmail.com

Please note this new address:

Beverly Smestad
1115 Sugar Creek Trail, Reno, NV 89523

The past due list looks quite ill this month, we have seven on the list. Please, pretty please, pay your dues; some of the names are from long-time members. Please check the date on your last invoice from International.

As of January 31, 2015 we have 275 members including Juvenile members with active insurance.

Fraternally,
Kari Warner, Financial Secretary
408-248-5046 *karia107@earthlink.net*

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You can read *eTidende* anytime on our web site at: ***nordahl-grieg.org/site/newsletters/***

Love Your Lodge Donations

Platinum Level

In Memory of Harold Everly
5 Generations of the Everly Family (donation, Feb 2015)

In Memory of Karl and Agot Heistein
Gunnar & 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

Duane Adams (donation, Feb 2015)

Bob Goodenough (donation, Feb 2015)

Victoria Slama (donation, Feb 2015)

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

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

Shirley J. Hansen (donation, June 2014)

Kate Slama (donation, June 2014)

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

Donald Peterson Family Living Trust
(donation, Dec 2013)

Eileen & 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)

Tusen Takk for your support!

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

Skål!

Don't Just Drink Aquavit... Create Your Own

In March and April we will be celebrating Aquavit... the classic Norwegian spirit

Friday, March 27 at 7:30 pm – Infusion Party

Come make your own aquavit. All supplies and ingredients will be provided to inspire your own unique flavor combinations. All you need to bring is your imagination! Dessert and coffee will be served.

Friday, April 24 at 7:30 pm – Tasting Party

So, how did it turn out? After steeping for a month we'll taste our creations. What special blend of herbs and spices will tickle your taste buds? To round out the evening, we'll pair up our aquavit with some smørbrød and pickled herring.

Cost: $10.00 per person, payable at the door.

Everyone is invited, whether you attend the March infusion party or not.

Join us at Nordahl Hall for these events... and SKÅL!

Nordahl Grieg 69th Anniversary Dinner Pictures

Immediate Right: President **Shirley Shoup** surveying the gathered members of Nordahl Grieg Lodge.

Above Center: **Dave Melius** receiving the Tusen Takk Award (the other Tusen Takk Award recipient, **Craig Slama**, was not present to accept his award).
Above Right: **Bruce Fihe** receiving the Hjertilig Takk – Heartfelt Thanks – Award.

Below Left: **Meg Laycock** receiving the King Olav Award, Nordahl Grieg Lodge's highest honor.

Above: **Linda Garcia** (left) who created and donated the raffle prize; **Elizebeth Hansen** (center), the lucky winner; and **Clara Graslie** (right) enjoying the raffle in honor of her husband Elmer.

Below Left: member recognition pins waiting to be awarded.
Below Center and Right: the dining tables were festive with alternating runners of red and blue.

Check for more images on the "photo" page at *www.Nordahl-Grieg.org*
Photos are often first posted on the Facebook page at *www.facebook.com/Nordahl.Grieg*

Camp Norge News

Remember Spring Cleaning work day at the Camp on March 21-22. See details in "Connections" in this issue of *Tidende*.

The recent newsletter from Camp Norge asks for help from Lodge members for a landscape plan for around the main house that would be drought-tolerant. Any of you who have skills and ideas are encouraged to contact the Recreation Center Board with your ideas. Our Lodge member, **Fred Hymans**, is on the Board and would be a person to contact about your interest in assisting with this project.

There are a few new beds at Camp Norge and they are seeking additional ones to replace those that are no longer comfortable. So, if you know of any resources for purchasing them at a reasonable price or for good quality donations, again, let the Recreation Center Board know.

A *"Raise the Roof"* campaign to replace the roof on the main house is being contemplated. You will hear more about this soon!

Plan to spend Memorial Day Weekend at Camp Norge! Fun plans, good food, and great fellowship is promised.

Remember Camp Norge!

Fraternally.
Shirley Shoup,
Camp Norge Ambassador

Scholarships Available

College Scholarships

Nordahl Grieg Lodge #52 announces two college/university scholarship opportunities.

Applications and a full list of eligibility criteria for both scholarships listed below are available at ***www.nordahl-grieg.org.***

Solveig Club College Scholarship

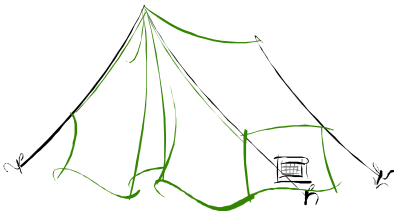
Any daughter, granddaughter, or great-granddaughter of a member in good standing of Nordahl Grieg Lodge is eligible following at least one completed year of college or university work. Applicant must be no older than 30 years of age.

Deadline to apply is June 1, 2015. Submit 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 Nordahl Grieg Lodge member in good standing 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, 2015. Submit applications to:
Shirley Shoup, Nordahl Grieg President
5315 Calderwood Lane, San Jose, CA. 95118



Trollfjell Folkehøgskule & Camp Trollfjell

Children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren of District Six members in good standing are eligible to attend camp. This year there are two separate camps:

- ***Trollfjell Folkehøgskule*** for 14-17 year olds – July 6 to 11
- ***Camp Trollfjell*** for 8-13 year olds – July 12 to 25

Check out the "youth" tab at *www.sofn6.org* for additional info.

Nordahl Grieg Lodge and the Solveig Club will award campership scholarships; children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren of Nordahl Grieg members in good standing are eligible.

To apply, campers must write a letter that includes:

- Camper's name and age
- Name of sponsoring Nordahl Grieg member
- Reasons camper wants to attend camp.

Letters must be postmarked by Friday, May 1, 2015, and mailed to:
Elderid Everly, Scholarship Chair
1596 Spring Street
Mountain View, CA 94043

Connections ...ways to connect with your Norwegian heritage

Watch Norwegian films at **Cinequest Film Festival** in San Jose through March 8! Films in Norwegian with English sub-titles will be shown at various times at various venues. Schedule, synopses of film, time, and venue are available on-line at *Cinequest.com*.

Luther College Concert Band will be performing on Tuesday, March 17 at 7:30 PM in Palo Alto at Grace Lutheran Church (3149 Waverly Street; at the corner of Waverly and Loma Verde). This would be a great way to celebrate St. Patrick's Day!

Camp Norge Spring Cleaning Work Party – March 21 and 22. It begins at 10 AM on Saturday and ends at noon on Sunday. There are several projects planned – some painting, window washing, yard work, and general clean-up. There is no charge for lodging, and lunch and dinner on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday will be provided. Contact **Penny Knudsen** at 916-941-6433 to sign up for a project or to arrange for lodging.

Folk Dance Weekend at Camp Norge – April 17-19. Come to beautiful Camp Norge for a fun weekend of folk dancing, including dances for the Sons of Norway Cultural Skills program. **Meg Laycock** and **Ginny Lee** will teach figure dances, couple dances, and song dances, as well as dance basics. Live music for teaching sessions and the Saturday party will be provided by **Bill Likens**. For more information, check the *Nordahl Grieg Leikarring og Spelemannslag* website at ***ngls.net***, or call Meg Laycock at 408-255-2111.

Trollfjell Folkehøgskule for 14-17 year olds will be July 6-11 with classes in *handverk* (handwork), culinary arts, and carpentry. There is a limit of 18 campers.
Camp Trollfjell for 8-13 year olds will run from July 12-25 with classes in *Rosemaling*, folk dancing, heritage, crafts, and Norwegian language. This year campers will also learn money management with bank books, *Norske Krone*, and a daily *kanteen* for purchasing special treats. They will also enjoy more authentic Norwegian food at mealtimes.
On-line registrations are now open for both camps at their new website: ***www.sofn6.org/arv***.

Norway DNA Project. If you have Norwegian ancestry, join Norway's national DNA project that collaborates with Norway's two largest genealogy associations: *DIS-Norge* and *Norsk Slektshistorisk Forening*. For more information visit: ***www.norwaydna.no/norway-dna-project/***

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

Activity Snaps... can be viewed at ***www.nordahl-grieg.org*** and at ***www.facebook.com/Nordahl.Grieg.***

Planning a vacation?

I have been to many places, but I've never been in Kahoots. Apparently, you can't go alone. You have to be in Kahoots with someone.

I've also never been in Cognito. I hear no one recognizes you there.

I have, however, been in Sane. They don't have an airport; you have to be driven there. I have made several trips there, thanks to my children, friends, family, and work.

I would like to go to Conclusions, but you have to jump, and I'm not too much on physical activity anymore.

I have also been in Doubt. This is a sad place to go, and I try not to visit there too often.

I've been in Flexible, but only when it was very important to stand firm.

Sometimes I'm in Capable, and I go there more often as I'm getting older.

One of my favorite places to be is in Suspense! It really gets the adrenaline flowing and pumps up the old heart! At my age, I need all the stimuli I can get!

I may have been in Continent, but I don't remember what country I was in. It's an age thing. They tell me it is very wet and damp there.

…from the Sons of Norway Newsletter Service

Recruit to Win Two Tickets to Norway with Norwegian Experience 2015

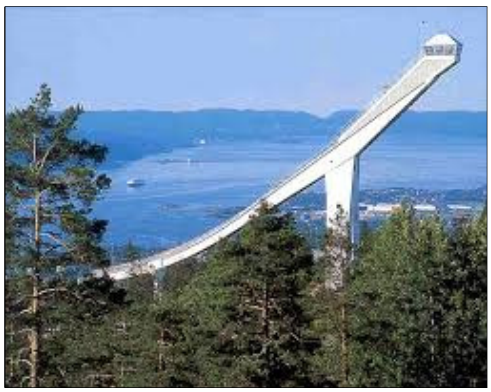
Sons of Norway is proud to announce that it is continuing its partnership with Borton Overseas for the 2015 Norwegian Experience Recruitment Contest! This year, however, there are some new and exciting changes to the contest, in order to raise the stakes and recognize the great work being done by recruiters in every district.

Unlike the past, where one winner was drawn at random and given an all-expense paid trip to Norway, ***the 2015 contest will award two plane tickets to the top recruiter in every district!*** Sons of Norway feels this change better reflects the egalitarian nature of the organization and does a better job of rewarding members throughout the organization for their dedication to their lodge and district.

This is an exciting opportunity for recruiters because their efforts will not only help their local lodge grow, but it could also result in a trip of a lifetime to Norway.

As in past years, this year's contest is open to Sons of Norway members* who recruit new, dues-paying members, so make sure your name is listed in the membership application's "Referred By" field. The eligible members in each district who have the highest recruitment numbers will be notified in January of 2016.

**Members of HQ staff, FBCs and members of the International Board of Directors are not eligible for this contest.*



Holmenkollen History

In March thousands of spectators will gather in Oslo to support their favorite athletes for the 2015 Holmenkollen Ski Festival. Arranged yearly since the first ski jumping and cross-country skiing competition in 1892, the Holmenkollen Ski Festival includes events in ski jumping, Nordic combined, and cross-country skiing. An FIS World Cup Nordic event, the festival draws large crowds and is attended annually by the Royal Family.

Regarded as being among the most famous sports arenas in the world and the center of Norwegian skiing, Holmenkollen has a long and impressive history. In the many years since its inception Holmenkollen and its facilities have existed in multiple separate incarnations, changing dramatically since its first branch and snow ski jump in 1892. Hosting World Championships in 1930, 1966, 1982, and the nordic skiing events of the 1952 Winter Olympic Games—an event that set the arena's all-time attendance record of 120,000—brought with it advancements like permanent grandstands, a judge's tower, and a lift. The war years halted regular events at Holmenkollen until a celebratory liberation event in 1946. Competitors wrote the symbol H7 (King Haakon VII) in the outrun and the events once again commenced as they had prior to the war. Holmenkollen received its most dramatic re-development prior to hosting the 2011 World Championships, modernizing by becoming the only ski jump in the world with permanent wind protection and a steel construction. Today it stands alone as the world's most modern ski jump facility.

Physical changes to the facilities aren't the only transformations that Holmenkollen experienced over the many years since its beginnings in 1892. Slalom and downhill racing events were added to the program in 1947. Four years later, giant slalom was added and with it came the addition of female competitors. In the years that followed additional women's events were added and in 2001 the first female ski-jumping event was held.

To learn more about Holmenkollen or to read up on the events happening at 2015 Holmenkollen Ski Festival, held March 13-15, visit:

- *http://skifest.no/*
- *https://www.facebook.com/pages/Holmenkollen-Skifestival/277925812407412?fref=ts*
- *http://www.holmenkollen.com/*
- *https://www.facebook.com/Holmenkollenarena*

Meeting Highlights *(condensed from minutes approved in February 2015)*

January 23, 2015 Business Meeting

- The charter was draped in memory of **Ken Gulbraa** and a minute of silence was observed.
- President **Shirley Shoup** adjourned the meeting for five minutes asking members to chat with someone that they do not know well; members then shared what they learned.
- Information was shared about SON Founders Day.
- Correspondence was shared from Ski for Light and SON Foundation thanking us for our donations; a Christmas card from **Terje and Nancy Nordberg**; receipts for "in-kind" donations from our food drive (220 pounds collected at the Lutefisk Dinner, and other donations of 14½ and 55 pounds); and newsletters from Bjornson Lodge.
- Financial Secretary **Kari Warner** announced receipt of checks from International and a donation.

Nordahl Hall – Love Your Lodge Fund Drive

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- Treasurer **Mike Block** provided a written report with a balance sheet, profit and loss statement, and a proposed budget for 2015; a motion passed to approve the budget. He announced that financial books have been audited by **Bill and Anna Likens**; required financial paperwork is ready to submit to International; and he will prepare required State and Federal forms.
- Social Director **Claire Smyth** discussed activities and the upcoming Anniversary Dinner
- Assistant Cultural Director **Bruce Fihe** announced cultural skills days beginning with lefse making on May 31; a second day is in the works for the fall.
- Webmaster **Bruce Fihe** announced the Facebook page will include a rotating series of images of Norwegian stamps.
- Sunshine Chair **Shirley Shoup** provided an update on members' health.
- Lutefisk Co-Chair **Larry Hulberg** provided an overview of 2014 and asked for ideas to improve future events.
- Hall Board President **Larry Hulberg** provided an update on Hall activities and challenges.
- A motion passed to approve the 2015 Lodge Calendar as presented by President Shoup.
- The following announcements were made:
  - ✓ **Nancy Brooks**, a former member of our lodge, has passed away.
  - ✓ There were no birthdays or anniversaries in January among the members present.
  - ✓ An increase in the cost of our social events is to be considered.
  - ✓ A Lodge Directory will be published; those who receive a hard-copy of *Tidende* will receive a printed directory. A link to an electronic copy will be on the website.
  - ✓ **Lois Bertelson** announced 44 pounds of stamps were collected in 2014 for Tubfrim and thanked all who contributed.
  - ✓ **Ginny Hansen** and **Andy Hunsbedt** were thanked for providing refreshments and decorations for the meeting.

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March 13, Fri	Potluck, Business Meeting & Nordahl Hall Annual Shareholder's Meeting
March 17, Tues	St. Patrick's Day and Luther College Concert Band Performance
March 18, Wed	Solveig Club meeting
March 27, Fri	Aquavit Infusion Party
April 24, Fri	Aquavit Tasting Party
May 1, Fri	Deadline to mail Campership applications
June 1, Mon	Deadline to mail Solveig Club College Scholarship applications
June 6, Sat	Los Gatos Relay for Life
June 30, Tues	Deadline to mail Nordahl Grieg Lodge College Scholarship applications
May 17, Sun	Syttende Mai

See *"Connections"* for other important event.
Dates will be added as they become available.

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