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En hilsen fra Presidenten

Kjære Venner (Dear Friends),

June 6, 2015 – D-Day for the Sons of Norway ***Uff-Da! Gang***. They arrived and successfully challenged all comers at the Los Gatos Relay for Life.

It was a sunny, warm day at Oak Meadow Park in Los Gatos for the occasion. We were happy to find some shade under the trees where we could stay cool and enjoy our snacks. The Uff-Da! Gang set up two canopies for their use during the 8-hour relay. One was used to prepare luminarias and the other was full of Viking paraphernalia.

The Relay began with an acknowledgement of survivors and caregivers as those present walked a lap around the relay track. I was especially struck by the children who participated as survivors and wore their purple shirts and banners so proudly. Some of the children walked; others were carried in the arms of their caregiver parents. A number of members of our Lodge participated in this first lap of the day!

Our Uff-Da! Gang was enthusiastic, committed, and dedicated, and I was very proud of them. **Meg Laycock** and **Judy Purrington** are commended for their leadership, and the whole team is praised for their diligent community service efforts. **Dave Melius** and **Kathy Whitesel** were impressive Vikings as they posed for pictures, walked the track in their HOT Viking gear, and shared the Viking costumes with others. **Barbara Shoup** and **Genevieve Deppong** prepared many luminarias for display at the ceremony later in the evening. **Duane Adams** was a great PR person drumming up people to get their picture taken with a Viking. **Vicki Everly** was the jack-of-all-trades. **Marcia Owen** and grandson **Danzig** spent lots of the afternoon walking the track keeping our presence known. **Russ Behel** helped set up the canopies. **John Stubblebine** was the very accommodating and busy "go-fer." **Joyce Cosce**, a survivor, and I served as guardians of our shady spot and the snacks. All are lauded for their contributions that afternoon.

At dusk, the luminarias were set up around the track and were lighted by glow-sticks. At 9 PM, the names of persons being remembered or honored were read to the quiet group of participants. Many of the names were of our Lodge members, and we thought of them with a mixture of joy and sadness. Then, all of us walked a silent lap in remembrance and honor. It was impressive and meaningful!

All the members of Nordahl Grieg should be proud of our Uff-da! Gang. They represented our Lodge well at this community event and others who participated were impressed by them. They increased our visibility in the local community and with the American Cancer Society. Join me in extending a very big *THANK YOU!*

Fraternally,
Shirley Shoup, President

AGENDA ALERT

There are no business meetings in July and August.

We wish everyone a fun and fabulous Fourth of July celebration!

Save Saturday, August 15 for the All Bay Area Lodge Picnic at Henrik Ibsen Park (details elsewhere in this *Tidende*)

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Nyheter Fra Solveig Club

The Solveig Club hosted our "Thank You" luncheon at the Blue Pheasant in June. We are grateful to everyone who helps make our lutefisk dinner bazaar a success.

At a brief business meeting following our luncheon, we awarded college scholarships to three young women: **Ruth Likens**, **Alissa Hansen**, and **Morgan Frost**. Congratulations! (See excerpts from their application letters elsewhere in this *Tidende*.)

July is another busy month, beginning with Independence Day. July 4th was always an exciting day for us kids. We didn't have fireworks or noise-makers, but always went to town for a parade and a picnic. But first, early in the morning, my dad, a dynamite expert, would go far into the field away from buildings and people, and set off one stick of dynamite. The bang would wake everyone within a half-mile radius. The neighbors didn't mind… they knew it was just **Olaf Kordahl** proclaiming his pride at being an American. But my twin sisters were *not* happy about being forced awake at 6 AM on a holiday. Dad would reply to their complaints with, *"Vel, it vas time to get up anyvay."* You see, he was anxious to get to town and enjoy the festivities. Once in town, Dad would treat us to an ice cream cone. I don't remember any flavor except vanilla… but we enjoyed every lick of that delicious treat as we walked around the one block making up our little downtown. Yes, the 4th of July is a wonderful holiday.

Have a fun-filled 4th and drive carefully!

Ha det bra,
Elderid Everly,
Solveig Club President

Membership Update

For the second month in a row, we had no new members. Members… we need help from all of you in recruiting new members to continue to keep our lodge successful.

We have four members on the Past Due list. Please pay your dues. Lately, many of you have been paying on time and for that we say "thank you."

Hsiao-in Wang has been suspended by Sons of Norway International for non-payment of dues.

At the end of May, we had 270 members. Included in that number are Juvenile members with active insurance.

Fraternally,
Kari Warner, Financial Secretary
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July Birthdays

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

Heritage Birthday

10	Nora Frost

Gratulerer med dagen!

News about Members

HAPPY NEWS!

There are two new Vikings in our midst! First, a little girl named **Keziah Sharon** joined the Bratton-Everly clan on June 1. She has a big brother, **Coy**, and a big sister, **Stephanie**, and very proud parents, **Bill and Joy Bratton**. Her grandma **Sharon Bratton** and great-grandma **Elderid Everly** are thrilled with this newest addition to their ever-increasing family.

Genevieve Deppong has a grandson born on Memorial Day. He is doing well. Genevieve's son, who has been teaching in Norway for several years, is returning to the States and has taken a position as principal at an elementary school in Mill Valley. Genevieve is happy to have them close again.

Congratulations to **Alissa Hansen**, who has recently been informed by the Sons of Norway Foundation that she has received a scholarship from the Foundation. Alissa will be featured in a future issue of the *Viking* magazine. Alissa is completing her degree in nursing at Samuel Merritt in Oakland.

HEALTH NEWS

Our gentle giant, **Dave Melius**, was in a car accident. He was broadsided by a vehicle which overturned his SUV. Fortunately, he was not injured. But, while working on the overhang at Nordahl Hall, he sprained his ankle and has been wearing a protective boot. Take care of yourself, Dave, and be careful. We depend on you for so many things.

Janice Stavang has started chemotherapy. We send her our best wishes for success and will keep her in our thoughts.

IN MEMORIAM

Again, our Lodge is saddened by the loss of one of our members, **Oeistein Nyberg**. A member since 1986, Oeistein was born in Norway, traveled all over the world, and had settled fairly recently in the Santa Cruz Mountains. He had been at Stanford Hospital for treatment of leukemia, but was home under Hospice care when he died quietly on June 15 at age 72. Our sympathy is extended to his very special wife, **Pat**, and their children. He also leaves a very precious grandchild. Oeistein had many special Lodge friends to whom we express our condolences; we know you will miss him.

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*

Did you lose a piece of your sølje at the 17th of May Celebration? If so, contact Janie Kelly at 409-909-9055.

Learn Some Basic Norwegian

Join the group again before the September business meeting at 6:45 PM. Our focus is currently on two items: recognizing the nine Norwegian vowels and speaking common phrases within a simple sentence. Both can be put to use immediately. We will have extra copies of the "vowel chart" if you missed it in June.

First time members to the group are welcome!

Elaine Edwards, Cultural Director

Planning a Party or Special Event?

Welcome to Nordahl Hall Banquet & Meeting Center

Perfect for weddings, parties, meetings and more!

Convenient Campbell–Los Gatos Location.

Please contact: Viking Property Management at 408-909-9055

Connections ...ways to connect with your Norwegian heritage

Doings at Sister Lodges... call Shirley Shoup at 408-265-0912 for more information on these events.

- **Friday, July 17 – Vigeland Lodge** potluck dinner and rosemaling cultural skills program by **Lyle Johnson**.
- **Sunday, July 19 – Bjornson Lodge** 1 PM cultural program and film: *Colditz, Escape of the Birdman*.
- **Saturday, August 22 – Snorre Lodge** 64th Anniversary Dinner at Papillon Restaurant in Fremont. Contact **Nancy West** at 510-889-0958 or by email at ***nwest777@gmail.com*** for information. Reservations are required! Reservation deadline with payment is Monday, August 10.

All Bay Area Lodge Picnic – Saturday, August 15 at Henrik Ibsen Park in Woodside. **Henrik Ibsen**, **Vigeland**, **Nordahl Grieg**, **Snorre**, **Bjørnsen**, **Olav**, and **Freya Lodges** invite you, your children, and grandchildren to the Fourth Annual Multi-Lodge Picnic. Expect a day of fun, Viking Olympics for kids, swimming races, crafts, dancing, celebrating your Norwegian heritage, and a potluck smorgåsbord. Last year, more than 200 attended. We hope to see you there. More details will be in next month's *Tidende*.

2015 Northern California Kretsstevne – September 4 thru 6 – Celebrate Labor Day at Camp Norge
The District Six Board of Directors invites you to the annual *"Gathering of the Clan"* at our *"Jewel of the Sierra"* Activities include:

- Sign up for a woodcarving class with **Joe Perry** on Saturday and Sunday (see details below).
- Attend a Saturday afternoon talk, slideshow, and memorabilia sharing on *"The Viking Battalion"* presented by **Bill Hoffland** with the 99th Infantry Battalion (sep) WWII Educational Foundation.
- Work on your Cultural Skills Cooking Pin with **Mary Beth Involstad** throughout the weekend.
- Enjoy delicious meals provided by our lodges served in the Heritage Hall.
- Participate in the horseshoe tournament, bingo, kids' games, swimming pool fun, hiking, and general camaraderie!

Bring your tent or RV or call **Sandy** at 530-389-2508 to reserve a room. See ***www.campnorge.org*** for lodging info.

First-Ever Wood Carving Class – September 4 and 5 – At the 2015 Northern California Kretsstevne **Joe Perry** will be the instructor for this 2-day class. The skills demonstrated will provide the tools and knowledge to complete level one of the Norwegian Cultural Skills Program: Ornamental Woodcarving Norwegian Relief Style. On Saturday carve a letter opener and on Sunday a bas-relief. Class is limited to 20 participants. Cost is $40, which includes knife, safety gloves, and materials. To attend, send your check, payable to NCK, by August 20 to: **Karl Eikenberg** at 2211 Coloma Street, Oakland, CA 94602-2311. For more information contact **Tom Gundershaug** at ***gundielodi@gmail.com*** or 209-200-0842.

New Scandinavian Cooking – Saturdays at 8:30 AM on KQED. *(Note: a 2-week pledge break in mid-July interrupts the scheduling)*

- On the July 4 episode, Chef Andreas travels by train between Bergen and Oslo, then travels to Voss where he makes a herb-stuffed lamb roll. On top of the mountain he goes trout fishing and cooks the trout in a wooden bucket. Closer to Oslo, Andreas prepares a dessert with tart rhubarb and sweet strawberries served by the fjord.
- On the July 25 episode, Andreas travels through Norway's biggest national park and the beautiful Gudbrand's valley, where he investigates traditional recipes that are deceptively similar to classic Mexican, Italian, and American dishes.

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

This month, take a peek at photos from the Relay for Life and other Nordahl Grieg activities... all can be viewed at ***www.nordahl-grieg.org*** and at ***www.facebook.com/Nordahl.Grieg.***

Congratulations to the 2015 Solveig Club College Scholarship Recipients!

The following brief excerpts are taken from the application letters from this year's recipients. The Solveig Club is pleased to help support these extraordinary young women in achieving their educational goals. We hope you find inspiration from their words.

Ruth Likens... pursuing a second bachelor's degree at Virginia Commonwealth University.

"The medical field has always fascinated me. My mother was a nurse and would have countless stories to tell after a hard day at work…. I decided nursing was perfect for me because it is a field that strives to improve the health of others. This career path will allow me to create a positive impact on society and fulfill my need to help others…. As a nurse I will be able to work with individuals, families, and communities to prolong their health and wellbeing."

Alissa Hansen... pursuing a bachelor's degree at Samuel Merritt University.

"Since a very young age I have always had the urge to help those who truly need it…. I started to volunteer at Kaiser Permanente in my freshman year of high school and had completed over 750 hours of service. For the last two years of my volunteering I was given the opportunity of shadowing a department of my choice. In the Labor and Delivery unit I found the place I had always belonged. Here I was able to see miracles come to life before my eyes and help the women that created those miracles, become heroes themselves."

Morgan Frost... pursuing a bachelor's degree at Boston University.

"My curiosity, love of learning, and overwhelming desire to help others has fueled my aspirations since I was a child. Since high school I have worked closely with autistic children; watching and helping them grow and learn has been very inspiring and rewarding, and has encouraged and motivated my decision to study neuroscience…. In my final year at Boston University, I am excited to take neurodevelopment and special education courses and explore my fascination with the developing brains of fetuses and small children."

Love Your Lodge Donations

Platinum Level

In Memory of Greg Ansok
Don Ansok (donation, June 2015)

Solveig Club (donation, Mar 2015)

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)

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Donald Slama (donation, June 2014)

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In Memory of Maybelle Jacobsen
Virginia Hansen (donation, Nov 2013)

Special Raffle Donation

In Memory of Elmer Graslie
Linda Garcia & friends & family (donation, Mar 2015)

Tusen Takk for your support!

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

Hall Board Update

Roof Overhang

We completed construction on the roof overhang in June. Thanks to the many individuals who contributed their time and talent on this project.

The overhang is important because it helps protect the south side of the building from sun and rain, as well as provide shelter. The doors in particular are damaged by inclement weather, such as the heavy rain we had last year. Building the overhang was a long process that required some creativity and wouldn't have happened without the involvement of a few key individuals.

Don Schallock started the process by investigating problems with the old overhang, which was badly deteriorated and contributed to problems with water intrusion. Don decided the old overhang had to go and designed a flashing system that would be inserted into the stucco to accommodate a new overhang. One of the reasons the old overhang was in such bad shape is that it was not built with proper flashing in the first place.

The old overhang was demolished in 2013, and we installed the flashing and painted the building that same year. However, limited funds delayed construction for another year. **Harry Bjerkhoel** proposed a relatively low-cost alternative and recruited **Bjørn Haaberg** for design and engineering. **Claire Smyth, Dave Melius**, and **Larry Hulberg** painted the lumber prior to construction. The construction crew included **Bjørn Haaberg**, **Andy Hunsbedt**, **Mark Hunsbedt**, **Dave Melius**, **Harry Bjerkhoel**, and **Larry Hulberg**. We faced a number of obstacles including scorching heat on the first day and being shorthanded much of the time. These plus the fact that the building wall bows out about an inch all made construction more difficult. Dave Melius also suffered his sprained ankle the first day but, bless his heart, returned the next day with this foot in a brace to help us lift the main beam into place. It was a great effort by all and, in the end, a job well done. The new overhang is functional and should last for many years to come. Thanks everyone!

Village School Donation

Village School made a $1,000 donation as a "thank you" for continued use of our parking lot. The school has also rented the Hall on several occasions and provides an individual to help with watering. They're good neighbors.

Larry Hulberg, Hall Board President

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

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Gold	**$500**
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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:
Mike Block, Treasurer
110 Flintlock Lane
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For more info, ask any Hall Board Member, or contact Larry Hulberg at 408-813-2615 or *lwhulberg@gmail.com*

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The *Uff-Da!* Gang Rocked at Relay for Life...

The ***Uff-Da! Gang*** were a mighty Viking presence at the American Cancer Society Relay for Life in Los Gatos on June 6. Starting with the Survivor's Lap, which included the Uff-Da! Gang and other Nordahl Grieg Lodge members, and continuing through the Luminaria Ceremony, spoken by **Judy Purrington** and **Meg Laycock**, our team and supporters were visible during the entire event.

Enticed by our signs (made by **Russ Behel**), people stopped by to try on Viking gear and have their photos taken, or to shop for treasures. **Marsha Owen** offered copies of the children's book she has illustrated; and **Kathy Whitesel** set up "Ole and Lena's Perpetual Yard Sale," as well as a colorful display of crocheted caps and scarves. Our team also managed the event's Luminaria table, and got credit for all the luminaria cash donations made at the Relay.

Admittedly this Relay had a few rough spots. There were competing events in the park, the event site was far from the parking lots, and parking in general was difficult. But the day was beautiful, and we had fun visiting with each other in a non-Lodge setting and admiring Marsha Owen's adorable grandson **Danzig**.

Our booth was ably staffed by **Genevieve Deppong**, overseeing luminaria making, and **Barbara Shoup**, collecting money for the Viking photos and generally looking after the sales of Marsha's books and some of Kathy's items. **Dave Melius** went on exploratory Viking trips around the event to stir up interest in our booth. **Shirley Shoup** and **Vicki Everly** provided moral support and guarded our snack hoard and purses. **Joyce Cosce** was there to help set up and walk in the Survivor's Lap. **John Stubblebine** helped schlepp stuff to the site in his garden cart and ran errands to fetch forgotten items—and to bring delicious frozen fruit bars during the hottest part of the afternoon.

Late in the day, Kathy offered a challenge to all event attendees: If she met her fund-raising goal for items sold at the Relay, she would don the complete Viking costume—chain mail, breastplate, cloak, helmet—and walk a lap around the track. (Ask her at the next meeting how much that all weighs. It's substantial!) A few more donations came in, and Kathy (accompanied by Dave) did indeed march around the track in full Viking regalia.

As dusk fell, we set the luminaria bags around the inner edge of the track and lighted them with glow sticks. Volunteers from another team laid glow sticks in the center of the track to spell out ***HOPE***. Everyone gathered quietly and listened as Judy read the poem *"What Cancer Cannot Do,"* and Meg read the names of those whose luminarias were lining the track. Then we all walked the track in silence, remembering.

As of June 23, the Uff-Da! Gang is the top fund-raising team at the Los Gatos Relay, having raised $2,693.02, plus a few off-line donations that still need to be posted. We have adjusted our goal upward a few times, and it now stands at $2,750.00. That's the final goal, and we fully expect to meet it by the close of the Relay season, with your help. You can still donate online (google "Relay for Life Los Gatos"), or you can send a check made out to American Cancer Society to Meg or Judy. Donations will be accepted through the middle of August and still be credited to our team.

Many, many thanks to everyone in the Lodge who donated to our team and who helped at the Relay. You all helped our lodge make this important contribution in the fight against cancer.

*Submitted by **Meg Laycock**, Team Co-Captain*

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July 4	Independence Day
July 6-11	Trollfjell Folkehøgskule
July 12-25	Camp Trollfjell
August 15	All Bay Area Lodge Picnic
Mid-August	Deadline to contribute to Relay For Life
Sept 4-6	Northern California Kretsstevne
Sept 11	Next Business Meeting

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

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