Nordahl's Tidende

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En hilsen fra Presidenten

Kjære Venner (Dear Friends),

Well it's that time of year again… flu shot season! I hope everyone who is able gets a flu shot this year so our lodge members can stay heathy. Thinking about our members' health made me start to think about the overall health of our lodge and hall.

It was so nice to see so many members and guests at the Western BBQ social. **Janie and Pat Kelly** always do such a great job with the BBQ and I'm glad that this tradition came back after so many years. It was also nice to have a special cake to celebrate the new Hunsbedt baby, and shower **Kristen and Mark Hunsbedt** with some gifts. The atmosphere at the hall was so festive and it was nice to see so many long term members and guests there. Some of the guests even requested and signed up to be members before the night was over. I really enjoyed getting to know the new potential members and talking to them about what they would like to see in our lodge. I also had the chance to talk with some of our more active members as well as some of our members that only show up for a few events a year.

The main take-away I had from all my conversations was change needs to happen. Maybe we need to change the night of our business meeting, or even how our business meetings are run. If we are going to keep our lodge and hall around for the future generations, we need to be willing to make changes for the overall health of our lodge.

I hope that this message can start a conversation to bring our lodge and hall health to a place that can bring only the best for the future. I know that it won't always be easy and not everyone will be happy with the changes, but change and growth need to happen if we want to continue for the future. If anyone has any suggestions, please talk to me about them. Let's make this a conversation that brings a brighter future.

Fraternally,
Laura Porter, President

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AGENDA ALERT

Friday, October 14 – Cultural Program begins at 7:15 PM and the Business Meeting will begin by 7:45 PM.

… During the Cultural Program, **Bruce Fihe** will share information about Norwegian culture and stamps.

Nyheter Fra Solveig Club

The Solveig Club is in need of donations for our Lutefisk Dinner Bazaar – small items, ***especially for boys***, for our Grab Bag; gently used household items for our Treasure Table; and raffle prizes. You can drop them off with **Vicki Everly** at any of our upcoming meatball, lefse, or cookie preparation days at the hall. All donations will be very much appreciated!

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 19 at 10:30 AM, hosted by **Sonja Flanagin**. Bring a sandwich and join us.

Beste hilsen,
Duane Adams, Solveig Club President

Membership Update

Unfortunately, there are no new members this month.

Our Past Due list, however, is looking much better than last month. We currently have only three members on the list. Thank you to our members who have paid, and please pay your dues for those remaining on the list.

Sons of Norway International has cancelled one member for non-payment of dues: **Denise O'Connor**. We are sorry to lose her as a member but she will be reinstated by International if and when she pays dues.

Our lodge currently has 268 members including Juvenile Members with active insurance.

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

Coin March Donations

We have changed back to our previous way of collecting donations during the business meeting Coin March. The "piggy banks" we have been using were cute, however, there was much confusion around which pig to use for coins and which to use for paper money, and it was very difficult to actually get the money out of the pigs.

Coins and paper money are separated for different accounts – coins are donated to Camp Norge and paper money is donated to the Sons of Norway Foundation. Each October, the Lodge Treasurer, **Mike Block**, sends the year's collection to the appropriate organization.

We were originally told that using the pigs was a request from the District; however, it was actually an informal request made during the District Six Convention to help support the SON Foundation. Nordahl Grieg Lodge has supported the Foundation for many years; therefore, we do not need the pigs to be reminded.

The handcrafted cylindrical wooden box that we have used for years for the coin collection is currently missing; if anyone knows of its whereabouts, please let me know! It is a special piece of handwork made for our lodge and its loss is felt by many. Thank you. … *submitted by Kari Warner, Financial Secretary*

October Birthdays

2	Beverly Horner
2	John Mattson
2	Stephanie Bratton
5	John Ecklund
6	Mark Hunsbedt
7	Louisa Capp
7	Rickey Pixley
7	Paul Mehus
10	Jenevieve Schilling
14	Elizabeth Oaktree
17	Mike Block
19	Jakob Dybdahl
20	Anne Herbert
20	Lavonne Hardy
21	Sue Ellen Laurie
21	Donald Hansen
23	Bob Goodenough
23	Brendan Mcvey
23	Martin Alkire
24	Leland Bjerkhoel
25	Miles Macdiarmid
27	Paul Crawford
28	Darrell Brekke
31	Jessyca Bratton

Gratulerer med dagen!

News About Members

HAPPY NEWS

Congratulations to our newest grandparents – **Meg Laycock** and **John Stubblebine**! **Declan James Laycock** was born on September 6 and is doing well, as is the rest of the family including his older brother. Best wishes to all.

The **Alkires** – **Martin, Julie, and girls** – had a great trip to Norway this summer and enjoyed the time they spent there. We look forward to hearing about it!

The **Bjerkhoels** are on their way to *Høstfest* in Minot once again. We know they will have a great time.

The **Candelarias** took a trip to China this summer and found it very interesting.

Elaine Edwards is excited about her trip to Southern Europe – Barcelona, Italy, and Greece. Her son is accompanying her and we are looking forward to hearing all about it.

The **Everly** clan added a new member with the recent wedding of **Linnea Williams**' grandson, and **Elderid**'s great-grandson, Andrew. The wedding was in Boise, Idaho, and attended by many family members. Our best wishes to the newlyweds, who currently live in Georgia.

HEALTH NEWS

Vicki Everly is recovering from ear surgery, but after surgery experienced another allergic reaction, which was treated and has improved. She is now undergoing testing to help pinpoint the allergen.

Janie Kelly is wearing a boot to treat a stress fracture of her left foot. She seemed to be doing pretty well preparing the delicious food served at the Western Barbecue Social. Take it easy, Janie, to let that foot heal.

We miss seeing two of our favorite members, **Egil and Grace Larsen**. At age 93 and 95, they don't drive anymore. Egil recently had his pacemaker checked and says "it is doing good," but Grace is having some heart issues. We think of both of you often and send our love.

Kathy Whitesel had a lumpectomy this past month and has recovered very well. The pathology report was negative for cancer. We are pleased with that news and glad you are doing so well, Kathy.

CONDOLENCES

To **Marjorie Habenicht** on the recent loss of her brother who lived in Minnesota. Marjorie has traveled back to the Midwest to be with family at this difficult time.

IN MEMORIAM

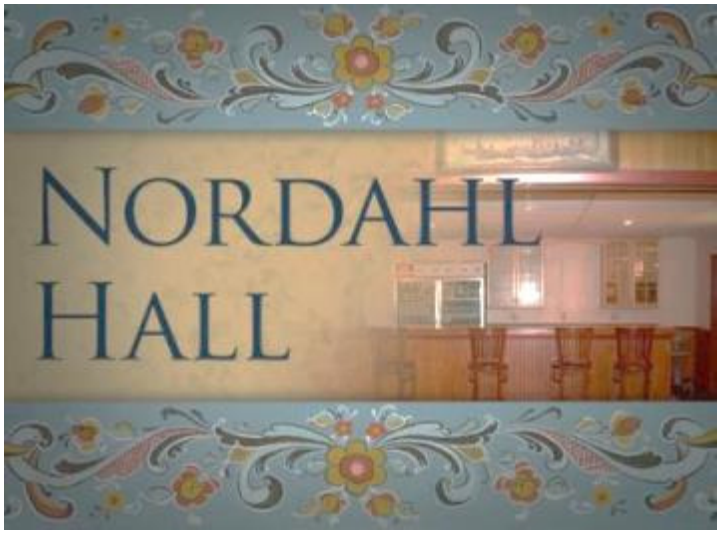
Lane Tronson was 90 years old when he recently died. A native of North Dakota, he grew up in Idaho and Washington. He joined our lodge in 1991, so was a member for 25 years. We extend our sympathy to his wife and family in their loss of their loved one.

Fraternally,
Shirley Shoup, Sunshine Chairperson

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

October Cultural Presentation

Bruce Fihe will present **"Norwegian Culture through Stamps, Part 2"** beginning at 7:15 PM immediately before the October 14 business meeting. This is a different presentation than the one Bruce presented to the lodge a few years ago and continues to demonstrate how one can learn about Norwegian culture and heritage by studying the stamps of Norway. Please plan to attend!

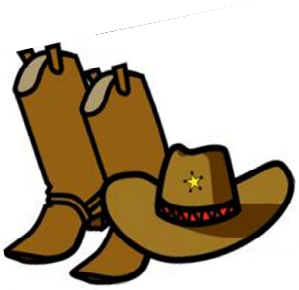


Planning a Party or Special Event?

Welcome to Nordahl Hall Banquet & Meeting Center
Perfect for weddings, parties, meetings and more!
Convenient Campbell–Los Gatos Location
Contact: Viking Property Management at 408-909-9055

Lend a Hand on Sunday, October 9

It's once again time to roll up our sleeves and spruce up the hall in preparation for our annual lutefisk dinner. There are lots of tasks to complete… and we need your help. Please plan to join us on Sunday, October 9. We will start at 9:00 AM, but come when you can. As always, lunch will be provided. Thank you so much! If you have questions, please contact **Larry Hulberg** at ***lwhulberg@gmail.com*** or 408-813-2615.



Western BBQ

The September social was a western BBQ hosted by **Janie and Pat Kelly**. The event was well attended with more than 80 guests, including visitors from **Bjørnson Lodge** in Oakland. It seems the word has spread about the good food and fellowship at this annual event.

Janie and Pat handled everything from set-up and cooking to clean-up. This was a bit of a challenge for Janie, who was wearing a protective boot due to a stress fracture of her foot, but she got it all done and even seemed to enjoy the event. Guests were served scrumptious tri-tip and chicken (barbecued to perfection by Chef Pat), along with baked beans, bread, and salad. **Kari Warner** handled reservations and welcomed guests. **Dave Melius** and **Claire Smyth** handled the always popular bar with aplomb. There were many helpers in the kitchen, especially **Barbara Shoup**.

We had cake to celebrate **Kristen and Mark Hunsbedt**, who are expecting a baby in late October. Several members brought baby gifts which were well received.

Thanks to everyone who helped, most especially Janie and Pat, who made this another great event. *Mange tusen takk til dere!* *…submitted by Larry Hulberg*

The **"Lutefisk Mailing Party"** was a resounding success! With all the willing helpers who attended, everything was done in two hours!

I want to say *Tusen Takk* to our volunteers: **Shirley Shoup**, **Kari Warner**, **Ginny Hansen**, **Judy Purrington**, **Marsha Owen**, **Homer and June Stennes**, and **Cassie, Svea, and Skyla Leventon**. And a special *Tusen Takk* to **Dave Melius** and **Russ Behel** for computer and printer support.

Fraternally,

Barbara Shoup, Lutefisk Dinner Tickets/Publicity Chair

2016 Lutefisk & Meatball Dinner Preparations

The Lutefisk is Coming! It's once again time to start planning for our annual Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner. This is a great tradition for our lodge and an important fundraiser, but we need your help to make it happen.

Please contact the chairpersons listed below to let them know you're willing to help. Calling or e-mailing in advance makes it easier to plan. This includes the many young people who turn out each year to serve. We need to hear from you in advance, so we know who we can count on. **If you don't know where you're needed, contact Victoria Slama** (Volunteer Coordinator). Many thanks!!

General Chairpersons

Larry Hulberg (408) 813-2615
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Harry & JoAnn Bjerkhoel (707) 966-0219
buddyeste@gmail.com

Volunteer Coordinator

Victoria Slama (831) 359-5887
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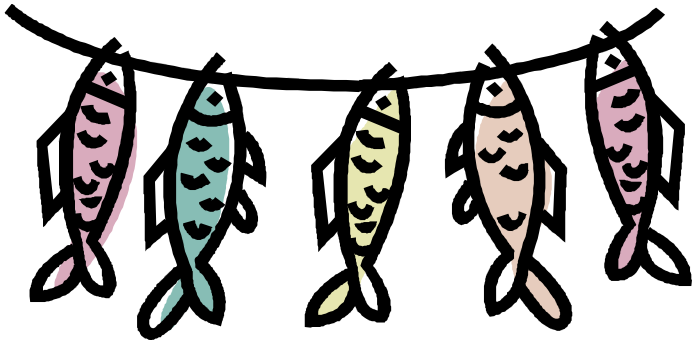

Mark your Calendar!

November 6 (Sunday) – Meatball Making
November 12 &13 (Sat/Sun) – Lefse Making
November 27 & 28 (Sun/Mon) – Cookie Making
November 30 (Wed) – Hall Setup
December 1 (Thurs) – Table Setting
December 2 & 3 (Fri/Sat) – Lutefisk Dinner
December 4 (Sunday) – Hall Clean-up

Please see Committee Chairs listed below for contact information. Thanks!

Student Volunteers! We can provide community service hours — students just need to bring paperwork with them and the committee chair will verify the student's hours and sign their paperwork that day.

Committee	Chairperson	Telephone	E-mail Address
Tickets/Publicity	Barbara Shoup	(408) 406-0502	bshoup33@gmail.com
Hall Decoration	Kathy Whitesel	(408) 258-2562	saxonytarn@aol.com
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Cookies	Sheryl Hawes	(925) 997-1698	Sheryl.hawes@att.net
Lefse	Elderid & Vicki Everly	(650) 961-9817	vicki.everly2@gmail.com
Meatballs	Janie Kelly	(408) 559-6563	janiekelly6@aol.com
Potato Crew	Andy Hunsbedt	(408) 353-3673	anstein@msn.com
Kitchen Crew	Victoria Slama	(831) 359-5887	victoria_slama@baymoon.com
Lutefisk Crew	Harry Bjerkhoel	(707) 966-0219	buddyeste@gmail.com
Table Setting	Duane Adams	(831) 479-4376	duane@startmail.com
Dining Room	Kate & Don Slama	(408) 243-1592	kateslama@att.net
Solveig Bazaar	Vicki Everly	(510) 501-0417	vicki.everly2@gmail.com
Music	Harry & Leland Bjerkhoel	(707) 966-0219	buddyeste@gmail.com
Parking	Mark Hunsbedt	(408) 206-0351	markhunsbedt@hotmail.com
Recycling	Kathy Whitesel	(408) 258-2562	saxonytarn@aol.com
Hall Clean-up	Harry Bjerkhoel Larry Hulberg	(707) 966-0219 (408) 813-2615	buddyeste@gmail.com lwhulberg@gmail.com

2016 Annual Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner

Nordahl Hall – 580 W. Parr Avenue, Los Gatos, CA

			Nordahl Grieg Members		Non-Members
Friday, December 2					
Early Diner's Special	1st Seating	3:30 PM	$17.00	DONATION	$22.00
	2nd Seating	5:30 PM	$22.00		$27.00
	3rd Seating	7:30 PM	$22.00		$27.00
Saturday, December 3					
Early Diner's Special	1st Seating	3:30 PM	$17.00		$22.00
	2nd Seating	5:30 PM	$22.00		$27.00
	3rd Seating	7:30 PM	$22.00		$27.00

Special reduced children's prices: Children 6-12 years – $8.00 Under 6 years – free

Invitation to Dance – Diners from all seatings (both Friday and Saturday) are invited to participate in the entertainment and dancing on Saturday night beginning at approximately 9:00 PM.

Visit the Solveig Club Bazaar – The Solveig Club will host its bazaar and raffle on both Friday and Saturday. Stop by and see their unique selection of Scandinavian items, baked goods, and "white elephant" treasures. Doors open each day at 3:00 PM and close promptly at 9:00 PM. Please bring cash or checks for the bazaar and raffle... sorry, no credit cards are accepted.

Participate in Nordahl Grieg's Community Outreach – please bring non-perishable food donations to benefit a local food bank. We will also be happy to collect your extra 2017 calendars for delivery to our veterans at the Palo Alto VA Hospital.

Join Now and Enjoy Member Prices – Join the Nordahl Grieg Lodge #52 and get member prices for Lutefisk Dinner tickets. Have fun all year! **Call Barbara Shoup at (408) 406-0502 for membership information.**

RESERVATIONS – All reservations MUST be made by mail. You may make copies of the reservation coupon below for your friends. Please be sure to indicate your first and second choice of seating times.

NO reservations will be accepted if postmarked before October 15. Any mail received before this date will be returned.

PLEASE INCLUDE A SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE to mail your tickets.
Please mail your reservation form together with your check or money order PAYABLE TO: Nordahl Grieg Lodge #52
Barbara Shoup, 814 Maryann Drive #2, Santa Clara, CA 95050-5057

QUESTIONS? Please call Barbara at (408) 406-0502

Invite a friend!

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2016 Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner Reservation Coupon

Please indicate your FIRST and SECOND CHOICE of seating times

Friday, December 2	_____	1st Seating	3:30 PM	*Early Diner's Special*
	_____	2nd Seating	5:30 PM	
	_____	3rd Seating	7:30 PM	
Saturday, December 3	_____	1st Seating	3:30 PM	*Early Diner's Special*
	_____	2nd Seating	5:30 PM	
	_____	3rd Seating	7:30 PM	

Name: _____ **Phone:** ( ) _____

Email Address: _____

# of adult members: _____ # of non-member adults: _____ # of children 6-12: _____ # of children under 6: _____

TOTAL AMOUNT of check enclosed: $ _____ **PLEASE NOTE: there will be NO REFUNDS**

Mail to: Barbara Shoup, 814 Maryann Drive #2, Santa Clara, CA 95050-5057
DO NOT MAIL BEFORE OCTOBER 15 ▪ Please include a self-addressed stamped envelope

Blood Donation Olympics

Sponsored by
Stanford Blood Center & Nordahl Grieg Lodge

When

Saturday, October 22, 2016
10:00am - 3:00pm
(Note: you must check-in by 3:00pm)

Where

Nordahl Hall
580 W. Parr Ave., Los Gatos, CA

To Schedule an Appointment: www.sbcdonor.org (use sponsor code 2432)

"Olympic" game rules:
Guess on the time it will take you to donate 1 unit of blood.
The closer you guess, the better your score!
The first 5 donors who guess within 10 seconds of their actual time **win a $50 Amazon Gift Card!**

For More information:
Stanford Blood Center
(650) 723-7831
Make sure to reference the Olympics.

Hot Food & Beverages will be served all day.

STANFORD BLOOD CENTER
Give blood for life!

Special Gift: AMC movie tickets and other awesome give-aways!

Blood Donors Wanted!

Connections ...ways to connect with your Norwegian heritage

Norwegian Folk Dance Weekend at Camp Norge – October 21-23. Join in a relaxing weekend of music, dancing, and socializing at beautiful Camp Norge. **Mikkel Thompson** and **Ginny Lee** will teach dances from Drevje, Hallingdal, and Nordland. **Toby Weinberg** will offer music instruction in fiddle and *hardingfele* (*Hardanger* fiddle). Parties on Friday and Saturday nights will include plenty of fun dances from all over Norway. No partners are necessary; we mix and match as needed for trio and couple dancing. See the flyer at ***http://www.ngls.net/CampNorgeStevne.htm***. For more information, contact **Meg Laycock** at 408-255-2111 or ***meg@jstub.com***.

Bjornson Lodge (Oakland) Lutefisk Dinner – Saturday, November 5. Social hour is at 6 PM with dinner at 7 PM. Music by Harry Bjerkhoel. Cost is $25 for adults; pre-paid reservations required by October 30. Please mail to **Nancy Eikeberg**: 2211 Coloma Street, Oakland, CA 94602.

Work Party at Camp Norge – November 12-13. It is time to winterize Camp Norge (oh, where did the summer go!). Free lodging, lunch and dinner on Saturday, and breakfast on Sunday. Please RSVP to **Fred Hymans** at 916-412-3797. Contact **Susan Winje** for room accommodations at ***susan.winje@campnorge.org***. Fun and camaraderie guaranteed!

Norwegian Folk Dancing – Wednesdays at 7:30 PM – Masonic Hall, 880 Church Street, one block off Castro, Mountain View. Everyone is welcome, whatever your experience level. Enjoy live music, friendly folks, and lots of fun! For info, contact **Meg Laycock** at 408-255-2111 or ***meg@jstub.com***.

TELL US ABOUT ACTIVITIES AND IDEAS TO CONNECT WITH OUR NORWEGIAN HERITAGE!

VIEW NORDAHL GRIEG ACTIVITY PHOTOS at ***www.nordahl-grieg.org*** and ***www.facebook.com/Nordahl.Grieg.***

Fun at Camp Norge – Northern California Kretsstevne

Members of Northern California Sons of Norway lodges, including Nordahl Grieg Lodge, gathered at Camp Norge during the Labor Day weekend for the annual event known as the *Kretsstevne*. The literal translation of this word comes out something like "the summoning of the circle," but a looser translation (and more in the spirit of the event) is "gathering of the clans." Some folks camped in tents; others brought large and small RV's and trailers; and some stayed in the dorms or cozy cabins. Folks who didn't feel like cooking could sign up for one or more meals that were provided by volunteer lodges. (In past years, Nordahl Grieg Lodge has provided a barbecue dinner on Saturday night.)

Camp Norge has a swimming pool, and there are hiking trails around the camp. There was a horseshoe tournament (won by a member of the Bjerkhoel extended family) and on Saturday night, a dance with music by **Leland Bjerkhoel** and friends. Sunday afternoon a large flock of kids materialized from somewhere for organized games in the meadow. For grown-ups, the weekend included wine tasting, a craft sale, and a couple of cooking sessions where we made *lefse* and *æbelskivers*. Lots of people just relaxed and visited among the campsites and maybe took long naps to recover from their usual fast-paced routines. It was a great opportunity to meet Sons of Norway members from other areas and find out what sorts of things their lodges are involved in.

Kretsstevne is a fun getaway weekend, great for families, and a blue-eyed bargain. The camp is owned and managed by Sons of Norway District 6, and camping fees are very modest for members. Start planning now for next Labor Day! Or celebrate the beginning of summer by going to Camp Norge for the Memorial Day weekend – but we'll talk about that in another issue. *…submitted by Meg Laycock*

Unearthed Tomb Indicates Viking Gender Equality

A unique archeological discovery in southwest Denmark reveals stunning new insights about the social status and travels of Viking men and women. Initially unearthed in 2012 as part of an excavation for a highway, the site in Hårup is now known to be a Viking burial ground – complete with a wooden structure identified as a Viking *dødehus*, or death house.

The graves within the *dødehus* belong to a man and woman of high social status and date to 950 AD. A third grave, which appears to have been added to the main structure later on, belonged to a man. Laid to rest within a wagon – a known practice for Viking women of noble birth – the female Viking was buried with a pair of keys. As physical symbols of her status and power within the household, researchers believe the keys signify her importance within the family. In addition, archeologists were pleased to discover that one of the keys in her possession matches the lock to a rare small shrine in the *dødehus*.

While other excavations in Denmark have yielded indications (grave gifts, lavish clothing) of the elite status that some Viking women may have held, this particular site boasts an important and unique distinction: The couple was buried in the tomb together. "It's very special that the man and woman's graves are marked by the same tomb or palisade. It's unusual that we're able to establish that the man and woman were equals with such certainty," said excavation leader Kirsten Nelleman Nielsen in an interview with Science Nordic. In fact, Nielsen and her team believe the remains are likely those of a pair of rulers, and that the third grave may have belonged to their successor.

In addition to the potential implications on Viking social status, researchers were also excited to discover that some of the items contained in the tomb point to international influences. The grave at Hårup contains Baltic ceramics and silver coins from what is now Afghanistan, reinforcing the far-reaching connections made by Viking men and women of the time.

…from SON Newsletter Service

Volunteers Needed!

Help us Prepare the Lutefisk Dinner Menu…

- **MEATBALLS… Sunday, November 6…** preparation begins at 7:30 AM… and should finish by 2 PM.
- **LEFSE… Saturday & Sunday, November 12 & 13…** prep will begin each day at 8:30 AM… and should finish by 4 PM each day.
- **COOKIES… Sunday & Monday, November 27 & 28…** prep begins each day at 8:30 AM… and should finish by 3 or 4 PM each day.

Please see page 5 of this *Tidende* for committee chair contact information.

Nordahl Hall – Love Your Lodge

Support 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…"*
Donations can be made at any time.

Love Your Lodge Support Levels

Platinum	**$1,000**	**Silver**	**$250**
Gold	**$500**	**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
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.

The 50th Anniversary Give Together

October is Foundation Month, an excellent time to give back to a part of the organization that gives so much. Giving to the Foundation means helping students pay for college, lodges engaging their communities, and more.

This year is an especially exciting one for the Foundation: its 50th anniversary! To celebrate, the Foundation is challenging lodges to raise $50,000 together to help secure a bright future for the next 50 years. In that spirit, here are a few simple tips ways you can raise money:

- Collect your spare change. You'd be amazed how quickly the spare change we accumulate can add to make a big difference.
- Cash in your recyclables. Did you know some of the stuff you might have lying around your home can be worth big bucks? Printer cartridges and aluminum cans can raise much needed money for the Foundation.
- Structure your Sons of Norway financial product. By designating the Foundation as a recipient on your financial product, you're maximizing your donation with minimal effort. Consult your Financial Benefits Counselor to find out how.

Want to learn how you can make a difference for the Foundation? Corrie Knutson, SON's foundation director, is here to help! Contact her at 800-945-8851 or ***foundation@sofn.com***.

....condensed from SON Newsletter Service

Membership Name Badges (Pins)

It's time to remind members, new and old, that SON name badges are ordered only on request. The first pin is free of charge. Should you lose or damage your pin, and need a replacement, you will be charged $5.

Please let me know if you would like a pin ordered. *Takk!*

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

Love Your Lodge Donations

Platinum Level

In Memory of Elmer Graslie
Clara Graslie (donation, Jan 2016)
In Memory of Ann Smestad
Linda & Ron Smestad (donation, Aug 2015)
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)

Gold Level

Donald Slama (donation, June 2014)

Bronze Level

Shelley Curtis (donation, April 2016)
In memory of Shirley Hansen
Solveig Club (donation, April 2016)
Don Slama (donation, April 2016)
In Memory of Clarian Pintacura
Anne Herbert (donation, Feb 2016)
In Memory of Clarian Pintacura
Alan Pintacura (donations, Nov 2015 and Nov 2014)
In memory of Noel Whaley
Sydney Whaley (donation, April 2015)
Duane Adams (donation, Feb 2015)
Bob Goodenough (donation, Feb 2015)
Victoria Slama (donation, Feb 2015)
In Memory of Hank (Elmer) Graslie
Sharon & Daniel Fisher (donation, Oct 2014)
Shirley J. Hansen (donation, June 2014)
Kate Slama (donation, June 2014)

Special Raffle Donation

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

Tusen Takk for your support!

Donations made before March 2014 are not listed. Please view past issues of *Tidende* to see the donors and honorees from earlier contributions. *Takk!*

a little in English...

Young Norwegian women sought freedom in New York

Emigration from Norway drew to an end in the period between the world wars, but people from the Agder counties continued to seek their fortune all the way into the 1960s. Almost half of the emigrants were young, unmarried women. Siv Ringdal from the Institute for Cultural Studies and Oriental Languages at the University of Oslo has tracked down and interviewed 21 of them as part of her doctoral thesis.

"For many it was an act of liberation. Many of them describe this as the best time of their life, even if it was a difficult transition. There was actually nobody who said that they did not enjoy it, Ringdal said to *forskning.no*.

Two thirds live in the US: Most of those who Ringdal interviewed were from 17 up to their early 20s when they left farms and towns of southern Norway for the worldly metropolis of New York. Today the women are between 70 and 90 years old.

Ringdal has done fieldwork both in Norway and on the east coast of the USA, where most of those who stayed here settled down. Seven of the women returned home upon marrying, while 14 remained in the States.

Norwegian colony in Brooklyn: Most of the young women who came over visited the Norwegian enclave in Brooklyn before finding a job as a maid there or in Manhattan. Many encountered a steep learning curve. They were thrown into work life and couldn't speak English in the beginning. But through their jobs they became acquainted with American culture.

The women experienced this as liberating in many ways. They were used to food rationing in post-war Norway and came to New York with hand-sewn and mended clothing. Now they had gained independence and earned money to spend on what they wanted.

Treasure chest of memories: Although no one Ringdal interviewed had a bad time in the States, some of them moved back to the Old Country anyway. It was an era of their lives that they view with nostalgia.

They came home with huge loads of furniture and all of the comforts they could take with them. They had kept dresses, jewelry, and pictures of that time that they store in boxes and trunks. They also brought home recipes for American dishes that they had served while there. But for those who stayed in the U.S., their memories of Norway serve as mementos. "They have a more nostalgic view of the Norway that they left. They have the need to show that they still remember Norwegian recipes and served me meatballs and cream cake when I came to interview them," says Ringdal.

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Norske jenter dro til New York for å bli frigjort

Utvandringen fra Norge tok slutt i mellomkrigstiden, men fra Agderfylkene fortsatte nordmenn å søke lykken helt frem til utpå sekstitallet. Nesten halvparten av utvandrerne var unge, ugifte kvinner. Siv Ringdal, fra Institutt for kulturstudier og orientalske språk ved Universitetet i Oslo, har sporet opp og intervjuet 21 av dem som del av sin doktorgrad.

– For mange var det et frigjøringsprosjekt. Mange av dem betegner dette som den beste tiden i deres liv, selv om det var en hard omstilling. Det var faktisk ingen som sa de ikke trivdes, sier Ringdal til forskning.no.

To tredeler bor i USA: De fleste Ringdal intervjuet var fra 17 år og til i starten av 20-årene da de dro fra bygder og byer på Sørlandet til verdensmetropolen New York. I dag er kvinnene mellom 70 og 90 år gamle.

Ringdal har gjort feltarbeid både i Norge og på østkysten av USA, der de fleste som ble værende, bosatte seg. Syv av kvinnene vendte hjem til Norge da de giftet seg, mens 14 ble boende i statene.

Norsk koloni i Brooklyn: De fleste av jentene som dro over var innom det norske eksilmiljøet i Brooklyn, før de fikk jobb som hushjelp der eller i Manhattan. Mange fikk en bratt læringskurve. De ble kastet ut i arbeidslivet og kunne ikke engelsk i starten. Men gjennom jobben ble de kjent med amerikansk kultur.

Kvinnene opplevde det som frigjørende på mange måter. De var vant med rasjonering av matvarer i etterkrigs-Norge og kom til New York med hjemmesydde og omsydde klær. Nå fikk de selvstendighet og tjente penger som de kunne bruke på akkurat det de ville.

Skattkiste av minner: Selv om ingen av dem Ringdal intervjuet mistrivdes i statene, flyttet likevel noen tilbake til gamlelandet. For dem er dette en epoke i livet som de har et nostalgisk syn på.

De kom med store flyttelass med møbler og all den komforten de kunne få med seg. De har tatt vare på kjoler, smykker og bilder fra denne tiden, som de oppbevarer i kister og skrin. De tok med seg matoppskrifter på amerikanske matretter som de serverte. Men de som ble igjen i USA har ofte ikke tatt vare på slike minner. – De har i stedet et mer nostalgisk syn på det Norge de forlot. De har behov for å vise at de fortsatt husker norske oppskrifter, og serverte meg kjøttkaker og bløtkake da jeg kom for å intervjue dem, forteller Ringdal.

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Nov 8	Election Day… remember to vote!
Nov 12-13	Lefse Making
Nov 24	Happy Thanksgiving!
Nov 27-28	Cookie Making
Nov 30	Hall Setup
Dec 1	Table Setting
Dec 2-3	Annual Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner
Dec 4	Hall Clean-up

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