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En hilsen fra Presidenten

Kjære Venner (Dear Friends),

Well 2016 is almost over, and with it goes my first full year as your President. This year we have lost some valued lodge members and gained some new ones. We even had a new lodge member join us by being born, which doesn't happen too often, so it's always a special occasion when it does. We had many wonderful social events this year, most notably our 70th Anniversary Dinner. We have such a strong history in our lodge and will continue to have a strong future ahead of us. My hope is in the next year we can use the strong foundation that has been created in our long history to try a few new things to bring some of our less active members back into regularly attending members.

As I have said before, I love all the friendships I have gained by being part of Sons of Norway as a member of our Nordahl Grieg Lodge. I look forward to fostering those friendships and gaining new ones through actives in our lodge. If anyone has any suggestions as to what they would like to see us try over the next year, please let me know. Remember this is YOUR lodge and I am here to listen to all the members as to what they want to see. We might not always agree, but we can all try new things together and see what works and what doesn't.

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AGENDA ALERT

There is no business meeting in December but we hope to see everyone at the Lutefisk Dinner on December 2 and 3.

Merry Christmas to all our members and friends!

Coming up in early 2017 at Nordahl Hall…

- **Sunday, January 8 at 2:00 – Installation of 2017 Lodge Officers (see page 3)**
- **Friday, January 13 at 7:30 PM – Business meeting**
- **Saturday, February 18 at 6 PM – Lodge Anniversary Dinner (see page 7)**

On another note, we had some suspicious email come from the *president@nordahl-grieg.org* email address. Please remember that I am unable to send out ANY email from that address. After several members contacted me about emails they received, we have disabled the president email address until further notice. If anyone needs to get in touch with me by email, please contact me at ***laura.porter@rocketmail.com***.

I am looking forward to another year as your President.

Fraternally,
Laura Porter, President

Nyheter Fra Solveig Club

At the time of this report, we are in the final week of busy preparations for the Lutefisk Dinner and Bazaar.

If you receive your *Tidende* prior to the dinner, we encourage you to stop by and shop among the 100's of items available at our ***Lutefisk Dinner Bazaar***. We're also featuring fresh *julekake* and rye bread, along with homemade lefse and cookies for your family's *julebord*.

Regardless of when you read your *Tidende*, we want to say *mange tusen takk* to everyone who supported our Lutefisk Dinner Bazaar – the shoppers, raffle ticket buyers and volunteer workers! It is always a great success! Your purchases benefit the Solveig Club Scholarship Fund to help send youngsters to language heritage camp and help college students with their expenses. *Tusen Takk!*

We're now taking a break for the remainder of the year. We'll resume business on Wednesday, January 18, 2017, with a meeting and potluck luncheon beginning at 10:30 am. Please join us.

Med beste ønsker for en god jul og godt nytår.

Beste hilsen,
Duane Adams, Solveig Club President

December Birthdays

5	Marilyn Nelson
6	Sally Mercado
9	Kevin Pinson
9	Kris Brekke
9	Marcia Corcoran
10	Shirley Shoup
11	Judith Lund
14	Robert Lindblom
14	Earl Thygeson
17	Steven Hawes
17	Robert Mulvany
20	Barbara Shoup
23	Lois Bertelson
25	Jesusa Bjerkhoel
27	William Alkire
28	Gunnar Heistein
31	Donald Slama
31	Vidar Dallokken

Heritage Birthdays

15	Alec Magiera
24	Savannah Kramer

Gratulerer med dagen!

Membership Update

We welcome one new member this month:

Kristine Goldberg Estensen
15100 Fawndale Drive, Los Gatos, CA 95032
408-712-4583 ***kristinegoldie@comcast.net***

Holiday Hint: Why not purchase a membership for your relative as a Christmas gift this year! See page 6 of this *Tidende* for more information.

The following members have cancelled their membership:

- **Joan Kyle –** moved to Southern California years ago.
- **Rickey Pixley** – he lives in Sacramento.
- **Clara Rodrigues** – her membership was suspended for non-payment of dues. We lost contact with Clara several months ago. She was living in a senior facility in Morgan Hill and they would not provide any information about her when we called.

Our lodge has 265 members including Juvenile Members with insurance.

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

News About Members

Just a short report this month…

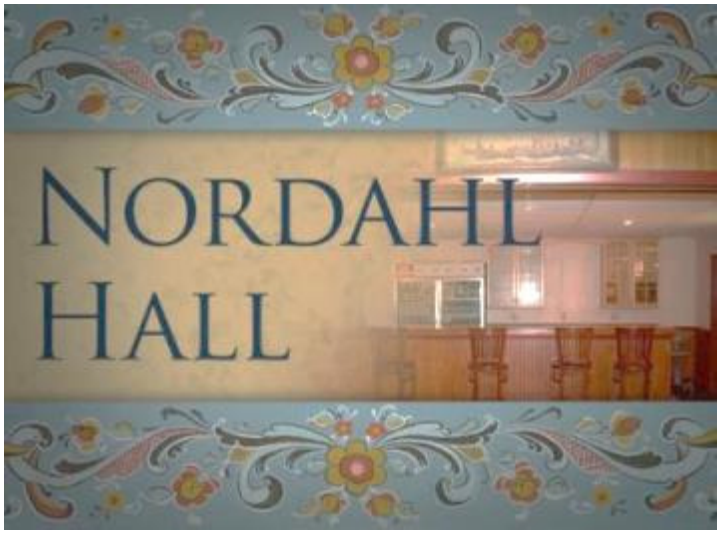
Richard Candelaria had a knee replacement and is recovering nicely at home under the care of wife, **Harriet**. He will be good as new soon and ready to do some traveling.

Elderid Everly had yet another "tumble." No broken bones, but damaged the skin on her arm for which she is receiving care from the Wound Clinic at Kaiser. She reports the area is healing very nicely. It was good to see her for lunch on Lefse-making Saturday. She would have loved rolling some of that good stuff.

Our friend and frequent visitor from Bjornson Lodge, **Glenn Riddervold**, had an accident in his back yard and suffered a good deal of soft tissue damage to his right leg. He eventually ended up in the hospital for antibiotic treatment and hopefully will be able to enjoy our Lutefisk Dinner.

Stay safe and take care of yourselves so that you will have a happy holiday!
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*



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

Installation of 2017 Officers

The installation of our 2017 Lodge officers is planned for Sunday, January 8 from 2:00 to 4:40 PM at Nordahl Hall. **Janie Kelly** will be the installing officer… and fun, food, and fellowship will prevail.

Old and new officers are asked to bring a plate of open-face sandwiches to share. There will also be cake, punch, and coffee served. We look forward to your attendance and support of our incoming officers. Please remember to wear your Norwegian sweater or bunad.

2017 Nordahl Grieg Officers:

President – **Laura Porter**
Vice-President – **Karen Aaker**
Secretary – **Vicki Everly**
Co-Secretary – **Duane Adams**
Treasurer – **Mike Block**
Financial Secretary – **Kari Warner**
Tidende Co-Editors – **Vicki Everly**, **Sharee Frost**, and **Bruce Fihe**
Social Director – **Duane Adams**
Co-Social Director – **Lisa Anne Vane**
Cultural Director – **Kathy Whitesel**
Assistant Cultural Director – **Bruce Fihe**
Counselor – **position vacant**
Musician – **Marv Bertelson**
Greeters – **Virginia Hansen** and **Lisa Anne Vane**
Marshall – **position vacant**
Assistant Marshall – **Paul Nore**
First Year Trustee – **Meg Laycock**
Second Year Trustee – **Barbara Shoup**
Third Year Trustee – **position vacant**
Librarian – **Kathy Whitesel**
Historian – **Judy Purrington**

Lutefisk Notes

Janie Kelly and her amazing crew turned 375 pounds of ground beef into 8,796 meatballs in record time. Special thanks go Janie for organizing and managing the effort, **Pat Kelly** for mixing the meat (which requires a lot of strength), and **Craig Slama** for running the bar (which requires skill and experience). Yes, there were some ready for a Bloody Mary at that hour of the morning. Hey, we gained an extra hour – why not party?

Vicki Everly and **Sharon Bratton** did their usual stellar job with lefse production. For some reason, the dough was unusually sticky, which really slowed production. They got the job done but it required a lot of dedication. They had a total of 25 volunteers on Saturday and 23 on Sunday… including two friends from **Snorre Lodge**. Unfortunately, many volunteers were there for only a few hours, so the days were very long. They packaged 3,550 pieces of lefse for dinner and 104 packages (4 rounds each) for sale by the Solveig Club at the bazaar. It was great seeing **Elderid Everly** for lunch. Special thanks to our dedicated "old timers" who keep the ball rolling, especially **Anne Herbert**, **Ray Vannatta**, and **Paul Nore**.

By the time you read this, cookie production will have been completed. We hope for a good turnout. Thanks to **Sheryl Hawes** and **Leslie Jones** for managing the effort again this year. A list of the cookie volunteers will be included in next month's *Tidende*.

Thanks to the committee chairs and many volunteers who helped on these preparation days. Thanks also to **Janie Kelly** for getting the ice maker up and running. Lutefisk preparations are a great way to get our younger members involved and reconnect with old friends. If you weren't able to make it this time, start thinking about next year. Hope to see you at dinner to enjoy the fruits of your labor! *…Larry Hulberg, Lutefisk Dinner Co-Chair*

Meatball Volunteers

Janie Kelly
Patrick Kelly
Victoria Slama
Bob Goodenough
Craig Slama
Rena Slama
Adela Vestberg
Todd Griffith
Paul Griffith
Kathy Smestad
Mark Smestad
Michelle Koblas
Vicki Everly
Janet Mattison
Mary True
Larry Hulberg
Laura Hulberg
Ginny Hansen
Judy Purrington
Jeff Bennett
Billylyn Kitson

Lefse Volunteers

Astrid Alkire
Ingrid Alkire
Emily Trulson
Julie Larson
Ray Vannatta
Anne Herbert
Paul Nore
Laverne Hardy
Don Hardy
Marion Harris
Janie Kelly
Erin Harris
Jeannie Thomson
Margot Zaretzka
Karen Aaker
Marsha Owen
Judy Purrington
Harriet Candelaria
Sonja Flanagin
Genevieve Deppong
Diana Olson
Lisa Vane
Barbara Shoup
Shirley Shoup
Claire Smyth
Dave Melius
Laura Porter
Ginny Hansen
Larry Hulberg
Joyce Cosce
Duane Adams
Apryl Bratton
Sharon Bratton
Vicki Everly

Note: volunteer names are taken from the daily sign-in sheets; we apologize for any errors or omissions.

Norwegian Coconut Macaroons

Adapted from http://thanksforthefood.com/kokosmakroner/

- 4 egg whites
- 8.8 oz (250g) flaked, unsweetened coconut
- 5 oz (150g) powdered sugar
- 1.76 oz (50g) vanilla sugar

Whisk the egg whites until stiff peaks form. Add remaining ingredients and gently fold together. Do not overmix. Line a baking tray with parchment paper and spoon macaroon mixture onto the tray. Cook in 350°F oven for 10-12 minutes.

Connections ...ways to connect with your Norwegian heritage

Annual Crab Feed – Saturday, January 28 from 6 to 9 PM at **Snorre Lodge** at 1808 B Street in Hayward. Enjoy salad, spaghetti, garlic bread, crab, and dessert. Early Bird payment before December 10 is $45; $50 between December 11 and January 13. Contact **Jeannie Thomson** at **510-656-3549**.

Host Families Needed for Danish Exchange Students – Danish students, age 18 to 21, are coming to West Valley College from February 25 to March 25 and are in need of host homes. For more information, contact **Cameron** at **510-505-4725**.

New Scandinavian Cooking – KQED broadcasts two episodes in December of this culinary travel show:

- ✓ Saturday, December 10 at 8:30 AM – ***Eat Like The Vikings*.** Like the Vikings, Chef Andreas travels by boat to the islands of Lofoten, where he prepares a traditional cod dish. He visits a historical Norse settlement in the high north, and at a replica of a thousand-year-old long house, he makes beef ribs over an open fire, Viking style. Barley is the grain of the north, so he prepares a Norwegian barley and beetroot risotto with goat cheese.
- ✓ Saturday, December 31 at 8:30 AM – ***Northern Sea Passage***. Chef Andreas travels north on the Coastal Express. He makes an apple-stuffed roast of lamb in the lush fjords of western Norway, and in the bacalao capital of the north he prepares the dry and salted cod. On the fields of Troms, he makes a plain potato dish. Also featured are dumplings with reindeer meat inspired by the Sami people and Russian influences.

Norwegian Folk Dancing – Wednesdays at 7:30 PM at the Masonic Hall, 890 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
www.nordahl-grieg.org
www.facebook.com/Nordahl.Grieg

The January *Tidende* will include lists of volunteers helping out during the entire "lutefisk week" (from cookies… to the dinner… to cleanup) plus more photos of lutefisk related activities.

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.

Give the Gift of Sons of Norway this Christmas

Do you have a loved one who is looking for a way to connect with their Norwegian roots? Maybe a friend who's interested in exploring Nordic cooking? Consider giving a membership to Sons of Norway this holiday season. As you know, there's so much to being a Sons of Norway member – whether it's connecting with fellow Norwegians in the lodge or exploring the culture on their own, your loved ones will fuel their interests with a Sons of Norway membership.

A gift membership to Sons of Norway opens up a world of benefits for its recipients: like the outstanding Viking magazine, a welcoming network of lodges, cultural programs that introduce Norwegian arts and crafts, or valuable discounts on things like airfare, hotels, and so much more. How many other holiday gifts can give so much?

A gift membership doesn't only benefit its recipient; it's great for your lodge. Giving a membership to a loved one is a great way to introduce them to your lodge, especially if they aren't already familiar with Sons of Norway. In fact, many people who've been given gift memberships across the organization have gone on to be long-term members of lodges.

If you're interested in giving a gift membership, contact **Sherry Gorse**, Membership Services Coordinator at **800-945-8851**.

… from SON Newsletter Service

Julenisse sighting in Norway…

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

In memory of Minnie Munson
Jane & Tom Marshburn & Laura Porter (donation, Oct 2016)

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!*

Genealogy Links

At the November business meeting, **Marsha Owen** provided an informative presentation about genealogy and shared valuable information gleaned while conducting research on her family. For those interested in learning more about their own family history, Marsha offers the following web links that may help you get started or dig a little deeper:

Cultural Skills genealogy booklet.
https://www.sofn.com/_asset/7kcp99/CS5_finalR.pdf

Free Genealogy Software.
http://www.familytreemagazine.com/article/family_tree_software

Family History Forms.
https://www.easyfamilyhistory.com/learning-center/free-charts-a-forms

Fill in the Blank Online Forms.
http://www.mymcpl.org/genealogy/family-history-forms

Norway Look Up Volunteers for Bygdeboker.
http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wgnorway/lookups.html

Digitalarkivet: Digitized and scanned Norwegian records.
http://arkivverket.no/arkivverket/Digitalarkivet

Familysearch: FREE! Lots of educational info and records. *www.familysearch.com*

Cyndi's List for Norwegian resources.
http://www.cyndislist.com/norway/general/

Recordseek: Connects the pages you find on the internet to your ancestry or Familysearch tree and they cite it for you.
https://recordseek.com/

Local Latter-day Saints (LDS) Family History Centers: Santa Clara-Norwegian assistance every Wednesday. http://tinyurl.com/jk2z3jm
https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Santa_Clara_California_Family_History_Center

Oakland LDS Family History Center: This one is much bigger than in Santa Clara, but further away. There is Scandinavian assistance on some days. Contact them for more info. http://tinyurl.com/hdvhp4s
https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Oakland_California_FamilySearch_Library

Ancestry.com: There is a membership fee but you can use the free library copies at the LDS Family History Centers and possibly in the public library. *www.ancestry.com*

MyHeritage genealogy site: There is a fee but you can use free copy at the LDS Family History Center or public library.
https://www.myheritage.com

Norway Heritage: Help with finding info about immigration and ships they traveled on, etc. *http://www.norwayheritage.com/*

Norwegian Heritage Facebook Page: A great tool! LOTS of willing volunteers help with reading old records and helping to do research. http://tinyurl.com/zf8h3td
https://www.facebook.com/groups/22802545149/

Scandinavian Records Extraction: An instructional guide to help you learn to read old Norse and other Scandinavian records. http://tinyurl.com/hfqpbzn
https://familysearch.org/eng/library/fhlcatalog/supermainframeset.asp?display=titledetails&titleno=34255&disp=Scandinavian+records+extraction

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St. Lucia Day

Celebrated across Scandinavia, St. Lucia Day marks the start of the Christmas season and a time to embrace lighter days to come. It is celebrated throughout Norway on December 13.

Though the holiday was first introduced with the spread of Christianity, many of the traditions truly took root when the holiday was readopted during the 20th century in Norway. St. Lucia is honored with parades of light during the darkest time of year.

In schools across Norway, children celebrate with holiday programs and processionals. Throughout hospitals, school buildings, and city centers one can find parades of children clad in white, handing out *Lussekatter* (Lucia cats), saffron-flavored buns, to those passing by.

As a way to enjoy the start of the holiday season, families can celebrate this holiday of hope and light by baking the traditional Lussekatter – a recipe for the buns can be found online at ***https://food52.com/recipes/8318-saffron-buns-lussekatter.***

Or, in honor of the Norwegian tradition families can join together in singing the St. Lucia Song:

Sankta Lucia (Norwegian)
Svart senker natten seg i stall og stuer.
Solen har gått sin vei, skyggene truer.
Inn i vårt mørke hus stiger med tente lys,
Sankta Lucia, Sankta Lucia!
Natten er mørk og stum. Med ett det suser
i alle tyste rom som vinger bruser.
Se på vår terskel står, hvitkledd med lys i hår,
Sankta Lucia, Sankta Lucia!

Saint Lucia (English)
Black night is falling in stables and homes.
The Sun has gone away, the shadows are threatening.
Into our dark house enters with lit candles,
Saint Lucia, Saint Lucia!
The night is dark and silent; suddenly a rush
in all quiet rooms, like the waving of wings.
See, at our threshold stands, dressed in white with lights in her hair,
Saint Lucia, Saint Lucia!

For more information about Christmas traditions in Norway, visit the Sons of Norway Information Bank in the Member Resources section of the Sons of Norway website at ***https://www.sofn.com/member_resources/cultural_programming/information_bank/.*** *… from SON Newsletter Service*

Hall Board Update

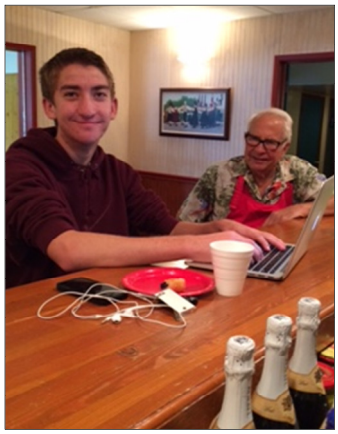
We completed several important projects this month, just in time for lutefisk and the hoped-for winter rains. The parking lot Nordahl Hall sign looks great! Thanks to **Leslie Jones** for spearheading the effort and bringing the project to a conclusion. Many considerations went into the decision-making process.

We installed a new fiberglass kitchen door which will last much longer than wood. The door required a new frame that's much stronger than the old one. The door was professionally spray painted with multiple coats. It looks and works great.

We also completed work on replacing the counter in the women's room dressing room. Thanks to **Leslie and Marlin Jones** for installing the mirror.

Fraternally,
Larry Hulberg, Hall Board President

A busy day making 8,796 meatballs (not counting those eaten for lunch)...



And, then there were two days turning 150 pounds of mashed potatoes into lefse (but only the scraps and burned ones were eaten)...

a little in English...

Why Norwegians are Driving More Slowly

Norwegian motorists have slowed their pace year after year. A wild theory has been that older drivers are slowing things down. Now researchers have studied the trend.

Several times in recent years traffic authorities have been able to determine that motorists of all ages are slowing down. Data from monitors in areas around the country with a speed limit of 80 kilometers per hour (50 miles per hour), show that the average speed has fallen by 1 kilometer per hour (0.62 mph) over the course of five years. It's not very much, but still a clear break with the tendency that traffic authorities were seeing decades earlier, which was that motorists were steadily driving faster.

Surveyed and Interviewed: Traffic researchers stood on the roadside and interviewed 204 motorists who passed the monitors. In addition, they recorded license plates and extracted data from the Motor Vehicle Registry of the 3,750 cars and car owners who passed. One of the goals of this study was to determine how much older age among motorists has had an effect on speed reduction.

Increased age is not important: "We conclude that the increased age of the drivers explains maybe 25 percent of the speed reduction. Most of the decline in speed is explained by other factors," says researcher Torkel Bjørnskau of TØI (Transportøkonomisk institutt, the Institute of Transport Economics).

One such factor is that more cars being on the roads causes motorists to slow down. Another factor is that fewer people are driving recklessly on Norwegian roads. Why there are fewer reckless drivers, researchers don't know. One possible explanation is the increase of boxes with speed counters. Another possible explanation is the increased media attention on road safety and speed.

Gender, engine size and make of car: In this study researchers also found that cars with an owner aged 35-44 were driven fastest. After that, speed sinks steadily with increasing age.

The researchers also looked at the drivers' gender. They did not find that speed held any connection with the car driver's gender. Some researchers, however, saw that cars with larger engines are driven faster than cars with small engines. And newer cars are driven faster than old cars.

litt på norsk...

Derfor kjører norske bilister stadig saktere

Norske bilister har satt ned farten år etter år. En het teori har vært at flere eldre bilførere får det til å gå saktere. Nå har forskere sett på saken.

Flere ganger de siste årene har trafikkmyndighetene kunnet konstatere at bilistene setter ned farten. Tall fra målere plassert ulike steder i landet med fartsgrense på 80 km/t, viser at snitthastigheten her har gått ned med 1 km/t i løpet av fem år. Ikke så veldig mye, men likevel et klart brudd med den tendensen trafikkmyndighetene så gjennom flere tiår tidligere, som var at bilistene kjørte stadig fortere.

Målte og intervjuet: Nå har trafikkforskere stilt seg opp i veikanten og intervjuet 204 bilister som passerte disse målepunktene. I tillegg registrerte de nummerskiltene og hentet data fra Motorvognregisteret om 3750 biler og bileiere som passerte. Ett av målene med denne studien var å slå fast hvor mye økt alder blant bilistene har hatt å si for fartsnedgangen.

Økt alder ikke viktigst: Vi konkluderer med at økt alder på bilførerne kanskje forklarer 25 prosent av fartsnedgangen. Det meste av fartsnedgangen skyldes altså andre forhold, sier forsker Torkel Bjørnskau ved TØI (Transportøkonomisk institutt). En slik faktor er at flere biler på veiene, får bilistene til å sette ned farten. En annen faktor er at færre råkjører på norske veier. Hvorfor færre råkjører, vet ikke forskerne. En mulig forklaring er stadig flere bokser med fartsmålere. En annen mulig forklaring er den økte medieoppmerksomheten på trafikksikkerhet og fart.

Kjønn, motorstørrelse og bilmerke: I denne studien fant forskerne også at biler med en eier i alderen 35-44 år blir kjørt fortest. Deretter synker hastigheten jevnt og trutt med økende alder. Forskerne så også på bilførernes kjønn. De fant ikke at farten som ble holdt hadde noen sammenheng med bilførers kjønn. Noe forskerne imidlertid så, var at biler med større motor blir kjørt raskere enn biler med liten motor. Og nyere biler blir kjørt fortere enn gamle biler.

,,,from SON Newsletter Service

Excerpted and translated from: *http://forskning.no/bil-og-trafikk-samfunn-samferdsel/2016/08/derfor-kjorer-norske-bilister-stadig-saktere*

October 2016 Business Meeting Highlights

(condensed from minutes approved in November 2016)

- Meeting called to order following a cultural presentation by **Bruce Fihe**.
- President Porter asked for a moment of silence in memory of **Lane Tronsen** followed by comments about Lane's life and contributions to the Lodge.
- Minutes of the September 2016 meeting were approved as presented Following clarification from Counselor **Shirley Shoup** about the International dues increase.
- President Porter reported that she has been talking to members about what things are working well for the lodge and suggestions for improvements. She announced that we shall have fun in the coming year.
- Financial Secretary **Kari Warner** and Treasurer **Mike Block** provided reports.
- Social Director **Kristen Hunsbedt** sent a thank you to all who attended the September social.
- Assistant Cultural Director **Bruce Fihe** reported on the October blood drive.
- Lutefisk Tickets/Publicity Chair **Barbara Shoup** reported that tickets are ready to go.
- Sunshine Chair **Shirley Shoup** provided an update on the health and welfare of various Lodge members. She also reported that the **Solveig Club** donated funds to purchase new "comfort height" toilets for the restrooms.
- Motion passed to donate up to $200 for food and paper goods for the October blood drive. The Lodge will also serve cookies and lefse.
- Motion passed to appoint **Judy Purrington** and **Jane Marshburn** for the Nominating Committee and allow the President to appoint a third member.
- October birthdays were acknowledged for those members present.

New Faucet at Camp Norge

Many members who have been to Camp Norge over the years will be familiar with the "Rec Hall" between the main house and the dorms. It perches on the hillside looking down on the swimming pool and the meadow. In recent years, since the completion of the Heritage Hall, this building is used less heavily than it once was, but it is still the focus of activities during the folk dance weekends. In addition to the dance teaching and parties, the food preparation and cleanup occur there. Many splendid banquets have come from that kitchen, followed by the associated cleanup.

Supporting that cleanup is a big commercial-style stainless steel sink with three basins and (ideally) a faucet with a long arm that rotates to reach all three sink basins. Imagine their surprise when the folk dancers arrived one Friday night to begin their dance weekend and found a regular residential-style kitchen faucet that only could dispense water into the center basin.

Various theories were proposed for why anyone would install a faucet that is not completely functional for the location, but no one really cared WHY this had happened. Everyone just wanted to be able to put water into all the sink basins. Using a bucket to fill the side basins seemed tedious and awkward. **Mike Block**, our intrepid Nordahl Grieg Lodge treasurer and long-time member of the *Leikarring*, cleverly attached a length of hose to the spigot that would allow the water to be dispensed directly into the side basins. However, this was an inelegant solution, intended to be temporary.

Recreation Board President **Fred Hymans** was sympathetic when **John Stubblebine** reported the problem, but indicated that the budget is always stretched thin at Camp Norge. He invited John to donate a faucet, particularly since John knew of the precise type needed and knew where one might be obtained.

As fond as John is of Camp Norge, he was disinclined to assume the entire cost of the faucet. And so, at this October's dance weekend, we asked participants to contribute toward the cost of a new faucet, since the folk dancers are regular users of the kitchen. Following an announcement Saturday morning, a jug was set out to receive donations. By Sunday lunch, the jug contained enough money to cover the cost of the desired faucet – plus shipping!

Within days of returning from the dance weekend, John had purchased the faucet, and he and his wife **Meg Laycock** made plans to attend the camp work weekend in November to install the faucet.

Many thanks to the attendees of the fall ***Folkedans Stevne*** for contributing to the faucet!

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Dec 4	Hall Clean-up
Dec 25	Merry Christmas!
Jan 1	Happy New Year!
Jan 8	Installation of Officers
Jan 13	Business Meeting
Jan 18	Solveig Club Meeting and Potluck Luncheon
Feb 10	Business Meeting
Feb 18	Lodge Anniversary Dinner

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