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En hilsen fra Presidenten

Kjære Venner (Dear Friends),

I hope that everyone enjoyed their summer. Now that we are well into the second half of the calendar year, the kids are back to school and, most importantly for us as a lodge, Lutefisk prep season is about to begin. The first weekend in December will be here before we know it. I look forward to having many of our Nordahl Grieg Lodge members come together once again to put on this wonderful event. Please read the information later in this *Tidende* to see how you can help.

As I have said many times before, fellowship is a vital part of Sons of Norway. **Henrik Ibsen Lodge** once again hosted the Bay Area Lodge Picnic at Henrik Ibsen Park. Many of our lodge members made it up to the forest for a day of games, food, and just hanging out with members from other lodges. Thank you, **Barbara Shoup**, for getting this wonderful picture of **Ginny Hansen**, **Meg Laycock**, **and Karen Aaker** (pictured left to right in photo) as they enjoyed the afternoon.

I encourage all Lodge members who are able to take a trip to Henrik Ibsen Park someday to enjoy the recharge you get by just getting out into nature. One of my favorite things to do anytime I'm at the park is to take a moment on the deck and just look over the magnificent view that reminds me just how small all of us are. If you are unsure about going to the Park when there isn't an official event scheduled, then make sure you plan to attend the picnic next year.

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September Agenda Alert

Business Meeting: Friday, September 8 at 7:30 PM
Social: Friday, September 22… see page 4

Besides the wonderful food that Henrik Ibsen Lodge provided, they planned many field and pool games that my little Viking, **Kai Porter** (left), always enjoys. I'm sure our Lodge's littlest Viking, **Andrew Hunsbedt** (below), will be enjoying all the picnic activities himself in a few years. From the picture, you can tell that he just wants to take off and experience all the fun.

Tusen Takk to Henrik Ibsen Lodge for hosting another wonderful picnic. I already look forward to next year!

I hope that as many Nordahl Grieg Lodge members as possible can take time to attend other lodge events throughout the year. It's important to enjoy the fellowship of our Lodge as well as the other lodges of this wonderful organization that is Sons of Norway.

Fraternally,
Laura Porter, President

The mission of Sons of Norway is to promote and to preserve the heritage and culture of Norway, to celebrate our relationship with other Nordic Countries, and provide quality insurance and financial products to our members.

Nyheter Fra Solveig Club

Congratulations to the recipients of this year's **Solveig Club College Scholarships**!

The four deserving young women are **Shiloh Curtis**, daughter of Shelley Curtis, attending MIT with a major in electrical engineering and computer science; **Morgan Frost**, daughter of Sharee Frost and granddaughter of Sharon Bratton, attending University of Skövde in Sweden for a master's degree in cognitive neuroscience; **Kristin Jones**, daughter of Leslie Jones, attending Georgia Institute of Technology with a major in computer engineering; and **Nicole Stennes**, granddaughter of Homer and June Stennes, attending San Jose State University with a major in kinesiology and dance. We wish the very best to all of these impressive young women in their future careers.

Our next meeting will be in the Solveig Room at Nordahl Hall on Wednesday, September 20, at 10:30 AM, hosted by Kari Warner. Bring a sandwich and join us!

Beste hilsen,
Duane Adams, Solveig Club President

September Birthdays

2	Elizebeth Hansen
2	Claire Smyth
2	Jack Jolly
3	Richard Candelaria
3	Richard Estensen
5	Mary Schlink
7	Jon Villarreal
8	Larry Hulberg
11	Cecelia Meyer
12	Janet Espersen
13	Jamie Bjerkhoel
15	Mary Williamson
17	Judy Purrington
19	Marvin Bertelson
21	James Basso
23	Mayvid Maclay
23	Svein Livgard
24	Janice Crawford
24	Douglas Debs
24	Janie Kelly
26	Rosalind Mulvany
27	Bruce Fihe
29	Kathleen Slama
29	Jan Overland

Gratulerer med dagen!

Membership Update

We have no new members this month. We do however have a correction for last month's new member **Carolyn Olsen**; her correct phone number is 415-260-1005.

Please note the following changes to our membership directory:

Address corrections:

Jessica Siler
1729 Wendy Street, Salem, OR 97305
Ruth Likens
125 N. Mary, Space 87, Sunnyvale, CA 94086

Phone number:

Lois and Marvin Bertelson 408-739-5958

The membership of Marcia Madson Corcoran has been suspended by SON International for non-payment of dues.

We have two long time members on the past due list. Please pay your dues, we treasure all our members.

My very *SPECIAL THANKS* goes out to **Dave Melius**. I think he has spent more time at my place than any other member ever has. Thanks to Dave's work, I'm again able to type my monthly message to the *Tidende*. My computer has been mostly down for the better part of two weeks. I still need **Russ Behel** to help/teach me how to use the beautiful *Tidende* mailing list he created. I've been working with a makeshift list using some printed and some handwritten labels and it just doesn't look very nice. I consider myself very fortunate to receive so much help from these young men.

We presently have 260 members, including Juvenile Members with active insurance.

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

2018 Officers Needed

A Nominating Committee will soon begin to recruit Nordahl Grieg Officers for 2018. Please think about raising your hand and volunteering to serve. We welcome new blood and NO experience is needed! Please contact President **Laura Porter** to learn about how you can serve this great organization.

News About Members

It's another great grandchild for **Harry and JoAnn Bjerkhoel**! In the wee hours of August 25, **Everly Grace Foley** was born. Her parents, **Alissa and Steven**, are doing quite well. But, after missing this year's Labor Day weekend at Camp Norge, they are looking forward to next year and bringing Everly to her first *Kretsstevne*. Congratulations to all!

Duane Adams had an incredible (though rainy) trip to Norway with her nieces and grand-nephews. While in Norway, however, Duane fractured her wrist in a fall while hiking the steep mountains on her grandmother's farm. She reports the pain was worth it for the spectacular view of the fjord. Duane is home now recuperating and remembering her great time.

Ray Vannatta just underwent a surgical procedure on his back. An infected tumor was removed and he will be going to the wound clinic at Kaiser for further care. Meanwhile, his daughter **Sharon** is keeping her eye on him. Get well fast, Ray!

Remember, everyone, it is time to get your flu shot!

Fraternally,
Shirley Shoup,
Sunshine Chairperson

$$ Feed the Pig $$

Introducing the Nordahl Grieg Lodge "*Feed the Pig*" fundraising campaign to benefit CAMP NORGE. Our piggy bank has a big appetite and loves to eat loose change. It's also very fond of "the green stuff." Look for our piggy bank on the refreshment table at our Lodge Socials, eager to gobble up your donations. Oink, oink and *mange tusen takk!*

Save the Date

Lodge Social

Friday, October 27th · 6:00 pm

Norwegian Cultural Heritage Pop-Up Museum

Bring and display your Norwegian heirlooms and/or your own handmade Norwegian creations, and share their stories. See demos of Norwegian handicrafts by Lodge artisans. Shop the Solveig Club mini Nordic Boutique.

Lapskaus & Lefse Dinner

(Homemade Norwegian beef stew)

NEW MEMBER RECRTUITMENT
If you can, please bring a guest who is interested in Sons of Norway. Your guest(s) will receive a free dinner and have a chance to win a prize.

Short Program about the many benefits of Sons of Norway membership

Dinner reservation and payment details will be in next month's *Tidende*.

Lodge Social • Friday, September 22

6:30 pm social in the bar • 7 pm program begins

Refreshments following the program

Warm Heart, Frozen Kebab

30-minute documentary film in English and Norwegian with English subtitles (2004)

A bright-red van battles its way through a blinding snow storm on Spitsbergen, Norway, an Arctic island not far from the North Pole. At the wheel is Iranian-born Kazem Ariaiwand. Kazem is realizing his plan to open Spitsbergen's first kebab food truck. He has purchased a run-down American army vehicle, painted it a garish red, and named it "Rød Isbjørn" (Red Polar Bear.)

By rights Kazem should have been deported long ago, but Spitsbergen, an asylum-seeker's haven, is his salvation. Kazem was denied a Norwegian residence permit, compelling him to part from his grown son, who was allowed to stay. Fearing he would never see his son again if he returned to Iran, Kazem packed a thick winter coat and made his way to Spitsbergen, choosing to live alone in freedom rather than illegally in Norway.

Although it's under Norwegian jurisdiction, the arctic archipelago of Svalbard is international territory, which means that anyone is at liberty to settle there without a passport or visa. But freedom has its price. The climate is unbelievably harsh, the terrain inhospitable in the extreme, and there are more polar bears than people.

Kazem is determined to succeed in this icy refuge. He misses his family, but won't give up. "If I can open a fast food outlet here at the North Pole," he says, "I may find happiness."

Please bring your loose change to Feed the Pig.
All donations benefit Camp Norge.

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Artful Gifts for the Queen

Tuesday, July 4, 2017, was a busy day of celebration. Americans celebrated the country's Independence Day, and Canadians celebrated the 150th Anniversary of Canada's new federation. In Norway, the festivities for the royal family and all of Norway centered on Her Majesty Queen Sonja's 80th birthday.

The queen was delighted with visitors and gifts throughout the day, including a statue of the queen inside the Palace Park unveiled by her grandchildren. A gift from the Norwegian Trekking Association (DNT), the statue depicts the queen resting on a rock in her hiking clothes – a representation of her deep love for hiking and the great outdoors.

The queen then officially opened the "Queen Sonja's Art Stable." Now an arena for art, culture and history, the gift from King Harald was once a stable for the royal horses until 1940. The opening exhibition includes an installation of Queen Maud's photographs and a fine collection of Norwegian graphic prints – 164 pieces in total. Like Queen Sonja, Queen Maud (King Harald's grandmother) was a dedicated photographer and art enthusiast. Many of the prints were donated by Norwegian artists as birthday gifts for the queen, and the photo installation was a gift from the Norwegian Government.

To conclude the birthday celebrations, Queen Sonja held a picnic for all inside the Queen's Park. In order to find their seats, guests participated in a fun, kid-friendly scavenger hunt and were treated to a delicious meal.

...from SON Newsletter Service

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)

Silver Level

In honor of their many friends at Nordahl Grieg Lodge
Glenn & Peggy Riddervold (donation, Nov 2016)

Bronze Level

In Memory of John Hansen
Virginia Hansen (donation, Mar 2017)

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) and
Alan Pintacura (donations, Jan 2017 & Nov 2015)

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)

Special Raffle Donation

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

Tusen Takk for your support!

Donations made before January 2015 are not listed.
Please view past issues of *Tidende* to see donors and honorees from earlier contributions. *Takk!*

a little in English...

Bats Harming Church

Bat urine may destroy Norway's oldest stave church.

Urnes Stavkirke is considered the oldest, preserved stave church in Norway. Now it's facing a rather unique problem: Urine from bats may be destroying the church, writes newspaper *Bergens Tidende*. The church is from the 1100s. It is the only one in the country that is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

The bats have sought shelter in the church for raising young. This is quite normal. But Urnes Stave Church is made of wood. The wood is neither painted nor protected in another way. The urine from the bats contains salt. It can break down and destroy the old woodwork.

"It happens slowly. But at worst, the staves that hold the different parts of the church together may lose their grip," explains Kjersti Marie Ellewsen to the newspaper. She is a senior adviser and works at the Directorate for Cultural Heritage.

In other buildings it is common to replace damaged materials. The stave church does not wish to do this. They believe the original parts of the church are an important part of the cultural heritage.

Removing the bats is also not a solution. The reason is that the bat is protected. They should not be disturbed.

"We must either find a way to protect the wood, or we have to set up breeding crates for the bats. Perhaps they would rather live there," says Ellewsen.

litt på norsk...

Flaggermus skader kirke

Urin fra flaggermus kan ødelegge Norges eldste stavkirke.

Urnes stavkirke regnes som den eldste bevarte stavkirken i Norge. Nå står de overfor et noe spesielt problem: Urin fra flaggermus kan ødelegge kirken, skriver avisa *Bergens Tidende*. Kirka er fra 1100-tallet. Den er den eneste i landet som står på Unescos verdensarvliste.

Flaggermusene har søkt ly i kirken for å yngle. Det er helt normalt. Men Urnes stavkirke er laget av tre. Treet er verken malt eller beskyttet på annen måte. Urinen fra flaggermusene inneholder salt. Den kan bryte ned og ødelegge det gamle treverket.

– Det går sakte. Men i verste fall kan stavene som holder de forskjellige delene av kirken sammen, miste festet. Det forklarer Kjersti Marie Ellewsen til avisa. Hun er seniorrådgiver og jobber hos Riksantikvaren,

I andre bygg er det vanlig å skifte ut skadd materiale. Det ønsker ikke stavkirken å gjøre. De mener de originale delene av kirka er en viktig del av kulturminnet.

Å fjerne flaggermusene er heller ikke en løsning. Årsaken er at flaggermusen er fredet. De skal ikke forstyrres.

– Enten må vi finne en måte å verne treverket på. Eller så må vi sette opp ynglekasser for flaggermusene. Kanskje vil de heller bo der, sier Ellewsen.

...from SON Newsletter Service

Norwegian Apple Pie... *Eplepai*

The *Great Scandinavian Baking Book* by Beatrice Ojakangas

Makes one 9-inch pie.

Although this is called a "pie" in Norway, we would think of it as a cake. Incredibly simple to make, it's a perfect last-minute dessert when fresh apples are in season.

- 1 egg
- ¾ cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- ½ cup all-purpose flour
- ½ cup chopped almonds
- 3 medium-sized tart apples, pared, cored and diced

Topping

- 1 cup whipping cream
- 2 tablespoons powdered sugar

Preheat oven to 350°F. Butter a 9-inch pie pan generously. Stir all the pie ingredients together in a bowl until blended. Mixture will be stiff. Spoon into the pie pan.

Bake 30 minutes or until browned. To serve, cut into wedges.

For the topping, whip the cream with the powdered sugar to accompany the cake or serve with ice cream.

2017 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, and we need your help to make it happen.

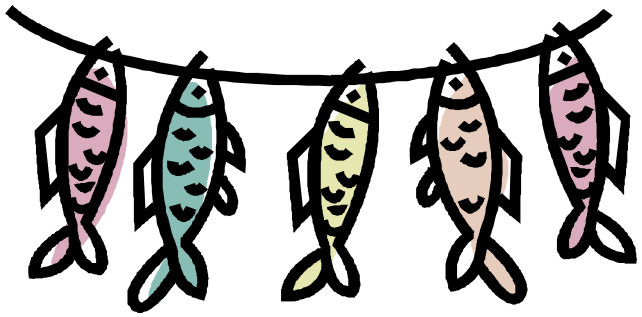
Please contact the chairpersons listed below to let them know you're willing to help. Calling or e-mailing in advance makes it easier to plan. This includes the many young people who turn out each year to serve. We need to hear from you in advance, so we know who we can count on. **If you don't know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

General Chairpersons

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

Volunteer Coordinator

Victoria Slama (831) 359-5887
victoria_slama@baymoon.com



Mark your Calendar!

November 5 (Sunday) – Meatball Making
November 11 &12 (Sat/Sun) – Lefse Making
November 26 & 27 (Sun/Mon) – Cookie Making
November 29 (Wed) – Hall Setup
November 30 (Thurs) – Table Setting
December 1&2 (Fri/Sat) – Lutefisk Dinner
December 3 (Sunday) – Hall Clean-up

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

Help out making meatballs, cookies, and lefse, and work towards a SON Cultural Skills pin in "Traditional Norwegian Cooking." See page 11 for more info. Forms will be available at each preparation day.

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
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Lefse	Vicki Everly	(510) 501-0417	vicki.everly2@gmail.com
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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) 247-6345	kateslama@att.net
Solveig Bazaar	Duane Adams	(831) 479-4376	duane@startmail.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

2017 Annual Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner

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

			Nordahl Grieg Members		Non-Members
Friday, December 1					
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 2					
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 are also happy to collect extra 2018 calendars, paperback books, and unused greeting cards for 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 Karen Aaker, Nordahl Grieg Vice President, at (831) 454-8509 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!

✂ .....

2017 Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner Reservation Coupon

Please indicate your FIRST and SECOND CHOICE of seating times

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

Parties of 8 or more will be seated first; all must be present to be seated together.

☐ **All tickets for my dining group are included with this reservation coupon.**
☐ **I plan to dine with others who have ordered tickets separately. The total number of people in our dining group is:** _____
The last names of others in my dining group include: _____

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

Thank you from our Nordahl Grieg College Scholarship Recipients:

Dear Barbara,
I want to thank you and the entire organization for selecting me for the scholarship. Many people discount dance as an athletic sport. But true to the Norwegian spirit of love, you see beauty and strength.
Your generous support means a lot and is very appreciated.
Best, Nicole Stennes

Thank you for the scholarship! This will continue to help me pursue my goal of creating family orientated films.

Your support and quotes like this encourage me:

"I think people are born with a purpose and the innate gifts necessary to realize that purpose."
-Gene Keane
Walt Disney Animation Studios

Thank you,
Shaun Stennes

Thank you from the iSing Girls' Choir:

iSing Silicon Valley

August 4, 2017

Nordahl Grieg Lodge
Attn: Laura Porter, President
580 W. Parr Avenue
Los Gatos, CA 95030

305 N. California Ave
Palo Alto, CA 94301
www.isingsv.com

Dear Laura and Sons of Norway #6-52,

You make our hearts sing! We are so thankful for your generous gift of $200 to help us offset the cost of hosting our friends, Det Norske Jentekor.

We had an incredible time with the girls and their families. We shared meals, fun activities, and of course, lots of singing. Our joint performance at Stanford Memorial Church was attended by 400 community members. The powerful sound that the girls made together was both uplifting and inspiring.

I thought that you would enjoy these introductory remarks that were made by Rabbi Karlin-Neumann.

> *"The collaboration between these two marvellous organizations, promoting the useable gift of girls and women, is indeed the very definition of harmony...*
>
> *Singing together creates a single language. The language of connection. The language of empathy. The language of understanding. That those who are doing so are young women and girls, raising their voices through song, reminds us all that our society grows stronger, more creative and more enduring when we welcome female voices into the places that once held only the voices of men.*
>
> *We are delighted to have them show girl power, to have these two choirs elevating our senses and sharing their gift."*

We cannot thank you enough!

Thank you!

With warmest appreciation,

Jennah Delp-Somers
Founder & Artistic Director

GIRLS CHANGING THE WORLD THROUGH SONG

Connections ...ways to connect with your Norwegian heritage

PBS's "New Scandinavian Cooking" returns with 8 episodes in September all shot entirely in Norway and showcasing Nordic cuisine, culture, and history. Recipes are available at ***newscancook.com***.

- Saturday, September 2 at 8:30 AM on KQED: West Coast of Norway
- Saturday, September 9 at 8:30 AM on KQED: Coast of Mid Norway
- Sunday, September 10 at 6:30 AM on KQED-Plus: A Taste of Winter
- Saturday, September 16 at 8:30 AM on KQED: South West of Norway
- Sunday, September 17 at 6:30 AM on KQED-Plus: Southern Trondelag
- Saturday, September 23 at 8:30 AM on KQED: Mountain Region of Sothern Norway
- Sunday, September 24 at 6:30 AM on KQED-Plus: Hardanger
- Saturday, September 30 at 8:30 AM on KQED: Southern Norway

Labor Day Weekend Kretsstevne – September 1-3 at Camp Norge – for information, log on to the "events/news" page on the District 6 website at ***http://sofn6.org/***.

65th Rosemaling Seminar – September 23-24 at Camp Norge. For information, contact **Penny Joseph Knudsen** at ***pennyjknudsen@sbcglobal.net*** or 916-941-6433.

Norwegian Folk Dancing – Starting September 6: Every Wednesday 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***

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

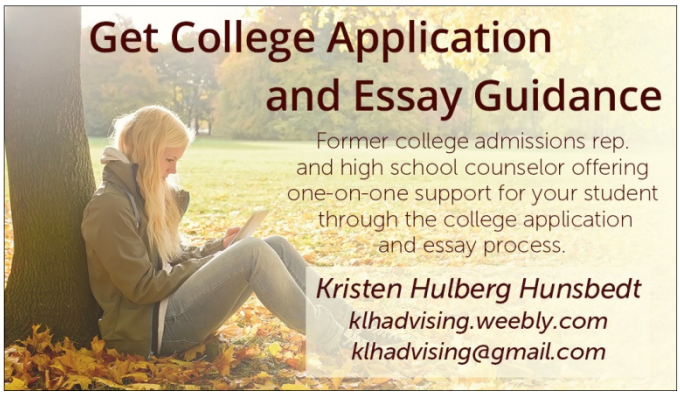
Platinum	**$1,000**	**Silver**	**$250**
Gold	**$500**	**Bronze**	**$100**

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 Leslie Jones at 408-927-9966 or *lesbehel@sonic.net*

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



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
For rental information, contact:
Viking Property Management at 408-909-9055

Highlights of 07/16/2017 Business Meeting Minutes
(approved 08/11/2017)

- Business meeting was in conjunction with an Ice Cream Social.
- A special welcome was extended to new members **Jeannie Thompson**, **Karen Mueller**, and **Helen Jorgensen** who recently transferred from Snorre Lodge.
- Minutes of the 06/09/2017 business meeting were approved.
- President Porter provided an update on the Lodge donation to the iSing Girls Choir for hosting the Norwegian Girls' Choir.
- Scholarship Chair **Barbara Shoup** announced that the Committee recommends **Nicole Stennes** and **Shaun Stennes**, grandchildren of **Homer and June Stennes**, as recipients of 2017 Nordahl Grieg College Scholarships.
- The donated hand-crafted rosemaled hutch has been delivered and is stored in the Solveig Room.
- **Kristin Jones**, recipient of the SON Nancy Lorraine Jensen Memorial Scholarship, spoke to the members about what the scholarship means to her.
- Motion approved to donate two adult tickets to our lutefisk dinner for the raffle at the Henrik Ibsen All Bay Area Lodge Picnic.
- **Shirley Shoup** announced that a historical novel titled *The Kingdom of the Rings*, signed by the author Duane R. Lindberg, has been donated to the lodge library.
- **Meg Laycock** suggested that the lodge consider sponsoring a team once again for next year's Relay for Life.

SON Cultural Skills Program

The Sons of Norway Cultural Skills Program provides a framework for learning about traditional and contemporary Norwegian culture. Each unit consists of three levels of skill-specific activities. You can complete the units on your own, through your lodge, or through a special class or group.

For each level, you'll complete a few activities, then email (or mail) them in to Sons of Norway Headquarters and get feedback. Cultural Skills Pins are awarded to participants as they progress through the units within the program.

The Cultural Skills Program covers a wide variety of subjects. Each unit is designed to provide skill-specific activities at the beginner, intermediate, and advanced levels to foster learning and advancement with each newly acquired skill.

- Traditional Norwegian Cooking
- Literature
- Collecting Norwegian and North American Stamps *
- Norwegian *Rosemaling*
- Genealogy – Family History
- Knitting *
- Norwegian Language and Culture
- *Hardanger* Embroidery *
- Figure Carving *
- Weaving
- Ornamental Woodcarving
- Chip Carving
- Folk Dancing *
- Music and Musicians of Norway

** Includes a Youth Cultural Skills unit.*

This program is a unique benefit of membership in the Sons of Norway. Log on to the SON website for more information: ***www.sofn.com/member_resources/cultural_programming/cultural_skills_program/***

Help us prepare for the Lutefisk Dinner by volunteering when we make meatballs, cookies, and lefse and work towards earning a SON Cultural Skills pin in "Traditional Norwegian Cooking."

See page 7 for preparation dates and contact info.
Cultural Skills forms will be available at each preparation day.

Save Cancelled Stamps for Tubfrim

Postmaster Ditlef Frantzen in Nesbyen, Norway established *Tubfrim* in 1928. The aim was to collect and sell used postage stamps and use the proceeds to aid in the eradication of tuberculosis among Norwegian children. The first profits in 1929 amounted to 1,500 NOK (Norwegian Crowns) and have grown to 650,000 NOK in 2016. From the start, *Tubfrim* has donated over 21 million NOK to charity. *Tubfrim* is owned by the Norwegian Health Association *(Nasjonalforeningen for folkehelsen).* Today the profits are used to help children and youth with disabilities and to continue the efforts to eradicate tuberculosis.

In 2016, Nordahl Grieg Lodge members collected over 51 pounds of used postage stamps snipped from first class and "junk" mail envelopes. Help us increase this amount by saving your cancelled stamps and bringing them to any Lodge meeting or event. Our *Tubfrim* Coordinator, **Lois Bertelson**, will collect and deliver them to San Francisco where they will be sent to the *Tubfrim* headquarters in Norway. *Tusen Takk!*

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Sept 1-3	Labor Day Weekend Kretsstevne at Camp Norge
Sept 8	Business Meeting
Sept 22	Lodge Social: Warm Heart, Frozen Kebab
Sept 23-34	Rosemaling Seminar at Camp Norge
Oct 27	New Member Recruitment Social
Nov 5	Meatball Making
Nov 11-12	Lefse Making
Nov 26-27	Cookie Making
Dec 1-2	Lutefisk Dinner

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

Remember to bring community service donations to Lodge events… non-perishable food for a local food bank, used paperback books for the VA Hospital, and stamps for Tubfrim. Tusen Takk!

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