Nordahl's Tidende

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En hilsen fra Presidenten

Kjære Venner (Dear Friends),

I really hope that every lodge member can enjoy all the benefits that this wonderful organization, Sons of Norway, has to offer. Recently I was finally able to attend my first **Solveig Club** meeting… and I became a member! It was so nice to see members of our lodge unite in friendship toward a common goal. I'm glad that I could attend the meeting and hope my schedule permits me the opportunity to join in on the camaraderie again. I'm also looking forward to attending **Vigeland Lodge's** 25th Anniversary dinner on October 7. It's so important to not only support our own Lodge events, but also show our support of others lodges. We so often have other lodge members attend events at Nordahl Hall and we truly need to show our love to them as well.

Are you unsure about some of the benefits Sons of Norway provides to its members? If you have any questions, please attend our social event on Friday, October 27. This will be a great opportunity to help reignite your personal Sons of Norway story, and to help you understand how important it is to get new members to join our lodge.

I have an unusual story as to how I joined Nordahl Grieg Lodge and Sons of Norway. I was at Nordahl Hall for a completely unrelated event and after seeing the Charter hanging on the wall, I sought out more information about Sons of Norway. Without even attending a meeting, I joined and quickly advanced to become Lodge president after only four years as a member. I look forward to hearing other Sons of Norway stories and hope that we can have many new members join soon.

Fraternally,
Laura Porter, President

October Agenda Alert

Business Meeting: Friday, October 13 at 7:30 PM
Blood Drive: Saturday, October 21… see page 5
Social: Friday, October 27… see page 4

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New Conveniences for Members Come with Dues Structure Changes

Here are a few items that are part of the changes coming with the simplified dues structure, beginning January 1, 2018.

Automatic monthly withdrawal available – Effective with their 2018 dues renewal, members in U.S. lodges will have the option to pay their dues by automatic monthly withdrawal from their U.S. bank account. Annual payment of dues by check or credit card will continue to be available.

Local currency applies – No more confusion about adjusting dues based on the exchange rate for Canadian and Norwegian memberships. Beginning January 1, International dues for Canadian and Norwegian memberships are based on the local currency (Canadian dollars or Norwegian kroner), and hence will no longer be subject to exchange rate fluctuations. (Dues paid by credit card from a non-U.S. bank may be subject to an exchange rate and/or service fee set by the bank and/or credit card processor.)

Dues more easily explained to potential members – The new dues structure is simplified to maintain consistency throughout the U.S., making it easier for lodges to sign up new members and to discuss the dues with others outside of their lodges and districts.

Have questions on the above? Send an email to Sons of Norway *2018dues@sofn.com*, and staff will provide timely answers. *…from SON Newsletter Service*

Nyheter Fra Solveig Club

The Solveig Club is in need of donations for our Lutefisk Dinner Bazaar – small items (especially for boys) for a Grab Bag; gently used household items for our Treasure Table; and raffle prizes are all welcome. Vintage Scandinavian items are also very popular. Even if you think your vintage item has seen better days… there is someone who will treasure it for the memories it brings.

You can bring your donations to any Lodge event or drop them off with **Vicki Everly** at any of the upcoming meatball, lefse, or cookie preparation days at the hall. All donations will be very much appreciated and help support our scholarship fund!

Our next meeting will be hosted by **Mary Schlink** on Wednesday, October 18 at 10:30 AM. Bring a sandwich and join us!

Beste hilsen,
Duane Adams, Solveig Club President

October Birthdays

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

Gratulerer med dagen!

Membership Update

We have two new members this month:

joe N Horner (please note spelling of first name)
1549 Altamont Avenue
San Jose, CA 95125-5002
(510) 303-1830 ***joe_horner@me.com***

Fred Hjelmeset
2438 Villa Nueva Way,
Mountain View, CA 94040-4457
(650) 938-6150 ***hjelmeset@msn.com***

We welcome these new members and encourage them to participate in lodge functions.

Three members who were on the Past Due List last month have paid their dues. Thank you for that! I hope when I receive the next update from International that others on the list will have paid. If you are in arrears, please pay your dues, we treasure ALL our members.

Please let me know if you prefer the black and white hard copy of the *Tidende* and I will add you to my mailing list. You will always be able to receive your color copy via web mail. Thanks again to **Russ Behel** for helping with our mailing list. We now have typed labels for the black and white copies, no longer any hand-written labels!

We currently have 262 Active Members, including Juvenile Members with active insurance.

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

Kretsstevne **News**

Once again, Nordahl Grieg Lodge was well represented at the Labor Day weekend *Kretsstevne* at Camp Norge. Several of our members not only enjoyed the event, but helped by taking part in other ways.

- **John Stubblebine** and **Meg Laycock** presented dance classes.
- **Leland Bjerkhoel** chaired the horseshoe competition.
- **Karen Aaker** demonstrated cooking skills.
- Three Bjerkhoels – **Harry, Leland**, and brother **Dennis** (from Cheyenne) – played music at Heritage Hall.
- **Cassie Leventon** and **Ginni Bjerkhoel** took charge of the kids' games.

As a lodge we should feel proud of the number of campers that were somehow connected to Nordahl Grieg. We far out-numbered every other lodge. *Tusen takk* to everyone who participated!

News About Members

Congratulations to two young women in our Lodge who are featured in the October issue of the *Viking* magazine.

Shiloh Curtis and **Kristin Jones** were awarded the Nancy Lorraine Jensen Memorial Scholarship from the Sons of Norway Foundation. We are very proud of these bright young women and wish them well in their studies. It may be unprecedented that winners of this scholarship in successive years come from the same Lodge, so we should be proud of our Lodge and continue to support the Foundation. (October is Foundation Month!)

We bid a very sad but happy farewell to **Ginny Hansen**! Ginny is moving to Salem, Oregon, to be closer to her sons, daughters-in-law, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. She has sold her mobile home in Sunnyvale and bought a brand new one in Salem. She has been very busy getting ready to move – much earlier than expected because her home sold so quickly. We will miss you, Ginny, but wish you peace and happiness in your new abode. We hope you come to visit us once in a while.

Our best wishes to **Alissa Hansen** who married her sweetheart Kevin on September 23. They will be living in Hubbard, Oregon, where they bought a house.

HEALTH NEWS

Mary Schlink has a fractured foot and is wearing a boot while it heals. She is managing well and it has not slowed her down very much. Be careful and take care of yourself, Mary.

Ray Vannatta is recuperating nicely from his surgery but continues to go to wound clinic. He says he will be ready to help with Lutefisk. Keep up the good work, Ray!

Have you received your flu shot yet?

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!*

Fall Cleaning at Nordahl Hall Sunday, October 29

It's time to make our Hall ready for the Lutefisk Dinner and we really need your helping hands. We'll start at 9:00 AM, but come when you can. You don't need to commit to a whole day; even a couple of hours will be appreciated. As they say, many hands, light work.

As always there will be coffee, snacks and lunch for all!

Below is a list of tasks we'd like to accomplish. There are some large and many small tasks. Most are household tasks, so no special skills are required. Looking forward to seeing you. *Tusen Takk!*

- ✓ Fix the light fixture in the Solveig Room storage room
- ✓ Fix ceiling tiles in the Solveig Room
- ✓ Post "No Trespassing" signs
- ✓ Fix the bar water shut-off valves
- ✓ Clean and organize the pantry room counter
- ✓ Add shelving above the counter in the pantry
- ✓ Clean the floor-wall juncture in the men's and women's restrooms
- ✓ Clean windows
- ✓ Clean the bar area
- ✓ Drain dishwasher reservoir
- ✓ Clean the refrigerators
- ✓ Clean and polish kitchen stainless
- ✓ Vacuum vents
- ✓ Trim shrubs and pull weeds
- ✓ Check light fixtures, replace burned out lights
- ✓ Clear downspouts
- ✓ Replace HVAC filters
- ✓ Assess work to enlarge access to a closet in Solveig Room
- ✓ Replace door knob with a *locking* door knob on Solveig Room coat closet door
- ✓ Add latches on Solveig Room cabinets

Lodge Social

Friday, October 27
6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Norwegian Cultural Heritage
Pop-Up Museum
and
Lapskaus & Lefse Dinner
(Norwegian beef stew)

NEW MEMBER RECRUITMENT

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.

Please bring your Norwegian family heirlooms and artifacts, and your own handmade Norwegian creations, to display and share their stories. Shop the Solveig Club mini Nordic Boutique.

Enjoy a beverage from the bar, browse the exhibits at your leisure and eat whenever you like; self-serve dinner will be available from 6 to 8 pm.

You are encouraged, but not obligated, to bring a new-member recruit to participate in the evening's activities. Fred Hymans, our Financial Benefits Counselor, will make a brief presentation on the many benefits of Sons of Norway membership.

$10 - adults
Free for kids age 12 and under
No charge for new member recruits
(but… you must make a reservation for them)

For reservations, your check must be received by October 25.
Mail to: Kari Warner
1000 El Camino Real #107, Santa Clara, CA 95050
(408) 248-5046

Advance reservations are required. Sorry NO walk-ins.

Please include a note with your check if you are bringing items to display so we can set up a space for you. Thank you!

Sons of Norway • Nordahl Grieg Lodge • 580 W. Parr Avenue, Los Gatos, CA

Blood Donation Olympics

Sponsored by
Stanford Blood Center & Nordahl Grieg Lodge

When Saturday, October 21, 2017
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 8 donors who guess within 10 seconds of their actual time win a $25 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!

* At the last event 5 people joined the 30 Second Club!

STANFORD BLOOD CENTER
Give blood for life!

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

Blood Donors Wanted!

Lutefisk Mailing Party

We had a very small but mighty group of volunteers show up for the Lutefisk Dinner "mailing party" on Saturday, September 23 in the Solveig Room. We were successful in getting most of the flyers ready for the post. These flyers are sent to past dinner attendees who are not Lodge members.

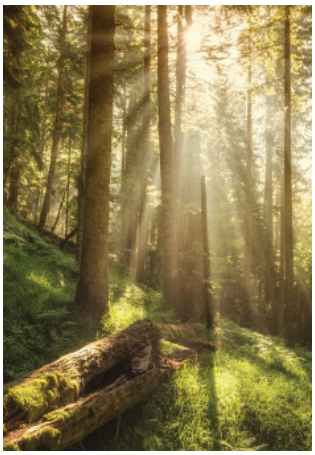
Thank you to **Homer and June Stennes**, **Elaine Edwards**, and **Russ Behel** for lending their helping hands to get the task done.

Barbara Shoup, Tickets/Publicity Chair

Warm Heart, Frozen Kebab

If you missed the September social… you missed an excellent slide show presentation about Spitsbergen and a very poignant film about an immigrant trying to make a life for himself in a new land.

Tusen takk to our Social Director **Duane Adams** for all her work in organizing the event and preparing an informative slide show… and to **Barbara Shoup** for sharing information on tourism in Spitsbergen.



Norway Embraces Rainforest Conservation

Earlier this year, the Norwegian Parliament officially guaranteed that the government's public procurement policy will be deforestation-free. In a nutshell, this means that the Norwegian Government will no longer buy products linked with tropical deforestation or sign contracts with companies that destroy forests.

Forests and trees cover 31 percent of the earth's land, and are vital to human and animal existence. Every second of the day they produce oxygen and remove carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, essentially making up our planet's lungs. Without them, survival is nearly impossible.

Norway funds forest conservation projects worldwide and has continued to support human rights programs for forest communities for years. With its commitment to a zero deforestation policy, Norway stays true to its strong stance on supporting causes that protect the environment. *…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!*

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.

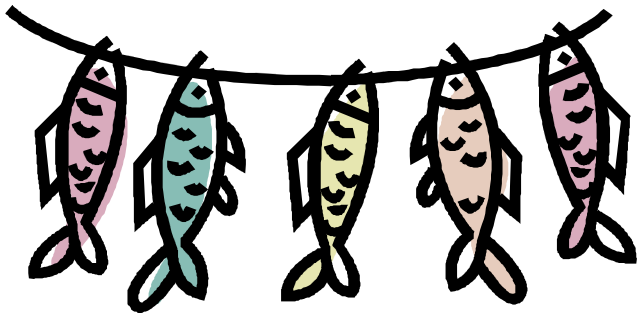
Please contact the chairpersons listed below to let them know you're willing to help. Calling or e-mailing in advance makes it easier to plan. This includes the many young people who turn out each year to serve. We need to hear from you in advance, so we know who we can count on. **If you don't know 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
Hall Decoration	Kathy Whitesel	(408) 258-2562	saxonytarn@aol.com
Bar Manager	Dave Melius	(408) 244-4497	dmelius@hotmail.com
Cookies	Sheryl Hawes	(925) 997-1698	sheryl.hawes@att.net
Lefse	Vicki Everly	(510) 501-0417	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) 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 Monday, October 16. 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 16 ▪ Please include a self-addressed stamped envelope

Connections ...ways to connect with your Norwegian heritage

PBS's "New Scandinavian Cooking" has 4 episodes in October showcasing Nordic cuisine, culture, and history. Recipes are available at ***newscancook.com***.

- Sunday, October 1 at 6:30 AM on KQED Plus: The Taste of Trees visits Hedmark in Eastern Norway.
- Saturday, October 7 at 8:30 AM on KQED 9: A World of Apples visits Hardanger in Western Norway.
- Sunday, October 8 at 6:30 AM on KQED Plus: An Edible Park visits Frogner Park in downtown Oslo.
- Sunday, October 22 at 6:30 AM on KQED Plus: Summer on a Plate visits the seaport of Hvaler in Eastern Norway.

Job opportunity to help support Norwegian culture and exchange! ***EF High School Exchange Year*** is hiring local coordinators in the San Jose area to place and supervise Norwegian international exchange students with caring host families. This opportunity is part-time and flexible; many coordinators have full-time jobs. For more info, contact **Angie Redford** at 208-890-3502 or ***angie.redford@efexchangeyear.org*** or visit ***www.efexchangeyear.org***.

Norwegian Folk Dancing – 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***.

Participate in lutefisk dinner preparations and earn a cultural skills pin! See page 7 for information.

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

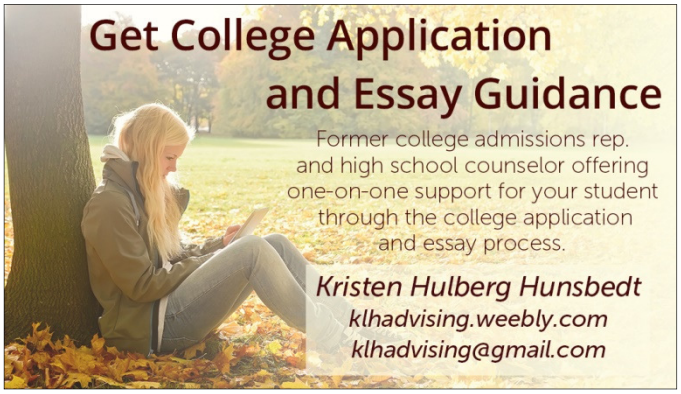
Platinum	**$1,000**	**Silver**	**$250**
Gold	**$500**	**Bronze**	**$100**

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

Sons of Norway Foundation Teams Up with Camp Norge to "Raise the Roof!"

Camp Norge needs our help to raise the funds needed replace the roof on the main house.
For the first time, donations to the Camp will be tax deductible!

The symbol of our property, the original structure when we bought the property back in 1957, still has the original tin roof on it. It's a leaky old roof and the support structure underneath is too weak to allow any more repairs. "It's like trying to turn a screw into a loaf of bread" says Kirby Aasen, Vice President and Building and Grounds committee chair on the District Six Recreation Center Board. Thanks to the support of the Foundation Department at the home office, Camp Norge will be kicking off their first big fund raiser in years as they get ready to "Raise the Roof!"

"Our goal for this campaign is to raise $50,000" said Fred Hymans, CFP, President of the Recreation Center Board and Sons of Norway Financial Benefits Counselor. He goes on to say: "It will take the help and support of every member of District Six to make it possible for us to hire the contractors and tear off that old roof."

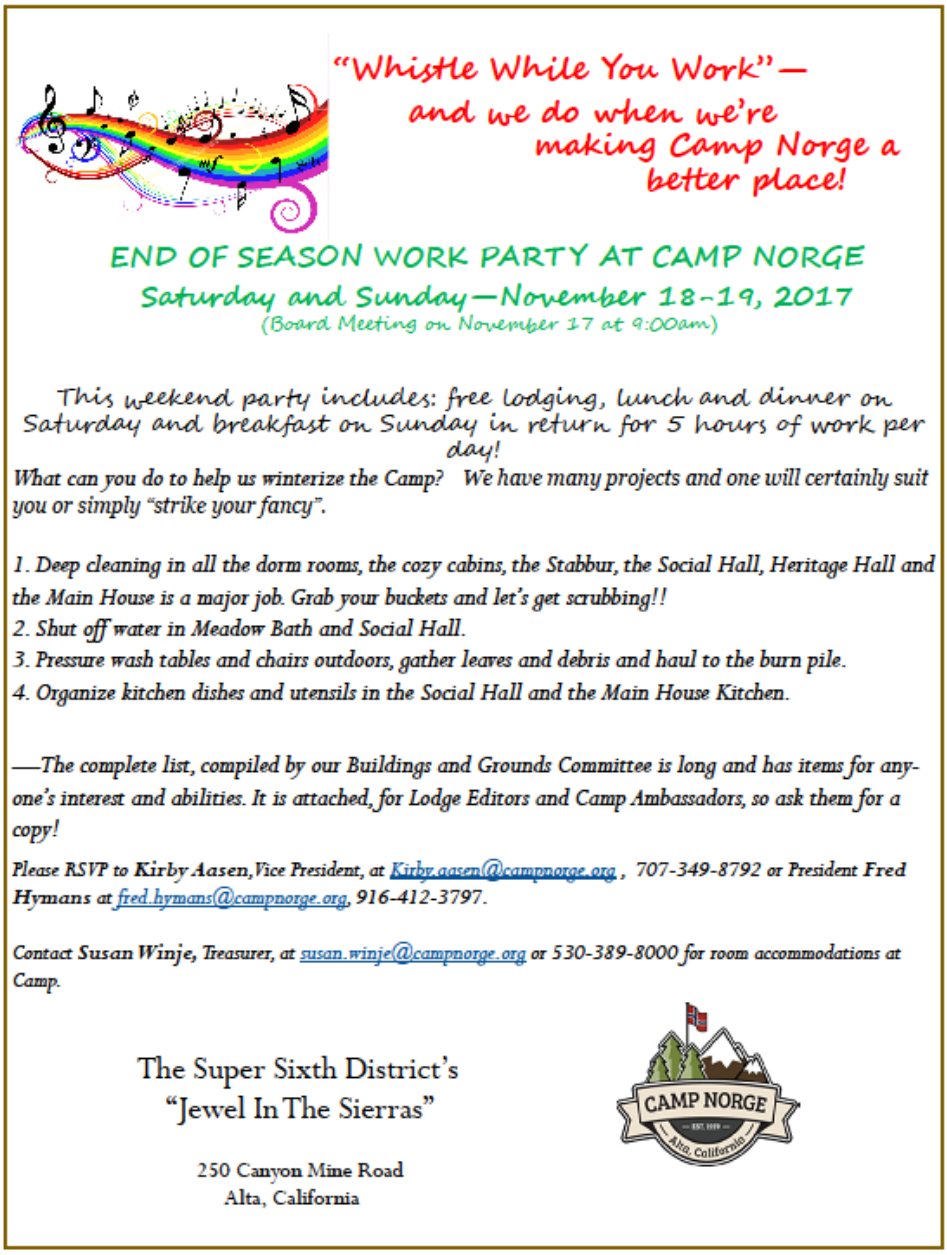
The average contractor bid so far has been $30,000 and that was just to replace the roof. They don't know what they will find underneath the old roof. But they are pretty sure it will cost much more than just the cost of the roof. "You can see by all the dry rot around the edges that there's a lot of structural work to do under that 60+ year old roof!" says Aasen.

According to Corrie Knudsen, Foundation Director for Sons of Norway in Minneapolis, "October is Foundation month and every penny counts in a fund raising campaign like this."

Beginning on October 1, 2017, anyone can make their tax deductible contribution by going to the Sons of Norway website ***www.sofn.com***, then click on "Foundation," and then click on the Camp Norge Campaign on the right side of the page.

Or go directly to: ***https://fundraising.sonsofnorway.com/campnorgeroof***

If you prefer to contribute the old fashioned way, by writing a check and putting it in the mail, write your check payable to *"Sons of Norway Foundation"* and write *"Camp Norge"* in the memo section on your check. Mail the check to Sons of Norway Foundation, 1455 West Lake Street, Minneapolis, MN 55408-2666. Be sure to write "Camp Norge" in the memo section!



For more information about the fund raising campaign, contact Board President, **Fred Hymans** at (916)486-4429 or email to: ***fred.hymans@campnorge.com***.

Thank you from Solveig Club College Scholarship Recipients

Thank you so much for awarding me with the Solveig Scholarship. It will definitely come in handy with textbooks and tuition. Your organization is so sweet and thoughtful. You guys are amazing! Love, *Nicole Stennes*

Thank you very much for awarding me a Solveig Club Scholarship. I feel very privileged to receive this honor, and am grateful for the award. The Solveig Club Scholarship will be extremely helpful to me in attending the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Thank you again! With deepest gratitude, *Shiloh Serenity Sigrid Curtis*

Shiloh Curtis was also a recipient of the Nancy Lorraine Jensen Memorial Scholarship from SON International and addressed our Lodge membership at the August business meeting. Here are excerpts from her presentation:

I wanted to thank you all for the VERY generous Nancy Lorraine Jensen Memorial Scholarship! I'm incredibly grateful for this opportunity, and I'm so excited to share with you how I'll be using it.

This fall, I'll be entering my sophomore year at MIT! I'm majoring in Computer Science and Electrical Engineering and I plan to go on to a Ph.D. in robotics. It's a super exciting and fast-moving field, and I think it has a lot of potential to help people.

A few years ago, I spent a lot of time thinking and talking about robots in the home, which I thought was the best, coolest area of robotics. At the time, it looked like the biggest challenge facing household robotics was safety.

Now you have all sorts of robots that are safely living and working around humans. That involves a lot of things – the robot has to get around without driving into people or things, if it has an arm it can't hit someone with it, that sort of thing.

When I worked at Fetch Robotics last year, we were thinking about all kinds of exciting things – you want to plan a smooth path, and you want the robot to telegraph its motion so people know where it's going. There's nothing scarier than an unpredictable robot. But how does the robot know where people around it are going? It's hard for a robot to tell where a person is going to go – usually people look in the direction they're going, and that's fine if you can look at their face and track their eyes, but if you're a robot and you can't see their face, that's a problem.

So usually you try to make your motion smooth and legible and stop whenever something gets too close to you and hope for the best, which works because humans are good at avoiding robots. And if you have two robots trying to avoid each other, you can try to figure out where the front of the robot is and assume it's going forward, and that usually works okay. But robots aren't always going forward, so how do you cope with that? And on and on.

So there are a lot of things to think about in navigation, that we humans think about instinctively, but that's the result of a lot of evolution and practice.

The point, though, is that these boxes on wheels are safe for humans to work around because navigation is getting reliable. And arms still aren't as safe because object grasping and arm movement and all that cool stuff aren't as reliable. Humanoid two-legged robots aren't as safe as stable wheeled robots, because walking isn't as reliable as rolling.

So I think the big challenge now in robotics is getting things like grasping and walking to the stage of reliability that navigation is at. And, that finally brings me back to MIT and what I've been doing at college.

One of the really cool things about MIT is that it's super easy for an undergraduate, even a clueless freshman, to find a position working in a research lab. So last semester, I was doing some cool state-of-the-art robotics research. Specifically, object grasping.

Object grasping is another thing that humans are sort of instinctively good at due to a lot of evolution and learning ability. Humans evolved large brains to cope with tool use! And now robots are trying to catch up to hundreds of thousands of years of evolution.

The project I was working on was trying to evaluate robot grasps by piggybacking on all this evolution. We filmed people picking up stuff like mugs and paintbrushes, and we did motion tracking to learn where people tended to grip things based on what they were intending to do with the object. If you're trying to hand someone a mug, you're not going to hold it the same way as if you intend to drink out of it. So the idea is that when the robot is evaluating grasps, it will try to choose grasps that are appropriate for the object and the task it's being used for. And we want to start teaching robots to identify that kind of interaction.

This is really exciting stuff – it's important, cutting-edge research and it's awesome that I get to help with it. I'm incredibly grateful for the opportunity to keep doing work like this. Thank you!

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Oct 21	Blood Drive at Nordahl Hall
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Oct 29	Hall Clean-up Day
Nov 5	Meatball Making
Nov 10	Business Meeting
Nov 11-12	Lefse Making
Nov 18—19	Work Party at Camp Norge
Nov 26-27	Cookie Making
Dec 1-2	Lutefisk Dinner
Dec 3	Hall Clean-up

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