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Nordahl's Tidende

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En hilsen fra Nordahl Grieg Presidenten

Kjære Venner (Dear Friends),

2018 is almost over. This year I had the opportunity to attend my first Sons of Norway District 6 Convention. It was such a wonderful experience and I truly enjoyed being there and experiencing for myself what I had heard about from other members. I hope that every member who wishes to attend a convention also gets their own opportunity someday. I plan on using all that I learned in 2018 to make 2019 an even better year for the Lodge.

I'm so thankful that as a Lodge we are able to help out the children and grandchildren of members by awarding scholarships to help them in their educational goals. This year we awarded college scholarships to **Stephanie Egger**, **Nicole Stennes**, **Shaun Stennes**, and **Shiloh Curtis**. I wish we could've done more to help out these truly deserving students, but every dollar really does help nowadays when you are pursuing your college education. The thank you letter below was received from Shiloh, and I wanted to make sure to share it with our members. Letters from Nicole and Shaun are included on page 4.

> *Dear President Porter:*
> *Thank you very much for awarding me the Gunderson-Delphy Scholarship. The support of the Nordahl Grieg Lodge means a lot to me, thank you!*
> *I am very honored to receive this award, and am very grateful for it. The Gunderson-Delphy Scholarship will be extremely helpful to me in continuing my education at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.*
> *Thank you again!*
> *With deepest gratitude,* ***Shiloh Curtis***

I am humbled and honored to have the opportunity to be your president for another year. I know that 2018 hasn't been the smoothest year for the Lodge and I want every member to know that I will take everything I learned this year to make 2019 an amazing year for Nordahl Grieg Lodge.

Fraternally,

Laura Porter, President

Give the Gift of Heritage

Christmas is when I really remember my Norwegian heritage. That was the time of the year we had lefse and meatballs that grandma Grangaard made. Of course there was lutefisk. We read the Christmas story every year. And I remember the gifts and Santa, but now as an adult I wish I had learned more about my heritage growing up. That my Norwegian heritage and culture was more than lefse and something we celebrated only at Christmastime. It would have been a great gift.

Heritage is a very special gift to share with family and friends. Those of you reading this realize this because you are Sons of Norway members. This year give the gift of a membership to Sons of Norway. It is very easy to do. You can do this online ***https://www.sofn.com/join_or_renew/*** or call Sons of Norway 1-800-945-8851 ext. 4654 and sign up a family member or a friend.

Have a joyful holiday season.

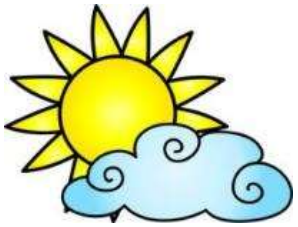
Luella

Luella Grangaard, District Six President

The installation of our 2019 Lodge officers will be on Sunday, January 13 at 1:00 PM at Nordahl Hall (see list of officers on page 3).

Join us for fun, food, and fellowship. Officers are asked to bring a plate of open-face sandwiches to share. We will also serve cookies, punch, and coffee.

Please help us make the occasion festive by wearing your Norwegian sweater or *bunad.* We look forward to your attendance and your support of our incoming officers.



News About Members

Jo Ann Bjerkhoel banged up her knees in a fall and has been icing and elevating them, so she will be "just fine" for the Lutefisk Dinner. Be careful, Jo Ann – no more falls!

We are glad that **Sue Laurie** and her husband, **Bill**, are safe after the Camp Fire in Paradise. They are looking forward to joining the Bjerkhoel party at the Lutefisk Dinner.

We really missed **Ray Vannatta** at our lefse-making days. He wasn't able to do his usual great job of baking lefse at the kitchen griddle because he was experiencing a great deal of back discomfort for which he was being treated with injections. We certainly hope you are more comfortable now, Ray. We miss seeing you!

Kari Warner had a visit to the Emergency Room last week. She is home taking care of herself but is still feeling "not so good." We hope you feel better each day, Kari; our thoughts are with you!

Morgan Frost Karlsson and her new husband (they were married in August in Sweden) are visiting the Everly-Bratton clan and are looking forward to attending the Lutefisk Dinner. It will be fun to see them!

Amanda Sorenson and her husband have moved to Berlin, Germany. We will miss Amanda at the Lutefisk Dinner where she was learning to run the kitchen under the mentorship of her mom, **Victoria Slama**. Amanda was living in Southern California and working for Boeing when she decided to join a German aviation company and live in Berlin. We wish you much success, Amanda!

Fraternally,
Shirley Shoup, Sunshine Chair

December Birthdays

5	Marilyn Nelson
6	Sally Mercado
9	Kris Brekke
10	Shirley Shoup
11	Judith Lund
12	Svein Fauske
14	Robert Lindblom
17	Steven Hawes
20	Barbara Shoup
23	Lois Bertelson
25	Jesusa Bjerkhoel
27	William Alkire
28	Gunnar Heistein
29	Kristina Davidson
31	Vidar Dallokken
31	Donald Slama

Heritage members:

15	Alec Magiera
24	Savannah Kramer

Membership Update

We have one new member who joined through International:

Stan Egger, 1805 Woodhaven Place, Mountain View, 94041-1782
(650) 575-5997 *spegger@yahoo.com*

We also have new contact information for a few members, so please update your directory:

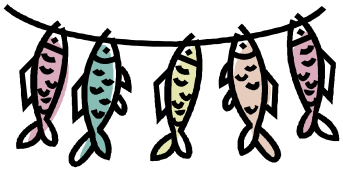
Hali Wilson Hansen, 2957 Chalmetto Court, Unit 34, Rocklin, CA 95077

Patricia Nakashima, 4751 Corte De Avellano, San Jose, CA 95136 (408) 910-3525 *hpnakashima@gmail.com*

Marsha and Richard Owen, 514 Americas Way, Box Elder, SD 57719-7600

We currently have 4 members on the past due list.

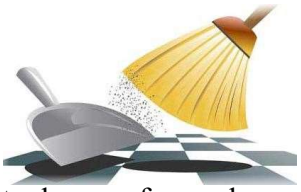
Fraternally,
Kari Warner, Financial Secretary (408) 248-5046 ***karia107@att.net (NEW e-mail address)***



Oh, Lutefisk...

There have been days and days of activity getting ready for the annual Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner. From ticket sales… to ordering food and drink supplies… to advance preparation of some of the food items… to organizing things for the bazaar and raffle… to making sure the hall looks its best… lots and lots of volunteers have been devoting countless hours to these tasks.

The January *Tidende* will include lists of everyone who helped during the entire process… from meatball making… to lefse baking… to cookies baking… to the thousand-and-one other things that must be done to cook and serve the dinner… to cleaning up and packing everything away on the day after. We hope our lists will include everyone!



Outstanding Volunteer Work!

A dedicated cadre of volunteers took care of some long-standing tasks on the October 28 Lodge Work Day and in the weeks following. Thanks to **Martin Alkire**, **Vicki Everly**, **Bruce Fihe**, **Larry Hulberg**, **Janie Kelly**, **Dave Melius**, **Craig Slama**, **Claire Smyth**, **Rich Pierson**, and **Kathy Whitesel** for putting in a good day's work in getting the lodge ready for the Lutefisk Dinner.

Tasks that have been completed include:

- Installing a dedicated power outlet for the surveillance system and the "Zamboni"
- Replacing the broken front door closer
- Fixing broken electrical panel doors
- Cleaning icemakers
- Cleaning windows
- Defrosting freezers
- Vacuuming HVAC vents
- Trimming shrubs and pulling weeds
- Replacing burned out lights
- Replacing the kitchen sink faucet
- Repainting the entryway
- Pressure washing the walkway
- Repairing the kitchen refrigerator
- Stripping and polishing the hall floor

A pizza lunch was provided for all the work day volunteers, along with breakfast, and coffee. Thank you so much to everyone who helped; we got a lot done, and it shows! *Tusen Takk!*

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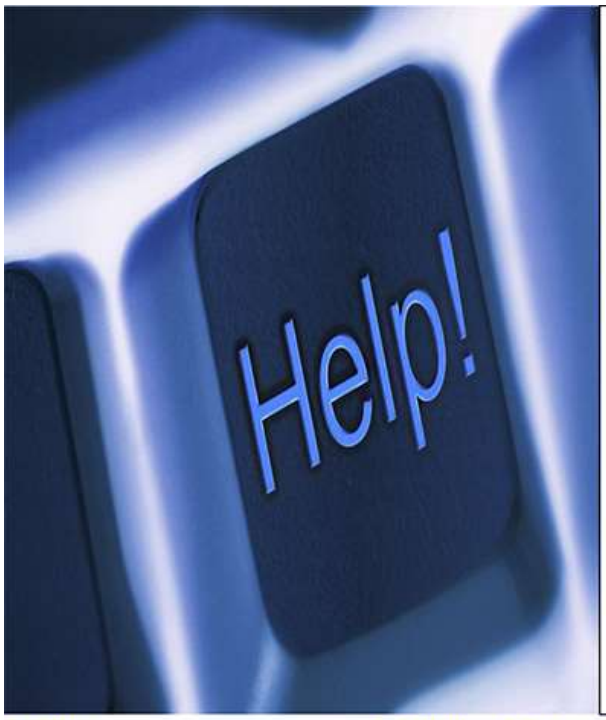
The following Nordahl Grieg officers were elected at the November 2018 business meeting to serve in 2019. Some positions remain vacant; please contact President **Laura Porter** if you are willing to serve. *Tusen Takk!*

2019 Nordahl Grieg Officers:

President – **Laura Porter**
Vice President – **Karen Aaker**
Co-Secretaries – **Vicki Everly** & **Duane Adams**
Treasuer – **Mike Block**
Financial Secretary – **Kari Warner**
Tidende Co-Editors – **Vicki Everly** & **Sharee Frost**
Co-Social Directors – **Barbara Shoup** & **Duane Adams**
Co-Cultural Director – **Kathy Whitesel** & **Judy Purrington**
Webmaster (Co-Editor) – **Bruce Fihe**
Musician – **Marvin Bertelson**
1st Year Trustee – **Vacant position**
2nd Year Trustee – **Elaine Edwards**
3rd Year Trustee – **Meg Laycock**
Counselor – **Vacant position**
Marshals – **2 Vacant positions**
Greeters – **2 Vacant positions**
Historian – **Vacant position**
Librarian – **Vacant position**



District Six
Sons of Norway

Email distribution list moderators* needed!

If you have a few minutes to spare, and can help on an ongoing basis . . .

Please contact the District Six webmaster, Bruce Fihe.

webmaster@sofn6.org

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* Job description at: https://sofn6.org/email-list-moderator/

Lena: "Der is trouble vit da car, sveetheart. It has vater in da carburetor."

Ole: "Vater in da carburetor? Dat is ridiculous."

Lena: "Ole, I tell you da car has vater in the carburetor."

Ole: "You don't even know vat a carburetor is. I'll check it out. Ver is da car?"

Lena: "In da lake."

Dear Laura,

Thank you for choosing me as a recipient of the 2018/2019 Scholarship. I feel honored to have been selected. The Nordahl Grieg Lodge has given my family and me such a strong sense of heartfelt community throughout the years.

The scholarship funds you have so generously provided will be very beneficial in purchasing needed necessities, such as tuition and textbooks, as I pursue a Kinesiology Major at San Jose State University. I hope to make a difference in serving dancers and other athletes in sports medicine as a physical therapist.

The continued support of the Sons of Norway has made a tremendous impact on my academic pursuits.

Most Sincerely,

Nicole Stennes

Dear Laura,

The support of the Nordahl Grieg Lodge #52 has been such a blessing as I pursue Computer Animation in Chapman University's Digital Arts (DA) Program.

The scholarship funds so generously provided will be very beneficial in production of my senior thesis: a 5-minute animation film. It's a complex process of storyboarding in 3D and re-creating the shots of my film, ultimately like working in a major film studio using the entire production pipeline. The story I'm working to produce is an honest film portraying my main character's self-doubt and imperfections, things we all carry as human beings. Joyfully, my character's perseverance culminates in satisfying self-confidence that results from a determined heart. I hope to create such stories that entertain as well as reflect humanity.

The continued provisions of this Lodge have made a lasting impact as I aspire to become a 3D character modeler within the animated film industry. Again, thank you!

Most Sincerely,
Shaun Stennes

A Nordic Christmas Wonderland

Deep within the Norwegian mountains, the town of Røros, Norway, transforms into a magical Christmas market for one weekend, every year. The streets of Røros are lined with more than 60 market stalls, Christmas food and traditional activities. Drawing in hundreds of visitors, Røros offers a wonderful start to the Christmas season.

Experience Røros by taking a romantic sleigh ride, exploring the nooks and crannies of the old copper mining town, or warm up with some freshly made gløgg. This picturesque, Nordic town was the inspiration behind Disney's movie, Frozen.

Kids can meet the beloved reindeer Sven, build snowmen, or try tobogganing.

Temperatures regularly dip below freezing, but the Christmas market thrives every year. This year's festivities will be taking place on December 6-9. To learn more about the Christmas market held in Røros, visit ***https://www.roros.no/en/the-roeros-christmas-fair/***

More about enchanting Røros can be found online in the November 2016 Viking. Log in at ***www.sonsofnorway.com***, then access the Viking archive by clicking on the Norwegian Culture drop down menu on the homepage.

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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 a Hall Board member, or contact **Dave Melius** at (408) 244-4497 or ***dmelius@hotmail.com***

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

We're Growing to 2020!

As the year draws to a close, the 2018 Recruitment Campaign is wrapping up. Please help our lodge grow and win a prize for meeting the 9% recruitment goal.

Lodges that meet the goal receive:

- First access to an exciting new Cultural Program
- $100 cash card the lodge may use as it prefers
- 2018 Recognition Certificate

Kringle

Add your own Christmas twist to this Old Norse inspired cookie.

Submitted by Christopher Mohs, Vikingland Lodge 1-495, Detroit Lakes, MN

Ingredients:

1 cup sugar
1/2 cup melted butter
1 cup buttermilk *(or 1 cup regular milk soured with 1 tbsp of lemon juice or white vinegar)*
1 tsp baking soda *(added to the buttermilk)*
1 large egg
1/2 tsp salt
1/2 tsp ground cardamom
3 cups flour *(may take more)*

Directions:

In a mixer, add sugar, melted butter, egg, salt, cardamom, and the buttermilk mixture *(that includes the baking soda)*. Mix together well and then add the flour, 1/2 cup at a time, until the dough becomes stiff. *(It will still be a little slack, slightly looser than a sugar cookie dough.)* Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate overnight.

The next morning pre-heat the oven to 350 degrees and remove the dough from the refrigerator. On a floured board roll out approximately 1 1/2 tbsp of dough into ropes that are approximately 6-8 inches in length. Dipping your finger in water lightly, wet both ends of the rope and seal together to make a ring or cirlce. Give the ring one twist to form a figure eight and place on a parchment lined baking sheet, leaving approximately 1/2 inch between each one to allow for the rise while baking *(they will double in size)*. Bake for 20 to 25 minutes or until just starting to brown. Remove and let cool before enjoying.

Find more of Christopher's recipes on his blog, *Pumpernickel & Rye* *.... From SON Newsletter Service*

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Platinum Level

In memory of Elderid Everly
Solveig Club (donation, April 2018)

In memory of Grace Larsen
Solveig Club (donation, April 2018)

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)

Gold Level

In memory of Clarian Pintacura
Alan Pintacura (donation Oct 2018)

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

Silver Level

In memory of Elderid Everly
Laurette Kennelly (donation, May 2018)
The families of Elderid's sisters Eva & Rachel (donation, May 2018)

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

Bronze Level

In memory of Elderid Everly
Rebecca Ng (donation, May 2018)
Alan Pintacura, Winifred Doty, Kathy Jones (donation, May 2018)

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

Shelley Curtis (donations, Jan 2018 and 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, Nov 2017, Jan 2017, and Nov 2015)

In memory of Noel Whaley
Sydney Whaley (donation, April 2015)

Tusen Takk for your support!

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

Connections ...ways to connect with your Norwegian heritage

Anne Grimdalen Lodge #34 Daughters of Norway *Julbutikk* and Luncheon: You are invited to our event on Saturday, December 8 at the Sunnyview Retirement Community Center, 22445 Cupertino Road, Cupertino. Shopping begins at 9:30 AM. This year, two sister Lodges, **Anne Kolbjornsdatter Lodge** (San Francisco) and **Sigrid Undset Lodge** (Palo Alto) will also be selling beautiful Norwegian items, many hand-made. Shoppers are invited to join us for luncheon.

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***.

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***

a little in English... Singing in Norwegian

Hanne Sørvaag had always sung in English. Now the artist is releasing an album in Norwegian.

“The texts came so easily. The subject matter became a bit different. And it’s a bit more to the point,” says musician Hanne Sørvaag. She’ll soon be ready with the album “Som om me hørte samen” (As if we belonged together). It's her first in Norwegian.

This is Sørvaag's seventh solo studio album. The first one came out in 2002.

Sørvaag has written several songs for others. This is one of the reasons she spent time discovering Norwegian as a singing language.

"I have received a good response to Norwegian songs, but I wanted to do so much. I wanted to make songs in Nashville in the United States. I wanted to write pop with the Swedes," she told news agency NTB. [Norsk Telegrambyrå / Norwegian News Agency]

She chose English. That way she could reach the world.

Sørvaag wrote the song "My Destiny" for singer Katharine McPhee. It ended up in second place on the Billboard Charts in 2006.

The musician also wrote the song "Brief and Beautiful." It went to number one in Norway. The song was sung by Maria Arredondo.

Last year, Sørvaag participated in the TV program "Hver gang vi møtes” (Every time we meet). She sang songs belonging to other artists. "God morgen min kjære“ (Good morning my dear) became really popular.

That made Sørvaag change her mind. Now she wanted to take a chance on Norwegian.

"The ideas began coming to me in Norwegian," she says.

Sørvaag uses her own upbringing in her songs. It can be a bit painful. Her parents divorced when she was four years old. This gave her inspiration for songs.

Singing in Norwegian brings her closer to her audience, she thinks.

“I’ve noticed that audiences are singing along. They understand more easily what the songs are about. It's incredibly fun!”

litt på norsk... Synger på norsk

Hanne Sørvaag sang alltid på engelsk. Nå gir artisten ut en plate på norsk.

– Tekstene kom så lett. Temaene ble litt annerledes. Og det er litt mer rett på sak, sier artisten Hanne Sørvaag. Hun er snart klar med albumet «Som om me hørte samen». Det er hennes første på norsk.

Dette er Sørvaags sjuende egne studioalbum. Det første kom i 2002.

Sørvaag har skrevet flere sanger for andre. Dette er noe av årsaken til at hun brukte tid på å oppdage norsk som sangspråk.

– Jeg har fått god respons på norske sanger, men jeg ville så mye. Jeg ville lage sanger i Nashville i USA. Jeg ville skrive pop med svenskene, sier hun til nyhetsbyrået NTB.

Hun satset på engelsk. Slik kunne hun nå ut til verden.

Sørvaag skrev sangen «My Destiny» for artisten Katharine McPhee. Den havnet på 2. plass på lista Billboard i 2006.

Artisten skrev også sangen «Brief and Beautiful». Den ble nummer én i Norge. Sangen ble sunget av Maria Arredondo.

I fjor var Sørvaag med i TV-programmet «Hver gang vi møtes». Hun sang låter som hørte til andre artister. «God morgen min kjære» ble svært populær.

Det gjorte at Sørvaag tenkte seg om. Nå ville hun satse på norsk.

– Ideene begynte å komme på norsk, sier hun.

Sørvaag bruker egen oppvekst i sangene. Det kan også bli litt sårt. Foreldrene hennes skilte seg da hun var fire år gammel. Dette ga henne inspirasjon til låter.

Norske sanger gjør at hun kommer nærmere publikum, tror hun.

– Jeg merker at publikum synger med. De får lettere med seg hva sangene handler om. Det er utrolig gøy!

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Contact me for fresh ideas for how Sons of Norway financial products may be able to give you a lift.

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Nov 30 - Dec 1	Lutefisk Dinner
Dec 2	Hall Clean Up
Dec 25	Merry Christmas!
Jan 1	Happy New Year!
Jan 13	Installation of Officers
Feb 23	Lodge Anniversary Dinner

See *"Connections"* for other cultural 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 cancelled stamps for Tubfrim. Tusen Takk!