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Nordahl's Tidende

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En hilsen fra Nordahl Grieg Presidenten

Kjære Venner (Dear Friends),

This month I'm writing my president's message from Camp Norge, where I'm managing the District Six Language and Heritage Camps. At the first session, Trollfjell Folkehøgskule, we had fifteen students, four of them descendants of Nordahl Grieg Lodge members. In the second session, Camp Trollfjell we have seventeen kids aged 8 to 13 from all over District Six, the farthest from Phoenix, AZ. Everyone is having a great time.

Meanwhile, back at the Lodge there are two issues that I need your help with. These are our 75th Anniversary Dinner and the annual Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner.

I had a caterer lined up to do our Anniversary Dinner and arrangements for some interesting entertainment. Unfortunately, the caterer had a personal issue come up and is unable to produce this dinner for us. I have been unable to find a replacement for the scheduled date of August 21. I will be rescheduling this event for a Saturday in October. The entertainment for the Anniversary Dinner is able to handle this rescheduling, and I have a possibility of two different caterers, but neither has been able to give me a firm commitment. Where you can help is to let me know if you know a caterer that has a free Saturday in October and is willing to work with us. Give me a call (831-251-2236) or e-mail me (***president@nordahl-grieg.org***) if you have a lead on a caterer or other ideas for the Anniversary Dinner.

More critical to the long-term health of our Lodge is a successful Lutefisk and Meatball dinner in December. Last year we had a great team step forward and organize a Dinner-to-Go as a place holder to our normal in-person dinner. For them, this was a one-time commitment, and we thank them again for a great job.

Our prior Dinner co-chairs, **JoAnn Bjerkhoel** and **Larry Hulberg**, have requested a well-deserved retirement from this leadership role. It is time for someone else or a team of folks to come forward and take on this important position. Putting out a call for volunteers like this is no doubt the least effective means of asking for help. But without regular in-person meetings, it's about the only means at my disposal. So, please don't just put this request aside thinking that someone else will do it. Please give careful consideration about what you can do to support our lodge and contact me via the phone number or email listed above.

Fraternally,

Bruce Fihe, President

Call for Nominating Committee

Although the pandemic has changed the way our Lodge is currently operating, we cannot postpone developing a slate of candidates to run for our officer positions for 2022. Now is the time to form a nominating committee. The nominating committee will start by contacting the existing officers to see if they are willing to serve another term, and then identify other Lodge members to fill the positions of retiring officers.

Please contact President **Bruce Fihe** if you are willing to serve on the nominating committee at ***president@nordahl-grieg.org***. If you have an interest in an officer position, you can reach out to the current officer or president to learn more about their duties.

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Sunshine Report

Summer is flying by! Hope each of you are enjoying time with your family and friends. I am looking forward to a visit to Oregon to visit my sister and her family and my granddaughter and great grandsons. I am also planning a visit with **Virginia Hansen**.

Happy News

Our beloved member, **Egil Larsen**, celebrated his 98th birthday in July with family and friends. Egil looks great and is doing well health-wise, just using a walker for safety. He still gives those great hugs and is always happy to hear about and see his many Lodge friends. We wish Egil many more happy days!

Remembering

Sig Jordahl, a longtime SON member, passed away in June. Over the years, he was a member of both the Oakland and Hayward Lodges and served in many offices in both Lodges. He was well-known by many members of our Lodge, as well as throughout District 6. His daughter, **Irene**, continues his legacy as an active SON member of Snorre Lodge and has been a District officer as well. Our condolences to Sig's family in the loss of their patriarch.

Peggy Riddervold passed away in 2020 but was recently remembered at a Celebration of Life gathering. Peggy was a member of the Oakland Lodge as well as Daughters of Norway. She was a kind and special person who along with her husband, **Glenn**, attended many of our Lodge functions and supported our Hall Board. We will miss Peggy and send our condolences to her loving family.

Until next time,

Shirley Shoup, Sunshineperson

August Birthdays

1	Fred Hymans
3	Jacqueline Mehus
4	Coy Bratton
5	Ona Saras
6	Bente Ellis
7	Paul Petersen
7	Penny Robicheau
8	Rhonda Ansok
8	Joshua Dybdahl
8	Linda Smestad
11	Thomas Bruckner
12	Bodil Grodum
18	Hali Wilson Hansen
18	Kristen Hunsbedt
18	Bryce Hymans
21	Genevieve Deppong
21	Lukas Hager
23	Janet Mattison
23	Joseph Kaisi
24	Elizabeth Estensen
24	John Hemiup
25	Pat Nyberg
30	Johan Lund
30	June Stennes
31	William Porter

Heritage Members

7	Natasha Estensen
15	Mariella Cornell
30	Kathleen Howard
31	William Hemiup

Canal of the Mountain King

In fulfillment of a dream more than a hundred years old, Norway has approved plans for the world's first shipping tunnel to be drilled through the mountains of the Stad Peninsula on the western coast. This rocky finger of land juts out into dangerous seas, where the Norwegian and North seas meet, resulting in very treacherous weather and wave conditions. Ships often have to wait days for the stormy seas to settle before they can embark on their slow trip around the cape.

The mile long tunnel, which will be constructed at the peninsula's thinnest point, where it connects to the mainland, will be large enough to allow a ship the size of a Hurtigruten Coast Steamer or the average cargo ship to slip through safely. Walkways will be built on either side of the canal to facilitate maintenance and emergency evacuations.

The $330 million project will kick off in 2022 and is expected to take three to four years to complete.

....from SON Newsletter Service

Labor Day Weekend –September 4,5,6 2021

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA KRETSSTEVNE (NCK)

Zones 1,2 and 3 invite YOU to our "Jewel in the Sierras" for the "Gathering of the Clan"!! Come for the entire weekend or plan to be with us just part of the weekend!

Meals will be served in the Heritage Hall—Horseshoe Tournament—Swimming Pool Fun—Hike to the Railroad Tunnels—and more!!

++++SUNDAY, 200PM+++

DEDICATION OF THE NEW PLAY-GROUND EQUIPMENT

FREE———-Ice Cream Sundaes for all!

Come and thank Baylee McKenney and Jason Morken for their hard work!!

Mail this form and a check for the meals, made out to NCK to: Bruce Fihe, NCK Registrar, 2435 Felt Street, #57, Santa Cruz, CA 95062

Name_____ Lodge Name & #_____

Address_____ City/State/Zip_____

Contact # (____)_____Email_____

Saturday Breakfast.....Adult(s)_____x $7.00= $_____ Children (under12)_____ x $3.50= $_____

Saturday Lunch.....Adult(s)———x $8.00= $_____ Children (under 12)_____x $4.00= $_____

Saturday Dinner.....Adult(s)_____ x $17.50=$_____ Children (under 12)_____x $8.75= $_____

Sunday Frokost..... Adult(s)_____x $10.00 = $_____ Children (under 12)____ .x $5.00= $_____

Sunday Dinner..... Adult(s)_____x $17.50=$_____ Children (under 12)_____x $8.75 =$_____

Monday Breakfast..... Adult(s)_____ x $5.00= $_____ Children (under 12)_____ x $2.50=$_____

Kretsstevne Pin ..... # of pins X $2.00_____

Or purchase the weekend package and save (includes the pin)

Weekend Package....Adult(s)_____ x $65.00 _____ Children (under 12)____ x $32.50 = $_____

PRE-REGISTRATION of meals is imperative in order to purchase the correct amount of food.

The Meal Registration Deadline is August 27, 2021

Make checks payable to NCK and mail to:

Bruce Fihe....see address above

Bring your tent or RV or call Susan to reserve a room (530) 389-2508.

Check out the accommodations: www.campnorge.org.

NEWS RELEASE – Century Club News!

Have you been waiting for your annual Century Club membership reminder? Well, wait no more. After a brief hiatus, we are once again ready to receive your donations.

As always, your much-needed donations to the Century Club will provide the support Camp Norge needs to keep up with urgent maintenance needs; things like painting buildings, repairing leaky water lines, and mending fences. Your support is vital to maintaining the beauty and durability of our "Gem in the Sierras." Annual membership in the Century Club remains $100.

Please make your checks out to the Century Club and send to:

Century Club
c/o Camp Norge
P.O. Box 622
Alta, CA 95701

History of the Century Club

In 1996, after touring Camp Norge as part of the District 6 Convention in Sacramento, delegates and officers were inspired to create an enduring fundraising vehicle for the much-needed maintenance at the Camp. The Century Club was born! The name "Century" was chosen based on the goal of having at least 100 members per year donate $100. One half of each year's funds raised went directly to the Recreation Center Board and the other half was invested for future needs. Over the years, Century Club board members have come and gone, but the mission of the club has never changed.

Open for New Committee Members

By the way, the Century Club Committee, which is now a component of the Camp Norge Board, has a few openings. If you or someone you know might be interested, we would love to hear from you.

For more information on how you can join and support the Century Club, contact **Fred Hymans**, ***fred.hymans@campnorge.org*** or 916-333-2086.

Have you heard of the Kavli Prize?

While you may be familiar with the Nobel Peace Prize awarded by the Norwegian Nobel Committee, there is a newer, less-known prize in the news. Established by Fred Kavli, the Kavli Prize recognizes scientific creativity and celebrates outstanding achievements in the fields of astrophysics, nanoscience, and neuroscience.

Image Credit: kavliprize.org

Born on a small farm in Eresfjord, Norway, Kavli later moved to California. He was a physicist, entrepreneur, and philanthropist whose lifelong fascination with science led him to establish the U.S.-based Kavli Foundation in 2005. Since 2008, awards have gone to 54 scientists from thirteen countries including the United States, United Kingdom, Germany, Austria, France, Netherlands, Lithuania, Japan, Norway, Russia, Czechia, Sweden, and Switzerland.

Nominations for the Kavli Prize open this year on September 1 and close on December 1, 2021. The Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters will award three prizes in 2022, using the recommendations of independent committees for each field. Norway's Royal Family presides over a ceremony held in Oslo, where prize recipients receive a gold medal, scroll, and cash equivalent to one million U.S. dollars. Read more about the Kavli Prize and watch fascinating videos about discoveries by Kavli laureates online at ***https://kavliprize.org***.

....from SON Newsletter Service

CAMP OLDFJELL

$200 Sat-Tue

$100 Sat-Sun

Save the Dates!

Saturday, September 18th to Tuesday, September 21st

Camp Oldfjell is held at District Six's Recreation Center, Camp Norge, located in Alta, California.

Meals are included in registration fee. Attendees are responsible for their own lodging. Visit Camp Norge's website for details on lodging and the latest news on Camp Oldfjell: www.campnorge.org. Course Catalog and Registration will be posted when available.

Visit *https://www.campnorge.org/site/camp-oldfjell* to register.

Connections...ways to connect with your Norwegian heritage

- **Norwegian Folk Dancing** – Nordahl Grieg Leikarring's in-person dancing will resume (we hope) in September! Of course things could change by then, but right now we are cautiously optimistic that we can meet in person again starting soon after Labor Day. Watch here for time, place, and other details.
- **Folk Art School Online Classes** – The Vesterheim Museum is currently offering folk art classes online. Registration will continue through September, and spaces are filling up quickly. Subjects include figure carving, rosemaling, aquavit cocktails, and more. Visit ***https://folkartschool.vesterheim.org/classes/folk-art-online*** for more information and to register.
- **Improve your Norwegian language skills!** Begin on the SON website in the Member Resources area, where you can listen to Norwegian phrases and learn about the Norwegian alphabet and written language. You'll find more than 30 spoken language lessons here, just for members. When you're ready test your beginner or intermediate language skills, we have a new tool for you! You can use it to test your proficiency and build confidence as you learn to speak Norwegian. Visit ***https://www.sofn.com/member_resources/cultural_programming*** and then select "Language Lessons."
- **Get Your SON Logo Gear** – Go online to ***https://sofn.logoshop.com*** for a selection of Sons of Norway themed items to help you show off your Nordic pride, including T-shirts, socks, bags, and other great selections!
- **Do you like to sing?** The **Zaida Singers**, dedicated to the preservation of Scandinavian vocal music, are looking for new members. The group sings mostly Swedish folk songs, a cappella in 4-part harmony, but also enjoys mixing things up with new pieces. If interested, please contact choir director **Zaida Binetti** at 408-621-8959 or ***zaidasingers@gmail.com.*** Website: ***zaidasingers.org***.
- What would you like to see here? Tell us about activities and ideas to **CONNECT** with our Norwegian Heritage! View Nordahl Grieg Activity Photos ***www.nordahl-grieg.org***

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***

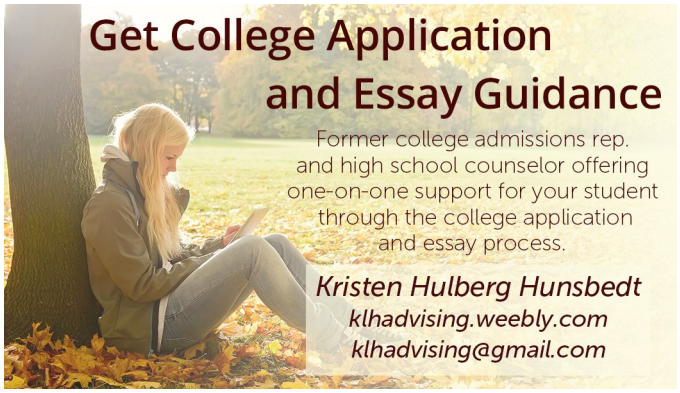
* Donations are not tax deductible. Please consult your tax professional.

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 408-915-7755



Reminder: Cultural Skills Sunday is Coming Up

Be sure to join us for our first Cultural Skills Sunday on September 12 at 10:00 AM.

Do you need help with a Cultural Skills project? Do you need help completing the paperwork for a Cultural Skills pin? This is the event for you. This event is also for you if you like to teach and help others. We are fortunate to have many talented members.

At this event, we will also plan future Cultural Skills Sundays and plan for some specific skills lessons. Bring your own brown bag lunch, a Cultural Skills project to work on, and a desire to have some fun together. We will surely create some masterpieces together.

Thank You!

Earlier this year, two Camp Trollfjell counselors spearheaded a fundraiser to replace the old playset, which had become unsafe after many years of fun. Jason Morken and Baylee McKenney reached out to lodges around the district via Zoom meetings and worked with many Sons of Norway members to make this dream a reality.

Thanks to generous donations from Nordahl Grieg Lodge, some of our individual members, and others throughout the district, the fundraising goal was met! The new playset now resides at our beloved Camp Norge and is ready to welcome the next generation.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony will take place on Sunday, September 5 at 2:00 PM during Kretsstevne. There will be ice cream sundaes and bubbles for everyone!

Love Your Lodge Donations

Platinum Level

In memory of his loving wife, Peggy Riddervold
Glenn Riddervold (donation, Sept 2020)

In memory of Ovald & Lorraine Norgaard
Elaine Edwards (donation, July 2020)

Solveig Club (donation, June 2019)

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

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

Gold Level

In memory of Clarian Pintacura
Alan Pintacura (donations, Oct 2018 and Dec 2019)

In memory of Virginia Jolly
Don Ansok (donation, May 2021)

Silver Level

In memory of Garrett & John Hansen
Virginia Hansen (donation, March 2021)

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

Bronze Level

In memory of Mike Stennes
Shaun and Nicole Stennes (donation, January 2021)

In memory of Elderid Everly
Priscilla & Daniel Mark, Suzanne Lew, Danielle Low (donation, Nov 2019)
Rebecca Ng (donation, May 2018)
Alan Pintacura, Winifred Doty, Kathy Jones (donation, May 2018)

In memory of JoAnne Ansok
Jack and Virginia Jolly (donation, Oct 2019)

In memory of Harry Bjerkhoel
Jack and Virginia Jolly (donation, Oct 2019)

In memory of Greg Ansok
Jack and Virginia Jolly (donation, Oct 2019)

In memory of Noel Whaley
Jack and Virginia Jolly (donation, Oct 2019)

In honor of Paul Nore
Solveig Club (donation, June 2019)

Campbell Chamber of Commerce (donations, Nov 2018 and Dec 2019)

Tusen Takk for your support!

Donations made prior to January 2018 are not listed.
Please view past issues of *Tidende* to see donors and honorees from earlier contributions. *Takk!*

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~~**Aug 21**~~	~~Anniversary Dinner~~ *postponed*
Sept 4-6	Kretsstevne @ Camp Norge
Sept 12	Cultural Skills Sunday
Sept 18-21	Camp Oldfjell @ Camp Norge

In this time of disruption, many more families need food assistance. Since we can't bring food donations to lodge events, please consider making a cash donation directly to Second Harvest at ***https://www.shfb.org.***

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