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En hilsen fra Nordahl Grieg Presidenten

Kjære Venner (Dear Friends),

Last month, when I wrote my president's message, I though it would be my last. But somehow, things are not going as planned. So far, no one seems interested is serving as president of our lodge. And then there is this from the Term [of Office] in the International Charter and Constitution "…[will serve] until their successors have been elected and installed." This says that I must continue to serve as your president, but it does not say how much effort I need to put into the job. So, I will continue to serve, but at an absolute minimal level.

What can you expect? For one, this will be the last president's message I write. Maybe our editor can find something interesting to put in this space. Since I have not been elected, I will not be installed at the Installation Ceremony on January 8. I will preside at any Lodge meetings, and I will assist the other officers of the Lodge in performing their duties.

If this does not seem like the way to run a successful Lodge, I agree with you. Now it is up to all of you to help change this story.

Fraternally, *Bruce Fihe, not-President*

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

GODT NYTTÅR!

Nyheter Fra Solveig Club

Many thanks to all the shoppers at our Lutefisk Dinner Bazaar and Raffle last month. It's our biggest fundraiser of the year and because of you it was a success.

A very special thank you to the following Solveig Club members and friends who volunteered their time and efforts. **Lefse Makers**: Vicki Everly, Sharon Bratton, Barbara Shoup, Liv Braaten, Duane Adams. **Cookie Makers**: Vicki Everly, Sharon Bratton, Judy Purrington, Barbara Shoup, Shirley Shoup, Liv Braaten, Karen Aaker, Duane Adams. **Table Setting**: Vicki Everly, Sharon Bratton, Anna Likens, Judy Purrington, Barbara Shoup, Sonja Flanagin, Duane Adams. **Bazaar** (set up, sales, and clean up): Vicki Everly, Sharon Bratton, Anna Likens, Judy Purrington, Sharee Frost, Barbara Shoup, Jane Marshburn, Meg Laycock, Shirley Shoup, Duane Adams.

Our first meeting in 2023 will be a potluck lunch on Wednesday, January 18, beginning at 10:30 AM in the Solveig Room. Guests are always welcome.

Beste Hilsen,
Duane Adams, Solveig Club President

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Lutefisk Lives On!

Wow! We did it! On Saturday, December 3, 400 hungry diners joined us at Nordahl Grieg's first in-person Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner since 2019. It was wonderful to see friends and family members sitting together and sharing food and creating memories. We were worried we wouldn't have enough help, but the volunteers showed up!

We could not have pulled this off without many, MANY helpers. Advice and notes from people who have done this before, input from many valuable sources, and lots of physical labor made this event a huge success. It's truly magical how we're able to transform our hall into a cultural tradition to be treasured for generations.

Tusen takk to everyone who helped make this year's dinner possible! Please see page 5 for a list of volunteers.

With gratitude,

Kristen Hunsbedt and Janie Kelly

Lutefisk Co-Chairs

January Birthdays

4 Ruth Tebo
5 Ron Smestad
7 Kalia Freitas
8 Ron Lee
8 Christine Roed
8 Craig Slama
10 Morgan Frost
10 Gloria Heistein
11 Terri McCall
17 Marlin M Jones
19 Jo Ann Bjerkhoel
22 Tanya Wieber
23 Charla Bunton-Johnson
24 Julie Buckley
25 Donald Ansok
25 Kermit Lund
26 Sharon Felkey
27 David McIntyre

You're Invited
2023 Installation of Officers

The installation of our 2023 Lodge officers is Sunday, January 8 at 1:30 PM at Nordahl Hall.

Join us for fun, food, and fellowship. Officers (past and present) are asked to bring a plate of open-face sandwiches to share. The Lodge will provide cake and coffee. Help us make the occasion festive by wearing your Norwegian sweater or bunad.

There are still important officer positions vacant; please let out-going president **Bruce Fihe** know if you can serve. No experience is necessary for many of these positions, and we welcome new volunteers and new ideas.

2023 Nordahl Grieg Officers

President – vacant
Vice President – **Sheryl Hawes**
Co-Secretaries – **Meg Laycock** and **Duane Adams**
Treasurer – **Mike Block**
Financial Secretary – vacant
Co-Social Directors – **Barbara Shoup** and **Duane Adams**
Co-Cultural Directors – **Judy Purrington** and **Kathy Whitesel**
Tidende Editor – **Kristen Hunsbedt**
Counselor – **Bruce Fihe**
One-Year Trustee – vacant
Two-Year Trustee – **Elaine Edwards**
Three-Year Trustee – vacant
Greeters – vacant
Marshalls – vacant

Nordahl Grieg Lodge
77th Anniversary Dinner

Saturday, February 18, 2023

3 pm Social Time • 4 pm Dinner

Chicken Marsala
Pasta Primavera
Garden Salad
Garlic Bread (and Plain)
Raspberry Tiramisu

Presentation of Awards

- **Membership Longevity**
- **Special Awards**

Solveig Club Nordic Boutique
(cash and checks only please)

Please bring food bank donations for our community outreach program

Cost: $25 per person • No charge for children aged 12 and under

Reservations and payment
➡ must be received by Monday, February 13

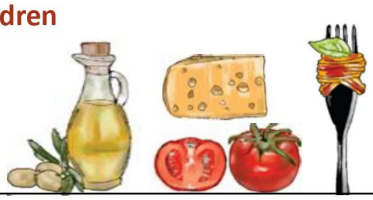
You have two ways to reserve and pay:

Mail your check, payable to Nordahl Grieg Lodge, to:
Bruce Fihe
2435 Felt Street, Space 57
Santa Cruz, CA 95062-4201
(831) 454-8509

OR

Click here to reserve online or use: *https://tinyurl.com/4kuk9cr3.* You can then either pay online or pay by mail.

➡ Please note # of adults & children in the memo section of your check



Member Anniversaries

The following Lodge members will receive longevity awards at our 2023 Anniversary Dinner. CONGRATULATIONS to everyone, and THANK YOU for your continued membership and support of Nordahl Grieg Lodge.

5 Years (*joined in 2017*)
Kristina Davidson
Douglas Debs
Frederica Heady
Fred Hjelmeset

10 Years (*joined in 2012*)
Karen Aaker
Duane Adams
Shelley Curtis
Bruce Fihe
Raymond Howard
Dave Melius
Claire Smyth
Jon Villarreal

15 Years (*joined in 2007*)
Jesusa Bjerkhoel
Coy Bratton
Jessyca Bratton
Stephanie Bratton
Bob Goodenough
Richard Kurkowski
Tom Marshburn
Karen Mueller
Dayna Bjerkhoel Neal
Rich Pierson
Amanda Sorenson
Jeannie Thomson

20 Years (*joined in 2002*)
Alissa Bjerkhoel
Leland Bjerkhoel
Mark Groethe
Christine Roed
Kathy Whitesel

25 Years (*joined in 1997*)
Janet Espersen

30 Years (*joined in 1992*)
Russ Behel
Erik Bertelson
Mike Block
Shirley Shoup
Virginia Unruh

Golden Members*
Erik Bertelson
Russ Behel
Mike Block
Marlin Jones
Linda Larsen
Shirley Shoup
Victoria Slama
Virginia Unruh

35 Years (*joined in 1987*)
Meg Laycock

50 Years (*joined in 1972*)
Jo Ann Bjerkhoel
Shirlee Smith

55 Years (*joined in 1967*)
John Eckland
Jan Overland
Erik Werner

60 Years (*joined in 1962*)
Janice Crawford
Paul Crawford

*Golden Members have been members of Sons of Norway for 30 years or more and are aged 65 or older.

Congratulations!

Mange tusen takk to the many, many volunteers who made our Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner a success! This year was especially challenging after our two-year hiatus, but YOU made it possible. We sincerely apologize if we have left anyone out or misspelled a name.

Publicity & Tickets
Bruce Fihe

Purchasing
Kristen Hunsbedt
Janie Kelly

Meatballs
Bruce Fihe
Jamie Horner
Laura Hulberg
Cameron Hunsbedt
Kristen Hunsbedt
Janie Kelly
Pat Kelly
Cassandra Leventon
Ken Leventon
Craig Slama
Rena Slama

Lefse Making
Duane Adams
Astrid Alkire
Russ Behel
Liv Braaten
Keziah Bratton
Sharon Bratton
Patricia Erickson
Linda Egger
Stan Egger
Vicki Everly
Michael Flanagin
Carol Fukui
Larry Hulberg
Laura Hulberg
Andrew Hunsbedt
Kristen Hunsbedt
Janie Kelly
Julie Larson
Mayvid Maclay
Dave Melius
Karen Mueller
Barbara Shoup
Minda Sidlao
Ron Smestad
Linda Smestad
Claire Smyth
Jeannie Thomson

Cookie Making
Karen Aaker
Duane Adams
JoAnn Bjerkhoel
Liv Braaten
Sharon Bratton
Aaron Bueno
Brooke Bueno
Rad Bueno
Ryder Bueno
Mariella Cornell-Freitas
Judy Davis
Larry Davis
Bente Ellis
Kristine Estensen-Goldberg
Vicky Everly
Bruce Fihe
Amber Francis
Kalia Freitas
Nevaeh Freitas
Sheryl Hawes
Jamie Horner
Kristen Hunsbedt
Cameron Hunsbedt
Larry Hulberg
Julie Larson
Cassie Leventon
Skyla Leventon
Svea Leventon
Pamela Lothian
Sandra Lothian
Mayvid Maclay
Karen Mueller
Kermit Olsen
Judy Purrington
Barbara Shoup
Shirley Shoup
Jeannie Thomson

Set-up
Martin Alkire
Russ Behel
Bruce Fihe
Jamie Horner
Larry Hulberg
Andy Hunsbedt
Kristen Hunsbedt
Janie Kelly
Dave Melius
Cory Smyth

Table Setting
Duane Adams
Sharon Bratton
Vicki Everly
Sonja Flanagin
Anna Likens
Judy Purrington
Barbara Shoup

Decorations
Dave Melius
Claire Smyth
Kathy Whitesel

Bazaar & Raffle
Duane Adams
Sharon Bratton
Vicki Everly
Sharee Frost
Meg Laycock
Anna Likens
Jane Marshburn
Judy Purrington
Barbara Shoup
Shirley Shoup

Cook Tent
Martin Alkire
Scott Ansok
Bruce Fihe
Andy Hunsbedt

Bar & Wine Service
Carol Fukui
Norm Hulberg
Fred Hymans
Dave Melius

Kitchen Crew
Russ Behel
Avery Coyle
Brooklyn Coyle
Billylynn Kitson
Pat Kitson
Daniel LeClair
Craig Slama
Rena Slama

Entertainment
Leland Bjerkhoel

Check-In
JoAnn Bjerkhoel
LaVinnia Pierson

Dining Room
Karen Aaker
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Mariella Cornell-Freitas
Judy Davis
Larry Davis
Kalia Freitas
Nevaeh Freitas
Kristen Hunsbedt
Janie Kelly
Katie Kitson
Julie Larson
Skyla Leventon
Svea Leventon
Mayvid Maclay
Rich Pierson
Eli Santos
Kate Slama
John Stubblebine

Trash & Recycling
Kathy Whitesel

Cleanup
Duane Adams
Martin Alkire
Russ Behel
Sharon Bratton
Vicki Everly
Bruce Fihe
Sharee Frost
Andy Hunsbedt
Kristen Hunsbedt
Janie Kelly
Stephen Scholberg
Barbara Shoup

Thank you to everyone who was a part of this year's Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner!

In Memoriam

Our Lodge is mourning the loss of one of our beloved members. **Janet Pankratz** passed away on November 14 at the age of 82. Although she officially joined our lodge in 2004, Janet has been a longtime friend of Nordahl Grieg as her daughter, **Rena Slama**, and many others in her family have supported our lodge for decades. We missed Janet at the Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner where she was known for passing out bread and lefse. She and **Don Slama** also enjoyed many fun trips to Camp Norge for events like Kretsstevne. She is survived by her brother and sister, son and daughter, and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. We send our condolences to the entire Pankratz and Slama families. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Crown Princess Donates Unique Garment

In June 2022, Crown Princess Mette-Marit attended a dinner for the opening of the new National Museum of Art, Architecture and Design in Oslo. The dazzling pink dress she wore for the event was both symbolic and personal.

When the pandemic hit, the princess borrowed a loom to fulfill a long-standing fascination with weaving. As she practiced, the idea for a dress came together. She enlisted Norwegian luxury designer Peter Dundas to co-design a modern garment that paid homage to traditional crafts.

Photo Credit: Annika Byrde / NTB

Previously, Mette-Marit had visited Aurora Verksted, a workshop for people with differing abilities located in Bærum, near Oslo. The community employs around 100 artists with and without disabilities who practice traditional techniques in ceramics, textiles, clothing, graphics and painting in an atmosphere focused on creativity and joyful connection.

The fabric of the pink woolen dress has a weaving pattern based on a Telemark rug, and ornate embroidery along the arms and hem.

In July, the crown princess and several artists from Aurora Verksted were present to donate the dress to conservators at the National Museum. Director Karin Hindsbo told NRK that the dress is “a unique piece of fashion history.”

...from SON Newsletter Service

Salmon Eye Floating Exhibition Opens in Hardangerfjord

Photo Credit: Kvorning Design, via lifeinnorway.net

There is a new, eye-catching feature in the middle of Norway’s Hardangerfjord. The feature is called the “Salmon Eye” and is a floating exhibition created to educate visitors about the seafood industry and aquaculture. The idea was launched in 2019 by brothers Sondre and Erlend Eide, third generation salmon producers and owners of their family business, Eide Fjordbruk. The installation’s architecture was based on a fisheye and features 9,500 stainless steel plates to imitate fish scales. The interior, which is 650 square meters, is split into four floors and one is underwater. The structure can only be accessed by ferry and is aimed at discussing sustainable aquaculture.

Eide Fjordbruk has made significant strides in improving the environmental impact of salmon farming, being the first fish farming company to produce carbon-neutral salmon. They also will unveil a new technology that “enables farming in the fjord and sea with no negative impact on the environment or climate.” With seafood being a major part of Norway’s industry, the hope is that visitors will recognize the ocean as a vital food source.

...from SON Newsletter Service

What's for McLunch in Norway?

Photo Credit: McDonald's, Fish McFeast

Have you ever waited in the drive-thru line at McDonalds and wondered: what might I be ordering if I were at McDonald's in Norway?

It turns out, Norwegians have some of the same familiar favorites as North Americans, such as Big Macs, Chicken McNuggets and French fries. However, they also have some items that we don't, like the Big Mac Chicken, the Fish McFeast, and the Cheese Tops Burger. Since we are talking about food in Norway, it's not too surprising to see that they have made an effort to make even McDonald's healthier. There are several vegetarian items available. In the Happy Meals, you have the same choices as in North America…and some that feel uniquely Norwegian, like 2 different fish sandwiches and a veggie burger.

Speaking of drive-thru lanes, Norway does have them, but they account for about 40% of total sales versus 65% of McDonalds' business in the US.

Here's a link to check out other menu items you might like to try. *Håper det smaker!* Enjoy the food!

https://www.mcdonalds.com/no/nb-no/meny.html

...from SON Newsletter Service

Ole and Sven are driving at night. Ole starts to worry something is wrong with his blinkers, so he pulls over and asks Sven to get out and check them.

"Hey," Sven yells from the front of the car, "It works... Wait it doesn't work...No now it works... Wait it doesn't work...No wait, now it works...Oh sorry, it doesn't work..."

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)

Gold Level

In loving memory of Clarian Pintacura
Alan Pintacura (donation, December 2021)

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

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

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 April 2018 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

- ***"A Storm for Christmas"*** – If you're still in a holiday frame of mind, check out this Norwegian television series now available on Netflix.
- **A Viking in LA** – Norwegian-American blog including book recommendations, cooking features, and virtual and in-person events. Visit ***http://www.avikinginla.com***.
- **Norwegian Folk Dancing** – Norwegian folk dancing on Wednesday nights. We include change-partner dances, couple dances, and no-partner dances, with teaching reminders and step practice sprinkled throughout the evening. Everyone has many opportunities to dance! Proof of vaccination is required, and all dancers must wear masks except when eating or drinking. NEW Location: Unitarian Universalist Church of Palo Alto, 505 E. Charleston Rd. Palo Alto CA 94306. For more information, contact **Meg Laycock** at 408-255-2111, or ***meg@jstub.com***.
- **Share Your Heritage** – Free Heritage Membership in Sons of Norway is an easy way to share your heritage. Sign up your children or grandchildren (age 15 and under) for FREE Heritage membership. They'll receive a member welcome kit with their own member ID Card. Visit ***https://www.sofn.com/join_or_renew*** for more details and to sign up.
- 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
  www.facebook.com/Nordahl.Grieg

Bonus Lutefisk prep photo! Those meatballers sure are on a roll!

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.

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Welcome to Nordahl Hall Banquet & Meeting Center

Perfect for weddings, parties, meetings, and more! Convenient Campbell-Los Gatos location

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Novelist, Patriot

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Jan 1	*Godt Nyttår!* Happy New Year!
Jan 8	Installation of Officers
Jan 18	Solveig Club Meeting
Feb 14	Valentine's Day
Feb 18	Anniversary Dinner

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