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Nordahl's Tidende

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En hilsen fra Nordahl Grieg Presidenten

Dear Members:

Are you reminiscing about the bygone Norway Day festival at this time of year? Or are you too young to remember, and wonder what the old folks are on about when they sigh about the goodies at Tabitha's Cafe?

You can help us recapture the magic for Syttende Mai as we bring you A Taste of Norway!

Think you've got the Right Stuff to be a part of that crew that runs such a tight ship at Lutefisk? Sign on with Captain **Kate Slama** and learn to make smørrebrod to sell in our very own Elderid's Cafe!

Or perhaps you're a natural salesperson? We've got some amazing raffle prizes, but those tickets won't sell themselves!

Or maybe you'd like to REALLY get in touch with your Nordic roots and unleash your inner Viking? We've got a hoard of Viking fun in the works, and we can use plenty of hands at the oars!

Check on page 4 for all the ways you can help us bring A Taste of Norway back again, and feel free to contact any one of us with any questions.

We look forward to working with you!

Fraternally,

Judy Purrington, Barbara Shoup, and Kathy Whitesel

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Syttende Mai – Festival of Music

When we think of Norway's national day, Syttende Mai, flags, children, parades, and party food may come to mind, but there is another element that plays a huge role in the festivities, that of music. Of course, the national anthem, "Ja, Vi Elsker" will be belted out at some point, but there is much more depth to the day's soundtrack.

Starting bright and early on *grunnlovsdagen*, (Constitution Day), choirs and glee clubs will assemble to perform patriotic anthems, including "Sønner av Norge" (Sons of Norway) and "Norges Skaal" (To Norway), both previously in use as national anthems. "Kongesangen" (The Royal Anthem) may also make an appearance, which shares the same melody as "My Country 'Tis of Thee."

In the weeks leading up to the big day, brass bands will march through the streets in preparation, a cacophony of notes and percussion bouncing off buildings. Syttende Mai parades are peppered with the sounds of youth bands performing both patriotic and popular songs.

Modern favorites with warm sentiments for Norway include the sedate "Mitt Lille Land," (My Little Country) by Maria Mena and "Fedrelandet" (The Fatherland) by Robin og Bugge - both available on YouTube.

...from SON Newsletter Service

In Memoriam - Homer Stennes

(April 22, 1932 ~ April 1, 2023)

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of an amazing and loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend to many. Homer was born in Hendrum, Minnesota, on his family's farm. He worked on the farm throughout his school years and graduated top two in his class, competing at the Varsity level of four sports and playing in the band during half times with the sousaphone and guitar. After high school, Homer earned a scholarship to play football at the University of Minnesota. He suffered an injury in his first year that cut his aspiring college career short, but he was offered a job at IBM in Springfield, Illinois, where he started his 40-year career in Field Engineering. It is also where he met the love of his life for over 68 years. In 1965, Homer transferred with IBM to the Cottle Road plant in San Jose, CA, and bought a brand-new home in Los Gatos, CA, where he and June raised their family.

Homer is survived by his loving wife **June** and his two children (Pam Tyson and Patti Foley and families), his brother (Charles Stennes and family), his sisters' families, and his treasured grandchildren and great-grandchildren. We are blessed that he is now reunited in Heaven with his beloved son Michael, his parents (Herma and Henry), two sisters, and his brother (Elaine Gerk, Vivian Storsved, and Homer Clifton Stennes).

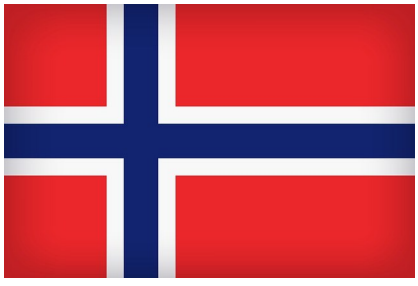
In retirement over the next 20 years, Homer and June traveled worldwide yet were always scheduling their time away around the grandchildren's sporting events, as they were their biggest cheerleaders! Homer also was active as a volunteer in the Los Gatos Police Department, Montalvo, Sons of Norway Lodge, and received his tax certification. He started working part-time at H&R Block and then with his son, Michael, each year at Stennes and Sabath, during tax season. Homer continued to enjoy sports and wanted to be involved with the San Jose Giants, so a summer job turned into 15 baseball seasons! He also loved his Golden Retrievers and now had the time to join June in training and competing in obedience trials with Santa Clara Dog Training Club and working with search and rescue teams throughout California.

In 2013, he and June moved from their original 1965 family residence on Piedmont Court to the Terraces in Los Gatos. They started the next chapter of their life meeting new and interesting friends, attending social functions, and serving on several committees. Homer enjoyed the fellowship at his new home and always had a kind word or smile for those he greeted each day.

Homer was a faithful, intelligent, quietly confident, hard-working, competitive, passionate, musical, and most of all, a loving and caring man who touched many hearts during his time on this Earth. His generous, beautiful spirit will be missed by everyone who had the privilege to know him, but his memory will live forever in our hearts.

Member News

Don Ansok has been dealing with some health issues. About twenty years ago, he had a large benign brain tumor (meningioma) mostly removed. His oncologist has been monitoring it and has noticed it's growing again. He is currently undergoing short radiation treatments five days a week and will be done after five weeks. The goal is to keep the tumor from growing and lessen any possible symptoms. Side effects should be minimal. Don's son, **Scott**, reports that he is in good spirits and is continuing his daily routine.



Hurra for Syttende Mai!

Happy 17th of May!

A TASTE OF NORWAY

Syttende Mai Nordic Festival

Saturday, May 20, 2023
10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Nordahl Hall, 580 West Parr Avenue
Los Gatos, CA 95032

Admission:
Adults $8, Senior/Youth $5, 5 & under: Free

Features: **Nordahl Grieg Leikarring og Spelemannslag ● Sjorvaldar Vikings ● Food & Craft Displays and Demos ● Genealogy Resources ● Kid's Area ● Info Tables ● Photo Booths ● Bunad Review.**

Available for Purchase: **Open-faced Sandwiches, Pølse med Lompe, Vaffler & more, at Elderid's Café ● Nordic Specialties in the Bar ● Shopping at the Amazing Solveig Club Boutique ● Raffle, Silent Auction, and More!**

Demonstrations, Performances, & Highlights

Food & Craft Demos will be happening in the hall from 11 AM - 2 PM, highlighting Norwegian Heritage Food and Crafts.

2 PM -- Nordahl Grieg Leikarring og Spelemannslag Folk Dancing performance, followed by your chance to join in and learn some Folk Dancing steps.

3 PM -- Wear your Bunad, Folkedrakt, or Viking attire and participate in the Bunad Review. Check in at the door when you arrive.

4 PM -- Parade around the Hall and grounds, to music by the Spelemannslag to celebrate Syttende Mai & to take our annual photo.

Step into the past with the Sjorvaldar Vikings' craftwork & displays at your leisure.

Shop, eat, learn, dance, take a selfie with The Scream or as a Viking! And don't forget to check out the great raffle & silent auction to support the Lodge!

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A TASTE OF NORWAY
Volunteer Opportunities & Raffle Donation Update

May 20 is coming fast, so we want to update you on A TASTE OF NORWAY! We want you to have a great time at our Syttende Mai Nordic Festival at Nordahl Grieg Lodge as we celebrate our Norwegian-American heritage. We bring together some of the elements of the former Norway Day along with our traditional Syttende Mai customs in this one-day event.

Volunteers help the day go smoothly, so some of your time on this day would be appreciated. Please consider volunteering a few hours before, during, and/or after the event. We have some volunteers at this point, though we need more to make our event go smoothly. Adults and youth are welcome to join the team. Give us a call or send a message, and we'll help you settle on volunteer tasks to suit you. Remember, we can sign off volunteer time for your school or service club requirements.

We need several people for set-up and disassembly; and those who can help with that will be most appreciated. There are also opportunities helping prepare the delicious delights for Elderid's Café and all the tasks that come with that. Maybe you'd consider volunteering in the Kid's Crafting area or in the Viking Village, or maybe you're good at selling raffle tickets. Another option is if you have a camper or motorhome, you could park on site for the weekend. We'd all feel safer overnight. We'll be doing set-up on Thursday, May 18 and Friday, May 19, so we're ready to open the event at 10:00 AM on Saturday, May 20. We'll have booths and activities, and our volunteers will help all go smoothly. While we'll try to clean up as much as possible at the end of the event, we also need some volunteers Sunday, May 21 to finish up. Contact us with your availability for set-up and clean-up activities. We're flexible.

We've received some fantastic contributions for our A TASTE OF NORWAY Raffle and Silent Auction and would appreciate a few more. If you have something to donate, please let us know.

To volunteer, please call or email. See info below. (If you're sending an email, please mention the event in the subject line; and if you leave a voice mail, please also mention the event.)

Thanks so much!

Barbara, Judy, and Kathy

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May Birthdays

3 Paul Kennelly
6 Shiloh Curtis
7 Jodi Behrens
9 Julie Alkire
9 Lars-Erik Haug
10 Minuett Bratton
17 Justin Fung
21 Linda Rose
22 Linda Andersson
25 Joni Jamin
26 Sharee Frost
26 Shirlee Smith
28 Erik Bertelson
28 Charlotte Scholberg
29 Linnea Williams

Heritage Members

28 Jack Hemiup

Barnebunader

The Norwegian national costume, known as the *bunad*, is worn on special occasions such as Syttende Mai or at weddings. There are many different types of bunads that represent different locations in Norway, and there are even details that reflect status or age.

It is common to receive or purchase a bunad in your mid-teen years that will last your entire life. So, what do younger children wear on these special occasions? Because children outgrow clothes so quickly, they will often have a *festdrakt*. These costumes are much less expensive than the traditional bunad and are more generic. They are also more readily available.

Unlike bunads, the festdrakt is not bound by location and is not as strictly tied to traditional bunad practices, though they can look quite similar to bunads. Festdrakter are also worn by some adults as they can be customized to personal preference. Whether in a bunad or festdrakt, Norway is well dressed for special occasions!

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CAMP NORGE
EST. 1959
Alta, California

MEMORIAL DAY

At Camp Norge

Join us for a fun & relaxing weekend!

MAY 26-29

Swimming | Hiking | Campfire | Axe Throwing | Pickle Ball

STAY

Choose from: Main House, Dorms, or Cabins - or bring your RV or Tent

Call 530-389-2508 to reserve your spot

DETAILS

Come for the day or the whole weekend
Tons of fun activities to choose from for all skills and abilities
Meals provided or on your own
Open to all Sons of Norway District 6 members & families

REGISTER FOR MEALS

campnorge.org/site/memorial-day

Deadline to register for meals 5/19/23

Nordahl Grieg College Scholarship

Any child, grandchild, or great-grandchild of a member in good standing of Nordahl Grieg Lodge is eligible. Applicant must be a full-time student, no older than 30 years of age, have completed at least one year of college or university, and have a cumulative minimum 2.75 GPA.

Deadline to apply is **June 30**.

Submit completed applications to:
Kristen Hunsbedt, Scholarship Chair
22774 Montrose Court
Los Gatos, CA 95033

Applications available at ***https://nordahl-grieg.org/site/scholarships.***

Solveig Sewing Club College Scholarship

Any daughter, granddaughter, or great-granddaughter of a member in good standing of Nordahl Grieg Lodge is eligible. Applicant must be a full-time student, no older than 30 years of age, have completed at least one year of college or university, and have a cumulative minimum 2.5 GPA. See application for full eligibility requirements. ***https://nordahl-grieg.org/site/scholarships***

Deadline to apply is **June 1**.

Submit completed applications to:
Duane Adams, Solveig Club President
3415 Winkle Ave
Santa Cruz, CA 95065-1640

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)

Bronze Level

In memory of Shirley Shoup
Lois Bertelson (donation, March 2023)

In memory of Joan D. Johnson
Shelley Curtis (donation, January 2023)

Shirley Shoup (donation, January 2023)

In memory of Mike Stennes
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Priscilla & Daniel Mark, Suzanne Lew, Danielle Low (donation, Nov 2019)

In memory of JoAnne Ansok
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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 May 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

- **Coloring Contest** – We are getting excited for Norway's national day, Syttende Mai, on May 17! As a creative challenge, Sons of Norway is holding a coloring contest. Show off your coloring skills to have your artistic talents featured on Epost and ***sofn.com***! Visit ***https://www.sofn.com/blog/coloring-content*** for more details and to access the PDF. All entries are due May 31.
- **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.
- **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***.
- 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***

Camp Trollfjell
Trollfjell Folkehøgskule

There's still time to sign up for Camp Trollfjell and Trollfjell Folkehøgskule! Visit ***https://sofn6.org/arv*** for more details and to register.

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
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Viking Property Management at 408-915-7755

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Norwegian Poet,
Novelist, Patriot

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Deadline to submit information for the next issue is the 15th of each month.
Please send all entries via email to *editor@nordahl-grieg.org*.
Advertise in the *Tidende* – information and rates are available at *www.nordahl-grieg.org*.
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May 14	Mother's Day
May 17	*Hurra for Syttende Mai!* - Happy 17th of May!
May 18	Lompe Making
May 18-19	A Taste of Norway Set-up
May 20	A Taste of Norway
May 21	A Taste of Norway Clean-up
May 29	Memorial Day

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