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En hilsen fra Nordahl Grieg Presidenten

Dear Members,

"For example, it's all the rage now for young people in Asia to visit Paris. Especially Japanese youth, and specifically Paris. So what would the iconic destination for American youth be?"

So asked my sister-in-law one winter evening over Hawaiian chicken. Both her mother and my brother agreed, for various reasons: definitely Las Vegas. It was then that I shockingly confessed that I had never in my life been to Vegas.

I then proceeded to explain that I could think of only one instance where I might actually have a reason to go there… and that would be attending the 2024 District Six Convention in Las Vegas. Before the night was over, I found myself planning a Vegas vacation. In the middle of June, of all the times to go. And not to gamble, either.

But if you tell me there's a party hosted by a Lodge called the Vegas Vikings, who have their own longship parade float and are inviting any Sons of Norway member in good standing to come on out and brave the heat just to swan around in our best garb and sample each other's best cookies until we pop, well count me in!

I'll see a few of you there, no doubt. And we'll bring back tales of our adventures in this modern-day Byzantium for you to read in the *Tidende*. Perhaps those of you who've gone to previous conventions might share your memories?

For some day in the future, a local lodge may host this gathering. Will it be us?

Fraternally,

Kathy Whitesel, President

Let's Go to Camp!

Camp Norge is in full swing for the summer season. Check out these great events happening soon:

- July 14-27: Camp Trollfjell (ages 8-13)
- August 30-September 2: Kretsstevne
- September 20-25: Camp Oldfjell
- September 28-29: Fall Rosemaling Seminar

Camp Norge is also a great destination for weddings and family reunions. Located in the Sierra Nevada, this 46-acre recreation center is open to all members of District Six (including Nordahl Grieg Lodge members!).

Visit ***campnorge.org*** for more information and to register.

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Sunshine Report

In Memoriam

Former member **Mary Schlink**, who moved to Honolulu a few years ago, has lost her husband, **Steve**. We send our condolences at this difficult time.

Summer Travels

John Stubblebine and **Meg Laycock** took an Alaskan cruise and had a great time with their family. Four days after returning, John tested positive for Covid. Meg tested positive as well. We send our best wishes to both of you for a speedy recovery.

Hoping all of you have a fun and safe summer.

Fraternally,

Barbara Shoup, Sunshine Chair

Save the Date - Upcoming Events

Here's a look at some of the exciting events coming up in 2024. Stay tuned for more details and additional events throughout the year.

- **Sunday, July 21: Ice Cream Social, 2:30 PM**
  See page 3 for more details.
- **Saturday, August 17: Annual Multi-Lodge Picnic at Henrik Ibsen Park, 11:00 AM-5:30 PM**
  Located in the Coastal Redwood Range 35 miles south of San Francisco on the Peninsula. See page 5 for more details.
- **Sunday, September 8: Rosemal Stenciling Workshop, 1:30-3:00 PM**
  Create a throw pillow or tote bag using Rosemal stencils and fabric paint. Sponsored by the Solveig Club.
- **Saturday, October 12: Potluck Dinner and Program**
  Fundraiser for the Sons of Norway Foundation.
- **Saturday, December 7: Annual Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner**
  This is a great tradition for our Lodge and an important fundraiser. Join us for lutefisk, meatballs, lefse, cookies, and more! The Solveig Club Boutique will be open for shopping their unique selection of Scandinavian items and Christmas decorations.
  Contact: **Janie Kelly** at ***janiekelly6@aol.com***.

July Birthdays

1 Scott Ansok
1 Leslie Jones
2 Perri Nakayama
4 Helen Jorgensen
5 David Anderson
5 Bill Likens
7 Marion Harris
8 Peggy Alreck-Anthony
9 Noel Tebo
10 Marguerite Benson
10 Nora Frost
11 Laura Hulberg
15 Karin Hansen
15 Virginia Hansen
15 Hilde Porter
16 Keith Kvenvolden
16 Laura Porter
19 Patricia Erickson
21 Victoria Slama
22 Janice Stavang
23 Karen Mueller
27 Sheryl Hawes
28 Jeannie Thomson
29 Scott Mattison
30 Dale Eggen
30 Nancy Thym-Hochrein

Heritage Member

4 Xander Laycock
7 Jaylen Bratton
20 Gabriel Barnhart
21 Kai Nelms

Nordahl Grieg Lodge Meeting Dates for 2024

Mark your calendars!

Since 2020, we have been conducting most Lodge meetings by Zoom at 7:00 PM. This year, we will mix it up with some Zoom meetings and some in-person meetings with refreshments and programs! Please mark your calendars with these dates on the 3rd Thursday of most months, and stay tuned for more details in upcoming *Tidende* newsletters.

- July 21 - 2:30 PM ice cream social
- August - no meeting
- September 19
- October 17
- November - no meeting
- December 19

Ice Cream Social and (brief) Business Meeting

Sunday, July 21, 2024 2:30 PM | Nordahl Hall, 580 West Parr Avenue

Join us at the hall for an ice cream social in celebration of summer!

Ice cream: Rømmegrøt and cardamom flavors (home-made), plus good old vanilla and strawberry (store-bought)

Toppings: Brunost sauce, chocolate sauce, fresh berries, and whipped cream

Dish up your ice cream and toppings, and then join us for a brief business meeting and an interesting program. Opportunities for seconds on ice cream will occur between the meeting and the program. Program specifics are still being worked out, but we promise it will be interesting!

Cost: $5.00 per adult. No charge for youth 12 and under.

(Note: The menu may change based on ingredient availability and further inspiration of the planners.)

IF YOU CAN LEND AN ICE CREAM MAKER, please let us know. More ice cream makers will allow us to make multiple flavors at the same time.

To help us with our planning, please let us know if you plan to come. E-mail or call **LaVinnia Pierson** (***lavpier@aol.com***, phone 408-914-1844) or **Meg Laycock** (***meg@jstub.com***, phone 408-314-8844)**.**

See you there!

Arctic Shock

In March of this year, the US Army and the Norwegian Army took part in a combined exercise known as Exercise Arctic Shock. Soldiers from the 11th Airborne Division of the US Army in Alaska were flown to Norway over the North Pole on short notice to demonstrate their rapid response practices. Once they were over the Arctic, they parachuted down over Norway's Lake Takvanet.

The goal of the exercise was to provide cold-weather training and field training, and to enhance strategic cooperation between the US Army and the Norwegian Army. Arctic Shock included 100 soldiers from the Norwegian armed forces and around 130 US soldiers. It is part of NATO's efforts to encourage preparedness for potential threats over the high North. This exercise adds to the series of operations that has taken place in the Arctic in previous weeks.

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Contact VIKING PROPERTY MANAGEMENT
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Email: VikingPM1@gmail.com

Promotion Guidelines: Ticket award recipients must submit a referral to our property manager by contacting Viking Property Management at the contact phone number or email address listed above. A referral submitted to Viking Property Management must result in a fully executed contract, with the contract value paid in full, in order to be eligible for the 4 tickets. 2024 Lutefisk & Meatball Dinner ticket reservations start October 1, 2024; the 3 dinner seatings fill up on occasion. Recipients of the 4 tickets will receive their requested dinner seating time, as long as the tickets for that seating are still available. If unforeseen circumstances cause the dinner to be rescheduled or postponed, we will contact the promotion recipients with an alternative award.

Nordahl Hall is conveniently located off Winchester Blvd. near the Highway 17 and 85 interchange, in beautiful Los Gatos.
Check out our 360° view of the Hall and photos on www.nordhalhall.com. Nordahl Hall and Nordahl Grieg Lodge–serving communities in Northern California since 1947.

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

Help build the "Hygge Hus" at Camp Norge!

The 2024 fundraising campaign to build the **"Hygge Hus"** (Cozy House) cottage adjacent to Heritage Hall at **Camp Norge** is in full swing!

Our dream of building these fully-accessible units will ensure inclusivity for individuals using wheelchairs and walkers.

But we need your help!

We need your support to make the **Hygge Hus** a reality. Let's come together to build the **Hygge Hus** and make **Camp Norge** a haven for all, regardless of age or ability.

Phase one goal is to raise $50,000 to confirm feasibility and prepare the site.

We've already raised over $16,000 but we need your generous support.

Make your donation TODAY. Go to our Go Fund Me Campaign ⟹ **Click HERE**

or go to **https://gofund.me/62ff9cf7**

For more information, contact any member of the Camp Norge Board, or Fred Hymans: fred.hymans@gmail.com

SONS OF NORWAY ALL-LODGE PICNIC

SATURDAY, August 17, 2024
11:00 am to 5:30 pm
HENRIK IBSEN PARK,
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Lunch & Beverages Available for Purchase Children's Field Games and Swim Races Raffles, Sjorvaldar Vikings Bounce House and Dunk Tank Bingo, Horseshoe Tournament Norwegian Music and Dancing

13800 Skyline Blvd.
Woodside, CA

Please let us know if you plan to attend
ibsenlodge@gmail.com

"A Taste of Norway" is a Success!

Tusen takk to everyone who attended and volunteered at this special Nordic event. More details will follow in next month's *Tidende*, but for now, here are a few pictures from the celebration.

Norsk 101: Summer Edition

juni (YOON-ee) - June
juli (YULE-ee) - July
august (OW-gust) - August
sommer (SOHM-ur) - summer
strand (STRAHND) - beach
hav (HAHV) - ocean
badedrakt (BAH-duh-drakt) - swimsuit
sol (SOL) - sun
ferie (FER-ee-uh) - vacation
is (EES) - ice cream

Are You Covered?

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Please let us know if you'd prefer to receive the Tidende electronically or on paper.

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Platinum Level

The Solveig Club (donation, February 2024)

In loving memory of Don Slama
The Kids: Kate, Becky, Victoria, Marianne, & Craig (donation, January 2024)

In memory of Homer Stennes
June Stennes (donation, June 2023)

Gold Level

In memory of Michael Stennes
June Stennes (donation, June 2023)

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

In loving memory of Clarian Pintacura
Alan Pintacura (donations, Dec 2019, Dec 2021, and Dec 2023)

Silver Level

In memory of Joan D. Johnson
Shelley Curtis (donations, January and December 2023)

In memory of Homer Stennes, Shirley Shoup, Anne Herbert, Kari Warner, and Don Slama
JoAnn Bjerkhoel (donation, September 2023)

In memory of Shirley Shoup
Sheryl Hawes (donation, June 2023)

In memory of Shirley Shoup
Andy Hunsbedt (donation, May 2023)

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

Bronze Level

In memory of Anne Herbert
Sharon Sullivan (donation, January 2024)

In memory of Anne Herbert
Alan Pintacura (donation, December 2023)

In memory of Don Slama & Kari Warner
Randi Cruze (donation, July 2023)

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

Shirley Shoup (donation, January 2023)

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

Tusen Takk for your support!

Donations made prior to September 2020 are not listed. Please view past issues of *Tidende* to see donors and honorees from earlier contributions. *Takk!*

American Culture in Lista

Immigration is a bedrock of American history. The US is often called a nation of immigrants, reflected in nearly every aspect of our culture. And while unique American culture can be easy to spot, it's not often seen beyond our shores—except in Lista, Norway.

While plenty of Norwegians permanently settled in the United States, in the 1950's and 60's there was a sizable group of Norwegians that came to the US temporarily for work and returned to Norway eventually. Many of these migrants spent time in places like Brooklyn, NY and embraced all that American culture had to offer them. When they returned home to Norway, they brought things like street signs, kitchens, outlets, appliances, cars, windows, and furniture with them.

Americana culture is still seen and celebrated along Norway's southern coast. Every summer in the last weekend of June, *The American Festival* is held in the town of Vanse. Meeting in "Brooklyn Square," the festival includes a street parade, inspired by New Orleans Mardi Gras, and musical events with tribute bands that may play artists like Johnny Cash, Jon Bon Jovi, and much more. Walk of Fame Stars are given to those who have helped champion American cultural heritage in Lista. One such recipient is Norway's own Kjell Elvis, an Elvis impersonator who is from the area.

Aside from the annual celebration of all things American, Vanse is home to stores like Trunken, which has been in operation for twenty years. The store is filled with well-known American products and named for the item that first brought them back to Norway, the trunk, or American suitcase. Trunken has expanded to feature a museum that displays an authentic and retro American apartment as well as a diner style bakery that serves up BLT's and apple, pumpkin, and lemon meringue pies. So, if you are ever in the area, you can make a pit stop for a taste and feel of America in Lista.

...from SON Newsletter Service

Norwegians in Canada

Norwegians have a history of migration to Canada spanning more than a thousand years. The Norse were the first Europeans to land in North America via Iceland, establishing a settlement called Vinland at L'Anse aux Meadows on the coast of Newfoundland around 1000 A.D.

The largest wave of Norwegian immigrants to Canada occurred much later, though. It was between 1850 and 1915 that nearly 681,000 Norwegians landed in both the eastern and western coastal provinces. Their reasons for leaving home included a lack of employment, little available land, and political inequality, making Canada an attractive choice.

Settlements sprang up on the prairies and in Western Canada, including towns with names like New Norway, Hagen, Erickson, Norland, Skandia, Bakken, Oslo, and Viking. Settlers established churches, newspapers, and communities based on ethnicity, and Norwegians who migrated north from the US brought Norwegian-American organizations with them, such as Sons of Norway.

Until 1900, Canada tried recruiting Scandinavians to occupy "free and fertile homestead lands" in the Canadian Northwest, but these efforts proved fruitless. However, when word spread that land was getting scarce on the American frontier, Canadian fever took over. Norwegians streamed into the country between 1900 and 1915—over 18,000 from Norway and thousands of Norwegian-Americans. Between 1915 and 1929, 21,500 Norwegians arrived.

Statistics Canada reports that over 452,000 Canadians claim Norwegian ancestry. Nearly one-third of Norwegian-Canadians live in British Columbia, and they are one of the largest European ethnic groups in the country.

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Connections...ways to connect with your Norwegian heritage

- **Beginner Rosemaling Class** – 8-week session from July 8 to August 26, on Mondays from 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM, in Cupertino. For more information contact Shaun at 408-981-5685. Shaun is an experienced Rosemaler and has taught for over ten years.
- **Norwegian Folk Dancing** – We're taking a break for the summer but will resume meetings in September. Watch this space for dates and times. We look forward to seeing you!
- 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

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Help us repair and upgrade Nordahl Hall.
All donations will be used for improvement projects.

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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:
Jim Sturtevant, Treasurer
1078 Ticonderoga Dr.
Sunnyvale, CA 94087

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

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Gratulerer med Dagen!
Happy Birthday!

Did you know Norway's Queen Sonja shares a birthday with our country? She was born on July 4, 1937. Her son, Crown Prince Håkon Magnus, also celebrates a birthday this month. He turns 51 on July 20.

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