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Nordahl's Tidende

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En hilsen fra Nordahl Grieg Presidenten

A Fine Kettle of Fish.

Aye, me hearties, that be indeed what we're looking at. Like a smack in the face with a cold, wet, scaly cod.

The grim prospect of No Lutefisk Dinner. Not this year. Not next year. Not ever. Quoth Odin's and Poe's bird friends, "Eat your lutefisk? Never more!"

It's a thought to shiver the timbers, but it's very possible. If we can't find a new, younger, sprightlier cooking crew, it's almost certain: Nordahl Grieg will have served its last platter. Even the mighty Slamas can't make fish out of meatballs!

By the time you read this message in a bottle (of Linie), I will have made this plea at the Ibsen picnic, but I know that not everyone can attend. I also know that many *Tidende* readers are members of our fellow Lodges, and so I appeal to all of you who have come to us for your yearly Lutefisk:

Please check out the Help Wanted article (page 4) and read the descriptions. Please look within your heart (and your soul, and your stomach) to find your Inner Chef and reply with a hearty, Aye, Captain Grieg, I'll keep the ship afloat!

Lend a hand and keep the Good Ship Lutefisk sailing long into the 21st century. Because let's face it, no matter how much aquavit you drink, tuna is just no substitute!

Fraternally,

Kathy Whitesel, President

Congratulations!

Congrats to our Nordahl Grieg College Scholarship recipient, **Bella Williams**!

Bella is entering her first year at Central Washington University in the School of Psychology graduate program. We were very impressed with her application, and we know she will do great things in this world!

Please note:

Our next lodge meeting has been moved to September 26.

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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.

New date!

- September 26
- October 17
- November - no meeting
- December 19

Hall Workday

Sunday, Sept. 15

10 AM

Volunteers needed to:

- **Clean out and organize interior storage closets**
- **Wash windows**
- **Kitchen - replace lights with LED's, sterilize dishwasher, and polish stainless surfaces**
- **More to be determined**

Please come and help!

Refreshments and lunch will be provided.

September Birthdays

1	Max Jones
2	Claire Smyth
7	Zachary Mommer
7	Jon Villarreal
9	Kari Paulson
12	Janet Espersen
12	Julie Porter
13	Jamie Horner
16	James Jacquez
17	Judy Purrington
18	Jennifer Frost
23	Mayvid Maclay
24	Janice Crawford
24	Janie Kelly
26	Maud Hansen
27	Bruce Fihe
29	Jan Overland
29	Kate Slama

Heritage Members

3	Nevaeh Freitas
6	Declan Laycock

Saturday, September 20 to Tuesday, September 24

at Camp Norge

Rosemaling, folk dance, embroidery, baking, and more! Work toward a cultural skills pin and enjoy the fellowship of Sons of Norway members from around District Six.

Registration closes September 9, but some classes still have space as of the time of this publication.

Visit ***https://sofn6.org/camp-oldfjell*** for course catalog, registration, and more information.

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, September 8: Rosemal Stenciling Workshop, 1:30-3:00 PM**
  Create a tote bag using Rosemal stencils and fabric paint. Sponsored by the Solveig Club. Contact **Duane** at 831-479-4376 to register.
- **Saturday, October 12: Potluck Dinner and Program**
  Fundraiser for the Sons of Norway Foundation. See page 5 for more details.
- **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***.

Sunshine Report

Jeannie Thomson lost her brother Bob recently. We send her our deepest condolences and care at this difficult time.

Jane Marshburn's sister passed away after a cancer diagnosis. Our sympathy and thoughts are with you and your family.

Karen Mueller's son has passed away. We wish you healing and our sincere condolences.

Helen Jorgensen suffered a heart attack some months back. She is recovering from her hospitalization and rehab. Take care of yourself and feel better. It was good to see you at the ice cream social!

Meg Laycock and John Stubblebine have sold their house and are moving to a condo in Willow Glen. We hope all goes well and you will enjoy your new place!

Kathy Whitesel and I drove up to Oregon in July. We visited **Ginny Hansen**, who was able to show me available mobile homes for sale in her park. I found one I liked, but the deal didn't go through. So I will have to stay here until I decide what to do. Ginny misses her friends and is doing well. We also got to visit **Shirley Shoup's** sister Monica as well.

Hope your summer has been good and you all had some relaxation and fun! School is starting again, so watch your speed around school zones and keep your eyes open for kids.

Fraternally,

Babara Shoup, Sunshine Chair

Crown Prince Follows Refugees Guides for a Day

On June 20, to mark World Refugee Day, Crown Prince Haakon Magnus went for a walk with refugees and volunteer refugee guides from the Red Cross. Oslo Mayor Anne Lindboe, Secretary General of the Red Cross Anne Bergh, and head of the Oslo Red Cross Astrid Solberg also took part in the trip.

Red Cross refugee guides are assigned to newly arrived refugees in Norway and help them adjust to life in their new society. The participants practice Norwegian together and get to know their local environment by going for informal walks, cooking, and having coffee along with other activities.

Norway accepts refugees from, among other countries, Ukraine, Syria, Afghanistan, Eritrea, and Turkey. The vast majority of people the Red Cross assists say that they want to learn Norwegian and become an equal part of Norwegian society.

"Refugee guides and other activities for newly arrived refugees are important because they are a supplement to the public introduction program. Here you get the opportunity to practice Norwegian in an informal setting. It gives increased self-confidence to use the language in other arenas as well, such as work," says Anne Bergh, secretary general of the Red Cross.

...from SON Newsletter Service

Lutefisk Emergency

Greetings!

We are in serious danger of cancelling our annual Lutefisk Dinner. We need volunteers to cook!

We need help to cook fish and potatoes and make coffee in our cook shed. We also need someone to make the white sauce for each seating. This is a big commitment, not just a couple of hours the day of the dinner. If we don't have a commitment from additional volunteers by mid-September, we will be forced to cancel the dinner this year.

Two days before the dinner, the cook tent is set up and the grill is set up, connected to the gas line, and tested. All of the equipment needed to cook is taken out of the storage shed and cleaned.

The day before the dinner the potatoes are washed and fish cut and place in storage containers.

The day of the dinner (two to four hours before the first seating), pots need to be filled with water and start up the grill.

Two coffee pots need to be started one hour before the first seating. Coffee is monitored throughout the evening.

Fish and potatoes need to be delivered to the kitchen cooked and hot. This goes on all evening.

On Sunday morning, the sheds are taken down and all equipment is washed a put away for next year.

Andy Hunsbedt, **Bruce Fihe**, and **Scott Ansok** have graciously written down detailed instructions on the work they've done for the past years. Thank you all for taking the time to write all of this down.

Please contact **Janie Kelly** at ***janiekelly6@aol.com*** with any questions or volunteer. Your support is appreciated with part or all of these tasks.

Fun for All at Multi-Lodge Picnic

Several members of Nordahl Grieg Lodge made the trek to Henrik Ibsen Park on Skyline Boulevard last month for the Multi-Lodge Picnic at Henrik Ibsen Park. They were joined by Sons of Norway members from all around northern California. Visitors enjoyed picnic lunches and camaraderie with friends beneath the redwoods. The kids' games were popular as always and included swimming and running races, tug of war, and an egg toss.

After lunch, there was a Viking weapons demonstration from the Sjorvaldar Vikings. Park-goers were also able to see their historically accurate camp set up nearby. Bingo was a big hit, and many came home with unique Scandinavian prizes from the raffle.

Thank you to Henrik Ibsen Lodge for hosting and sharing your beautiful facility with us! It was a truly special day and a great way to round out the summer. We hope to do it again next year.

Potluck Dinner and Program

"Notable & Notorious Norwegians"

From the quirky to the macabre - we'll take a look at some fascinating little-known stories about Norwegian immigrants in America.

Saturday, October 12
Nordahl Hall
5 PM

No charge. Reservations are not required.

- 5 PM – Doors Open

Enjoy beer, wine, and soft drinks in the bar.

- 6 PM – Potluck Dinner

Meatballs and potatoes will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

- 7 PM – Program

This is a fundraiser for the Sons of Norway Foundation. A donation box will be available for your contributions. Thank you.

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Your Venue for Memories that Matter for Your Family, Community and Business Gatherings–in Beautiful Los Gatos, California

BE AWARDED 4 TICKETS TO OUR POPULAR LUTEFISK & MEATBALL DINNER ON DECEMBER 7, 2024

HERE'S HOW - Make a rental referral directly to our property manager that results in a contract, and the referring person will receive 4 tickets for our delicious 2024 Lutefisk & Meatball Dinner. See additional promotion guidelines below.

Contact VIKING PROPERTY MANAGEMENT
Tel: 408-915-7755
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 approximately $26,000, 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

News from Sons of Norway

Scholarships

Applications will open October 1 for Sons of Norway Foundation scholarships. For a full list of available scholarships, please visit ***www.sofn.com/foundation/scholarships***. Application deadlines vary, so please check the description for each fund, but they are generally early 2025. Scholarships will be awarded next summer for the 2025-26 academic year. Questions can be directed to ***foundation@sofn.com***.

Membership Dues Increase

The membership dues increase went into effect July 1, as follows:

Single membership annual dues $84
Family membership annual dues $144

Please refer to the June 2024 issue of the *Tidende* for more details about the updated dues structure.

Member Profile Updates

Sons of Norway is updating the member profile page on its website with a new look and a more user-friendly layout that includes additional access to documents. Explore the new layout at ***www.sofn.com***, and watch for an upcoming demonstration of the updated *Member Profile* features.

Rosemaling Seminar at Camp Norge

September 28-29

Penny's Rosemaling Seminars have been held at Camp Norge for decades and are led by highly skilled teachers. There are two classes per session, with each class capping out with 21 people.

Classes are open to adults 18 years and older. Painters of all skill levels are welcome. No prior experience needed.

The seminars are held twice a year on the last full weekends of April and September. Registrations are accepted on a first come, first served basis and often sell out. Once class limits are met, a short waitlist will be established. Registration closes on September 15.

Onya Tolmasoff and Sue Regadanz are this year's teachers. Meals are included in the registration cost. There are several different options for lodging (dorms, tents, or RV); this is not included in the registration cost.

Visit ***https://www.campnorge.org/site/rosemalling/*** for more information and to register.

Love Your Lodge Donations

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!*

Connections...ways to connect with your Norwegian heritage

- **Norwegian Folk Dancing** – Starting on September 4, join us on Wednesday nights to learn everything you need to know to get your Cultural Skills pin in Norwegian Folk Dancing -- or just to enjoy the music and have fun! We include change-partner dances, couple dances, and no-partner dances. Everyone has plenty of opportunities to dance! Live music makes the evening even more special. Meetings are Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9:30 PM, at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Palo Alto, 505 E. Charleston Road, Palo Alto CA 94306. If possible, please bring shoes that are not used for outdoor wear. For more information, contact **Meg Laycock** at 408-255-2111, or ***meg@jstub.com***.
- **Vesterheim Folk Art School** – Vesterheim Folk Art School registration for October through December 2024 and January through March 2025 is now open. Vesterheim is located in Decorah, Iowa, but many classes are available online. Topics include rosemaling, woodworking, jewelry, cooking, fiber arts, weaving, and heritage and language, plus youth and family programming. Classes fill quickly, so be sure to check out the schedule today! Visit ***https://tinyurl.com/t7ue86at*** to view the class catalog and to register.
- What would you like to see here? Tell us about activities and ideas to **CONNECT** with our Norwegian Heritage! View Nordahl Grieg Activity Photos

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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 the *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:
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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Social events are announced in the *Tidende* and via email.

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