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En hilsen fra Nordahl Grieg Presidenten

Dear friends and Smørrebrød Connoisseurs:

By the time you read this, the fish will be on its way to our kettles. The virtual Dead Dog Party / Lutefisk Post-Mortem / December Zoom meeting on December 19 at 7:00 PM will close out the year, but wait, there is more in store for us all!

As your outgoing President AND incoming Social Director, I invite you to assist me in building the perfect buffet on Sunday, January 12, 2025 for our traditional Officer Installation and Smørrebrød Smorgasbord.

Festivities will begin around 2:00 PM and be kept as streamlined as possible so that we can get right to sampling each other's culinary creations. To that effect, I am seeking an efficient, no-nonsense eligible Installing Officer to preside over the ceremony. I'll be contacting prospects at Lutefisk, as well as conjuring up ideas for new sandwiches!

Looking forward to passing the gavel,

Kathy Whitesel, President

Please note:

The last lodge meeting for the year will take place on **December 19 at 7:00 PM** via Zoom. A link will be emailed one week prior.

Join Us for our Lodge's First Social Event in 2025

Smørrebrød Smorgasbord Potluck & 2025 Lodge Officer Installation

You are invited to help build the perfect buffet on **Sunday, January 12, 2025** for a Smørrebrød Smorgasbord to be followed by the Nordahl Grieg 2025 Officer Installation.

Smørrebrød are open-faced sandwiches, a staple in Norway and Denmark. Hot or cold appetizers are welcome, too.

- Date: Sunday, January 12, 2025
- 2:00 PM Social Hour and Potluck - The Bar is Open!
- 3:15 PM Officer Installation Ceremony
- Location: Nordahl Hall, 580 West Parr Ave, Los Gatos
- What to Bring: Please bring a smørrebrød or appetizer to share
- No charge, no reservations needed
- Coffee and cookies will be provided

Looking forward to 2025 and more social gatherings with our membership!

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The mission of Sons of Norway is to provide quality insurance and financial products to our members, promote and preserve the heritage and culture of Norway, and to celebrate our relationship with other Scandinavian countries.

Sunshine Report

On November 5, **Sheryl Hawes** had right hip replacement surgery and was able to go home the same day. Her recuperation is going well, and she is using a walker. We wish Sheryl a speedy recovery.

I know some of you are ailing. Please let me know, and we can send a little cheer your way.

Fraternally,

Barbara Shoup, Sunshine Chair

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December Birthdays

5 Marilyn Nelson
6 Sally Mercado
9 Cavanaugh Larson
11 Judith Lund
13 Marilyn Moreno Haaberg
17 Steven Hawes
20 Barbara Shoup
23 Lois Bertelson
25 Jesusa Bjerkhoel
27 William Alkire
28 Gunnar Heistein
29 Kristina Davidson
29 Alexander Mommer
31 Vidar Dallokken

Heritage Members

24 Savannah Kramer

2024 Annual Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner

Nordahl Hall – 580 W. Parr Avenue, Los Gatos, CA

Saturday, December 7 | 3:30 • 5:30 • 7:30

Ticket sales are closed as of October 31. Here is some additional information about the event.

Help preserve Nordahl Hall – The annual Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner is only possible because Nordahl Grieg Lodge owns the hall where we hold this event. Since Covid, many organizations are not meeting in person as often as they used to. We are doing our best to promote rentals of the hall to bring it back to a self-sustaining business.

At the Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner, there will be a Nordahl Hall donation box. It is your opportunity to help ensure that this hall is available in years to come so we can continue to offer this dinner. If you are able, please make a donation to Nordahl Hall. Any amount is welcome.

Invitation to Dance – Diners from all seatings are invited to participate in the entertainment and dancing beginning at approximately 9:00 PM.

Visit the Solveig Club Bazaar – The Solveig Club will host its bazaar again this year. Stop by and see their unique selection of Scandinavian items and Christmas decorations. Doors open at 2:00 PM and close promptly at 9:00 PM. **Please bring cash or checks for the bazaar… sorry, NO CREDIT CARDS are accepted.**

Participate in Nordahl Grieg Lodge and the Solveig Club's Community Outreach – Please bring non-perishable food donations and gently used coats to benefit local residents in need.

Volunteer – It takes a lot of helpers to put on an event of this magnitude. Please contact our general chairperson listed below to let us know you're willing to help. Calling or e-mailing in advance makes it easier to plan. We appreciate any help you can offer, and no prior experience is necessary.

Tusen takk!

Janie Kelly, General Chairperson

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2025 Upcoming Events Calendar

Here's a look at some of the exciting events coming up in 2025. Stay tuned for more details and additional events throughout the year.

- **Sunday, January 12: Installation of Officers.** All welcome. 2:00 PM to 4:30 PM

  Bar open, open-faced sandwiches, appetizers, and coffee.

  Location: Nordahl Hall, 580 W. Parr Ave, Los Gatos

- **Saturday, March 1: Lodge Anniversary Dinner and Awards Ceremony**. Social hour 3:00 PM, dinner 4:00 PM

  Bar open, traditional beef stew or chicken, rustic bread, dessert, coffee.

  Location: Nordahl Hall, 580 W. Parr Ave, Los Gatos

- **STAY TUNED for Viking World Tour Event!**

- **Mid-August: Henrik Ibsen Park Multi-Lodge Picnic** (Hosted by Henrik Ibsen Lodge)

  Bar open, picnic lunches, kids games, Viking demonstrations, bingo, horseshoes, music.

  Location: 13800 Skyline Blvd, Woodside, CA

- **September 20-23: Camp Oldfjell**

  Rosemaling, folk dance, embroidery, baking, painting, food, fun, and interesting cultural classes!

  Location: Camp Norge, 250 Canyon Mine Rd, Alta, CA

- **Saturday, November 8: Julebutikk Holiday Boutique** (Hosted by Daughters of Norway)

  Wonderful holiday gifts, Norwegian treasures and treats.

  Location: TBD

- **Saturday, December 6: Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner** - A tradition for 74 years! Dinner seatings at 3:30 PM, 5:30 PM, 7:30 PM

  Family-style meal all you can eat fresh frozen lutefisk, meatballs, potatoes, handmade lefse, and cookies. Handcrafted holiday cocktails and Aquavit. Solveig Bazaar with unique Norwegian-themed gifts.

  Location: Nordahl Hall, 580 W. Parr Ave, Los Gatos

Nyheter fra Solveig Club

The Solveig Club is getting the Bazaar ready for the Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner on Saturday, December 7. There's lots of great merchandise so you can treat yourself and find great holiday gifts for your friends and family. The Solveig Club Bazaar will be open at 2:00 PM for those of you who would like to shop early, before it gets so busy. The tables will be full of Norwegian and other Scandinavian items for your shopping pleasure. As always, there will be a great raffle with enticing items to take a chance on. Many donated offerings will also be available on the Treasures Table, for modest prices. And, of course, there will be lots and lots of Grab Bag choices. The Solveig Club accepts checks or cash for purchases. Hope to see you there!

We'd appreciate it if you can help us with our "One Warm Coat" drive that benefits the community by helping get warm coats and jackets to those in need. This is our second year collecting warm coats and clothing for this worthy cause. If you have other warm clothing such as sweatshirts/pants, mittens, gloves, scarves, etc., they would also be appreciated. You can bring your donations to the Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner, and there will be a donation box in the entryway. Also, if you're helping out with setup activities in the days before the event or will be coming for clean-up on the day after, you can bring your donations at that time. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

The Solveig Club was established on April 28, 1967, with the purpose of raising funds to support the Sons of Norway, providing scholarship opportunities for youth and students, and supporting local charities.

Ha det bra,

Judy Purrington, President

2025 Officer Nominations Due December 10

Submit any additional nominations to ***sheryl.hawes@att.net*** *or* ***barbarashoup410@gmail.com****.*

Guidelines:

- Lodge members can (a) self-nominate, or (b) nominate other members to an officer position or a committee chair.
- Many positions can be shared by two people as co-officers or co-chairs.
- Must be willing to contribute your time and talents to move towards a bright future for Nordahl Grieg Lodge.
- Must be willing to learn and work as a team, with a "willing to help" attitude.

Mark your calendars! Voting for 2025 officers takes place **December 19 at 7:00 PM** via Lodge Zoom Meeting.

Members please attend our festive Holiday Lodge Zoom meeting and vote!

Officer Nominations:

President: Sheryl Hawes

Vice President: **Open**

Co-Secretaries (two): Duane Adams**. Open – need one more Co-Secretary**

Treasurer: Jim Sturtevant

Financial Secretary: Bruce Fihe

Tidende Editor: Kristen Hunsbedt

Social Director: Kathy Whitesel. **Open for another Co-Director**

Cultural Director: Judy Purrington

Webmaster: Bruce Fihe

Committee Chair Nominations:

Foundation Director: Duane Adams

Special Project Director & Sunshine News Reporter: Barbara Shoup

Multi-Lodge Outreach Director: Jeannie Thomson

Counselor: Kathy Whitesel

Nordahl Grieg Publicity Director: **Open - New position!**

Lutefisk in the Works

At the time of publication, preparations for our Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner were still ongoing. Here are a few photos from meatball and lefse making days. Thank you to all our volunteers! We're looking forward to another wonderful dinner and could not have done it without all of your hard work.

Sing a New Julesang

What is your favorite Norwegian Christmas carol? Chances are, if you live in the US or Canada, it's *Jeg Er Så Glad Hver Julekveld*, a song written by Marie Wexelsen, published in her 1860 collection of children's songs. This carol gained popularity just as "Amerika fever" broke out, and it was carried across the Atlantic on the lips of Norwegian immigrants.

A much newer carol with similar staying power is *En Stjerne Skinner i Natt*—A Star Shines Tonight. With a melody by composer and music professor Tore W. Aas and words by pastor and prolific lyricist Eyvind Skeie, the text to both carols mentions an angelic chorus, the newborn child in the manger, and bright stars shining above. While *Jeg Er Så Glad* remembers the prayers of the little ones, *En Stjerne* underscores peace on earth.

Both of these carols became the most famous work by their respective authors.

In 1992, the Oslo Gospel Kor (choir)—founded by Aas—was in the studio, and the song was written in time to be added to their Christmas album. Three decades later, *En Stjerne Skinner i Natt* has been incorporated into several songbooks and recorded by a score of other artists.

...from SON Newsletter Service

Announcing the 2025 Dates for District Six's Annual Language and Heritage Camps at Camp Norge!

Trollfjell Folkehøgskule
Dates: June 29 – July 12
Ages: 14 to 17 years old

Camp Trollfjell
Dates: July 13 – July 26
Ages: 8 to 13 years old

Visit ***https://sofn6.org*** for more information.

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

Barbara Shoup (donation, October 2024)

In memory of Bob Thomson
Jeannie Thomson (donation, October 2024)

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)

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)

Tusen Takk for your support!

Donations made prior to April 2021 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

- **Lucia Celebration of Light** – Sunday, December 15, 4:00 PM, Messiah Lutheran Church, 801 High Street, Santa Cruz. (Please note the date change!) **Sponsored by the Scandinavian Cultural Center of Santa Cruz.** Experience the magic of a traditional candlelit Lucia procession, led by this year's Lucia and her attendants and star boys, all clad in white full-length gowns, accompanied by songs of *Jultid* performed by the Zaida Singers. This has been an annual tradition in Santa Cruz since 1989, with over 40 children and youth participating each year. After the program, enjoy refreshments and dancing around the Christmas Tree. A nominal fee is charged at the door.
- **Norwegian Folk Dancing** – Join us on Wednesday nights for Norwegian dancing to live music. We include change-partner dances, couple dances, and no-partner dances. Everyone has plenty of opportunities to dance! You can work on a Cultural Skills pin while you're having fun. 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***.
- What would you like to see here? Tell us about activities and ideas to **CONNECT** with our Norwegian Heritage!

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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
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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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Dec 5	Hall Setup for Lutefisk
Dec 6	Table Setting for Lutefisk
Dec 7	Lutefisk & Meatball Dinner
Dec 8	Hall Clean-up after Lutefisk
Dec 19	Lodge Meeting via Zoom
Dec 25	*God Jul!*

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