SONS of NORWAY

Nordahl's Tidende

Nordahl Grieg Lodge 6-52 • San Jose, CA

Volume 71, No. 1 | January 2025 | Business Meetings as Announced

En hilsen fra Nordahl Grieg Presidenten

Kjäre Medlemmar:

What a strange two years it's been, since that January morning when I gathered my smörrebröd to head over to the Lodge for the traditional Installation feast, the installation without a fresh, incoming President, and thought, well…

Varför inte jag?

Now, at last, after two years of serving as her stunt double, I am pleased to present you with your incoming President **Sheryl Hawes**, of the **Bjerkhoel** clan, with a distinguished history in this Lodge. I trust that her organizational skills and public-oriented perspective will serve Nordahl Grieg well as we awaken from our post-Plague hibernation.

Another thing that I would like to introduce to you is a revamped version of Upcoming Lodge Events. We want to provide more visibility for planning, as well as more opportunities to clarify things before the fog of event production confuses things.

This opportunity for communication is the one thing I hope most to leave as my legacy. Disrupted communication has caused many a hard feeling in our Lodge, and some bemoan the death of our once robust camaraderie. So I ask you all, please take that extra step and ASK for clarification if someone's ambiguous reply has left you guessing.

Otherwise, you might as well be speaking Swedish to a room full of Norwegians.

Vi ses vid ceremonin; ta gärna med dina smörrebröd!

Kathy Whitesel, Outgoing President

Dear Members:

This is my first year as President of Nordahl Grieg Lodge; however, I have been a member since 1980, when my mom and step-father paid for my first year's membership. I have kept my Sons of Norway membership active since then for 45 years. Since 1970, I have attended many events and have fond memories of dance parties, birthdays, weddings, Lutefisk dinners, Norwegian dance performances, and other events in our own Nordahl Hall. Over those years, these events have included my grandmother, parents, aunts, uncles, many cousins, neighbors**,** and close friends! This Lodge is unique to have a place where families and friends of all ages can have a great time together.

Since I am retired now, I have more time to devote to keep Nordahl Grieg Lodge and Nordahl Hall viable and growing. There are so many other forms of entertainment available and everyone's lives are busier it seems, so we need to work hard (with your help, too) to bring you, our members, your friends, your neighbors, and your families back to Nordahl Grieg Lodge and Nordahl Hall.

Our programs this year will be a combination of traditional events, and new and unique programs to bring you back to the Lodge in person. We are open to suggestions and your creativity to keep things interesting and fun!

In our monthly *Tidende*, we have a NEW section as of last year called "Upcoming Events Calendar." Please take a look at that section every month when you receive your newsletter. We add new events to this list regularly, and we are including major events held by other Lodges in the Bay Area for you to consider attending. We want to support and attend their events, and we hope they will support and attend our events.

Please join us for our first social event of 2025 on Sunday, January 12, 2025 at 2:00 PM for a Smørrebrød Smorgasbord potluck, followed at 3:15 by our Officer Installation. It's a nice way to spend a Sunday afternoon and enjoy some food and drinks.

Hope to see you soon at Nordahl Hall,

Sheryl Hawes, Incoming President

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.

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

Smørrebrød Smorgasbord Potluck Social & 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!

January Birthdays

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

Nyheter fra Solveig Club

As we move forward after yet another fantastic Nordahl Grieg Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner, the Solveig Club thanks our members and guests for continuing to support our Bazaar, Treasure Table, and Raffle. Your generosity is truly appreciated and helps support our work. Also, many thanks to those who generously donated items to supplement our sales efforts. Additionally, thank you to those who donated to the second year of our One Warm Coat drive, as we collected coats and other warm clothing. Local organizations will distribute them to those in need.

Beginning with our January meeting, the Solveig Club will be meeting on second Wednesdays, with our meeting beginning at 10:30 AM on January 8.

We wish you Happy New Year, as we look forward to a happy and peaceful 2025!

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

A Big Move

Our friend, **Russ Behel**, has moved to Georgia to be closer to his family. We will miss his lively *Julenisse*, dancing, and general help that was needed anywhere around our lodge and hall.

Do you have pictures or a story to share with our members? We'd love to hear from you! Submit content to ***editor@nordahl-grieg.org*** *at any time of year.*

Lost and Found

Becky Slama is looking for her bunad pins. She says, "I had to leave between the second and third seating at the Lutefisk dinner. I changed in the ladies bathroom and ended up leaving my two pins there. I think they were on top of a garment bag on the shelf." Here is a picture of her wearing them. If you have found them, please contact Becky at ***becky.slama1@gmail.com*** or 408-406-6142. *Tusen takk!*

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: Smørrebrød Smorgasbord Potluck Social & 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
- **Wednesday, February 26: Vesterheim Museum Zoom Presentation; What Norwegian Immigrants Brought to the United States.** 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM, Speaker: Jennifer Kovarik, Collection Manager
  ~ Between 1825 and 1980, nearly one million Norwegians left for new lives in America. Consider the reasons for leaving, what they brought, and where they settled. Explore the immigrant experience through stories associated with artifacts in Vesterheim's collection.
  ~ Request Zoom link here: ***https://sofn6.org/vesterheim-trunks-hands-hearts/***
- **Saturday, March 1: Lodge Anniversary Dinner & 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!**
- **Saturday, May 17: Syttende Mai Festival**. (Hosted by Sigrid Undset Lodge, Daughters of Norway) 11:30 AM to 5:00 PM
  ~ Location: Grace Lutheran Church, Brown Hall, 3149 Waverly St., Palo Alto, CA
- **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 & 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

2025 Lodge Officers

Congratulations to our 2025 officers and committee chairs, and thank you for serving our lodge!

Officers:

President: Sheryl Hawes

Vice President: **Open.** *Responsible for membership sign-ups, membership promotions and growth; no requirement to move to the President's role in the future.*

Co-Secretaries (two): Duane Adams. **Open -** *need one more Co-Secretary to share the role*

Treasurer: Jim Sturtevant

Financial Secretary: Bruce Fihe

Tidende Editor: Kristen Hunsbedt

Social Director: Kathy Whitesel. **Open** *for another Co-Director or single event leader*

Cultural Director: Judy Purrington

Foundation Director: Duane Adams

Counselor: Kathy Whitesel

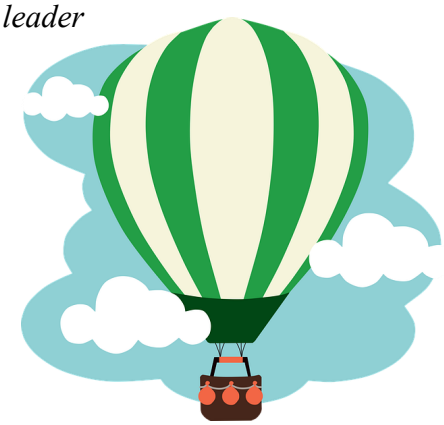
Webmaster: Bruce Fihe

Committee Chairs:

Special Project Director & Sunshine News Reporter: Barbara Shoup

Multi-Lodge Outreach Director: Jeannie Thomson

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



The Viking World Tour – Coming in 2025

A day of all things Viking! Vikings invaded these eleven countries and regions from 793 to 1000. Learn and experience from what we know now.

Visit a Table for each Invaded Country where you can:

- Enjoy old and new artifacts, treasures, and souvenirs from that invaded country!
- Taste old and new world specialty foods or drinks from each country!
- See maps and the old and new flags of these countries and territories!

Understand the Norse gods who ruled the Vikings (Thor, Odin, Frigg, Freyja, Loki)

*****See real Vikings in battle and learn about Vikings' superior weapons**

*****Women Vikings – what were their roles?**

*****The Viking Flea – what treasures can you find at the Viking Flea?**

Action: Choose one of the invaded countries and host that table, where you can share your interest in the country and all things Viking. Offer a unique tasty regional treat to the attendees, and show off your souvenirs and artifacts from one of these invaded countries. Contact **Jeannie Thomson** at 510-789-7758 or ***jeannie352@me.com***.

Morrocco and Russia are already taken!

Nordahl Grieg Lodge

79th Anniversary Dinner

Saturday, March 1, 2025
3 pm Social Time • 4 pm Dinner

Dinner Menu

Hearty Beef Stew
Roasted Chicken
Braised Red Cabbage
Thin Cucumbers with Dill
Array of Artisan Breads
Vanilla Sheet Cake with Vanilla Ice Cream

Presentation of Awards

- Membership Longevity Pins
- Special Awards

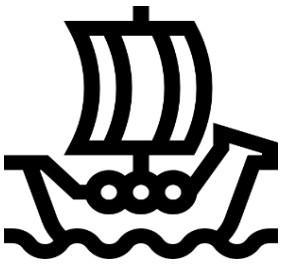
Solveig Club Nordic Boutique

(cash and checks only please)

→ Please bring food bank donations for our community outreach program

Cost: $32 per person • No charge for children aged 12 and under

Reservations and payment
must be received by Monday, February 24
(Sorry, we cannot accept late reservations)



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

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

OR

Click here to reserve online, use ***https://tinyurl.com/bdepkfy3***, or scan the QR code.

Online payment required.

Sons of Norway • Nordahl Grieg Lodge, 580 W. Parr, Los Gatos, CA

Member Anniversaries

The following Lodge members will receive longevity awards at the 2025 Anniversary Dinner. CONGRATULATIONS to everyone, and THANK YOU for your continued membership and support of Nordahl Grieg Lodge.

5 Years (joined in 2019)

Toni Grace
Ellen Haugen
Christine Hemiup
John Hemiup
Selma Hemiup
Terri McCall
Linda Rose

10 Years (joined in 2014)

Michele Graham
LaVinnia Pierson

15 Years (joined in 2009)

Fred Hymans
Ken Leventon
Marilyn Wall

20 Years (joined in 2004)

Marla Berg-Vivit
Kalia Freitas
Jamie Horner

30 Years (joined in 1994)

Sharee Frost
Patrick Kelly
Kathleen Moe
Noel Tebo
Ruth Tebo

Golden Members*

Gary Ansok
Sharee Frost
Patrick Kelly

35 Years (joined in 1989)

Jacqueline Mehus

45 Years (joined in 1979)

John Mattson

50 Years (joined in 1974)

Richard Grindeland
Johan Lund
Judith Lund

55 Years (joined in 1969)

Jorunn Allersma
Lavonne Hardy
Turid Sinagra

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

Vesterheim Museum Presentation for District Six

District Six has arranged for a live Zoom presentation from the Vesterheim Museum on February 26, 2025 at 6:00 PM Pacific Time.

You may join this Zoom presentations from your home via computer or smart phone, invite a group of friends for a watch party, or organize a watch party at your Lodge. We are limited by the number of connections (computers), not the number of viewers, so watch parties will allow more participants. If you are not able to attend the live presentation, a recording will be made available.

Topic: *In Trunks, Hands, and Hearts: What Norwegian Immigrants Brought to the United States.*

Date: February 26 at 6:00 PM Pacific / 7:00 PM Mountain / 8:00 PM Central Time.

Speaker: Jennifer Kovarik, Collection Manager

Program Description: Between 1825 and 1980, nearly one million Norwegians left for new lives in America. Consider the reasons for leaving, what they brought, and where they settled. Explore the immigrant experience through stories associated with artifacts in Vesterheim's collection.

Request Zoom link here: https://sofn6.org/vesterheim-trunks-hands-hearts

Tusen Takk!

Please see page 8 for an additional list of volunteers.

Many, many thanks to our members for making our 79th Annual Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner happen! It was overwhelming to see so many members (and future members, too!) step up to volunteer when we thought we didn't have enough volunteers in key spots to have our dinner. We had a lot of enthusiastic young servers who were a delight. They jumped in with gusto and did an excellent job of serving our guests.

This is my opportunity to thank a few of our unsung heroes. **Kathy Whitesel**, who has handled all of our trash and recycling for years. Kathy has been at the dumpster, sorting and stacking, no matter what the weather. **Leland Bjerkhoel**, who comes all the way from Truckee to entertain so we can dance. **Julie Porter** was a superstar helping with setting up and breaking down after our dinner. **Jim Sturtevant** and **Rich Pierson** both jumped in and did whatever I asked them to do, as well as taking copious notes for next year. The entire **Slama** family for taking care of the kitchen and dining room. **Bill Likens** for entertaining us with accordion music during dinner. The **Solveig Club** who, despite setting up their own bazaar for days, takes the time to set all of our tables for the first dinner service, and painstakingly counts dinner setup of paper goods, so our servers can just grab a set of eight and set the tables quickly for the next seating. **Fred Hymans** drives in from Rocklin to help tend bar and serve up his corny jokes. **Jim Sturtevant** who was encouraging to me every time I felt like throwing in the towel. **Kristen Hunsbedt** despite being under a time crunch with school, helped with everything, including buying all of the food and paper goods.

Thank you to all of our volunteers who made this dinner happen. We couldn't do it without everyone rolling up their sleeves and pitching in.

Lastly, if I've omitted anyone, please accept my sincere apology. For many weeks there were a lot of plates spinning and I didn't always have time to write things down.

Fraternally,
Janie Kelly

Mange tusen takk to the many, many volunteers who made our Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner a success! The dinner was a lot of work as always, 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
Johann Haug
Karina Haug
Lars-Erik Haug
Janie Kelly
Patrick Kelly
Cassandra Leventon
Skyla Leventon
Rich Pierson
Julie Porter
Kai Porter
Laura Porter
Judy Purrington
Shari Singdorf
Craig Slama
Kate Slama
Rena Slama
Vicky Slama
Jeannie Thomson
Kathy Whitesel

Lefse Making
Sharon Bratton
Linda Egger
Stanley Egger
Vicki Everly
Sonja Flanagin
Lars-Erik Haug
Ellen Haugen
Misa Hosohama
Jeannie Lyle
Dave Melius
Mark Nemeth
Rich Pierson
Judy Purrington
Barbara Shoup
Linda Smestad
Ron Smestad
Jeannie Thomson
Claire Smythe
LeeAnn Visnapu
Linnea Williams
Kathy Whitesel

Cookie Making
Kristine Estensen Goldberg (Co-Chair)
Sheryl Hawes (Co-Chair)
JoAnn Bjerkhoel
Sharon Bratton
Aaron Bueno
Brook Bueno
Radford Bueno
Ryder Bueno
Pat Cote
Judy Davis
Karen Estensen Rubio
Vicki Everly
Johann Haug
Lars-Erik Haug
Ellen Haugen
Misa Hosohama
Julie Larsen
Karen Mueller
Mark Nemeth
Rich Pierson
Barbara Shoup
Jim Sturtevant
Terry Sturtevant
Jeannie Thomson
Kathy Whitesel

Set-up & Cleanup
Duane Adams
Kristine Estensen Goldberg
Mike Goldberg
Lars-Erik Haug
Larry Hulberg
Andy Hunsbedt
Kristen Hunsbedt
Janie Kelly
Dave Melius
Rich Pierson
Julie Porter
Laura Porter
Fred Rubio
Claire Smyth
Cory Smyth
Jim Sturtevant

Coat Check
Kai Porter

Decorations
Dave Melius
Mark Nemeth
Claire Smyth
Kathy Whitesel

Table Setting, Bazaar, & Raffle
Duane Adams
Sharon Bratton
Vicki Everly
Sonja Flanagin
Sharee Frost
Meg Laycock
Anna Likens
Judy Purrington
Barbara Shoup
John Stubblebine
Kathy Whitesel
Linnea Williams
Phil Wilmott
Kay Wood

Cook Tent
Scott Ansok
Bruce Fihe
Mike Goldberg
Patrick Hamer
Lars-Erik Haug
Andy Hunsbedt
Matt Peak
Rich Pierson
Cory Smyth
Jim Sturtevant

Bar & Wine Service
Carol Fukui
Fred Hymans
Dave Melius
Claire Smyth

Kitchen Crew
Michelle Franco
Mia Kendal
Pat Kitson
Daniel LeClair
Kurt Salvesen
Craig Slama
Rena Slama
Vicky Slama

Entertainment
Leland Bjerkhoel
Bill Likens

Check-In
Karen Aaker
JoAnn Bjerkhoel
LaVinnia Pierson
Terry Sturtevant

Dining Room
Duane Adams
Ember Bratton
Lucy Bratton
Mariella Cornell
Kristine Estensen Goldberg
Nevaeh Freitas
Johann Haug
Sheryl Hawes
Janie Kelly
Savannah Kramer
Skyla Leventon
Svea Leventon
Becky Slama
Kate Slama
John Stubblebine

Trash & Recycling
Mark Nemeth
Kathy Whitesel

Nordic Literary Event at Library of Congress

The Library of Congress recently collaborated with the Nordic embassies in Washington D.C. to celebrate fiction and non-fiction works being published in those countries. Each embassy invited an author to represent their country at the forum, which was attended by Norwegian Ambassador Anniken Huitfeldt.

The authors in attendance included Josefine Klougart from Denmark, Hanna Pylväinen from Finland, Hanne Ørstavik of Norway, Hildur Knútsdóttir from Iceland, and Moa Herngren from Sweden. During the separate panel events, two different themes were discussed.

One theme dealt with the Nordic landscape, which featured heavily in the works of the Danish and Finnish authors. Pylväinen's work, "The End of Drum-Time" and Klougart's "On Darkness" both move beyond the usual assumption in their writings that the Nordic landscape is cold and forbidding.

The second theme revolved around the keeping of secrets – both from others and ourselves. This theme is found in the other three authors' work – Ørstavik's "Ti Amo," Herngren's "The Divorce," and Knútsdóttir's "The Night Guest." During this panel, Norwegian author Ørstavik discussed her own longing for truth, being vulnerable, and emphasized the need for having a listener in your life. She also suggested that books can even fill these needs at times.

Source:

https://www.loc.gov/item/event-414353/live-at-the-library-a-celebration-of-nordic-writers/2024-09-26/

https://blogs.loc.gov/bookmarked/2024/09/10/we-go-nordic-on-september-26/

https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=1584808892386679

...from SON Newsletter Service

New TV Station

In Norway, there is a TV station called TV BRA (*TV Good* in Norwegian) that provides wonderful opportunities for people who are autistic or have disabilities. Not only do all the reporters of the TV station have a learning disability, but the program is made specifically for similar people in Norway.

It is a one-hour long program that about 4,000 to 5,000 people tune into every week. The station covers topics unique to those with autism or learning disabilities, but also touches on news, entertainment, and sports.

The founder of TV BRA, Camilla Kvalheim, felt that there were many untold stories and experiences that needed to be heard. She also stressed the importance of those with learning disabilities knowing about and understanding the news so that they can take part in society.

The Norwegian government also agrees that TV BRA is important. Lubna Jaffrey, Norway's minister of Culture and Equality, stated: "TV BRA takes on an important role by presenting news and current affairs in a way that's understandable and inclusive."

...from SON Newsletter Service

Gratulerer med dagen!

Norway's Princess Ingrid Alexandra is celebrating a birthday this month. She turns 21 years old on January 21. Ingrid Alexandra is second in line for the Norwegian throne after her father, Crown Prince Haakon Magnus.

To learn more about the Norwegian royal family, visit ***https://www.royalcourt.no***.

Nyttårsbukk

New Year's Eve celebrations often include a countdown, gathering of family and friends, food, and drink. While this holds true in Norway, they also have a very unique tradition called *Nyttårsbukk.* On New Year's Eve, Norwegian children visit houses in their neighborhood and sing New Year's songs in exchange for candy, cookies, and oranges. Sounds familiar, doesn't it? It's almost like Halloween, but instead of saying "Trick or Treat" there is singing and instead of Halloween, it's the last day of the year.

Even adults participate in *Nyttårsbukk* by dressing up in fancy clothes, visiting friends and family, then getting treated to food and drink in return. What better way for kids to end the year than with a sweet little treat and adults enjoying a visit with family and friends? If nothing else, it's a great excuse to essentially celebrate Halloween twice.

...from SON Newsletter Service

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

- **Beginning Norwegian Class** – Norwegian lessons via Zoom, starting January 7, 2025. Offered by the Scandinavian American Cultural and Historical Foundation in Thousand Oaks. For more information, visit ***https://scandinaviancenter.org/beginning-norwegian-class***
- **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***.
- **Ready to Cook?** – Take a peek at Sons of Norway's recipe box for dozens of Norwegian-inspired delights to share with family and friends. The online recipe database includes baked goods, appetizers, soups, main dishes, and more! Visit ***https://www.sofn.com/norwegian_culture/recipe_box*** to see them all.
- What would you like to see here? Tell us about activities and ideas to **CONNECT** with our Norwegian Heritage!

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***

* Donations are not tax deductible. Please consult your tax professional.

CELEBRATE YOUR HERITAGE. OWN A PAINTING OF YOUR NORWEGIAN HOMESTEAD! I WILL PAINT A PAINTING USING YOUR COLORS, AND MORE.

https://sites.google.com/view/jana-peterson-designs

NEED INFORMATION?

Visit our website

nordahl-grieg.org

Newsletters, upcoming events, scholarships, join/renew membership, and much more!

Planning a special event?

nordahlhall.com

Welcome to Nordahl Hall Banquet & Meeting Center

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

For rental information, contact
Viking Property Management at 408-915-7755

Nordahl's Tidende
Nordahl Grieg Lodge 6-52
580 West Parr Avenue, Los Gatos, CA 95032

Let's Plan for the Future

As a CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™
I work with Sons of Norway members to help plan for the important things in life.

Call me for a free consultation.

Fred Hymans, CFP®
Financial Benefits Counselor
(916) 333-2086
fred@EFSplanning.com
CA Ins. Lic.#0D55562

SONS of NORWAY

Nordahl Grieg
1902 – 1943
Norwegian Poet,
Novelist, Patriot

Nordahl's Tidende is published on the 1st of each month.
Deadline to submit information for the next issue is the 15th of each month.
Please send all submissions via email to *editor@nordahl-grieg.org*.
Advertise in the *Tidende* – information and rates are available at *www.nordahl-grieg.org*.
Business meetings are generally held on the 3rd Thursday of the month and announced in the *Tidende*.
Social events are announced in the *Tidende* and via email.

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

2025 Officers

President	Sheryl Hawes	925-997-1698
	president@nordahl-grieg.org	
Vice President	*vacant*	
Co-Secretaries	Duane Adams	831-479-4376
	secretary@nordahl-grieg.org	
	vacant	
Treasurer	Jim Sturtevant	408-391-4961
	treasurer@nordahl-grieg.org	
Financial Secretary	Bruce Fihe	831-316-4889
	financial-secretary@nordahl-grieg.org	
Tidende Editor	Kristen Hunsbedt	408-828-3503
	editor@nordahl-grieg.org	
Social Director	Kathy Whitesel	408-839-2966
	social-director@nordahl-grieg.org	
Cultural Director	Judy Purrington	408-799-3262
	JudyPurrington@aol.com	
Foundation Director	Duane Adams	831-479-4376
	foundation-director@nordahl-grieg.org	
Counselor	Kathy Whitesel	408-839-2966
	counselor@nordahl-grieg.org	
Webmaster	Bruce Fihe	831-316-4889
	webmaster@nordahl-grieg.org	

Jan 1	*Godt Nyttår!* Happy New Year!
Jan 12	Installation of Officers
Feb 14	Valentine's Day
Feb 26	Vesterheim Zoom Presentation
Mar 1	Lodge Anniversary Dinner

Lodge Web Address: *www.nordahl-grieg.org* **Facebook:** *www.facebook.com/Nordahl.Grieg* **eTidende Web Address:** *www.nordahl-grieg.org/site/newsletters*
Phone Numbers: Lodge 408-438-5910 **Nordahl Hall—Rentals** 408-915-7755 **Other** 669-221-3858
District Web Address: *www.sofn6.org* **Camp Norge Contact Info:** *www.campnorge.org* 530-389-2508 P.O. Box 622, Alta, CA 95701