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Nordahl's Tidende

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En hilsen fra Nordahl Grieg Presidenten

Greetings, Nordahl Grieg Lodge Members:

I decided to write about my Norwegian Connections in this month's *Tidende*. I have TWO wonderful connections to my Norwegian heritage through these two families: **Estensen and Bjerkhoel.**

My Estensen Norwegian Connection is through my mother's father and his parents. My mother's maiden name was JoAnn Estelle Estensen. *You all know her as JoAnn Bjerkhoel*; her father was Ernest LeRoy Estensen, and her mother was Estelle James Estensen Covall. Ernest and Estelle Estensen had three wonderful daughters, (JoAnn, Marilyn Wall, and Suzie Laurie) who are involved members of this Lodge still, as are their children and their families.

Founders of Nordahl Grieg Lodge: My grandfather, Ernest LeRoy Estensen, had ten siblings. His oldest brother was my **Great-Uncle Oscar Estensen, who was a founding member of Nordahl Grieg Lodge in 1946, along with several others.** Uncle Oscar, as well as several of his brothers (including my grandfather), signed the 1946 Charter that's framed and displayed at our lodge. Oscar was also the second President of Nordahl Grieg Lodge.

Oscar Estensen was the oldest of eleven brothers and sisters (six boys and five girls) born between 1891 and 1915. Their parents were Nicolai Estensen and Marianna Thompson Estensen; married in January, 1891. So Marianna, my great-grandmother, had eleven babies over twenty-four years! Wow!

Immigration to North America: Nicolai Estensen immigrated in 1880 from the Trondheim area to South Dakota. Marianna Estensen's father, Ole Thompson, was born in Trondheim in 1849, and sailed on the *Bergen* in 1865 landing in Quebec, and then made his way to South Dakota in 1868. Marianna Estensen's mother, Ingeborg Olson-Qien, was born in Meråker, Norway, in 1851 and immigrated to the US in 1866.

All eleven of Nicolai and Marianne's children were born in South Dakota. Eight of the eleven relocated to the San Jose area, with some relocating to the Central Valley later. Those in San Jose started businesses such as furniture, clothing, and appliance stores. There are many Estensens who are involved members of the lodge to this day.

My Bjerkhoel Norwegian Connection was through the wonderful man that my mom married in 1972, *Harry Leland Bjerkhoel*. Harry was born in Badger, Minnesota in 1932. Harry and his first wife, Ruby, brought their three young children to San Jose in 1957 or 1958 and continued his career as a carpenter foreman.

Harry's parents, Harry Senior and Edna Bjerkhoel, and step-mother, Helen, were all descendants from Norwegian parents or grandparents. Harry's parents had seven children (five boys and two girls); and five of them relocated to California from Minnesota, including Harry and his family. Children and grandchildren of these five are valued and active members of this lodge to this day!

Harry is the person who really got me interested in Nordahl Grieg Lodge activities! It was fun to attend the raucous parties in the 1970s and 1980s that carried on to 1:00 AM or after. Harry and JoAnn paid the first year of Sons of Norway membership for all of their kids including me: Steve Hawes, Leland Bjerkhoel, Wayne Bjerkhoel, and Myrna Bjerkhoel; and for the five grandchildren's memberships. We have all kept up our Sons of Norway memberships since then!

I feel very fortunate to have these wonderful connections through two great families. What is your Norwegian Connection?

Have a great April, friends!

Sheryl Hawes, President

Hall Workday

Saturday, April 5
9 AM

Volunteers needed to:

- **Remove drinking fountain from foyer and patch wall**
- **Pressure wash parking lot walls and paint**
- **Clean up front garden area and set drip system**
- **Replace broken downspout and install door closer on storage room door**
- **Align deadbolt and striker on kitchen door**
- **Install gasket on lower oven door**
- **Clean bar accordion doors and measure for replacement doors**
- **Measure for new kitchen curtains and cabinets**
- **Wash windows**
- **Polish stainless surfaces**

Please come and help!

Refreshments and lunch will be provided.

April Birthdays

1	Hans Skogheim
3	James Laycock
4	Stan Egger
6	Michael Flanagin
6	David Melius
7	Jodi Behrens
8	Andy Hunsbedt
8	Veronica Rodriguez
9	Linda Egger
11	Kay Broadway
16	Jim Sturtevant
17	Jennifer Coile
18	Raymond Howard
19	Alissa Bjerkhoel
19	Sharon Bratton
21	Timothy Evjenth
21	Kenneth Leventon
25	Tor Hanssen
26	Linda Larsen
26	John Stubblebine
28	Kristine Estensen-Goldberg
28	Charlotte Scholberg
29	Kathy Whitesel
29	Anna Likens
30	Ove Heigre

Heritage Member

29 Sophia Mommer

Nyheter fra Solveig Club

The Solveig Club now meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 10:30 AM. After our business meeting, we share lunch. Members bring a sandwich, and our hostess for the meeting provides a salad and dessert. Most months, we finish the day with an hour or so sorting donations and pricing merchandise for upcoming bazaars and boutiques.

We had our Solveig Club Boutique set up in the hall during the Anniversary Dinner on March 1. Thanks to everyone who shopped the Boutique and used-books table.

The Solveig Club Boutique will again be open on May 17, during the Viking World Tour.

We've received three letters from applicants for half-camperships to attend Trollfjell Folkehøgskule (ages 14-17) – June 29-July 12, 2025 or Camp Trollfjell (ages 8-13) – July 13-July 26, 2025. The letters have been reviewed by our members, and we've voted to award half-camperships to: **Keziah Bratton**, **Mariella Cornell**, and **Nevaeh Freitas**. Application letters for half-camperships must be postmarked by May 1. See the application details on page 8 of this newsletter.

Solveig Club will also be accepting college scholarship applications until June 1. There's a link to the application in the notice on page 7 of this newsletter. Daughters, granddaughters, and great-granddaughters of Nordahl Grieg Lodge members may be eligible so long as they are under age 30.

The next Solveig Club meeting will be Wednesday, April 9. Our hostess will be **Barbara Shoup**. If you'd like to visit one of our meetings, please call or text me at 408-799-3262 so we'll expect you. We are seeking new members.

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

Upcoming Events Calendar - Nordahl Grieg Lodge and Affiliates

Date	Event	Description	Location	Cost/RSVP
Saturday, May 17 10 AM - 3:30 PM	The Viking World Tour **Elderid's Café* **The Viking Flea* **Solveig Club Nordic Boutique (cash/check only)* **Nordahl Bar (cash)*	*A day of all things Viking! Learn about countries that Vikings invaded through artifacts, displays, specialty foods, books, maps, and flags. Presentations: Viking stories, Viking battle, "Her-story" of Viking women, demo of weaponry superiority, Lucky Leif & the Longship. Also try rope cording, belt weaving, and more.*	Nordahl Hall 580 W. Parr Ave, Los Gatos	– Admission includes specialty food bites, coffee, cookies, all-day programs. Adults $15 Youth $5 (6-12) Child: Free (0-5)
June 29-July 12	Trollfjell Folkehøgskule *(ages 14-17)*	*Two-week summer camp including Norwegian lessons, folk arts, Scandinavian cooking, campfires, swimming, and hiking.*	Camp Norge 250 Canyon Mine Rd. Alta, CA	Registration open now: https://sofn6.org/arv
July 13-26	Camp Trollfjell *(ages 8-13)*	*Two-week summer camp including Norwegian lessons, folk arts, Scandinavian cooking, campfires, swimming, and hiking.*	Camp Norge 250 Canyon Mine Rd. Alta, CA	Registration open now: https://sofn6.org/arv
Saturday, August 16 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Henrik Ibsen Multi-Lodge Picnic	*Bar open, picnic lunches, kids' games, swimming pool, Viking demonstrations, bingo, and horseshoes. Raffle fundraiser for Nordic treasures.*	Henrik Ibsen Park 13800 Skyline Blvd, Woodside	– Donation: $10 – No RSVP required
August 30-September 1	Kretsstevne	*Annual "Gathering of the Clans" at Camp Norge, including karaoke, horseshoes, hiking, swimming, and BBQ*	Camp Norge 250 Canyon Mine Rd. Alta, CA	– Cost: TBD – More details coming soon to campnorge.org.
September 20-23	Camp Oldfjell	*Adult camp to learn crafts; rosemaling, folk dance, baking, painting, embroidery, new classes. Enjoy food, fun, and camaraderie.*	Camp Norge 250 Canyon Mine Rd. Alta, CA	– Cost: TBD – Reservations required. Coming soon to campnorge.org.
Saturday, November 8	Julebutikk Holiday Boutique	*Fabulous holiday gifts and Norwegian treasures to purchase. Hosted by Daughters of Norway*	Immanuel Lutheran Church 1715 Grant Rd. Los Altos, CA	– No entrance fee – No RSVP required
Saturday, December 6 2:30 - 10:30 PM	Traditional Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner **Solveig Club Nordic Boutique (cash/checks only)* **Nordahl Bar (cash)*	*A tradition for 75 years! Family-style dinner all-you-can-eat fresh frozen lutefisk, meatballs, potatoes, coleslaw, lefse, coffee, and handmade Norwegian cookies. Live music entertainment 8:30 PM to 11:00 PM.*	Nordahl Hall 580 W. Parr Ave, Los Gatos	– Cost: TBD – Reservations required – Three Seatings: 3:30 PM, 5:30 PM, & 7:30 PM

Nordahl Grieg Lodge Website: nordahl-grieg.org ***Nordahl Hall website: nordahlhall.com***

Nordahl Hall Improvements and News

Much gratitude to Joe and Jamie Horner -- Thank you for your volunteer work on the Parking Lot Improvement Project - Phase 1

On behalf of Nordahl Grieg Lodge and Nordahl Hall officers, we would like to express our sincere gratitude for your valuable time and expertise in volunteering for the parking lot improvement project. Joe's extensive expertise in the industry and his leadership skills were instrumental in guiding us to develop a solid plan to improve our parking lot. The funding for this project is from our "Love Your Lodge" fund, which is seeded through generous donations from our members.

It was a perfect day on Friday, March 7, when Joe and Jamie both started the saw cutting surrounding the damaged asphalt sections next to the building entrances. The weather cooperated beautifully, allowing them to complete this first step. Their hard work and attention to detail ensured that the cutting was done precisely and efficiently.

In May, we plan to complete Phase 1 by removing the two-foot wide damaged asphalt sections and replacing them with new asphalt, effectively minimizing any tripping hazards. This final step will enhance the safety and accessibility of our parking lot for everyone.

We truly appreciate your commitment to the Lodge and your willingness to share your skills and knowledge with us. Your contributions have made a tangible difference, and we are grateful for your continued support. Thank you again for your time and leadership.

2024 Annual Shareholder's Report for Nordahl Hall, which was held on March 20. Included here is the link for the 2024 Annual Shareholders report which is an excellent summary about our own Nordahl Hall's financial status and accomplishments. Please use ***this link***.

Nordahl Hall Needs a Secretary on our Hall Board!

1. Are you interested in building your resume with a board position?
2. Be a part of an active, engaged, and experienced board?
3. Learning how an effective board operates?
4. Getting to know a great group of people?

If so, then we want YOU! The Hall Board meets about six times per year, and we need a secretary on our board to document minutes regarding key topics discussed, agreed upon actions, and decisions made by the board. The secretary is a full member of the Hall Board and has check-signing authority. We are looking for people to become future leaders to help Nordahl Hall. We are a nice group of people who help each other and offer on-the-job training. Have questions? Please contact **Duane Adams**, President of Nordahl Hall Board, at ***duane@startmail.com.***

Nordahl Grieg Lodge Meeting Dates for 2025

Mark your calendars for our upcoming lodge meetings! This will be a mix of Zoom and in-person meetings, so stay tuned for more details in upcoming *Tidende* newsletters.

- **April 24** - 7:00 PM, on Zoom
- **May 22** - 7:00 PM, on Zoom
- **June** - no meeting
- **July 20** - 2:00 PM. Ice cream social!
- **August -** no meeting
- **September 11** - 7:00 PM, on Zoom
- **October 18** - 5:00 PM. Program on John Nordstrom
- **November** - no meeting
- **December 11** - 7:00 PM, on Zoom

The Viking World Tour - Hosted by Nordahl Grieg Lodge

May 17, 2025 - 10:00 AM to 3:30 PM
Nordahl Hall, 580 W. Parr Ave, Los Gatos, CA 95032

***ADMISSION**: Includes your tour passport, regional specialty food bites, fresh coffee, Norwegian cookies, and a full day of all things Viking! See our program schedule on the following page.*

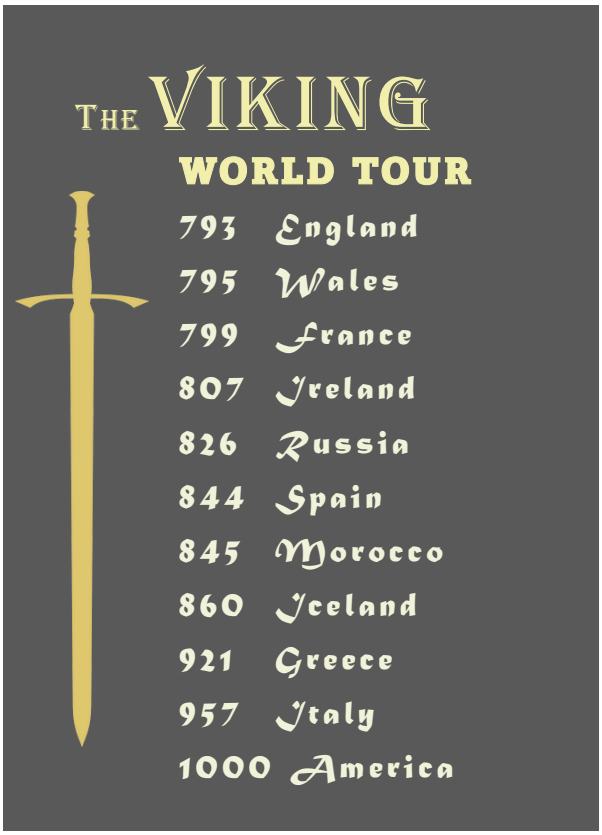
Adults: $15.00

Youth: $5.00 (6 to 12)

Child: Free (5 and under)

Experience a day of all things Viking! Wear your Viking or Nordic hat, horns, t-shirts, jewelry, armor, scarf, sweater, or other garment.

Vikings invaded eleven countries and regions from 793 to 1000. Taste and learn about each invaded country through the creativity of the host or hostess for each country.



Visit a Display for each Invaded Country to:

* Enjoy artifacts, souvenirs, and treasures from that country
* Taste regional specialty food bites
* See maps, books, photos, and flags

Presentations by Sjorvaldar Vikings and Katja

* Hear their Viking stories from Tyra, Thorkel, and Sigvald
* Demonstration of Vikings' superior weaponry and battles
* "Her-story" – the real Viking women by Tyra
* Learn rope cording, belt making, and all-age activities
* "Lucky Leif and the Longship" by Katja
* Take a photo with a Viking

See MORE on next page

The Viking World Tour (continued)

There's more – open all day!

Visit Invaded Country displays

Shop the Viking Flea

Shop the Solveig Club Nordic Boutique

Elderid's Café open for purchases

(Cash and checks only, please)

May 17, 2025 – Program Schedule

10:00 AM	Doors open. Receive your passport with complimentary coffee and Norwegian cookies for breakfast
10:45 AM	The Viking Stories by Tyra, Thorkel, and Sigvald
11:00 AM	Demonstration of Vikings' Superior Weapons
11:30 AM	Enjoy regional specialty foods at invaded country displays
1:00 PM	Her-story – the Real Viking Women by Tyra
1:15 PM	Vikings Battle - arch enemies Thorkel and Sigvald
2:00 PM	Lucky Leif and the Longship by Katja
2:30-3:30 PM	Kids of all ages – rope cording, belt making, and more from Bruce and Tyra
3:00 PM	Viking Passport drawing
3:15 PM	Viking victory parade and photos
3:30 PM	End of the Viking World Tour

To find out about volunteer opportunities at this exciting event, contact **Jeannie Thomson** at 510-789-7758 or jeannie352@me.com. Co-Leads: **Jeannie Thomson** and **Sheryl Hawes**.

Request for Donated Items to Support Viking Flea Market

We are looking for donations from our members to sell on May 17 at the "Viking Flea Market," as part of our Viking World Tour event.

What to donate: New and/or gently used items that we can sell and then use the proceeds to support our mission to put on interesting events and programs for our members and their guests.

Examples:
- Household items
- Decorative items
- Unique items
- Nordic- or Viking-themed items

When to drop off your donation: Saturday, April 5 -- 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Where to bring donations: Nordahl Grieg Lodge, 580 W. Parr Ave, Los Gatos. Place your items in the lobby box.

Be sure to put the Viking World Tour on your calendar for May 17. See pages 5 and 6 of this month's *Tidende* for details on this event.

Thank you! Have a question? Call or text: **Jeannie Thomson** at 510-789-7758.

2025 Lutefisk Dinner Update

Our Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner, held the first Saturday of each December, is the only one held in the Bay Area in recent years! Our dinner is a 75-year tradition for Nordahl Grieg Lodge, and it is our biggest fundraiser. We depend on Lutefisk dinner leaders to ensure we can pull off this dinner, which serves more than 550 people during three shifts and requires over 100 volunteers.

We already have a great 2025 leadership team pulled together:
- Volunteer Coordinator to identify, document what volunteers are needed, and support filling those position.
- Flyer re-design in progress for the Lutefisk dinner advertisements and reservation form.
- Purchasing Lead for the food and supplies.
- Lefse Lead to organize all that's needed to make the lefse for our event.
- Meatball Lead to organize all that's needed to make all of our meatballs.
- Cookie - two co-leads that share the effort to organize and make our traditional cookies.

QUESTION: Will you consider being the Lutefisk Dinner Lead or Co-Lead to pull together all the pieces to make our dinner a success?

There is a lot of support, knowledge, experience and history to build on! To find out more, contact **Sheryl Hawes** at ***president@nordahlgrieg.org***.

Solveig 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:
Judy Purrington, Solveig Club President
P.O. Box 53900
San Jose, CA 95153-0900

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.***

Youth Half-Camperships Available for District Six Members for 2025

District Six provides half-camperships for our two District youth camps, Camp Trollfjell (ages 8-13) and Trollfjell Folkehøgskule (ages 14-17). These camperships provide half of the camp fees. The application form is available on the District Six website at ***https://sofn6.org/scholarships***. All applications must by received by **May 1, 2025**.

Solveig Club Camperships

The Solveig Club once again will award 50% cost of tuition camperships for children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren of Nordahl Grieg members in good standing. To apply, campers must write a letter that includes the following:

- Camper's name and age
- Name of sponsoring Nordahl Grieg member
- Reasons camper wants to attend camp

Letters must be postmarked by **May 1, 2025** and mailed to:

Judy Purrington, Solveig Club President
PO Box 53900
San Jose, CA 95153-0900

Please note that campers are eligible to receive only one campership award from either District 6 or the Solveig Club, but not both.

Norwegian Folk Music and Dance Party!

Free folk dance party with live music, hosted by the Nordahl Grieg Leikarring og Spelemannslag.

Join us to celebrate Bay Area Dance Week with an evening of Nordic dance and music. We'll teach easy and intermediate dances that include change-partner dances, figure dances, and couple dances. The live music will carry you along with the spirit of the dance. Stay a few minutes afterwards to enjoy some snacks and beverages.

No prior dance experience is needed. Wear comfortable clothing that allows easy movement, and please bring closed-toe shoes that are not used for heavy-duty outdoor use.

When: Wednesday, April 30, 2025, 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM.

Where: Unitarian Universalist Church of Palo Alto, 505 East Charleston Road, Palo Alto. Come to the Fireside Room.

For more information, contact **Meg Laycock** at ***meg@jstub.com*** or 408-314-8844.

Rosemaling Retreat

The Spring Rosemaling Retreat at Camp Norge in Alta, CA will be held on April 26 and 27. This is an all levels class - no prior rosemaling or painting experience is needed. Onsite accommodations are available.

Click ***here*** to view the registration form, or email ***PennysRosemalingSeminar@gmail.com***.

Thank you to all the volunteers who made our Anniversary Dinner a success! We apologize if we left out or misspelled any names.

Solveig Club Boutique Set-up, Take-down, Sales:
Sharon Bratton
Mariella Cornell
Nevaeh Freitas
Meg Laycock
Judy Purrington
Barbara Shoup

Volunteers with the Event – Kitchen, Serving, Clean-up
Kathryn Whitesel – Social Director
Duane Adams
Mariella Cornell
Nevaeh Freitas
Sheryl Hawes
Mark Nemeth
Barbara Shoup

Table Set-up
Duane Adams
Dave Melius
Mark Nemeth
Claire Smyth
Kathy Whitesel

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 2023, December 2023, and January 2025)

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!*

Award Recipients at Anniversary Dinner

Several of our lodge's hardworking members were honored at our anniversary dinner last month. Please join us in acknowledging the significant contributions from the following members.

Tusen Takk Award: Thank you for 1,000 things!

LaVinnia Pierson, Meg Laycock, Jeannie Thomson, Sheryl Hawes: For their organization and promotion of the very successful visit and performances by the Stoughton High School Norwegian Dancers from Stoughton, Wisconsin. The performance and dinner at our lodge raised sufficient donations to donate $1,200 to the Stoughton Dance team and $900 to the Lodge.

Bruce Fihe, Sheryl Hawes, Laura Hulberg: For their redesign of the Nordahl Hall website, resulting in a modern, attractive design for renters seeking rental space online. Laura provided the marketing expertise to lay out requirements for the new design and build much content; Bruce programmed the new design; and Sheryl was the project manager, working with **Janie Kelly**, **Dave Melius**, and **Duane Adams** to ensure accuracy of the content.

Hjertelig Takk Award: For putting your heart into one big contribution.

Scott Ansok, Bruce Fihe, Andy Hunsbedt, Harry Bjerkhoel (posthumously): For handling the Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner Cook Tent responsibilities for over 30 years as a group. These men have retired but are giving their time and expertise to train the next group of Cook Tent volunteers.

Jim Sturtevant, Rich Pierson, and Dave Melius: For contributions to the financial and operational well-being of the lodge and Hall. Jim and Rich have served as Treasurers of the Nordahl Grieg Lodge and Nordahl Hall for several years. Competent and detail-oriented, Rich and Jim have the trust and confidence of the Lodge and Hall in their financial and budget recommendations to the boards.

In addition, Rich, Jim, and Dave have spent countless hours at the Hall performing system and physical maintenance and upgrades for the building and property. They have improved the security and Wi-Fi systems, reduced costs for our internet service, and repaired or upgraded everything from the kitchen lighting to building thermostats to illumination for the Nordahl Hall sign.

Judy Purrington: For creating a new event for our Lodge, called A Taste of Norway, which was held on Syttende Mai in 2019, 2023, and 2024. She contacted numerous groups to participate so that A Taste of Norway at Nordahl Grieg Lodge had a full day of exhibits, performances, traditional crafts demonstrations, Norwegian cuisine, and food demonstrations. This event will be continued in future years.

King Olaf Award: For an outstanding lifetime contribution

As a FAMILY, **Kathleen "Kate" Slama, Rebecca Slama Bennett & Jeffrey Bennett, Victoria Slama & Bob Goodenough, Craig & Rena Slama**, are being recognized for their huge contributions over many decades to our biggest fundraiser – the Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner.

Kate Slama: For huge contributions to the Lutefisk Dinner for decades, with her "take charge" approach, and organizational skills to instruct the volunteers in order to serve up to 1,200 dinners.

Rebecca Slama Bennett & Jeff Bennett: Both Becky and Jeff have contributed much to the kitchen and Lutefisk Dinner in many roles. Becky took on Lead Server recently and provides mentoring the next generation of volunteers. Jeff has prepared meatballs over many years and served wine during all of our Dinner seatings.

Victoria Slama & Bob Goodenough: The Captain of the Kitchen, Victoria has trained her crew over the decades to serve up consistent and satisfying portions of hearty Norwegian cuisine. Bob has been Victoria's right hand partner and has helped with anything and everything that Victoria has volunteered for.

Craig & Rena Slama: Craig has served countless years on the kitchen crew and has helped with the cook shed crew to cook the huge pots of lutefisk and potatoes. Rena has spent many years with the kitchen crew and recently stepped into the spotlight to lead the kitchen food preparation. She kept the kitchen running smoothly despite hiccups along the way.

Connections...ways to connect with your Norwegian heritage

- **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***.
- **New Podcast Series on Norwegian Emigration** – *200 Norwegians* is a podcast series by Fredrik Kalstveit featuring 200 stories of Norwegians who have shaped American history over the last two centuries. And where better to begin than with the first ripple in the water that would eventually create a wave? This first episode dives into the life, myths, and realities of Cleng Peerson, and the so-called Sloopers who fled Norway in a vessel far too small for their grand dreams of crossing the Atlantic and starting anew in America. Guests in this episode include historian Nils Olav Østrem from the University of Stavanger, Norway, and Kirk Mies from the Slooper Society, who is also a Vesterheim Trustee. Check ***Vesterheim's blog*** every two weeks or subscribe on the apps to hear further episodes as we commemorate this anniversary year!
- **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. *Vær så god!* (Bon Appetit!)
- What would you like to see here? Tell us about activities and ideas to **CONNECT** with our Norwegian Heritage!
- **Remember!** – The Tidende deadline is the 15th of every month. Send submissions to ***editor@nordahl-grieg.org***.

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.

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™
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