
SUNDFJORD SUN

Sundfjord Lodge # 65

February 2007



Meeting Location

Rock of the Foothills Church

4630 Wheeler Ave

LaVerne, CA 91750

Second Saturday at 12:00 Noon.

President's Message

For the February lodge meeting we are celebrating one of the most commonly recognized Norwegian traditions, the sweater. This classic Nordic knit garment evokes not only the image of warm homespun comfort on a cold day; it also speaks to our roots. Many patterns and styles are as distinctive to local custom and history as are the various "bunads" of Norway. In March we have our regular lodge meeting on the 10th. I would also like to ask that you consider a trip into Glendale on the evening of the 13th for dinner at Shaker's Restaurant, 801 N. Central Ave. This event is hosted by the Sons of Norway Southern California Past (Lodge) President's Club (SCPPC), and by telling the service staff you are with the Sons of Norway, they donate 20% of your dinner bill total to the SCPPC who in turn split the proceeds into as many scholarships as can be funded for 50% tuition at the Language and Heritage Camp held every year at Camp Norge. This 2 week camp teaches the kids in the 6th District the language, history, crafts, dance, music and culture of Norway. Please come and support this very worthy cause. Now please excuse me, I'm itching to get out of this sweater. Nic Sanburg

Vice President's Message

HAPPY VELENTINE'S DAY!

I hope you all wore your Norwegian sweater today. Jim Stewart and I were elected to the membership committee and our goal is to increase membership. We all need to do our part as we lost several members last year and our number is dwindling. Let us sign up all our adult children whether they live here or not. They will receive our newsletter and the wonderful Viking magazine which will keep them informed of their heritage. Sons of Norway is launching an exciting membership recruitment contest for this year where the winner will have their **Norwegian Experience** of a lifetime. Information and contest rules can be found on page 2 in this newsletter. Surely there are Norwegians in your church and neighborhood who are just waiting for an invitation to join. Invite them to our next meeting and offer to pick them up. We have a wonderful friendly group who is looking forward to making new friends. How about making a personal goal? That you each bring in one new member in the coming months.

Pauline Pederson

Kalender (Coming Events) 2007

February:

17 -Solskinn Lodge
Lutefisk Dinner

March:

10 -Sundfjord's Meeting
11 -Daylight-Saving Time Begins
13 -Shakers Fundraiser in Glendale for Camp Norge
17 -95th Anniversary dinner Valhall Lodge, San Diego.
31 -Solbakken Lodge Lute-Fisk and Meatball Dinner

April:

14 -Sundfjord's Meeting
14 -Western Night at Peer Gynt Lodge
Past President Club Meeting 3:00 pm
Southern Kretsstevne Meeting 4:00 pm
21/22 -Scandinavian Festival at Cal Lutheran University
28/29 -Rosemaling Seminar at Camp Norge

May:

5 -Yard Sale
12 -Sundfjord's Meeting
13 -Mother's Day
17 -"Syttende Mai" Celebrations

June:

8 -Sundfjord's Meeting

July:

4 -Sundfjord Booth at Claremont Park

Sons of Norway Norwegian Experience Membership Recruitment Contest



Sons of Norway is launching a new, exciting membership recruitment contest that we'd like to tell you about. Beginning January 1, and running through the end of the year, Sons of Norway and Borton Overseas are sponsoring the Norwegian Experience recruitment contest.

From January 1 through December 31, 2007, members who recruit new, dues-paying Sons of Norway members will be entered into a drawing to win a Norwegian Experience of a lifetime for two. What's even better is that the winner and their guest will be able to select their own adventure.

Courtesy of Borton Overseas, the winner of the Norwegian Experience membership recruitment contest will have a variety of different guided tours and cruises in Norway from which to choose! Whether they prefer a more active tour of the country, or a relaxing, pampered cruise, Sons of Norway and Borton Overseas will work with the winner to provide the ultimate experience.

No matter which kind of travel experience the winner selects, they will travel in style on a complimentary 10-day Norwegian Experience including upgraded international air travel, deluxe accommodations, and U.S. \$ 500 in spending money! In addition, the winner will enjoy an exclusive excursion to Hadeland Glassworks near Oslo, complete with a private guided tour to see how some of the world's finest glass and crystal are made, an opportunity to blow their own glass, a special three-course lunch, and a NOK 1,000 gift certificate to purchase a keepsake from Hadeland's glass shop, all compliments of Hadeland Glassworks.

Entering the contest is easy:

- Recruiters must be current members of Sons of Norway to be eligible to participate and win.
- For each dues paying member recruited, the recruiter's name will be automatically entered into the drawing to win a Norwegian Experience.
- Dues paying Unge Venner, or members who have lapsed more than two years and individuals who have never been members are all eligible candidates for membership and will qualify the recruiter for the contest. Heritage members, dues exempt (family) Unge Venner and members who have lapsed less than two years will not qualify for an entry.
- There is no limit to the number of entries allowed, so tell your members that they can recruit as many new members as possible to increase their chances of winning!
- Membership applications for the new members, with the recruiter's member number indicated, must be received at the Sons of Norway Headquarters by 12/31/07 to qualify for an entry.

We encourage our members to participate for the chance to win the Norwegian Experience of a lifetime.

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Gratulerer med dagen

(Happy Birthday)

February

3.....	Esther Schan
6.....	Erik Fleming
7.....	Martin Feste
12.....	Gerd Olsen
14.....	Marie Helliessen
16.....	Harold Shellum
28.....	Agnes Deeb

March

15.....	Char Nelson
16.....	Marilyn Johnson
31.....	Bill Deeb

God Bedring

(Get Well)

We wish "god bedring" and speedy recovery to Helen Cox who had surgery and is now recuperating at home.

(Please let us know if any of our members are under the weather)

New Treasurer

At our January meeting Ruth Higley was elected as Treasurer to serve out Dianna Sanburg's term.

Membership Committee

Elected to the Membership Committee were Pauline Pederson and Jim Stewart.

Foundation

Our lodge received a "Thank You" letter from Sons of Norway Foundation for our contribution to the "Coin-a-day/Sparebøsse program.

5th Annual Yard Sale

The date for our Yard Sale is Saturday, May 5th. I hope you all have started to clean out your closets and garage for items to donate to the yard sale. All items have to be in a clean and usable condition and we do not accept clothing. If you have large items that need to be picked up, contact Lise Fleming; otherwise items can be brought to the March and April lodge meetings or be dropped off at Lise's home but please call first to make sure she is home.

Volunteers are needed the week before the sale to sort and price the items.

Sports Medal Program

Report from Sports Director Jim Stewart:

To date our lodge members have earned a total of 24 "gang-merket" (walking) medals. 11 Bronze, 8 Silver, 3 Gold and 2 Enamel.

Jim also created the 1000 Mile Club to encourage our members to keep on walking to stay fit after they have earned their medals.

Sundfjord's Cruise



Welcome Aboard

Char Nelson, Ruth Higley, Pauline Pederson, Lise Fleming

We had a fabulous 5-day Mexico cruise aboard "Monarch of the Seas" along with Jack and Kay Johnson from Solbakken lodge. The ship sailed out of San Pedro and first port we visited was beautiful Catalina Island. From Catalina to San Diego we had 80 miles an hour wind so it was a little rough. The rest of the trip we had beautiful warm weather and calm seas. In Ensenada we visited LaBuffedora (the blow hole) and had lunch and margaritas at Havana Banana rooftop restaurant with beautiful view of the ocean. Afterwards it was shopping and price bargaining at the open air market.

The food and service aboard was outstanding and on our dinner table we placed Norwegian/American flags. We enjoyed great shows every evening, aboard activities, shops, the casino plus fraternal togetherness.



Front; Ann Schwantje, Ruth Higley, Lise Fleming, Char Nelson and Agnes Deeb.
Rear; Bob Schwantje, Art Aslesen, Nic Sanburg, Kay and Jack Johnson, Andrew Aslesen and Bill Deeb.

Annual Shakers Fundraiser

Every year, in March, the Southland Past President's Club (SPPC) holds a fundraiser that gives ½ camperships to children who attend the Language and Heritage camp at Camp Norge in Alta, California.

This fundraiser is held on Tuesday, March 13 between the hours of 3:00 to 9:00 pm at Shakers Restaurant, 801 N. Central Ave in Glendale.

When you order your meal, just tell the server that you are with the Sons of Norway group. Also, if you purchase items from the bakery it also counts.

20% of your dinner tab and bakery purchase will go to the ½ campership that the SPPC awards children attending the 2 week summer camp.

Shakers (not the pizza place) is a family restaurant that serves good home-cooked meals so bring your family, friends, neighbors etc. You do not have to be a Sons of Norway member to participate. This is a great time to meet and socialize with members from other lodges.

95th Anniversary

Valhall Lodge # 25 in San Diego celebrates its 95th anniversary on Saturday, March 17th at the East San Diego Masonic Temple starting at 5:30 pm for cocktail hour and dinner served at 6:30 pm. The District Six Board will be present and the program will include historical information on the lodge, musical celebrations and other cultural highlights. Flyer with more information will be coming forth.

45th Annual "Rosemaling" Seminar at Camp Norge April 28 and 29, 2007

It is again time to make your reservation to attend the Spring "Rosemaling" seminar at Camp Norge, Alta, CA. Teachers are Julie Ann Droivold, Mardella Ivers and Kay White. Julie Ann is teaching Os on a black background, with metallic gold trim and lots of flowers and berries. Mardella is doing a Valdres floral on a sea foam green background and Kay is doing the red Telemark embroidery flowers on black background. Look on the Camp Norge website for pictures on all three projects. www.Campnorge.com See Lise for the registration form.

Scandinavian Festival 2007, Thousand Oaks

The Scandinavian Festival sponsored by the Scandinavian American Cultural and Historical Foundation will take place on April 21 and 22 at the California Lutheran University (CLU), 60 W. Olsen Road, Thousand Oaks, CA 01360 The festival will include a market place of food and specialty vendors. Activities include the smörgåsbord, folk dances, multilingual Church Service on Sunday at 11:00 am, cultural and family based activities.

Admission: \$ 5 for adults, \$ 2 for youth, Free for children under age 12 and CLU students.

Barnas Hjørne

(Kid's Corner)

Norwegian Immigrants Part 2

Last month my article was about Norwegian immigrants, this month is part 2 to that article. Being in the Sons of Norway has given me the opportunity to speak with two immigrants who belong to our lodge. This article is about their first hand experience on moving to America.

Agnes Deeb came to America at the age of 14. She came by ship which took 8 days. She came to America with her mother and brother. Her father and older sister were already in America. To pass the time on the ship Agnes met many friends and listened to music.

She does miss the mountains and fjords of Norway, but would not move back to Norway. Agnes has been in America for 57 years and still speaks fluently Norwegian. "I love American and also my birth country of Norway", says Agnes. Her father enrolled Agnes and her brother in school. They could not speak English but had an understanding teacher. They both learned English very fast. Agnes was in awe when she first saw the Statue of Liberty, and shortly after arriving in America saw a St. Patrick's Day parade.

Lise Fleming came to America at the age of 23. She came by plane and said it was a long trip with several layovers. She flew from Oslo, Norway to Copenhagen, Denmark; from there to New York and then on to Los Angeles. In New York her cousin who lived in Brooklyn came to the airport to keep her company during her 5 hours layover. She came by herself and did not know English very well. Though she went through the emigration requirements before leaving Norway, she is still a Norwegian citizen. "After living in America longer than I have lived in Norway, I consider myself to be an American. It is nice to visit Norway, but my home now is America", states Lise. Like Agnes, Lise would not move back to Norway. Lise said that before coming to America, she thought everyone in America was wealthy and that she would see movie stars walking down the streets. After getting here, she found that not everyone was rich and movie stars didn't walk down the streets. And she learned quickly to love fast food like McDonalds.

During Lise's first week in America, she soaked up everything and learned a lot of English. Her new neighbors threw a party for her arrival, which to her was nice since people in Norway wouldn't do something like that. Lise really likes how things are here in America.

I want to thank Agnes Deeb and Lise Fleming for answering my questions for this article. I learned so much. Tusen Takk!

Heritage member Irene Davis
12 years old

Church leaders mull separation from State

Leaders of Norway's state church are holding their annual meeting (Kirkemøte), with the very existence of the state church at stake.

The annual meeting serves as the Norwegian church's highest representative assembly, and is held every year to handle critical issues. Highest on the list is a proposal to spin off Norway's evangelical Lutheran church from centuries of state control. Nearly 90 church representatives, including all 11 bishops in Norway, will be debating the question.

King Harald, who serves as the ultimate head of the Norwegian state church said that he hoped for a "unified solution" to the question of how the relationship between church and state should be organized. "The church still means a lot to our people," King Harald said. He stands to lose his position as head of the church if it is separated from the state. The monarch maintains his traditionally neutral position, refusing to get involved in the debate over whether the time is ripe for fundamental change. "I'm glad the meeting has set aside so much time to the question," he said, after noting that the "steady attention" paid to it reflects changes both within society and the church, "at the same time that it can affect what's been the foundation of the Norwegian people's values for centuries. He claims that the discussion also shows "that people are fond of their church and concerned about its future. Aftenposten

Award to Norway's "Hurtigruten"

The magazine "Travel Weekly" in January 2007, selected the Norwegian coastal cruise as the Best Specialist Cruise Operator in the world. "Hurtigruten" beat competitors such as Celebrity Xpedition, Orient Lines, Swan Hellenic and Star Clippers. "This is a huge prestige for us and means future success for us," said Jain Cottam, the "Hurtigruten's" general manager in Great Britain. Verdens Gang

Cities Quarrel over which one is Northernmost

Two Norwegian cities, Hammerfest and Honningsvåg are quarreling over which one can claim the title of being the northernmost city in the world. Hammerfest lies at just over 70 degrees, while Honningsvåg lies at just under 71 degrees. For more than 200 years, Hammerfest has claim that it's the northernmost city in the world.

Honningsvåg, with its 2,000 residents, won official status as a city just 10 years ago. Now it wants to take over Hammerfest's claim to fame.

Hammerfest, which has a population of 9,300, won't argue that Honningsvåg lies slightly further north. But Hammerfest officials won't accept that Honningsvåg is a city, but merely a fishing village. Aftenposten 5

Peer Gynt's Western Night

April 14, 2007

*Southland Past President's Club (SPPC) will have their meeting at 3:00 pm.

*Southern California Kretsstevne committee will have their meeting at 4:00 pm.

Then.....

Round up your family and friends clad in Western wear and mosey on down to the annual Country and Western night at Peer Gynt Hall on Saturday, April 14. Happy hour at 5:00 pm, dinner served at 6:00 pm. Cost is \$ 15.00 per person. Music by Kjell Holmes.

Syttende Mai Feiringen

(17th of May celebration)

Solbakken and Fridtjof Nansen lodges will be joining in the annual Flag Raising Ceremony and luncheon.

The location has been changed from downtown Long Beach Civic Center to the Long Beach Council of Camp Fire Lodge located at 7070 E. Carson, at the corner of Studebaker Road.

The Flag Raising Ceremony begins at 11:15 am followed by lunch inside the lodge. Please bring your own lawn chairs.

Norway's King Harald Celebrates his 70th Birthday



HM King Harald V

HM King Harald turns 70 years old on February 21st.

This is the schedule of the celebrations:

It starts with church service in the "Trefoldighets kirken" (Oslo's Trinity Church) on February 21st. Later the same day there will be a special event in the Palace Garden and the program will be concluded with a dinner at Akershus Fortress that is hosted by the Government.

Several other events will take place 23-25 of February; to which the Heads of State of other Nordic countries and members of other European Royal Houses are invited. On February 24th, a ball will be held at the Royal Palace. **Gratulerer med dagen King Harald!**

The Royal Website

King Harald's Story

The authorized biography of Norway's King Harald V was launched on Thursday, and became the center of proverbial media frenzy. Former Aftenposten editor Per Egil Hegge received the weighty honor of writing the book, "Harald V", which reveals a private look at the reigning king's life.

Hegge has worked for the past two years on the biography, speaking repeatedly to King Harald V and interviewing all the adult members of the Norwegian royal family. The work also focuses on the monarchy and its situation in a modern society.

Hegge has had access to previously secret archives and private photographs. He has been allowed to select images from Queen Sonja's private album, and Aftenposten photographer Rolf M. Aasgaard is the book's illustration editor.

The book has been released by one of Norway's major publishing houses, Damm.

Hegge called the project "very exciting, and it has been difficult", when Damm announced the title in their autumn list. The coverage of the drama behind King Harald's wedding to Sonja, and the similar tale of Crown Prince Haakon's decision to choose a controversial bride, featured prominently in the first reports of the book.

Aftenposten's Norwegian reporter
Elisabeth Rodum

Accusing bunadworld.com

Norges Husflidslag is reporting the company bunadworld.com which sells bunads on the internet. Bunadworld.com, a Norwegian company, works with a Chinese factory and offers customers bunads for lower price than those offered by Norges Husflidlag. Norges Husflidlag says that bunadworld.com is using pictures from Husfliden's website.

"We think bunadworld.com is doing misleading marketing when they use our pictures on their websites. Bunadworld.com has never asked to use our pictures," says Tove Gulsvik, CEO of Norges Husflidlag.

Norges Husflidlag has retained a lawyer in the case and the accusation will be filed shortly. Jonas Mjaaland

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Norwegians in Kiandra – Gold Fields to Ski Fields

Researcher Norman W. Clark discovers that the oldest ski club in the world was created by a group of Norwegian miners in the now abandoned township of Kiandra, Australia.

It was only a little over seventy years after the first European settlement of Australia, that one of the worlds first two ski clubs was formed. "The Kiandra Snow Shoe Club" still exists today and is known as "The Kiandra Pioneer Ski Club". As this club was the first on the snow by a few months, it not only ranks as the first ski club but also the oldest.

The oldest ski club in the world claim has been made by the Kiandra club many times over the past half century. However, in 2006 it was finally confirmed.

Karin Berg from the Holmenkollen Ski Museum in Oslo, on the 22nd of June, 2006 wrote the following: "The Holmenkollen Ski Museum confirms that the first two ski clubs in the world were formed by Norwegians in 1861, both in Norway and Australia.

The Kiandra club also held the first ever fully documented International Ski Carnival.

The International race was won by Mr. Charles Menger from Texas who learned his skills on the slopes of Denver, Colorado. (He stayed in Australia and married into one of the first pioneering families). Second was an Australian skier named James Pattinson with Englishman Earl Prince third.

Norwegian whalers and seal hunters have been reported to have used skis as early as the 1830's in Tasmania.

Three such Norwegians, Elias Gottaas, Soren Torp and Carl Bjerknes sought their fortune on the Kiandra Gold Fields in 1860. Gold did not make their fame, but their contributions to sport did. There can be very little doubt that had these men not ventured to our shores, skiing as a recreation, would not have developed in Australia until universal appetite for the sport took hold after Second World War.

Kindra skis were made for two purposes: the first was to enable mobility to guard personal belongings on the gold fields during the snowbound months; the second was for relaxation and sport. The Norwegian miners were quick to realize their familiar long running skis were of little use on the mountain. Even though the first skis they made were over seven feet in length, they were considerably wider than the northern running ski. To climb the slopes, a rope or hemp was laced from the tip of the shoe down to the step-in strap binding. For extra stability, this binding often had a block located behind the rubber Gumboots the riders wore. For steeper slopes and harder snow, strips of Snow-Gum bark were often threaded under the climbing rope.

Soren Torp returned to his home city of Mandal, Norway in 1877 after having spent many years in Australia.

Elisa Gottaas, acknowledged as being the first to make

and use skis in Australia. He remained in the Kiandra district where many of his descendants still reside.

Carl Bjerknes has been immortalized in the poem, "The Demon Snow Shoes".

Another Norwegian gold miner, who would have had considerable experience in the snow, was Neils Larsen. In 1867, after changing his name to Peter Lawson, he and his wife, Louisa, were on the gold fields at Grenfell where they became parents to the man who soon would become one of Australia's favorite authors, Henry Lawson.

Herring Burgers for Herring Lovers

Ingredients:

1 2/3 pound fresh herring
7 ounces (or 1 large) boiled potato
2/3 teaspoon potato starch
1/3 teaspoon salt
2 cups fish stock
Margarine or butter

Clean, fillet, wash and dry the herring. Grind the fish once; then grind with the potato. Stir in salt and potato starch. Gradually add fish stock.

Form round burgers and fry in margarine or butter, 2 minutes per side.

Serve with fried onions, browned butter and vegetables. Bon appetite!

Norwegian Websites

Three of four Norwegian online shoppers prefer Norwegian merchants when they shop for goods or services on the internet, according to a study of about 4000 net-users.

"It is because of three relationships: familiarity in relation to content, language and net safety," says Gurlu Høeg Ulverud, information director for Eniro Norge, which completed the study.

70% thinks that it is important that a website's content is written in Norwegian and over half of the respondents thought that "Norwegian websites" are safer than foreign ones.

More and more people are discovering that online shopping is both easy and cheaper. Nine out of ten of those asked in the study have looked for goods or services online in the last year. Eight of these think that it is important that the merchants are Norwegians. Also when considering seeking information, we Norwegians tend to choose websites that are written in Norwegian.



Happy Valentine's Day!
Make it special for your loved ones.

