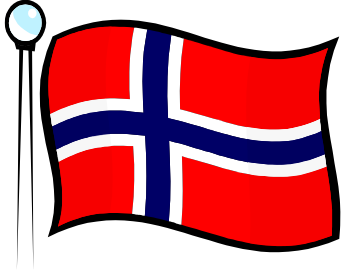


# Sundfjord Sun

*Sundfjord Lodge # 65*

*February 2008*

*First Place winner at the 2005 – 2006 District Convention*



**Meeting Location:**  
**Rock of the Foothills Church**  
**4630 Wheeler Ave**  
**La Verne, CA 91750**  
**Second Saturday at 12:00 Noon**

## **Coming Events**

(Kalender)

### **February:**

- 16 -Lutefisk dinner at  
Solskinn Lodge in  
Palm Desert, CA
- 23 -Torsk & Meatball  
dinner at Edvard  
Grieg Lodge, Glendale

### **March:**

- 8 -Sundfjord's Meeting  
9 -Corned Beef and  
Cabbage at Vinland  
Lodge, Temecula, CA  
18 -Fundraiser at  
Shaker's Restaurant  
in Glendale

### **April:**

- 12 -Sundfjord's Meeting  
12 -Peer Gynt's Western  
Party  
18/20 -Scandinavian Festival  
at Cal Lutheran in  
Thousand Oaks

### **May:**

- 3 -Annual Yard Sale  
10 -Sundfjord's Meeting  
17 -Syttende mai  
8/30 -Memorial Day at  
Camp Norge

### **June:**

- 14 -Sundfjord's Meeting  
25/28 -District 6 Convention  
San Ramon, CA

## **President's Message**

Hello Sundfjord!

Our installation of Officers by International Director Sherrill "Swede" Swenson and his charming Marshal (his wife) Dee at the January meeting went quite well. It was perhaps the fastest I have ever seen it done in 20 years, and we had a full slate of officers too! We did very well; thank you!

Our Cruise to foreign lands, Mexico, San Diego and Catalina was a lot of fun. So many went that they almost couldn't get us in one photograph on "formal" night. See the photo on page 3 in this newsletter. Members toured the wine country east of Ensenada, the sea-geyser "Bufadora", the hinter lands of Catalina Island, and the streets and waterways of San Diego. Plans are already in the works for a trip next year. Consider joining in on the fun as we go a-Viking in 2009.

Speaking of Vikings, check out the 2 Sundfjord beauties gracing the pages of the February "Viking" magazine! Congratulations Irene and Ashley, and Thank you for all the wonderful things You do to help the lodge and your mom Kirsten, We all are very proud of you and grateful to have you in our family.

Nic Sanburg

## **Vice President's Message**

I hope you all are wearing your Norwegian sweaters today. They certainly do keep us warm, 2009 started out great as our lodge signed up a new member.

We welcome back all those who enjoyed the Mexico cruise. It was a fantastic trip. We are in the planning stages for another one next year. More info next month!

I hope you all read your Viking magazine and saw the terrific article and photo of our Heritage members Irene and Ashley Davis and have you also seen Irene's MySpace page? You can find the web link on page 2. We are very proud of our Sundfjord girls! Remember to turn in your garage sale items so we will have another successful sale the first Saturday in May. We will also need a lot of volunteer workers the week preceding the sale.

Pauline Pederson



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## Gratulerer med dagen

(Happy Birthday)



### February

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

### March

11.....Dianne Cook  
15.....Char Nelson  
16.....Marilyn Johnson  
25.....Billy Deeb  
29.....Charles Dietz  
31.....Bill Deeb

## God Bedring

(Get Well)

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



## New Member

We welcome new member Charles Dietz to Sundfjord Lodge. Please add his name and address to your Lodge Directory.

Charles Dietz  
P.O. Box 973, Upland, CA 91786-0973  
Phone: (909) 982-9857

## Address Corrections

For Andrew Aslesen is should be 4114 E. Fairmount Street (not Avenue), Tucson, AZ 85712

## New E-mail

Bill and Agnes Deeb have a new e-mail address:

[billdeeb@verizon.net](mailto:billdeeb@verizon.net)

## MySpace

Our 13 year old Heritage member Irene Davis put Sundfjord Lodge on the map on the MySpace website and she did a fantastic job. Take a look at the web site below:

<http://profile.myspace.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=user.viewprofile&friendid=315494316>

It plays the Norwegian National Anthem and has a photo album of our lodge's activities. Your editor forwarded the MySpace to our District President Janie Kelly who again forwarded it to Home Office in Minneapolis. They were very impressed and sent it out to the Sons of Norway lodges in their R & R report. We are very proud of our Heritage member Irene, GREAT JOB!

## 2008/2009 Sundfjord Officers



Sitting front row left to right: Pauline Pederson, Nic Sanburg, and Lise Fleming  
Second row: Mary Stewart, Agnes Deeb, Lola Peterson and Kirsten Kjelby  
Third row: Ruth Higley, Bill Deeb, Erik Fleming, Jim Stewart, Art Aslesen and Char Nelson

## Cruise with Sundfjord



Front row; Margaret Hanevik 6-132, Ruth Higley 6-065, Inger Olsen 6-067, Agnes Deeb 6-065, Ann Schwantje 6-065, Mary Stewart 6-065, Georgia Rattliff 6-065, Mona Whiting 6-065, Margaret Swanson 6-067, Helen (Liz) Luoto 6-067 and Caronne Van Nyhuis 6-159

Back row; Mike, Katie and Jeri Mizak 6-159, Rex and Nancy Madsen 6-150, Roy Olsen 6-067, Bob Schwantje 6-065, Jim Stewart 6-065, Pauline Pederson 6-065, Andrew and Art Aslesen 6-065, Nic Sanburg 6-065, Lise Fleming 6-065, Ellen

Henriksen 6-159, Irene Tanis 6-169, Steve Van Nyhuis 6-169 and Bob Hanevik 6-132

## Sundfjord's Cruise

What a fabulous 4-day Mexico cruise we had aboard the ship "Monarch of the Seas" with 28 Sons of Norway members from 5 different lodges.

We left San Pedro port and the first ports of call was San Diego where we had sunny weather while we heard that it rained cats and dogs at home. From there we went to Catalina Island where it was a little windy and nippy. Then we went on to Ensenada where we had sunny weather. Some of us went off the ship at every port, others never went off the ship, and some went on excursion trips on shore. The high-light of every evening was having dinner together and enjoying the fraternal togetherness. And of course, we had Norwegian/American flags at our tables and we even sang the Norwegian table prayer before dinner was served every evening. Some of us went ballroom dancing; others enjoyed the casino, the nightly shows and participating in the different activities that was held on board. All in all, we had a great cruise.

We are already planning for next years cruise; this time it will be a 7-day Mexico Rivera Cruise. More information to come next month.



who earned the Silver

### **Barnas Hjørne** (Kid's Corner)

#### Sonja Henie, Norwegian Ice Skater and Actress

Sonja Henie was born on April 8, 1912 in Kristiania (present day Oslo), Norway. Her father, Wilhelm Henie, was a prosperous Norwegian furrier. Her mother was Selma. Additional income from the fur business was inherited wealth.

Wilhelm Henie was a one-time World Cycling Champion. He encouraged his kids to take up a variety of sports. Sonja first showed talent in skiing. Then, she took after her brother, Leif, and started figure skating. She was also a nationally ranked tennis player and a skilled swimmer and equestrienne.

When Sonja began serious training as a figure skater, she ended her formal schooling. She was then educated by tutors. Her father hired the best experts in the world, including famous Russian ballerina, Tamara Karsvina, to train his daughter.

Sonja won her first major competition, the Senior Norwegian Championship at the age of nine. She placed eight in a field of eight at the 1924 Winter Olympics. At the Olympics she constantly had to ask her coach for instruction, but by the next Olympics she did not need that assistance. She won the first of ten World Figure Skating Championships in 1927, at 14, and her first gold medal in the 1928 Winter Olympics. She also won six consecutive European Championships. Towards the end of her career, she was strongly challenged by younger skaters, but held them off to win her third Olympic title at the 1936 Winter Olympics.



After the 1936 World Figure Skating Championships, Sonja gave up her "amateur" title and took up a career as a professional performer in acting and live shows.



In 1936, she was hired by Darryl Zanuck at Fox Studios with a contract that made her one of the highest-paid actresses of the time. After the success of *One in a Million*, her first film, Sonja's position was assured and she became increasingly demanding in her

business dealings with Zanuck. Sonja also insisted on having total control of the skating numbers in her films.

Sonja died at the age of 57. She was diagnosed with leukemia in the mid-60s. She died on a flight from Paris to Oslo in 1969. She and her husband are buried in Oslo on the hilltop overlooking the *Henie-Onstad Art Center*.

She was inducted into **the World Figure Skating Hall of Fame** in 1976 and has a star on the **Hollywood Walk of Fame**.

By Heritage Member Irene Davis

## Nominees Wanted

There will be several terms expiring on the Board of Directors of the Recreation Center in June, 2008. If you are interested in serving District Six by serving on the Recreation Center Board of Directors, please let the nominating committee know of your interest. The terms are for four years, the Board meets three times a year at Camp Norge, at Alta, California. There is no reimbursement for travel, but there is much appreciation by members of District Six. Please send your name to Penny Joseph Knudsen, Chairman of the Nominating Committee at [pennyjknudsen@abcglobal.net](mailto:pennyjknudsen@abcglobal.net) or 3774 Park Drive, El Dorado Hills, CA 95762. The Nominating Committee will make its report and election will be on Friday, June 27, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. at the District Six Convention.\

### Attention Rosemalers:

Due to complications with a recent repair of my computer, I have lost many of my Rosemalers' e-mail addresses. If you are interested in receiving a notice and registration from via e-mail for the Rosemaling seminars at Camp Norge, please send me your e-mail address to

[pennyjknudsen@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pennyjknudsen@sbcglobal.net)

so I can rebuild my address book. Thank you

Penny Joseph Knudsen

### TubFrim Winners



The TubFrim drawing was held at Peer Gynt Lodge on January 12, 2008 by International TubFrim Chair person Knut Karlsen and the winners of a roundtrip airline ticket to Norway was:

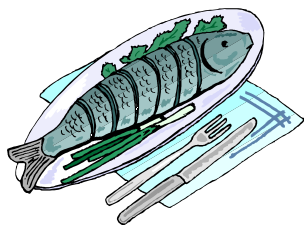
**Mary Ann Barr from Solbyer Lodge # 6-134**

**Orville Tomasli from Breidablikk Lodge # 2-27**

### Edvard Grieg Lodge's

#### Torsk and Meatball Dinner

Saturday, February 23, 2008 at 4011 La Cresenta Ave, La Cresenta, CA



Happy Hour – 5:30 pm,  
Dinner – 6:30 pm  
Cost: \$ 18.00 for adults, Children  
12 and under \$ 8.00  
Seating is limited, reservation  
deadline is February 18<sup>th</sup>. Car pool  
available. See secretary Lise for the reservation forms

Every year in March, the Southland Past President's Club (SSPC) holds a fundraiser that gives ½ camperships to children who attends the Language and Heritage camp at Camp Norge in Alta, CA. This fundraiser is held on Tuesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> between the hours of 3:00 to 9:00 pm at Shaker's Restaurant, 801 N. Central Ave, Glendale. When you order your meal, tell the server that you are with the Sons of Norway group. 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 SSPC awards District Six children attending the 2 week summer camp. Shakers (not the pizza place) are 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. See Lise for the car pool.



### The History of Valentine's Day

**Every February** across the country, candy, flowers, and gifts are exchanged between loved ones, all in the name of St. Valentine.

But who is this mysterious saint and why do we celebrate this holiday?

The history of Valentine's Day, and its patron saint, is shrouded in mystery. But we do know that February has long been a month of romance. St. Valentine's Day, as we know it today, contains vestige of both Christian and ancient Roman tradition. So, who was Saint Valentine and how did he become associated with this ancient rite?

Before his death, it is alleged that he wrote a young woman a letter, which he signed '*from your Valentine*,' an expression that is still used today. Although the truth behind the Valentine legend is murky, the stories certainly emphasize his appeal as sympathetic, heroic, and most importantly a romantic figure.

### Peer Gynt Lodge's Western Night

On Saturday, April 12 at the Peer Gynt Hall the Southland Past Presidents Club and Southern California Kretsstevne will have their meetings first; then Western Night with Happy Hour at 5:00 pm and Baby back ribs dinner with all the trimmings at 6:00 pm. More information next month.

## Lutefisk, Anyone?

Solskinn Lodge at Palm Desert, CA has their lutefisk dinner on Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Social Hour at 5:00 pm

Dinner at 6:00 pm

Cost: \$ 20.00 per person

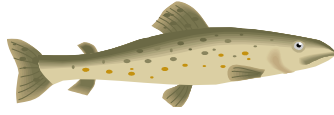
At Hope Lutheran

Church Social Hall

45-900 Portola Ave, Palm Desert

Entertainment by Phoenix. Make reservations early with

Harriet Candelaria (760) 360-6669



## Corned Beef and Cabbage

At Vinland Lodge in Temecula on March 9, 2008 at Glen Oaks Club House in Temecula.

Cost: Adults \$ 12, Children 6-12years \$ 6.00,

Children under 6 years is FREE

Social Hour at 1:00 pm, Dinner at 2:00 pm

For reservation call Alfhild Stanley at (951) 699 - 8853



## The Norwegian Language



**Norwegian** (*norsk*) is a North Germanic language spoken primarily in Norway, where it is an official language. Together with Swedish and Danish, Norwegian forms a continuum of more or less mutually intelligible local and regional variants. These continental Scandinavian languages together with the insular languages Faroese and Icelandic, as well as some extinct languages, constitute the North Germanic languages (also called Scandinavian languages). Faroese and Icelandic are no longer mutually intelligible with Norwegian in their spoken form, because continental Scandinavian has diverged from them. As established by law and governmental policy, there are two official forms of *written* Norwegian — **Bokmål** (literally "book language") and **Nynorsk** (literally "new Norwegian"). The Norwegian Language Council recommends the terms "Norwegian Bokmål" and "Norwegian Nynorsk" in English. There is no officially sanctioned standard of spoken Norwegian, but the sociolect of the urban upper and middle class in East Norway, upon which Bokmål is primarily based, is the form generally taught to

foreign students. This so-called Standard Østnorsk (Standard East Norwegian) can be regarded as a *de facto* spoken standard for Bokmål. From the 16th to the 19th centuries, Danish was the standard written language of Norway. As a result, the development of modern written Norwegian has been subject to strong controversy related to nationalism, rural versus urban discourse, and Norway's literary history. Historically, Bokmål is a Norwegianized variety of Danish, while Nynorsk is a language form based on Norwegian dialects and puristic opposition to Danish. The now abandoned official policy to merge Bokmål and Nynorsk into one common language called *Sammorsk* through a series of spelling reforms has created a wide spectrum of varieties of both Bokmål and Nynorsk. The unofficial form known as Riksmål is considered more conservative than Bokmål, and the unofficial Høgnorsk more conservative than Nynorsk. Norwegians are educated in both Bokmål and Nynorsk. A 2005 poll indicates that 86.3% use primarily Bokmål as their daily written language, 5.5% use both Bokmål and Nynorsk, and 7.5% use primarily Nynorsk. Thus only 13% are frequently writing Nynorsk, although the majority speak dialects that resemble Nynorsk more closely than Bokmål. Broadly speaking, Bokmål and Riksmål are more commonly seen in urban and suburban areas; Nynorsk is seen in rural areas, particularly in Western Norway. The Norwegian broadcasting corporation (NRK) broadcasts in both Bokmål and Nynorsk, and all governmental agencies are required to support both written languages. Bokmål is used in 92% of all written publications, Nynorsk in 8% (2000). In spite of concern that Norwegian dialects would eventually give way to a common, spoken, Norwegian language close to Bokmål, dialects find significant support in local environments, popular opinion, and public policy. Norwegian is one of the working languages of the Nordic Council. Under the Nordic Language Convention, citizens of the Nordic countries speaking Norwegian have the opportunity to use their native language when interacting with official bodies in other Nordic countries without being liable to any interpretation or translation costs.

## Norway's Power Play

Norway's two big oil companies merge to create an outfit designed to compete with BP and Exxon as well as Iran. On October 1, 2007, the oil and gas arm of Hydro entered into a \$ 36 billion merger with Statoil, creating the world's largest offshore energy operator "StatoilHydro". StatoilHydro is operating in a market that has changed drastically since oil first was struck off the coast of Norway in the late 1960's. After waves of mergers in the U.S. and Europe, the oil and gas industry is increasingly ruled by a handful of giants. Though StatoilHydro leads the world in offshore extraction, it's dwarfed by diverse behemoths like BP, ExxonMobil and Gazprom (Russia). How can a midsize niche player from Norway possible thrive in this new hypercompetitive era?

For decades, Statoil and Hydro relied on plentiful reserves on the Norwegian continental shelf for almost all their output; last year that area off the country's north and west shores accounted for more than 4/5 of the two firms production. That bounty has made this nation of just 4.6 million people rich. Government taxes on the county's oil business (Norway is the world's 5<sup>th</sup> largest exporter by volume) have helped bloat Norway's national pension fund to around \$ 350 billion. But those good times could not last forever.

With fields beginning to dry up, oil production has slid to 2.6 billion bbl. a day this year, from 3.5 million six years ago. For the company to grow they now have to go outside Norway and fundamentally change the picture. And outside Norway, the competition is fierce.

Now that the two firms are one, foreign partners will know that Norway's political support for the company's participation is unconflicted.

What the Norwegian firm lacks in size, it could well make up for in expertise. With StatoilHydro's decades of experience operating in the tricky terrain and climate off Norway's coast, the company could become the industry specialist at tackling the world's most difficult jobs.

Take Ormen Lange, the name of the deep-sea field 75 miles from Nyhamna. Hover over the sea above the enormous gas reservoir, and you won't see a rig. Instead, the company overcame underwater peaks, subzero temperatures and powerful currents to build extraction installations directly on the seabed half a mile below the surface. In a couple of hours, extracted gas reach Nyhamna plant, where it is processed and sent to Britain via the world's longest underwater pipeline. StatoilHydro's technological muscle on show at Ormen Lange can give it an advantage when bidding for projects in places like the Artic. Such skills will come in handy elsewhere too as the group plans to build on

## Norway Least Fearful

Nine out of ten Norwegians feel safe walking home alone in the dark and Norway leads Europe in trusting their fellow man.

New figures from the European Social Survey (ESS) reveal that Norwegians do not fear crime or expect ill treatment from others. Only Denmark has a slight higher confidence in their fellow man, and Finns and Swedes followed after Norway.

A feeling of security and trust in other people is typical of small, rich nations all over the world where conditions are clear and crime is relative low.

Professor of Sociology Kristen Ringdal at the Norwegian University of Science and Technology told news agency NTB that next year they will publish a book on Nordic attitude and values in a European perspective, where they will consider this phenomenon and social capital among other things.

In a European context Norwegians do not have an unusually low experience with crime – 22% say that they or someone in their home has experienced violence or a break-in – but still 81.5% say they seldom or never feel anxious, compared to 62% of Swedes feeling so comfortable. Norwegian experts feel that a low degree of urbanization may be a stronger factor.

In Norway even the largest cities are small in an international context and in many's eyes we are a rural, anonymous nation but it has its advantages, being small and peripheral.

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## Sissel's Secret USA Success

Sissel Kyrkjebø was a singing sensation last fall in the US. In Norway though it has been rather quiet.

In September 2007, Sissel topped the sales lists in the US, the world's largest music market. With the album "Spirit of the Season" the singer from Bergen topped the charts with the help of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. The album stayed on the official charts for nine weeks and topped five of them. The disc was nominated for two Grammys, one for the best produced classical album. Yet this has nonetheless attracted very little attention in the Norwegian media.

The Norwegian black metal band Dimmu Borgir's debut at number 43 on the Billboard chart earlier in the year was duly discussed in the Norwegian media. And ever since the first time that Sondre Lerche went to the US to plow some new ground, Norwegian journalists have given him countless column inches. So why is it so quiet for Sissel?