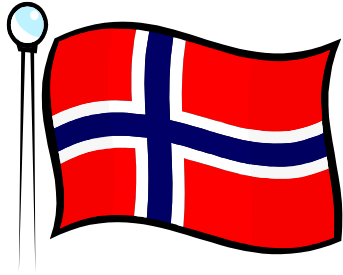


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Sundfjord Lodge # 65

March 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)

March:

18 -Fundraiser, Shakers'
Restaurant/Glendale

April:

12 -Sundfjord's Meeting
12 -Past President meeting
-Kretsstevne meeting
-Peer Gynt's Western
Night

19/20 -Cal-Lutheran

Scandinavian Festival
in Thousand Oaks

26/27 -Rosemaling Seminar
at Camp Norge

May:

3 -Sundfjord's Yard Sale
10 -Sundfjord's Meeting
16 -Syttende mai in San
Bernardino and Long
Beach

28/30 -Memorial Day at
Camp Norge

June:

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

July:

4 -4th of July Booth in
Claremont park

August:

27/30 -International
Convention in
San Diego



President's Message

One would think you could have a "Norwegian Sweater" themed meeting in February, and the weather would be nasty enough to make it seem a really good idea. Well, everyone that showed up in their woolies took them off before lunch because it was, again, one of the warmest days in February we've seen. It was an absolutely gorgeous day, warm and sunny, and I still get a little tear in my eye when I think about how foul the weather is in the land of the Vikings. Minnesota, that is! We did get Martha Rund re-installed as Membership Secretary, and our newest members, Erik Fleming and Charles Dietz initiated. We also got our panel of delegates and alternates to the District Convention elected, and our calendar set for upcoming events like the Yard Sale and 4th of July in the park in Claremont.

The pages of this newsletter and the website www.sundfjord.org will have all the details, so read on and enjoy!

Nic Sanburg

Vice President's Message

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!

You know of course that St. Paddy was probably a NORWEGIAN? A recent large study in Ireland indicates that most Irishmen carry Viking DNA! That explains his success in driving the snakes out of Ireland. Those Vikings did get around! On a more serious note, we have lots of exciting events coming up. The most important is our annual fundraising Yard Sale. We are counting on all of you to donate your good usable items and to participate. There will be suitable jobs for everyone. Again the Sons of Norway International and Borton Travel will be awarding a free trip to Norway to a lucky member. All you have to do to enter the contest is to recruit new members to the Sons of Norway. For every new member you sign up, your name will be entered into this drawing. The contest runs to the end of the year. Don't forget the 4th of July booth in the park, we will need participants on that day too.

Pauline Pederson

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(Happy Birthday)

March



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

April

11.....Eric Melgaard
12.....Janice Langer
15.....Mark Fleming
15.....Dave Oyen
19.....Berit Givens

God Bedring

(Get Well)

We wish Kathy Cox a speedy recovery.
(Please let us know if any of our members are
under the weather)



Convention Delegates

The following members have been elected to represent Sundfjord Lodge as Delegates to the 2008 District Six Convention in San Ramon, CA:
President Nic Sanburg, Vice President Pauline Pederson and Secretary Lise Fleming. Alternates elected were Martha Rund, Agnes and Bill Deeb.

What goes on at the Convention?

The District Six Convention, held every second year, is a District Lodge meeting that representatives from the lodges in District Six attend. Resolutions submitted by lodges will be given to the various committees (law, financial and fraternal) for their review. Similar resolutions will be combined or a new version submitted.

These resolutions are then submitted to the body of the business meeting for consideration and voted on. All approved resolution goes to the International Convention (this year in August in San Diego) and if approved, incorporated into the Sons of Norway's Charter and Constitution. A new Charter and Constitution are printed and distributed to all the lodges.

By all means, this is not a vacation but a working Convention. The meetings go on all day and there is roll call in morning, then after cookie and lunch breaks every day so delegates need to be present at the meetings.

Saturday evening is the Installation of the new District Board Officers and a banquet.

Our lodge Delegates will bring you their report from the Convention.

Gratulerer med dagen

1,000 MILE CLUB



Agnes Deeb and Jim Stewart

Congratulations to Agnes Deeb who was the newest member to be inducted into the 1,000 mile club by walking 1,000 miles. Other members of the 1,000 miles club are Mary Stewart, Jim Stewart and Lise Fleming.

Sundfjord's 2009 Cruise

7-day Mexican Riviera

Ports of calls are Cabo San Lucas, Mazatlan and Puerto Vallarta on the ship "Mariner of the Seas" from the Royal Caribbean Cruise Line. The ship leaves from San Pedro harbor on **March 15, 2009**

Passports are required

Inside rooms start at \$ 799.00 + tax and fees
Ocean view rooms start at \$ 1,149.00 + tax and fees
Balcony rooms starts at \$ 1,249.00 + tax and fees
Suite starts at \$ 1,649.00 + tax and fees

These prices are per person based on double occupancy

For us to be seated together in the dining room, the cruise line requests that **ONE** person from our group makes all the reservations.

Sundfjord's Vice President Pauline Pederson will be in charge of making your reservation. A deposit of \$ 250.00 per person is required for her to make your reservation. Make checks payable to **Pauline Pederson**.

When your reservation is made, you will receive your confirmation/reservation number from Pauline. Then go on the www.royalcaribbean.com web site and click on "visit your reservation", then enter your

confirmation/reservation number and complete the registration form. At that time it will give you your cabin number.

The balance you will owe needs to be paid by **January 4, 2009** and you can do it on the Royal Caribbean web site



with your credit card.

Insurance is an additional \$ 59.00 per person for inside cabin, \$ 79.00 per person for outside and balcony, and \$ 109.00 for suite per person. It is recommended that you take out insurance in case something unforeseen should happen.

No reservations accepted after November 1, 2008

For more information or any questions contact Pauline at PEDERSONPAULINE@aol.com

Syttende mai invitation



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

It gives me a great pleasure to invite your Lodge members to celebrate "Syttende mai" in San Bernardino with members of Soldalen Lodge 6-067.

Soldalen Lodge 6-067 will hoist the Norwegian flag outside the City Hall of San Bernardino for the 27th time. The event will take place on the **16th of May at 10:00 a.m.** The City Hall is located at 300 North "D" Street in San Bernardino.

The Norwegian General Consul Richard I. Fine and the Mayor of San Bernardino, Pat Morrison, have received invitations to attend.

After the flag raising ceremony, luncheon will be served at Clarion Hotel, next door at 11:00 a.m. The cost of Luncheon is \$ 15.00 per person. Paid reservations must be forwarded prior to May 10, 2008. Please make check payable to **Soldalen Lodge** and forward it to me: Roy Olsen, 2495 Bonita Dr, Highland, CA 92346 If you have any questions, please call me at (909) 862-6604.

Looking forward to see you all at this festive occasion.

Roy Olsen



Syttende mai in Long Beach

The Fridtjof Nansen Lodge # 6-009 of Long Beach cordially invites us to the 16th Anniversary of their Syttende Mai Flag Raising.

We will meet Friday, May 16th, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. at the Long Beach Civic Center, Centennial Plaza at Cedar and Broadway, Long Beach. Flag raising ceremony will be at 10:45 a.m.

Immediately following we will travel to El Dorado Restaurant, 3014 Studebaker Road, Long Beach where we will continue our program and have lunch. The lunch cost is \$ 15.00 per person. Please make lunch reservations by mailing a check made out to Fridtjof Nansen Lodge with the name and number of people to: Jayne Lubick, 451 Linares Ave, Long Beach, CA 90803. Any questions call Jayne at (562) 596-0030.

Your reservations must be made by May 1, 2008.



In early 2007 Sons of Norway launched the first Norwegian Experience Recruitment Contest. The rules were simple; every new dues-paying member you signed up during 2007 gave you an entry into the contest. Then, this January, a winner was selected at random from all the entries and International President Ted Fosberg notified her personally.

Now, on behalf of all of Sons of Norway, hearty congratulations go out to Marcia Stein of Milwaukee, WI, for winning the 2007 Norwegian Experience Recruitment Contest! As the winner, Ms. Stein and a guest will enjoy 10 fun-filled days in Norway that includes complimentary air and hotel, spending money and an exclusive excursion to Hadeland Glassworks near Oslo. We wish Ms. Stein a wonderful trip and look forward to hearing all about it upon her return.

For a second year Sons of Norway and Borton Overseas are offering you the chance to win the ultimate trip to Norway. Once again, the winner and their guest will select their adventure from a variety of tour options offered by Borton Overseas. Whether an active tour of the country, or the more relaxing pace of a cruise, is preferred Sons of Norway and Borton Overseas will work with the winner to provide a truly special experience.

In addition, the winner will experience a stay at the Solstrand Hotel & Spa situated on the Bjørnefjord south of Bergen. There they will enjoy private transfer between Bergen and Solstrand, two nights' accommodation in a deluxe room with a 180 degree panorama fjord view and a balcony. A spa treatment for the winner and their guest is also included.

Entering the contest is easy! All you have to do is be a current member of Sons of Norway who recruits a new, dues-paying member between January 1 and December 31, 2008. Please be sure to share this information with your lodge and encourage them to take part in the Norwegian Experience 2008 Recruitment Contest!

Sons of Norway

Edvard Grieg's Torsk and Meatball Dinner

Our lodge had a good representation (Nic Sanburg, Jim and Mary Stewart, Dave Oyen with 6 of his family members and Lise Fleming) at the "Torsk and Meatball" dinner on February 23, 2008 at the Edvard Grieg lodge in La Cresenta.

The torsk and meatballs with all the trimmings plus lefse and dessert tasted wonderful and we were entertained by a former cruise ship singer and Cara Clove's beautiful voice. We had a wonderful evening at the Edvard Grieg lodge.

Waffle Vision

By
Lars C. Sande

My waffle iron makes waffles with five hearts. A delicious golden brown joined in a circle and glowing warmly like a little sun.

Waffle hearts should symbolize humanity on the globes five continents on the day they have reached the goal of solidarity.

Together we have developed just ways to share our resources.

The aroma of fresh waffles tickles nostrils. Freshly baked, golden with blackberry jam, heart by heart. Can there be a better Sunday tea-time treats in Paradise?



Global Economy

Sovereign Wealth Funds

As global markets wobble, foreign-government funds, many of them oil-driven, are now big players. Some key investor countries:

UAE: Abu Dhabi Investment Authority **\$ 875 billion.**

Abu Dhabi is Citigroup's single largest shareholder.

NORWAY: Government Pension Fund **\$ 380 billion.**

Among Norway's 3,500 investments is Google.

SINGAPORE: Government Investment Corp. **\$ 330**

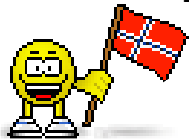
billion. Singapore has a major stake in Swiss bank UBS

Time Magazine

Audit of Lodge Books

Auditors Jim Stewart and Erik Fleming met on February 21, 2008 with the Treasurer Ruth Higley and Secretary Lise Fleming to audit our Lodge books. Our financial books were found to be in order and the Lodge financial forms has been sent to Home Office in Minneapolis and to the District Secretary.

Editor's Request



Editor requests that you submit all articles to the newsletter no later than 2 weeks prior to our meeting.

Lise

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@abglobal.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.

Wandering Viking Golf Tournament



In conjunction with the District 6 Convention, there will be a **Wandering Viking Golf Tournament**.

Date: Monday, June 23, 2008
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Place: Dublin Ranch Golf Course
5900 Spring Hill Dr, Dublin, CA
PH (925) 556-7040
Cost: \$ 110.00 per person includes golfing fee, cart and lunch.

Golf tournament format is four-man scramble. Prizes will be awarded for longest drive and closest to the pin on select holes.

Proceeds from the tournament will help support Camp

Norge. You can get the registration form from your lodge secretary.



DISTRIC 6 FANE
(BANNER)

DESIGN CONTEST

Your design entry due by:
May 15, 2008

Design MUST include:
Sons of Norway
District 6

The winning FANE will be
made in fabric 3ft.x 6 or 8 ft..

GRAND PRIZE
King Harald Medallion

The design may include:

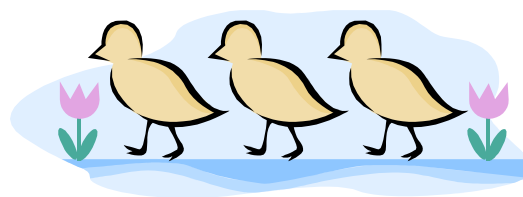
1. district map
2. state icons
3. regional icons
4. traditional Norwegian designs
5. individual or group artwork

*Design may be emailed
or
mailed on 8.5 x 11 sheet of paper*

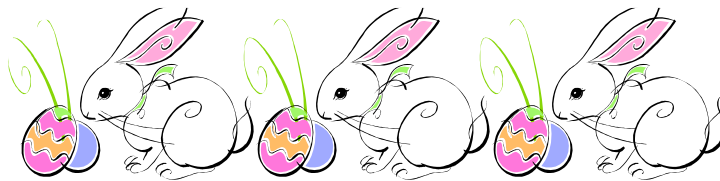
Submit designs to:

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Denver, CO 80229
lakeviewviking81@live.com

District 6 FANE Committee
Arlene Christopherson
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arcris@worldnet.att.net



God PÅske

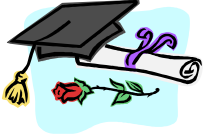


Happy Easter

6th District Scholarships Offered

The 6th District is offering scholarships to a two week Concordia Language Camp Summer Session at The Norwegian Village or "Skogfjorden" in the amount of \$1,495.00 each, for two campers over the age of 13 who have attended Camp Norge Language/Heritage Camp. An applicant must be a Heritage or Unge Venner member of a 6th District lodge.

Applications must be submitted to the scholarship committee by May 5, 2008



The 6th District will award three \$ 1,000.00 scholarships to members in good standing, their children or grandchildren who are Unge Venner members in any lodge in the 6th District. They must attend an accredited college or university in the USA as a fulltime undergraduate in their sophomore, junior or senior year and have a grade point average of 2.5 or better on a scale wherein A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1 and F=0. These scholarships can also be awarded to those students in their sophomore, junior or senior year of any accredited four-year program at a

community college in the USA.

When an applicant is deemed worthy of a scholarship (recommended by the 6th District Scholarship Committee and approved by the 6th District Board) the funds will be paid directly to the student.

Those interested in applying may get their application form from your lodge secretary or District 6 Scholarship Committee Members:

Vern P. Martin, Chairman, 16985 Kawai Court, Fountain Valley, CA 92708, PH: (714) 839-2502

e-mail: vpmartin@dslextre.me.com

Marilyn Iversen, member, 47944 Klamath Ave, Corsegold, CA b93614, PH (559) 683-7751

e-mail: marilynm@sierratel.com

Patricia E. Jokela, member, 10101 Deway Drive, Garden Grove, CA 92840, PH (714) 539-2312

e-mail: patricejoke@aol.com

Applications must be submitted to the scholarship committee by May 5, 2008

Visit website www.ConcordialLanguageVillages.org for information on the Norwegian Village or "Skogfjorden".

47th Rosemaling Seminar at Camp Norge

April 26 and 27, 2007

Every Spring and Fall Rosemaling seminars are held at Camp Norge in Alta, CA. Again, they will have three classes and the teachers are Julie Ann Droivold who will



be teaching Valdres style, Sandra Cole and Kay White will be teaching the Rogaland style. For more information and registration form go on the web site www.campnorge.com

Annual Shaker's 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/Heritage camp at Camp Norge in Alta, Ca. This fundraiser is held on Tuesday, March 18, 2008

between the hours of 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Shaker's Restaurant, 801 N. Central Ave, 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 purchases will go to the ½ - camperships that the SPPC awards to children attending the 2 week summer camp.

Shaker's (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. Car pool will be available.

Southland Past President's Club and Kretsstevne Meetings at Peer Gynt Lodge

The Southland Past President's Club will hold their meeting on Saturday, April 12th at 3:00 pm where they will award ½ -camperships for the children attending the Language/Heritage camp at Camp Norge. The Southern California Kretsstevne meeting will follow right afterwards.

Then join the.....

Western Night at Peer Gynt Lodge

3835 Watseka Ave, Culver City

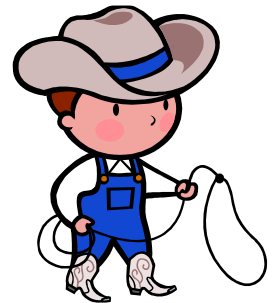
Round up your family and friends on **Saturday, April 12, 2008** and mosey on down to the annual Country Western B.B.Q. rib dinner with all the trimmings plus entertainment.

Happy hour at 5:00 p.m.

Dinner Served at 6:00 p.m.

Cost is \$ 15.00 per person.

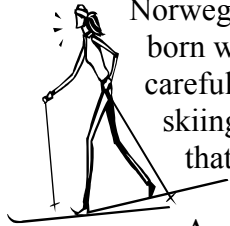
For more information and/or reservation call: John & Cordelle Aasness at (310) 676-5111 or Jerry & Esther Nygaard at (310) 376-5872.



Nyheter fra Norge

(News from Norway)

Are Norwegians Born with Skis?



Norwegians like to think of themselves as being born with skis and even the royal family has carefully cultivated an image of being major skiing enthusiasts. A new study, however, shows that much of the Norwegian passion for skiing is pure myth.

A public opinion poll conducted by research firm Norstat for sporting goods retailer Anton Sport indicates that around 40 % of the Norwegian population never goes skiing.

Four out of 10 women questioned and 32 % of men said they are not keen to go cross-country skiing, downhill skiing or snowboarding according to this new poll.

Last month Norway's National Ski Federation (NSF) celebrated its 100th anniversary and skiing celebrities were out in force for the banquet at Oslo's City Hall. The NSF President Sverre Seeberg seemed to have a hard time accepting the survey results. He said the country's ski bureaucracy and public officials need to put more emphasis on production of artificial snow and year-round facilities to get people out skiing. A recent spate of mild winters gets some of the blame for the waning interest suggested by the survey.

"When people look outside and see green grass, it's difficult to think that you don't need to go much farther than Frognerseteren (a traditional lodge in the hills above Oslo) to find skiing conditions," said Nordic skiing chief Åge Skinstad.

In addition to the ski gala at the City Hall, a new exhibit heralding the sport within Norwegian culture opened at the National Library in Oslo's Frogner district. The exhibit features classic posters, photos and displays of ski literature and media reports during the last century.

Author Tor Bomann-Larsen who wrote a book on the importance of skiing in Norwegian culture claims skiing has played an "enormous" role for Norwegian unity over the years.

"We have learned to put the landscape to use," he said, adding that he still consider skiing "the national sport."

Aftenposten

Voting Rights for 16-Year Olds?

Several communities in Norway have applied to the government to allow 16-year olds to vote in local elections and the minister in charge is looking positively on the idea.

"The time is ripe for more (people) to have the possibility to influence election results," said Local Government and Regional Development Minister Magnhild Meltveit Kleppa to NRK national broadcasting system. The idea is

to stimulate community interest and involvement by allowing youths to take part in elections from an early age.

Three communities submitted applications in 2007 but were turned down by Kleppa's predecessor. Now Kleppa says she hopes some communities can be given the chance to try out lowering the voting age in the election of 2011.

The voting age in Norway is currently 18 years.

Aftenposten

Silence for Sale

No ski lifts or slalom slopes, no rowdy "after ski" parties, not even a hook-up to running water much less a spa in the area.

A real estate venture in eastern Norway has adopted a "back to basic" approach to selling traditional vacation cabins.

The Stor-Elvdal Township has marked out and put up for sale 122 new lots for vacation cabins (known as *hytter* in Norway). Byers of 17 of the lots can build rather charming log cabins as long as they're willing to forego such modern conveniences as running water, sewage systems and electricity. The buyers are being enticed with the promise of "fetch your water at the well in genuine *hytte* style." They can build cabins up to 120 square meters (about 1,000 square feet) and prices starts at NOK 190,000 (\$ 35,000).

The 17 "back to basic" lots are grouped on what's called the "Tryvang Øst" portion of the project, which lies at an elevation of 800 meters above eastern valley in Østerdalen. The unusual project at a time when Norwegians also have grown accustomed to creature comforts doesn't surprise philosopher Einar Øverengen. "Most of us have a feeling that there should be a difference between home life and *hytte* life," he said. "Many still have the ideology that it's nice to live a bit simpler and lots of people want their children to learn the value of nature, and peace and quiet."



Cabins built in the area are meant to be simple in nature. Would be buyers can spend the night in a model to see whether they like living without electricity and running water.