

# SUNDFJORD SUN



**Sundfjord Lodge # 65**

**October 2008**

*First Place winner at the 2005/2006 and 2007/2008 District Convention*



**Meeting Location**  
**Rock of the Foothills Church**  
**4630 Wheeler Ave**  
**LaVerne, CA 91750**

**Second Saturday at 12:00 Noon.**

## Happy 55th Anniversary

### **President's Message**

October is Sons of Norway Foundation Month, and it is also the month Sundfjord celebrates its anniversary. This year it's been 55 years since our founding in October, 1953. Hurrah! I do hope you all join us at our special Luncheon at the New China Restaurant in Upland. Plans are now underway for the November Thanksgiving dinner. The preparations will be shared this year, so please step up and help make this the success we have come to enjoy. Finally, every member of the lodge will be contacted in the coming months in regard to lodge finances, and how we we'll meet the challenges ahead. You'll soon receive a mailing detailing our current finances (pretty good, actually), and what it will mean if we give up the yard sale, or other major fund raising activities. We want and need every member's input.

Nic Sanburg

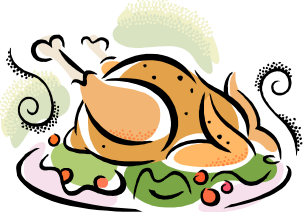
### **Vice President's Message**

Congratulations Sundfjord on our Anniversary. We are not big but mighty! A special greeting to our three Charter Members; Marie Helliesen, Lola Peterson and Signe Odegaard. Both Signe and Lola will be celebrating with us along with our Zone 6 Director Nancy Madson. With fall comes a host of activities with Sons of Norway. Watch your calendars for fun events. We are looking forward to our annual Thanksgiving dinner next month. Mark your calendar so you don't miss it.

Pauline Pederson

### **Thanksgiving Dinner**

The lodge will serve a Thanksgiving Dinner with all the trimmings at our November meeting so NO potluck. Adults \$ 15.00, Children 6 to 12 years \$ 7.50 and children under 6 is FREE.



### **Kalender**

(Coming Events)

#### **October:**

- 12 -Salmon Dinner at Vinland Lodge
- 18 -Leadership Challenge Workshp at Norrøna Lodge, Van Nuys
- 23 -Halloween/Western Party at Norseman, Westlake Village
- 24/26 -Rosemaling seminar at Camp Norge
- 31/2 -Folkdance Stevne at Camp Norge

#### **November:**

- 8 -Sundfjord's Thanksgiving Dinner
- 21/23-Julebazaar at Seamen Church in San Pedro

#### **December:**

- 6 -Norseman Lodge's Julebord
- 7 -SWEA's Julebazaar Los Angeles
- 13 -Sundfjord's Julebord

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**Gratulerer med dagen**  
(Happy Birthday)

**October**

- 11.....Cortney Cox
- 12.....Luke Fleming
- 21.....Linda Shehee
- 28.....Mary Stewart

**November**

- 1.....Stephen Deeb
- 16.....Irene Davis
- 16.....Jacqueline Cordes
- 17.....Kathy Cox

**God Bedring**

(Get Well)

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



**New Member**

We welcome to Sundfjord Lodge our new member Brian Wilcox. Brian is Janice Langer's son. They both attended the Southern California Kretsstevne in Idyllwild and participated in the Kretsstevne games. Janice and Brian took 1<sup>st</sup> PLACE in Shuffle Board and they each received a Blue Ribbon.

**Southern California Kretsstevne at Idyllwild, September 26-28, 2008**

This year, Sundfjord Lodge had a very good representation at the Southern California Kretsstevne with the following members in attendance; **Pauline Pederson, Jim and Mary Stewart, Char Nelson, Art Aslesen, Pat Hester, Erik, Sandra, Luke and Mark Fleming, Janice Langer, Brian Wilcox and Lise Fleming** who also is the Registrar for the Kretsstevne.

Other Lodges represented were Fridjof Nansen # 9, Valhall # 25, Solbakken # 64, Norseman # 91, Solskinn # 150, Vinland # 159, Desert Troll # 165 and the now defunct Song of Norway lodge, a total of 59 members in attendance.

Our Sports Director Jim Stewart, assisted by his wife Mary, was in charge of the Kretsstevne Games consisting of the Fishing Contest, Horseshoe Toss and Shuffle Board. Wagon Master Ellen Spitzer of Valhall Lodge # 25 did the Children's Games and International Director Sherrill (Swede) Swenson ran the Horse Races.

Solbakken Lodge # 64 had a Norwegian Boutique where you could purchase many different Norwegian items such as T-shirts, lefse making tools, bunad dolls, sølje (bunad jewelry), cook books and children's books just to mention a few items.

## Results of the Kretsstevne Games



### Fishing

**She did it again!**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place:** Pauline Pederson,  
Sundfjord # 65

She caught a 14 inch Trout  
and was the only one that  
got a “nibble”.

### Horse Shoe (Doubles)

**1<sup>st</sup> Place:** Lena Sculnic and Caronne Van Nyhuis  
Vinland Lodge # 159

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place:** Nancy Madson and Rex Seawright  
Solskinn Lodge # 150



Left to right;  
**Zone 6 Director Nancy  
Madson and Rex  
Seawright  
from Solskinn # 150  
Lena Sculnic and  
Caronne  
Van Nyhuis of Vinland  
# 159**

### Shuffle Board (Doubles)

**1<sup>st</sup> Place:** Janice Langer and Brian Wilcox  
Sundfjord Lodge # 65

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place:** Ellen and Cameron Spitzer  
Valhall Lodge # 25

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place:** Lena Sculnic and Joanna Van Nyhuis  
Vinland Lodge # 159



From left; Jim Stewart,  
Char Nelson and Mary  
Stewart from Sundfjord  
# 65  
Cameron and Ellen  
Spitzer from Valhall  
# 25

## Kretsstevne at Idyllwild



**Sundfjord # 65 Members at the Kretsstevne B.B.Q. dinner**  
Left side; Char Nelson, Mary and Jim Stewart, Pat Hester  
and Art Aslesen.

Right side; Pauline Pederson, Luke, Sandra, Mark and Erik  
Fleming.

### **Kretsstevne Raffle**

**\$ 25.00** – Judy Soyer, Valhall Lodge # 25  
**\$ 50.00** – Ola Brevig, Valhall Lodge # 25  
**\$ 100.00** - Herb Pallesen, Desert Troll # 165

### **Tae Kwan Do**

Our 12 year old Heritage member and author of **Barnas  
Hjørne** (Kid’s Corner) Ashley Davis competed in **Tae Kwon  
Do Championship** on September 20, 2008 where she earned  
**Silver in Purple Belt Poomse** (formation)

**Silver in Purple Belt Sparring**

**CONGRATULATIONS to Ashley!**

### **Vikings**



Georgia Rattliff and Agnes Deeb attended Norge Lodge # 60’s  
annual Viking Festival in Vista, CA on September 27, 2008.

## **Barnas Hjørne**

(Kid's Corner)

### **Northern Lights**

People in the world's far north watch the most spectacular of all celestial mysteries. A rainbow of colors came and went through the skies as though they have lives of their own. On most dark, clear nights they would appear, and would only disappear during summer when the sun never sets.

Vikings would see flashes of warriors' shield and swords. They would see Valkyries carrying messages to earth. Some felt the red lights they would see were "Blood Lights" that forecasted doom.

The Sami people would rush their children indoors, and would travel cautiously. They thought the lights could drop to earth and burn them. When they feared the angry Gods, they chanted:

**"The Northern Light, the Northern Light, Flickering, Flickering, Hammer in its leg, Birch bark in its hand."**

The hammer was the vengeance of spirits and the birch bark was kindling for fiery destruction.

During the Viking Age, most people in Europe believed the magical lights of the north carried important messages, omens, and warnings from the Gods. However, in 1230 AD a book called *The King's Mirror*, a book of knowledge for future Norwegian Kings, stated the lights were natural events that could not be explained.

In 1913, Kristian Olaf Birkeland explained how the Norwegian Lights form. For over 30 years, Birkeland studied the earth's magnetism and the aurora. He wrote a book about his discoveries and invented a machine that made artificial auroras. He presented his idea to his fellow scientists and to King Haakon VII. The world thought his ideas were wrong.

Today, we know Birkeland was correct to put the sun, earth's magnetism, and the auroras together. This is how it happens: explosions on the sun will send clouds of tiny particles into space. These particles race towards earth where they are drawn towards its north and south Geomagnetic poles. The poles pull the particles into earth's atmosphere where they collide with gases. The collisions create a glow of energy. The glow appears in large oval rings around the top and bottom of earth.



**By 12 year old heritage member Ashley Davis.**

## **Sundfjord's 2009 Cruise**

7-day Mexican Riviera

### **We invite all lodges to join our cruise**

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**



**NEW: Due to increased fuel prices, as of May 1, 2008 the prices increased. The prices may increase again so book your trip early.**

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](http://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 prices may also have increased, anyway....

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.

***We will continue to accept reservations until it is sold out.***

For more information or any questions contact Pauline at [PEDERSONPAULINE@aol.com](mailto:PEDERSONPAULINE@aol.com)

**So far we have 23 members signed up from 3 different Sons of Norway lodges.**

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**Visit Sundfjord's web site at [www.sundfjord.org](http://www.sundfjord.org)**

### **Leadership Challenge Phase 3**

This is the final workshop in the Leadership Challenge series. Lodges invited are Norrøna #50, Sundfjord # 65, Edvard Grieg # 74 and Norrøna # 91. The workshop will be held on Saturday, October 18, 2008 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at Norrøna's Norway Hall, 14312 Friar Street, Van Nuys. Lunch will be served. Thanks to Norrøna Lodge for hosting the workshop.

Please make a team of at least 4, more would be better. Get your new members and anyone else dedicated to your lodge who will help to move the lodge forward and make future plans.

As you know, lodges get lots of credit on the Lodge of the Year form.

I've observed that most lodges who have attended 2 workshops have made good changes in their lodges.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> one's the charm.

I need names and e-mail addresses of those in attendance no later than October 13, 2008.

Jo Ness



### **Collecting Canceled Stamps**

TUBFRIM is a humanitarian organization owned by the Norwegian Health Service. Used postage stamps are collected, packaged and resold to wholesalers and philatelists' world wide. The profits earned are used to provide care and aid to handicapped children in Norway.

When TUBFRIM was founded in 1928, the objective was to help finance research on tuberculosis and aid children affected by the disease. Since this disease has been eradicated, the objective has been modified.

Today TUBFRIM funds provide financial aid for the Society for Health and Development of Retarded Children and Youth.

Members of Sons of Norway are the most dedicated collectors. Local members collect the stamps at their lodges. For every ONE pound of stamps you turn in, your name goes into a drawing for a

#### **Roundtrip Airline Ticket to Norway.**

Never throw away canceled stamps. Just cut the stamps off the envelopes, leaving ½ inch around to keep the perforation intact. Please keep foreign stamps separated from the U.S. stamps. \_

Every year, in mid November, our lodge takes the stamps our members have collected to the Seaman Church in San Pedro. From there they are shipped to Norway.

Please turn in your TUBFRIM stamps to Chairperson Char Nelson at our November meeting.

### **Sons of Norway**

#### **International Convention Goes Blogging!**

For the first time ever Sons of Norway members who were unable to attend the Biennial International Convention can still be a part of the convention experience by keeping up on all the happenings from the comfort of their own home or office! That's right, beginning on Monday, August 25th; the Sons of Norway Blog will be posting daily with recaps of all the fun and excitement going on at this year's convention as well as photos from various convention events!

To see what's happening, all you have to do is to go to [www.sonsofnorwayblog.blogspot.com](http://www.sonsofnorwayblog.blogspot.com), to read all about the 60th Biennial Convention. Also, if you have any comments you'd like to make about the convention, share memories from past conventions, or discuss related issues you can do so by clicking on the "comments" link beneath any of the posts.

#### **What are the Sons of Norway Blog?**

The blog is a new website, designed to provide up-to-date commentary or news on issues related to Norway and Sons of Norway. Equal parts online diary and news resource, the Sons of Norway Blog will combine text, images, and links to other blogs and websites that are related in topic matter. Also, the Sons of Norway Blog offers members the ability to leave comments and feedback in an interactive format.

#### **District Six Web Site**

For District Six information and updates, visit

[www.sofn6.com](http://www.sofn6.com)



#### **Oslo Festdrakten**

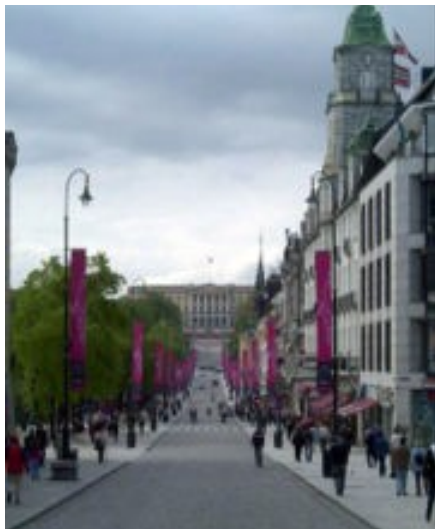
The Oslo Festdrakt originated in 1947 and was created by the department store Steen & Strøm's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

In the fall of 2007, the Oslo Festdrakt is 50 years old and is no longer a Festdrakt. It has changed its status to "Oslo Bunaden"

Herredrakten (men's festdrakt) was created in 1997 for Steen & Strøm's 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

## **My Norway Trip**

I had an incredible 17 days in Norway in August. One special day, Lise Fleming and I toured the Royal Palace in Oslo. It is very beautiful without being as ostentatious as most Palaces that I have seen. It was elegant and beautifully decorated with lots of huge portraits of the royal families throughout the years.



**Karl Johan gaten to the Royal Palace**

Although we were promised an English speaking guide, we did not get one. We stayed at the end of the group and Lise translated to me in a whisper but we were still told to keep it down. A guard followed us the entire time so no time to loiter. Like everything else in Norway, it was run with strict efficiency. The Palace

is set in several acres of green lawns right at the top of Karl Johan gaten, the main street in Oslo.

It rained almost every day and some days we were cold but we were prepared for that. We did not need a car because Norway has a wonderful public transportation system. We just hopped on a bus, train or street car to get around. We even took the train to Charlottenberg in Sweden and did some shopping. Many Norwegians go there to do a certain kind of shopping because it is much cheaper in Sweden. At the same time, the Swedes go to Norway to work because the wages are so much higher in Norway.

It was a fabulous experience to visit many private homes and eat with them. I really was able to see “how” the Norwegian people live, not much different than us.

More next month!

Pauline Pederson

## **The Century Club**

### **Hit of the 2008 District Six Convention**

For those of you who were at the 2008 Six Convention, you were witness to an astounding event. The President of the CENTURY CLUB issued a challenge to the members and lodges of the Sixth District. The CENTURY CLUB will donate \$ 30,000 to the building fund for the new Heritage Hall at Camp Norge if the members and lodges of District Six will match the amount. Before many more than 24 hours had gone by, the challenge was met and the Heritage Hall building Fund now has enough funds to complete the building and its interior.

The CENTURY CLUB works all-year round, though existing to collect dues from its members for the future

maintenance of Camp Norge, or participating in funding special projects or needs. We donate half of our yearly revenue to the Camp for these purposes. In addition to the \$ 30,000 mentioned above, we have contributed over \$ 50,000 since our inception in late 1996. Our excess funds (reserve) are invested at Sons of Norway in Minneapolis.

We invite everyone to join in our efforts. Our dues are \$ 100 per year, payable on the anniversary of your joining. Everyone should be looking at whether they are up to date with their dues, or if they are delinquent, be making plans to bring them up to date. If you are not a member, please consider joining the CENTURY CLUB and become part of our special club to support Camp Norge in its main-tenance needs. Your LODGE can also become a supportive member of the CENTURY CLUB for the same \$ 100.

Contact your CENTURY CLUB representative in your lodge. If your lodge doesn't have one, ask your president to appoint one.

Checks can be made payable to **Sixth District Century Club** and be sent to Secretary: Sherrill G. Swenson, 9731 Bellder Dr., Downey, CA 90240-3333 or to President: Ordale Johnson, 525 La Fonda Dr., Ventura, CA 93003. We'll credit your account without formal application.

**Sherrill G. Swenson**  
Secretary, CENTURY CLUB

## **More from Norway Trip**

Pauline and Lise met up with our members Stanley and Dianne Cook in Oslo and we visited the Edvard Munch museum to see the famous “Madonna and The Scream” paintings that were stolen and recovered 2 years later.



**Pauline and Lise by “The Scream” painting**  
Photo by Stanley Cook

# Nyheter fra Norge

(News from Norway)

## Royal Birth

Norway's Princess Martha Louise gave birth to her third daughter with husband Ari Behn on September 29, 2008. They named her Emma Tallulah Behn. This is King Harald and Queen Sonja's 5<sup>th</sup> grandchild.



Martha Louise and Ari Behn's first daughter, Maud Angelica was born in 2003 and their second daughter, Leah Isadora was born in 2005.

None of these girls have royal titles since Princess Martha Louise gave up her "Royal Highness" title when she married a commoner, Ari Behn in 2002.

Aftenposten

## Gulf Stream here to stay

The Gulf Stream, that almost mythical flow of warm seas that makes Norway and a few other Nordic countries livable, isn't about to disappear any time soon. New research contradicts earlier theories that it might.

Climate researchers have re-examined studies that indicated the Gulf Stream was weakening. It's long been a source of warmer seas flowing north through the Atlantic, and it also sends colder waters south.

The Gulf Stream flows roughly from the east coast of South America, around the Gulf of Mexico and across the Atlantic, where it heads north, east of Ireland, over towards Norway and around Iceland, before heading due south again.

The Danish Meteorological Institute (DMI) reports that several observations in recent years suggested the circulation of the Gulf Stream had weakened, possibly because of global warming. Studies, the institute noted, had suggested that the flow of cold water south was down by half.

A group of researchers from Denmark, the Faeroe Islands, Germany and Norway thus started paying closer attention to the Gulf Stream, and now they're releasing conclusions that can leave climate researchers breathing a sigh of relief.

"It hasn't only been possible to show that the currents instead have maintained a surprisingly constant strength during the last 50 years, but we can also point out where earlier signs of weakness were misleading," said Steffen M Olsen of DMI.

The researchers have studied new and historic measures of the Gulf Stream's strength over the undersea ridges between Iceland and Greenland.

Olsen cautioned, however, that changes may still occur.

"We can't rule that out," Olsen wrote in an article

publishing the group's findings. The risk of a collapse in the warm circulation of the Atlantic just "isn't as probable in the near future as we had feared."

Aftenposten

## Arctic mystery resolved after 135 years

In the autumn of 1872 a band of 17 seal hunters were driven ashore by bad weather on Svalbard in the Arctic. They all died mysteriously in the course of the harsh winter.

Since then there has been speculation about how they died. Both tuberculosis and laziness have been suggested. In a history of Svalbard, scurvy has been blamed as the cause of death, according to island newspaper *Svalbardposten*. It has now been discovered that lead poisoning was to blame. "We found very high concentrations of lead in the bones we found in a double grave," says Ulf Aasebø, who works for the University Hospital in Northern Norway.

One of the sealers, Karl Albertsen kept a diary during his stay in the *Svenskehuset*, (literally the Swedish House). He writes that they ate Swedish canned food which they found in there. The diary tells that the first man, Hans Hansen, died in November and by Christmas everyone was ill and bedridden. No specific illness is mentioned.

Indications suggest that Albertsen was the next to last to die. Fritz Mack from Tromsø found the hunters in the last weeks of winter, in 1873. He wrote down what he saw. Five corpses were lying under a tarpaulin in the corridor. Ten others lay dead in their beds. Six months had passed since anyone had seen them alive.

The first two that died, were said to have been buried. Their graves were never found. The remaining 15 were placed together in a communal grave.

Initially the Cultural Heritage Directorate Riksantikvaren turned down requests to open the grave to retrieve hair samples, but in July Aasebø and historian Kjell Kjær, were given permission to go ahead.

Aasebø and Kjær had speculated that lead poisoning might be to blame before they went ahead with the exhumation.

"Observations from the *Svenskehuset* confirmed our theories. Inside the tinned food we found so much lead, that it hung like icicles inside the cans," says Kjær to *Svalbardposten*.

**17 hunters took refuge here 135 years ago.**

