

SUNDFJORD SUN

Sundfjord Lodge # 6-065

October 2009

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



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



Happy Halloween

President's Message

Happy Halloween

We had a great turnout last month and several guests. Thanks to our Zone Director Nancy Madson for her message and for bringing those delicious "krumkaker".

A few Sundfjord members attended the Orange Street International Street Fair and visited with friends from Solbakken lodge and their booths. It was a good day but very hot.

We also attended Peer Gynt lodge's Heritage Faire in Culver City, great meatballs and desserts. Next month we will have our traditional turkey dinner with all the trimmings. Make your reservations today before you leave.

See you all next month.

Pauline Pederson

Vice-President's Message

October is Foundation Month and Mary Stewart, our Foundation Director "passes the piggy" around at our monthly meetings. Nancy Madson, our 6th District Zone Director, came to our September meeting. She told us about the new membership contest and she also brought delicious krumkaker. It was so nice to spend time with Nancy.

Our nomination committee is busy working on filling the officer positions for the next two years. If asked, please say YES.

November will be our Thanksgiving feast so don't bring any food as our cooks will prepare the food. This is a fundraiser so please try to attend and bring a friend.

Have a Happy Halloween!
Agnes Deeb

Kalender (Coming Events)

OCT	
16-18	Southern California Kretssteve, Pio Pico, Jamul, San Diego
22	Norseman lodge #91 Halloween Party
NOV	
13-14	Norrøna lodge # 50 Van Nuys Lutefisk Dinner
14	Sundfjord's Thanksgiving Dinner
14	Solbakken lodge # 64 Placentia Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner
20-22	Julebazaar at the Norwegian Seaman Church, San Pedro
21	Norge lodge # 60, Vista Lutefisk Dinner
26	Thanksgiving
DEC	
5	Norseman lodge #91 Julebord
5	City of Upland's Christmas Parade
12	Sundfjord's Christmas Party
2010	
JUNE	
23-26	6 th District Convention Modesto, CA

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Gratulerer med dagen

(Happy Birthday)

OCTOBER

12.....Luke Fleming
28.....Mary Stewart

NOVEMBER

16.....Irene Davis
16.....Jacqueline Cordes

God Bedring

(Get Well)



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

Nomination Committee

Elected to be on the Nomination Committee at the September meeting were Agnes Deeb, Ruth Higley and Betty Partaker. These ladies will be working at getting the slate of officers filled for the 2010-2012 terms. When called upon, please accept; we need YOU!

Orange International Street Fair



Ruth and Pauline inspecting Viking helmets

On Saturday, September 5, Ruth Higley, Pauline Pederson and Lise Fleming visited Solbakken's booths at the Orange International Street Fair.

Even though it was a HOT day, we had a great time visiting other countries' booths, sampling their food, picking up a few souvenirs and listen to the live entertainments.

Editor's Corrections

Sharon Mahnken was a member of Roald Amundsen Lodge 6- 48 and not Bjørnstjerne Bjørnson Lodge.

Sports Medal



Congratulations to Sarah Keeney who has earned her Gold "gangmerket" (walking) sports medal. She is now working on the Enamel medal. Anyone interested in participating in the Sons of Norway Sports Medal program, see Sports Director Jim Stewart.

Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody

There was an important job to be done and *everybody* was asked to do it. *Everybody* was sure *somebody* would do it.

Anybody could have done it, but *nobody* did it.

Somebody got angry about that because it was *everybody's* job.

Everybody thought *anybody* could do it, but *nobody* realized that *everybody* wouldn't do it.

It ended up that *everybody* blamed *somebody* when actually *nobody* asked *anybody*.

So lets all work together!

Golden Member

The Lodge's newest Golden Member is Lise Fleming



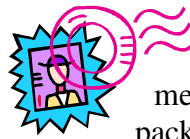
Pauline Pederson presented Golden Member certificate and pin to Lise Fleming

Recruitment Awards



Ruth Higley and Pauline Pederson received their 2008 Recruitment Award for bringing in new members.

TubFrim



A reminder; the last date to turn in your TubFrim stamps are at our November 14 meeting. Please put your name on the stamp package and turn them in to TubFrim Chair Person Char Nelson. For each pound you turn in, your name will be entered into a drawing for a round-trip airline ticket to Norway.

The stamps will be dropped off at the Norwegian Seamen Church during their Julebazaar on November 20.

Thanksgiving Dinner



The lodge will be serving our annual Thanksgiving Dinner with all the trimmings and pies at our November 14 meeting so NO pot-luck.



Adults \$ 15.00,
Children 6 to 12 years old \$ 7.50
Children under 6 years old **FREE**

Please make your reservation early.

Julebasar på Kirken

(Christmas Bazaar at the Seamen's Church)

This year's annual "Julebasar" at the Norwegian Seamen's Church in San Pedro is held November 20-22.



Lots of Scandinavian holiday items, great food and "den lille butikken" (grocery store).

Let Lise know if you plan to attend.

Raffle Gifts Donations



A big “Tusen Takk” to Erik and Sandra Fleming for their generous donations of great raffle gifts.

Erik and Sandra with their sons Mark and Luke.

FALL RECRUITMENT BLITZ

Hilsen from Sons of Norway, We hope you're refreshed from the summer festivities and breaks and ready to gear up to recruit new members with your lodge. And recruiting for your lodge this fall can mean winning big – a \$500 prize Dues-paying new members* recruited between September 15th and December 15th qualify for this contest. Lodges will be divided into two categories based on size. The two lodges—one from the small and one from the large categories—that see the largest percentage growth will each win \$500 and will be featured in a spring 2010 Member Matters section.

This is a team effort, so call your lodge vice president to see what you can do to help plan a member recruitment event. You can also find ideas in the members section of www.sonsofnorway.com, including the contact information for your Financial Benefits Counselor, who can help with throwing an event.

If you have other questions or want help brainstorming, contact the Membership Coordinator at nneuman@sofn.com or (800) 945-8851 x697.

*Applications must be from new dues-paying members and must be received at Sons of Norway Headquarters by December 15th. For complete details, please visit www.sonsofnorway.com and click on Fall Blitz in the Highlights section.



Mission Statement

The mission of Sons of Norway is to promote and to preserve the heritage and culture of Norway, to celebrate our relationships with other Nordic Countries, and provide quality insurance and financial products to our members.

Peer Gynt's Heritage Faire



Front to rear; Betty Partaker, Pauline Pederson, Ruth Higley and Lise Fleming attended Peer Gynt's Heritage Faire on Saturday, September 26. We enjoyed great food, shopping, meeting new people and fraternizing with old friends.

Vista Viking Fest



From left; Ruth Higley, Agnes Deeb, Bea Swank, Betty Partaker and Lise Fleming were bold enough to put on their Viking outfits and attend Norge lodge's Viking Fest in Vista on September 27.

We made new friends, enjoyed sampling Norwegian food, experience the Viking Games and listen to the entertainment. We had a really great day!

2010 Norwegian Calendars for Sale

The 2010 Norwegian calendars have arrived and we have a limited amount for sale at \$ 12.50 each. These calendars have beautiful pictures of Norway adorned with “rose-maling”. It is nice to have a little bit of Norway hanging on your wall for a full year. See Lise Fleming.

City of Upland’s Christmas Parade



This year Sundfjord Lodge will participate in the City of Upland’s Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 5, 2009. The Parade will go in downtown Upland, starting at 5:00 pm.

Gift Membership

Christmas is just around the corner and I am sure you are working on your Christmas list already. Are you looking for that special Christmas gift? Consider giving the gift of heritage, culture and tradition by giving a **gift membership**. There is no better way to help a loved one reconnect with their heritage and introduce them to Sons of Norway than by giving them a gift membership. This holiday season, give your loved ones a gift that lasts all year long; give a Sons of Norway membership!

Runescape Jewelry

Now is the time to order Runescape Jewelry for Christmas. Each piece is handcrafted of .925 Sterling Silver. You can chose from necklaces, pendants, brooches, earrings, bracelets and rings. See Lise Fleming for the catalogue.

Lutefisk, Lefse and Meatball Dinner at Solbakken Lodge 6-64

Saturday, November 14, 2009
at Placentia Round Table
901 N. Bradford, Placentia, CA

One seating limited to 144 so get your reservation in as soon as possible since it sell out fast.

Cost is \$ 25.00 per person. Doors open at 3:00 p.m. Dinner served at 4:00 p.m.

No Host Bar, Norwegian Boutique, Raffle, 50/50 and Live Music.

Make checks payable to **Solbakken 6-64** and mail to: Ginnie Wilcox, 7885 E. Garner Street, Long Beach, CA 90808.

For information (562) 596-5616 or (562) 458-8640

Visit: www.sundfjord.org

Cruise with Sundfjord in 2010

**5 day Mexico Riviera Cruise,
May 3 – 8, 2010**

**We invite ALL
lodges to join
us on the
cruise!**



**4th annual cruise,
next year (2010) on Royal Caribbean’s “Radiance of
the Seas” leaving from San Diego, CA.**

Itinerary:

May 3, Depart San Diego 5:00 pm

May 4, Ensenada

May 5, at sea cruising

May 6, Cabo San Lucas

May 7, at sea cruising

May 8, arrive San Diego 7:00 am

*Double occupancy: prices start at \$ 449.00 + Tax \$ 59.74 for inside stateroom per person.

*Staterooms with Ocean View starts at \$ 549.00 + Tax \$ 59.74 per person.

*Insurance is \$ 29.00 per person and we recommend that you get insurance in case something happens and you will get your money refunded.

*Singles: prices starts at \$ 779.00 + Tax \$ 59.74 for inside stateroom.

*Ocean View prices starts at \$ 979.00 + Tax \$ 59.74

*Insurance for single is \$ 59.00

Deposit required at the time you book your cruise is \$ 100.00. The balance will be due by March 4th, 2010.

PASSPORTS ARE REQUIRED

This year we ask you to book your own cruise. When you book your cruise, you need to link your reservation to Pauline Pederson’s reservation # 6143278 so we can be seated together at dinner for **FIRST DINNER SEATING**. Linking your reservation to Pauline can not be done when booking on the Internet; it has to be done by phone, call Royal Caribbean at (866) 562-7625 to book your cruise. Once you are booked and linked, please contact Pauline and give her your reservation number and cabin number so she can check to make sure that all of us are linked together.

If you need any assistance or have any questions, please e-mail Pauline at: PEDERSONPAULINE@aol.com or call at (909) 986-1655

***This is the only 5-day cruise offered so book early as spaces goes fast and you would not want to be left out.

Southern California Kretsstevne

This year we will meet at Thousand Trail campgrounds at Pio Pico, Jamul on **October 16 – 18, 2009**. Thousand Trails at Pio Pico is 180 acres of San Diego County's recreation facilities with elevation at around 1400 feet. Along with the usual great food and fellowship, there will be boutiques, activities and games for the children, bingo, singing and entertainment.



Options to attend the weekend festivities are; drive in for the day, bring your own RV or tent and rent a space or rent an on-site RV trailer for a 2-nights stay.



As before, we are requesting **3 dozen cookies** from each lodge for our Hospitality Table and a **\$ 10.00 gift** to be raffled off.

Hot "lapskaus" (Norwegian stew) will be served Friday evening and B.B.Q. Tri-tip with all the trimmings on Saturday evening. Ask Lise Fleming for registration form.



Sons of Norway Foundation

"The Sons of Norway Foundation awards scholarships and grants to promote heritage and culture of

Norway, and provide assistance to our members, lodges and their communities."

Since 1966 we have awarded over \$900,000 in 335 grants and over 2,000 scholarships to our members, lodges and their communities. As Sons of Norway continues to flourish and create new initiatives, the Sons of Norway Foundation will continue its support.

The Sons of Norway Foundation welcomes applications to fund activities that will preserve and promote Norwegian heritage in North America and American ideals in Norway. We strive to fulfill the dreams of our members, lodges, students and youth in our lodges and communities and to ease the burden to our members and their communities following natural disasters.

October is Foundation Month and our lodge has been "passing the piggy" at every lodge meeting. This month, our Treasurer will send a check to the Sons of Norway Foundation in Minneapolis for the donations our lodge has collected throughout the year. Thank you to all our members for supporting the Sons of Norway Foundation.



Halloween Celebration in Norway

Celebrating Halloween is a new tradition in Norway. As recently as the 1990s, the holiday was almost unheard of. When "It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown" was translated to Norwegian the Great Pumpkin became the Old Man of Olsok. There are many theories as to how Halloween came to the country. Some believe that American candy companies marketed it, while others believe that it had something to do with American comic books. Nevertheless, it looks like Halloween is here to stay. The celebration in Norway resembles that in the US with a few exceptions. Children say "**knask eller knep**" or "**dig eller deng**" and both phrases have about the



same meaning as "**trick or treat**". Sometimes the "trick: part is taken a little too seriously. It's not unusual to read about vandalism or egging after the holiday and many Norwegians find it annoying to have so many people coming to their doors. Because the holiday is relatively new, the Norwegian newspaper "Aftenposten" printed a few tips

on how to celebrate properly, among them:

*Only October 31st is Halloween. (Evidently there's been a problem with people trick-or-treating for days afterwards).

*Adults should accompany the smallest children.

*Only visit neighbors and friends to avoid making people angry.



Norseman Lodge's Halloween Party
Thursday, October 22, 2009 at First Neighborhood Club House, 31830 Village Center Drive, Westlake Village, CA.

Social Hour: 6:00 PM

Dinner: 6:45 PM catered by Country Harvest Restaurant
Reservations by October 18, 2009

Cost: \$ 15.00 per person, \$ 5.00 for children 5-12 years
Costume parade and prizes, entertainment and dancing.
For information, contact Glen Braaten (805) 492-3954
e-mail: gobraaten@roadrunner.com

Nyheter fra Norge

(News from Norway)

Norwegian among the 'most difficult language' to learn to speak.

A veteran professor of languages claims that Norwegian is among the world's languages that's the most difficult to learn to speak well. Russian professor Valerij Pavlovitsj Berkov, who has spent decades, perfecting his own Norwegian, told newspaper *Aftenposten* that the *tonelag* (inflection and musical accent) needed to speak Norwegian properly is almost impossible for non-Norwegians to master. "Norwegian is one of the world's most difficult languages to learn to speak perfectly," said Berkov, who will turn 80 this month. Non-Norwegians will find it nearly impossible, he contends, to speak the language without revealing that they are foreigners. Berkov is a long-time professor of languages at both the St Petersburg State University and the Nordic Institute at the University of Oslo, teaching Norwegian to Russians and Russian to Norwegians among other subjects. He also has taught English, German, Icelandic and several other languages, is fluent in around 16 languages himself and has written the 1,121-page Russian-Norwegian dictionary as well as its companion Norwegian-Russian dictionary. He's been fascinated with Norwegian since he was a child and had taught Norwegian for 15 years before he was first allowed to visit Norway, in 1966. Another 21 years passed before he was allowed to return, in 1987, and says he still doesn't know why the authorities denied him travel permission or who "worked against me." Now he and his wife divide their time between St Petersburg and Oslo. Berkov strives to stay firmly out of the ongoing debate over the various forms of Norwegian, but allowed that the language isn't well-served without a norm. He notes that *broen*, *brua*, *bruen* and *broa*, for example, can all be used for "the bridge," and that the lack of one preferred version in fact does away with the norm. He wouldn't comment, though, on whether it's wise for a country to have two official languages, as Norway does with *bokmål* and *nynorsk*. "It's stupid for a foreigner to try to tell a Norwegian how they should use their own language," he said.

High prices at the airport set off water-fight

Bottled water costs nearly three times as much as beer at Oslo's main airport at Gardemoen, and consumer advocates are crying foul, reports newspaper *Aftenposten*. Retailer Select Service Partner (SPC) has a monopoly on water sales in the passenger terminal, where regular drinking water costs the equivalent of 63.00 Norwegian kroner (nearly \$ 11.00) per liter. The liter price for beer in the terminal's tax-free store is just over 20 kroner. The

tax-free shop, however, is prevented from selling water or other items that aren't subject to special taxes like liquor, tobacco or sweets. Per Arne Villadsen of the Berg-Hansen travel agency says the state (which runs the airport) must open up for more competition and urge lower prices for travelers who aren't allowed to bring their own water bottles beyond security gates. They're now being advised to bring empty water bottles and fill them at fountains or airport restaurants. Villadsen questions how aviation agency Avinor can allow such a monopoly situation to exist. All the operators at the airport are highly profitable, reports *Aftenposten*, with SPC logging pre-tax earnings of 127 million kroner last year and the airport itself (Oslo Lufthavn AS) earning 1.1 billion kroner before taxes. The profits come at a time when the airlines themselves are struggling. Competition authorities are being asked to review the situation at Gardemoen. Airport spokesman Jo Kobro claims there is competition, but it takes place in the form of bidding for five-year contracts to win the airport's concession.



Three Royal Generations



Norway's Royal Palace has issued a new, official portrait of King Harald (*left*) and his heirs apparent: His son Crown Prince Haakon and Haakon's first-born, Princess Ingrid Alexandra. The young princess, who turns six in January, is expected to be Norway's first female monarch since the law of succession was reformed. This is the first time in more than 600 years that a female heir to the throne has been born in Norway. The last time a female heir to the throne was born in Norway, was in the late 14th century. The Royal Succession Law of 1260 established that only males could inherit the Norwegian Throne. In 1990, the succession law was changed so that the eldest child would succeed to the throne, regardless of gender.