

# SUNDFJORD SUN

Sundfjord Lodge # 6-065

April 2010

*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**



## **Kalender** (Coming Events)

### **President's Message**

We have had really great attendance at our lodge meeting this year. Let's keep it up!

This one day a month gives us the opportunity to share ideas, enjoy our culture and heritage and of course check up on each other. Remember to invite your family, friends and neighbors.

At the March meeting we had 9 terrific guests and gained one new member. Stress that everyone is welcome, you don't have to be a Norwegian!

Since Easter Sunday is one week before our April meeting, it was decided by the majority of our members to cancel the Easter Fund-raiser dinner event and just have our regular pot-luck lunch in April. "Syttende mai", the Norwegian Constitution Day, (May 17) will again be celebrated at the San Bernardino City Hall and Long Beach Civic Center with flag hoisting ceremonies so mark this date on your calendar. More information on page 4.

Pauline Pederson

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

The March St. Patrick's Day meeting with "corned beef and cabbage" was very successful with 9 guests thanks to our Publicity Director Jim Stewart's ad in the local newspaper. One of these guests signed up as a member so we WELCOME Barbara Dunne to Sundfjord Lodge.

The SPPC fundraiser at Shaker's Family Restaurant in Glendale was well attended by our lodge. We had a total of 9 members at the fundraiser. "Tusen Takk" to our members for supporting the Sons of Norway children so they can attend Camp Trollfjell's Language and Heritage camp in July at Camp Norge in Alta, CA.

Looking forward to Sundfjord's 5-day Mexico cruise, May 3-8, on the Royal Caribbean's "Radiance of the Seas".

Don't forget that due to the cruise, our May meeting has been moved to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup>.

Agnes Deeb

**APR**  
17&18

\*Cal Lutheran Scandinavian Festival, Thousand Oaks  
\*Knut Erik Jensen concert, Solskinn Lodge # 150 in Palm Desert

18

**MAY**

3-8

\*Sundfjord's Cruise

15

\*Sundfjord's Meeting

17

\*Syttende mai Celebrations in San Bernardino and Long Beach

28-31

\*Memorial Day Weekend at Camp Norge, Alta, CA

**JUN**

5

\*Fridtjof Nansen Lodge # 9 Celebrates their 80th Anniversary

12

\*Sundfjord's Meeting

23-26

\*District Six Convention Modesto, CA

**JUL**

11-24

\*Camp Trollfjell Children's Language & Heritage Camp at Camp Norge, Alta, CA

**AUG**

29-Sep 1

\*International Convention Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

**SEP**

3-5

\*Solbakken # 64 International Street Fair

11

\*Sundfjord's Meeting

11

\*Peer Gynt # 22 Heritage Fair

17&19

\*Southern California Kretsstevne, Idyllwild, CA

**OCT**

1-3

\*Central California Kretsstevne, Buellton, CA

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## Gratulerer med dagen

(Happy Birthday)

### APRIL

3.....	David Venice
4.....	Shaun Pederson
9.....	Hailey Higley
9.....	Erik Melgaard
12.....	Janice Langer
15.....	Mark Fleming
15.....	Dave Oyen
19.....	Berit Givens
24.....	Diane Griego

### MAY

5.....	Ashley Davis
10.....	Jim Stewart
12.....	Paige Pederson
19.....	Dean Pederson
21.....	Betty Partaker
28.....	Corey Hanson

## God Bedring

(Get Well)

We wish speedy recovery to **Signe Odegaard** who fell and broke her hip. She had surgery and is now at Claremont Care Center, 219 E. Foothill Blvd. Pomona. She would love to receive a visit and/or a card from you.



**Signe** is one of our **Charter**

**Members** so we call her the "mother of our lodge". She as a newlywed along with her husband Don, started Sundfjord Lodge on October 17, 1953. Keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

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

## More Charter Members

Our Lodge is fortunate to have two other Charter Members; they are **Marie Hellisen** and **Lola Peterson**.

## Disaster Preparedness

DID YOU ALL FEEL THE EARTHQUAKE?

The timing was great, just 2 days after our discussion. I was pleased to find that a lot of us are storing disaster supplies in our homes. I think the best bit of information came from Bea Swank. She said the Police Department had given a talk at her mobile home park. The officer stated that they used to recommend that everyone have at least 3 days of food and water stored. Now they are recommending 8 days. We should all aim for 10 days of water and can goods. Don't forget your medication and pet food. We will talk about this some more at the April meeting.

Pauline Pederson

## Celebrating St. Patrick's Day



Betty Partaker and Bea Swank



### SPPC's Fundraiser at Shaker's Restaurant

We had a great showing at Shaker's Fundraising event with 9 Sundfjord members celebrating St. Patrick's Day. They were The Deeb's: Agnes, Bill, William, Christine and Rachel, Frances Ricci, Betty Partaker, Bea Swank and Lise Fleming.



From left; Christine and Rachel Ricci Deeb, Agnes Deeb, William Deeb, Frances Ricci and Bill Deeb.

### Honor Society

Congratulations to our Heritage member Irene Davis who is attending Claremont High School and has been awarded the National Honor Society Certificate.



### Remember.....

Our May meeting has been changed to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday due to the Sundfjord cruise.

**May meeting is  
May 15, at 12:00 noon.**

### Sundfjord's Cruise

**May 3 – 8, 2010**

On May 3, 18 Sons of Norway members will go aboard Royal Caribbean's "Radiance of the Seas" for a 5-night Mexico cruise with Ports of Calls to Ensenada and Cabo San Lucas.

Five lodges will be represented on the cruise, they are: Peer Gynt # 22, Valhall # 25, Sundfjord # 65, Soldalen # 67 and Norseman # 91.

**Welcome Aboard!**

## Nidaros Cathedral Boy's Choir Performance



### What an experience it was to hear this boy's choir!

Char Nelson, Bea Swank and Lise Fleming traveled to Hope Lutheran Church in Palm Desert on March 27 to hear this well known Norwegian Boy's Choir. The boys are from age 9 to 14 and their tenor voices were remarkable. They also had a few men from age of 18 to 60 that sang lead, baritone and base.

They sang a selection of religious pieces, a special request from Nancy Madson of the "Nidelven", America the Beautiful and ending with a beautiful redemption of Hallelujah chorus.

Thanks to our Zone 6 Director Nancy Madson and Solskinn lodge # 150 in Palm Desert for sponsoring the choir so we could attend this once in a lifetime performance.

## Syttende Mai

Celebrate "Syttende Mai" with Soldalen Lodge 6-067

Sons of Norway

at

San Bernardino City Hall

300 North "D" Street, San Bernardino

As we hoist the Norwegian Flag for the 30<sup>th</sup> time

On Monday, May 17, 2010

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No meal is planned,

suggested gathering place following program

Coco's Bakery Restaurant

242 E. Hospitality Ln, San Bernardino, CA

Questions? Contact Margaret Swanson

Phone: (909) 824-3072

E-mail: [margaret\\_swanson@sbcglobal.net](mailto:margaret_swanson@sbcglobal.net)



Also:

**Flag hoisting ceremony at Long Beach Civic Center, Monday, May 17 at 9:30 AM**  
**Lunch to follow at El Dorado Restaurant**

## 17 mai celebrations at Nansen Field

Everyone is welcome to come celebrate the **Norwegian Constitution Day (17 Mai)** with us at Nansen Field on **Sunday, May 21, San Pedro**. We'll have a procession, big band music, stalls with Norwegian goods and foods, and entertainment and games for the kids. Bring a chair or a blanket to sit on, and a flag if you have it!

Admission: \$5 adults, \$15 family. Gates opens at 9:30 AM.



### 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.**

### Winner at Santa Anita

On St. Patrick's Day, "Yodelady O" won at Santa Anita racetrack. Proud owners are Sundfjord members William and Christine Deeb.



**YODELADY O**  
B. 4 Swiss Yodeler - Madam General  
Owned by DEEB OR KELLEHER  
Trained by TED H. WEST  
2nd PINK DIAMOND 3rd ENTABENI  
SAN FERNANDO VALLEY - VALLEY OF STARS 4TH QUARTER Bred By OAKCREST STABLE (CA)  
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**SANTA ANITA**  
March 17, 2010 Purse \$19,000  
\$ 6.20 2.80 2.20  
Ridden by RAFAEL BEJARANO  
# PURLOINS IN 1:59.95

### In the Winner's Circle

Left front: Bill and Agnes Deeb, Frances Ricci, Christine Deeb and 7<sup>th</sup> from left William Deeb.

## Southland Past President's Club Meeting

April 10, 2:30 PM at Peer Gynt Lodge

3835 Watseka, Culver City, CA

Half camperships to Camp Trollfjell will be awarded.

Followed by

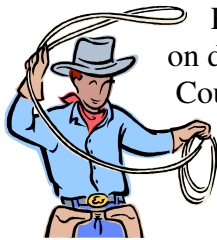


### Southern California Kretsstevne Planning Meeting at 4:00 PM

AND



### Peer Gynt Lodge's Western Night Saturday, April 10, 2010



Round up your family and friends; mosey on down to the Peer Gynt Lodge's annual Country Western Dinner with entertainment.

Happy Hour at 5:00 PM

Dinner, baby back ribs with all the trimmings served at 6:00 PM

\$ 16.00 per person

For information and reservations, call

John & Cordelle Aasness (310) 676-5111

Jerry & Esther Nygaard (310) 376-5872

### Memorial Day Weekend at Camp Norge May 29, 30, 31, 2010

The 6<sup>th</sup> District Recreation Board welcomes you to Camp Norge for a three-day camping experience at your own Recreation Center on Memorial Day weekend.

If you do not have a tent or RV, call manager  
(530) 389-2508 for room reservation.

Activities planned:

**Saturday:**

Breakfast

Lunch

Craft Fair

Time to explore surrounding areas

Dinner

**Sunday:**

Breakfast

Lunch

Games

Dinner

Raffle Drawing

**Monday:**

Breakfast

Pre-registration of your meals is necessary to allow us to purchase the correct amount of food.

Sunday dinner is potluck. Please bring a dish to share and your own place settings.

Visit [www.campnorge.com](http://www.campnorge.com)



TubFrim collects all types of used stamps and telephone cards. They are sold to philatelists and dealers all over the world. The proceeds help handicapped children and youths in Norway.

\*Stamps from any country in the world can be used, but it would save a lot of work if you would sort between U.S. stamps and stamps from other countries.

\*Cut or tear off the stamps, leaving a small margin (approx. 1/2 inch) so as not to damage them.

\*They also are happy to receive stamp collections, old envelopes, covers and postcards. If envelopes, postcards, etc. are more than 50 years old, then please do not cut off the stamps but give the whole envelope or postcard.

\*TubFrim also collects used telephone cards.

Sons of Norway has helped collect stamps for TubFrim for over 50 years.

For each pound you turn in to our **TubFrim Chairperson, Char Nelson**, your name will be entered into a drawing for a "roundtrip" airfare ticket to Norway.

### Put this date on your calendar

Southern California Kretsstevne

September 17 & 18, 2010

at Thousand Trails Campground  
in Idyllwild

*Knut Erik Jensen*  
classical pianist

Presenting

His Nordic

Elegance Tour

Sunday, April 18,

2010 at 3:00 PM

Hope Lutheran

Church

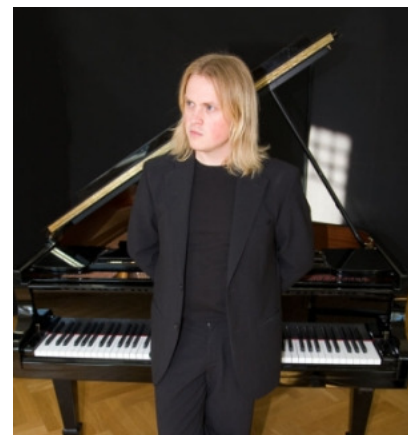
45-900 Portola

Ave, Palm Desert

Tickets \$ 10.00

at the door

Reception following



Last month, Norway lost another WWII hero, Jens-Anton Poulsson, and here is the important event that changed the war.

### **The Heroes of Telemark**

The Allied forces high command in London determined that the Germans must be stopped from developing an atomic reactor and nuclear bomb at any cost.



Water was dripping in a hydrogen plant at Rjukan in Telemark, Southern Norway, as it had done since 1943.

But this was not no

ordinary water, and no ordinary plant – it was the only facility in Europe that produced heavy water in large-scale volumes. The Germans kept the plant under heavy guard during World War II – for good reason. The barrels of heavy water that were rolled out were sent to Germany, where they were used to control nuclear fission. Following the occupation of Norway in the spring of 1940, it soon became clear that the Germans were interested in heavy water. By the start of 1942, production at new installations in Rjukan, based on a German method, increased to 100 kilos per month. Not long after, the Germans announced they wanted to increase output further. The situation escalated to the point that Hydro's top management protested and the company's managing director Bjarne Eriksen was arrested in early 1943 and sent to concentration camp in Germany. Norwegians in London assisted in the plans to sabotage the heavy water unit at the Vemork plant at Rjukan, and photographs and sketches of the plant was sent to London by Norwegian contacts at the facility, in particular Jomar Brun, manager of the heavy water unit. A huge political thriller began to unfold in 1943 and 1944. Was this a question of preventing the development of a nuclear weapon? Was this an arms race? In any case, the outcome could determine who won the war. The first attempt to attack the Vemork plant ended in tragedy. Two planes from the 1<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division crashed in the fog in Southern Norway, and all aboard were either killed in the crash or shot by the Germans. A sabotage operation was then planned. This was to be carried out by specially trained Norwegians.

**Heroic Action:** A total of 12 hand-picked men were dropped by parachute onto the Hardangervidda mountain plateau, a good distance to the west of Rjukan and the Vemork plants. They stayed on the plateau, some 1,200 meters above sea level, throughout several winter months, eating the meat and stomach content of wild reindeer.

The Vemork action is considered one of the most heroic sabotage acts of World War II. It was daring and spectacular in every way. Those who assigned the task were not at all sure that the men who carried it out would survive. To reach the Vemork plant, the group of saboteurs had to cross the river right at the bottom of the gorge, as they could not use the suspension bridge. Joakim Rønneberg, the group leader, explained that all they had to go on was an aerial photo, taken at a height of 4,000 meters that suggested that this was viable. It was only after Claus Helberg had been out on a couple reconnaissance missions in the area that the group decided that the seemingly impassible task of climbing across the gorge could be attempted.

**Through a minefield:** One hour before midnight on February 27, the 12 saboteurs climbed down the gorge and across the ice-choked river, edged up the rock face on the other side, and emerged by the railway line, but felt reasonably sure that the mines had been laid to protect the facility from intruders. They cut the iron chain that blocked the way. Jens Anton Poulsson, who was the coordinating link with the men behind, signaled the main group to proceed. They were soon all at the gate. And just minutes later, everyone was in position.

**No lives lost:** Entering the plant was just as challenging.

Rønneberg, who led the explosive team, relates that the group first tried to get in through the basement door, without success. The brief from London had told them to climb a stairway to a hole in the wall for the cable, and to follow the cable tunnel running below the ceiling of the ground floor of the plant. Rønneberg and Hans Storhaug made it in this way and took the guard by surprise. Birger Strømshaug, Fredrik Kayser and Kaspar Idland broke a window to get in, but the German guards heard nothing above the powerful drone of the generators. "Two of us mounted the explosive charges. The fuses were about two minutes long. I cut them down to 30 seconds and lit them," says Rønneberg. "How did you get out so fast?" "I had a key. We knew that our cover squad was in position. The German guards had been put out of action, locked up in the guardhouse," he explained.



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(Heroes of Telemark continues)



The charge blew, the sound of shattering glass again split the air, but the German guards can hardly have grasped that it was an explosion. A guard sauntered out, tried the door to the electrolyses facility, found it locked, and went back inside the guardhouse. A short time later, he came out again with a flashlight and shines it along the ground. The Germans must have thought the snow had triggered one of the mines to explode. The

guard gave up and went back into the guardhouse again – and probably saved his life.

**Full-scale search:** By the time the Germans had realized what had happened and soldiers started streaming up to the Vemork plant, the saboteurs were already far down the railway line on their way to Rjukan. It was very dark and the snow was deep but they all got away.

Once back on the mountain plateau, the group split up. The explosives team traveled by ski, fully armed and in uniform, over the high country and across the valley of Eastern Norway to Sweden. The others spread out over the plateau. The Germans brought in thousands of soldiers and organized an extensive search, but were unable to find any of the saboteurs. The successful action destroyed the facility and large quantities of heavy water.

**Many killed in bomb raid:** The heavy water plant was rebuilt and production restarted during the next 6 months. On the night of November 16, 1943, 140 US bombers swooped in over Rjukan and totally destroyed the Vemork power station and electrolyses plant and many people were killed. After that, the Germans gave up producing heavy water at Vemork.

**“Hydro” sinks to bottom of the Tinnsjø Lake:** A couple of months later, the saboteurs discovered that the Germans planned to ship all the semi-finished products from Vemork to research centers in Germany. Orders came by radio from London to destroy the cargo during transport. The weakest link was the journey by train ferry over the Tinnsjø Lake. An explosion in the bow sank the “Hydro” on February 20, 1944, and ended the last chapter in the story of heavy water in Norway. The sinking of the “Hydro” cost 4 Germans and 14 Norwegian lives.

The heavy water cargo was closely guarded at all times, but.” the boat that was to transport the shipment stood unwatched the night before. One of the 3 saboteurs had experimented with a timer and detonating mechanism, and he set the explosive to go off on a weekday when it was less passengers on the ferry. The ferry’s departure was unfortunately delayed so more Norwegian lives were lost than anticipated. The saboteurs downplayed the significance of their role in this action; they said that they just did what had to be done. Hollywood made a movie of this event “The Heroes of Telemark” with Kirk Douglas and Richard Harris.

# Nyheter fra Norge

(News from Norway)

## Divorce Announcement Grabs Attention

For years, Norwegians have submitted birth, wedding and death notices to local newspapers, just like people in many other countries around the world. Now a couple in Stavanger is breaking new ground in Norway, publishing a “divorce announcement” for the first time.

“Getting divorced is a part of life,” the new ex-wife, Anita Tajet, told newspaper *Stavanger Aftenblad*. I’m not at all embarrassed about my new status.”

Tajet and her now ex-husband Tom were formally divorced on March 9, 2010, after having been separated since December 15, 2008. They announced their divorce in the section of *Stavanger Aftenblad* usually reserved for more traditional sorts of personal ads.

The newspaper wrote about it, news bureau NTB picked up the story, and it’s since appeared in newspapers and on websites all over the country.

Tajet seem to be taking it all in stride, saying she thinks it was “just fine” to get her divorce in print.

## Cheerleading gains popularity

They’ve been an institution in the US for generations, but cheerleaders remain a rare breed in Norway.

Now, however, their ranks seem to be growing and cheerleading is emerging as a sport of its own.



Cheer team “Viqueens” of Oslo is ranked as Norway’s best

More than 1,000 active cheerleaders turned up for a weekend cheerleading tournament at the Brunstad Conference Center in Stokke, south of Oslo.

*Aftenposten* was on hand to cover the dancing, songs, cheers and acrobatics, and called it all “a spectacular, demanding sport.”

“Viqueens” will be competing at the World’s Championship in Orlando later on this year.