

# THE NAVIGATOR

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## RON BYRD OF ROALD AMUNDSEN LODGE WINS DISTRICT 6 FANE DESIGN CONTEST!

Unique Design Honors Member Lodges in Respective States.



*Ron Byrd*

The contest to design an official fane (banner) for Sons of Norway District 6 was won by **Ron Byrd**, a member of our own Roald Amundsen Lodge.

The announcement of the winning entry was made at the District 6 convention in San Ramon in June. Lodge President **Carol Francis** immediately called Ron on her cell phone to share the exciting news when the winning entry was announced.

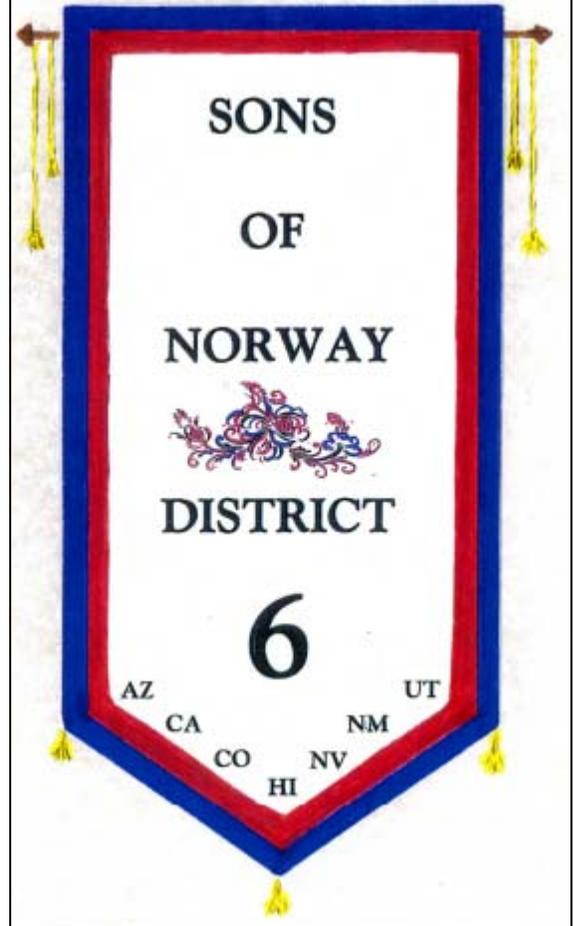
The fane will be made of fabric in a 3-foot by 6-foot size and will be displayed at future district and national conventions.

In explaining his design, Ron said, "The overall shape represents a Viking shield, for the history of Norway. The red, white, and blue border represents the flag of Norway and the rosemaling design represents the culture of Norway. The letters at the bottom of the banner are for the seven states that make up District 6."

The grand prize for the winner is a King Harald Medallion, which will be presented to Ron at the August Lodge meeting by President Carol Francis.

Ron and his wife, Cecelia, joined the lodge a year ago after moving to Folsom from Fresno, where he served as President of Scandia Lodge #75. He is currently Treasurer of the Folsom Garden Club and a member of the Friends of the Folsom Library. Ron is a retired college librarian.

Congratulations, Ron! The members of Roald Amundsen Lodge are justly proud of you!



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Roald Amundsen Lodge has four new members. They are:

**Rodney Short**  
**James Happs**  
**Jessica Brown**  
**Lorraine Hodorff**

Welcome! Lodge members in good standing who need the addresses of these new members for mailings, etc., can get them from **Carol Lee Solheim**.

**FROM ROALD AMUNDSEN LODGE 6-48 PRESIDENT CAROL FRANCIS:**



This has been a month where Sons of Norway has been my focus. Seven of us from Roald Amundsen served as delegates to the District 6 Sons of Norway convention in late June, and then I hosted a Board meeting at my home on July 8th. We are in the planning stages for fall activities, and also looking at the important issue of membership retention. I was deeply moved by the Memorial Service at Convention for deceased members in the last two years. Despite walking very slowly, I had to wait up front before placing a flower for our departed members due to the great number we have lost. While we can be proud of our Silver Award for lodge participation, we could gain a Gold award by increasing our membership yearly.

Convention got me thinking about what it means to be a member of Sons of Norway. My last District 6 Convention was twenty years ago, and I enjoyed getting reacquainted with the many lodges in our area. While local lodges vary greatly, it is easier to explain a local lodge than a district. We have our own meetings, social events, dinners, and cultural programs, to promote our Norwegian heritage on the local level. I actually live closer to Gulldalen Lodge in Grass Valley, and enjoy attending their events, giving me ideas for this lodge.

Sons of Norway is a large organization with eight regional districts, including Norway, and with insurance products and a charitable foundation. The District Board is the first-level governing body for local lodges, and the International Board governs all of the districts. Roald Amundsen Lodge 6-48 started out in District 2 (Pacific Northwest), but we were able to form our own district as membership grew in California, Arizona, Nevada, Utah and Colorado (Hawaii also). Our lodge has played an active part of District 6, and this continues at the present time. **Carol Lee Sol-**

**heim** is currently a very hardworking and dependable District Secretary. **Øystein Solheim, Jim Smith, and Tove-Lise Miller** have all served on the District Board, with Øystein and Jim serving four years each as International Directors.

Within District 6, we are part of Zone One, and I served as our zone representative on this year's convention "super" committee to evaluate three resolutions (with action taken): the size of the Camp Norge Recreation Board (nine instead of eleven members with one District 6 Board member instead of two); convention size (no change); and a membership dues increase (\$5 yearly to fund the District 6 Board). Our dues support our local lodge, District 6, the International Office, the Viking magazine and Camp Norge at Alta.



So what do we get from being part of a larger organization? Camp Norge and the Viking magazine are obvious answers, as is the district language camp. We also get referrals for members as people move, or visit family members in the area. How can we make our own Roald Amundsen Lodge even better? We will soon

participate in upcoming training on membership retention with two other lodges, and our web site [sonsofnorwaysacramento.com](http://sonsofnorwaysacramento.com) has brought us into the electronic era with increasing interest in membership and events.

To be a growing and vibrant lodge, we need your participation and ideas. We will soon start the nomination process for 2009 lodge officers. Hopefully you can attend or help at our upcoming events: Steak Dinner on Aug. 22nd; Scandinavian Festival on Sept. 13th; lodge potluck and speaker from Norway, plus kids reporting from language camp on Sept. 26th; and Lutefisk Dinner on Oct. 18th. Please feel free to contact me or other officers with your ideas and suggestions. Let's make 2009, our 90th year as a lodge, a great year! **Carol (Delegate photo info on page 4)**

**FEW WOMEN HONORED WITH STATE FUNERALS IN NORWAY**

**The Minister of Children & Equality vows to change this if it kills her.**

As someone has figured out, and as *Aftenposten* has reported, men account for 95 percent of those honored with state funerals in Norway.



*Typical state funeral*

Since the Second World War, 54 Norwegians have been buried at the State's expense. Only three of them were women.

Politicians account for the majority of those given a state funeral, according to Norwegian Broadcasting (NRK). Writers are the most respected among Norwegian artists. Six writers, two composers and one painter have been given state funerals during this period.

Norway's Minister of Children & Equality, **Anniken Huitfeldt**, is most upset by this inequality, and she wants a period of "catch up" to begin. She has promulgated a complicated policy that, more or less, provides for a state funeral for any female top government official that happens to die.

Furthermore, whenever such a death occurs, one other woman of the deceased person's choosing will receive, simultaneously, a state funeral. So, for every female death and state funeral, the "count" will actually increase by two.

Preferably, this lucky second woman will be deceased, but if she happens to still be alive she only has to remain very still throughout the funeral pageant, and remain buried for approximately two hours (until the last mourner departs). Once she has received a state funeral, she is never eligible for another. *(From Aftenposten, but with additional investigative reporting from Dick Tracysen, our independent news analyst.)*

**SIDEBARS FROM THE EDITOR:**

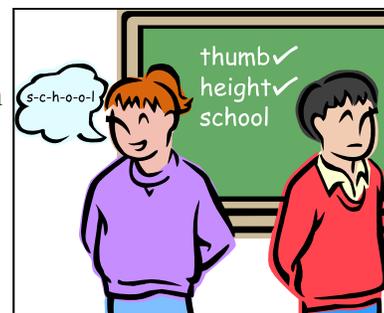
Norwegian golfer **Suzann Pettersen** finished second in the Wegmans LPGA golf tournament in June, held in Rochester, New York. Her combined score of 274 was good for a payday of \$183,986. First place finisher, Eun-Hee Ji of South Korea, finished two strokes better, for a payday of \$300,000. In some ways Pettersen's finish was disappointing, as she had entered the final round with a three-stroke lead.

More recently, on July 13<sup>th</sup>, Suzann won the Irish Open by five strokes for another great payday (€67,500)! Also of interest is that the second place winner was another Norwegian, **Marianne Skarpnord**. And golf is just considered to be an emerging sport in Norway...



*Pettersen and Skarpnord*

**Lodge children 10 and under!** Here is a challenge for you...If you can identify the grossly misspelled word in the Steak Fry flyer when your parents send in the reservation request (with the money for themselves)



for the event, your admission will be free, courtesy of the editor. Write the word, spelled correctly, on your reservation form (advance reservations only), and your name and age. (Carol Lee, please keep a count for me of all who qualify, and I will dig deep into my pocket when I arrive). Parents, if you help your children, we will have no way of knowing, but I trust you will have an uneasy feeling the next time you go to church...

**Lodge meetings...**The lodge board is considering

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**ADVANCE NOTICE –  
LODGE POTLUCK DINNER!**

The lodge is planning a potluck dinner to be held Friday evening, Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>. There will be a social hour beginning at 5:30 pm, with the dinner line opening at 6:30 pm. Attendees should bring a potluck item to share; the lodge will supply drinks, plates, and utensils.

The program will include reports from the children who attended the summer language camp at Camp Norge, and a DVD about the camp. More information next month...

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO  
HELP WITH STEAK DINNER**

The lodge steak dinner is fast approaching on Friday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, and volunteers are needed to help in the kitchen and with clean up after the event. If you are available to help, call either **Joe or LaRena Hannon** at 916-451-3853. Refer to the flyer elsewhere in this newsletter.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR  
SCANDINAVIAN FESTIVAL**

Planning is underway for the Scandinavian Festival to be held on Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, at the Divine Savior Catholic Church, 9079 Greenback Lane, Orangevale, CA (Two blocks east of Hazel Avenue). For additional information refer to the flyer elsewhere in this newsletter. Support our lodge by attending this event. Volunteers are needed to help setup for the event the night before, cook /serve Viking-on-a Stick, help at the Beverage Table, make Norwegian cookies or cake and/or help sell at the Bake Table; help is also needed to clean up after the event. Share the load with other lodge members by volunteering. Call either **Joe or LaRena Hannon** at 916-451-3853.

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dropping the August meeting in 2009, which would reduce the annual monthly meeting count to ten (already there is no meeting in July).

**Dues increase...**The District 6 board has approved a \$5 per annum dues increase for memberships renewing on or after January 1, 2009.



**Scandinavian Festival on September 13<sup>th</sup>... Joe Hannon** of Roald Amundsen is chairing the whole event. The lodge is going to need help with the bake table, Viking on a Stick," and the beverage table. Please volunteer, or accept a job when Joe calls...



The new venue, Divine Savior Catholic Church, reportedly has better facilities for such an event. The location is easy – it really is only four miles from where we have lodge meetings.

**90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner...**Roald Amundsen Lodge will be 90 next year. A celebratory dinner will be held in April, 2009.

**District 6 Public Relations Officer...** A new one was elected at the District 6 convention, and her name is **Wendy Winkelman**, wendyathadeland@yahoo.com. **Jack Johnson** has retired from the post.

**Multi-Lodge Picnic...** Note that the start time on August 17<sup>th</sup> is 1:00 pm. This is a slight change from the information contained on an earlier flyer...

**Report from the Gulldalen Lodge talent show held on July 9<sup>th</sup>:** the lodge's new insurance rep, **Don Waage**, took first place in the cherry pit spitting contest. According to **Carol Francis**, he was a very good sport, and had excellent technique. Carol made her Sons of Norway singing debut with three songs. A fun night, she reports.

The photo on page 2 shows **Carol Francis, Cynthia Hayashi, Jim Smith, Ann Sandner, Ingrid Sceals, and Joe and LaRena Hannon.**

**SOMETIMES OUR NORWEGIAN BRETHREN GET IT WRONG?****(You decide....)*****Irena Sendler as a young woman.***

**Irena Sendler** was buried in Warsaw, Poland, this past May 15<sup>th</sup>. She was the last survivor of the Children's Section of the Żegota Council for Assistance to the Jews, which she had headed from January 1943 until the end of World War II.

During World War II Irena was an activist in the Polish Underground and the Żegota Polish anti-Holocaust resistance in Warsaw. She helped save 2,500 Jewish children from the Warsaw Ghetto by providing them with false documents and sheltering them in individual and group children's homes outside the Ghetto.

During the World War II German occupation of Poland, Sendler lived in Warsaw while working for the city's Social Welfare Department. She started helping Jews a long time before the Warsaw Ghetto was established. As early as 1939, when the Germans invaded Poland, she surreptitiously assisted Jews by offering them food and shelter. Irena and her helpers made over 3,000 false documents for Jewish families. Helping Jews was very risky — in German-occupied Poland, all household members were punished by death if a hidden Jew was found in their house. This punishment was more severe than those applied in other occupied European countries.

In December 1942, the newly created Children's Section of the Żegota (Council for Aid to Jews), nominated her to head its children's department. As an employee of the Social Welfare Department, she had a special permit to enter the Warsaw Ghetto, to check for signs of typhus, something the Nazis feared would spread beyond the ghetto. During the visits, she wore a Star of David as a sign of solidarity with the Jewish people and so as not to call attention to herself.

She cooperated with the Children's Section of the Municipal Administration, linked with the RGO (Central Welfare Council), a Polish Relief Organization tolerated under German supervision. She organized the smuggling of Jewish children from the Ghetto, carry-

ing them out in boxes, suitcases and trolleys. Under the pretext of conducting inspections of sanitary conditions during a typhoid outbreak, Sendler visited the Ghetto and smuggled out babies and small children in ambulances and trams, sometimes disguising them as packages. She also used the old courthouse at the edge of the Warsaw Ghetto (still standing) as one of the main routes of smuggling children out. The children were placed with Polish families, the Warsaw orphanage of the Sisters of the Family of Mary or Roman Catholic convents such as the *Sisters Little Servants of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Mary* at Turkowice and Chotomów. Some were smuggled to priests in parish rectories where they could be further hidden. She hid lists of their names in jars, in order to keep track of their original and new identities. Żegota assured the children that, when the war was over, they must be returned to Jewish relatives.

In 1943, Sendler was arrested by the Gestapo, severely tortured, and sentenced to death. Żegota saved her by bribing German guards on the way to her execution. She was left in the woods, unconscious and with broken arms and legs. She was listed on public bulletin boards as among those executed. For the remainder of the war, she lived in hiding, but continued her work for the Jewish children. After the war, she dug up the jars containing the children's identities and began an attempt to find the children and return them to living parents. However, almost all the children's parents had died at the Treblinka extermination camp.

In 1965, Sendler was recognized by Yad Vashem as a ***Righteous Among the Nations***, which was confirmed in 1983 by the Israeli Supreme Court. She also was awarded the Commanders Cross by the Israeli Institute.

In 2003, **Pope John Paul II** sent a personal letter to

***Irena in her nurse's uniform.****(Continued on page 6)*

**HELPING HANDS TO MEMBERS GRANTS**

Dear members,

The **Sons of Norway Foundation** has been called upon to help three Sons of Norway families who were affected by the June floods in Iowa. Members from Restauration 1-548, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Solglimt 1-547, Cedar Rapids, Iowa and Marsteinen 1-596, Des Moines, Iowa were impacted. Our Humanitarian Fund offers "Helping Hands to Member" Grants for \$750 for current members who lose their homes to natural disasters. These three families were displaced from their homes

severe June ing. The that were show the tion such an cause. It is heartbreak-

All three are setting task of re- their lives

and have very positive outlooks. They are remarkable people. The grant recipients all want me to pass on their sincere thank you's for your support both financially and for your well wishes.

Sons of Norway cares about each and every member. It is the true meaning of fraternal. Our Foundation stands ready to offer assistance in these times of natural disaster to help our members with their recovery. You, our Sons of Norway family, through your generous donations to the Sons of Norway Foundation Humanitarian Fund, have made this assistance possible.

Respectfully, **Cindy Olson**, Director, Sons of Norway Foundation, colson@sofn.com



*Typical Cedar Rapids flooding scene*

during the flood- photos sent to me devasta- event can truly ing.

families about the building and homes

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Sendler, praising her wartime efforts.



*Irena Sendler in 2005.*

On 10 October 2003, Irena Sendler received the Order of the White Eagle, Poland's highest civilian decoration. She was also awarded the Jan Karski Award "For Courage and Heart," given by the American Center of Polish Culture in Washington, D.C.

On 14 March 2007 Sendler was honored by Poland's Senate. Polish President **Lech Kaczyński** stated that she "can justly be nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize" (though nominations are supposed to be kept secret). You may recall that the Nobel Peace Prize is the only one given out by the Norwegian Parliament – the other five Nobel Prize selections are made by Swedes.

At age 97, she was unable to leave her nursing home to receive the honor, but she sent a statement through **Elżbieta Ficowska**, whom Sendler had saved as an infant. Considerable publicity accompanied the nomination of Sendler for the Nobel Peace Prize. Although failed nominees for the award are not publicly announced by the Nobel organization for 50 years, this publicity focused a spotlight upon Sendler and her wartime contribution.

The 2007 award, however, was presented to an American politician, **Al Gore**, for narrating a slide show on "Climate Change." Sendler died about a month later. *(Adapted from Wikipedia by the editor, with much of the information checked with other sources.)*



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**ACTIVE MEMBER ROY MYER DIES AT 74**

**Roy J. Myer**, known to many in the lodge because of his accordion-playing at social events, passed away on July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008. He was on a trip to St. Petersburg, Russia when he had a stroke. He was transported back to Sacramento, but died five days later.

Roy is survived by his loving wife of 48 years, Elaine, and other family members. He was a graduate of CSU, Sacramento, and was a scholarship attendee at the University of Oslo in Norway. After military service in the U.S. Army he taught grades 7 - 12 for 35 years in the SCUSD, and eventually retired from teaching U.S. history and Russian at McClatchy High School. He continued teaching Russian at Winterstein Adult Center until this past June.

According to the notice in the Sacramento Bee, Roy was one to "seize the moment" and enjoy life



*Roy playing at a Roald Amundsen event in 2006.*

to the fullest. Besides his family, friends, students and teaching, what he loved most were his cats, music, Norway, his VW Cabriolet, reading, foreign travel and making people laugh. He sang songs in several languages and played many instruments: piano, guitar, balalaika, accordion, button accordion, banjo, mandolin, bouzouki and ukulele.

A graveside service was held at East Lawn Memorial Park, 4300 Folsom Boulevard on July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Remembrances may be made to Happy Tails Pet Sanctuary, 721 56th Street, 95819; Arden/Dimick Library, 891 Watt Ave., 95864; or Sons of Norway Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 3734, Citrus Heights, CA 95611.

**LODGE MEMBER ERLING OLSON DIES AT 90**

**Erling George Olson** was born in 1918 to farmers in Wildrose, N.D. He was the third of five sons reared by Norwegian immigrants who homesteaded 320 acres on the Great Plains near the Canadian border. He joined the CCC to help support his family during the Great Depression and saved enough money to attend the University of North Dakota. While in the CCC, he planted bushes and trees to help stop soil erosion that decimated family farms in the Dust Bowl. He also played semiprofessional baseball in Minnesota, including an exhibition game against famed Negro Leagues pitcher Satchel Paige, his family told the Sacramento Bee.



Later, Mr. Olson left college to enlist as a Navy pilot during World War II and eventually attained the rank of Lieutenant Commander. He flew with the famed Black Cat squadron in PBV amphibious planes painted black to avoid detection during nighttime missions in the South Pacific. The squadron bombed Japanese cargo vessels and dropped powerful flares to illuminate a ship convoy known as the Tokyo Express so that other U.S.

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**AWARDS TO THE ROALD AMUNDSEN MEMBERS AND LODGE AT THE DISTRICT 6 CONVENTION**



*Karen Nelson's rosemaling wins first place. Cynthia Hayashi's cross-stitch wins People's Choice Award. Sharon Mahnken's wood-working wins first place.*

**THE EDITOR SEARCHES FOR NORWEGIANS IN MEXICO****But he doesn't find any...**

When a man journeys into a far country, he must be prepared to forget many of the things he has learned, and to acquire such customs as are inherent in the existence in the new land; he must abandon the old ideals and the old gods, and oftentimes he must reverse the very codes by which his conduct has hitherto been shaped. To those who have the protean faculty of adaptability, the novelty of such change may even be a source of pleasure; but to those who happen to be hardened in the ruts in which they were created, the pressure of the altered environment is unbearable, and they chafe in body and in spirit under the new restrictions which they do not understand. This chafing is bound to act and react, producing divers evils and leading to various misfortunes. It were better for the man who cannot fit himself to the new groove to return to his own country; if he delay too long, he will surely die. – Jack London, *In a Far Country*, 1900.

Your editor (yours truly) recently spent three weeks in Mexico, most of it in the colonial city of Morelia. I lived with a non-English-speaking Mexican family for over two weeks while I attended a Spanish language school. I went to school for three hours per day, studying grammar for two hours and conversation for one hour. My classes were "one on one," and the instructors were excellent. After school and completion of a little homework, I wandered the city, viewing sights, stopping for coffee or a meal, etc.

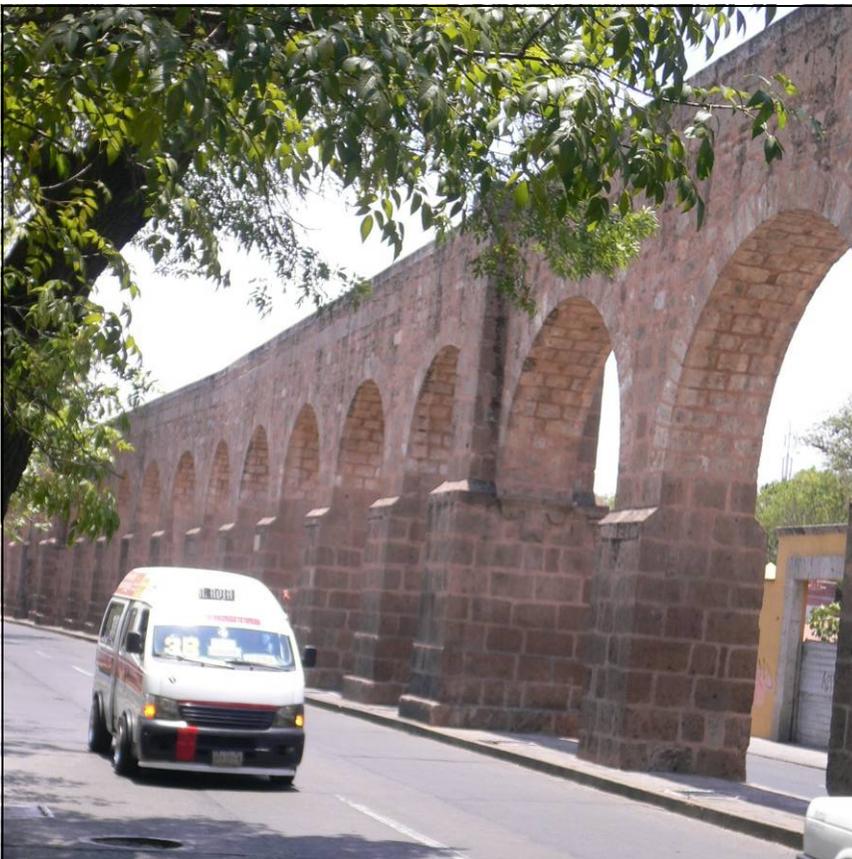
The school also teaches English to local Mexican students, and so several times I was able to "rap" with them – the pattern would be first a half hour in Spanish, and then a half hour in English. I found that these young students had high aspirations; most were going to the regular university, plus studying English, and working.

There was only one European student there – a Belgian – and I must say he spoke English better than I do.

The extended metropolitan area population of Morelia is about one million. All of the downtown buildings were constructed in the 18<sup>th</sup> or early 19<sup>th</sup> centuries, or earlier. The city is a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage Site. The downtown is *alive* (do not think: Sacramento). There are always many people, including families with children, street entertainers, and vendors in the downtown "Plaza de los Martires" (Plaza of the Martyrs). The adjacent cathedral is one of the grandest in Mexico. The hotels and restaurants surrounding the plaza have overhanging porticos, under which it is stylish to sit and take a small meal, or drink coffee or beer, and visit with friends.

I enjoyed the entire experience. The altitude (6,300 feet) did not seem to bother me. The food was excellent – lots of fresh fruit. The people were friendly. There is a

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**Morelia's aqueduct, constructed in the 1700s but "dry" since 1910, still graces the center of Avenida Acueducto.**

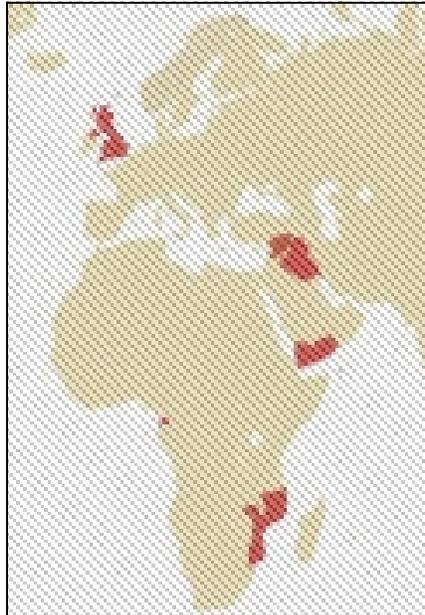
**Norway News...**  
**NORWEGIAN COMPANIES USE THEIR OIL EXTRACTION TALENTS**  
**THROUGHOUT THE WORLD**

**While the US, at high cost, polices Iraq, Norwegians extract oil there...**

While American politicians dither about what to do about Iraq, about the need for an energy policy, and dream about windmills, solar panels, fuel cells, etc., Norwegians, who live in one of the most oil-endowed nations of the world, are continually on the lookout for even more petroleum.

Right now a small Norwegian company, DNO International ASA, is wildcatting in Kurdistan, the northern area of Iraq. Oil is so plentiful there it seeps from the ground in places. The Kurds enjoy almost complete autonomy within Iraq, and make their own oil deals with foreign companies.

DNO definitely took great risks to establish its presence in Kurdistan. They had to make deals to bring in Chinese equipment to establish their



*Locations in Europe, the Middle-east, and Africa where Norwegian companies are exploring for oil.*

wells, and in general, shoulder all up-front costs. But, the government permits them to take an 18% profit – the standard deal in Kurdistan.

DNO now controls three tracts of land, for drilling purposes, covering an area the size of Rhode Island. The company thinks the tracts may contain more than a billion barrels of oil. The Norwegians on site are modern day "cowboys," riding around the area in their Land Rovers and wearing Stetson hats.

Their beachhead seems to be established, but risks remain. Their stock is off 21% since a year ago because of pipeline problems, but nevertheless, the story is dramatic. If this interests you, check out their web site at <http://www.dno.no/About-DNO/>.

**(MORELIA** *Continued from page 9*)  
sizeable middle class – the morning rush hour is hectic, with many commuting in expensive vehicles. There were few Americans there, but the area is visited by many Mexican tourists. My Spanish improved. By the way, there currently are direct flights to Morelia from Sacramento on Mexicana; many persons originally from the Morelia area live in and around Sacramento.

I spent the last three days in the Pacific Coast resort city of Ixtapa. If anyone is considering a vacation there, I would be happy to give them some tips. For three weeks, at least, I hopefully had "the protean faculty of adaptability."



*Morelia's famed cathedral, on Saturday night, when they close the avenue and gradually turn on the cathedral lights, accompanied by fireworks and music.*

**A LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR OF AGENCIES:**

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June 2, 2008

Dear Roald Amundsen Lodge Member:

I am very pleased to announce the appointment of Don Waage as a Financial Benefits Counselor with Sons of Norway. Don resides in Roseville, California.

Don has been in the insurance and financial service business for over 20 years and owns his own agency in Roseville, California.

Don is a welcome addition to Sons of Norway, which, as you know, is a Fraternal Benefit Society that offers both cultural and financial benefits. Don's primary job is to visit with our lodge members about their financial planning needs and see where Sons of Norway financial products might be of help. He will also be recruiting new members for your lodge.

Don plans to see you at upcoming lodge meetings and will also be available to share with you how Sons of Norway can help you and members of your household accomplish your financial goals. He will be calling on you soon to introduce himself.

If you would like to contact Don, he can be reached toll-free at 866-828-0210, or 916-788-8412, or by email at [don.waage@gmail.com](mailto:don.waage@gmail.com).

I sincerely hope that you will give Don a warm welcome.

Sincerely,

Leonard S. Carlson, FIC, CLU  
Director of Agencies

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P.S. I am simply adding more Financial Benefits Counselors to service the needs of our members in California. Carl Ingvaldstad is working many other lodges, plus if you wish to call Carl, you certainly can.

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*At the convention, lodge member Sharon Mahnken contributes \$5,000 to Camp Norge!*

Welcome, Don.

*At the Convention: Roald Amundsen Lodge receives Special Recognition Silver Merit Award for 2007 (shown), as well as one for 2006.*





Past President Joe Hannon was awarded this certificate for 2007, and an identical one for 2006, at the recent District 6 convention.

The Navigator was awarded this certificate.

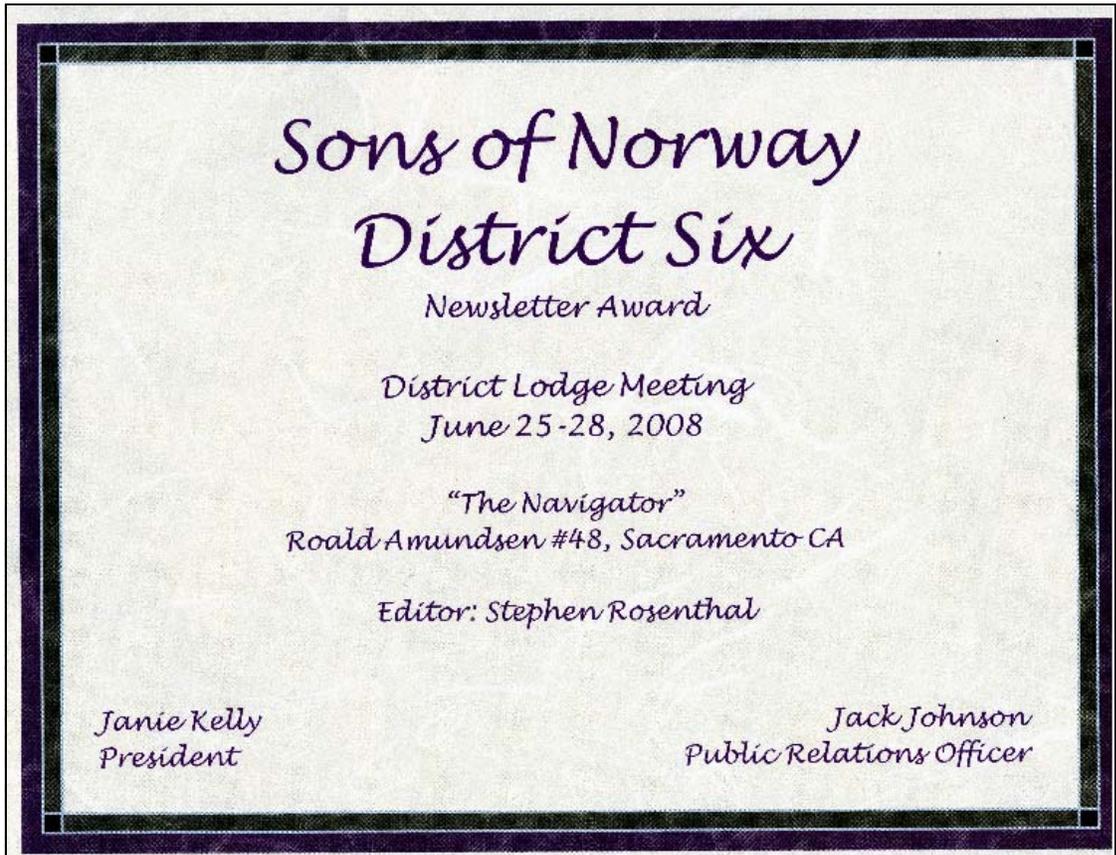
E-mail, May 23, 2008

Hi Steve,

Nice newsletter, as always. I especially enjoyed reading about Andrew Furuseth. He was a remarkable man. There is a biography about him called "The Abraham Lincoln of the Sea" which was written by a member of Henrik Ibsen lodge in San Francisco, Arnold Berwick. It's a great book that I highly recommend to anyone wanting to learn more about Andrew Furuseth.

Janie

*Janie Kelly  
President  
District Six  
Sons of Norway*



*Janie Kelly  
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Public Relations Officer*

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aircraft could attack it. In the mid-1990s, Mr. Olson was among Black Cat veterans who received belated Navy honors for their service at a ceremony on the USS Kitty Hawk aircraft carrier in San Diego.

After the war, he used his GI Bill benefits to finish his bachelor's degree in business at UC Berkeley after which, in 1954, he bought a new tract home in Carmichael.

Married to the former Doris Janet Thomas since 1948, he and his wife reared four children. While their children were growing up, he was active in administration and coaching for the Mission Little League.

Erling sold sawmill equipment for Capital Machine and Welding Works for more than 20 years. He also was a social worker for the Sacramento County Department of Welfare.

Erling died on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. He was reported to be a wonderful family man, and the members of Roald Amundsen Lodge send their heartfelt condolences to his surviving family members. (*Editor's note – There was a more complete article about him in the Sacramento Bee, which interested members should be able to locate in the Bee archives.*)

## *Multi-Lodge Picnic at Camp Norge*

1 PM, Sunday August 17, 2008

All Northern California Lodges are invited

Hosted by Snowshoe Thompson Lodge, Yuba City

Host will purchase hamburgers, hot dogs, buns and condiments, and do the barbecuing.

Attendees will provide their own place settings, drinks and a side dish for sharing.

Food serving starts about 1:30 pm.

Cost is \$6.00 per person which includes \$3.00 for day use camp fee and \$3.00 for the barbecued food. Collection will be made at Camp Norge.

Campers are encouraged to come early and stay longer (no day use fee for you for the picnic).

Host will appreciate help in cleanup/put away task.

RSVP from each lodge indicating (1) total number attending and (2), total number eating barbecued food. Send info to Rich Moe at [rgmoe@comcast.net](mailto:rgmoe@comcast.net) or call 530-755-4640 **by August 11.**

**Bring friends and neighbors and enjoy the Great Outdoors at Camp Norge!**

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September 13, 2008  
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**ANNUAL STEAK DINNER**

**STEAK, BAKED POTATO, CORN ON THE COB,  
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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**DATE: FRIDAY, AUGUST 22, 2008**

**TIME: 5:30 PM APPERTIZERS**

**6:30 PM DINNER**

**PLACE: 5944 SAN JUAN AVENUE, CITRUS HEIGHTS**



**ADULTS - S/N MEMBERS: \$17  
ADULTS - NON MEMBERS: \$20  
CHILDREN 10 AND UNDER: \$5**

**RESERVATIONS  
REQUESTED BY  
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