

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### Gratulerer med Thanksgiving

We had a marvelous Lutefisk and Meatballs Dinner October 29th. About 90 attended and we had plenty of wonderful and tasty dishes for all. Special thanks go to Kirsten Wyatt and her daughters April and Katrina, and LaRena and Joe Hannon for their leadership in the kitchen, Carol Lee Solheim for appetizers, tomatoes and cucumbers and reservations, Tove-Lise Miller for the



meatballs, Edna Johnson for cookies, and all those who lent a hand for cleanup. There were many appreciative comments. After dinner we enjoyed Carol Francis's presentation on her trip to Iceland and Greenland and a summary of her thesis on what happened to the lost Viking colony of Greenland (They didn't go to Minnesota). Thanks again to all.

Next is the Lodge Meeting on November 8th at the Masonic Lodge. The program will feature Professor Gunnar Hartvigsen of the University of Tromsø, visiting at UC Davis, who will discuss the use of telemedicine to extend the provision of medical care. We will also hold elections for next years officers. Most incumbents have agreed to return with the following exceptions: Carol Francis will replace Joe Hannon as Counselor, Dee Ann Schmoltzer replaces Carol Francis as Publicity Director and vacancies remain at publication for Social Director, Assistant Social Director, and Vice-President. If new members are present, they may be installed.

Do remember the Viking Fest on November 19th (see enclosed flier): Please respond to Ron Byrd or me to work at the event or in the kitchen.

Coming soon: The Juleboard on December 10th at Lutheran Church of Master (please see enclosed flier) and the Family (Kids) Christmas Party on December 18th at the Carmichael Park Community Center (additional details in next month's Navigator). Both are tasty and heartwarming events. Hope to see you there.

Mange takk.

David Bailey, President

## your lodge officers

President	David Bailey
Vice President	OPEN
Secretary	Carol Lee Solheim
Recording Secretary	Lyla Hanson
Treasurer	Stephen Rosenthal
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Counselor	Joe Hannon
Social Director	Cecelia Byrd
Marshall	Patricia Harriman
Youth Director	Jessica Brown
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Librarian	Carol Lee Solheim
Historian	Gordon Hanson
Musician	Janet Moe
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	Jeanette Braafladt
Sports Director	Ann Sandner
Cultural Director	LaRena Hannon
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Publisher	Bob Dahl
Web Master	Nancy Ottum
Publicity Director	Carol Francis
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1-year	Joe Hannon
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	Ingrid Sceals

## our mission

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

## lodge meetings

Join us at 7:00p.m. on the **second Tuesday of each month** to learn about your Norwegian heritage and how the Sons of Norway can benefit you and your family. It costs nothing to visit. See the Sons of Norway Sacramento website for membership information.

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

San Juan Masonic Center  
5944 San Juan Ave.  
Citrus Heights, CA



## REMINDERS

We always need help running events.  
Consider volunteering at your lodge!



Next lodge meeting is Tuesday, Nov. 8.

Professor Gunnar Hartvigsen of the University of Tromsø will discuss the use of telemedicine to extend the provision of medical care. We will hold elections for next years officers. We will also be initiating our new members. Come and welcome them to our lodge!



## FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday, December 18, 2-4 pm

Carmichael Park Clubhouse  
5750 Grant Ave, Carmichael.  
Bring children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, young at heart. (A Flier will be in next month's Navigator.)

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## King Harald V and Queen Sonja Visit the United States

As you may have heard, Minnesota just wrapped up the Royal visit of King Harald V and Queen Sonja of Norway. Over the course of Their eight day visit, Their Majesties visited St Olaf, Augsburg College, the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Enger Tower in Duluth and a Sons of Norway lodge!

During Their time here, They had a chance to meet many Minnesotans and Sons of Norway members, which obviously had an impact because at a banquet in his honor, the King went so far as to say “And I am grateful to the Sons of Norway and the many other organizations that preserve Norwegian heritage and traditions. Norway looks to its Sons and Daughters in the United States as a bridge between our two cultures.”

If that weren't enough, Their Majesties also spent time at a Sons of Norway lodge in Duluth, where they were introduced to members and our International Board of Directors. During the event, there were speeches by various dignitaries, including our very own International President, Dan Rude. After that, King Harald V and Queen Sonja were escorted around the room and introduced to a number of members in attendance.

Sons of Norway was proud to be asked to play a significant role in Their visit and looking back, we can say without a doubt that this Royal visit was a great success.



PHOTO: SØLVE SUNDSBØ / THE ROYAL COURT

## Ban Hails Refugee Champion Fridtjof Nansen As Bearer Of World's Conscience

Edited from UN News Centre

Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon today hailed the renowned Norwegian explorer and refugee champion Fridtjof Nansen, on the 150th anniversary of his birth, as the very embodiment of the world's collective conscience that brings succour to the downtrodden, the afflicted and the oppressed.

“The greatest barriers in life are not walls around buildings, but walls around hearts,” he told a ceremony in Oslo, Norway's capital, commemorating the “great global citizen” who was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, served as the League of Nations' first High Commissioner for Refugees, and has given his name to the UN High Commissioner for Refugees' annual Nansen Refugee Award for outstanding work on behalf of refugees.

“Gaze on the face of Fridtjof Nansen. It is the very embodiment of strength and human fortitude,” Mr. Ban said, stressing that the collective conscience springs from a basic human instinct for solidarity—the recognition that we are one human family on this planet Earth. “The man was a hero, to be sure. He climbed high mountains and traversed the Arctic vastness.”

For those of us at the UN, however, he is a hero for the larger and enduring example he set. Like few others, he helped give birth to our modern collective conscience. Amid the revolutions and conflict of the last century, he was there – the first High

Commissioner for Refugees at the League of Nations.

“When Jews and other stateless refugees fled the Nazi persecution, the Nansen Pass was a ticket to survival. Today, the United Nations feeds and shelters a new generation of the homeless and unwanted. We do so in the name and spirit of Fridtjof Nansen. We do so in the name of our collective conscience.”

Mr. Ban, who was in Oslo to attend an energy conference aimed at mobilizing private capital and public resources to bring sustainable energy to three billion people that still lack it, also paid tribute to the dozens of people who died on 22 July as a result of that day's bomb attack in Oslo and gun assault on a nearby holiday island.

“Norway responded to devastation with democracy, to intolerance with inclusion,” he said at the site. “Norway is grieving – but Norway is giving. I am confident you will continue reaching out to the world and lifting up humanity. There is no more fitting memorial than that.”

During the day Mr. Ban held bilateral meetings with Prime Minister Jens Stoltenberg and other top officials, discussing Libya and the Middle East, next year's Rio+20 Conference on sustainable Development, and strengthening the UN to meet today's complex challenges. He praised the Government's commitment to multilateralism, and later addressed the Norwegian Parliament's committees on foreign affairs and constitutional affairs.

## WE CELEBRATE LIFE ...



“My dad reading the paper.”

The photo (taken by daughter Janice Bailey) won 1st place in the portrait division at the Dixon May Fair.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO BARNEY BORDSEN!

Dad received his Navigator today and he always looks forward to reading it. My Dad is Barney Bordsen (life time member) and he will turn 98 on November 19th. (1913). He is in good health and really alert and reads the paper every day and can't wait for the *Norwegian American Weekly* to arrive.

When he was much younger and active in the lodge he used to cook the fish for the annual lutefisk and meatball dinner, when the lodge was located in north Sacramento. He was always busy doing something. My mother Katherine Bordsen painted a picture of Roald Amundsen that hung in the lodge in north Sacramento for many years. I too was active when I was younger: the three of us went on a Sons of Norway Charter trip to Norway in 1963. My daughter's wedding was held at the lodge.

— Janice Bailey, Daughter

## ... AND LIVES WELL LIVED.

### Lois Walker



Lois Walker passed away Mon., Oct. 24 at home surrounded by family.

Since 1983, Lois was a member of Victory Lodge #43 in Vallejo California. In addition, she was a regular visitor at Andrew Furuseth Lodge #49 in Richmond, a member of the Viking Travelers RV Group, and the California Rosemalers Association. She was a staunch supporter of everything Rosemaling and of Camp Norge. She was assistant Rosemaling Teacher at the District 6 Language /Heritage Camp for 5 years and was instrumental in developing the love of Rosemaling in many a young camper. Lois had a beautiful, ready smile, and a magic brush that could help fix any mistake. She was supportive and encouraging to the young campers and earned their respect and love with her kind ways.

Lois was the Lefse Lady in Victory Lodge, and the keeper of protocol, culture and heritage. A frequent visitor to many local lodges, and a participant in every Rosemaling class available, she was well known and admired by all who knew her. Sons of Norway has lost a very productive and popular member.

— *Memories from Penny Joseph Knudsen*

Donations to Camp Norge in Lois' memory should be sent to Karen Hansen, c/o Sons of Norway, P. O. Box 5562, Vallejo, California 94591, specifically marked for the **Stabbur Fund** in memory of Lois Walker.



### Wanda Reiersgaard Collins

Published in *The Sacramento Bee* (edited)

Wanda Reiersgaard Collins was born May 13, 1927 in Petaluma, California. When she was young her family moved to Thief River Falls, Minnesota where Wanda graduated from high school. As a young adult she attended Santa Rosa Junior College in California, where she was named outstanding woman graduate of California by the Alpha Gamma Sigma Society. She earned a Bachelors and a Master of Social Work Degrees from UC Berkeley.

She worked as a psychiatric social worker in a San Francisco mental health clinic, a field instructor of graduate students at UC Berkeley School of Social Welfare, Dean of the College of Social Work at CSU, Sacramento where she continued her career as a Professor of Social Work. She was an advocate for poor and disadvantaged people.

Wanda was a leader in the National Association of Social Work. In 1965, she joined a protest action in support of social workers who defied punitive practices, became a Vice President of the San Francisco Chapter

(1966), President of the California Council of Chapters in 1970s, President of the California Chapter (1987-88) and Board of Directors of the National Association of Social Workers (1973-75).

Wanda Collins was a long-time member of our lodge, and enjoyed several visits to Norway. She was active in Viking Sisters, and became more active in other lodge events after her retirement. She was a long-time member of the Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer in Carmichael and was a former member of Saint John's Lutheran Church where she sang in the choir, was active in the church activities, and served as President of Women of the ELCA.

Wanda was passionate about her love of animals, especially her dogs, most recently Sheba and Hannah. Her care for animals led her to become a vegetarian, which she practiced and supported for thirty-plus years.

Wanda is survived by her sister Linda Barney of Leesburg, Florida and her niece Sue Hornik of Bellport, New York.

**Sons of Norway's  
Roald Amundsen Lodge Presents**



# VIKING FEST

**WHEN: November 19, 2011  
Saturday 10:00 am to 2:00 pm**

**WHERE: SAN JUAN MASONIC HALL**  
5944 San Juan Ave.  
Citrus Heights, CA

Folk Dancing, Crafts, Demonstrations  
Open Faced Sandwiches, Fish Soup, Vikings on a Stick, Baked Goods  
and more.  
Scandinavian Merchandise, Food Goods and Candies

## **ADMISSION FREE**

For Information Contact: Florence Smith  
916.783.8830

### **Make Our Dinners Extra Special for You!**

We encourage everyone who comes to our dinners to bring their own place settings.

- No trying to cut meat with a plastic knife, then have the fork break
- Wine is just better in a glass
- Saves the lodge money
- Keeps plastic and styrofoam out of the landfill
- Makes all the meals special and festive

**Roald Amundsen Lodge & Sons of Norway**

**Invite You to Attend Its Annual**



***Julebord – Traditional Norwegian Christmas Dinner***

**Saturday, December 10, 2011**

**Social Hour at 5:00 p.m. and Dinner at 6:00 p.m.**

**The evening will feature a program on St. Lucia  
with a special tribute**



**Celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of  
Roald Amundsen's Arrival at the South Pole  
on December 14, 1911**

Please join us at : **Lutheran Church of the Master** 1900 Potrero Way Sacramento

**Menu: Norwegian Appetizers - Cider Christmas Toast - Pork Roast - Medisterkaker (Pork Meatballs -  
Herring - Surkal (Sweet & Sour Cabbage) - Seasonal Vegetables - Red Potatoes -  
Beet Salad - Cucumber Salad - Fish Aspice - Desserts - Lefse - Coffee**

**Please bring a small item or two to donate to the drawing for door prizes**

**Note : Deadline to make reservations is December 1, 2011. Make check payable to : Sons of Norway**

Mail reservations to Carol Lee Solheim, 3570 Vista Grande, Shingle Springs, CA 95682  
Questions? Contact Carolee Lee at 530-677-2006 email: solheim2636@earthlink.net  
www.sonsofnorwaysacramento.com



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Please reserve the following tickets for the "Julebord" Dec. 10 Tickets will be held at the door for you.

Lodge Member name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Non- Lodge Member name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

# of Members _____	at \$17.00 each	Total \$ _____
# of Non-members _____	at \$20.00 each	Total \$ _____
# of Child tickets _____	at \$8.00 each	Total \$ _____
<b>Grand Total \$</b>		_____



## SIXTH DISTRICT "CENTURY CLUB"

### SONS OF NORWAY

An auxiliary of the 6<sup>th</sup> District Recreation Center Board  
To "ALL LODGES and MEMBERS" of District Six:

The Century Club invites individuals and Lodges to become members of our group and help support the maintenance of **Camp Norge**. The Club has been in existence since October 1996. In 1999, there were 86 members and, as of this date there are 53 members. It is amazing how faithful so many people are. Some of our members have never been to Camp Norge, yet they know how worthwhile it is for our future generations to have a place they can call their own.

Half of the dues collected go directly to Camp Norge, and the other half goes into savings with the Sons of Norway. The goal is to grow this savings into a large enough fund to take care of the maintenance of the Camp, without any other help. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (805)642-0880.

Sincerely,  
Ordale Johnson, President

**Century Club Application →**



Sons of Norway's 2011 Limited Edition Christmas Ornament

# Valdres Rose

This year's ornament is a limited edition and will only be available for a short time, so order yours now! This special keepsake is only \$14.99 plus tax and shipping & handling. To order yours today, call (800) 945-8851.



**\$14.99** each

# CENTURY CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Mr. Ms. Mrs. (circle one)

(Name) \_\_\_\_\_

(Address) \_\_\_\_\_

(City) \_\_\_\_\_ (State) \_\_\_\_\_ (Zip) \_\_\_\_\_

(Home Phone) \_\_\_\_\_ (Work Phone) \_\_\_\_\_

(e-mail address) \_\_\_\_\_

(Lodge affiliation) \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING AS  
MEMBERS OF THE CENTURY CLUB:

(Name) \_\_\_\_\_ (Lodge) \_\_\_\_\_

(Name) \_\_\_\_\_ (Lodge) \_\_\_\_\_

(Name) \_\_\_\_\_ (Lodge) \_\_\_\_\_

**ENCLOSED IS PAYMENT OF THE ANNUAL DUES  
(\$1000/MEMBER) REQUIRED TO  
JOIN THE CENTURY CLUB.**

(No.) \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$100 \_\_\_\_\_ (Total)

*Make checks payable to:*  
"Sixth District Century Club"

*Mail to:*  
Lise Fleming, Treasurer  
Century Club  
1104 Alamosa Dr.  
Claremont, CA 91711  
lisefors@earthlink.net

## THE CENTURY CLUB SUPPORTS CAMP NORGE



The meadow at Camp Norge offers RV camping, a place to play games, to picnic, to enjoy the beauty of the hills.



Each summer, a prime use for the camp is to serve as the home for the 6th District's Language & Heritage Camp.

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At the 6th District Convention in Sacramento in June of 1996, then President Karl Eikeberg arranged for the delegates and guests to visit and see first hand the beautiful and wonderful asset that we all have in Camp Norge, at Alta, California. The 46+ acres of Camp Norge are a recreational wonderland with a main house, three dormitories and several small cabins that are used for sleeping facilities, a social hall for preparation of meals, a swimming pool, and other opportunities for various recreational activities.

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The meadow offers facilities for RV camping and tenting as well for picnics, social get-togethers and fun and games, including a swimming pool that doubles as a fire-fighting reservoir. The wooded areas offer opportunities for hiking and exploring. Even though you are close by Interstate 80, there is a sense of seclusion that is special. The camp has its own water supply, as well as the amenities offered by electricity and bottled gas, and a year-round resident hostess/manager. The camp has an on-site cell phone tower.

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One of the past International Directors of Sons of Norway, Asbjørn Røstad, looked out over this beautiful vista in 1996 and made the remark that he would like to see a program set up to help with the maintenance of the camp—always a challenge. Someone else mentioned a plan that had worked for other organizations, and the idea of a Century Club was born. Individuals dedicated to the camp's growth and future would join the club with annual dues of \$100.

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The idea grew and meetings were held with nine members making up the organizing committee, later known as the Founders. They prepared the By-Laws and elected the initial officers: President, Roger Merrill 6-50; Vice President, Karin Brevig, 6-25; Secretary, Sherrill Swenson, 6-64; Treasurer, Joe Rasmussen 6-64; and Publicity Director, Lynn Lende 6-64. The initial Directors at large were Ola Brevig, 6-25; Ordale Johnson, 6-68; Bob Olson, 6-50; and Asbjørn Røstad, 6-24. Meetings are held on a regular basis twice a year at Norway Hall, Norrona #50, Van Nuys, CA, and once per biennium at Camp Norge.  
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## VOLUNTEERS MAKE THE SACRAMENTO SCANDINAVIAN FESTIVAL A SUCCESS

The 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Sacramento Scandinavian Festival was held on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at the Divine Savior Catholic Church on Greenback Lane in Orangevale. Members of the Finlandia Club, the Swedish Monitor and Sierra Kronan Lodges, the Dane's Danneborg Lodge, Sons of Norway and Daughters of Norway planned and participated in the festival. The festival proved to be a very successful event with a paid attendance of 647.

Entertainment included accordion, fiddle and keyboard music plus the El Dorado Dancers with audience participants. A Scandinavian Folk-Wear Show led by **LaRena Hannon** with participants from the various Scandinavian countries presented the Folk-Wear of Scandinavia. Many positive comments were received relative to the overall program. Scandinavian hot food and baked goods, vendor demonstrations and merchandise items were available as well. Thanks to all the volunteers that pitched in to either cook, sell prepared food and baked goods or beverages.

Appreciation is extended to **Ron Byrd, Joe Hannon and Dustin Barnett** who prepared the Viking Ship for display. Those assisting with dismantling the ship and getting it back to "dry dock" and returning borrowed tables were **Joe Hannon and Curt Thue**.

Thanks to **Ron Byrd and Richard Jacobson** for manning the Beverage Bar. Viking-on-a-Stick were previously prepared by **LaRena Hannon, Nancy Ottum and Kristin Updegraff** and deep-fried by **David Bailey**. **Nancy's sister Lynn Lynch and Joe Hannon** were responsible for sales. **Raye and Gary Brown** worked in the kitchen preparing other food items. Those serving at the Bake Table were **Sharon Brooks, LaRena Hannon, Kristin Updegraff, Cecelia Byrd and Maggie Karlstad**. **Gloria Jacobson** served at the Waffle and Lefse Table for Daughters of Norway and **Judy Felker** held several pre-festival workshops at her home on making lefse and kransekake. **Jim Smith** manned the Viking Stopp Table and **Ann Sandner** provided information at the Norway Table and carried the Norwegian colors for the flag ceremony. **DeAnn Smeltzer** was responsible for publicity and **LaRena Hannon** made a TV appearance.

— Joe Hannon, Chairman 2011

Mark your calendars!  
Next year's festival will be  
Saturday, October 6, 2012  
at the same location.

# The Scandinavian Festival— Some of The Folks Who Make it Happen!



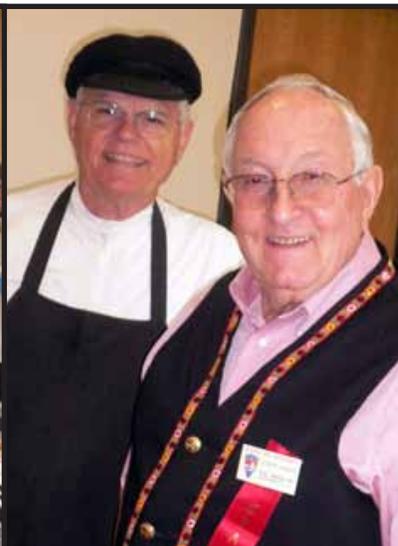
Kristi Uptegraff & Cecelia Byrd.



Flag Ceremony.



Jim Smith.



Ron Byrd & Joe Hannon.



Lynn Lynch.



Sharon Brooks.

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## 2011-12 KALENDER

June	July	August
14th: 7pm lodge meeting 25th: 1pm Snowshoe Thompson monument dedication	NO lodge meeting NO newsletter	7th: 1-4pm Zone 1 Picnic, Camp Norge 9th: 7pm lodge meeting 19th: Lodge BBQ
September	October	November
3-5th: Kretsstevne 13th: 7pm lodge meeting	9th: Leif Erikson Day 11th: 7pm lodge mtg. 15th: ScandiFest 29th: Lutefisk Dinner	8th: 7pm lodge meeting 19th: VikingFest
December	January	February
13th: 7pm lodge meeting 10th: Julebord 18th: Children's Christmas Party	10th: 7pm lodge meeting.	14th: 7pm lodge meeting

**MARK  
 KALENDERE**

Dec. 10 is the  
 annual Julebord

Dec. 18 is  
 the Children's  
 Christmas Party