

Roald Amundsen's

# NAVIGATOR



Sons of Norway Lodge 6-48, Sacramento

May 2012

Fra Presidenten



Greetings,  
You may still be able to get a seat on the bus to Norway Day in San Francisco, May 5th. Lyla and Gordon Hanson are filling the second bus. You can avoid driving and finding parking at Fort Ma-

son for a reasonable fee (admission included). There is a magnificent program, see [www. Norwayday.org](http://www.Norwayday.org), and you can have a full day of heritage, food, beverage, and entertainment. Call Lyla or Gordon at (916) 852-1035.

We enjoyed an informative program on Norwegian immigration by Nancy Ottum at the Lodge meeting this April, describing the waves of Norwegian immigration over the years, the reasons, and places of settlement. Thanks also to Carol Francis and Gwen Lokke who provided the refreshments following the meeting.

On April 2 and 3, we were delighted with the performances of the Stoughton (WI) High School Norwegian Dancers who performed downtown and in Orangeville. They were a wonderful troupe and quite expert in their display of Norwegian and Scandinavian folk dances. Several of us had the opportunity to host these youngsters overnight, and I certainly enjoyed the boys who stayed with me. Really a treat. LaRena Hannon took the lead in organizing this

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## Norway Day in San Francisco

Saturday, May 5, 2012

Festival Pavilion

Fort Mason Center San Francisco,  
The

We have added a

**2nd Bus**

**We have a seat for you!!!**

**Call Lyla Hanson Today**

**916-852-1035**

Norway Day Festival is a very family-friendly festival with live on-stage entertainment, fashion shows, cooking demonstrations, vendors selling Norwegian crafts, clothing, authentic food and drink, art, and much more! There are plenty of activities for kids as well, including sing-alongs, a bounce house, crafts, dancing, storytelling, and games.

**The 2012 festival will feature:**

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**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.

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### 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

## Coming Events

### May

*Sat. 5th:*

Norway Day in SF

*Tues. 8th:*

7 pm lodge meeting

*Sat. 19th:*

12-noon,

Syttnde mai

social and potluck

### June

Tues. 12th: 7pm lodge meeting

**July**

NO lodge meeting

NO newsletter

### August

Tues. 14th: 7pm lodge meeting

Fri. 17th: BBQ Dinner,

5 pm Social; 6pm Dinner

### September

Tues. 11th: 7pm lodge meeting

Sat. 22nd: Lutefisk dinner, 5pm

Social; 6pm Dinner

### October

Sat. 6th: Scandi Fest

Tues. 9th: 7pm lodge meeting

### November

Tues. 13th: 7pm lodge meeting

Sat. 17th: Viking Fest 10-2

### December

Tues. 11th: 7pm lodge meeting

Sat. 15th: Julebord

Sun. 16th: Family Christmas Party

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appearance and deserves our great appreciation for bringing this event to us. Please read her article in this Navigator.

This May we have the Lodge meeting on May 8th and a picnic celebration of Constitution Day (May 17th) on May 19th (Saturday). Carol Francis has the details on the picnic in an article later in the Navigator. Look forward to seeing you at these events.

Mange Takk,

David S. Bailey  
(H) 916-925-8123

## Syttende mai

### Norwegian Constitution Day

On May 17, 1814, the Norwegian Constitution was signed, giving Norway independence from its 500 year union with Denmark.

This constitution came about when, following the Napoleonic War, a defeated Denmark ceded Norway to Sweden without consent of the Norwegian people. This led to a group of Norwegian delegates, who met in Eidsvoll, to create a constitution creating an independent Norway. The delegates elected Prince Kristian Frederik to be King of Norway. As a result of their action, war with Sweden commenced. After 6 months of hostility, a peace treaty established Norway and Sweden as separate kingdoms under a common monarch, King Charles XIII, who consented to recognize the Constitution of May 17. But the Norwegian people remained unhappy with this arrangement and sought full independence. In 1905 all ties between Norway and Sweden were peacefully dissolved.

### How Syttende mai is celebrated in Norway

May 17th is "the children's day" in Norway; they parade in the streets all over the country with their flags, banners and school bands, dressed in their best. It is very popular for young as well as old to wear their national costume called "bunad" with the 17 of May ribbon pinned to their lapel.

In the capital of Oslo, the children march up Karl Johans gaten (lined with tens of thousands spectators) to the Royal Palace where the Royal family wave to the passing children from the palace balcony.

## District Convention

### DISCOVER YOUR INNER TROLL

Opportunity knocks! You can discover your inner troll in Mesa, AZ. It must be caught between

June 6th  
and 10th.

Will your troll be in your special suite or room in the Holiday Inn and Suites, the large swimming pool or might it try to escape to the amusement park across the freeway?



### Folk Art Competition — Call for Entries!

Any Sons of Norway member of the Sixth District is eligible to enter the Folk Art Exhibition and Competition to be held during the District Lodge meeting in Mesa, Arizona June 6-9. There are 12 categories for entries.

**Deadline for entries and waiver is May 17.**

1. Rosemaling
2. Weaving with Norwegian design
3. Hardanger embroidery
4. Klostersøm, diamantsøm, and other traditional needlework with Norwegian design
5. Hand knitting with Norwegian design
6. Crocheting and tatting
7. Figure carving with Norwegian motif
8. Relief carving with Norwegian motif
9. Chip carving
10. Bentwood/tine box or other woodworking with Norwegian motif
11. Other media with Norwegian theme including photography, painting, felting, kolrosing, etc.
12. Trolls, any media e.g., clay, corks, tree branches, knitting, sewing, etc.

### Cookie Bakers...

Help us contribute our share of cookies for the convention.

contact Carol Francis at (530) 878-3824 or email [csfnorge@jps.net](mailto:csfnorge@jps.net)

For more information and rules of entry, refer to the Events

section of our website to download entry form.

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

## Knute's Korner

### Gordon and Lyla Hanson Leaders in Roald Amundsen



Like cream, leaders always rise to the top. At the March board meeting, Lyla reported on the available seats for the bus trip to Norway Day in San Francisco, on May 5. She said the bus holds 56 and we have 55 reserved. "But I think we could add a second bus."

I knew the Navigator for April was at the printers so advertising the second bus was out of the question until May. I am new to the board meetings so that is all I said. I was really thinking, "lady, why not be satisfied with the great work you have already done filling one bus."

Fast forward to April 18 when I start to put the May Navigator into the computer. I called Lyla to check on whether she had gone ahead with the second bus. "I've got it half full, it's a smaller bus and there are 20 seats available." (Wow! I have had the job of filling a bus and listening to cancellations, constantly adding and subtracting, can we bring Uncle Olaf who is not a member, is there a toilet on the bus, etcetera).

I decided to get to know Lyla Hanson a little better, so I called her for an interview. and was not at all surprised. Both she and her 90 year old husband Gordon have been making things happen all of their lives.

Gordon Hanson was born in Easton, Minnesota and raised in Thompson, Iowa. He will go back to Thompson High School this year for a seventy three year reunion. Gordon got his BA in Classical Languages at U. of

Iowa, then studied at the Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota. His first "call" was a Lutheran church in Oakland, CA surrounded by "lot of Norwegians." Then it was off to Concordia where he taught for two years. The lure of California was too much and he headed back for a lifetime of pastoring and teaching and raising his own family.

Gordon went to UC Berkeley and received a Masters and a PhD in history. For seventeen years he was pastor of Bethel Lutheran Church in what was then North Sacramento. He also taught part time at local colleges. This became full time and for thirty years he taught Western and Asian Humanities, U.S. and European History and Religion at Sacramento City College and Sacramento State College.

Lyla started out in Minnesota too. Thief River to be exact. And she also felt the urge to move to California which she and her young family did when she was twenty-two. She has a Masters in History from California State, BA in Psychology, Cal. State. and attended of John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard.

All the while Gordon is teaching and pastoring, Lyla is doing her thing as a major player in the Sacramento City Government. At one time she was on the city council and vice mayor. She was a board member on many Sacramento governmental agencies. She also had her hand at teaching history at Los Rios Community College and Adult Education Instructor, Grant Union High School. She was also raising five children and going to Bethel Lutheran Church.

This church with the leadership of Gordon, sponsored tours every year to the Holy Land, Europe, Asia and yes, even Norway. On one trip Gordon asked Lyla who was one of the group, to take over as he had to get back home. She was so well liked as a tour director, that she became a regular with Gordon on tours ...and in life. They had both lost their spouses and for the past seventeen years they have been Mr. & Mrs. Hanson. They have eight living children and family parties are a regular. On Gordon's ninetieth birthday they filled their house with 125 well wishers.

With all of this touring and management background, it is easier to see why Lyla wanted a 2nd bus. As Iacocca said, "Lead, follow or get out of the way."

ROALD AMUNDSEN LODGE, SONS OF NORWAY



**“17<sup>th</sup> OF MAY”**



*(BUT ON THE 19TH) CELEBRATION*

## **BARNETOG (Children's Parade) and Potluck Picnic**

**When: SAT., MAY 19, 2012 12:00 noon**

**Where: HAGAN COMMUNITY PARK,** 2197 Chase Drive, Rancho Cordova.  
Directions: Exit Highway 50 at Mather Field Road, going north (left turn coming from Sacramento), right turn on Folsom Boulevard, left turn on Coloma Road, left turn on Chase Drive.

**WEAR:** Red-white-and-blue! and also bring Norwegian flags, if you have them (national costumes would be too warm to wear).

**FEATURING:** Barnetog (Children's parade—all can participate!) at 2:00pm, potluck picnic, games.

**BRING:** Potluck dish to share with others along with serving utensils (salads, beans, chips, side dishes). Lodge will provide a cake. Bring whatever you want to grill and to drink. Bring Norwegian relatives and friends. There are picnic tables in the pavilion but you might want to bring your folding camp chair for more comfort. Bring camera—photo op!

**NOTE:** Lodge will provide barbecue grill & briquettes, plates, cups, napkins, plastic cutlery, ice and soft drinks.

**COST:** Free, but \$4 per car to park, UNLESS you bring a handicapped person or a senior 60 years old or older. Make this a family event, or invite an older lodge member who might not want to drive and park for free!

**CONTACT:** Call Carol Francis at 916.390.0953 for questions or email [csfnorge@jps.net](mailto:csfnorge@jps.net).

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## Junior Lodge Snow Trip in March at Camp Norge

Eight young people from Roald Amundsen Lodge spent a fun-filled snow weekend at Camp Norge and the Snowflower Thousand Trails preserve at Yuba Gap. Participants included Bo Tadlock, Karson Hutler, Anders Thue, Alex Wyatt, and Melody, Erin, Kelly, and Matthew Bradley, accompanied by Carol Francis and Teena Hutler. We had a great day for sledding on Saturday, and played a wild game of Spoons that evening.



Anders Thue & Karson Hutler



Bo Tadlock



Kelly Bradley

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**Christoffer Svæ**, Olympic silver medalist and current European Champion in the winter sport of curling, will be on hand for curling demonstrations and autographs.

In an “Antiques Roadshow” style event, **Laurann Gilbertson**, Chief Curator at Vesterheim Norwegian-American Museum in Decorah, Iowa will be on hand to help you learn about your family heirloom’s age, origin, and function.

**Kjetil Jikiun** of Nøgne Ø, Norway’s leading and largest supplier of bottle-conditioned ale and the first and only producer of unfiltered sake in Europe will be sampling fine brews.

A fabulous fashion show featuring the latest designs from hot designers Mitchi Sportswear, Moods of Norway, and more!

Interesting exhibits featuring Norwegian art, history, and innovations will also be featured, including an exhibit of rarely seen photographs and artifacts from Roald Amundsen’s polar expeditions on loan from the Royal Norwegian Consul General and the Norwegian Men’s Club of San Francisco.

**\$35 per Person**

Fee includes bus fare and admission to the event!

Make your reservations with Lyla Hanson at 916.852.1035 or [lylahanson@aol.com](mailto:lylahanson@aol.com), and then immediately follow up to confirm your reservation by sending your \$35 (per person) check, made payable to the Sons of Norway, to 11871 Silver Cliff Way, Gold River, CA 95670.

**DON'T MISS THIS ONCE A YEAR EVENT  
SPONSORED BY YOUR LODGE!  
MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS WELCOME!**

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# THE STOUGHTON STUDENT DANCERS WERE CROWD PLEASERS

Many thanks to everyone who worked together to make the Stoughton Dancing events very successful.

The Sons of Norway Roald Amundsen Lodge, Viking Sisters of the Lodge and the Daughters of Norway, Elise



Waerenskjold Lodge of Roseville provided financial assistance, baked a huge amount of delicious cookies and hosted (23) students in their homes for two nights. Host families were: David Bailey, Ron & Cecelia Byrd, Karen Ellis, Judy Felker, Lyla & Gordon Hansen, Elaine Meyer, Karen Nelson, Nancy Ottum, Diane Peterson, and Cathy Taylor. A special thank you for making it possible for the dancers to come here. Many of you also helped with set-up, serving, clean-up and photography. Again thank you, if I mention names, I might miss someone but you all know how you contributed.

We hosted the students, drivers and chaperones at the Old Spaghetti Factory on April 2nd. After their Orangevale performance, they were treated to delicious "Back 40 BarBQ" Carol Lee Solheim brought down from Shingle Springs; thank you for doing such a good job for us. The Dancers, the director, co-coordinators and chaperones liked the meals and appreciated that we had provided them. We rented the Hart Senior Center at midtown for one performance and the second night the Orangevale Community Center Partnered with us without charge.

Before the performance at Orangevale, the students danced at St. Francis Elementary School and had a great time with the kids. They danced for the

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Carleton Plaza Senior Center in the afternoon and toured the State Capitol before performing for us. The Dancers got their wish to see Lake Tahoe and ski on Wednesday at Heavenly Valley. They loved California and Sacramento especially.

We have local people who have special ties to Stoughton, Wisconsin. Our member, Karen Nelson, was born and raised there. Cathy Taylor, our local State Parks Director, had a great grandfather who built a church there and Taylor Road in Stoughton is named for her family. Both Karen and Cathy were eager to host students. Another person in the community wanted to see what these Stoughton dancers were like. Roger Stoughton, had a great-great grandfather's cousin, Luke Stoughton who gave the town his name. Roger and his wife Carol had their pictures taken with the dancers.

By LaRena Hannon

## Camp Troll Fjell

**Sons of Norway - District 6 Language & Heritage Camp, Camp Norge, Alta, CA**

For Camper & Counselor Applications, visit: [www.campnorge.com](http://www.campnorge.com)  
Link to Camp Troll Fjell Registrar: **Carol Lee Solheim** [solheim2636@earthlink.net](mailto:solheim2636@earthlink.net)  
**Ph: 530-677-2006**  
**3570 Vista Grande Shingle Springs, CA 95682**



Ages 8-13 (at the time Camp begins).  
Scholarships are available check with your local lodge.

*Rosemaling, Viking History, Crafts, Folk Dancing, Language Lessons*

**A 14-day Camp From July 8-21, 2012**

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**postmarked after May 8**

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## Celebrate Memorial Day

May 26, 27, 28, 2012  
at Camp Norge

The Recreation Center Board welcomes you to Camp Norge for a three-day camping experience at your own recreation center.

If you do not have a tent or RV and need a room, call the Manager at (530) 389-2508 .



We will have food service for you for the weekend served from the new Heritage Hall. The swimming pool will be open. The horse-shoe pit is available. There will be a Craft

Fair on Saturday afternoon and meadow games on Sunday afternoon.

Explore the area on your own or just relax and enjoy the beauty of nature. This is a great opportunity to really get to know your fellow District 6 lodge members.

For details about Menus, Cost, Preregistration, and Events for the weekend, go to this website: [www.vikingsoflakelodge.org](http://www.vikingsoflakelodge.org)

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

Registration deadline: May 8, 2012