

Roald Amundsen's NAVIGATOR



Sons of Norway Lodge 6-48, Sacramento

June 2012

Fra Presidenten



First, the June and August Lodge meetings will start at 6:30 pm instead of 7:00 pm. We want to see if Lodge members, who might otherwise be adverse to driving in the dark, would appreciate a start time that would allow them to return

home during daylight. There is no July Lodge meeting.

Second, the June program will be a presentation by Steve Ginna, Director of Development of the Vesterheim Museum in Decorah, Iowa. Vesterheim is dedicated to Nordic history and culture in Norway and America. It has a four story main building and a dozen outbuildings including settler's cabins, prairie church, barns and mills. I last visited it in 2010, and it is a magnificent and interesting tour. Please come and enjoy the program.

We had a lovely Syttende Mai picnic, Saturday, May 19th, in Hagan Park, Rancho Cordova. The picnic featured grilling and pot luck, folk songs, games and a barnetog (children's parade). Special thanks to Arne Jensen for the grilled torsk he shared and to Carol Francis and Carol Lee Solheim for organizing the event. The site was shaded and the light breeze made our large Norwegian flag easy to spot.

At our May Meeting, LaRena gave a presentation on

women pirates and Ann Sandner, Sharon Brooks, and Joan Allen-Armstrong provided the refreshments. Thank you.

Upcoming Dates: Lodge Meetings June 12 and August 14; Multi-lodge picnic, Camp Norge, August 4; BBQ Social August 17th;

David S. Bailey
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Board Highlights

The Lodge Board, at its May 17, 2012, meeting heard an update on moving the Lutefisk dinner to October 20th, recommended Lodge cultural programs run for 15 minutes plus questions, deferred on awarding the remaining King Harald medallion, and reviewed future Board meeting dates and sites. The Board also recommended to the Lodge approving two more scholarships to the Language Camp, purchasing a book on Norwegian prisoners at Auschwitz, authorizing 3 units of training at Sacramento City College for the new website designer authorizing software for the website and newsletter and authorizing a website subscription for technical assistance for the website and newsletter for 5 months. Carol Lee Solheim agreed to handle the reservations for the August BBQ and Ron Byrd agreed to prepare the flyer.

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.

your lodge officers:

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3-years **Joe Hannon**, 2-years **Ron Byrd**, 1-year **Ann Sandner**

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Susan Lemmon & Ingrid Sceals

Lodge meetings

Join us at 7:00p.m. on the second Tuesday of most months 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

San Juan Masonic Center

5944 San Juan Ave.

Citrus Heights, CA

COMING EVENTS

Multi-Lodge

Picnic

at Camp Norge

“A Bit of Norway”

Saturday. August 4

at 12 Noon

Bring your own items to grill, a side dish or dessert to share, your own beverage and place setting.

See back page for more Information

June

Tues. 12th: 6:30 pm lodge meeting

July

NO lodge meeting

NO newsletter

August

Sat. 4th 12 noon, multi-lodge picnic, Camp Norge

Tues. 14th: 6:30 pm lodge meeting

Fri. 17th: BBQ Dinner; 6:30 pm

September

Tues. 11th: 7pm lodge meeting

October

Sat. 6th: Scandi Fest

Tues. 9th: 7pm lodge meeting

Sat. 20th: Lutefisk dinner, 5 pm Social; 6 pm Dinner

November

Tues. 13th: 7pm lodge meeting

Sat. 17th: Viking Fest 10-2

December

Sat. 8th: Julebord

Tues. 11th: 7pm lodge meeting

Sun. 16th: Family Christmas Party

Roald Amundsen Needs You!

Velkommen New Members

Arne Jensen

8725 La Riviera Dr., Sacramento, CA 95826
916-217-3117

David Bailey is completing his second and last term as president. We need someone to start training as Vice President to take on the Presidency in January 2013. This position also involves working with new members. In our lodge we have a very strong board that meets regularly and actively assists the president in planning lodge activities. We also have a tradition of past presidents helping with dinners, hosting board meetings, and training new officers.

Arne Jensen is renewing his membership that started in 1975. Short lapses were for schooling, business etc.

He is one of the most ardent ex-campers at Camp Norge; as a boy age 9 -17 he went every year for two weeks. In his last year he became a counselor and has great memories of learning language, rosemaling and especially folk dancing. His daughter Angelina will be at Camp this year for the first time.

A President's job is to greet members, make them feel welcome, and get as many other lodge members to do the work of the lodge as possible. This builds a strong lodge. We also have a lodge which will be without a president in January 2013. Someone needs to step up and will have plenty of help in doing so. There will be at least four past presidents who still help out in any way they can, Carol Lee Solheim, Joe Hannon, myself, and David Bailey after he ends his term. We need you! Carol Francis

Three teens from Norway came to Camp Norge while Jensen was there and they have been in touch ever since. In fact he plans to go to Norway in August to visit them along with his aunt in Oslo.

Jensen owns and operates El Camino Smog & Repair in Carmichael.

Thomas Scott Updike

(Goes by his middle name)
3937 33rd St., Sacramento, CA 95820
916-838-6815

Many lodges have a social committee rather than a social director. This helps spread the work around, and insures coverage of lodge events. The committee calls other people to help with refreshments for lodge meetings, set-up and cleanup of small lodge dinners such as the pea soup dinner and the barbeque dinner, and thanking their helpers at the various events. Announcing birthdays, introducing new members, celebrating anniversaries, and asking about trips are fun parts of the committee's tasks.

Scott, as he prefers to be called, has a great interest in knowing more about his Norwegian Heritage. What better way than to join Sons of Norway.

It was the parents of Scott's grandfather John Dysthe that first came to the United States and settled in Minnesota. Later they moved to Los Angeles where Scott was born.

The social committee is not to do all of the work, but rather to get other members to help them with lodge events, and make our social time special. **We will discuss a social committee at the June 12th lodge meeting.**

Scott and his daughter Sydnee, moved to the Sacramento area in 1997. He is a printer at Capital Corrugated, enjoys martial arts, music, has his own cable access TV show. and looks forward to the day he can actually visit Norway.

If you are interested, and unable to attend, please contact President David Bailey, davidsbailey@yahoo.com, 916-925-8123.

New addresses for current members:

Arlet Vollers	Joseph Weber
24305 33rd Ct. W.	12415 Porcupine Ct.
Brier, WA 99035	Eden Prairie, MN 88344

Knute's Korner

The Navigator that you hold in your hands requires great effort to produce, print and mail. I want to talk about that last item, "mail." Sounds simple enough but it requires a lot of work and the member who has taken on this monumental task is Bob Dahl.



The Navigator is printed on 11 x 17 stock. He folds it by hand, tapes three sides and address labels of over 220 copies every month. He proudly states "that it saves the lodge \$85 a month." That's \$4,675 over five years. In addition he has to deal with the bulk mailing rules of the post office, that change frequently.

I think we all need to know this member, who doesn't shy away when there is work to be done.

Dahl's great grandparents and his grandparents came from a farm in Norway called Eskedahl near Grimsstad. The great grandparents went back to Norway but their children stayed. Dahl was born on Staten Island in New York in 1928, tracing his ancestry to 1550.

At age four he was stricken with a rare strep infection and the doctor recommended a dry climate. His parents opted for Norway in the summer. The family pooled all their money and put little Bob Dahl on the S.S. Stavangerfjord. He had his tricycle and had the run of the ship, eating and sleeping with the crew. After the summer on the Eskedahl farm he returned to his home on Staten Island in better health.

When he was eight he was given tap dancing, acro-

batic and singing lessons. He must have been good as he was chosen to have the lead in the production "The Marriage of Jack and Jill" presented by the Academy of Music in Brooklyn. He sang a solo "Makin' Whoopee" This was Dahl's first introduction to music which is now a big part of his life.

In 1933 an aunt died leaving Dahl a Steiner Violin which he never touched until high school. A music teacher helped him put strings on it and ultimately he became 1st violin in the school orchestra. While in his senior year he received a draft notice for military service in World War II.

Not wanting to go into the army, Dahl joined the navy which precluded him from getting his diploma. The high school offered help, giving him the necessary text books and he soon became a history teacher to other navy buddies. In the spare time he taught himself to play the guitar.

After leaving the navy Dahl got his diploma and wanted to get educated in metallurgy as he had been a welder in the service. He sent out applications to five universities and was accepted by all five. He chose Missouri School of Mines and got his degree. He became the supervisor in the GM Foundry but after five years he left because of their "stuck in the past ways."

Mary, his new wife had a high school girlfriend living in Ceres, California. He put a trailer hitch on his Cadillac and they headed west. Within weeks he was in charge of forty-five workers in R & D at Aerojet General. This job lasted as long as Aerojet did, thirteen years. He then went to work at McClellan as a metals processing engineer teaching how to machine all of the new exotic metals he had worked on at Aerojet. He retired at age 65 after twenty-two years.

In 2000 his wife of forty-five years died. He still lives in the same house they bought in 1968. He has four grandchildren and six great grandchildren. He is a member of the Old Time Fiddlers, Rancho Cordova.

When you go to the next meeting of Roald Amundsen, you will see Bob Dahl accompanying all of the singing on his violin. Just another great effort by this fine man, doing his part for the good of Sons of Norway. Remember him the next time you see him. "Thank you Bob for getting the Navigator to my

Annual Summer Bar-B-Q Dinner

Friday, August 17, 2012

6:30 pm

Masonic Center

5944 San Juan Ave., Citrus Heights

Barbecued Ribs, Sliced Beef, Chicken, Corn on the Cob, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Cornbread, Banana Nut Bread, Cold Watermelon

Adult members \$12

Adult Non Members \$15

Children age 10 and under \$6

Paid reservations are required and due by August 13, Mail to Carol Lee Solheim, 3570 Vista Grande, Shingle Springs, CA 95682. Checks payable to Sons of Norway. Limited Seating.

Questions: Call or e-mail Carol Lee Solheim
530-677-2006 • solheim2636@earthlink.net

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Phone _____

Adult members _____ at \$12 = _____

Adult Non Member _____ at \$15 = _____

Childres 10 & under _____ at \$6 = _____

Total _____



With a Norwegian flag waving in a gentle breeze under shade trees in Hagan Park, we had an enjoyable picnic celebrating Norway's National Day. Led by president David Bailey, our barnetog or children's parade featured Norwegian folk music with participants of all ages in Norwegian tradition. A new feature this year was the sound of children's games, with adults also participating. These included carrying an egg on a tablespoon, won by the youngest participant Omar Siddique, popping water balloons that didn't have water in them, and several tag games. Laura Jensen Siddique and Arne Jensen, both previous members of our youth group, brought their families and appeared to have a marvelous time. If Leif Eriksson could find America, you would think more American Norwegians would celebrate the national day by finding Hagan Park. But those of us there had a great time! Thanks to Carol Lee Solheim and David Bailey for all their help, Carol Francis



Ann Sandner, Joan Armstrong -Allen • Angenina & Erik Jensen



Clockwise from bottom left: Bill Nilson, Erik Swanson, David, Bailey, Arne Jensen

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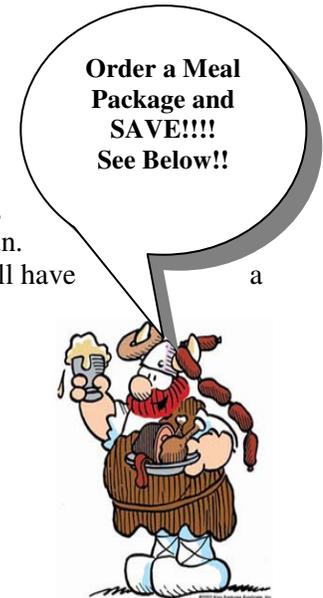
Northern California Kretsstevne (NCK) Labor Day Weekend at Camp Norge September 1, 2, 3 – 2012

The Northern California Kretsstevne Committee invites the members of all Sons of Norway Lodges in Northern California, and surrounding areas, to join them in a weekend of fellowship, friendship and fun. Whether you come in your RV, stay in the dorms or bring tents, we know you will have great time



Planned Activities:
Good Food—Horseshoe Tournament
Meadow Faire
Games for all ages—Swimming
Dancing—Raffle—Karaoke
Barbecue

Check out www.campnorge.com for more information



Camp Norge Room Accommodations? The rooms fill up quickly so please call Jim ASAP at: 530-389-2508. (No site reservations required for RV's and Tents.)

Meal Packages **will not** be available at the event. Meal Registration Deadline is **August 24, 2012**. Questions? Call: Lillie and Marvin Hanson at 707-279-0974 or email at mlhanson@att.net

**Cut here and return, along with payment (*check made payable to NCK*) to:
The Hansons, 5701 Live Oak Drive, Space 26 Kelseyville, CA 95451**

Northern California Kretsstevne (NCK) 2012
Meal Preregistration Form

Lodge Name & # _____ Name _____

Address: _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Meals Purchased Individually in Advance:

Prices at the Door

Saturday Breakfast	# of Adults _____	X \$6.00 = _____	\$ 7.00
Saturday Lunch	# of Adults _____	X \$6.00 = _____	\$ 7.00
Saturday Dinner	# of Adults _____	X \$12.00 = _____	\$14.00
Sunday <i>Frokost</i>	# of Adults _____	X \$7.00 = _____	\$ 8.00
Sunday Lunch	#of Adults _____	X \$6.00 = _____	\$ 7.00
Sunday Potluck	<i>Donation Requested</i>		

Saturday Breakfast	# of Children _____	X \$4.00 = _____	\$ 4.50
Saturday Lunch	# of Children _____	X \$4.00 = _____	\$ 4.50
Saturday Dinner	# of Children _____	X \$7.00 = _____	\$ 7.50
Sunday <i>Frokost</i>	# of Children _____	X \$4.00 = _____	\$ 4.50
Sunday Lunch	# of Children _____	X \$4.00 = _____	\$ 4.50
Sunday Potluck	<i>Donation Requested</i>		

Monday Breakfast is a free smorgasbord of leftovers!

Meal Package	# of Adults _____	X \$30.00 = _____
Meal Package	# of Children _____	X \$18.00 = _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Save \$9.00 with an Adult Meal Package including the Kretsstevne Pin!

Meal Package includes \$2.00 Kretsstevne Pin

It was a good day
to be a Norwegian!
97 members and friends from
Roald Amundsen took the bus
trip to SF on May 5 to honor
NORWAY DAY!



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Camp Troll Fjell

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

For Camper & Counselor Applications, visit:
www.campnorge.com Link to Camp Troll Fjell

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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 \$800

Sons of Norway District 6 - Zone 1

Multi-Lodge Picnic

at Camp Norge

“A Bit of Norway”

Saturday. August 4 -12 Noon

Bring your own items to grill,
a side dish or dessert to share, your own
beverage and place setting.

Please let Siri Fenson (530-432-8311 or
sirimax@mindspring.com) know by July 30 how
many persons plan to attend from your lodge.

Camp Norge's \$3 day-use fee applies to each attendee.