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YOUR 2014 BOARD



First Row: Joe Hannon, Florence Smith, Tove-Lise Miller, Stephen Rosenthal, David Bailey, LaRena Hannon, Carol Lee Solheim, Dick Tracysen.

Second Row: Cecelia Byrd, Bob Dahl, Janet Moe, Carol Francis, Ron Byrd, Norman Hales, Donna Gordon, Ray Miller, Pat Harriman, Ann Sandner.

Not pictured: Anne Bandy, DeAnn Smeltzer, Susan Lemmon, Ingrid Sceals, Arne Jensen, Eric Swanson.

BOARD PLANS A BUSY YEAR

Just check out the schedule elsewhere in this **Navigator**. However, others need to pitch in and help the Board if the lodge year is to be successful. For instance, you could call **Carol Francis** if you are able to help clean up after the Soup Supper, or **David Bailey** if you are able to help with the Anniversary Lunch. **Ron Byrd** is trying to fill out the 2014 schedule for supplying refreshments at the monthly meetings. He has assignments for every month, but it wouldn't hurt to have a few more.

FROM LODGE PRESIDENT
STEPHEN ROSENTHAL:

PLEASE NOTE:

Soup Supper Imminent

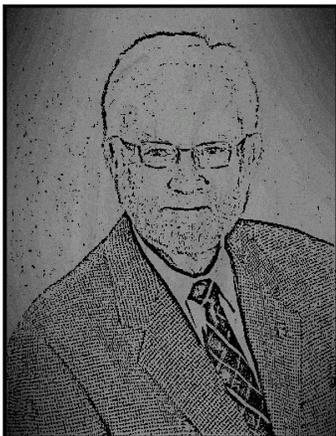
International President to attend 85th Anniversary

Luncheon!

Luncheon Reservation Details

District 6 Delegate Voting at February Lodge Meeting

Antarctic Presentation at February Lodge Meeting



As President of the Lodge, Steve has become just a shadow of his former self.

Dear Lodge Members,

My wife Celia tells me that the **Pea Soup Supper** with the soup prepared by **Tove-Lise Miller** is one of her favorite Roald Amundsen events. Barring another health setback, Celia will make it for sure, and I recommend that any of you who haven't reserved for it do so immediately – we will be constrained in number by the size of our facility. The reservation form is printed again in this issue of The Navigator; it must be mailed by February 12th at the latest, and sooner if you want to make sure you will get a reservation.

That will be followed in March (the 30th) by our signature event of the year, our **85th Anniversary Luncheon Banquet**. (See a copy of our 1929 Charter, elsewhere in this Navigator.) I am pleased to be able to report that **Marit Kristiansen, International President of the Sons of Norway**, will be in attendance. We expect several District Six officers, too, including **President Lyle Berge**.

We realize that the reservation form is a trifle complicated – you can thank your President for that. But, if you are a Gold or Life Sons of Norway member, or simply 85 years old or older, you can attend for ten bucks – go to the third line. Also, if you are bringing kids, those eight and under are free (but we still need the number of them for a meal count). And we would like all names of attendees so that we can pre-prepare name tags. Fearing that I will further complicate the matter, I won't say any more – just go to the form and make the best of it. By the way, we already have quite a few reservations.

Finally, another important matter: the biennial **District 6 Convention** occurs this year, in June. The venue is the Marriott in Palm Springs. (And no, the uniform of the day will not be swimming suits!) Roald Amundsen Lodge rates six delegates. Your president is an automatic delegate, which leaves five to be elected by the membership. In order to meet timing requirements put upon us, we will need to hold those elections at the February lodge meeting on the 11th. **If you wish to be considered and will not be at that meeting, you must send a letter to the lodge Secretary (Carol Lee Solheim) informing the lodge of your interest and willingness to attend and be a delegate.** We will also elect some alternates.

I already said finally, but finally, come to the meeting on the 11th and listen to **Carol Francis'** presentation on her recent Antarctic adventures. Refreshments afterwards—maybe Icies and Snow Cones?

Steve



Marit Kristiansen, Sons of Norway International President



HERE IT IS....

A photo of the charter that established Roald Amundsen Lodge.

A fraternal organization such as Roald Amundsen Lodge is normally created by a **Charter** rather than by **Articles of Incorporation** or other originating document. As such, it has **Members** rather than **Stockholders**. As you maybe can make out from this photograph, the charter says the lodge originated on the **18th of May, 1929** (and hence, our 85th “birthday” this year), and this charter was actually signed on the 27th of March, 1930.

The charter from the parent group, the **Sønner af Norge**, establishes us, and we have **By-Laws** to establish how we operate, in a broad sense. We also have a **Procedures Manual** to deal with smaller matters and often changing procedures.

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REMEMBER WHEN?

For most of us, probably not, but take a look and be impressed...



This is a photo, circa 1959, of a Roald Amundsen Lodge Smorgasbord Dinner, held at the majestic Masonic Hall downtown. Notice the “class” of events in those days—men in coats and ties, women in attractive dresses, and the servers in bunads. Looks like a food line to the extreme left. And remember those old wooden folding chairs? Photo was taken by a gent named Stan Johansen.

CHARTER (Continued from page 3)

The charter member surnames include: **Bohls, Brekke, Christiansen, Eid, Fagerskog, Grande, Nusbye, Johansen, Johnson, Forstad, Kvam, Larsen, Livingston, Osterli, Owre, Sandson, Sanstad, Skauge, Tangseth, and Willman.** (Several names are repeated several times.) How many members do we have today that are related to these of the original group?

We hope to have this charter, recently recovered from the bowels of the infamous “shed,” on display from time to time at lodge meetings.

Of personal interest to your editor was to note that one of the signatories from Minneapolis was named **Andresen**, which was his mother’s maiden name.

SIDEBARS FROM THE EDITOR...

MORE NORWEGIAN FLICKS!



If you subscribe to **Netflix** on-line, you can watch at least three Norwegian movies. First of all, the 2012 version of **Kon-Tiki** is there. Another title to look for is **Happy, Happy**. This is definitely an R-rated (actually, no rating because they do not use our system) production, but quite intriguing. The last movie is **Troll Hunter**, which I have not watched yet. It is about some young folks who think they are tracking a bear poacher who turns out to be a hunter of trolls, supposedly employed by the Norwegian government! This movie also has shown on **Showtime**, and may do so again.

THE VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE

Sons of Norway has an exciting new program to announce, the **Sons of Norway's Virtual Pilgrimage**. It will be rolled out in the February issue of **The Viking**. In due course our Sports Director, **Norman Hales**, should have more information about it. The program will be tied to the Sports Medal Program. The program will also be featured in the upcoming **Newsletter Service and Epost**. In the meantime, if you want take your own Norwegian virtual pilgrimage (sort of like The Way of St. James in Spain), go to: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KBdm96Rsnw>.

FOLK ART COMPETITION

It's not too early to be preparing for the **2014 Convention Folk Art Exhibition and Competition (Palm Springs, June, 2014)**. As with any skill or competition, you have to try it to compete. These are some of the Traditional Folk Art Categories: Rosemaling, weaving, embroidery, knitting, carving, painting, and

quite a few others. Check out the District 6 website (sofn6.com).

2014 OFFICERS

They are:

President: Stephen Rosenthal
 Vice President: Tove-Lise Miller
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 Musician: Janet Moe
 Assistant Musician: Bob Dahl
 Librarian: Eric Swanson
 Historian: Vacant
 Sports Director: Norman Hales
 Publisher: Ray Miller
 Assistant Marshal: Pat Harriman
 Greeters: Ron and Cecelia Byrd
 3-year Trustee: Arne Jensen
 2-year Trustee: Ron Byrd
 1-year Trustee: Joe Hannon

2014 DIRECTORY ISSUED

By the time you get this Navigator you should have received your copy of the 2014 Directory via US mail. Thank you, **Carol Lee Solheim**, for your hard work in assembling it. There is one minor correction: **Gordon Hanson** is no longer serving as Historian and the position is vacant.

NORWEGIAN SOCHI HOPEFUL IN FIGURE SKATING

Her name is **Anne Line Gjersem**, and she is 20 years old. Her hero is Sonja Henie. Watch for her. She is Norway's first female figure skating qualifier since 1964. She has a twin sister who also competes, but she

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NORWEGIANS NOMINATE LEAKER SNOWDEN FOR PEACE PRIZE

By DICK TRACYSEN, Reporter



Two Norwegian politicians have nominated **Eric Snowden** for the Nobel Peace Prize. Parliamentarians **Snorre Valen** and **Baard Vegar Solhjell** nominated him for the same prize they awarded to US **President Obama** in 2009.

We called Mr. Valen to obtain more insight into his reasoning. He told us, “Well, we were going to nominate Canadian **Justin Bieber**, who is enormously popular with young people here in Norway, but we were afraid the American public would misinterpret our intentions, given the little dust-ups that Mr. Bieber has created in the US in recent months.”

CAMP NORGE NEWS

By CAROL LEE SOLHEIM, Roald Amundsen Lodge Camp Ambassador

Here is a Camp Norge update that I have received:

The Recreation Center Board has two (and perhaps three) immediate openings for board members. Needed at this time are two positions that must be filled as soon as possible: Treasurer and Building and Grounds Chair. Also needed is a Camp Caretaker. If you interested in having more information on these vacancies, please contact President Linda Carruthers at 415-515-2415.

Other camp updates: Water system problems repaired, windows on the north side of the social hall replaced, roof on dorm 1 replaced, as well as the roof on the main house. Members are encouraged to use the camp for family reunions, outings, and rest and recreation vacations. The Board is working to bring the camp back to a “be used only by members” status. The web site address is <http://www.campnorge.org/>.

SIDEBARS (Anne Line Gjersem) (Continued from page 5)



did not qualify for the Olympics. See photo below. Anne Line has been skating since she was nine, and now is considered to be in her prime.

MISCELLANEOUS

Southern California’s **Scandinavian Festival** is April 5 -6 on the campus of Cal Lutheran in Thousand Oaks... **Norwegian Mothers Day** is February 9th...



AMERICAN NOMINEE TO BE AMBASSADOR TO NORWAY ENDS UP IN SALAD BOWL

Norwegians less than impressed...

Compiled by DICK TRACYSEN, Intrepid Reporter



As Norwegian media put it, the wealthy Greek-American businessman who has been nominated to be the next US ambassador to Norway “*tråkket i salaten*” (trampled through the salad bowl) at his US Senate confirmation hearing in late January. **George J. Tsunis**’ confusion over Norway’s form of government and who is actually in it was sparking reaction in Norway shortly after the hearings.

“The nomination (of Tsunis) is nothing less than an insult against Norway,” wrote one Norwegian taking part in online debate on document.no, the website that first brought news of Tsunis’ confirmation hearing. **“This makes it clear that the US kisses up to its enemies while it’s condescending towards its friends.”**

“What are you sending us?” asked another Norwegian joining the debate on the website allgov.com. “Highly embarrassing to watch the hearing. I must say the best part was **John McCain**’s final comment.” That is when McCain, who had brought to light Tsunis’ lack of familiarity with Norway, ended the hearing of nominated ambassadors by sarcastically commenting that he had no further questions for the “incredibly highly qualified” nominee he had just grilled.

Some commentators in Norway were noting that Tsunis’ lack of diplomatic experience and lack of familiarity with Norway were likely to blame for his embarrassing and even offensive blunders during his confirmation hearing. Asked to explain how an “anti-immigration” party like the Progress Party (*Fremkrittspartiet*) fared as it did during the last parliamentary elections, Tsunis responded that there are “fringe elements” that can “spew hatred,” but the Norwegians are quick to “denounce” them. That’s when McCain pounced, noting that the Progress Party won government power, not exactly a sign of denunciation.

“I stand corrected,” Tsunis said, fumbling for a while before saying that he rather wanted to respond that Norway is “a very, very open society” and that an “overwhelming majority” of Norwegians are not anti-immigration. He had, however, already offended one of the members of Norway’s new conservative government coalition.

The newspaper *Aftenposten* reported that at another point, Tsunis mistakenly referred to a “president” in Norway, confusing Norway’s form of government as a republic instead of the constitutional monarchy that it is, with a prime minister as head of government. He admitted that he has never visited Norway.

Tsunis’ testimony included references to the US’ “strong bilateral ties with Norway, in large part because we share a commitment to promoting human rights, democracy, and freedom throughout the world.” He called Norway a “pro-active, global peace-builder and for a country of just 5 million people, its influence and reputation in the international community far surpasses its size.” If confirmed, he said he will “work to preserve and expand this invaluable partnership with Norway.”

In addition to thanking **President Obama** for nominating him, he also thanked his parents, who were immigrants themselves in the US, “seeking to build a better life for their family.” Tsunis claimed it was their sacrifices and principles of hard work that made it possible for him to attend college and law school, after which he worked in government, for a small law firm, eventually as a partner in a bigger one and then went into business, eventually founding Chartwell Hotels on the US East Coast. That has also taught him, he said, the importance of global business and trade.

It was under the questioning that Tsunis stumbled, but he was still expected to be confirmed as ambassador. “You have to give him credit for being honest at some parts of the hearing,” wrote commentator John Hansen on allgov.com. **“But the total impression was very poor. I do not understand why the US sends a ‘b... s...talker’ to Norway.”**

When your intrepid reporter queried a senior member of the US State Department about the appropriateness of this nomination, he responded that the administration also **“was looking for a Norwegian-American to be Ambassador to Greece, since Grecian finances are in bad shape and everyone knows that Norwegians know the value of holding onto a kroner.”**

\$\$\$\$SCHOLARSHIPS.....!

In our November/December issue we carried three pages of scholarship information, which we are not going to repeat here because you can go to the lodge website and look it up. But, we want to remind you that the deadline for District 6 Scholarships (e.g., Camp Skogfjorden) is March 1st, and for most of the College Scholarships (District 6 and International) the deadline is March 1st (We think the date was moved up). These are firm deadlines when you have to have everything in—letters of recommendation, etc. We urge you to refer to the November/December issue of The Navigator, and the other sources listed in it and/or contact Crystal Sundet, 720/283-8592, crystalklr@reagan.com.

Also, at the direct request of the Foundation, we will succumb to redundancy and reiterate briefly: Sons of Norway Foundation scholarships applications are due **March 1, 2014!** The process is done entirely on-line at www.sonsofnorway.com/foundation. If you are a current Sons of Norway member, child or grandchild of a current member, you may qualify for one of our seven categories of college scholarships including: **Norwegian Folk High School** (Tronvold Folk High School application); **Oslo Summer School** (Oslo Summer School application); **Study-abroad to Norway or other countries** (King Olav V Norwegian-American or Lund Fund); **Norwegian specialty topics** (King Olav V Norwegian-American application); **General college studies** (Cates/Beinhauer application); and **Trade/Tech/studies** (Cates application).

Good luck!

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COME CELEBRATE THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NORWEGIAN CONSTITUTION SIGNED MAY 17, 1814! Join Carol Francis for a Globus Scenic Norway Trip—three spaces left!

Take your own flight to Norway on May 8th and arrive on May 9th to join the Globus Vacations tour. Stop at Eidsvoll where Norway's constitution was signed in 1814. Walk through Maihaugen Open-Air Museum in Lillehammer. Cruise the beautiful Geirangerfjord, visit the Norwegian Glacier Museum and the Jostedal Glacier, and stay at the historic Stalheim Hotel after cruising the Sognefjord. Stroll the Bryggen Wharf in Bergen. Enjoy the Hardangerfjord and the Hardangervidda mountain plateau. Visit the Vemork Heavy Water Plant, scene of the 1943 sabotage action. See Norway's Constitution Day Parade in Oslo on May 17th before the trip ends May 18th.

The tour costs **\$2,349** per person double occupancy, and includes all transportation, hotels and breakfasts, some dinners, and most admissions. A deposit of **\$250** per person holds your spot until 65 days before departure. Leader Carol Francis speaks fluent Norwegian, and travels to Norway nearly every year. For a detailed itinerary, contact Carol at **916-390-0953**, or email csfnorge@jps.net. State of California Sellers of Travel 2031078-40.

Norwegian Pea Soup Supper

Friday February 21, 2014

Supper served at 6:30 PM

Roald Amundsen Lodge 6-48

Sons of Norway

San Juan Masonic Center

5944 San Juan Avenue

Citrus Heights



Ticket sales limited to 65.

Price for members \$7.00, non members \$8.50,

Children 10 years and under \$ 3.00.

Children 5 and under, free.

For reservations mail form and payment (check to Sons of Norway) to Carol Lee Solheim, 3570 Vista Grande, Shingle Springs, CA 95682,

530/677-2006, solheim2636@att.net. **MAIL BY FEB. 12, PLEASE**

___ adult member tickets @ \$7.00 \$ _____

___ adult non-member tickets @ \$8.50 \$ _____

___ paying child tickets @ \$3.00 \$ _____

___ non-paying children

___ Total Total \$ _____

Hold Tickets in the Name of: _____



2014 LODGE SCHEDULE



(Pretty firm, but always subject to changes which will be announced in the Navigator and on the website.)

PEA SOUP DINNER. Note the upcoming Pea Soup Dinner on February 21st. No one makes it better than our own Tove-Lise Miller! See sign-up flyer elsewhere in this Navigator.

85TH ANNIVERSARY LUNCH. Our signature event this year. Sunday, March 30th. See sign-up flyer elsewhere in this edition.

LODGE PARTICIPATING IN BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION PROGRAM



Sons of Norway District 6, and by extension every lodge within District 6, is competing in an inter-district contest to see which district can collect the most box tops and labels that contain the “box tops for education” logo or the “labels for education” logo. The various districts will compete on a member-weighted basis.

If you collect these box tops or labels, you can turn them in at the monthly lodge meetings in order to have them count for our district. Or, you can mail them in, to Roald Amundsen Lodge, P.O. Box 3734, Citrus Heights, CA 95611. The contest ends May 31st. Some of the product lines that contain these box tops include Betty Crocker, Gold Medal, Nestle, General Mills, Ziploc, Kleenex, and others. Labels can be found on Campbell’s, Dannon, Pepperidge, Post Cereals, Swanson, and other product lines.

All box tops/labels that our lodge collects will count for the District, but are ours to contribute to whatever school we choose. To learn more about this educational support program, please go to: boxtops4education.com and labelsforeducation.com.

- 1/18—Officer Installation
- 2/11—Lodge Meeting (Tue at 7pm)
- 2/21—Pea Soup Dinner (Friday evening)
- 3/11—Lodge Meeting. (Tue at 7pm)
- 3/30— Anniversary Dinner at Elks Club (Sunday early afternoon)
- 4/8— Lodge Meeting (Tue at 7pm)
- 5/13— Lodge Meeting (Tue at 7pm)
- 5/17 Syttende Mai Picnic/Lodge Meeting (Venue to be confirmed)
- JUNE— NO LODGE MEETING**
- 6/22-25— D-6 Convention, Marriott Palm Springs
- JULY— NO LODGE MEETING** (Board meeting and Camp Troll Fjell)
- 7/13-26—Camp Troll Fjell
- 8/3 — Zone 1 Annual Picnic – date to be confirmed
- 8/12— Lodge Meeting (Tue at 7pm)
- 8/17–24 (approx.) International Convention, Omni Hotel/Resort, Jacksonville
- 8/22— BBQ Dinner at the Lodge
- 9/9— Lodge Meeting (Tue at 7pm)
- 10/4 — Scandifest (corrected date)
- 10/14— Lodge Meeting (Tue at 7pm)
- 10/18— Lutefisk Dinner (Saturday at 6pm)
- 11/11— Lodge Meeting and Veterans’ Day (Tue at 7pm)
- 11/15— Vikingfest at the lodge
- DECEMBER – NO LODGE MEETING**
- 12/7— Julebord at the lodge (Sunday)
- 12/14— Children’s Christmas Party.

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SIGN-UP LIST FOR REFRESHMENTS FOR 2014 MONTHLY LODGE MEETINGS



The following have signed-up to bring refreshments to the monthly Lodge meetings:

January -- No Meeting
February -- David Bailey, Cecelia Byrd
March -- Carol Lee Solheim, Beth Solheim
April -- Carol Francis, Gwen Lokke
May -- Steve Rosenthal, Norman Hales
June -- No Meeting
July -- No Meeting
August -- Janet Moe, Joan Armstrong-Allen
September -- LaRena Hannon, Lyla Hanson
October -- Pat Harriman, Ann Sandner, Sharon Brooks
November -- Tove-Lise Miller, Donna Gordon and Kristi Mattes
December -- No Meeting

If you are not signed-up and would like to bring something one month, please feel free to do so.

Thanks to all who were willing to bring. Ron Byrd, Social Committee