

THE NAVIGATOR

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FROM LODGE PRESIDENT STEPHEN ROSENTHAL:

Dear Lodge Members,

We had such a wonderful 85th Anniversary Luncheon on Sunday afternoon, March 30th at the Elks Club in Carmichael. About 120 persons attended and we awarded approximately 97 pins to long time members, not all of whom could be present. Two of the three persons to receive 70-year (yes, that is 70 years!) pins were in attendance, **Grace Sandstad and Rolf Owre**. Grace and Rolf are cousins. Look elsewhere in this Navigator for an historical piece about Grace, composed by her niece, **Sondra Betancourt** and read at the luncheon.

We were so pleased to be able to welcome **Marit Kristiansen**, our International President, to the proceedings. We hope many of you got to meet her, as she is a very gracious and warm person – a very appropriate choice of individual to be serving as our President. Marit has sent us a personal card thanking us “for a fantastic afternoon celebrating Roald Amundsen Lodge’s 85th Anniversary.”

Many other distinguished guests attended, and I cannot name them all here, but I should at the least mention these few: **Penny Joseph Knudsen**, past International (and first woman) President, **Karl Eikeberg**, past International Director, **Janie Kelly**, our present International Director, and our **own Jim Smith and Oystein Solheim**, past International Directors. District Six President **Lyle Berge** and Vice President **Mary Beth Ingvaldstad** also attended.

We have our Treasurer **David Bailey** to thank for the overall coordination of all aspects of the event, including liaison with the Elks Club, and the various other matters that made the event a success. This was a big job. He especially wanted to thank **Carol Lee Solheim** (who marshalled all of the reservations, pin orders, food tickets and check-in), **Carol Francis** (helped Carol Lee with pins, and lots of other problem solving matters), **Joe and LaRena Hannon**, **Ann Sandner**, **Tove-Lise Miller** (displays and other matters) **Eric Malme** (photography), and **Anne Bandy** (website publicity). We are also very grateful that District VP **Mary Beth Ingvaldstad** jumped in when called and provided our musical accompaniment when it developed that all of our own musicians were committed elsewhere. **Tove-Lise Miller** helped the musical effort by leading us in the singing, including helping us with the words.

We have photos on other pages of the event. I personally want to thank all who contributed and all who attended. As a lodge President, it is very gratifying to see that we have the fortitude as a lodge to pull together and make something really good happen.
Hilsen, Steve



SIDEBARS FROM THE EDITOR...

MORE ON THE ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON...

ValHall Lodge in San Diego gave us a congratulatory card with a check for \$85 (85th Anniversary) – thank you, ValHall! ...

Also, we received a very nice congratulatory card from the **Sundeford Lodge**. And, we thank all those persons from other lodges who spoke extemporaneously at the luncheon—kind words that were much appreciated.

And consider this message from Gwen Locke: “I just got home from the celebration and want to thank you for all you did to make the 85th anniversary a joyous occasion.

“And thank you for the stave church wall hanging. Can one be a “fan” of stave churches? If so, I am one! I have already found a place for it - on the same wall as other Norwegian treasures - like the very old picture of Trondheim Cathedral which lived in the piano bench until we had it framed many years ago. The history of the picture points to being brought to America by **Gordon's** great-grandmother and grandfather. The grandfather was baptized at the cathedral. By the way, the piano was purchased by Gordon's parents when he was 12.

“And, speaking of Gordon, he would have been so proud to accept his 30 year pin today. He would have been 89 on this day - March 30th. He was another Norwegian treasure! I want to thank you for all you did to make the 85th Anniversary a joyous occasion.”

And this one from Gary Johansen, whom I met at the luncheon for what I believe was the first time: “My **Grandfather Just A. Johansen & my Grandmother Margit Johansen** were both original charter members, their names are on the original charter document. My father **Stan Johansen & my grandfather** owned Johansen Photography, A lot of the old pic-



tures that the lodge has were taken by them.”

Carol Francis is “Golden.” We were pleased to award Carol not only her 30 year pin, but also her Golden Membership Pin with an accompanying certificate at the luncheon. Way to stick in there, Carol!

We regret that we do not have better quality luncheon photographs for this issue. We may have better ones for a subsequent issue.

GENEALOGY CULTURAL PROGRAM IN MAY

Cultural Director **Ann Sandner** has arranged for **Sondra Betancourt** to present a program on the genealogy of the some of the charter members of our lodge at the May 12th meeting. She has done extensive research in this area and the program promises to be very interesting.

The April cultural program featured lodge member **Loren Weatherly**, who offered a program about traveling on the *Hurtigruta*, the coastal ship that travels from Bergen to Nordkapp. His trip was during winter, which gave a different view from what most tourists experience. Those in attendance found the program most interesting.

ANOTHER NORWEGIAN-AMERICAN IN POLITICS...

Doug Ose, for mer Congressman and current candidate for Congress from the 7th District that covers a good part of the local area, is the grandson of Norwegian immigrants who were from a farming family that lived near Aardal, Norway, and immigrated to Iowa. Doug’s father, **Enlow**, is a long time real estate devel-

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Carol Francis receiving her Golden Membership pin from International Director Janie Kelly and International President Marit Kristiansen.



International President Marit Kristiansen addressing the 85th Anniversary Luncheon.

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oper and investor in the local area, and the family is known for its charitable giving as well.

NAVIGATOR ADVERTISEMENTS

Just a reminder that we will accept advertisements in this newsletter. We would appreciate ads in good taste, but we may accept some of questionable taste because, as you know, we have the erratic **Dick Tracysen** on our staff. We will draw the line on ads of outrageous taste, however, as determined by Dick. Contact us by e-mail for pricing.

CHEAPER FLIGHTS TO NORWAY

Norwegian Air Shuttle now flies out of both Oakland and Los Angeles. How cheap? I selected, as a test, a flight for next Friday from Oakland to Oslo—about \$335, and about the same to return.

LEARN BEGINNING NORWEGIAN ON WEB

LearnNoW is an online beginners' Norwegian course, offered free of charge. It was developed by the LearnNoW Team from the Department of Language and Literature at the Norwegian University of Science and Technology, NTNU, on behalf of the Norwegian Agency for Lifelong Learning, Vox, an agency of the Norwegian Ministry of Education and Research. Go to www.ntnu.edu/learnnow.

BJØRNSON LODGE (OAKLAND) 104TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER

We understand that their dinner is going to be Saturday, April 26th, at Francesco's Restaurant in Oakland. Contact their president, Ann Williamson, for more information: annwill3@gmail.com.

FURUSETH LODGE ANNIVERSARY DINNER

The Andrew Furuseth Lodge is having a "69th Anniversary Dinner Party" on Saturday, May 10th, at The Dead Fish Restaurant, 20050 San Pablo Avenue, Crocket, beginning at 1:00 pm. Contact **Claire Fuhrman** for more information: 510/724-3095.

2014 NORWAY DAY IS A NO-GO

Apparently the usual event producers are tired and have decided to take a year off. A revitalized event is planned for 2015.

CAMP NORGE

The camp is now being operated exclusively for members and their guests, according to a notice we received. Many repairs have been made to the buildings and grounds. Refer to the website: www.campnorge.org.

NO LODGE MEETINGS IN JUNE OR JULY

We have the Zone 1 picnic on August 3rd and our own BBQ Dinner at the lodge on August 22nd.

TWO OF THREE MEMBERS PRESENT AT ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON RECEIVE THEIR 70-YEAR PINS.

Three lodge members qualified have qualified for their 70-year pins and two of them, **Rolf Owre and Grace Sandstad**, who happen to be cousins, were present to receive them at the lodge's 85th Anniversary luncheon. The third recipient was **Helen Danielson. Sondra Betancourt**, Grace's niece, composed a little history about Grace which was read at the luncheon, and which follows below:

The Roald Amundsen charter bears the names of the 29 founding members. Thirteen of those members were from the Trondheim region, and eight of the thirteen were from the Trondheimsfjord island of Ytterøya. The Ytterøen names that came to be included in the lodge history were **Owre, Eid, Myre, Sandstad, Winje, Osterli, Skauge, Waaras, Jorstad & Kvam.**

Grace Sandstad has been involved with Roald Amundsen Lodge from the beginning! At age three, five members of her family signed the charter that formed this lodge. Grace is the youngest daughter of Charter Member **Einar Sandstad**, and the niece of Charter Members **Alfred Owre, Leif Owre, Alf Sandstad and Haakon Sandstad.**

As youngsters, **Grace and sisters May and Bernice** were ever present at lodge functions, and were always active participants in the Christmas program.

In June of 1944, at the age of 18, Grace was "thrilled" to become an official member of the Sons of Norway, and for decades she never missed a lodge function. Like their lifetime friends the **Karlstad brothers**, the **Sandstad sisters** were members of various lodge singing groups over the years.

Many of the current members recall that Grace and sister Bernice served cookies at lodge dinners. But today, only a few remain to recall Grace's ongoing contribution to the lodge. She served for several years as Marshal, then for several more years as Lodge Historian, and for two years as Social Director. She was an active member of both the Scandinavian Bowling League in North Sacramento, as well as the traveling Sons of Norway Bowling Team.

For years, Roald Amundsen members gathered forces to prepare for Sacramento's annual Camellia Festival and Parade. Lodge members provided hundreds of Camellia blooms, other members designed and constructed the elaborate floats, and still others including the Sandstad sisters stayed until the wee hours of the morning decorating the float for the big day (They planned to beat the Swedes.).



Rolf and Grace after receiving their pins from International President Marit Kristiansen.

When Scandinavian dance fever hit in the late 50s, Grace was in the thick of it! The costume she is wearing today is one of those made for the Roald Amundsen dance team. They performed at many notable events including the California State Fair, and, yes, the dance team accompanied the Camellia Parade float, dancing their way down the entire parade route.

At an early age, Grace happily contributed to lodge social events. More than two hundred Scandinavians would stand in line for the elaborate Smorgasbord and dance hosted by the lodge. Lutefisk and Torsk dinners would also draw large crowds. Grace regularly worked along side fellow lodge members (from the **Karlstad, Troseth, Skeie, Buer, Olsen, Byers and Lemkuil families** to name a few) rolling meatballs, setting tables, waiting tables, and when needed, yes serving cookies. But the real reason she was in the cookie room was a long standing agreement that she would sugar the delicious Rosettes that **Irene Karlstad** had spent hours making (teamwork).

Together with her cousin **William Owre**, Grace proudly received her Life Membership in 2009, today she joins you in celebrating this great occasion "**Hurra for Sonner av Norge! Hurra for Roald Amundsen! Gratulerer til alle!**"

Nostalgia Page...
REMEMBER WHEN?



1996 Maid of Norway Kristi Gordon (now Mattes). The late Erwin Bjerke, 1996 lodge President, presenting life memberships to members Irwin and Dora Sather.



Luncheon Photos from upper left: Those receiving 65-year pins. Edna Johnson and Bette Malme receiving 50-year pins. Oystein Solheim receiving his 60-year pin. He is flanked right, and also his wife Carol Lee Solheim, and also his daughter Beth Solheim, and International President Marit Kristiansen.

MORE LUNCHEON PHOTOS



Top to Bottom: Those receiving 55-year pins. Those receiving 40-year pins. The group assembling for the luncheon.



IN MEMORIUM...

We have been notified that long time lodge member and Sons of Norway Life Member **Delores (Dodie) Shoemaker** recently passed away at the age of 93. Along with her husband, Dodie was caretaker at Camp Norge from 1969 to 1972 and supervised the construction of Dorm 1, the swimming pool, and the deck around Recreation Hall. Also, she was the District Six Youth Director from 1968 through 1970, and at that time was a member of the Bjørnson Lodge.



Dodie, 2012

Penny Joseph Knudsen remembers: “We can't forget what a wonderful cook she was. My kids came home from camp praising her cooking and she also cooked for the Recreation Center Board whenever they met at camp while she was living there. She was a very hard worker. When someone put up a door or fixed something on a building, she was right there with paint and/or varnish to make sure it was protected. She loved kids, and had a lot of patience with teaching them beading and embroidery, as well as some folk dances and Norwegian sayings.

“The person who worked most closely with her at Language Camp was **Alma Froland** from Concordia #70. They were the directors of camp for the first formative years. They were both dedicated to making sure Language Camp was a positive experience for our young members.”

At the multi-lodge picnic in 2012, Dodie told people at her table about the early days of the Language and Heritage camp, when the kids had to walk to the pool in Dutch Flat, and when they used to have two camp sessions of 60 children each.

She was living in Cool at the time of her death, where she was a founding member of Cool Community Church. We all appreciate her long service and devotion to the Sons of Norway. She will be missed.

MESSAGE FROM THE CULTURAL CORNER: ANN SANDNER, CULTURAL DIRECTOR

I have a love for Norway, proved many times over by many visits to the home country and ongoing communication with my cousins and family there. Enjoy the participation of others in keeping the traditions alive, and I ask the following questions to help craft a program for the rest of 2014.

Please submit your answers, or your own thoughts and ideas, or wishes for our lodge to my email at asandner@aol.com or to my home at 2641 Palo Vista Way, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670.

Do current events and happenings in Norway interest you? If so, perhaps you would like opportunities to watch Norwegian programs which tell stories of regions or events throughout Norway?

Keep the history and traditions alive; is that your passion? Perhaps the recent fire that destroyed the centuries-old buildings in Laerda, on the Sognfjord might bring to mind historic places in Norway you'd like to learn more about? Or are you interested in the Myths and Legends? Norsk tales are at the root of many modern-day stories in

books, television and film.

Do language-related cultural activities jump start your engines? Trivia games or Bingo, with related fun to help us recall our Norsk language, or learn new words, would these interest you? And of course, music is a wonderful way to keep in touch with Norway –would you enjoy hearing and seeing music videos of the young artists in Norway who are keeping the language alive? Or perhaps you are challenged to share your love of Norway with your children and grandchildren? May we assist you in that? Readings from children's books, fanciful tales of Trolls and Nisse, or perhaps a time scheduled for a good old fashioned Show 'N Tell, where we each might bring a beloved treasure or story, memory or music to share with the group. If we all put our heads together on this, share what interests You!, we will surely come up with what we want for our group and who knows?, we might tempt others to join us! Again, send your answers, ideas and thoughts to your Culture Director. **Thanks! Ann**



LANGUAGE/HERITAGE CAMP
(Camp Trollfjell)

Scholarship Application for July 2014 Camp
Roald Amundsen Lodge #48, Sacramento, CA
Sons of Norway

This is an application for a lodge scholarship stipend to pay one-half the camp charge. Please refer to the Camp application and flyer for additional information on charges, etc. You can find these on the District 6 website (www.sofn6.com/) and elsewhere.

Camper's Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

Telephone number: _____

Email: _____

Tell us who in your family (parents, grandparents, etc.) belongs to the Sons of Norway and to Roald Amundsen Lodge:

Requirements:

1. You must write a letter as to why you want to attend. You may do so on the back of this form. Minimum two paragraphs, please.
2. You will also be required to attend the September 9th monthly meeting of the lodge to tell about your camp experience and perhaps show your crafts.

Please submit your application to **Donna Gordon, Foundation Director, Roald Amundsen Lodge, Sons of Norway, 916-972-8041, 5245 McKenzie Glen Court, Carmichael, CA 95608, justfordonna@surewest.net.** (You may submit this as an e-mail attachment, if you like. Don't forget the back page! Otherwise, please mail.)

Note: Your application to the Language/Heritage Camp must be submitted and accepted before the scholarship money will be sent to the Camp Treasurer.

APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR THIS SCHOLARSHIP: APRIL 30TH, 2014!

THANKS FROM THE LUNCHEON CHAIRMAN, DAVID BAILEY

We had a very successful Anniversary Luncheon on March 30th. I want to thank all those lodge members who contributed to the effort including **Steve Rosenthal, Tove-Lise Miller, Carol Francis, LaRena Hannon, Joe Hannon, Carol Lee Solheim, Beth Solheim, Ann Sandner, Donna Gordon, Eric Malme, Joe and Florence Smith** and any others who I have missed. 120 reservations were made and the **International President Marit Kristiansen** and the **District 6 Board** were in attendance.—*David S. Bailey*

ROALD AMUNDSEN LODGE, SONS OF NORWAY



**“17TH OF MAY”
CELEBRATION
BARNETOG (Children’s Parade)
and PICNIC**

When: SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2014, beginning at 12:30 in afternoon, until 5:00.

Where: HOME OF LODGE PRES. STEVE AND CELIA ROSENTHAL AND ADJACENT GLANCY OAKS PARK, 2051 Gunn Road, Carmichael. Ample parking in the drive and on the street. If you get lost, call 916.539.5614.

Wear: Red-white-blue! Also bring Norwegian flags if you have them. (National costumes too warm to wear.) Swimming available if weather permits — wear or bring swim suit.

Featuring: Barnetog (children’s parade—all can participate!) at about 2:00 pm. Potluck picnic, games, swimming if weather permits. Pool will be heated. Children’s playground equipment in park adjacent to back yard. Teenagers—there are basketball hoops!

Lodge Will Provide: Grilled hot dogs, hamburgers, plates, cups, napkins, plastic cutlery, ice, soft drinks, condiments, ice cream dessert and maybe a cake.

Bring: Potluck dish to share along with serving utensils (salads, beans, chips, side dishes), adult libations, folding chairs, cameras, Norwegian relatives and friends, other Scandinavians, and indeed anyone you care to bring.

Cost: FREE. But please call Tove-Lise Miller at 916/364-8704 or email (PREFERRED) tovelise@aol.com to indicate you are likely coming (and how many!) so we have an approximate count! By the Wednesday prior, if possible. We may not be able to accommodate you if you are not registered.

**WELCOME SUMMER CELEBRATING
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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 -- LaRena Hannon, Lyla Hanson
April -- Carol Francis
May -- Steve Rosenthal, Norman Hales
June -- No Meeting
July -- No Meeting
August -- Janet Moe, Joan Armstrong-Allen
September -- Beth Solheim and Carol Lee Solheim
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