

THE NAVIGATOR

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FROM LODGE PRESIDENT STEPHEN ROSENTHAL:



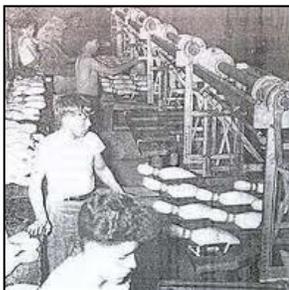
A (NORWEGIAN) AMERICAN STORY...

Dear fellow Roald Amundsen Lodge members,

I believe I have been editor of the **Navigator** for at least eight of the last eleven years. During that time I have carried stories about many Norwegians and Norwegian-Americans who were famous, lead interesting lives, did something heroic, or were deserving in some way of being highlighted. Of course, there are many that I have missed and if you know of one who would make for an interesting story, by all means tell me and we will see what we can do. Better yet, submit your own researched article about him or her.

I was thinking about someone to feature this month when it hit me – I know a Norwegian-American, a good friend of mine, whom I admire a lot. I have not spoken to him about this article and so I will simply refer to him here as “Jack.” I have known Jack since we were in junior high school together.

Jack’s Norwegian dad was from North or South Dakota and although he was born in this country, he spoke with what I perceived to be a Scandinavian accent. The dad owned a Texaco



What it was like to set pins. OSHA wasn't here.

gas station (really, a service station, as in those days gas stations had service bays and did oil changes, repairs, etc.) and he was always working there. The family was large – six kids – and so there wasn’t a lot of money to go around. Jack often worked at the station, too. In fact, he worked everywhere: he set pins at the local bowling alley, he worked in a drug store (I guess I should say pharmacy today), and he drove a delivery van, among other jobs. I helped him with the delivery van job once, but when it became apparent that I wasn’t a lot of help muscling refrigerators from the truck to second floor of apartments, I graciously bowed out.



REMAINING 2014 LODGE SCHEDULE:

OCTOBER

10/4 – **Scandifest** (See Flyer)
10/14– Lodge Meeting (Tue at 7 pm)
10/18– **Lutefisk Dinner** (Saturday at 6 pm. See flyer)

NOVEMBER

11/11– Lodge Meeting and Veterans’ Day (Tue at 7 pm)
11/15– **Vikingsfest** at the lodge (See prelim. Flyer)

DECEMBER NO LODGE MEETING

TBD– **Julebord** at the lodge.
TBD– **Children’s Christmas Party.**

Also, see flyers inside for these and other events sponsored by other lodges.

NECROLOGY
Bordsen, I. Sather, Guida. (See inside)

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Jack, another young fellow, and I jumped into an old car when we were sixteen years old and drove from Wisconsin to Las Vegas, to San Diego, to Washington State, and all points in between. It was the beginning of friendship lasting to this day.

I know I am using a lot of column inches here, but I think the story gets better. Jack started at one of the state colleges in Wisconsin to get an education. However, he was about to get drafted and so he enlisted in the army and they sent him to OCS. He was commissioned and, with his new wife, was sent to Germany to serve in the Military Police, where he did serve admirably.

After release from the Army, without a college degree, but with large vehicle driving experience, he became a bus driver, and eventually was hired by Greyhound Bus Lines. For a number of years he had this comfortable driving job, but then what later proved to be a life's turning point arrived. Greyhound management came calling – they wanted Jack to consider *management!* That is, leave his cushy union-protected job and join the ranks of transportation management, where they might love you today, and fire you tomorrow. Drivers hardly ever switch to management. Jack opted to jump.

Over the ensuing years he managed bus stations in several states, but then the really big deal hit – Greyhound asked him to go to Saudi Arabia and manage all of their bus operations in that country. Greyhound had a huge contract to run all busses that ferried oil field workers to all the oil fields and other locations. Jack ran the operation. During this multi-year assignment Jack and his wife were able to travel to Norway and visit the area where his immigrant grandparents were from – his surname is the same as the area name.

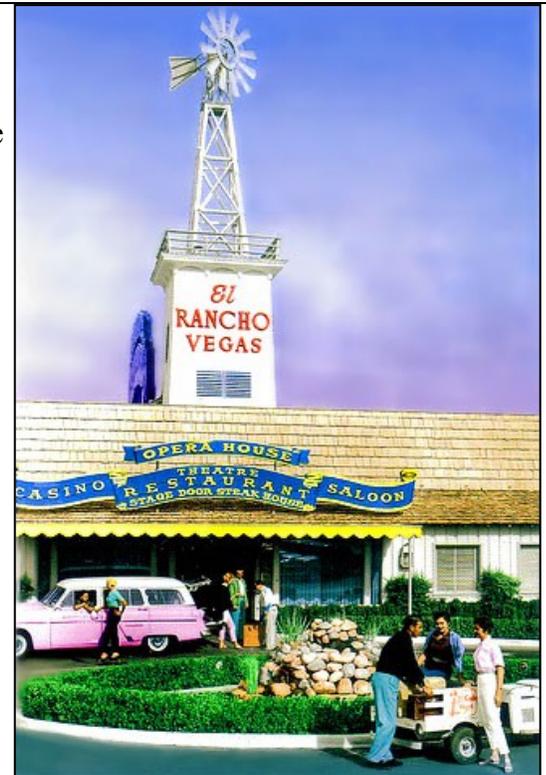


Later there were ups and downs with Greyhound, but when a new CEO came in some years back, he asked Jack to be the Chief Operating Officer (COO) – the number two job in the company! For quite a number of years Jack was in charge of all equipment, rolling stock, real estate, and basically everything that wasn't financial in the company. He traveled to Washington to meet with the Interstate Commerce regulators, and attended meeting that occasionally involved the President of the United States.

Jack tells the story of how, after one such meeting, he and an associate were sent to see President Clinton off on Air Force One. Jack told his associate that he was going to ask to see the inside of the plane – after all, he as taxpayer owned a part of it! At the military base he did indeed ask the President if he could take a peek inside. The Secret Service agents immediately demurred, but President Clinton intervened and said, “Why sure Jack, come on up the ramp,” and he showed Jack and the other fellow the complete aircraft, except for the Clinton personal quarters. As the tour was completed the President turned and said, **“You know, Jack, what the best part of this job is? It's riding around in this darn plane!”**

Jack retired at 70+ and now spends a lot of time playing golf in Dallas and in Wisconsin, where he has residences, and in other parts of the country and the world. He has served on a few boards. He is not famous. But, this is a good American story about a fellow of Norwegian background who started with not very much and accomplished a lot—from bus driver to COO.

I value his friendship. Steve



First casino on the Las Vegas strip, as it existed when we were there in 1957. It burned down in 1960.



SIDEBARS FROM THE EDITOR...



LODGE RECEIVES AWARDS AT CONVENTION

Roald Amundsen Lodge receive four Silver Merit Awards at the June Biennial District Six Convention in Palm Springs. Above is an example of one of them.

LODGE ELECTION

The election of 2015 lodge officers is scheduled for our next lodge meeting on October 14. Please attend and vote as you see fit. The Nominating Committee is hard at work putting a proposed slate together. Please call them if you want to



be considered for a position, or if you know of someone who would be a good fit for one of the officer positions. The positions are listed in Directory. The members of the committee are: **Donna Gordon at 916/972-8041, Norman Hales at 916/484-1274, and Jim Smith at 916/783-8830.**

BENEFITS COUNSELOR TO PRESENT AT OCTOBER MEETING

Our lodge Financial Benefits Counselor, **Adrienne Lincoln**, will be giving a short presentation on the Sons of Norway “3 Fs.” **Foundation, Fraternal and Financial**, and how these three program ele-

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NORWAY BANS SMOKING IN TRAIN STATIONS!

A Special, Semi-truthful, Report from Award-winning Reporter Dick Tracysen

As of September 1st smoking is no longer allowed at train stations and platforms, inside or out, across Norway. All public ash trays in these spaces have been removed. I learned the hard way when I lit up a Chesterfield at the Oslo station last week. A uniformed smoke-patrol lady approached me and before I knew what was happening she sprayed water from what looked like a seltzer bottle in my face to extinguish the “noxious flame.” Then she made me put the wet butt in the pocket of my new \$2,195 wool pinstripe suit with Jacques stitching that I had just picked up from *Dolce & Gabbana*.

“The next offense you will be fined,” she told me. I think I would have preferred to have been fined for the first offense.

“The law on tobacco was changed on July 1st and now states that areas around public transit systems where the public has access must be smoke free. We will adjust to this rule,” says **Cecilie Pindsle** in Jernbaneverket, the National Railway Administration. “All train companies have supported us and this ban. We believe that many travelers will also be pleased, and probably think that it will be nice that there is no smoking on the platforms,” Pindsle says.



Mr. Pindsle in his National Railway Administration office, explaining the smoking ban.

The ban also includes electric cigarettes, cigars, and of course some of the more exotic weeds favored by the younger crowd. Outdoor entrances to health institutions and public buildings also must also be smoke free, according to the new law. **The ban also specifically mentioned smoke bans in all schools and kindergartens.**

Kindergartens? I just had to look into this... Apparently when the children are put down on their nap rugs for a little rest, some of them have been sneaking out to the restrooms to take a few puffs. Since the teachers are in their lounges also puffing away during nap times, these little buggers are seldom caught in the act. Hopefully they will outgrow this ugly habit before the smoke-patrol lady gets to them, too.



Princess Mette-Marit of Norway.

After all, its not “cool” to smoke and no one with any influence in Norway smokes, I was assured by national officials.

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Adrienne Lincoln

ments work to together to benefit all the members of the Sons of Norway. Also, she will pass out pink cards for members to fill out for an end of presentation raffle drawing for two prizes. This promises to be an informative presentation.

THANKS FOR SETTING UP!

One group that doesn’t get enough thanks consists of those ladies and gents who do the setup and break—down for our monthly meetings. Thanks especially to our Assistant Marshal, **Pat Hariman**, who is always there to take care of things. Also, Greeter **Ron Bryd** effectively notes and gives proper recognition to our visitors and new members, as well as running the raffle. Thanks to you, too, Ron.

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA KRETSSTEVNE

If you have plans to attend this Southern California event, it takes place Oct. 31—Nov 2 at a campground near Banning. For more information, contact Nancy Madsen at norsknm@earthlink.net., or check the District 6 website.

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.

DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO SAY?

Our readership (we hope there is one) is probably tired of all the rambling material produced by your editor and the occasional foppish piece contributed by our intrepid reporter, Dick Tracysen. We welcome and encourage contributions from others...



**A Very Special Event with Dr. Kayleen Asbo
"Norse Mythology Through Art and Music"**

Norway Hall
617 W. Ninth Street, Santa Rosa



**Saturday
November 8, 2014**

Dr. Kayleen Asbo is a cultural historian, musician, writer and teacher who weaves together myth, history and the arts with experiential learning. She is on the faculty of the San Francisco Conservatory of Music and the Osher Life Long Learning Institutes at UC Berkeley, Sonoma State University and Dominican University. Kayleen has been a guest presenter and lecturer in England and France as well as in the U.S. She teaches with joy, humor and enthusiasm and we are so very fortunate to be able to see and hear her at Norway Hall.

Viking Buffet of Traditional Delicacies
6 pm social hour
6:30 pm dinner
7:15 pm program
Program/Dinner \$22 members, \$27 non-members
Program only \$12 members, \$17 non-members
Kids 8 – 14 half price
Kindly Send Prepaid Reservations by Nov. 1 to
Sons of Norway
PO Box 6558
Santa Rosa, CA 95406
For Details, contact Karen 707-996-9889



Freya Lodge 6-062

CAMPING EXPERIENCES!

Our five **Language and Heritage Camp** participants, wearing their camp shirts, reported on this summer's camp at the September Lodge meeting. **Matthew Bradley**, fifth year camper who will graduate next summer, showed his craft projects. He is the daughter of **Sonja Malme** and grandson of **Duane and Betty Malme**.



Bo Tadlock, fourth year camper, participated by DVD from his home in Utah; he told about his favorite parts of camp. Bo is the grandson of our Marshal, **Pat Hariman**.

Angelina Jensen, third year camper, and her cousin **Olivia Siddique**, second year camper, narrated a photo walk to Lover's Leap, while first year camper **Carrie Milar** talked about her favorite parts of camp. Angelina is the daughter of lodge member **Arne Jensen**, and Olivia is the daughter of lodge member **Laura Siddique-Jensen**. Carrie is the daughter of new member **Ann Milar**.



The new camp leaders this year were a big hit with our campers, all of whom are eager to return next year. They concluded their program by leading the group in the Norwegian Birthday Song and "Per Spellman." It was a very informative and charming cultural program. - **Carol Francis, Youth Director**



Top photo, from left: Carrie Milar, Olivia Siddique, Angelina Jensen, and Matthew Bradley. Bo Tadlock participated via a recorded DVD. Poor photo quality thanks to Dick Tracysen's DTs.

IN MEMORIAM...



Barney Bordsen at about age 98. Photo taken by daughter Janice Bailey and it won first place in the Portrait Division at the Dixon May Fair in 2011.



We have become aware that lodge member **Barney Bordsen** passed away this past February at the age of 100. Barney was born in Norway or Spitzbergen and served in the US Army during WWII. Barney was a lodge member for many years and he used to cook the fish for the lodge fish dinners. He was living in Rio Linda at the time of his death.

in the lodge for many years. Janice's daughter was married at the lodge. The photo above is of his bomber crew from the WWII era; Barney is third from the left, standing.

In 2011, his daughter Janice Bailey reported that he always looked forward to reading **The Navigator** and the **Norwegian American Weekly**. She also reported that her mother, Katherine Bordsen, painted a picture of Roald Amundsen that hung



Irvin Sather

As far as your editor knows we have not previously reported the death of **Irvin Sather**, who passed away in 2011 in Auburn, California. He is survived of his wife of 66 years, Dora.

Irvin was born in 1914 in Fortuna, North Dakota. He moved to Bigfork, Minnesota and met Dora while ice-skating on a frozen lake. He was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Mount Vernon Grange, SIRS, Men in Mission, and of course Sons of Norway since 1966. We regret that we were unable to report his death on a more timely basis.

We have also been informed that lodge member **Vincent Guida** passed away in January, 2013, about two months short of his 100th birthday. We have no other information on him or his next of kin.

KRETTSTEVNE, LABOR DAY WEEKEND, CAMP NORGE



*Barn at play.
Duane Malme
and friends.
Carol Francis
and Tomba.
Viking maraud-
ers.*



Sons of Norway & Roald Amundsen Lodge

Invite you to attend the annual



Viking Festival

Saturday, November 15, 2014

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Admission free !!

San Juan Masonic Hall

**5944 San Juan Avenue, Citrus Heights
(between Madison and Greenback Avenues)**

**Craft items, Demonstrations, Bakery Goods,
Scandinavian merchandise and Gift items...**

Just in time for holiday Shopping.

**Lunch will be available:
Open-face sandwiches, Fish soup, Waffles,
Viking-on-a-Stick, Baked goods... and more**



**Additional information: Call (916) 293-8142
Visit the website: www.sonsofnorwaysacramento.com**

Come one, come all ... you'll have a good time!





Sweden

31st Annual Sacramento Scandinavian Festival Saturday, October 4, 2014 10:00 am - 4:00 pm



Iceland



Norway



Finland



Denmark

Scandinavian food, baked goods, and merchandise for sale
Information about the Nordic Countries
Music, Entertainment and Door Prizes

DIVINE SAVIOR CATHOLIC CHURCH

9079 Greenback Lane
Orangevale, CA 95662
(Two blocks east of Hazel Avenue)

Adults \$5

Children under 12 free

For more information, please call:

- Denmark (916) 682-4888
- Finland (916) 294-7411
- Iceland (408) 509-3209
- Norway (916) 451-3853
- Sweden (916) 481-0373

Day of Festival you can call (916) 206-8962

Are you Norwegian enough?



**SONS OF NORWAY ROALD AMUNDSEN LODGE
LUTEFISK AND MEATBALL DINNER**

SAT., OCT. 18, 2014

**Social Hour 5:00 pm. Dinner 6:00 pm. MASONIC CENTER
Cultural Program after Dinner 5944 San Juan Ave., Sacramento**

**Reservation Deadline is October 10th
Pre-paid Reservations only · No ticket sales at the door
Adult S/N Members \$17.00 · Non-members \$20.00
Children 11 and under \$5.00 · Children 5 and under, No Charge**

**Make check payable to "Sons of Norway"
Mail to: Carol Lee Solheim, 3570 Vista Grande, Shingle Springs, CA 95682
Questions: 530.677.2006; solheim2636@att.net;
www.sonsofnorwaysacramento.com**

Please reserve the following tickets, which will be held at the door for you:

Member Name(s) _____

Non-member Name(s) _____

Contact phone number and e-mail _____

of members _____ **@ \$17 each, to total** \$ _____

of non-members _____ **@ \$20 each, to total** \$ _____

of paying children _____ **@ \$5.00 each, to total** \$ _____

Grand Total \$ _____

(Detach and mail to above address by October 10, 2014, with check)

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SIGN-UP LIST FOR REFRESHMENTS FOR 2014—2015 MONTHLY LODGE MEETINGS



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

October -- Pat Harriman, Ann Sandner, Sharon Brooks
November -- Tove-Lise Miller, Donna Gordon and Kristi Mattes
December -- No Meeting
January -- No Meeting
February --
March --
April --
May --
June -- No Meeting
July -- No Meeting
August --
September --

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