

THE NAVIGATOR

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FROM LODGE PRESIDENT TOVE-LISE MILLER:



Wow! Twenty-four years ago I was elected President of Roald Amundsen Lodge for the first time and I promised myself I was not going to do that again! Well here I am, President again. Thank you for having confidence in me.

A little bit about me: I was born and raised in Norway and joined Sons of Norway in Bismarck, North Dakota, which was the first place I lived in in the USA. I have also been a member of Sons of Norway in Baltimore, Maryland. I have attended several District Conventions and two International Conventions. I love Sons of Norway and hope to see the organization grow. It is a family organization and hope to see more young members participate. Please let me know what programs and activities you would like to have.

It will be hard to follow in Steve Rosenthal's footsteps. Thank you so very much, Steve, for doing a great job the last couple of years. I am also very thankful that you are continuing as our Editor. It is such an important job. It is a great way to get information out, not only to our current members, but also to prospective members, especially now that we have a website. We did not have that the last time I was President. Yes, a lot of things have changed since then. (I know I sound old, but it is true.)

I am looking forward to a busy year and hope I will see a lot of new and "old" faces attending our activities. We always welcome a helping hand.

Our Pea Soup dinner is coming up shortly. In March is our Codfish and Meatball dinner and we are looking for a chairperson and lots of helpers. Please step up and volunteer. The officers are not able to do it all.

Thank you, for participating.
Hilsen, Tove-Lise

UPCOMING LODGE SCHEDULE:

See flyers inside for these events.

- 2/10 Lodge meeting, 7 pm.
- 2/27 Pea Soup Supper.
- 3/10 Lodge meeting.
- 3/28 Torsk Dinner.
- 4/14 Lodge meeting.
- 5/12 Lodge meeting.
- 5/17 (About) 17th of May Celebration. More information later.

2015 OFFICERS INSTALLED IN AT JAN. 17TH BRUNCH MEETING

The January lodge meeting was a pleasant brunch affair held on a Saturday afternoon. The delicious potluck dishes were served prior to the meeting, with desserts served after the ceremony. **Tove-Lise Miller** was installed as the 2015 president, and **Jim Smith** was elected and installed as the lodge vice president. Past District 6 Secretary **Carol Lee Solheim** was the Installing Officer. A complete listing is given below. **Janet Moe** was the musician, and **Ann Sandner** and **LaRena Hannon** served as marshals. Almost all incoming officers were present to be installed.

This Saturday afternoon meeting drew some members whom we don't normally see because of night driving difficulties and other conflicts. We were happy to see them and to visit with them once again.

Outgoing President **Stephen Rosenthal** received a beautiful Viking Ship model and a King Harald medallion in recognition of his service.

The new officers are already busy planning the 2015 activities for the lodge.

Tove-Lise after installation, escorted by Wyatt Mattis.



President	Tove-Lise Miller	Youth Director	Carol Francis	Website	Tedje Miller
Vice President	Jim Smith	Greeter	Ron Byrd	Publicity Director	Deanne Smeltzer
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Marshal	Ann Sandner	Cultural Director		Directory/Labels	Carol Lee Solheim
Asst. Marshal	Pat Harriman	Editor	Stephen Rosenthal		
		Publisher	Ray Miller		



SIDEBARS FROM THE EDITOR...

THANKS FROM OUTGOING PRESIDENT

I wish to thank all members of the lodge for entrusting me with the supervision of lodge matters over this last two years. Although at times challenging, I have enjoyed serving in the position greatly, and I hope I have lived up to your expectations. I am happy to leave the job in good hands—Tove-Lise's!

For those of you that were not at the Installation Ceremony, I would like to share with you a photo of the beautiful Viking Ship model I received as outgoing president. It has already assumed a prominent display space in our home!

I hope all will give Tove-Lise the help that she will need. She is not only serving as lodge president, she is also serving as District 6 Zone 1 Director. Please see what you can do for her in the months ahead.—SAR

WANT TO TELL US WHAT IS WRONG?

See the questionnaire that is or soon will be available on the website. Responses can be sent c/o Roald Amundsen Lodge, P.O. Box 3734, Citrus Heights, CA 95611-3734.

ALWAYS GREAT PEA SOUP DINNER IN FEBRUARY!

This year it will be free for Roald Amundsen Lodge members. See flyer in this issue.

MORS DAG – Norwegian mothers are honored on February 8th....

CAMP NORGE

Penny Joseph Knudsen, secretary of the Recreation Center Board, reports that the camp is closed for the winter season but that a real productive work party met this last November 14/15 to do some major repairs and to prepare camp for winter.

They are looking forward to opening camp on April 1, 2015. There are plans for a "very short meeting and very long work party on March 21/22 to prepare camp for the April 1 opening and the summer season." If anyone in the lodge would like to participate, he/she should let Penny know and they will try to find a job to match your

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Incoming President Tove-Lise Miller escorted by Marshals Ann Sandner and LaRena Hannon at the Installation ceremony. Installing Officer Carol Lee Solheim.

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skills. In particular, they will be looking for someone who likes yard work as a clean up around the main house and buildings is necessary, and a drought-friendly plan has to be found for this area. There should be a flyer with more details out shortly.

CAMP TROLLFJELL



Camp Trollfjell for 8-13 year olds will run from July 12-25. Classes will again be in **Rosemaling, Folk Dancing, Heritage, Crafts, and Norwegian Language**. This year campers will learn money management with bank books, Norwegian Krones, a daily Kanteen for purchasing special treats, and much more authentic Norwegian food at mealtimes.

Executive Director **Erik Peters** and Assistant Director **Clayton Davis** are hard at work preparing fantastic experiences for our Heritage Members. For more information,

check out the new District Six website--- www.sofn6.org. The camper application can be filled out on the camp website: <http://www.campnorge.org/camp-trollfjell.html>.

Also, the camp is in need of filling the following staff positions: Nurse, Rosemaling Instructor, Folk Dance Instructor, Chef and Assistant Chef. If you are interested in a position, please contact Erik at erik.peters@me.com.

Roald Amundsen Lodge will provide one-half of tuition scholarships (\$450) to the camp for qualified lodge children and grandchildren who are properly registered for the camp with their portion of the tuition paid. Contact the Foundation Director, Donna Gordon, for detailed information. (justfordonna@surewest.net)

RECENT NORWEGIAN FILM ON NETFLIX ON-LINE...

The name of the film is **"I am yours" (Jeg er din)**. It is about a Pakistani-Norwegian girl who has to deal with the conflict between her parents' ways and the ways of modern Norway. This viewer did not care for it too much (it was a bit of a downer), but his wife liked it. Also, it has received some good reviews from the professional reviewers. The movie was underwritten to some extent by Martin Scorsese. If you want to watch a movie in Norwegian (some Swedish and some Urdu) with English sub-titles, this one fits the bill.



NORWEGIAN DIRECTOR IN THE RUNNING FOR BEST DIRECTOR ACADEMY AWARD!

The British film, ***The Imitation Game***, is one of the current nominees for Best Picture Academy Award (Oscar). The film is now in local theaters, and is about a guy who works for British Intelligence to crack Nazi codes with great success, but then he is found out as being gay, and problems ensue.

The director is Norwegian **Morten Tyldum**, and he has been nominated for the Academy Best Director Award.

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In all, the film has received eight Oscar nominations. Tyldum, about 48 years old, has been admired for some of his other films as well, including *Headhunters*, which this column reviewed a while back; it was the highest grossing Norwegian film of all time. He and his wife now live in Beverly Hills, but they maintain a home in Norway.

KIDS SNOW TRIP CANCELLED

Due to lack of snow and other factors, this year's children's ski trip, regrettably, had to be canceled. Carol Francis, Youth Director, thanks those who worked on planning it with her.

BIG MONEY FOR NORWEGIAN 18-YEAR-OLD FOOTBALL (SOCCER) PLAYER

Norwegian football (soccer) player Martin Odegaard, 16, signs with Real Madrid. The deal was for a reported €3 million, or about \$4.8 million.

**2016 DISTRICT SIX CONVENTION TO BE HELD IN LOVELAND, COLORADO**

The convention will run from June 19-22 and will be held at the Embassy Suites. All of their hotel "rooms" are in fact two-room suites. This location is 45 minutes from the Denver Airport. Loveland, as the city name implies, is the home of the largest Valentine's Day party in the world. (OK, just kidding, but there are many legitimate attractions nearby, such as Rocky Mountain National Park. Also, there will be a Scandinavian Fest in nearby Estes Park on June 25-26, 2016.)

2015 KRETSSTEVES

The Southern California Kretsstevne will be held October 23-25 at Banning Stagecoach KOA Campground & RV Park, 25 miles west of Palm Springs. To date there is no information available on the 2015 Northern California and Central California Kretsstevens...

JANSRUD CONTINUES TO DOMINATE WORLD SKIING

Norwegian downhill skier, **Kjetil Jansrud**, who was featured in last month's Navigator, has continued his winning ways on January 22nd by finishing in first place in Kitzbuehel downhill, considered to be the Super Bowl of the sport.

Unfortunately, our reporter, **Dick Tracysen**, was not able to cover this event, as he was detained at St. Moritz while covering **Lindsey Vonn's** competition. It seems that while photographing Lindsey, he jumped up too fast, swung his camera around and - bam! - knocked out bystander **Tiger Woods'** front tooth. Tiger was there to cheer on his girlfriend, Lindsey. Officials detained Mr. Tracysen while a full investigation was being undertaken.

**NAVIGATOR ON-LINE VERSION HAS EXTRA PAGE**

If you are reading the mailed version of this Navigator, you will find that it has 12 pages. The on-line version has a "lucky 13" page, containing more information on scholarships. Mailed versions cannot have an odd number of pages, and work best if their page count is divisible by 4.

MORE NORWEGIAN EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Norwegian Folk Schools offer a great opportunity for a high school / college age person

If I were young I would jump for one of these in a New York minute. There are at least 78 of these schools located all over Norway. They cater to young persons from Norway, Europe, the United States, and indeed all over the world. Generally, folk high schools are one-year boarding schools based on the idea of learning for life and not necessarily for occupations and degrees. They provide an opportunity to focus on subjects that interest a student, and to help him or her to grow as a person in a small and close-knit learning community without exams and grades. These are schools where “you broaden your horizon, deepen your social insights, get more confidence in yourself, and learn tools for life-long learning. Some schools also offer classes in Norwegian language and culture.”



Folk School students studying geology.

The idea, as I see it, is for a person of age about 16 to 20 to spend a year, not in high school, not in college, but doing something really different while meeting other young persons from all over the world. I sampled the web page for one, the Skiringssal folkehoyskole in Sandefjord, a seaside town of 40,000 located about 80 miles south of Oslo. During the year students are offered 7 major subjects which change from time to time, 26 other subjects to choose from, 33 seminars and 3 common subjects. The major subjects now per their web page, are **Clothes and Design, Theatre and Music, Music Production and Songwriting, Film Production, Interior Design and Architecture, and Drawing, Art, Painting and Travel**. At most of these schools there is a lot of emphasis on outdoor activities, camping trips, athletic participation, and similar pursuits. My understanding is that many courses are taught in English.

To learn more, just google *Norwegian Folk Schools*.

Norway abounds in opportunities for American Students to Pursue Higher Education

The latest *News of Norway* publication from the Norwegian Embassy in the United States lists sixteen Norwegian Universities with scholarly programs, many taught in English. Go to their Facebook page: **facebook.com/NorwegianEmbassyinWashington**.

For instance, consider the University of Oslo, “a leading European university and the oldest and largest university in Norway. UiO offers 50 masters’ programs and over 800 courses taught in English...”

Or, the University of Tromsø: “Study at the northernmost university in the world! UiT, the Arctic University of Norway, is a broad research university ... We specialize in Arctic issues from environmental and natural resource management, Earth observation, Northern lights research, telemedicine, peace and conflict resolution, Arctic geopolitics, indigenous rights, and climate change.”

There must be something in that list for every young idealist! - **SAR**

NORWAY CONVICTED OF GENDER DISCRIMINATION IN THE US!

Cultural Skills Program obviously lacking at the Consulate

A US court in St. Paul has sentenced the country of Norway to pay around 2 million NOK (\$255,000) compensation to Ellen Ewald, who received less salary than her male counterpart did while working at the Norwegian consulate in Minneapolis. The court ruled recently that the Norwegian government violated Minnesota's discrimination and equal-pay laws by paying a female former employee 200,000 NOK (about \$25,000) less than a male employee, though their jobs were comparable, according to the *Minneapolis Star Tribune*.

Norway will pay Ellen Ewald around 1.3 million NOK (about \$166,000) in damages and around 750,000 NOK (\$95,000) for the emotional strain she experienced after she did not get the salary increase.

"I am pleased that the judge believes that everyone, big or small, must follow the law," said Ewald's lawyer. He did not say how big or small his client was. "Even foreign countries must pay equal wages for equal work," he continued. And, according to the lawyer, Norwegian authorities may have to pay much more considering the legal fees, the cost of the four lawyers involved in the case, and interest due.

This case has had repercussions right here, locally, within the staff of *The Navigator*. "Obviously, the US courts are targeting Norwegians and persons of Norwegian descent," claims long time crack reporter for the Navigator, **Dick Tracysen**. "I am afraid we are going to have to hire a female cub (cubbette?) reporter just to keep the Supreme Court off our backs," he further claimed. He is looking for a female journalist willing to emulate his style, boozing in the local saloons of whatever venue he might be covering, smoking smelly cheap cigars, and able to write credible stories while dealing with a rip-roaring hang-over. "Shouldn't be too hard to find in this era of the liberated woman," he averred.



Is this Tracysen on assignment in Portland?

EXCITING NEWS ABOUT CAMP NORGE!

TROLLFJELL FOLKEHØGSKULE will be held at Camp Norge from July 6-11, 2015 for youths ages 14-17. The *Folkeskule* will be limited to 18 students and there will be three areas of instruction: **Culinary Arts** – learning to cook and bake Norwegian style foods; **Carpentry** – will pick a project about Camp Norge that can be completed; and **Handverk** – knitting will be one focus this first time around.

Each evening after *middags mat*, staff and campers will join for a 30-minute language and cultural time. Evening activities will involve adult staff and youth, and will include Music Night, Game Night, Film Night, Cultural Night, Campfire Night, and Skit Night. There will be six teachers, no counselors, and teachers and youth will live together in the dorms and the barn, utilizing the Social Hall and Upper Bath House.

The cost of the program will be \$450 per student, plus a \$25 aktivitet fee. Roald Amundsen Lodge members have authorized the awarding of one (1) half-tuition scholarship to the camp. District 6 will be awarding some camperships, but details are not yet available. Check the District 6 website for the camp application, which should be available soon. (sofn6.org)

We need to identify eligible youth. If you have family members that might be interested, please let **Foundation Director Donna Gordon** (916/972-8041, justfordonna@surewest.net) know so that invitations can be sent.

Torsk & Meatball Dinner

Saturday, March 28, 2015

Social Hour 5:00 pm / Dinner at 6:00 pm

Roald Amundsen Lodge 6-48



Sons of Norway
San Juan Masonic Center
5944 San Juan Avenue
Citrus Heights



Cultural program after dinner—short!

Prepaid reservations only: Adult SofN Members \$13; Non-members \$18;
Children 10 and under \$5; Children 5 and under free.

RESERVATIONS LIMITED TO 80—NO TICKET SALES AT THE DOOR.

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 MAR. 19, PLEASE!**

Please reserve the following tickets (to be held at the door):

Member Names: _____

Non-Member Names: _____

Phone # and e-mail: _____

Members _____ @ \$13 each Total \$ _____

Non-members _____ @ \$18 each Total \$ _____

Children _____ @ \$5 each Total \$ _____

Children 5 and under _____

Grand Total \$ _____

DETACH AND MAIL WITH CHECK

2015-2016 DISTRICT 6 COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS!

Will you be a Sophomore, Junior or Senior student in a college or university for the school year 2015-2016? It is not too early to be thinking about Scholarships, and begin submitting your applications! – District 6 Sons of Norway, is here to help, but it is necessary for you to take the first step.

I know – you have just gotten your heels into school year 2014-15. But we want to help you so you will not let the deadlines for 2015/16 scholarships pass you by. There are various deadlines for scholarship applications. The applications for the 7 scholarships offered by International are due mostly by March 1st depending on which scholarship you are applying for. Be sure to go into www.sofn.com and confirm requirements and deadline dates soon so you don't miss it.

Applications for District 6 College/University scholarships must be submitted **no later than April 1, 2015**. If you are between the age of 18 and 23 and a current Unge Venner* member of a District 6 Lodge, you are eligible to apply for one of the scholarships offered by District 6. Questions can be addressed to Carl Ingvaldstad at cingvaldst@aol.com.

Three \$1,000 scholarships are available for students entering their sophomore, junior, or senior year as a fulltime undergraduate student in a 4 year accredited college or university in the USA. A grade point average of 2.5 or better on a scale wherein A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1 is required. All applications will be reviewed by the Scholarship Committee. Scholarship funds will be paid jointly to the applicant and to the institution he or she is attending. An updated application form can be found in our district website, www.sofn6.com. (If not there, it will be soon.)

Concordia College Language Camp. District Six offers a single full tuition (currently \$1770) scholarship to the Skogfjorden Norwegian Language Camp operated by Concordia College in Bemidji, MN. Life at Skogfjorden is infused with Norwegian language and culture from the moment you wake up – participating in small language learning groups, cultural and camp activities, sports, dance, and song – until the close of the day. **This application must be completed by March 1st.**

Editor's Note: PLEASE VERIFY ALL OF THIS INFORMATION DIRECTLY WITH DISTRICT 6!

ROALD AMUNDSEN LODGE 2015 CALENDAR

Here is the lodge's calendar of events for 2015. Changes, if any and as they occur, will be posted on the website and in The Navigator.

February 27 – Pea Soup Supper, Masonic Lodge

March 28 – Torsk / Meatball Dinner, Masonic Lodge

May 17 (about) – 17th of May Celebration, exact date and venue to be decided.

July 6-25—Children's Camps at Camp Norge

August – Summer Social Event, exact date and venue to be decided.

September 13 – Sunday afternoon meeting/social with camper kids from Trollfjell

October 3 – Scandifest

October 17 – Lutefisk Dinner, Masonic Lodge

November 21 – Vikingfest, Masonic Lodge

December 19 – Julebord, Masonic Lodge

December – Children's Christmas Party, venue and date to be promulgated

Additionally, there will be regular meetings on the second Tuesday evening, 7 pm, at the Masonic Lodge, during the following months: February, March, April, May, June, October, and November.

**SONS OF NORWAY 6TH DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIP
For school year 2015-2016**

Application for \$1,000 Scholarship

for an Undergraduate Student attending an Accredited 4 year American College or University

Applicant for this scholarship must be a current Unge Venner* or a Youth Member of a Sons of Norway, District 6 Lodge

**Application must be postmarked on or before April 1,
2015**

For the school year 2015-2016, SON District 6 is pleased to award three (3) scholarships of \$1,000 each, to students entering their sophomore, junior or senior year in an accredited college or university in the USA. Scholarships awarded will be payable jointly to the student and the institution of learning and mailed to the student before August 1 of the application year. Students may apply each year of their undergraduate study.

Eligibility Requirements:

* A youth between the ages of 16 and 23 inclusive, who is a lineal descendent or resides in the same household as a District 6 Sons of Norway member in good standing; or a youth member paying Unge Venner dues.

Applicant must be 23 years old or younger on April 1 of the application year.

Applicant must be enrolled in an accredited 4 year American college or university.

Applicant must be a full-time undergraduate student who has completed at least one (1) term (semester or quarter) of studies. Scholarship funds are intended to be awarded for studies in the sophomore, junior or senior year.

Applicant's college or university Grade Point Average (GPA) must be 2.50 or higher, based on a letter grade scale of A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1, F=0.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FORM AVAILABLE ON THE D6 WEBSITE AND RETURN WITH THE FOLLOWING:

Include all items required in 1 envelope. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Application form completed and signed.

Official transcript in a sealed envelope from the college or university you are attending, presenting work you have completed to date.

2 letters of recommendation in sealed envelopes: 1 from a faculty member of the institution you are attending and the other from a member of your lodge in District 6.

A statement of extra-curricular activities in which you participate, verified by documentation.

Sons of Norway activities and events in which you have taken part.

Essay of not more than 250 words, describing your current understanding of your career goals, how you plan to pursue them and how your studies will honor the Scholarship and the Sons of Norway.

Recent photo (headshot) no smaller than 3 inches wide by 4 inches high.

This application is downloadable in Sons of Norway District 6 website www.sofn6.org under Scholarship. If you have questions, please email Carl Ingvaldstad at cingvoldst@aol.com. **DO NOT RELY ON THIS COPIED NOTICE FOR COMPLETE INFORMATION! CONTACT D6.**

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**SIGN-UP FOR REFRESH-
MENTS
FOR 2015 MONTHLY
LODGE MEETINGS**

Please sign up at one of our meetings, or call Ron Byrd at 916/293-8142.



Here is a photo of the lodge's namesake, Roald Amundsen, caught at one of his more jovial moments.