

THE NAVIGATOR

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FROM LODGE PRESIDENT TOVE-LISE MILLER:



Dear Members,

Our end of the summer barbeque luncheon was very well attended. The kids that attended Camp Trollfjell did an outstanding job telling us about their experiences and what they learned in the two weeks they were there. They seemed to really have enjoyed themselves.

It is so important to get the children involved in Sons of Norway and learn about their heritage as they are who will take over in the future.

I think the food was great. Thank you to everyone that helped out, **Joe and LaRena Hannon, Donna Gordon, Janet Moe, Carol Francis, Barbeque Chef Ray Miller** and not to forget **Carol Lee Solheim** for taking reservations. Several other people including the campers pitched in to clean up. Thank you!

By the time you receive this newsletter the Scandinavian Festival will be history, but we have several other events coming up, including the lutefisk and meatball dinner on October 17th and Viking Fest November 21st. Lots of help is needed for both events. Please join us. It might be hard work at times, but we always have fun.

Elections of new officers are coming up shortly. Please be willing to serve if approached. Better yet, VOLUNTEER!

Our next regular meeting is October 13th at the Masonic Lodge. Hope to see you there. **Carol Francis** will be telling us about her latest trip to Svalbard.

Hilsen, Tove-Lise

WE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW LODGE MEMBERS:

(None this period)

SEE INSIDE FOR FLYERS:

**TORSK/MEATBALL
DINNER 10/17**

VIKING FEST 11/21

**D-6 CONVENTION
6/2016**

OTHER EVENTS

The early winter edition of the Navigator should publish in mid-to late- November.



**SONS OF NORWAY ROALD AMUNDSEN LODGE
LUTEFISK AND MEATBALL DINNER
SAT., OCT. 17, 2015**

**Social Hour 5:00 pm. Dinner 5:30 pm. MASONIC CENTER
5944 San Juan Ave., Sacramento**

**Cultural Program after Dinner:
55-minute film: "Twin Sisters"
Heart-warming story—One twin grows up in Sacramento and the other in
Norway. See SIDEBARS in The Navigator (Fall issue) for more information.**

**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, 2015, with check)

SIDEBARS FROM THE EDITOR...

REMARKABLE FILM STORY TO BE SHOWN AT TORSK DINNER

In 2003 two babies were found in a cardboard box in a Chinese village and subsequently adopted into two different families in two different corners of the world. Their sisterhood was meant to be kept a secret by the Chinese authorities. One baby went to a little village in Norway, surrounded by high mountains and deep fjords; the other one to a big city in the USA – **Sacramento!** The respective adopting parents had no idea that there was a twin sister to their child.

Twin Sisters tells the story of the remarkable journey of identical twins, adopted by families from opposite ends of the world who accidentally discover that their daughters are sisters. The film won the prestigious Audience Award at



the International Documentary Film Festival in Amsterdam, and other awards.

The filmmaker, **Mona Friis Bertheussen**, has worked for both NRK (Norwegian Public Broadcasting) and TV2 Norway, the biggest commercial TV channel in Norway, and also as a news reporter for the national news, before branching off into independent filmmaking. She is based in Oslo, Norway.

We hope that you will find the time to stay and view this remarkable story after the Torsk Dinner. It is only 55 minutes long. And don't forget – we plan to serve dinner at 5:30 pm, Saturday, October 17th!

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Twin sisters Mia and Alexandra with Ms. Bertheussen.

NORWEGIAN FIRM CHOSEN TO CORRECT PISA TOWER LEAN



Aker Solutions, a huge international Norwegian firm specializing in drilling rigs and platforms, says it is up to the task.

Construction of the leaning tower took 199 years. Work of the ground floor white marble campanile began in 1173. The site had unstable soil conditions and the building foundation was only three meters deep. Currently the tower is 183 feet high and it leans 4° off of plumb. This means that the top of the tower is displaced horizontally almost 13 feet from the center line.

“We know just what to do,” claims **Giovanni Mortensen**, Aker’s man heading up the Milan office, when interviewed by **Dick Tracysen**. “We’re going to pump that sucker’s basement so full of cement that the tower will float like a fishing cork before we’re through!”



*Giovanni Mortensen**

Straightening the tower is not without controversy. After almost nine centuries, the local townspeople are somewhat used to the tower’s lean. Mortensen dismisses their concern. “These Italians have got to learn to fix their mistakes. We would never permit a screw-up like this to exist in Norway.”

At the close of the interview with Tracysen, Mortensen was seen strapping on his Kevlar vest in preparation for a site visit to determine where to pump in the cement.

(SIDEBARS, Continued from page 3)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE ELECTION AT NEXT MEETING

The 2016 Nominating Committee will be elected at our meeting Tuesday night, October 13th. The persons nominated to serve on the committee by the Board are **Jim Smith, Ann Sandner, and Ron Byrd**.

OCTOBER CULTURAL PROGRAM

At our regular monthly meeting this Tuesday night, October 13th, Carol Francis will be talking about **The Orkneys and the Shetlands** - “I will talk about tracing the Viking path through the Orkneys and Shetlands, then traveling the coast of Norway up to the largest rebuilt Viking Hall, Borg in the Lofoten Islands. I will also touch briefly on the Shetland Bus

between the Shetlands and the West Coast of Norway during WWII. I was historian for G Adventures on the M/S Expedition from May 29th to July 6th, then returned to the ship August 19th to September 2nd.” - **Carol Francis**.

OTHER AREA EVENTS

Bjornson Lodge (Oakland) Lutefisk Dinner, Saturday, Nov. 7. Contact **Nancy Eikeberg** at 510/530-3721 or neeikeberg@comcast.net.

MISSING PAGES!

This Navigator, on-line, has 15 pages. The size of the postal version is estopped at 12 pages. The postal reader will have to refer to the on-line version to see the **District 6 Convention Flyer, the District 6 Folk Art Flyer, and Bunad School Flyer**.

*Do you know who this man really is? See back page.

LODGE JUNIOR MEMBERS SHOW THEIR CAMP PROJECTS

The four campers from our lodge who received scholarship to Troll Fjell Language and Heritage Camp presented an outstanding recap of their favorite parts of camp at our September 13th lodge meeting.

Matthew Bradley, who graduated as a 13 year old, brought both his craft and rosemaling projects to show the lodge. The campers had used balloons as molds for Viking helmets, and Matthew wore his as he told about his other projects.

Angelina Jensen was in her fourth year of camp, and showed off her rosemaling. She enjoyed making lefse with the teacher who comes to camp every year to demonstrate and teach. **Olivia Siddique**, a third year camper, told about the cultural presentation she made on Norwegian pop music, an advanced project. Fifth year camper **Bo Tadlock** sent a YouTube presentation from Utah, thanking the lodge for the best ever camp, and showing off his rosemaling project.

The campers led the lodge in the opening and closing songs, and the Norwegian Happy Birthday song for members, and also sang one of their favorites "We are Norwegians." They were quite competent and we can be very proud of them for representing our lodge so well. **Anders Thue** was a Counselor in Training, and **Erin Bradley** was Assistant Cook, to round out a strong Roald Amundsen presence at camp.

Youth Director **Carol Francis** gave a short presentation on the Cultural Program presented on the last day of camp, including dancing and singing, and also showed pictures of the Roald Amundsen families at camp. She noted that the campers all sang the songs by rote, and she was impressed with how much Norwegian they learned.

Those in attendance at this Sunday barbecue lodge meeting all considered this afternoon format to be better for these annual junior lodge members' presentations. Perhaps we can have more daytime meetings in the future.—*Carol Francis and Editor.*



Bradley and his helmet

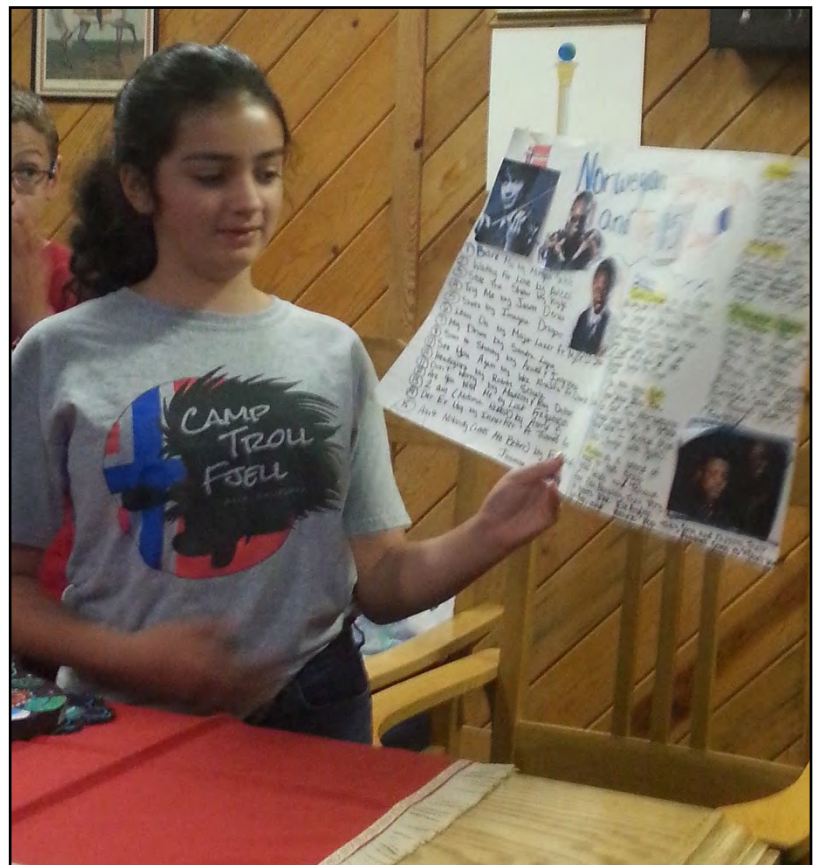
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CAMPER PRESENTERS (See previous page)

Our campers lined up and waiting for the Marine Corps recruiter (right).

Angelina Jensen showing one of her crafts. Her rosma-ling project is on the dais (below left).

Olivia Siddique tell-ing about her pop music project (below right).



THE 2015 SCANDIFEST IS “IN THE BOOKS”

This annual event, a joint effort by groups representing all the Scandinavian countries, is always a hit and well attended. This year’s production was held this past October 3rd. Many of our lodge members participated, as illustrated by the photos that follow.



Mike Jones and David Bailey smiling as Viking on Sticks fly off the counter.

Kristy Updegraff proudly presenting the Norwegian colors.

Our beautiful lodge ladies Sharon Brooks, LaRena Hannon, and Kristy Updegraff managing the bake table.

SCANDIFEST, continued....



*Ann Sandner and Lois MacNeil at Norwegian entrance table.
Wyatt Mattes waiting for his Viking on a Stick.*

ROALD AMUNDSEN LODGE WELL REPRESENTED AT NORTHERN CALIFORNIA KRETTSTEVNE

Roald Amundsen had a strong contingent to this year's Kretsstevne, with the **Malme/Wyatt/Bradley** families in full attendance, President **Tove-Lise Miller** and husband **Ray** camping nearby, and **Carol Francis** wandering around with a new Great Pyrenees **Triton**. It was a mellow weekend, smaller than past Kretsstevnes, but enjoyed by those in attendance. **Cole Malme** won a prize in the children's competitions with his great speed and quick thinking. As usual, Nordhal Grieg in San Jose had the largest group of campers, but Roald Amundsen was probably the second largest group. (Photos below and next page)



KRETTSTEVNE, continued...



Tove-Lise and Ray Miller enjoying morning cups of Joe. Cole Malme playing Ring Pickup. Ethan Malme walking Carol Francis' dog Triton. Duane Malme and Ray Miller.

Previous page: Duane Malme and friends jamming.



Sons of Norway & Roald Amundsen Lodge

Invite you to attend the annual

Viking Festival

Saturday, November 21, 2015



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

Admission is free!!

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

**Craft items, Demonstrations, Clothing, 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 !



Sons of Norway 24th Annual Weekend Southern California Kretsstevene

Friday, Oct. 23 - Sunday, Oct. 25, 2015

SCK Banning Fall Weekend

Join us for the weekend or a day trip for a wonderful blend of Norwegian Heritage and fellowship. The campground is a short distance south of Hwy 10 in Banning, 25 miles west of Palm Springs. The camp is on level ground at low elevation.



Banning Stagecoach KOA Campground & RV Park
 1455 S. San Geronio Avenue, Banning, CA 92220
<http://koa.com/campgrounds/banning-stagecoach>

- Play Bingo Friday night and Bid on Silent Auction items Saturday
- Learn some Folk Dances. Enjoy Music, Singing, Heritage Crafts, and Camaraderie
- Cultural Food Demonstrations, Heritage DVD programs and/or Slide Show program
- Enjoy a side tour to Gilman Historic Ranch & Wagon Museum on Saturday, 1:00 – 3:00 pm
 - Small extra charge at time of tour



**** Lodging Options ****

Limited number of RVs (4) and Park Models (3) for rent. Pricing is for two nights

Park Model – bedroom and foldout couch	\$130.00
RV – various sizes and accommodations, TBD	\$ 95.00
RV space, full hookups	\$ 65.00
Tent space	\$ 50.00

Please complete the registration form below and mail with your check made out to:
Southern California Kretsstevene. Mail by October 10 to:

Nancy Madson, SCK Registrar
 28-351 Via Las Palmas
 Thousand Palms, CA 92276

Home phone: (760) 343-0848
 e-mail: norsknm@earthlink.net



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Name(s) _____ **Lodge** _____

Children _____ **Ages** _____

Phone () _____ **E-mail** _____

SCK Registration Fee – all attendees _____ Adults @ 7.50 each/Family \$15.00 \$ _____
 Includes commemorative Rosemaled Kretsstevene pin for adults

Fri. Night Soup & Salad Dinner	_____ Adults @ \$8.00 each	_____ Children under 12 Free	\$ _____
Sat. Norwegian Pancake Breakfast	_____ Adults @ \$4.00 each	_____ Children under 12 Free	\$ _____
Sat. Hot Dog in Lefse Lunch	_____ Adults @ \$5.00 each	_____ Children under 12 Free	\$ _____
Sat. Tri-Tip Dinner	_____ Adults @ 12.50 each	_____ Children under 12 Free	\$ _____
Sun. Egg Bake Breakfast	_____ Adults @ \$4.00 each	_____ Children under 12 Free	\$ _____

Lodging: Use pricing from above - Circle one
 Park Model RV rental RV space tent space \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT, check written out to: Southern California Kretsstevene \$ _____

Bunad Camp 2016



All About Bunads

Bunads come in many varieties ranging from exquisitely embellished with trims or embroidery on wool or with no embroidery at all and made of cotton. Make your own custom bunad or hverdagsdrakt (everyday bunad) whether it is elaborate or simple. Expert dressmaker, Sue Sutherland will help you make the bunad you have always dreamed of.

- April 4-7 2016
- Taught by Sue Sutherland of Bunad Butikken
- A selection of imported fabric will be available to purchase to customize your own bunad
- Registration is \$300 plus lodging and materials for Sons of Norway members; \$350 for non-members.
- Individual instruction in authentic embroidery and construction
- Class size is limited to 12 students



For more information contact Pamela: 707-778-8120
Or email to clothcrafter@sbcglobal.net

Camp Norge
250 Canyon Mine Road
Alta, CA





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District Six Convention 2016
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Embassy Suites; Loveland, Colorado
Mining our Heritage

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July 15, 2015

2016 DISTRICT SIX MEETING FOLK ART INFORMATION

Hilsen!

Colorado SON Lodges and District Six Board of Directors look forward to seeing you in Loveland, Colorado, and we invite all members to participate in the 2016 District Meeting Folk Art Exhibition & Competition! We are looking forward to an exciting display of entries - both seasoned participants and first timers!

At the suggestion of our new District 6 Cultural Director and approval of the District Board, we will initiate the Danish method of evaluating awards for entries in our Folk Art "competition" at this convention. We will still have all categories of our Folk Arts, we will still have judges, and we will still have ribbons, but not limited to 1 blue, 1 red, 1 white ribbon for each category. It won't be "everyone is a winner" (even though everyone *is* a winner that takes on learning these skills!) but maybe, for example, 2 blue, no red, 2 white in any one category. We also will not "group" various categories due to limited entries - *each entry will be judged on its own merit*. There will still be "Best in Show" chosen by the judges, and "People's Choice" awards. We hope this encourages continuous and more participation in this great part of our biannual meetings. Get busy with those projects! We are looking forward to a record display of our wonderful Norwegian Folk Arts!

We encourage all District 6 members to participate in this event - whether or not you will be a delegate to the convention. Entries are accepted as *Adult Professional* for those who teach and/or sell their art for financial gain. The *Adult Amateur Class* is for those who create their art as their past time/hobby and may share their skill with others, but not for financial gain. Please bring *Youth* entries - ages 16-20, and *Heritage* - 15 and under! They will enter in classes of their own. Remember - all entries must have been completed by the entrant within the last 2 years - District Meeting 2014-District Meeting 2016.

Pre-registration (June 1, 2016) of your item(s) is essential for set-up and committee planning (limit 2 entries in each category). All entry forms and instructions will soon be available in the District 6 website as well as included in delegate packets. If you will not be attending the convention, arrange with one of your lodge members who will be representing your lodge to carry your item(s).

We look forward to a great convention and an amazing display of the Folk Art of our heritage, created today, by our members! Enjoy working on your projects(s)! Tusen Takk for your participation and for sharing your talent as we Mine Our Heritage in 2016.

Feel free to contact me if you have questions. I do not answer the phone to unknown numbers so please wait to leave a message and I will call you back.

Crystal Sundet
 2016 Convention Folk Art Chairperson
 720-283-8592 or 720-270-5236 (cell)
crystalkr@reagan.com



SON District Six Convention 2016

Embassy Suites; Loveland, Colorado

June 19-22, 2016

Mining our Heritage

Hardanger Rosemaling Chip Carving Painting

Klostersonm Knitting Crocheting

Weaving Figure Carving and more.....

Which is your passion of our Norwegian cultural skills? I hope your project for the Folk Arts competition/exhibition is in the works by now. Only a year to go, and I know some of our skills take some time to get done – Please don't tell me that you didn't have time to finish it when you get to Colorado for our 2016 District Convention... June 19-22, 2016! We'll be ready for you! – make sure you are ready to show us what you love to do! Looking forward to a "bang-up" competition and exposition display.

Let's not forget about our youth! Youth up to age 15 are invited to display their work. Ages 16-20 can compete in the Youth class. We would love to see youth interest in these wonderful skills passed on to us!

Entry info will be coming out soon, but if you have questions in the meantime, give me a call – 720-283-8592 – or send a note – crystalklr@reagan.com

Looking forward to it!

Crystal Sundet
Folk Art Coordinator
2016 District Six Convention

District Six Convention 2016 Committee (partial list)

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ROALD AMUNDSEN LODGE 2015 REMAINING CALENDAR

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

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, of the following months: **October and November**.

Page 6—This is really a photo of Norwegian-American actor Lance Henriksen, who was born in New York City. His mother, Margueritte, was a waitress, dance instructor, and model. His father, James Marin Henriksen, who was from Tønsberg, Norway, was a boxer and merchant sailor. Henriksen has appeared in many films.