

THE NAVIGATOR

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FROM LODGE PRESIDENT TOVE-LISE MILLER:



It has been a tough spring for me with not being able to walk for a couple of months and not being able to go swimming, as I really love to do. Well, summer is here now and fortunately I can swim whenever I want and almost walk normally again.

Lately, with the temperature over 100 degrees in Sacramento, I have really been missing the more comfortable typical temperatures of Norway. I have talked to my family there and they are actually wishing for a little warmer weather. So far the summer there has been pretty cool. Right now that seems like it would be a relief.

What I really miss about Norway in the summertime is the long summer evenings. It is hard to get used to if you haven't been born there, but you really do not want to go to bed as you are afraid you might miss something.

We had a really nice 17th of May celebration at the Rosenthals' home. Thank you so much for accommodating us in you park-like yard. The kids certainly enjoyed your heated pool.

We are taking a summer break from activities and looking forward to seeing you all at our September 13th Barbeque Lunch where the kids that received scholarships to Camp Trollfjell will share their experiences with us. Please see the flyer for reservations. We hope to see a lot of you that usually have a difficult time attending our evening activities. If we find it successful we might try to have more activities earlier in the day.

Don't forget about Kretsstevne at Camp Norge over the Labor Day weekend. There are flyers for that, too, inside.

God sommer!
Hilsen, Tove-Lise

WE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW LODGE MEMBER:

Tim Midboe

We hope to see you at one of our lodge meetings or functions!

SEE INSIDE FOR FLYERS:

**KRETSSTEVNE
9/4-6**

BBQ LUNCH 9/13

SCANDIFEST 10/3

**D-6 CONVENTION
6/2016**

The early fall edition of the Navigator should publish in mid-August.

SIDEBARS FROM THE EDITOR...

**25 –30 PERSONS ATTEND
SYTTENDE MAI PICNIC**

Our picnic and celebration was held on a delightful spring day at the home of lodge member **Steve and Celia Rosenthal**. Hot dogs and hamburgers were grilled by grill-master **Ray Miller, and Donna Gordon** brought a beautiful cake adorned with a frosting Norwegian flag. Children attending frolicked in the swimming pool. The Norwegian anthem was played while all the guests stood at attention.

Numerous other persons brought food and generally helped with the fixings. This was the third year in a row that we have had the Syttende Mai celebration at a private home, and this practice seems to work well.

**NEW RECREATION CENTER
BOARD MEMBERS**

We have been advised that there have been some Recreation Board (Camp Norge) officer changes: The new president is **Fred Hymans**, Vice President is **Kirby Aasen**, and secretary is **Vicki Running**. **Susan Winje** is continuing as Treasurer.

KRETSSTEVNE

There are notices about this event elsewhere in this Navigator. Take note that the meal options this year utilize a brunch/dinner format.

Also, a **Mr. Bill Hoffland** from San Francisco will be making a presentation on Saturday afternoon about the “**99th Infantry Battalion—the Viking Battalion.**” This should be very interesting!

And, **Mary Beth Ingvoldstad** with be offering opportunities to work towards the Cultural

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Kids have all the fun!



Beautiful cake, Donna!

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Skills cooking pin.

WOOD CARVING CLASS AT THE KRETSSTEVNE!

Terri Morken has asked us to publish the following:

Join us at September's Kretsstevene at Camp Norge and participate in our first ever Wood Carving class. Mr. **Joe Perry** will be our instructor for the two-day class. The skills demonstrated in this class will provide you with the tools and knowledge to complete level one of the Norwegian Cultural Skills Program: Ornamental Woodcarving Norwegian Relief Style.

On Saturday from 9-4 you will carve a letter opener and on Sunday a bas-relief. The class will be limited to the first 20 participants. Cost of the class is \$40 which includes knife, safety gloves and materials. To attend the Wood Carving class send your check, made payable to NCK, by August 20th. to: Karl Eikenberg, 2211 Coloma St., Oakland, CA 94602-2311. For more information contact Tom Gundershaug at gundielo-di@gmail.com or (209) 200-0842. See the flyer in this Navigator.

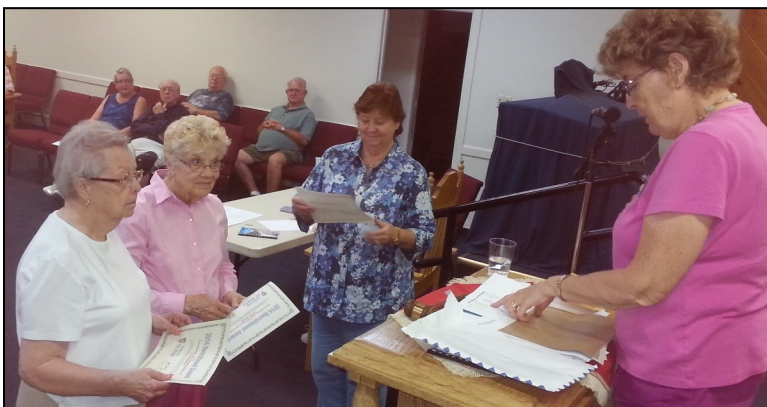
RECRUITING AWARDS



President Tove-Lise tricycling around at the picnic. Grill master Ray Miller temporarily backing away from the grill.



Florence Smith, Cecelia Byrd, and Donna Gordon receiving citations for their recruiting achievements at the June lodge meeting.



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NORWAY TO CONSCRIPT WOMEN

Norway is preparing for a major change to its mandatory Armed Forces conscription policy. For the first time ever that nation is requiring military service for women as well as men, and the first female recruits will enter the service in 2016.

The historic bill providing for female conscription was passed by the Storting in late 2014, and is part of a nationwide plan to promote gender equality. Commander **Per-Thomas Bøe** of the Norwegian Armed Services will be sending out conscription letters to all 17-year-old women in Norway and then navigating all the logistical challenges of welcoming this new population into mandatory service.

“The Scandinavian countries are very good at leading in gender equality, so it is no surprise that Norway should pioneer female conscription,” says **Joanne Machowski**, a researcher at the London military think tank RUSI, who specializes in gender issues. This move



effectively doubles the pool of military conscripts from 32,000 to 63,000 and Norway looks at this as an opportunity to increase the overall competence of its military.

“But don’t expect to see these new recruits fighting on the front lines anytime soon,” Machowski notes. “We will be waiting a while to see firstly how women and society respond to the changed policy, and secondly how many women make it from training out into combat.”



JUNE

Ronald A Alfstad
 Duane L Anderson
 David S Bailey
 Marie Buhler
 Emily M Byrd
 Nancy E Coppola
 Jerome Gilbertson
 Elizabeth V Hill
 Gwen H Lokke
 Lois A MacNeil
 Karen M Nelson
 Rolf L Owre
 Helen Rezba
 Ann J Sandner
 Dorothy Stavig
 Diane E West

JULY

Vernon L Armstrong
 Matthew Bradley
 Grant S Cooper
 Phyllis L Ehlert
 Ruberth Englund
 Spencer Gedestad
 Donna R Gordon
 Randi G Greene
 Gloria Jean Jacobson
 Edna M Johnson
 Kathleen M Kahn
 Hazel L Lindelof
 Vanessa Mezzanares
 Kristin M Solheim
 Oystein Solheim
 Kristin T Updegraff

AUGUST

Pamela A Barnes
 Allyson S Byrd
 Ronald F Byrd
 Elling Gilbertson
 Christopher Marc Jensen
 Gary E Johansen
 Milford P Johnson
 Chau Steven Mahnken
 Betty Malme
 Terje C Miller
 Rene D Obear
 Marion L Quate
 Carolyn M Rokke
 Grete E Skjellerud
 Linda D Thon-Kiger
 Roald D Waraas
 Kara M Whitney

IN MEMORIAM

Rev. Gordon Hanson passes at 93



Gordon Hanson was one of those men whom you always knew was in the room. Not in an overbearing way, certainly, but rather as one who was always friendly, and always *interested*. Interested in who you were, interested in what you were doing, interested in who you knew that he might know, and interested in how you were doing that day. When chatting with him, you almost got the feeling that he never had a down day, and one always felt a little more “up” afterwards.

Rev. Gordon Hanson, PhD, was born in Easton, Minnesota and passed away at age 93 on April 16th, 2015 in Gold River, California. He followed two career paths throughout his life, as a Lutheran pastor and as a college History and Humanities professor. A Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of Iowa with a major in Classical Languages and Literature, he studied Theology at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota. He also pursued theological studies at Mansfield College, Oxford University.

Ordained in 1945, he served as the Pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in Oakland, California and at Bethel Lutheran Church in Sacramento. After his retirement from the ministry, he served as interim pastor at Lutheran Churches in Galt, Paradise and Davis, California. Dr. Hanson received his MA and PhD degrees in History from the University of California in Berkeley, and taught at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in Berkeley, Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota, Sacramento City College and California State University, Sacramento.

A major summertime avocation was overseas travel. He organized and led tour groups throughout the world over a period of forty years. Gordon was a member of the Roald Amundsen Lodge of the Sons of Norway, Nordmanns-Forbundet, the Norwegian American Historical Society, the University of Iowa and the University of California, Berkeley Alumni associations, and St. John's Lutheran Church in Sacramento. He was a past member of Rotary International and the American Historical Society. He was preceded in death by his first wife Violet Helland Hanson, and survived by his wife, lodge member Lyla Ferris Hanson, as well as by three children, five step-children, 17 grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren, and other relatives.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, April 25th at St. John's Lutheran Church in downtown Sacramento. The church was full.

We think the last time we saw Gordon was at our lodge pea soup supper earlier this year. On his way out he spied your editor's wife, who uses a walker and is not very mobile, and came over to say hi and to wish her well. We know you will rest in peace, Gordon.

FORMER LODGE MEMBER MARILYN NICHOLS SECUMBS

Marilyn K. Nichols, who was a member of the Roald Amundsen lodge for a number of years, died peacefully at home, Tuesday June 2, 2015. She is survived by her daughter Kathryn of Sunnyvale, son David and daughter-in-law Kirstin of Salt Lake City; and five grandchildren. A funeral service was held on Wednesday June 10, 2015 at St. John's Lutheran Church in downtown Sacramento. She is remembered by many who have been lodge members for many years. Our condolences to the family.

KRETSSTEVNE PLANS
Also see reservation form in this Navigator.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA KRETSSTEVNE
SEPTEMBER 5 – 6 – 7

TO ALL LODGES IN ZONES 1, 2 & 3

Presidents, Secretaries and Editors,

Tom Gundeshaug, Solheim Lodge, has volunteered to be Chair of the annual Northern California Kretsstevene. **Kirby Aasen** of Vikings of Lake Lodge will be the Co-Chair. It will be held on Labor Day Weekend, September 5 – 7 at Camp Norge. Members needing a room should visit the Camp website: camp-norge.org.

This Kretsstevene is open to all Sons of Norway members. But help and support is needed from the lodges in the Northern region, especially Zone 1 and Zone 2 lodges as well as Zone 3 lodges above the Central Valley.

Can your lodge or members help with meals, children games, horseshoe tournaments, craft fair, bingo? Do you want to see any other activities on that weekend? If so, will your or your lodge coordinate it?

Please contact Tom at gundielodi@gmail.com. Let's make the 2015 Kretsstevene a true fraternal gathering of Sons of Norway friends.

Fraternally,

Nancy C. Eikeberg, Secretary
Northern California Kretsstevene

Note: Roald Amundsen President Tove-Lise has requested that you let her know if you can help. Even if you can help with just one meal, your effort will be greatly appreciated.

OTHER 2015 KRETSSTEVES

The Southern California Kretsstevene will be held October 23-25 at Banning Stagecoach KOA Campground & RV Park, 25 miles west of Palm Springs. The Central California Kretsstevene will take place during the weekend October 2-4, 2015, at the Flying Flags RV Resort & Campgrounds, 180 Avenue of the Flags, Buellton, California.




Celebrate Labor Day 2015 Northern California Kretsstevne —Camp Norge—



September 4, 5 and 6th, 2015

The District Six Board of Directors invites you to **Camp Norge** for the annual “Gathering of the Clan” at our “Jewel of the Sierras”!

♥ **Woodcarving Class with Joe Perry** Saturday and Sunday—9:00-4:00pm
Carve a letter opener and complete a Bas Relief \$40 fee includes knife, safety gloves and materials
Contact: Tom Gundershaug at gundielodi@gmail.com or 209-200-0842

♥  Saturday afternoon we will have Bill Hoffland with the **99th Infantry Battalion (sep) WWII Educational Foundation** presenting a talk—“The Viking Battalion”. He brings a slide show along with a mini-museum of 99th memorabilia. Very interesting!!!



♥ Work on your Cultural Skills Cooking Pin with Mary Beth throughout the weekend.

Bring your tent or RV or call **Sandy** to reserve a room (530) 389-2508. Check out the accommodations at Camp at www.campnorge.org.

Delicious meals provided by our lodges will be served in the **Heritage Hall**. The usual Kretsstevne activities will be available: horseshoe tournament, bingo, kids’ games, swimming pool fun, hiking and general camaraderie!

Mail this form and a check for the meals, made out to NCK to: Karl Eikeberg,
2211 Coloma Street, Oakland, CA 94602



Name _____ Lodge Name & # _____

Address _____ City/State _____ Zip _____

Contact # (____) _____ Email _____

Saturday Frokost.....Adult(s) _____ x \$7.00 = \$ _____ Children (under 12) _____ x \$3.50 = \$ _____

Saturday Dinner.....Adult(s) _____ x \$12.00=\$ _____ Children (under 12) _____ x \$5.00= \$ _____

Sunday Brunch.....Adult(s) _____ x \$7.00 = \$ _____ Children (under 12) _____ x \$3.50 =\$ _____

Sunday Dinner.....Adult(s) _____ x \$12.00=\$ _____ Children (under 12) _____ x \$5.00=\$ _____

2015 Kretsstevne Pin # of pins X \$2.00 _____

Or purchase the weekend package and save (includes the pin)

Weekend Package....Adult(s) _____ x \$35.00 _____ Children (under 12) _____ x \$15.00 = \$ _____

PRE-REGISTRATION of meals is imperative in order to purchase the correct amount of food.



The Registration Deadline is August 20, 2015.

Make checks payable to NCK and mail to Karl Eikeberg.

WOOD CARVING

CLASS TO BE HELD AT
SEPTEMBER'S KRETSSTEVNE
AT CAMP NORGE ON
SEPTEMBER 5th & 6th 2015

Join Joe Perry at Camp Norge for
our first Wood Carving Class.

CLASS IS LIMITED TO 20 PARTICIPANTS.

SATURDAY'S PROJECT

Carve a letter opener 9AM - 4PM

SUNDAY'S PROJECT

Carve a bas-relief 9AM - 4PM

Fee includes knife, safety gloves & materials. For
more information contact: Tom Gundershaug at
gundielodi@gmail.com or (209) 200-0842

\$40

Please sign me up for the wood carving class held at Camp Norge on
September 5th 9AM to 4PM & September 6th 9AM to 4PM.

Name _____

Phone # _____

E-mail _____

Enclosed is the class fee of \$40 made payable to **NCK**. Fee includes knife, safe
gloves and material. Send this form and your check to:

Karl Eikenberg
2211 Coloma St.

Oakland, CA 94602

Must be postmarked by August 20th
Class is limited to the first 20 participants

Class will be held in the Social Hall



Special Fall Afternoon Lodge Meeting:

Campers' Show and Tell Afternoon!

Enjoy an End of Summer BBQ!

Sunday, September 13th, 1:00—4:00

Come and hear our young campers describe their experiences and present their crafts! Enjoy a fall BBQ with a BBQ selection provided by and cooked by the lodge! This is our annual gathering to admire the skills and camp activities of our young people.

**When: Sunday, September 13th, 1:00—4:00.
(This is Grandparents' Day! Bring them!)**

Where: Masonic Center, 5944 San Juan Ave., Citrus Hts.

Meal plans: BBQ entrée, salads, desserts and all the related "fixin's" provided by the lodge.

Reservations: Required, with payment, by Wednesday, Sept.9th please, so that we know how much food is needed. See form below, and see you there!

Reservation principal name or names, phone #, and e-mail:

Number of persons over age 13 _____ @ \$10 = \$ _____

Number of persons 13 or under _____ @ \$5 = \$ _____ Total \$ _____

(Age 5 and under, no charge)

Mail to Carol Lee Solheim, 3570 Vista Grande, Shingle Springs, CA 95682; solheim2636@att.net; 530/677-2006.

**32nd Annual
Sacramento
Scandinavian Festival
Saturday, October 3, 2015
10:00 am - 4:00 pm**



**Scandinavian Food, Baked Goods, and Merchandise for Sale
Information about the Nordic Countries
Music, Entertainment and Door Prizes
Scandinavian Folk Dance
Children's Room with Arts & Crafts
Outside - Viking Camp and Ship**

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**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



SON District Six Convention 2016

Embassy Suites; Loveland, Colorado

June 19-22, 2016

Mining our Heritage

- Hardanger
- Rosemaling
- Chip Carving
- Painting
- Klosterson
- 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.

July 6-25—Children's Camps at Camp Norge
September 13 – Sunday afternoon meeting/social, BBQ with camper kids from Trollfjell
October 3 – Scandifest, Devine Savior Catholic Church, Orangeville
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**.