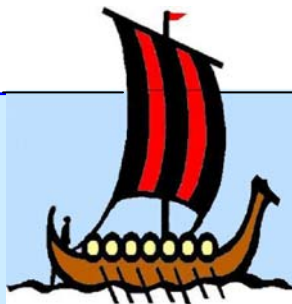


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**VALHALL
LODGE**

Meetings at 7:30 pm
first Monday of the month
at the
**East San Diego
Masonic Temple
7849 Tommy Drive
San Diego, CA
92119-1799**

www.lodgeofvalhall.com
www.sofn.com

**Next Business
Meeting:
April 2**

**Social:
Spring Luncheon
April 21st**

**Board Meeting
April 17th**

**Newsletter
deadline:
April 15**

Beskjed fra Presidenten—Happy Anniversary!

What a great party we enjoyed in the celebration of our 95th Anniversary, thanks to Helga Moore and her committee. Over 100 members and guests were treated to a well planned evening of great food, entertainment, and fellowship. A sumptuous dinner, catered by Healthy Decadence, was enjoyed with top notch table settings, including tablecloths donated by Ladies of Valhall, (LOV) and centerpieces by Lillian Jansen. Our special guests included International Director, Sherrill “Swede” Swenson and members of the SON District 6 Board, led by president, Janie Kelly. It was a double 95th celebration for one member – Bob Orvick, who turned 95 on March 15th. We surprised him with a cake as we sang Happy Birthday.

The entertainment for the evening was outstanding. During happy hour, Joyce and Kim Olsen performed a flute duet. Then, after dinner, Dr. Anne-Charlotte Harvey returned to give her humorous performance of a scene from the “Olsen Sisters”. Also, Shirley Pearson, vocalist, accompanied by Ragnhild Amble on the piano, entertained us with some operatic arias. The evening was capped off with dancing and listening to the big band sound of The Brass Key and Wind Ensemble, a fifteen piece band. Takk for Alt!

We started the month of March with our business meeting and the initiation of new members, including Martin “Duke” and Judith Johnson, Ronald and Glenda Thomas, and Christine Tuttle. Welcome to all! And later in the month, on March 29th the special **Towers after Hours** at the Museum of Man was (or is) held. Speaking at these celebrations is Professor Sigval Tveit, from the University of Oslo. He will also be our guest at our Business Meeting on April 2nd.

Our activities in April include the quarterly board meeting on April 17th, and the Social on April 21st, which will be a daytime lunch hosted by LOV. And don't forget our many cultural group meetings. See details for all elsewhere in this newsletter.

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Ladies of Valhall Present:
Valhall's Spring Luncheon!
Saturday, April 21st

Join us for a delightful afternoon!

Social Hour: 12:15

Lunch: approx. 1:15

Menu

Norwegian Yellow Pea Soup

Potato Leek Soup

Salad

Dessert

Coffee, Tea

Hot Dogs available for the children

Cost: \$10.00 per person

FREE for Children & grandchildren of members

**Fun activities for children during Social Hour—
Crafts and an Easter Egg Hunt!**

**Special Guest Geir Ness, the designer of Laila Perfume will
give a little talk during dessert time. There will be opportunity
to purchase Laila products.**

**Reservations should be made to Ingrid Lindgren 858-277-3376
Or Mary Rem 619-284-5923
Deadline: April 17**

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Exciting News from Camp Norge

March 1, 2007

We are ready to begin construction of the new Social Hall.

The Board of Directors is pleased to announce that the elusive and long awaited Social Hall will be a reality. We have the permit, the steel frame has been delivered, and the contractor will pour the foundation as soon as weather permits.

There will be a ground breaking ceremony and more information as soon as spring arrives at Alta, but we didn't want to wait until then to share this good news with you. We will keep you informed when we begin construction.

Our present Building Fund is not sufficient to cover the entire project, including equipment and furnishings. And we do want to use as much volunteer labor as possible which will help keep the cost down. We are confident that we can count on members to help get it completed as soon as possible.

This Social Hall will be on the PAD. It will seat 100 for meals, doing away with that hike up the hill to a crowded dining room. Also, Rosemaling classes can be held right here camp and the Language & Heritage Campers can eat indoors, to mention only a few of the advantages to having this additional Social Hall.

Sons of Norway Recreation Center
Harry Bjerkhoel, President
Alex Scheflo, Treasurer and Project Coordinator

Site of new Social Hall



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Gratulerer Med Dagen!

April Birthdays

- 1 Kjell N. Holmes
- 3 Patricia Becker
- 3 Thelma Hankins
- 5 Kevin DeNino
- 5 Carol Hillestad
- 5 K'lene Oen
- 10 Helen Tubb
- 11 Jessie Garay
- 11 Annika Schaffroth
- 12 Barbara Burritt
- 12 Morris Egre
- 12 Fred Leon
- 15 Stephanie Hammerness
- 15 Torfin Lindgren
- 16 Carol Holm
- 17 Rosemary Ford
- 17 Norman Magnuson
- 17 David Weim
- 18 Lillian Jansen
- 20 Kenneth Lindebrekke
- 21 Malfrid Wassdahl
- 22 Doris Anderson
- 22 Dean Seiler
- 22 Charles Sundry
- 22 Floyd Wergeland
- 23 Elinor Balmer
- 23 Kyle Hammerness
- 23 Kenneth Paulovich
- 24 Sigurd Stautland
- 30 Janet Erickson
- 30 Marianne Halvorsen
- 30 Gro Kristiansen
- 30 Ralph Sather



Happy Anniversary

- Fred & Laila Hellen 4/1
- Carmen & Anthony Cleary 4/15
- Lou & LaVonne Coover 4/24

Welcome New Members!

Ronald L. Thomas
Glenda Thomas
 786 Palomar Ave.
 El Cajon, CA 92020
 619/749-9967

Change of Address

Marcia Winterhouse
 975 Woodland Pkwy Apt 102
 San Marcos, CA 92069-2270

Erik Adams
 615 Garnet St Apt 1
 Redondo Beach, CA 90277-3457

Vernon Lintvedt
 Sunshine Care Assisted Living -
 Sycamore House,
 12695 Monte Vista Rd.,
 Poway, CA 92064

New Email:
Lew & Helen Johnson
 lejohnson@cox.net



Calling People with Talents

If you would like to sing in a ladies' group for a special event, or play an instrument such as piano, guitar, violin, spoons, etc., or, if you have any other talent such as reading poetry making rhymes, even silly ones, please call Joyce or Sven Olsen at 760-735-6171.

WE WANT TO HAVE FUN!!!
And we need you!

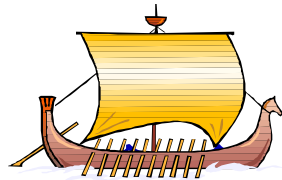


April Board Meeting Cultural Presentation

Norway and the Arctic Region
 Sigvald Tveit, a composer, musician and professor at the University of Oslo, will give a presentation at the business meeting on April 2, 2007. Sigvald Tveit has studied music recorded by Helge Ingstad among the Inuits of Alaska in the 1930's and will be in San Diego where he will give presentations at the "Towers After Hours" at the Museum of Man. Please plan to come to the meeting and enjoy an outstanding cultural program.

Don't miss it!
Bring your friends!

Ladies of Valhall LOV notes..



Next meeting: April 7, 2007, at Denny's Restaurant in Fletcher Hills.

Hostesses: Rosalie Olson, Barbara Evje, Anita Reith.

The meeting was called to order by the president at 9:05 a.m. The tables were "dressed for spring" with colorful flowers planted in colorful coffee mugs, and with green shamrock napkins in honor of St. Patrick's day. Our hostesses always manage to find a theme to match the season, and the talent for decorating seems to be a natural among our ladies, along with a variety of other talents.

We had 21 members present at the March meeting. We are always looking for new members to join our happy group, so if you are a new lady member of Valhall, (or an "old" one), we would welcome you with open arms. We have had some new membership applications printed, and they will be available at Tower after Hours on March 29. And yes, several of our ladies will participate in a fashion show at this event. They will model fashions from the Lillehammer Olympics. We are pleased that Diane Carlson will repeat the program that we enjoyed at our last Christmas luncheon!

Talking about Christmas luncheons, - we have a beautiful room secured for Sunday, Dec.2. at the Mission Valley Resort for our 2007 luncheon. The date had to be changed from Dec.8, (as reported in March Valhall Viking) to Dec.2. This was because of availability of room plus conflict with other functions.

Marlene is willing to come up with a program for our luncheon. Thinking back at all the Christmases when Marlene took care of our luncheons, and how much fun we had, we can rest assured that she will come up with something good again!

LOV is chairing the April Social for the lodge. We decided to make it a luncheon, rather than an evening get together. We will be serving 2 different kinds of soup, salad and bread, and of course, coffee and dessert. Please see the flyer in this newsletter

for more information about this social (page 2). We will work very hard to make everyone happy, so please join us!

The March meeting was adjourned at 11:15, and many lucky winners went home with a colorful coffee mug with colorful flowers in it.

LOV president, Ingrid Lindgren.

Save the Date

Olsok Celebration

July 28th, 2007

4:00pm

House of Norway

Scrumptious Buffet "Koldtbold",
Wine

Entertainment.

Organized by Norsk Fest
at the House of Norway.
More details next newsletter.

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Minutes of the Valhall Lodge Business Meeting March 5, 2007

President Jerry Oen convened the meeting at 7:35 P.M.

Opening Ceremonies

Charter draped in memory of Inez Kettenbach



Visitors

Visitors introduced were: Laura Parker, Anna Teschler, Martin and Judith Johnson, Merritt Lars and Linne' Hougen, Christine Tuttle, and Ronald and Judith Johnson.

Membership Applications

Memberships were received for seven new members. Memberships were unanimously approved for:

Martin and Judith Johnson
Merritt Lars & Linne' Hougen
Ronald and Glenda Thomas
Christine Tuttle

Minutes

Minutes were corrected to reflect dates and times of Norwegian language classes conducted by Erling Nyhammer. Classes are conducted on eight-week cycles and repeat throughout the year. Minutes were approved as corrected.

Correspondence

Secretary Kay Wolner read the following correspondence:

- From Vern Martin, District 6 Scholarship Committee, a description of scholarships available to Concordia Language Camp. Two available at \$1,445.00 each. Also from Vern Miller, a description of three \$1,000.00 scholarships for fulltime attendance to a college or university. These are available to members or their children or

grandchildren.

. A congratulatory message from Guldalen 6-128 on Valhall's 95th anniversary

COMMITTEES:

Social Committee

Karin Brevig expressed her pleasure at the outstanding response she got for help with the Lutefisk Dinner.

Helga Moore outline the planned events for the 95th Anniversary celebration. The food will be catered by "Healthy Decadence, a musical presentation to be delivered by the "Olson Sisters," and dance music will be supplied by the Brass Key and Wind Ensemble

Culture Committee

Sven Olsen again reviewed the upcoming visit to Valhall Lodge by Sigvald Tveit on April 2d. Details can be obtained from the newsletter.

Joyce Olsen made a request for members to share their musical talent; she would like to form a Lodge based musical group that could perform at various programs.

Karin Brevig explained that the District Board will be meeting at the Handlery Hotel on the Saturday of the 95th celebration. All Lodge members are welcome to attend the meetings.

Jerry Oen reviewed progress on the genealogy classes. On March 29, Jean Shogren will be providing specialized instruction.

Ellen Spitzer thanked all those who participated in the "Adopt a School" efforts.

Sunshine Committee

- Sympathy card to Fred Jacobsen and Family
- Get Well cards to Ingrid Lindgren, Torfin Lindgren, and Helen Sorensen
- Lorraine Tucker delivered flowers to Ingrid, Wilma Springer delivered flowers to Helen Sorensen

Blood Bank

Eight members donated to the Blood Bank during the last quarter of 2006; those included are Gail Schaffroth, Glen Hagen, Lou Coover, LaVonne Coover, and Frank Burstrom.



*God Paska
Happy Easter*



Minutes of the Valhall Lodge Business Meeting March 5, 2007

Publicity:

Mary DeNino reported on recent publicity efforts. She was pleased that she was able to get the Lute-fisk Dinner announcement placed in the *Reader*. The *Union Tribune*, however, needs submissions to be three weeks in advance. She reports that the "Tower After Hours" site needs a new Lodge related brochure.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Ola Brevig moved, Helga Moore seconded, that \$500 be donated to the Family Heritage Center. Motion was unanimously approved.

FINANCIAL

Aprell Waymire and Don Lesney gave their respective reports.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Karin Brevig accepted a 30-year membership pin on behalf of her son, Kennet.

Anne Hoidal reviewed the program to be presented on March 29th by Sigvald Tveit at the "Tower after Hours" event. She encouraged all members to attend.

INITIATION OF NEW MEMBERS

A traditional initiation was held for new members that were in attendance.

Adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Prepared by Jim Wolner,
Assistant Secretary

Note From Bob

My recent stroke reminded me of how precious the time that we have on this earth is to all of us. In the blink of an eye our entire life could change.

Some questions to ask yourself:

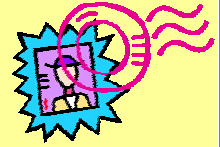
- If something happened to me today would my love one's be protected?
- If I needed assisted living would I be able to afford the monthly cost?
- What would happen if I became disabled and no longer able to earn an income?
- If I or my spouse were to die, are all of our wishes written in a legal document like a will or a living trust?

I may be able to help you with these issues or at least help you find the proper professionals who could help.

Fraternally
Bob Miller, SON Insurance Rep.
619-252-3493

TUBFRIM

Save stamps for TUBFRIM.



Cut stamps leaving 1/4 to 1/2 inch around the edges.

Deliver stamps to any lodge meeting.

Ellie Balmer,
Tubfrim Chairman

Sons of Norway



Mission Statement

The mission of Sons of Norway is to promote, preserve, and cherish a lasting appreciation of the heritage and culture of Norway and other Nordic countries while growing soundly as a fraternal benefit society and offering maximum benefits to its members.

Sons of Norways misjon er å fremme, ivareta og på lang sikt verne om norske og andre nordiske kulturtradisjoner, samtidig som organisasjonen får vokse og utvikle seg som en broderskapsforening med maksimal hjelp og støtte til alle medlemmer.

News From The Book Nook - April, 2007

As I am sure you know, this year we will celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the death of **Edvard Hagerup Grieg**, (1843-1907) Norway's most famous composer. Unfortunately, though we do not have any biography, history or music in our library from Grieg, we may have a coffee table book or two showing *Trollhaugen*, his home in Bergen. I intend to check more fully into the coffee table books, and also research the possibility of getting a definitive biography of him for our library.



Song of Norway available

In the meantime, I have placed my personal copy of *Song of Norway*, a video cassette, in the library for checkout by our members as they wish. Most people are aware that this is based on the life of Edvard Grieg (although some license as been taken with events), and stars the Norwegian actor/singer Toralv Maurstad with the American actress/singer Florence Henderson, who is of Scandinavian descent, and possibly better known as the mother of the Brady Bunch on television. The music is authentic, although not nearly enough of it, and the scenery of Norway is gorgeous, so it well worth seeing and hearing again. If you wish to check it out, please return it within a month so that others may also view it. Thank you.

Valhall's Authors

Last year was a big year for Valhall members and friends, in which part of the celebrations included the anniversary of Ibsen's death, and I wrote a column about the many plays we had in the library, written both in English and in Norwegian. However, **DID YOU KNOW**.....that we have three living authors of note in our own Valhall Lodge: Professor Oddvar K. Hoidal, Mrs Anne Kløvnes Hoidal, and former Norwegian Consul, Oswald I. Gilbertson?

Oddvar's *Quisling, a Study in Treason*, and Anne's *Bunads in America - A Norwegian Cultural Tradition in Southern California*, are available in our li-

brary now, and Ossie's *Visions, A Norwegian Immigration Story*, is available for purchase by contacting him at 619-265-7027. Sometime later in the year, we hope to purchase a copy for the library for checkout by those members who do not have their own personal copy. I have read my copy several times, and find it a very interesting account of not only immigration to America, but also life under the occupation of Norway by the Nazis during WWII.

In closing, I would like also to mention a now long-deceased member, Robert Moen, who was a nationally recognized poet, and from whom we have a copy of his book entitled *Leif the Lucky*, an epic poem of Leif Ericson's voyage to the new world.

Genealogy Resources

And, for you genealogists, we have copies of old immigration records from Ellis Island, which may be of interest to those researching their family roots. These cannot be checked out, but please feel free to come into the library before and after business meetings and during socials and look up your ancestors, as well as to check out books on many Norwegian subjects.

Lorraine Tucker, Librarian/Historian, 2 007

What's in Our Library?

Valhall Library has many books, some written in Norwegian and some written in English. You can now see what books we have in the library on our website. Go to the website at www.lodgeofvalhall.com and then go to the **Member** page and select the **Library** button on the left side of the page. There is also a library button on the main page of the web site.



Visit the Library at the Lodge before or after the next business meeting or social.

Thank You to the 95th Anniversary Committee!

I want to extend a sincere thank you to the 95th Anniversary Committee and to everyone else who helped in making this a memorable event. I think we succeeded in transforming the Masonic Hall into an elegant venue for our celebration, due in part to the generous gift of new damask tablecloths donated by the Ladies of Valhall.

A special thank you to Joyce Olsen and her daughter



Kim for providing the background music for the Happy Hour, and to Ragnhild Amble and Shirley Pearson for their wonderful musical performance, and to Dr. Anne-Charlotte Harvey for her splendid presentation of the "Olsen Sisters". A heartfelt thank you to Oswald Gilbertson, Honorary Consul Emeritus, for reading a letter of congratulations from Hon-

orary Consul Gordon Kovtun and adding his own complimentary and congratulatory remarks. We were pleased to have the District 6 Board joining us and appreciated comments from International Director Swede Swenson and District 6 President Janie Kelly. And we celebrated a Happy 95th Birthday to Bob Orvick!!!

The committee members did such an outstanding job and they deserve to be recognized here. They are: Ragnhild Amble, Philip and Mary Hinshaw, Lillian Jansen, Fred and Lucy Leon, James Moore, John and Mary Rem, Gale and Edward Shaffroth, Wilma Springer, Lorraine Tucker. An honorary mention to our President and First Lady; Jerry and Joyce Oen. They are awesome!

Overall, I think it was a successful event. Healthy Decadence provided a superb meal. Too bad we didn't have enough time for dancing to the tunes of the Brass Key and Wind Ensemble.



I'll be happy to pass along a few lessons learned to the Committee of the upcoming 100th celebration.

I'll be out of town for the April meeting, so again this is my way of thanking all the Committee members, and everyone else, for a job well done.

Hjertelig tusen takk,
Helga S. Moore, Chairperson

Pictures from the Anniversary Dinner by James Moore.

Norwegian Wins Film Oscar

Torill Kove won the first Oscar by a Norwegian in 55 years. Thor Heyerdahl won an Oscar for Best Documentary in 1952. Torill won for her directing of the Best Short Animated Film, called "The Danish Poet".

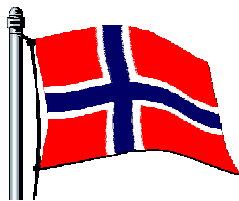
The film is about a Danish poet who gets a bad case of writer's block and travels to Norway to seek inspiration from his idol, the Nobel Prize-winning author Sigrid Undset.

Torill Kove is from Hamar, Norway. She was also nominated for an Academy Award in 2000 for another short film, "My Grandfather Ironed the King's Shirts".

Valhall Cultural Classes

Norwegian Genealogy

The next meeting of the Norwegian Genealogy Group will be (or was) held on March 29 and currently is scheduled to meet on the last Thursday of every month except for July and December at the Family History Center, 4195 Camino Del Rio South from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Each meeting includes a class or presentation on some aspect of Norwegian Genealogy, followed by individual family history sharing, story telling or problem solving.



On March 29th Jean Shogren presents the Norwegian-American Bygdelag - another unique source for Norwegian Genealogy. BYGDELAG are organizations of descendants of emigrants from Norway to North America. Each lag seeks to preserve and strengthen bonds with its home district or community-of-origin in Norway. Each lag creates newsletters and other publications, sponsors their own annual summer meeting called a STEVNE, and assists with genealogy. Some bygdelag also plan occasional trips to Norway. The umbrella organization is the national council of bygdelag called BYGDELAGENES FELLESRÅD which sponsors a web site providing the most current bygdelag information. Jean will describe how you can find a Bygdelag for the area of your ancestors.

Our current scheduled meeting time on the fourth Thursday of the month has some disadvantages as far as publicity deadlines, especially this newsletter. I personally would prefer some date in the first half of the month, but I would like to hear your preferences. We will discuss this at the next meeting.

The LDS church has initiated a project to extract data from the Norwegian bygdebøker. This project is looking for volunteers who share a common interest in Norwegian Genealogy. This would be a great way to learn more and a project we could handle. Are you interested? We will discuss this at the next meeting.

Everyone interested in finding their family roots - especially in Norway - is invited to attend our meet-

ings. For more information or to be added to our mailing list, please contact Jerry Oen at jurolf@aol.com, or 858 549 1530.

Rosemaling Classes

Informal *rosemaling* classes meet on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month at the lodge in the room downstairs, from 9am to 1. Come visit and learn about rosemaling and have fun learning how to *rosemal*. Classes are free for SON members, \$5 for non-members. No prior experience necessary. Everyone is welcome.

Contact instructor Carmen Cleary for more information at 619-442-0064.

Woodcarving

The woodcarving group meets on every Tuesday of the month, from 9am to Noon. The class is being held at the *House of Norway* in Balboa Park. Everyone is welcome to join the group and enjoy conversation and carving. Call Lou Coover for more information at 619-264-9486.

Social Committees

April

The April social committee is the Ladies of Valhall group.

May

Business Meeting and 17th of Mai Dinner.

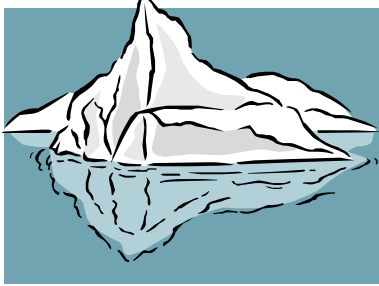


Chairman:Open

Larry Collins.
Barbara Evje
Charles & Rhona Gorder
Susan & Chuck Hansen
Chris Lelevier
Don Lesney
Barbara & Ken Paulovich
Kay-Ann Pepper
Millie Wright

Norway: A Polar Nation

Presented on **Thursday, March 29** (6:00 – 8:00 p.m.) as part of the San Diego Museum of Man's Tower After Hours series. Norwegian food and wine (included in the price of admission) will be served. We plan on entertaining you with a Norwegian fashion show, children dancing, music and a presentation by Sigvald Tveit, Norwegian composer, musician and Professor of Music at the University of Oslo. His topic is Music Traditions of the Arctic.



Recordings from Alaska, Greenland and Norway. Professor Tveit will give us illustrations from some of his recordings. Tickets are \$20.00 for non-members, \$10.00 for members of the Museum, and \$15.00 for students. Join us for the fun!

Connecting People Through Music

A Presentation of Musical Traditions from Around the World

The well known composer and musician Sigvald Tveit will provide a presentation and play the piano, demonstrating different musical traditions from around the world on **Sunday, April 1**, 5:00 p.m. at the San Diego Museum of Man. The event is open to the public. Admission: \$5.00, refreshments included. Join us for the music and the fun!

For information, please contact : Anne Kløvnes Høidal at (619) 286-8641 or Lizzie E. Riiber at (619) 523-8822



District 6 Scholarships

Language Camp—deadline May 5

The 6th District is offering scholarships to Concordia Language Camp Summer Session “Skogfjorden” in the amount of \$1445.00 each, for two campers over the age of 13 who have attended Camp Norge Language/Heritage Camp. For information on “Skogfjorden, visit website: www.ConcordiaLanguageVillages.org

College Scholarships—deadline May 5

The 6th District will award three \$1,000.00 scholarships to members in good standing, their children or grandchildren in any lodge in the 6th District, who attends an accredited college or university in the USA as a fulltime undergraduate in their sophomore, junior or senior year and have a grade point average of 2.5 or better on a scale wherein A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1 and F=0.

These scholarships can also be awarded to those students in their sophomore, junior or senior year of any accredited four-year program at a community college in the USA. When an applicant is deemed worthy of a scholarship (recommended by the 6th District Scholarship Committee and approved by the 6th District Board) the funds will be paid directly to the student.

Interested members can get a scholarship application from your lodge secretary or District 6 Scholarship Committee Members:

Vern P. Martin, Chairman,
16985 Kawai Court, Fountain Valley, CA 92708
PH: (714) 839-2502,
e-mail, vpmartin@dslextreme.com

Marilyn Iversen, member,
47944 Klamath Ave. Coursegold, CA 93614
PH: (559)-683-7751,
e-mail, marilynm@sierratel.com

Patricia E. Jokela, member,
10101 Dewey Drive, Garden Grove, CA 92840
PH: (714) 539-2312,
e-mail, patricejoke@aol.com

Applications must be submitted to the scholarship committee by **May 5, 2007**.



Minutes of the Valhall Lodge Board Meeting Jan 23, 2007

President Jerry Oen convened the meeting at 7:05 P.M.

Minutes: Approved with corrections. Correction made of spelling of Dr. Anne-Charlotte Harvey.

Treasurer's Report:

Don Lesney reported that progress was being made on the budget. Discussion ensued on the need to streamline the bill paying and expense reimbursements for social events. A suggestion was made that Social Committee members use credit cards instead of getting cash advances. Problems with that approach were discussed. General conclusion was that at the very least cash advances be held to a minimum.

Auditor:

Auditors will meet in February.

Social Calendar:

The calendar was presented for approval by the board. Judy Sawyer reported that the committees are in place with Chairs assigned for all but three; LOV may take over one event. The calendar was approved with few changes.

Culture Committee

Karin Brevig encouraged members to submit cultural events that might be of interest to the lodge. Karin will give instructions in making lefse in February. Jerry Oen suggested we recognize the 100th birthday celebration of Greig. Various ideas were presented. Anne Hoidal distributed flyers for "Tower after Hours" at the Mingei Museum.

Membership:

No report.

Sunshine Committee:

No report.

Publicity:

Mary DeNino would like pictures of the installation from members. She plans to publicize Sons of Norway events in The Reader as well as other news sources. Jerry Oen posed the question of how we get the word out to our members as well as to the community. E-mail and the Sons of Norway web site are available for members. Jerry Oen suggested that more thought should be put into communication of events.

Historian and Librarian

Lorraine Tucker reported that she has completed the history of the Valhall Lodge from 1912 to 2006. The history is in the Valhall Lodge library. She recommended 2 new books of the World War II resistance.

Telephone Committee

Helen Seiler is the new Telephone Committee Chairman. Five additional committee members are needed to fulfill this office.

Trustees

The Corporation members will meet February 5th to elect the Corporation officers.

Foundation Director

A "Leadership" book will be supplied for Charles Gorder. Karin Brevig said all members should have a guide.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Helga Moore reported on International Convention Committee activities. The next meeting will be

March 1st.

95th Anniversary Event

Helga Moore, committee chair, is actively planning the 95th anniversary celebration. The District Board will be here for the event. Jerry Oen will attend the committee meeting.

Year End Report

Members are encouraged to send their volunteer participation in the lodge for the past year.

Election of Corp. President

An oversight needs to be corrected at the next Business Meeting; Ola Brevig was not included in the last elections for Corporation officers.

Leadership Workshop

Nancy Madsen will conduct a workshop third Saturday in March.

"Towers after Hours" presentation:

Anne Hoidal reviewed the outstanding presentations of Norwegian heritage associated with the "Towers after Hours" events. Adjourned at 9:20 P.M.

In Attendance:

Jerry Oen, Kay Wolner, Jim Wolner, Karin Brevig, Ola Brevig, Don Balmer, Chuck Gorder, Ray Johnson, Glen Hagen, Al Johanne- sen, Rick Hausvik, Lorraine Tucker, Helga Moore, Don Lesney, Anne Hoidal, Oddvar Hoidal, Mary DeNino, Ellen Spitzer, Joyce Oen, Arlene LaBree, Judy Sawyer,

Prepared by Jim Wolner,
Assistant Secretary

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**MEMORIAL
DAY**

AT

CAMP NORGE

MAY 26, 27, 28, 2007



Sponsored by your Recreation Center Board

Enjoy RV Camping, Tenting, or get a room in a dormitory. (call 530-389-2805 for room reservations)

Breakfast, lunch and dinner on Saturday and Sunday will be prepared for you at a nominal cost, as well as breakfast on Monday morning.
(No pot luck on Sunday)

Saturday plans:

Craft fair in the meadow, and after that,
Bingo in the social hall.

Site seeing at Donner Museum and the Snowshoe Thompson Monument.

Sunday:

Church in either Dutch Flat or Alta if you wish,
Horseshoes and games will be available in the meadow

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT CAMP NORGE

It's "Royal" to be a Grandfather

King Harald thinks it's more fun to turn ten years old – with the future ahead of him – than to turn 70. But otherwise he's quite satisfied with life.

"I am of course very lucky to be lucky, have something to do and can still work, even though I have slowed down somewhat the last years," says King Harald.

In connection with his 70th birthday the king is taking a birthday interview in his office at the Palace. The King isn't keeping it a secret that family is the most important thing in life when one turns 70.

The proud grandfather says that he is constantly discovering new sides of his grandchildren, whom he thinks are like most children. Sometimes they play nicely together, other times they are at each other's throats, especially the two who are close in age, Maud Angelica and Ingrid Alexandra. "They're developing really fast and they're very different personalities. Ingrid Alexandra is a very self-directed little lady who resembles her dad" he laughs.

From Aftenposten.no

Helt konge å være bestefar

Kong Harald synes det var morsommere å fylle 10 år – med fremtiden foran seg – enn å bli 70. Men ellers er han svært fornøyd med livet.

Jeg er jo veldig heldig som er frisk, har noe å gjøre og kan fortsette å arbeide, selv om jeg har trappet noe ned de siste årene, sier kong Harald.

I forbindelse med 70-årsdagen tar kongen imot til fødselsdagsintervju på sitt kontor på Slottet. Kongen legger ikke skjul på at familien er det viktigste i livet når man fyller 70.

Den stolte bestefaren forteller at han stadig oppdager nye sider ved sine barnebarn, som han mener er som barn flest. Noen ganger leker de fint sammen, andre ganger er de i tontene på hverandre, særlig de to som er mest lik i alder, Maud Angelica og Ingrid Alexandra. – De utvikler seg voldsomt for tiden og er veldig forskjellige personligheter. Ingrid Alexandra er en meget bestemt liten dame, som ligner svært på sin far, ler han.

Fra Aftenposten.no

Norways Youth

"Don't Call Me a Hero"

"'Hero' is a word that is used a little too much," says Jon Lech Johansen. He reserves the expression for "more important people" than himself. But the truth is that the 22 year-old, whom most people know as "DVD-Jon," has had a form of hero-status since he, as a 15 year-old, was central in the development of the program DeCSS, which removed the copyright and replay restriction on DVD discs.

Johansen was tired of not being able to play his DVDs on his PC with the operating system Linux. With the help of DeCSS, which he wrote together with two others, DVDs could be played on Linux and all other operating systems. It made him a role model for computer nerds and activists for digital civil rights over the whole world. But at the same time it also made it easier to make pirated copies of DVDs.

In 2002 Økokrim (The Norwegian National Authority for Investigation and Prosecution of Economic and Environmental Crime) in partnership with the American film industry's lobbying group took the matter to court.

The case ended with full acquittal. The court decided that Jon Lech Johansen hadn't done anything more than "break in" to his own DVDs. Early in 2007 Johansen was named by the magazine PC World as one of the internet's most powerful people.

From Dagbladet.no, by Jan Omdahl



Win Trip to Norway in 2007!

Sons of Norway is launching a new, exciting membership recruitment contest for 2007. Beginning on January 1st, and running through the end of the year, Sons of Norway and Borton Overseas are sponsoring the **Norwegian Experience** recruitment contest.

From January 1 through December 31, 2007, members who recruit new, dues-paying Sons of Norway members will be entered into a drawing to win a Norwegian Experience of a lifetime for two. What's even better is that the winner and their guest will be able to select their own adventure! Courtesy of Borton Overseas, the winner of the Norwegian Experience membership recruitment contest will have a variety of different guided tours and cruises in Norway from which to choose! Whether they prefer a more active tour of the country, or a relaxing, pampered cruise, Sons of Norway and Borton Overseas will work with the winner to provide the ultimate experience.

No matter which kind of travel experience the winner selects, they will travel in style on a complimentary 10-day Norwegian Experience including business class international air travel, deluxe accommodations, and U.S. \$500 in spending money! Should the Norwegian Experience winner reside in Norway, they will receive additional upgrades in place of the airfare.

The winner will also enjoy an exclusive excursion to Hadeland Glassworks near Oslo, complete with a private guided tour to see how some of the world's finest glass and crystal are made, an opportunity to blow their own glass, a special three-course lunch, and a NOK 1,000 gift certificate to purchase a keep-



sake from Hadeland's glass shop, all compliments of Hadeland Glassworks.

Entering the contest is easy:

- Recruiters must be current members of Sons of Norway to be eligible to participate and to win.
- For each dues paying member recruited, the recruiter's name will be automatically entered into the drawing to win a Norwegian Experience..
- Dues paying Unge Venner, or members who have lapsed two or more years and individuals who have never been members are all eligible candidates for membership and will qualify the recruiter for the contest.
- Heritage members, dues exempt (family) Unge Venner and members who have lapsed less than two years will not qualify for an entry. •

There is no limit to the number of entries allowed, so tell your members that they can recruit as many new members as possible to increase their chances of winning!

Membership applications for the new members, with the recruiter's member number indicated, must be received at the Sons of Norway Headquarters by 12/31/07 to qualify for an entry.



Valhall Viking
APRIL 2007

CALENDAR

APRIL

2 Mon Business meeting
7 Sat Ladies of Valhall
14 Sat Rosemaling
17 Tue Board Meeting
21 Sat Social
26 Thur Genealogy
28 Sat Rosemaling
Tuesdays Woodcarving class

MAY

5 Sat Ladies of Valhall
7 Mon Business Meeting
7 Mon Corporation Meeting
12 Sat Rosemaling
19 Sat Social 17th of Mai
26 Sat Rosemaling
31 Thur Genealogy Group
Tuesdays Woodcarving class

Next Deadline for the
May
Valhall Viking is
April 15

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