

Valhall



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June 2007

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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 & Social:
June 4**

**Newsletter
deadline:
No newsletter in July
Next newsletter in
August—
Deadline July 15**

NO MEETINGS IN JULY

Beskjed fra Presidenten -

As I write this, we have just completed the celebration of Syttende Mai, and what a celebration it has been. This year has been especially satisfying as we celebrated the special holiday in San Diego, in cooperation with the many Norwegian organizations in San Diego. Similar to other years, the celebrations started on the day - the 17th of May, with the Norwegian flag raising in Balboa Park and brunch served afterward hosted by the House of Norway.

But special this year was the joining in the celebration by the officers and crew of the Norwegian Navy frigate Fritjof Nansen, which just happened to be in San Diego. They joined the festivities in Balboa Park, and then later in the day, they hosted a grand reception on board, with great refreshments, tours of the ship, and a short ceremony to match the celebration. It gave us an opportunity to meet many of the officers and crew – I even met a possible relative.

On Saturday, we enjoyed our own grand celebration, with a full capacity attendance. A sumptuous Norwegian buffet was again hosted by Judy Sawyer and her very capable (but few) committee members. Following dinner we enjoyed an entertaining program of Norwegian music led by Sven Olsen, including the San Diego Mannskor, and individual performances by Joyce Olsen, Ragnhild Amble, and Thelma Johannesen. The weekend of celebrations concluded on Sunday with the traditional children's parade and program in Balboa Park. At all of these Syttende Mai celebrations this year, we have been honored to have in attendance and participating in all programs, both the San Diego Honorary Consul for San Diego, Gordon Kovtun, and the West Coast Consul General, Are-Jostein Norheim.

After the May celebrations, June starts the summer season which may be a little quieter for Valhall but none the less just as enjoyable. We will begin this season with a combined business meeting and social on June 4th. At the business meeting, we will be having initiation ceremonies for our new members, followed by a fun Ice Cream Social for all. This would be a good time to encourage any prospective members to submit their application. They can be voted in and initiated in the same evening. Please plan to attend to welcome our new members and enjoy an informal friendly social gathering with your friends.

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S.O.N. VALHALL LODGE 25
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7849 TOMMY DR. SD CA 92119

JUNE
BUSINESS MEETING AND
ICE CREAM SOCIAL



**Monday June 4, 2007
Business Meeting 7:30 PM**

**Followed by Ice Cream Social
Sandwich fixings...Great Salads and
Ice Cream Sundaes**

**Don't miss the last chance to visit with friends
Before the Summer Break**

DONATIONS \$4.00

About Edvard Grieg

Every year on June 15, the Norwegian composer, Edvard Grieg, is commemorated by music lovers all over the world, for this is the date on which he was born in 1843. For two generations, this musical giant was a dominating figure in the history of Norwegian music.

Grieg described his native land to the world in a language which everyone could understand. He painted Norwegian landscapes in music and shared what is considered the core of *Norwegianism* with all who have listened to his works.

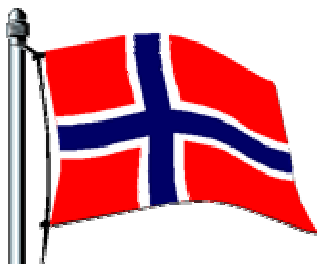
Grieg often was inspired by folk tunes and used them in his works. Another factor which gives his music a Norwegian character is his use of harmonic intervals. Octaves, sevenths and fifths—even ninths—flavor his compositions with characteristics borrowed from folk music. His music is understood and enjoyed throughout Europe. Audiences are fascinated by the flavor of folk music combined with Grieg's own bold, personal touch.

In modern Norway, the strongest memories of Grieg can be found in Bergen, the city on the Norwegian west coast where he was born. His home, Trollhaugen (TROLL 'hau 'gehn), or "Troll Hill", is open to visitors and a series of concerts are performed here in late May and early June when the International Music Festival of Bergen takes place every year.

Fra SON Mini Presentations

Grieg in San Diego

There will be a concert featuring Grieg music in San Diego in June. See page 13 of this issue for details.



Lodge Officers for 2007

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Angels Needed

Yard Sale
June 9th at 8:00AM To 3:00PM

The yard sale will be held at my house;
 Ella Backous
 4005 Donna Ave.
 San Diego, CA 92115



All proceeds will go to our friend and member, Carmen Synnes.

To make this a successful event, we need lots of sale items. Please help us out by donating items. Anything goes! Household items, bedding (sheets), towels, clothing, toys, books, small furniture pieces, electronics, garden items, etc...

Please call (619) 582-3754 to arrange a drop-off time with me or let me know if I can pick-up items. If you do not have any items at this time, come by and shop or make a monetary donation. Every little bit helps make a difference.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Ella Backous

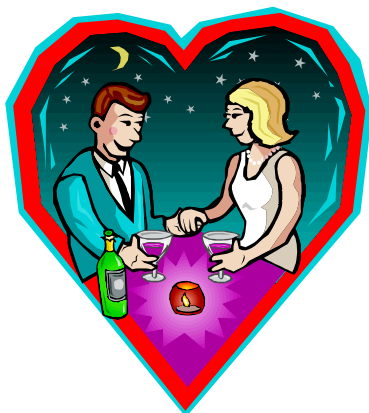
June Birthdays

2 Marit Malarkey
 3 Robert Leger
 5 Arletta Jurasinski
 11 Sara Adams
 11 Jason Oen
 11 Ellen Spitzer
 12 Karen Dirks
 13 Marcia Winterhouse
 16 Susan Cody
 18 Jeanette Rock
 20 Oskar Evensen
 22 June Johnson
 22 Don Lesney
 22 Marlene Lesney
 22 Helen Peterson
 23 Jeanette Kurz
 23 Alan Svidal
 26 Mary Hinshaw
 28 Mark LaBree
 29 Adolf Jacobsen
 29 Raymond Johnson

July Birthdays

1 Helen Winterhouse
 2 Reginald Becker
 2 John Dravland
 6 Lucy Leon
 8 Ellen Holk
 8 Mary Stedham
 9 Kari N. Collins
 9 Larry Nelson
 10 Grady Lee Svoboda
 12 Britt Brotemarkle
 13 Betty Luther
 15 Larry Collins
 16 LaVonne Coover
 16 Norma Hidalgo-Del Rio
 19 Harvey Holsbo
 22 Erica Lee
 24 Betty Maland
 26 Kathy Gilbert
 26 Oddvar Hoidal
 29 Mabel Birdsell
 29 Keith Gilbert
 29 Kari Ann Koskinen
 29 Annika Kovtun
 29 Ruth Vik
 30 Maury Lee
 31 June Weller

Happy Anniversary!



JUNE

Ola & Karin Brevig 6/2
 William & Mary Stedham 6/11
 Reginald & Patricia Becker 6/13
 Sven & Joyce Olsen 6/17
 Dean & Lorraine Hurst 6/18
 Everett & Jean Shogren 6/20
 Marvin & Carol Holm 6/21

JULY

Oddvar & Anne Hoidal 7/9
 Don & Marlene Lesney 7/9
 Lewis & Helen Johnson 7/12
 Robert & Jeanette Kurz 7/17

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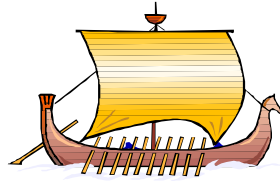
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New Email: ebackous@att.net

Ola & Karin Brevig

Error in last month's newsletter. Please correct the zip code for Ola & Karin Brevig in your directories to:
 92091-4282

Ladies of Valhall LOV notes..



Next meeting: June 2, 2007 at 9:a.m. at Denny's Restaurant in Fletcher Hills.

Hostesses: Anne Hoidal, Mary Fry and Centes Wheeler.

The May meeting was called to order by the president at 9:10 a.m. 21 members were present and one guest, Petra McGeary, a long time member of Valhall Lodge. It was a pleasure to have you there, Petra. and we sincerely hope that you will join us again.

The tables were decked out in red, white and blue, flowers and treats, in honor of Norway's Constitution day. Norwegians all over the world are celebrating this very special day, and preparations are also taking place in San Diego this week. How fortunate for us that a Royal Norwegian Navy ship is docked here in our city right now. That means that many of the ship's officers and crew will join us in our 17. of May celebrations.

It also means that many of LOV's ladies and people from the other Norwegian organizations will gather together and make at least 450 sandwiches for the hungry Norwegian sailors and other Norwegians that will show up for the Flag raising in Balboa Park

We do it gladly, of course. This is "syttende Mai" and we will do anything to make it perfect! At least we can pretty much depend on the weather to be fairly nice.

In Norway they are not that fortunate. It might very well rain on the school children's parade.

That can dampen the spirit somewhat, but the kids still wave their flags and shout

"HURRA FOR SYTTENDE MAI!"

I need to get back to the May meeting.

We had a long discussion about the "Lille Butikken". This has always been a good fundraiser for LOV, and we hope it still will be, but we have decided to change the format somewhat and concentrate more on selling Norwegian food items and

baked goods and also other things that might appeal to the buyers before the Holidays. This is in the planning stages at this point. When the plans are definite we will announce our merchandise in Valhall Viking.

Something else new to our group: Anne arranged for subscriptions to "The Bunad Magazine" a Norwegian magazine filled with articles and information about bunads, plus the most beautiful photographs of bunad-clad men and women. Many of us subscribed to the magazine, which comes out twice a year, and it was m/s/p that LOV gives one to Valhall for the library, and one to House of Norway every time it comes out.

We are continuing in our efforts to help Carmen Synnes, and warm greetings go out to her and to other LOV members that might not be feeling right at this time.

LOV President Ingrid Lindgren

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LaVonne Coover

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Minutes of the Valhall Lodge Business Meeting May 7th, 2007

Meeting opened at 7:32 P.M.
54 in attendance

VISITORS

President Jerry Oen welcomed Jim Adams back and introduced the following visitors:

1. Michele Silverthorn
2. Vickie Woodruff
3. Nick Felfe

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

An application from Andrew Ueland was received. Membership was approved unanimously.

MINUTES

Minutes were approved as published in the *Valhall Viking*

CORRESPONDENCE

Secretary Kay Wolner reported the following:

- A thank you letter from Director Cindy Olson the \$50.00 donated to District Six Scholarship Fund.
- A Camp Norge Update regarding the progress of the building program from Harry Bjerkhold, President.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Chairman Judy Sawyer had Joyce Oen report on the success of the special "Brunch" event. By all accounts the event was very successful.

Judy Sawyer reminded everyone of *Syttende Mai* event to be held on the 19th of May. Reservations were encouraged. Complete details are published in the *Valhall Viking*. Judy expressed that she could use some more volunteers

for the dinner.



Sven Olsen outlined the program for the evening:

Music by the San Diego Mannskor, Joyce Olsen, Thelma Johannesen, and Ragnhild Amble.

Greetings by Consul Gordon Kovtun

Lou Coover reminded the membership of the wood carving group meeting 9:00-12:00 every Tuesday morning at the House of Norway.

Jerry Oen reminded everyone of the Genealogy Club. Next meeting will be devoted to investigating the signers of the Norwegian Constitution and possible descendants living in the San Diego area.

PUBLICITY

Mary De Nino gave a report on her efforts. One area of concern is the message on the Lodge's telephone answering machine. A recording needs to be developed which gives helpful information about the Lodge. Improvements are also needed in the Lodge's listing in the White Pages.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Lavonne Coover gave her report:

1. Get Well cards were sent to Tony Cleary and Mary Jacobsen.
2. A "Thinking of You" card was sent to Carmen Synnes
3. Condolences were sent to Alan Sczepaniak on the death of his mother.

A thank you card received from Becky Bourdage

BLOOD BANK

LaVonne Coover encouraged members to donate blood to the San Diego Blood Bank in May. The Blood Bank always needs donations near holidays when supplies are low. She expressed thanks to all current donors.

YOUTH COMMITTEE

The Youth Group will be hosting a craft table at the May 19th event.

NEW BUSINESS

The meeting was temporarily adjourned for an official Corporation Meeting conducted by Ola Brevig.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Aprill Waymire and Don Lesney gave their respective reports.

GOOD OF ORDER

Dale Roybal, Lora Lee, Marvin Wick, and Jerry Oen were presented with recruitment award certificates.

Vickie Woodruff was introduced as the new financial planning agent for local Sons of Norway.

Michelle Silverthorn made a presentation on the local AFS student exchange program.

Anne Hoidal reviewed events surrounding the May 17 celebration. A Norwegian Naval vessel, the frigate Fridtof Nansen, will be docked at the Naval Station on the 17th. An on board reception is planned for 3 P.M to 5 P.M. Anne is managing the reservations. Anne also reminded the member-



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that the *Bunad* magazine is still available.

Thelma Johannesen informed the membership of concerts being presented by the Norwegian choir SKRUK on the 25TH AND 27TH.

Full details are presented in the May *Valhall Viking* and on the Lodge web site, www.lodgeofvalhall.com. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

A cultural program followed featuring Jim Adams relating his ex-

periences in Iraq.

Prepared by Jim Wolner, Assistant Secretary



Minutes of the Valhall Lodge Corporation Meeting May 7th, 2007

President Brevig presented the lodge membership with a brief overview of the history, mission and purposes of Valhall Sons of Norway Incorporated as well as overview of the basic investment positions and strategy.

Although we do not currently own real property, the need for the Corporation still exists to manage the investments and to provide for the possibility of acquiring real property at some point in the future.

The minutes of the previous board meeting were read and approved as written. The Treasurer's report was also presented. Treasurer Oen reported that the lodge investments have shown steady growth and the Corporation continues to be in an excellent financial position.

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

President Brevig presented the recommendation of the board to make additional 2007 donations as follows:

\$500 to the Norwegian Seaman's Church; \$500 to the Home of the Guiding Hands \$500 to the Vesterheim Museum, Decorah, Iowa; \$500 to Mama's Kitchen \$500 to the Vesterheim Genealogical Center/Naeseth Library, Madison Wisconsin \$500 to the Mannskor; \$600 to Camp Norge

The new donations would total \$3100. With the previous approved donations of \$500 to the Family History Center, \$500 to the Home of Guiding Hands and \$500 to the Tower after Hours program the total donations would be \$4600.

President Brevig then moved to have the lodge membership accept the recommendation. The motion was passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 P.M.

The next regular meeting of the Valhall Sons of Norway Inc. board will be on October 1, 2007 prior to the October lodge business meeting.

Respectfully submitted
Everett Shogren, Secretary,
Valhall Sons of Norway Inc.

Valhall Services Changes

Please note two changes on our Services Directory (pg. 5).

Our Insurance Representative Bob Miller is continuing to recuperate from a stroke he suffered last October. Taking his place as our new Financial Advisor and Insurance Representative is Vickie Woodruff. Read about her on page 8.

Also, thanks to Helen Seiler, we now have a Telephone Committee again! She is our new Telephone Committee Chairman and has already organized a calling team.

New Financial Benefits Counselor

Hello! My name is Vickie Woodruff and I wanted to take this welcome opportunity to introduce myself to those of you that I didn't get to meet at the Lodge meeting Monday evening May 7th.

I am a new Member of the Sons of Norway and your new **Financial Benefits Counselor** here in San Diego County. I very much look forward to meeting each of you. I am working on contacting each of you personally. If you have any urgent questions or would like to contact me directly to schedule a review, please do not hesitate to give me a call at (858) 232-0247. You can also email me at: vjwoodruff@aol.com

I understand that some of you may have worked with Robert Miller previously and may have questions. Unfortunately due to Robert's health, he has stepped down from the position of Financial Benefits Counselor. I too wish him the very best and you have my commitment that I will be available to help you.

I have 27 years of experience in the financial services arena and worked **17 of those years with a Fraternal organization**. I am happy to be back amidst the warm and caring hospitality and camaraderie shared amongst the Members of the Sons of Norway.

It was a real treat getting to meet some of you and I look forward to becoming an active part of your lodge and will help in anyway that I can.

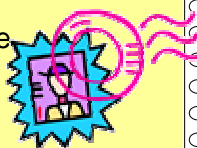
I welcome any ideas or comments any of you have as to how I might best be of service to Valhall Lodge and you.

My Very Best to You,

Vickie Woodruff, FICF, CSA

TUBFRIM


Save used postage 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.

Midsummer Fest

The Norwegians celebrate Midsummer Eve on June 23 or the Saturday closest to this date. The Midsummer fest originated in the ancient Norse society long before Christianity was introduced and has been observed ever since.

The Old Norse honored the sun with pagan ceremonies at summer solstice. The turning of the sun was believed to be a perilous event. If the sun failed to take the right course, mankind was doomed to perish. At this critical time, the world of the living was open to the beings of the nether world. Trolls, ghosts and other creatures roamed the earth.

When Christianity was introduced, the ancient sun festival was replaced by the celebration of the birthday of John the Baptist. The Church realized that a mere ban on the pagan fest would not dispel the deep-rooted folk beliefs connected with this day. So while the celebrations were given a new purpose, the customs and superstition surrounding Midsummer Eve existed hand in hand with the Christian tradition.

Fire has always played a significant role in the midsummer celebrations. The old Norse kept blazing bonfires going to give renewed power to the sun. The bonfires were also believed to drive away the supernatural beings which threatened both man and beast at this time.

In our time, the bonfires still flame all over Norway on Midsummer Eve, but the celebration has taken on a new meaning. The superstitious beliefs seen in connection with the fest are half forgotten. Instead, Midsummer, or St. Hans ('Sahnkt 'HAHNS) as it is called, is a celebration of the Norwegian

summer, the short, light summer nights and nature in general.

Along the coast, bonfires blaze on every islet and skerry. Boats filled with high-spirited and cheerful



people gather together and form long processions which parade along the coast to the accompaniment of accordion music. There are evening picnics served in every little cove and on every rock shelf along the shoreline. Laughter and music drift through the summer night. In some places, people meet for a community celebration of midsummer, build a huge communal bonfire and have grand festivities with entertainment programs, good food and dancing.

Norwegians decorate with birch twigs at the midsummer festivities. This custom is of ancient origin. To the old Norse, the birch twigs symbolized the life force which awakened in Nature in the spring and early summer. Another ancient tradition which might have had some influence on the present tradition is the custom of using birch twigs as a symbol for peace and armistice at the places where people came to trade.

According to folk belief, evil was a constant and realistic threat at midsummer. But also good forces were believed to be especially strong at this time. It was, for instance, the best time of the year to collect medicinal plants and herbs. These were believed to possess strong healing properties at summer solstice.

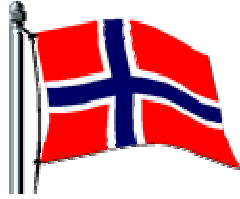
The ancient celebrations were surrounded by mysticism. Even a modern-time Norwegian will admit that the St. Hans night still has a touch of the mysterious to it. Everyone who has experienced the magic of a Nordic Midsummer night will be under its spell forever.

Fra SON Mini Presentations

Valhall Cultural Classes

Norwegian Genealogy

The Norwegian Genealogy Group will continue to meet on the second 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.



At the June 14th meeting, **Dale Roybal** will present “Researching Norwegian Parish Registers.” These early church records rank as one of the best sources for birth, marriage and death vital events in Norway. Dale will demonstrate how we now can gain access to most of these records without having to travel to Norway in person – unless we want to, of course.

Everyone interested in finding their family roots - especially in Norway - is invited to attend our meetings. For more information or to be added to our mailing list, please contact Jerry Oen at ju-rolf@aol.com, or call 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 *rose-mal*. 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.

Southern California Kretsstevne

Every year, lodges from southern California meet for a camping weekend of fun and fellowship. You can use a tent, RV or trailer. Valhall's monthly social will be at the Kretsstevne Saturday evening on October 20th.

This year we will meet at Thousand Trails Campground at Pio Pico, Jamul on October 19-21, 2007. Thousand Trails Pio Pico is 180 acres of San Diego County's recreation facilities with an elevation of around 1400 feet.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE REGISTRATION DUE DATE IS **OCTOBER 2, 2007**

As before, we are requesting 3 dozen cookies from each lodge for our hospitality table.

Please send the cookies with someone who will attend the Kretsstevne. Also, each lodge is asked to supply a \$10.00 gift to be raffled off.

Hot “lapskaus” (Norwegian stew) will be served Friday evening. Saturday evening is B.B.Q. Tri-tip with all the trimmings.

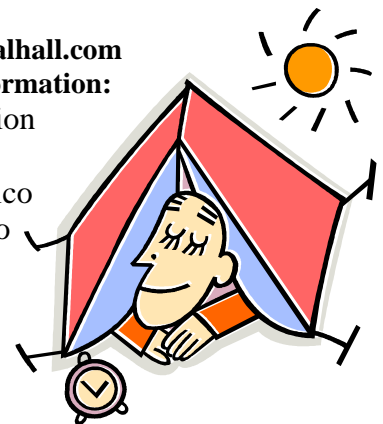
Along with the usual great food and fellowship there will be boutiques, activities and games for the children, bingo, singing and entertainment.

See you all at the Pio Pico in October!

Hilsen, Lise Fleming
Kretsstevne registrar
Home phone: (909) 624-2868
E-mail: lisenorsk@earthlink.net

Visit the www.lodgeofvalhall.com website to see more information:

- RV rental information
- Menu
- Directions to Pio Pico
- Registration form to print out





Sons of Norway 17th Annual Southern California Kretsstevne

Thousand Trails Pio Pico, Jamul, CA
October 19 - 21, 2007



Options to attend the weekend festivities:

1. Drive in for the day (\$ 5.00 per vehicle guest fee, pay by the gate)
2. Bring your own RV or tent and rent a space
3. Rent an on-site RV trailer for a 2-night stay

No matter what options you choose, please complete the Registration Form below along with your check made out to Southern California Kretsstevne before October 2, 2007 to:

Lise Fleming
1104 Alamosa Drive
Claremont, CA 91711

Home phone: (909) 624-2868

E-mail: lisenorsk@earthlink.net

Due to limited supply of rental RV trailers we strongly recommend early reservations. Check-in for rental Trailers: 3:00 PM. Check-out: 12:00 noon. No check-ins after 9:00 PM. Camp site check-ins OK after 8:00 AM.

-----Cut here and mail -----

Registration Form

Name(s) _____ Lodge _____
 Children _____ Age _____
 _____ Age _____
 _____ Age _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Kretsstevne Registration Fee (Required of all adult attendees)

_____ Adults \$ 7.50 each/Family \$ 15.00 Total \$ _____

Friday Night Lapskaus Dinner

_____ Adult \$ 7.50/Children under 12 Free Total \$ _____

* Saturday Noon Potluck (Finger Foods)

Saturday Tri Tip Barbecue

_____ Adults \$ 12.00/Children under 12 Free Total \$ _____

Accommodation for 2 nights – all RV trailers include kitchen with dinette and showers.

Check one:

_____ Tent or RV site rental (2 nights)	\$	70.00
_____ 29' Standard RV trailer (sleeps 4, 1 queen and 1 double sofa bed)	\$	139.00
_____ 29' Deluxe RV trailer (sleeps 4-6, separate bedroom with queen, 2 bunks and sofa bed)	\$	156.00
_____ 30' Slide-out RV trailer (sleeps 4-6, separate bedroom with queen, triple bunks and sofa bed)	\$	160.00
_____ 35' RV trailer (sleeps 6-8, 2 separate bedrooms, one with double and other with 2 twin beds and 2 combo bunks and sofa bed)	\$	151.00
_____ Pet Fee @ \$ 7.50 per day (Pets must be leashed at all times)	\$	15.00
_____ Optional Linen Package (Set of 2 sheets, 2 pillows and cases, 1 bedspread, 2 towels, 2 washcloths, 1 bath mat) @ \$ 11.00 each	\$	_____

Total amount, includes Registration Fees, Meals, Overnight Accommodation, Pet Fee and Linen Package(s) \$ _____

* Saturday and Sunday breakfast may be eaten at Thousand Trail Cantina (\$ 5.00 - \$ 6.00)

Please indicate how many in your party will have breakfast at the Cantina:

_____ Saturday _____ Sunday

Make all inquiries to Lise Fleming, please do not contact Thousand Trails directly

Olsok Celebration

Come celebrate Olsok, the day Norwegians celebrate the memory of St. Olav, with friends of **NORSK FEST**. Don't pass up this opportunity for a festive evening that offers a scrumptious buffet (koldtbord) and entertainment.

Date/Time: Saturday, July 28, 2007, starting at 4:00 p.m.

Location: House of Norway, at International Cottages in Balboa Park.

Food/Drink: A scrumptious Buffet - *koldtbord*-with beverages.

Entertainment: A short program "What is Olsok?" and music for your listening and/or dancing pleasure.

Parking: The parking lots near the international cottages are free.

Cost: \$20.00 per person includes buffet, entertainment and first glass of wine for checks received by July 20, thereafter \$25.00. Children under twelve \$5.00. Additional beverages available for a donation.

Contacts:

Greta Berg 619/987-6260, Bjorn Endresen 619/358-3458 and Lizzie Riiber 619/523-8822

Please join us and make your reservation today. Complete this section and return it with your check (payable to "Norsk Fest") to Greta Berg, 2266 Grand Ave. #29, S.D., CA 92109.

Name(s) _____

Address: _____

Phone # _____ Number of Guest(s) _____



Edvard Grieg Recital

There will be a recital of Edvard Grieg's music in San Diego in June. This concert will be part of the world-wide celebration and performance of Grieg's music in honor of the centennial anniversary of his death. We are listed at the official sight; www.grieg07.com

Janine Martuscelli, Soprano, has performed a similar concert in Norway (Bergen) and also had the honor of performing Grieg's music with Victor Borge. The pianist at the San Diego concert is Bryan Verhoye.

The concert is entitled; **The Music of Edvard Grieg; A Centennial Celebration.** It will be on **June 24th, 2007, 7:00 pm**

The Concert will be given at **First Baptist Church, 5055 Governor Dr., San Diego, CA 92192**

Come out and enjoy this wonderful music. Janine will be singing some of his lyric songs and two of Solveig's songs from Peer Gynt and Bryan will be performing the Holberg Suite in addition to accompanying Janine.

There will also be a reception following the performance with the traditional waffles, Gjetost and strawberry jam . . . and of course a good cup of Norwegian coffee!

Janine Martuscelli (Berg)
Soprano/Music Librarian
San Diego Master Music
Chorale



“Til Dovre Faller”

At our September Business meeting, we will perform the Initiation Ceremony for new members and members who have not been initiated yet.

During the ceremony, you are asked to repeat the phrase “United and true till Dovre falls.” So what does that mean?

At Eidsvoll in May 1814, as the men who represented most parts of Norway concluded the final agreement on the new constitution, they stood up, touched hands and proclaimed “Enig og tro til Dovre faller.”

Dovre is the high mountain mass that separates the fertile Trøndelag counties to the north from the agricultural heartland around the capital, Oslo, to the south, and separates Østlandet to the east from the Atlantic coastline to the west, making up the southern part of Norway.

Dovre was the backbone of the country—solid as a rock. The writers of the Constitution were showing confidence in their country and their countrymen.
From Vegas Viking, May 2007

Happy Father's Day!



Social Committees

JUNE

Business Meeting and **Ice Cream Social**
Mon. June 4

Chairman: Open

George Babilot
Carmen Cleary
John & Janet Erickson
Carol Hillestad
Ellen Holk
Kjell Holmes
Alan & Thelma Johanessen
Lizzie Riiber
Arthur & Lisa Skola
Wilma Springer
June Wheeler



JULY

No meetings in July

AUGUST

No Business Meeting
Annual Picnic—Sat. Aug. 18

Chair: Judy Sawyer

Eldbjorg Backous
Reg & Patricia Becker
Kristine Davis
Jesse Garay
Wendy Hovland Henry
Brit & John Montalbano
Alan Sczepaniak
Mike Stewart
Kim Strandberg
Janet Weber
Jennifer Knudsen
William & Mary Stedham



Lodge Name Badges

All members are encouraged to purchase and wear name badges so that we can get to know you and you can get to know everyone else.

Order your name badge directly from **Awards of Tahoe**. These are the same hard white plastic name badges with the lodge name in white and the Sons of Norway shield in red, white & blue that many members already have. Your name and Valhall #6-025 will be in blue.

The cost for the badge is \$ 8.50 (includes tax and shipping).

To obtain your name badge send this form and a check for \$8.50 to the address shown below. Make the check payable to “**Awards of Tahoe**”.

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San Diego, CA

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Rising Seas Threaten Bergen

Climate change and rising sea levels are posing huge threats to the historic city of Bergen on Norway's west coast. Large areas of downtown face submersion, and the ancient wharf known as *Bryggen* is especially vulnerable.

A sudden fall in groundwater levels under *Bryggen*, years of settling and frequent flooding are endangering the structural stability of the complex, which dates back to Viking times. The wharf's current buildings stem from the early 1700s, rooted in the latter days of the Hanseatic League.

Building experts from Denmark, Poland, the Netherlands, and Great Britain will join their Norwegian counterparts in Bergen in June, to discuss ways to save the complex. Parts of *Bryggen* are sinking at the rate of 8 millimeters a year, and some geologists fear collapse.

"If we don't do something now, the settling will continue and a considerable portion of *Bryggen's* buildings will slant more and more until they eventually fall," Hans de Beer of the Norwegian geological survey told newspaper *Aftenposten*.

The wharf has also been subject to flooding (15 times this winter alone) and now there are worries that rising sea levels will affect much of the entire city's central area. Melting ice in the Arctic may raise the sea levels to a point that within 50 years, sea waters may be spilling into the ground floors of *Bryggen's* buildings. Long term forecasts predict that Bergen's railroad at the central station, its inner harbor areas and the first floor of harbor-side buildings will eventually go under water as well.

Bryggen is a UN World Heritage site and international experts are involved in its preservation.
- from *Aftenposten*

AN OPEN LETTER OF THANKS

Many, many thanks to the members of Valhall Lodge and the Ladies of Valhall for their kindness and generosity in behalf of Carmen Synnes, our 15-

year member and former musician, who has had some difficult times due to two severe falls.

Cards can be sent to her at: Duke Royale/Golden Living Guest Home, 3223 Duke St., Rm. 5, San Diego, CA 92110.

As I have been the one that has had to be responsible for her care and placement, I, too, wish to thank you for reaching out to her through me when I asked for your assistance.

Bless you all.

Lorraine Tucker



Just for Fun

In the middle of the show, a guy stands up and yells at the ventriloquist.

"Hey! You've been making jokes about us Norwegian people enough! Cut it out!"

And the ventriloquist says, "Take it easy. They're only jokes."

And the guy says, "I'm not talking to you, I'm talking to that little guy sitting on your knee!"



Enjoy!

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CALENDAR

JUNE

2 Sat Ladies of Valhall
4 Mon Combined Business & Ice Cream Social
9 Sat Rosemaling
14 Thu Genealogy Group
23 Sat Rosemaling
Woodcarving meets every Tuesday at House of Norway

JULY

No meetings or events in July—
Summer Break



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