

SUNDFJORD SUN

Sundfjord Lodge # 6-065

November 2014



Meeting Location:
4630 Wheeler Ave.
La Verne, CA 91750
Rock of the Foothills Church
Second Saturday at 12:00 Noon



November's Entertainment



President's Message.



Our Halloween costume party was well attended and lots of fun. We had visitors from Vinland Lodge # 159, Temecula, Steve & Caronne VanNyhuis, Eivind

& Berit Funnemark and also our new Fraternal Benefit Counselor James Donovan from Norge Lodge # 60, Vista in attendance.

Ribbons were awarded to the costume winners.

Lise Fleming and I attended Vinland Lodge's "Leif Erikson" dinner on October 19th with good Norwegian food and we had such a great time meeting new friends.

Pauline Pederson and Lise Fleming will be attending the Southern California Kretsstevne at KOA camping grounds in Banning over the Halloween weekend.

I am so excited that we will have Thomas, the Storyteller entertain us with "Viking Tales" at our Thanksgiving dinner. You do not want to miss this special event.

Friday, November 21, we will be carpooling to the Norwegian Seamen Church in San Pedro to drop off our TubFrim stamps and attend their Julebazaar. We will make a stop at Alpine Village on our return home. Call Lise if you plan to go.

Next month is our Christmas celebration with our pot-luck Julebord. We like you to try to make a Norwegian dish. As usual, we will be collecting unwrapped toys to donate to the Salvation Army.

**Wishing you all a very
Happy Thanksgiving!**

Agnes Anderson Deeb

Kalender (Coming Events)

NOV

**8 Sundfjord's Meeting
Thanksgiving Fund-
Raiser dinner**

**9 Father's Day in
Norway**

**21, 22, 23 Annual Christmas
Fair at the Seamen
Church in San Pedro**

27 Thanksgiving Day

DEC

**6 Norseman Lodge's
Annual Julebord in
Thousand Oaks**

**7 SWEA's Christmas
Fair in Los Angeles**

**13 Sundfjord's Meeting
Christmas Party**

24 Christmas Eve

25 Christmas Day

31 New Year's Eve



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Gratulerer med dagen

November

16.....Jacqueline Cordes

December

9.....Cole Pippis
 10.....Ruth Higley
 14.....Christine Ricci Deeb
 28.....Lola Peterson
 29.....Gunilla Oh
 30.....Catherine Cordes

God Bedring

(Get Well)

(Please let us know if any of our members are under the weather).

Flu season is upon us so here is Mother's Advice

Lots of fruits and veggies
 Plenty more of rest
 Wash your hands quite often
 Always do your best
 Think no ills of others
 Hold a healthy thought
 Drink a lot of liquids
 Give it all you got!



Membership Pins



Dressed in Halloween costumes, the following were presented with their membership pins by President Agnes Deeb.

From left: Hailey Higley – 5-years, President Agnes Deeb, Pauline Pederson -10 years, Crysten Cole – 5 years, Diane Griego – 5 years
 Not present was Catherine Cordes – 10 years.

Halloween Party



First row: Nakayla Starns Diane Griego, Crysten Cole, Caronne Van Nyhuis from Vinland # 159, Agnes Deeb, Ruth Higley and Char Nelson.

Second row; Hailey Higley, Steve Collins, Irene Davis, Carole Collins, Walli Jean and Brian Stranahan, Berith Funnemark from Vinland # 159, Steve Van Nyhuis from Vinland # 159, Art Aslesen and Lise Fleming

Costume Winners



First Place – Walli Jean Stranahan



Second Place - a tie between Irene Davis and Crysten Cole.



Irene Davis Crysten Cole Walli Jean Stranahan

TubFrim

Our lodge received a "Tusen Takk" note from TubFrim in late August 2014 for last year's contribution. It states that "we sincerely thank those of you who loyally collect and send the stamps to TubFrim in Nesbyen, Norway".

TubFrim is a humanitarian organization owned by the Norwegian Health Association. It was founded in 1928 to finance tuberculosis research and provide aid for children inflicted by the disease.

Outside Norway, the largest contribution comes from United States by the Sons of Norway organization.

Please NEVER throw away canceled stamps, just cut them off the envelope, leaving 1/2 inch all around the stamp. If the envelopes or postcards are "old", please do not cut them off. Also, do not mix U.S. stamps with those from other countries. TubFrim also collect used telephone cards and prepaid cards.

Sons of Norway Web Sites

Sundfjord Lodge: www.sundfjord.org

International: www.sofn.com

District 6: www.sofn6.com

Camp Norge: www.campnorge.org

<http://twitter.com/sonsofnorway>

<http://sonsofnorwayblog.blogspot.com>

Christmas Fair at Sjømannskirken

November 21 and 22, 11 am to 6 pm

November 23, 12 noon to 4 pm

The Church will be filled with Christmas decorations; candles, clothing, food and everything else you need to get a feel of 'Scandinavia this Christmas. There will be raffles with beautiful prizes.

Handmade goods and fresh homemade food. Buy Christmas food in our store; eat lunch or dinner in our café. We also have our own bakery! Mark your calendar for these dates; let's support our Norwegian Seamen Church. **1035 S. Beacon, San Pedro, CA**

We will attend on Friday, November 21 to drop off our TubFrim stamps. On the way home we will make a stop at Alpine Village in Torrance. Car pool available; call Lise Fleming.

SWEA's

Christmas Bazaar

Sunday, December 7,
2014

Los Angeles Theater
615 S. Broadway, Los Angeles
10 am to 5 pm



Alaska Cruise in 2015



We invite ALL Lodges to join us

Cruise with Sundfjord Lodge

August 28, 2015 from Seattle, WA

Interior staterooms starts at \$ 999.00 (based on double occupancy) + tax and port fees of \$ 203.28. Insurance is recommended in case of something unforeseen should happen.

For us to be seated together in the dining room, the cruiseline request that ONE person makes all the reservations. Please book the **EARLY** dinner seating.

We have selected Laura Sandercock at the AAA Auto Club in La Verne, CA to be the ONE that make ALL our reservations. Phone: (909) 596-7973 or (909) 392-1444. E-mail: sandercock.laura@aaa-calif.com

Please let Laura know that you are with the **Sons of Norway** group. She is the **ONLY** person that will get us seated together at dinners.

"PASSPORT REQUIRED"

For more information or any questions contact Lise Fleming via e-mail at lisenorsk@earthlink.net, or call at (909) 624-2868, evenings.

This is a very popular cruise so book early or you will miss the boat!

Father's Day in Norway

Father's Day derived from U.S.A. and became popular in Norway after WWII.

In Norway, Father's Day is celebrated on the second Sunday in November, this year it will be on Sunday, November 9.

Tradition is for the children to make their own gifts and cards and serve "pappa" (daddy) breakfast in bed.





Sons of Norway

Mission Statement

The mission of Sons of Norway is to promote and preserve the heritage and culture of Norway, to celebrate our relationship with other Nordic countries, and provide quality insurance and financial products to its members.



Work Party at Camp Norge

November 15 & 16, 2014

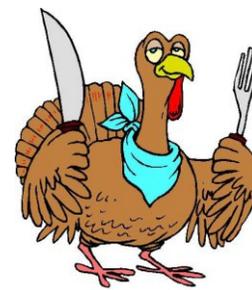
Camp Norge at Alta, CA is having their Annual "Winterization of Camp" work party. Camp Norge's Board of Directors is inviting hard working volunteers for a fun weekend of working together to get our buildings in order for the winter season. Bring your tools.

Projects:

1. Install new on-demand water heaters
2. Build a fence
3. Organize plates and utensils in Heritage Hall, House and Social Hall.
4. Housekeeping report on rooms
5. Winterize the Camp, prepare a written plan for the future
6. KP and After Party clean-up crew.

There will be no charge for lodging. Lunch and dinner on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday morning will be provided. Looking for volunteers to help Penny with the menu.

Please RSVP to Linda Carruthers at (415) 515-2415 or Cheryl Malseed at mkbycheryl@sbcglobal.net or (805) 815-8877. Cheryl will also set you up with a room if requested. We are hoping this will be an exiting and successful event and will give everyone the opportunity to meet new people and make new friends.



May your stuffing be tasty, May your turkey be plump,
May your potatoes and gravy have nary a lump.
May your jams be delicious, May your pies take the prize
and May your Thanksgiving dinner stay off your thighs

Wishing you all Happy Thanksgiving!

Norseman Lodge's Julebord

Saturday, December 6, 2014 - Reservations required!

For those who "LOVE" Norwegian food, it is highly recommended that you attend Norseman Lodge # 91's "julebord". The menu feature such items as meat balls, pork roast, medister pølse (sausage) fish balls, parsley potatoes, red cabbage, shrimp salad, liver pate, smoked salmon loaf, pickled herring, lefse, assorted salads, cheeses, breads and cookies at **First Neighborhood Clubhouse**



31830 Village Center Drive, Westlake Village, CA
Social hour 5:30 pm Dinner served at 6:30 pm
Cost: Adults \$ 25.00, Teens \$ 12.50, Children 6-12 years \$ 10.00, Children under 6 years FREE. Make your reservation by **November 28, 2014** to r.skorp@verizon.net
Live music, entertainment, raffle, Christmas caroling around the Christmas tree, visit by "Julenissen" and dancing.

A Simple Comparison

The reason baby diapers have brand names such as "Luvs" and "Huggies", while undergarments for old people are called "Depends" is when babies poop in their pants, people are still gonna Luv'em and Hug'em.

When old people poop in their pants, it "Depends" on who's in the will.

There, now, wasn't that simple!

The New York Times explores “Norway the Slow Way”

“To study the Norwegian coast, with hundreds of thousands of islands, is like studying the country’s metaphorical DNA. It is unique, it is eternal complex, and it is the fingerprint of a nation” states the New York Times in a featured



article about Norway. With the title “Norway the Slow Way,” American author Reif Larsen tells his story about his family’s journey up the Norwegian coastline to find the apartment where his grandfather Harry Irgens Larsen was born and lived. Larsen uses his search for his grandfather's home town as a starting point for his travel up north towards the land of the midnight sun, Kirkenes, with Hurtigruten's cruise ship MS Trollfjord. This is great advertising for Norway and there have already been an increase in the number of American tourists visiting Norway. It will have a positive effect that we get this kind of a review, it is important to Norway’s marketing.

CEO for the coastal cruise line Hurtigruten is also very happy with this piece in the New York Times, and thinks it will help boost people's interest in Hurtigruten in the U.S. It paints a beautiful picture of our coastline and the incredible nature. This is good advertisement for Norway and Hurtigruten.

Whaling in Norway

Norway’s whaling is at least partially justified by invoking the Vikings, but controversy remains. The controversial whaling season is over in Norway. More than 720 whales were harpooned in the most deadly hunting season since Norway began defying an international ban on whaling in 1993.



According to the Independent of London, the catch is less than Norway’s self-imposed annual quota of about 1,200, noting that the Norwegian government claims the four-month hunt is only for the “protection and sustainable harvesting of marine resources.”

Whaling defenders point out that the whale meat sold in Norway comes from the minke whale, which they say is a very abundant non-endangered species. “It’s like hunting white-tail deer,” noted one fan.

But the huge amount of minke meat isn’t selling well in Norwegian supermarkets these days. Reportedly, contemporary Norwegians show little appetite for whale. On the other hand, one Swede who regularly drives to Norway just to purchase whale notes that: “It tastes good, like wild game such as moose and deer with a hint of beef.”

Some whale meat is exported to Japan, which was ordered to end its own whale hunts in the Antarctic by the UN earlier this year.

Norway claims the commercial slaughter of minke whales is necessary because they are a threat to fish stocks. Anti-whalers counter that over-fishing, climate change, and other environmental factors are the cause of the decline in fisheries, not whales.

Anti-whaling activists have staged protests in Norway, and have committed acts of sabotage, including sinking whaleboats off Lofoten. Defenders of whaling claim that it is part of Nordic tradition, dating back to the Viking Age.

But that is disputed. Whaling as an industry got its start in the 1860s when Svend Foyn, a Norwegian shipping magnate, invented the grenade-tipped harpoon. Norway soon surged to the top of the world’s whaling nations.

Commercial minke whaling dates back only to the 1930s in Norway. In the mid-70s a campaign began to “save the whales.” In 1986 the International Whaling Commission issued a ban on commercial whaling. Oslo defied it. Norway and Iceland are the only countries to commercially hunt whales.

But what about those who argue that whaling is part of Norway’s heritage, dating back to Viking times? Vikings probably did not hunt whales on the high seas. The sagas tell tales of arguments over who had rights to a beached whale carcass. In the harsh days of early Iceland’s settlement, the meat provided by a stranded whale could feed a starving community. And from the whale bone, items such as combs, needles, pins, and board games were made.

The Vikings did introduce techniques for cutting off the escape of small whales in fjords, but their hunting efforts were geared toward wild boars, bears, deer, moose/elk, and seals—all hunted on land with bow and arrow, and spears. And of course, reindeer. Wild reindeer have roamed Norway since the ice retreated 10,000 years ago. Hunters followed them as they migrated between seasonal grazing lands. It wasn’t long before the early Norwegians started hunting on skis, but in 1274 the Norwegian Code of Law restricted this method because it was too easy, and herds of reindeer were being wiped out. Almost half the wild reindeer in Norway today live on the Hardangervidda mountain plateau.

Nyheter fra Norge

News from Norway

Friday Night is Taco Night in Norway

When it comes to Friday's dinner plans, Norwegians seem to have one thing on their minds – TACOS! The younger generations in Norway have coined the term “**fredagstaco**” (Fridaytaco) to describe the cultural phenomenon of starting the weekend off with a serving –or two—of tacos.



The taco is by far the most popular dinner on Friday in Norway—even surpassing the infamous frozen Grandiosa pizza! Up to one million Norwegians are enjoying their Mexican fare on any given Friday.

You might be thinking----why tacos? The flavorful Mexican dish seems a far cry from meat and boiled potatoes.

Tacos are quick, and something the whole family likes. Each family member can put whatever they like in their taco and steer clear of what they don't like. It is a social dish because one sits at the table longer and makes their own food. Many Norwegians are content to stick with the tried-and-true taco each Friday, but the current trend is an emphasis on innovative and nutritious creations. Just by searching “fredagstaco on Instagram, you'll find over a thousand postings depicting countless versions of the Norwegian taco.

Moose in a tree?

In the fall, there are plenty of fermented apples left on fruit trees.

This is a favorite snack to the moose and they literally become intoxicated by devouring these apples in people's gardens. The intoxicated antlered moose can be a menace, dangerous, aggressive and fearless after consuming fermented fruit. In the fall, it is not unusual to see drunken moose when there are plenty of apples about. This is a recurring issue for the local law enforcement who receives lots of calls from homeowners about intoxicated moose.

Photo shows a moose that got stuck in a tree.



Frozen at Disney's Epcot Center

Based on H. C. Anderson's Danish fairy tale, *The Snow Queen*, *Frozen* got many positive reviews when it came out last year. The film was heavily influenced by many Norwegian things, such as stave churches, the Northern Lights, trolls, and even lutefisk.

The film *Frozen* has been a gift for Norwegian tourism and it is a chance to show Norway off.



Walt Disney World announced that a new *Frozen* attraction will be constructed at the Norway pavilion in Epcot. The ride will be replacing Maelstrom, which has been taking passengers in Viking boats through scenes of Norwegian history since 1988.

It has been speculated that the new *Frozen* ride will keep some of the features of Maelstrom. Disney has not yet released an opening date for the new ride. However, the company estimates construction can take 12-18 months. This means the ride should be ready by early 2016.

Casey Kasem burial fight in Norway



The bizarre story of where the late radio star's body is to be laid to rest currently involves a funeral home in Oslo.

Kasem's second wife of 34 years, actress Jean, was born in U.S.A but is of Norwegian heritage on her mother's side. They have a daughter together.

Kasem has 3 children from a previous marriage. Ever since Casey's health started to deteriorate, there has been a struggle between Jean and the 3 children from the first marriage.

Casey passed away on June 15, 2014 and has yet to be buried. In August of this year, Kasem's body was flown to Oslo, Norway. The family does not know why Jean did this and further states that it's “a sick joke from a sick woman.” Kasem's children insist upon that their dad has never had any connection with Norway and have never heard Jean mention any connection to Oslo in the 34 years she was married to their father. Jean insists that she and her daughter did have plans to move to Norway. Petitions have been filed to return Kasem's body to the U.S.A. and to be laid to rest in California. This is for the court system in both Norway and U.S.A. to sort out. In the meantime, the Norwegian funeral home Jølstad is in a limbo and has to wait for the courts to decide.

“Rest in Peace Kasem”