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## FROM ROALD AMUNDSEN LODGE 6-48 PRESIDENT CAROL FRANCIS:

**Vi går fram! We are going forth!** Fram (forward) was the name of Fridtjof Nansen's ship that Roald Amundsen borrowed to get to the South Pole. And it is a good motto for our lodge this year. We held our first social at the Orangevale Grange Hall this past Sunday, with a potluck and installation of officers (see pictures on pages 3-5). I felt gratitude on two points. Five of the officers installed are relative newcomers to the lodge: **David Bailey, Nancy Ottum, Ron and Cecelia Byrd**, and brand new member **Pat Harriman**. Secondly, member **Dale Baker** has assisted us in the transition to doing social events at the Orangevale Grange. It has great parking, easy access, an excellent kitchen, and a large, clean hall where we can set up two or more activities at the same time. We still do monthly meetings at the San Juan Masonic Hall.

This is my final year of serving as president of your lodge, and I still feel the honor and trust of the position. When we sold our lodge building in 2001, we hit a sharp slump in membership. Now for two years in a row, we have increased overall in membership. This was great! At the installation, I reviewed our **three goals** for the past two years:

1) More children involved. **Our young people are the future of our lodge**, and we need to have a place for them in our events. All six scholarship winners to Language Heritage Camp made presentations to our lodge. We had a barnetoget, or children's parade, in our 17th of May celebrations of Norway's national day. Our biggest success has been the Family Christmas party, with Santa Claus and at least 15 kids, including three kids from Norway and a set of local triplets, all in bunads or national costumes.

2. Library: After reviewing twenty-six very dusty boxes of books, we now have a workable sized collection of books about Norway in English, and Norwegian classics. **Carol Lee Solheim** is organizing this project as librarian, so members can learn about Norway.

3) Modernizing the lodge meetings: We have moved the chairs in a large circle, and what I call *liv og glede*, or life and joy, at the meetings, from the older formal meeting style. Our new web site, designed and maintained by Nancy Ottum, is bringing us requests for membership and information about Norway. Our cultural programs are bringing members to the meetings.

Outgoing Editor Stephen Rosenthal Celebrates Freedom after five years of exemplary service!



In a related story, Incoming Editor Steve Loberg learns that several Navigator staff positions were all performed by the outgoing Editor!



These are our three goals for next year: 1) to gain a Founder's award for a 3% gain in membership (we had 2.7% this year, next year we need eight net new members); 2) to have a strong cultural program, with a Cultural Director to coordinate presentations, and 3) to develop an event manual, so that we stay organized as we hold activities at two facilities. Upcoming events promote our cultural goals. **Beth Solheim** presents her cultural program on **genealogy** at our lodge meeting on **February 9th**. The **Pea Soup Dinner on February 27th** will include pictures from the Norwegian Coastal Steamer (Hurtigruten). And our **Torsk Dinner on March 13th** will include a medieval Scandinavian program on the crusades. Håper vi sees snart, hope to see you soon!  
klem, hugs, Carol

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### **KALENDAR:**

Friday night - Sunday morning, February 5-7. Junior Lodge weekend at Camp Norge, open to children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews of lodge members, ages 8 to 21. RSVP to Jessica Brown, Youth Director, 916-606-4858, or [jessicabrown14@yahoo.com](mailto:jessicabrown14@yahoo.com).

Tuesday, February 9th, 7 pm - Lodge meeting, San Juan Masonic Hall, Cultural Program on Genealogy, by Beth Solheim, rescheduled from October meeting. Carol Lee and Beth Solheim for refreshments.

Saturday, February 27th, Pea Soup Dinner, 6 pm, Orangevale Grange Hall (see flier). Cultural program on Hurtigruten cruise in June 2009 on M/S Kong Harald.

Tuesday, March 9th, 7 pm - Lodge meeting, Cultural Program by David Bailey on *Giants in the Earth: A Saga of the Prairie*, by Ole Edvart Rolvaag, about North and South Dakota. We have volunteers for refreshments (in next Navigator).

Saturday, March 13th, Torsk Dinner (Icelandic Cod), 5 pm social, 6 pm dinner, Orangevale Grange Hall (see flier).



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\$45 per person, chaperones welcome and appreciated.

Includes lodging figured at four per room (may have two to six per room) and food for weekend.

Bring bedding, toiletries, towels, warm clothes, and snow play equipment.

There is currently snow at Camp Norge, but if it melts by then, we will find snow on Saturday.

[www.campnorge.com](http://www.campnorge.com)

Photos from the  
"INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS & POTLUCK LUNCHEON"  
held on Sunday, January 24, 2010, at the Orangevale Grange Hall.



Ann Sandner Pat Harriman Ron Byrd Florence Smith David Bailey Joe Hannon Nancy Ottum Bob Dahl  
Cecelia Byrd Carol Francis LaRena Hannon Tove-Lise Miller  
Carol Lee Solheim



David Bailey



Ann Sandner  
Tove-Lise Miller Carol Lee Solheim Carol Francis



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More photos from the  
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ROALD AMUNDSEN



LODGE

SONS OF NORWAY

Norwegian Pea Soup  
Dinner

**SAT., FEBRUARY 27, 2010**

Dinner served at 6:00 PM

followed by Cultural Presentation on Hurtigruten, Norwegian Coastal Steamer  
M/S Kong Harald, pictures, by Carol Francis



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SONS OF

NORWAY

Free Torsk & Meatball Dinner to anyone who signs up for new membership! (Annual dues is \$52.50 for first member, \$45.50 for spouse)

SAT., MARCH 13, 2010

Social Hour 5:00pm Dinner 6:00pm



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TORSK &

(Icelandic Cod)

MEATBALL DINNER

Cultural program Door prizes.



after dinner.

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**HARALD ULRIK SVERDRUP (1888-1957) – PART III**

As one of the leading scientists in the world during the first half of the twentieth century, Harald Ulrik Sverdrup spent more time abroad in his adult life than he did in his native Norway. Much of that time was in the United States on three separate occasions during the 1920's when he was engaged in research at the Carnegie Institution in Washington and as Director of the Scripps Oceanographic Institution in La Jolla, California, from 1936 to 1948

Sverdrup held important positions in Norway, as Director of the Geophysical Institute in Bergen for ten years, from 1926 to 1936, and as Director of the Norwegian Polar Institute and Professor of Geophysics at the University of Oslo from 1948 until his sudden death of a heart attack nine years later. However, he is widely acclaimed as the founder of modern oceanography, largely as a result of his work at the Scripps Institution.

It was during this period in California that his teaching and research contributed significantly to the success of the United States and its allies in World War II. His work on the properties of sound beneath the surface of the ocean had important implications for more effective detection of enemy submarines, and his studies of ocean winds and surf conditions were applied to the timing of amphibious operations in North Africa in 1942 and on the Normandy beaches on D-Day in 1944. In addition he was actively involved both at Scripps and the University of California, Los Angeles, in the training of hundreds of weather forecasters and oceanographers assigned to both army and naval units.

All this was accomplished despite the fact that beginning in May 1940 and continuing until early 1943 Sverdrup was the subject of extensive investigations by naval and military intelligence units and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. There were numerous challenges, often from anonymous or unidentified persons, to his loyalty and integrity. There were also allegations that he was sympathetic to Nazi and Communist causes, and as a result his security clearances were at various times either withheld or revoked.

Early in 1937, not long after he arrived at the Scripps Oceanographic Institution, Harald Sverdrup met with Robert A. Millikan, Nobel laureate in Physics and President of the California Institute of Technology from 1921 to 1945. Among other things the two scientists discussed the need for a new textbook on oceanography, but Sverdrup was reluctant to become personally involved. Some months later, and at the urging of other scientists, he selected two Scripps colleagues to join him on the project. They began their work on what was to become known informally as "the ocean bible," and four years later, in the fall of 1942, the book was ready for publication, under the title, *The Oceans: Their Physics, Chemistry, and General Biology*. The United States Navy intervened at that point to limit its distribution on grounds that "it would be of great aid to the enemy should [the book] fall into their hands," and copies were not available in Europe until after the war.

During the war years Sverdrup continued his research in physical oceanography. What has been referred to as "his major breakthrough" was in his interpretation of ocean currents and wave actions. Beginning in May 1942 he spent considerable time in Washington, at the request

of the Norwegian embassy, working on what was known as "Operation Plough," a British proposal supported by the U.S. for the invasion of Norway. Strenuous objection by the Norwegian government-in-exile prevailed and the plan was never carried out. However, a few months later Sverdrup was again involved in another major military project, this one known as "Operation Torch," preparing for the invasion of Africa.

Sverdrup's closest associate at the Scripps Institution was Cal Tech graduate Walter Munk who, in mid-July 1942, was appointed Assistant Oceanographer for the Army Air Force. Working at the Pentagon in Washington, he was given responsibility for determining the days in November when weather and surf conditions would be right for an assault on the beaches of Casablanca in northwest Africa. Munk requested that his mentor, Harald Sverdrup, be brought in to assist on the problem, and his military supervisor, also a trained oceanographer, agreed. However, both men were placed under intensive twenty-four hour surveillance, as FBI agents expressed their concerns to senior military officers. In a memorandum dated October 27, 1942, and addressed to FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, the agents wrote of Sverdrup and Munk that, "the information in the possession of these two individuals is said to be of such a nature that disclosure of said information to enemies of this country would be disastrous." The Army response was essentially, "if they are wrong the damage has already been done." The Sverdrup –Munk prediction of favorable conditions on November 8-10 proved to be highly accurate, and the landings on those days were highly successful.

As previously noted, Sverdrup was extensively involved in the training at Scripps and UCLA of several hundred Army, Navy, Marine and Air Force officers in weather and wave predictions. It was those officers who participated in the planning of amphibious invasions of numerous islands in the Pacific, and also in the allied invasion on the beaches of Normandy in June 1944. Many will recall that the Normandy invasion was delayed by one day because of adverse weather conditions in the English Channel. General Eisenhower, Supreme Commander of the Allied forces at the time, based his decision to delay the operation for twenty-four hours on information provided by weather officers trained in the Sverdrup-Munk methodology, which incidentally was not made public until November 1945 and the ending of the war.

Writing twenty years later, and reflecting on the tremendous advances in the science of weather forecasting since the work of Harald Sverdrup and Walter Munk, one author was moved to observe that, "there are some thousands of World War II veterans alive today who would have been dead in the surf had [they] not done their best with what they had."

Sverdrup continued in his position as Director of the Scripps Oceanographic Institution and made plans for its expansion in the post-war years. In this he was aided in considerable measure by substantial funding provided by the Navy to pursue hydrographic studies and by the California Legislature for the study of offshore fish populations, particularly the sardine industry. While Scripps was seen by many as a research institution, in Sverdrup's mind the training of oceanographers and marine scientists was of equal importance, and substantial advances were forthcoming in that area as well.

Also during the immediate post-war years Sverdrup assumed a leadership role in numerous organizations, being elected to the National Academy of Sciences in 1945, joining the executive committee of the American Geophysical Union in that same year, and in 1946 becoming President of the International Association of Physical Oceanography. By the end of that year, however, he had decided to return to Norway. The reasons for that decision, after living and working in the United States for so many years will never be fully known. His appointment as Director of the Norwegian Polar Institute resulted in a substantial improvement in his financial situation; there may also have been anticipations of reunion with family and friends. Also, the opportunity to make significant contributions in his native land – that too may have been involved.

Norwegian athletes are heading to North America to participate in the 2010 Winter Olympics, officially known as the XXI Winter Olympic Games. The two week event will be held in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, February 12-28.

Over 80 nations will be participating with over 5,500 athletes. There are 86 medal events on the 2010 program, an increase of two (men's and women's ski cross) from the 2006 Torino Games.

Norway has medal contenders in eight of the 15 sports, including speed skating, biathlon, Alpine skiing, cross-country skiing, Nordic combined, ski jumping, snowboarding, and curling.

The first Winter Olympics were held in 1924 and Norway was the first Scandinavian country to host the games in 1952 in Oslo. Norway again hosted in 1994 in Lillehammer.

Norway ranks first in total medals won in the Winter Olympics with 280, compared to the USA with 216 medals, and the Soviet Union with 194. Norway has won 98 gold, 98 silver, and 84 bronze medals. Norway's most winning sports are cross-country skiing, with 87 medals, and speed-skating with 79 medals.

Norwegian cross-country skier Bjorn Daehlie has won 12 medals at the Winter Games, the most by any Winter Olympian.

Norwegian-Americans are looking forward to the games and hoping Norway will once again be a big winner and continue with its history of bringing home the gold!

Contributed by Ron Byrd

## Historical Medals (Top ten countries)

Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
 Norway	98	98	84	280
 United States	78	80	58	216
 Soviet Union	78	57	59	194
 Austria	51	64	70	185
 Germany	58	59	41	158
 Finland	41	58	52	151
 Canada	38	38	43	119
 Sweden	43	31	44	118
 Switzerland	38	37	43	118
 German Dem Republic	39	36	35	110



VIKINGFEST 2009

In November we had a very successful Vikingfest. The attendance was one of our best and many visitors were treated to unique Norwegian foods, crafts and cultural items. The Dancers and music by **Duane Malme** and son, **Eric**, made for a lively and festive atmosphere.

Thanks to **DeAnn Smeltzer** for handling publicity and vendors and **Ron Byrd** for setting up and supervising the Activity Room. **Sharon Brooks** and **Lois MacNeil** were our very cheerful greeters at the front door.

The Viking Sisters Bake Table was arranged for by **LaRena Hannon**. **Cindy Hayashi** managed this table for the day assisted by **Ann Sandner**, **Maggie Karlstad** and **Cecelia Byrd**. Thanks to each of you for making this table run smoothly; also a thank you to all who contributed baked goods. The Viking Stopp with **Jim Smith** and **Carol Lee Solheim**. provided everyone an opportunity to stock up on Norwegian Foods, calendars, clothes, etc.

**Nancy Ottum** chaired the Kitchen Crew of **Tove Lise Miller**, **Donna Gordon**, **David Bailey**, **Kristi Mattes**, **Steve Loberg** and **LaRena Hannon**. **Kristi** and **Steve** were kept busy at the serving window; **Steve's** height was great for ladeling out soup from a tall kettle! **Florence Smith's** Open Face Sandwich Makers were: **Yvette and Steve Loberg** and **Ruby Freeman**. **Florence** also did much of the pre-assembly work to produce the sandwiches. Many hours were spent by **Tove Lise** making fruit soup, Grot and waffle batter ahead of time. **Nancy Ottum**, **Bette French** and **LaRena Hannon** made Viking-on-a-stick one afternoon. **Ingrid Sceals** and **Joe Hannon** were the cashiers. A big THANK YOU to everyone who worked on this event.

As you can tell, it takes many hours of work preparing and producing the Vikingfest. The public enjoys this chance to sample the special foods of Norway. We hope to have even greater participation next year by having more crafts and baked goods from our members.

Contributed by LaRena Hannon





Photos of the rosemaling display, which accompanied the presentation by Penny J. Knudsen at the January Roald Amundsen Lodge Meeting on January 12th, 2010

There were a number of examples, illustrating the different patterns & styles of the various rosemaling regions in Norway.



Details regarding the spring Rosemaling Seminar at Camp Norge on April 24-25, 2010, will be available in the March issue of the Navigator.

**LODGE MEMBER LORRAINE HODORFF PASSES**

Lorraine Christine Hodorff, who had been a member of our lodge for several years, passed away at home in Sacramento on January 6<sup>th</sup>. She was 81.

Lorraine was born in Minneapolis, Minn., in 1928, and married James Hodorff in Little Falls, Minn., in 1947. They moved to Sacramento in 1950 and shortly thereafter moved to Napa, where they raised their two daughters, Dianne Brownell (Michael) and Judy Netzel (Ed). Judy and Ed are recent member transferees to Roald Amundsen lodge.

Lorraine and James returned to Sacramento in 1967, and Lorraine worked for the California Department of Aging for 25 years, retiring in 1984. James predeceased her.



Lorraine cherished the time she spent with her family camping at her lot near Bear Valley, and she loved listening to Fats Domino. Once when she was young and visiting New Orleans, she and another girl actually went to Fats' house to try and visit with him. Mrs. Domino answered the door, but Fats unfortunately was on the road.

In addition to her Sons of Norway membership, she was also a member of the Swedish "Monitor Lodge."

At a memorial service held January 11<sup>th</sup> at Cherokee Memorial Park in Lodi, numerous family members and friends eulogized Lorraine, remembering fond times and significant events. The lodge has lost a lovely member.

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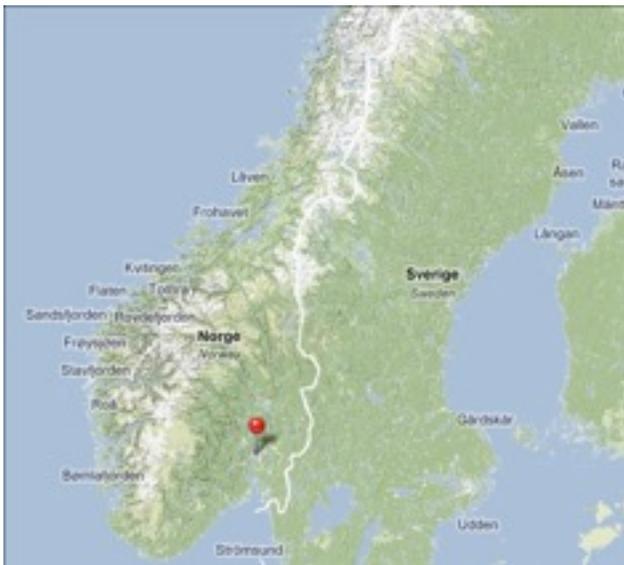
**LODGE MEMBER LUCILLE PARTON PASSES**

Lucille Parton, a longtime Sons of Norway Lodge Member, passed away on January 10th, 2010. Lucille was the mother of two long-time lodge members, Helen Zinn and Patricia Schilder. The memorial service will be held at 11 am on Saturday, February 13th, 2010, at the San Juan Masonic Hall (where we have lodge meetings), and members are invited to attend. She had been a member of Sons of Norway for over forty years, starting as a charter member of Ormen Lange Lodge in Bakersfield. When that lodge folded, she transferred her membership to our lodge. Lucille received her 35 year pin at the 80th Lodge Party. She also assisted with the 2004 District Convention in Sacramento. Lucille will be missed. Additional info will be in the next issue of the Navigator. *The Editor*

## Lodge Members' Travels

This feature introduces a place in the Navigator Newsletter where members can submit a photo or two, along with a caption, describing a travel destination they've visited - recent or not - which demonstrates the Norwegian spirit of exploration in us all.

As a first example, on the right is a photo of the Editor (Steve Loberg) and his wife Yvette, at the Viking Ship Museum in Oslo, Norway, in November of 2003.



### FROM THE LODGE TREASURER...

Sons of Norway dues increases for 2010 have been announced. Primary members will experience a \$3.50 increase, spouse members a \$1.50 increase, and Unge Venner members a \$1.75 increase. Therefore, dues for 2010 for Roald Amundsen Lodge members are:

Primary:	\$52.50
Spouse:	\$45.50
Unger Venner:	\$28.75

Please don't harm the messenger.  
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And in those final years, prior to his sudden death of a heart attack at the age of 69 years, he did indeed serve his country in important ways, perhaps none more than his appointment as chairman of a commission to renew and revitalize the Norwegian education system. Like his countryman Fridtjof Nansen, also an explorer and scientist who became a leader in humanitarian efforts sponsored by the United Nations, Sverdrup served as chairman of a Norwegian relief program in India and also assisted in the development of Indian fisheries. In this, and in many other ways, Harald Ulrik Sverdrup was truly a public servant and a distinguished scientist as well.

Richard C. Gilman  
Pasadena, California

## Tidbits:

**Suggested Reading:****“The Promise of America**

A History of the Norwegian-American People”

By Odd S. Lovoll

**The Promise Fulfilled:  
A Portrait of Norwegian  
Americans Today**Author(s): [Lovoll, Odd Sverre](#)**Suggested Viewing:****BBC “Voyages of Discovery” Series  
THE ICE KING**

In 1892 Fridtjof Nansen announced a seemingly suicidal plan to be first to the North Pole. He's now considered a forefather of polar exploration.

**Did you know...**Loafers Came From Where?

Global becomes local faster than you can say “Twitter”.

Loafers were the hot shoe in 1950s America. Whose feet did the slip-on sensation first grace?

- Italians’
- Germans’
- Norwegians’

Answer: c. “Before the loafer became the shoe of choice for American teens in the ‘50s, Norwegian dairy farmers wore leather slip-ons in cattle enclosures called loafing areas. A cobbler then took the lace-free footwear to market, basing his model on the local style. Bass Shoes introduced its version of the Norwegian classic to Americans in 1936. Today, loafers can be found on the feet of leisure lovers everywhere.” -taken from Reader’s Digest Dec09.

Contributed by Cindy Hayashi

My father’s older brother John (Lt. Col. Army, Retired), and a full-blooded Norwegian, born in South Dakota, (and a long-time member of Sons of Norway) was known during his lifetime (he passed away in Jan. 2003) for telling an occasional ‘Norwegian Joke’, and as a small tribute to him, I’m adding a small feature to the Navigator, to pass on a little of the sense of humor he shared with those who knew him: “**Uncle John’s Norwegian Joke of the month**”. To start it off, Here’s one that fits in well with this month’s Winter Olympics in Vancouver, B.C., Feb. 12 - 28, 2010:

“Did you hear about Ole’s nephew Torvald who won the gold medal at the Winter Olympics?  
Yeah, he had it bronzed.”

*The Editor*

Don’t forget - February 14th is  
Valentinsdagen!

A Thank you from the new Editor:

I would like to thank all who have offered their support and assistance, and patience, as I take on the position of Editor of the Navigator Newsletter for Roald Amundsen 6-48, and also to those who have contributed to the February issue of the Navigator, and trust that you, the reader, will be understanding, and forgiving, as this is my first attempt at such an endeavor.

Thanks again,  
Steve Loberg, Editor

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## Rosette Making Class

Learn to make rosettes:

This will be a hands-on class for anyone who is seriously interested in learning the techniques of rosette-making; and they must commit to making rosettes for the Scandinavian and Viking Festivals next fall.

Students are asked to bring a \$10 supplies fee to class to cover costs and will be taking cookies home; the balance will be donated to Youth Programs. **Contact Cindy Hayashi at 488-9901** to coordinate class date.



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