

Roald Amundsen's NAVIGATOR



Sons of Norway Lodge 6-48, Sacramento

January 2013

Fra Presidenten

December was a very busy month for the lodge with three events and everyone involved in holiday preparations. First was the Julebord on the 8th. Over 80 attended a sumptuous feast. We had a wonderful dinner,



a Santa Lucia ceremony, and a wealth of door prizes. So many members contributed time, entrees and help that I can only start to name them all. In the interest of space, I will only provide the names. Thank you to Joe and LaRena Hannon, Carol Lee Solheim,

Florence Smith, Kirsten Wyatt, Ann Sandner, Sharon Brooks, Tove-Lisa Miller, Ron and Cecelia Byrd, Anne Bandy, Mike Jones, Lyla Hanson, and Dave and Darla Moe (who provided a table full of door prizes). I also want to thank Stori Brown, Cheznee Hill and Stylz Stacy for the Santa Lucia presentation. If I've missed someone, my apologies and thanks.

Second was the Lodge meeting on the 11th. The Lodge viewed a DVD on Copenhagen's attractions, filled out the officer elections by electing Ron and Cecelia Byrd as Greeters, and Ron Byrd as Trustee, and voted down a motion to dissolve the Sunshine Fund and distribute its balance to the surviving

members. In the previous column, I miswrote the providers of the November refreshments--they were ToveLisa Miller, Donna Gordon and Kristi Mattes, my apologies. I will thank myself as the provider of the December refreshments.

On December 16th, we held the Family Christmas Party. When folks assembled at the Carmichael Community Center, we discovered that another group had the facility reserved, despite our understandings. Into this problem stepped our heroine, Donna Gordon, who volunteered her home a mile down Fair Oaks Boulevard as an alternate site. Indeed it was a wonderfully decorated and homey site. The Hannons stayed behind to redirect participants and Joe did further duty as Santa. Janet Moe provided the program for the children and Carol Lee Solheim procured the gift bags. Many others brought offerings of holiday food. My thanks to them all for their improvisation and hospitality.

This is my last column as your president. The last two years have provided many disparate challenges and rewards. I thank you all for your support and graciousness.

Sincerely,
David S. Bailey

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

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Lodge meetings

Join us at 7:00p.m. on the second Tuesday of most months to learn about your Norwegian heritage and how the Sons of Norway can benefit you and your family. It costs nothing to visit.

See the Sons of Norway Sacramento website for membership information.

www.sonsofnorwaysacramento.com

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COMING EVENTS

January 5

2013

Roald Amundsen

Sons of Norway

installation of new officers
and potluck brunch.

Saturday January 5

11:00 am

(‘til about 2:00 pm)

Lutheran Church

of the Master

1900 Potrero Way

Sacramento

**Potluck brunch to all members
and guests. No reservations
needed**

**Just bring a salad, hot dish,
dessert or side dish
for 6-8 persons.**

Coffee, punch, plates and
utensils will be furnished

**Bunads and Scandinavian
sweaters encouraged**

**No Tuesday Night
Meeting in January**



PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE LODGE'S FIRST EVENT OF 2013!

**ROALD AMUNDSEN LODGE 6-48
SONS OF NORWAY
INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS
AND POTLUCK BRUNCH**



DATE: Saturday, January 5th, 2013
TIME: 11:00 AM ('till about 2:00 PM)
PLACE: Lutheran Church of the Master, 1900 Potrero Way, Sacramento
DETAILS: Pot Luck Brunch free to all members and guests. No reservations needed.

Just bring a salad, hot dish, dessert or side dish for 6 – 8 persons. Coffee, Punch, Plates and Utensils will be furnished. Brunch will be served shortly after convening, followed by Installation Ceremony with Joe Hannon, past president and long time lodge supporter, presiding as Installing Officer

ALL ARE WELCOME! BE ON HAND TO THANK OUTGOING PRESIDENT DAVID BAILEY AND OTHER OFFICERS FOR A JOB WELL DONE, AND TO WELCOME THE NEW OFFICERS!

INCOMING AND OUTGOING OFFICERS ARE ESPECIALLY ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND! THIS EVENT IS TO RECOGNIZE YOU!

BUNADS AND SCANDINAVIAN SWEATERS ENCOURAGED!

Knute's Korner by Knute Blodger

Roald Amundsen's explorer, Carol Francis reports on her way to Antarctica.

"We are just sailing down the Beagle Channel, about to reach the Drake Passage, where we have good weather reports heading back to Antarctica. Nice group last time, and a nice one coming on; more Americans than the other two groups combined, and many from California, also a lady from Iceland, a man from Oslo and several people from Sweden. I do my lecture on whaling tomorrow, have material to add to it. Hope all goes well."

Hugs, Carol

Some facts about Norway and Norwegians

It is said that a country is characterized by its people and that the people are shaped by the country's costumes and traditions. People living within the same borders often tend to think and act alike due to that they have conformed to the unwritten norm and rules dictated to them by the society they live in. Each country has certain traits and characteristics that differ from others. Norway is no exception. Here are a few points that might help you to better understand how the average Norwegian views himself and why they behave the way they do.

Food stores are not allowed to stay open on Sundays but gas stations and kiosks selling groceries are. This means that you can do your grocery shopping in ordinary food stores from Monday to Saturday but you have to go to a gas station or a kiosk on Sunday if you want to buy groceries.

You can only buy wine and liquor from special outlets called Vinmonopolet. There are normally one or two Vinmonopol in each city depending on its size. Some people living in the countryside will have to travel a great distance just to buy a bottle of wine or liquor.

Norway has some of the highest gas prices in the world even though the country is one of the bigger oil exporters in the world. This is a very sore issue with the average Norwegian and they will go on for hours complaining about the useless politicians who rob them blind. But then again, they keep electing the same politicians.

Infrastructure projects have been put on hold because the Government believes that it could "damage the economy" by pushing interest rates up. As a result, one of the richest nations in the world has only 300 kilometers of 4-lane motorways.

DUI offenders have to go to jail. People who are caught driving under the influence are sent to jail for 30 days, have their driver's license suspended for one year and get a hefty fine of 10% of their annual income. Speeding fines are stricter than the fines given to people caught with a small amount of drugs. Excessive speeding will land you in jail, the loss of your driver's license and a fine of \$500. A small drug offense with heroin will cost you a \$250 fine.

Norwegians rejected EU membership twice but the country has implemented more EU directives than any of the actual EU member states. The various political parties are staunch EU supporters and as a consequence have signed various binding treaties with the EU even though the majority of the Norwegians rejected membership.

Norwegians love frozen pizza. The Grandiosa frozen pizza is unofficially named as the Norwegian national dish and each year the Norwegians consume 20 million Grandiosa pizzas.

Whale Hunting. The entire world protests Norway's whale hunting but Norwegians generally view this as very unfair criticism and an insult to their way of life and culture.

Public Holiday. The second week in July is when most Norwegians take their 4 week vacation. This is a logical choice as the weather normally should be at its best during this time of the year. Everything slows down during this period.

Manners. Norwegians are considered by some to be quite rude and impolite. But this is a misunderstanding.

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ing. In Norway, it is not considered rude to bump into someone at the supermarket and not apologize. Equally, it is not considered rude to not smile back at other people on the street or on public transportation, nor to say thank you.

Dialects. For the foreigner who have learned some Norwegian and wants to practice their skills while visiting Norway, dream on. There are hundreds of different dialects in Norway that even some Norwegians have trouble understanding each other.

TV license. People with TV's have to pay a yearly license fee of about \$ 300, failure to pay results in a hefty fine.

Doom and Gloom. The Norwegian Government spent \$7 million on the construction of a Doomsday seed vault on the Arctic island of Svalbard. The purpose is to preserve seeds from around the world in case some should become extinct.

National Self Esteem. Most Norwegians loves to talk about Norway to foreigners and anyone who does not agree with them, that Norway is a beautiful country, are considered to be unfriendly and weird. They also think it is odd when strangers start talking or smiling at them.

And finally, did you know that the most popular cheese in Norway is brown.

From The Norway Post

Smile.

A Norwegian applied for a job at the Chicago police department. He was given test after test, but could pass none of them. Desiring to have a Norwegian in the department, as a member of a minority, the Police captain decided to try one more test... this one with only one question, "Who shot Lincoln?" The Norwegian answered "I don't know." "Look," said the Captain, "take this question home and study it. Maybe when you come back tomorrow you'll know the answer." That night, the Norwegian's friends asked him if he got the job. "I Tink I might have," said the Norwegian, "Dey got me vorking on a murder case already."

Reminders:

At Camp Norge

A limited schedule will be in effect from Nov. 2012 'til April 1, 2013

- The main house will continue to be available, there will not be housekeeping services.
- Within the next few weeks, the water line replacement project will be underway as our existing line is in grave need of repair. The members and staff depend on our spring. We are planning a work party by the end of the month. If you are interested in this project please contact Penny Knudsen at pennyknudsen@sbcglobal.net. This is a vital and urgent need and time is of the essence.

No Tuesday Night Meeting in January

Ladies Ladies Ladies

Take advantage of this bunad class.

As of press time there were a few spots open
so Call Pamela at 707-778-8120

Once again

Sue Sutherland of Bunad Butikken in

Ely, Minnesota will have a bunad making class at Camp Norge in Alta, CA. This year's bunad class sold out so next year we are offering two!

Do you want to learn embroidery? Do you want to learn construction? Do you have a bunad that needs fitting, or adjustment, or repair?

Each class is limited to 12. The cost for five days is \$287. The dates for the first class are April 29-May 3, immediately following the spring Rosemaling seminar.

The dates for the second class are May 6-10

If you have ever wanted
your own a bunad,
here's a great opportunity.
Store bought bunads run
between \$5,000 and \$10,000.

Scenes from the 2012 Julebord



2012 President David Bailey, LaRena Hannon, Stylz Stacy, Cheznee Hill and Stori Brown



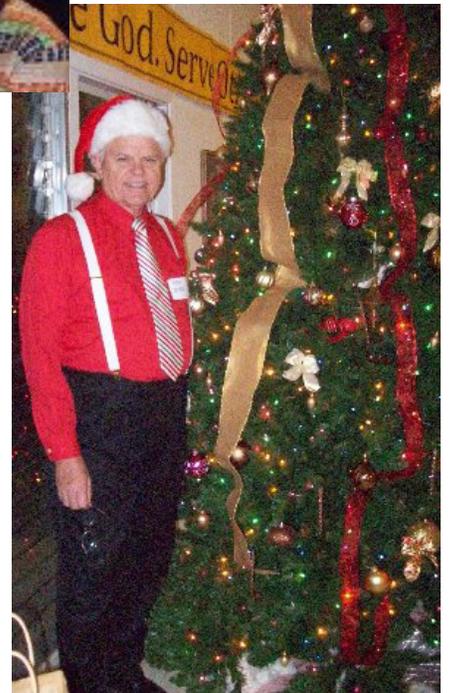
Lyla Hanson



Ann Sandner and friends



Our New 2013 President Steve Rosenthal & David Moe



Ron Byrd

Christmas Party and more Julebord



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SCHOLARSHIPS

----- College/University Scholarships -----

The applications for the 5 scholarships offered by
International are due mostly by March 1

Applications for District 6 Scholarships

must be to me no later than April 1, 2013. If you are between the age of 18 and 23 and an Unge Venner* member of a District 6 lodge, you are eligible to apply for one of the three scholarships offered by District 6. Three \$1,000.00 scholarships are available for students entering their sophomore, junior, or senior year as a fulltime undergraduate student in a 4 year accredited college or university in the USA. A grade point average of 2.5 or better on a scale wherein A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1 is required. An updated application form can be found and printed at the district website, www.sofn6.com or you can call or e-mail me and I will be happy to send an application to you.

* A youth between the ages of 16 and 23 inclusive, who is a lineal descendent of a current SON member; resides in the same household as a current SON member; or a youth member paying Unge Venner membership dues.

----- Camp Skogfjorden –

Concordia Language Villages -----

Are you between the ages of 13 and 18 and a Heritage or Unge Venner member in a District 6 lodge? Have you attended Camp Trollfjell at Camp Norge where you took part in learning to speak Norwegian? Camp Skogfjorden, in Bemidji, MN can take you to another level of Norwegian culture, and District 6 is here to help with this expense. Application is open to all in this age group. Applicants must register and meet all requirements for Camp Skogfjorden directly, prior to applying for this scholarship. Enrollment is on a first come first served basis - on line registration at www.concordialanguagevillages.org is recommended.

Crystal Sundet –

SON Dist. 6 Scholarship Chairperson

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