

THE NAVIGATOR

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HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!

A MESSAGE FROM INCOMING PRESIDENT DONNA GORDON

Greetings!

As Roald Amundsen begins a new year we are looking forward to many activities and hopefully growth. Our lodge faces some challenges but is also blessed with hard working loyal members. We invite new members and those who have been absent for awhile to join us in social and fellowship activities.

The Torsk dinner is coming up and is always a fun and delicious evening. We look forward to sending our young members to camp after skipping last year because of the road closure to Camp Norge. This is also a District Convention year. Tove-Lise Miller has again agreed to cook for our annual Pea Soup dinner. We hope you will join us and even volunteer to help at our events. Many hands make light work and we look forward to you saying yes when asked. The more involved you are with Sons of Norway the more you will enjoy our fabulous fraternal and cultural organization.

I would like to give a big thank you to Steve Rosenthal for all his dedication and hard work to the Lodge. He was a terrific president and will be a hard act to follow. I am grateful that he is close at hand and I can rely on his wisdom and experience.



Donna

Torsk & Meatball Dinner

Saturday, March 24, 2018

Social Hour 5:00 pm / Dinner at 6:00 pm

Roald Amundsen Lodge 6-48



**Sons of Norway
San Juan Masonic Center**

5944 San Juan Avenue
Citrus Heights



Cultural program after dinner—short!

Prepaid reservations only: Adult SofN Members \$22; Non-members \$25;

Children 6 - 10 \$5; Children 5 and under free.

RESERVATIONS LIMITED TO 80—NO TICKET SALES AT THE DOOR.

For reservations mail form and payment (check to Sons of Norway) to Carol Lee Solheim, 3570 Vista Grande, Shingle Springs, CA 95682, 530/677-2006, solheim2636@att.net.

MAIL BY MAR. 13, PLEASE!

Torsk Dinner. Please reserve the following tickets (to be held at the door):

Member Names: _____

Non-Member Names: _____

Phone # and e-mail: _____

Members _____ @ \$22 each Total \$ _____

Non-members _____ @ \$25 each Total \$ _____

Children 6—10 _____ @ \$5 each Total \$ _____

Children 5 and under _____

Grand Total \$ _____

DETACH AND MAIL WITH CHECK

Norwegian Pea Soup Supper

Tuesday, April 10, 2018

Supper served at 6:30 PM

Roald Amundsen Lodge

6-48

Sons of Norway

San Juan Masonic Center

5944 San Juan Avenue

Citrus Heights



Reservations limited to 50! Reserve now!

(Reservations with member names required)

Sons of Norway members \$5.00,

Non-members \$7.00,

Children 12 years and under free.

For reservations mail form and payment (check to Sons of Norway) to Carol Lee Solheim, 3570 Vista Grande, Shingle Springs, CA 95682, 530/677-2006, solheim2636@att.net. **MAIL BY APRIL 2ND, PLEASE!**

MEMBER NAMES PLEASE: _____

No.

___ SON members @ \$5.00 \$ _____

___ adult non-member tickets @ \$7.00 \$ _____

___ non-paying children _____

___ Total Total \$ _____



2018 OFFICERS DULY INSTALLED

Your 2018 officers were installed at a pleasant, nicely attended Installation Ceremony with Potluck on January 7th. **Donna Gordon** was installed as President. The Installing Officer was **Tove-Lise Miller**, past Zone 1 Director.

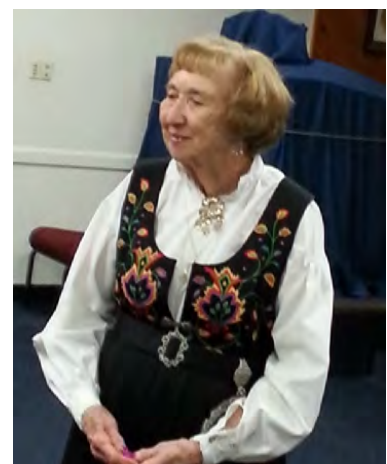
Donna has laid out an ambitious program for the year. Help to implement is always welcome. Please volunteer when you can.



President Donna with her daughter, Christi Mattes, a former Maid of Norway.



The Installing Officer Tove-Lise Miller. Incoming Social Director LaRena Hannon.



Elected Officers

President	Donna Gordon
Vice Pres. / Membership Sec.	Vacant
Secretary	Tove Lise Miller
Treasurer	David Bailey
Social Director	Larena Hannon
Cultural Director	Stephen Rosenthal
Trustees	Chris Wilson
	Norman Hales
	Mike Gordon
	3 years
	2 years
	1 year

Appointed Officers

Auditor	Susan Lemmon
Counselor	Stephen Rosenthal
Foundation Director	Jim Smith
Greeters	Joe Hannon
	Chris Wilson
Lodge Membership Directory	
Publisher	Stephen Rosenthal
Musician	Mike Gordon
Marshals	Ann Sandner
	Pat Harriman
Newsletter Editor	Stephen Rosenthal
Newsletter Publisher	Ray Miller
Publicity Director	DeAnn Smeltzer
Sports Director	Vacant
Website Manager	Terje Miller
Youth Director	Vacant

Elected Hall and Park Officers

Director (Lodge Pres., Automatic):	Donna Gordon
Director, 3-yr.	David Bailey
Director, 2-yr.	Stephen Rosenthal
Director, 2-yr.	Mike Gordon
Director, 1-yr.	Joe Hannon
Director, 1-yr.	Jim Smith
Director, 1-yr.	Tove-Lise Miller
President	Jim Smith
Vice President	Mike Gordon
Secretary	Tove-Lise Miller
Treasurer	Joe Hannon

SIDEBARS WITH THE EDITOR...

SIGN UP FOR SUMMER CAMPS NOW!

Trollfjell Folkehøgskule will run from June 24 through July 7, 2018 for students 14 to 17 years old. You may register at <http://sofn6.org/arv/folkehogskule-registration/>. The cost is \$975 per student, but there is a \$100 Early Bird discount for students who register on-line by March 31st. There are three forms that have to be completed: Registration, Health History and Rules/Releases.



Camp Trollfjell will run from July 8 through July 21, 2018 for campers 8 to 13 years old, plus this year only, 14-year olds can attend. You may register at <http://sofn6.org/arv/camper-registration/>. The cost is \$975 per student, but there is a \$100 Early Bird discount for students who register on-line by March 31st. There are three forms that have to be completed: Registration, Health History and Rules/Releases.

Roald Amundsen Lodge will provide **one-half of tuition scholarships* for camp attendees** who enroll in one of these camps and are members of the lodge or otherwise affiliated through parental membership, etc. Contact the lodge Foundation Director, **Jim Smith**, for eligibility, more information, etc. His contact information is in the lodge directory. There is an application form elsewhere in the on-line version of this Navigator.

*Up to **\$440** – In other words, please take advantage of the early sign-up discount! Also, recipients may be asked to contribute some service hour activities for lodge events during the course of the year. Fourteen-year-olds will receive only one scholarship, even if they attend both camps.

DARLA MOE AWARDED GOLDEN MEMBERSHIP



Darla recently received her Golden Membership (30 years) certificate and pin. Congratulations, Darla!

Darla with husband David.

SONS OF NORWAY HQ TEMPORARY RELOCATION

WE'RE MOVING! Beginning **March 5**, Sons of Norway will relocate its International Headquarters for approximately two years while new office space in Uptown Minneapolis is under construction.



New physical location: 11100 Bren Road West, Minnetonka, MN 55343.

The mailing address and phone numbers will remain the same during this temporary relocation:

Sons of Norway, 1455 W Lake St., Minneapolis, MN, 55408, 800-945-8851 and 612-827-3611.

HELP US WITH 2018 DIRECTORY

We know there are some errors in the recently distributed directory. Please call them to our attention so that we don't repeat them.



SUNDAY, MARCH 11TH

Lena: Ole, what are you going to do on March 11th?
Ole: Why, it's a Sunday - I think I will sleep in an extra hour!
Observer: But, will he really? See bottom of page...

None. Because Lena is going to turn all the clocks ahead one hour the night before, and you should too, except maybe for your cell phone which will probably make the adjustment automatically.

SIDEBARS (Continued from page 5)

SCANDINAVIAN FESTIVAL AT CALIFORNIA LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY

Their two-day festival is scheduled for April 21-22 this year. Cal Lutheran is located in Thousand Oaks, southern California. Go to <https://scandinaviancenter.org/festival/> for more information.

BUNAD CAMP

There is a Bunad Camp May 4th through 7th at Camp Norge. However, we believe the sign-up date has passed. In any event, check the D6 website for more information.

LODGE CONVENTION DELEGATES

The lodge’s elected delegates to the upcoming District 6 Convention are **Donna Gordon (President and automatic delegate), David Bailey, Stephen Rosenthal, Chris Wilson, Ann Sandner, and Tove-Lise Miller.** If you have anything you want brought up at the convention, first bring it up at a lodge meeting and perhaps the lodge will vote to carry it forward to the convention.

AFTERNOON MEETINGS?

One lodge in Southern California (Norrna) is experimenting with afternoon meetings, since so many members do not care to drive at night. However, their meetings are usually on Saturdays, and so most working folks are, in fact, not working...

NEXT NAVIGATOR PUBLICATION DATE – LATE-MARCH

Please have any matters for the next Navigator (April) submitted to the editor by March 21st.



CULTURAL NEWS

The cultural presentation for the March 13th regular meeting is: **The Slow TV Phenomenon in Norway.** We hope many will find it of interest. This was postponed from the February meeting.

COOKIES FOR CONVENTION

If you can provide cookies for the District 6 Convention, please contact Ann Sandner.



Norwegians at a District Convention..

PRINT EDITION HAS FEWER PAGES

Due to printing restraints, we had to eliminate four pages from the complete, online edition when printing the hard copy, mailed edition of this Navigator. Those pages included camp scholarship application, information on the Folkdansen Camp, flyer on Memorial Day at Camp Norge, and an interesting article of the Sami..

You can access the on-line edition at Sonsofnorwaysacramento.com.

IN MEMORIAM



Long-time lodge member **Patricia Gedestad**, 92, died this past January 11, 2018 in her home. She was born November 17, 1925 in Cleveland, OH to George and Jean Mills. After graduating from Piedmont High School, she attended UC Berkeley, graduating with a B.A. degree in history. While in college she joined Tri Delta Sorority which she continued to be involved in throughout her life.

She and her late husband, Spencer, who also was a lodge member, were married in 1948. In 1950, Spencer and Patricia moved to Sacramento. Patricia was an active member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Sacramento since 1951, serving in many capacities, including founding the St. John's Art show, serving as church librarian and council member. Patricia had a strong sense of civic duty demonstrated by her involvement in various local elections and school bond measures. She also was passionate about art and worked at the Crocker Art Museum.

Patricia is survived by four children, Stephen, Douglas, Susan and Dennis. A memorial service was held at St. John's Lutheran Church in downtown Sacramento this past February 24th.

The lodge herewith expresses its condolences to the surviving family members.

2018 CALENDAR, REMAINING EVENTS

ROALD AMUNDSEN LODGE (As of 3/1/2018)

Tuesday, 13 March	Regular meeting, 7:00 pm. Cultural program
Saturday, 24 March	TORSK DINNER
Tuesday, 10 April	Regular meeting, 6:30 pm. Pea Soup Supper.
Saturday, 21 April	SCANDINAVIAN FESTIVAL , Scottish Rite Masonic Center
Tuesday, 8 May	Regular meeting, 7:00 pm. Cultural Program: Syttende Mai
Sunday, 10 June – Thursday, 14 June	DISTRICT 6 CONVENTION , Rohnert Park.
June, July and August	NO LODGE MEETINGS
Sunday, 8 July	Lodge Summer Picnic at suitable outdoor venue
Wednesday, 15 August – Saturday, 18 August	INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION , Bloomington, MN
Sunday, 16 September	Meeting: 12 Noon, BBQ/Youth Camp Camper presentations
Tuesday, 9 October	Regular meeting, 6:30 pm. Cultural presentation.
Saturday, 13 October	LUTEFISK DINNER
Saturday, 17 November	VIKINGFEST
Tuesday, 13 November	Regular meeting. Cultural Presentation
December	NO REGULAR LODGE MEETING
Saturday, 1 December	JULEBORD
December	CHILDREN AND FAMILY Party (Date and Venue TBD)

All events at the Harding San Juan Masonic Lodge, Citrus Heights, unless otherwise indicated.

Schedule always subject to change. Changes will be announced in **The Navigator**.

Other event dates: Bunad Camp, Camp Norge, May 7 (anticipated date); Memorial Day weekend at Camp Norge, May 26-28; Trollfjell Folkehogskule, June 24 – July 7, Camp Norge; Camp Trollfjell, July 8 – July 21, Camp Norge; Kretsstevne at Camp Norge, Sept. 1-2.

DON'T CALL THEM LAPPS! THEY ARE SAMI

By Larry Schaleger, Vice President, B.J. Bjornson Lodge
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The Sami are Norwegian – and Swedish – and Finnish – and Russian too. They are officially classified as an indigenous people, a term that means they got there first. And like other indigenous people including

Australian aborigines, Pacific islanders, American Indians, Eskimos and others, they didn't fall within the cultural parameters established -- often under the flag of Christianity -- by latter-day European invaders. And so naturally they were subjected to what one side might call cultural assimilation and the other side, cultural degradation or worse, eradication.

At various times and in various places, these attempts to wipe out a culture included banning the language, sterilizing the women, forced relocation, sending children away to government-run boarding schools, and the takeover of ancestral lands. To give an example of the degree to which European cultural norms were threatened by indigenous culture, the *yoik*, a Sami personalized song-chant, was banned in Norway until about 1940. How this prohibition was enforced is not clear.

Fortunately, we have come a long way since the end of WWII when Norway and especially the Sami fell victim to the Nazi "scorched earth" evacuation policy. Sami have since achieved semi-autonomous standing in the Nordic countries to various degrees depending on the country. They are citizens of the countries within whose borders they live and enjoy the rights to education, social services, and religious freedom afforded all citizens. There are about 80,000 Sami living in the Nordic countries, mostly in Norway. Of the four Sami-populated countries, Norway is the only one to have ratified International Labor Organization convention 169 regarding the rights of indigenous peoples.

The origin of the Sami is not well characterized. Their language – or more precisely, languages, as there are about ten not necessarily mutually intelligible tongues spoken – falls within the Finnish-Hungarian language

family. All Sami tongues are classified as endangered or on the verge of extinction. Based on language and DNA analysis, the Sami are European and are probably the original settlers of Europe. They likely followed the melting ice, or were forced northward by other tribes, toward the end of the last ice age when glaciers covered Europe down to northern France over 10,000 years ago.

Although it has no defined borders, the Sami nation called Sápmi (sometimes still known as Lapland) extends across 50% or more of the northern reaches of the three Scandinavian countries. Before about the 17th century, the Sami were semi-nomadic people who followed the migration cycles of the reindeer. They gradually developed reindeer husbandry or herding as their principal occupation and defining cultural identifier. Other branches of Sami are fishers and mountain people. Their diet is high in protein but also features the cloudberry, savored by all Norwegians as *molte* or 'the gold of the mountains'.

The Sami have their own elected parliaments in Norway, Sweden and Finland. These serve in an advisory capacity on matters specific to Sami interests such as language, culture, education and social life. Sami is an official language in Norway along with Bokmål and Nynorsk. The University of Tromsø has a Sami department. The Sami national anthem may be found on Youtube along with examples of *yoik*-singing. Sami celebrate their national day on February 6th. The national flag shown above is representative of the bright colors featured in native costumes.

Respect for the environment is a fundamental pillar of Sami culture. Large numbers of people with Sami ancestry live in North America where there is a movement to regain their spiritual and cultural traditions, language, and arts. Recognizable names among these descendants include **Renee Zellweger** and **Joni Mitchell**.



**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
LANGUAGE/HERITAGE (Camp Troll Fjell or Trollfjell Folkehøgskule)**

Name:

Which camp are you applying for:

Address:

Telephone number:

Email:

Please write a letter as to why you want to attend, and **what you hope** to learn at camp. Letter can be written in the space below, if you wish.

Who belongs to Sons of Norway in your family? (Parents, Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles or Guardians)

The lodge name and number that they belong to:

Part of your commitment in accepting this scholarship is to report back to the lodge about your experience at the September BBQ meeting the second Tuesday in September.

Please submit **this application and your letter about attending to**

Foundation Director: Jim Smith (see directory for contact information)

NOTE:

THE APPLICANT MUST ALSO APPLY SEPARATELY TO THE LANGUAGE/HERITAGE CAMP (TROLL FJELL) AND BE ACCEPTED BEFORE THE SCHOLARSHIP MONEY WILL BE SENT TO THE TREASURER OF THE CAMP.

CAMP NORGE FOLKEDANS STEVNE, APRIL 20-22, 2018

Norwegian Songdans, Turdans, and Gammeldans from the Sons of Norway Cultural Skills Program. Dance Instruction will be by Meg Laycock and Tom Sears, co-Artistic Directors of Nordahl Grieg Leikarring og Spelemannslag.



Come to beautiful Camp Norge for a weekend of learning Norwegian folk dance, emphasizing the dances from the Sons of Norway Cultural Skills program. The weekend will include dances from all three levels of the Folk Dance unit. You will learn song dances, figure dances, and old-time couple dances, as well as basic dance skills and a bit of dance history. The instructors are **Tom Sears** (Vigeland Lodge) and **Meg Laycock** (Nordahl Grieg Lodge), co-artistic directors of the Nordahl Grieg Leikarring og Spelemannslag.

The weekend starts on Friday night with a potluck meal and a welcome party as folks arrive and settle in. On Saturday there will be morning and afternoon classes (plus meals and snack breaks). After a social hour in the early evening, a delicious dinner will be followed by a dance party that includes dances learned during the day. Sunday morning will be spent reviewing the dances and discussing related Cultural Skills activities. More review can happen after lunch, if people want to stay a bit longer.

The fee for the weekend is \$130.00 per adult dancer or musician if paid before April 6, 2018. After April 6, the fee is \$175.00 per adult. The complete flyer is available from the District 6 website at <http://sofn6.org/>. Click Events/News and select Folkedans Stevne 2018. For more information, contact Zena Corcoran (email ZMCorcoran@aol.com, phone 650-355-3752) or Meg Laycock (email meg@jstub.com, phone 408-255-2111).

Even if you aren't certain you want to work toward a Cultural Skills pin, this is a great chance to try out Norwegian Folk Dance and spend a weekend with friendly people in a beautiful setting. We'd love to see you there! The full website application address is : <http://sofn6.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/Flyer-Spring-2018-Stevne.pdf>.

\$\$\$ DISTRICT 6 SCHOLARSHIPS! \$\$\$

District Six offers up to three \$1000 Academic Scholarships each year to deserving Unge Venner members who are attending any accredited post-secondary schooling or training institution. The District President annually appoints a Scholarship committee to evaluate the applicants and determine the recipients.

District Six offers a \$1,000 scholarship for a Heritage or Unge Venner member to attend Skogfjorden Norwegian Language Camp operated by Concordia College in Bemidji, MN. Life at Skogfjorden is infused with Norwegian language and culture from the moment you wake up – participating in small language learning groups, cultural and camp activities, sports, dance, and song – until the close of the day.

See the District 6 website for more information and applications. Applications must be submitted soon!



Celebrate Memorial Day at Camp Norge

May 26, 27 and 28th, 2018

The Camp Norge Board invites you to **Camp Norge** for a fun and relaxing three-day camping experience at your own recreation center, our “*Jewel in the Sierras.*” Come celebrate this true American Holiday with us. There are a variety of fun activities for everyone to enjoy!!

- ♥ Our annual **Field Trip** on Saturday is the perfect way to begin the weekend!
- ♥ Brand new **Disc Golf** course
- ♥ **Cocktail Party and Wine Tasting** Saturday
- ♥ Family **Movie Night** Saturday night
- ♥ Scenic and energizing **Hike** on Sunday
- ♥ Annual **Meatball Cook-off** and **Aquavit Tasting**
- ♥ Plus craft workshops and more!



Bring your tent or RV or **call Camp to reserve a room at (530)389-2508**. Not familiar with the rooms or want to learn more? Click on ⇨ www.campnorge.org

Delicious meals will be provided for the weekend and served in the **Heritage Hall**. The usual amenities will be available: swimming pool, horseshoe pit, games, the hiking trails and more!

We expect a big crowd this year so call and reserve early!



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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