

THE NAVIGATOR

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PRESIDENT DONNA'S COLUMN

SEASON'S GREETINGS!

Hilsen!

It's hard to believe that this will be my final President's message. The past two years have gone by very quickly. Being President of Roald Amundsen has been rewarding.

This is a very special Lodge with great members. We've had some great events and have been one of the top Lodges in membership growth for the past two years. Turnout for the recent Vikingfest was overwhelming and thank you to **Tove-Lise** and her crew for a wonderful day.

I've made great friends and have wonderful memories. I have had several personal challenges this past year and want to thank you all for your support, help, and patience. As I pass the reins I know that **Norm** and his Board will do a great job. Please join me in supporting them while enjoying our Norwegian heritage.

We will end the year with the Julebord and the Family Christmas party. Hope to see you all at these events.

Tusen takk!
Donna



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.



ROALD AMUNDSEN LODGE ANNUAL FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY!

**Sunday December 29th, 2019
2:00 PM—4:00 PM**

at

**LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE MASTER
1900 Portrero Way, Sacramento**

**(Just west of Freeport Blvd., south of William Land Golf course
and north of Fruitridge Road. Lots of parking behind the church.)**

This year's program will feature a Norwegian Christmas story, Christmas singing, and a variety of fun Christmas games led by our Youth Directors, Eric Malme and Sean Moody. Please come support our young people, and bring your children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews and any other children you want to treat.

Please let us know how many children you are bringing so that we have enough gifts from the North Pole and prizes for the games. Contact Tove-Lise Miller at (tovelise@aol.com) or (916) 364-8704 to reserve places at the party.

Families should bring a plate of Christmas goodies (cookies or similar) to share. The lodge will provide punch, coffee, and additional cookies. Santa or one of his elves or elvettes will appear! Good fun for all!





*You are invited:
Sons of Norway
Roald Amundsen Lodge's
JULEBORD 2019*

*Saturday, December 14th, 2019, 5:00 pm Reception; Dinner
Masonic Center, 5944 San Juan Avenue, Citrus Heights*

Norwegian Delicacies:

*Roast Pork, Medisterkaker, Surkål, Fish Aspic, Herring,
Smoked Salmon, Norwegian Desserts including Pastries,
Coffee and Drinks.*

Prepaid reservations only.

*Reservations are limited to the first 80 people and must be
received by December 9th.*

S/N members \$20.00. Non-members \$25.00

Children 11 and under \$8.00

Children 5 and under, no charge

Mail check and reservation form from Navigator next page to:

David Bailey, Treasurer

2944 Shirley Street

West Sacramento, CA 95691-4246

Questions? Call LaRena 916/451-3853

Julebord 2019

Saturday December 14th, 5:00 PM

Make checks payable to "Sons of Norway"
Mail to: David Bailey, 2944 Shirley Street, West Sacramento, CA 95691-4246
Questions: 916/451-3853

Please reserve the following tickets, which will be held at the door:

Member's name(s) _____

Non-member's phone # & e-mail _____

of members ____ @ \$20.00 each Total \$ _____

of non-members ____ @ \$25.00 each T Total \$ _____

of children 6 thru 12 ____ @ \$8.00 ea Total \$ _____

of children 5 and under _____ \$ (No charge)

Grand Total \$ _____

SIDEBARS WITH THE EDITOR...

2020 DIRECTORY

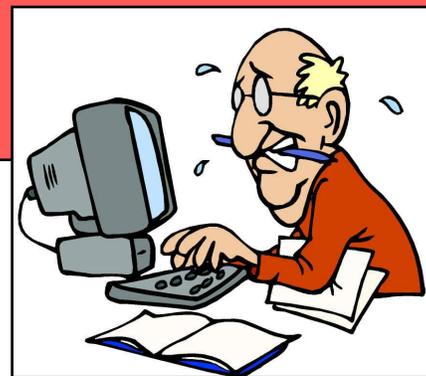
Most years we publish an annual directory of members. We download the already assembled information from the International office right after the first of the year, when all 2019 updates are available. This forms the base information for the directory, but we update it with local information that we might have that is at variance with the home office information.

Now would be a good time for all members to go on line (sofn.com), or to call the home office (800/945-8851), to insure that they have your most accurate information possible in their system. Theoretically, if everyone's home office information were complete and up to date, we would not have to make any local

changes.

We only publish directory information for members age 18 or older. Also, if you want any or all of your information withheld (for instance, if you are in a witness protection program), contact the editor, preferably by e-mail. The information we publish is name, address, telephone number, and email address.

We mail one directory to each member household, and we will have extras available. We do not distribute directories to businesses, or anywhere else.



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VIKING FESTIVAL DRAWS LARGEST CROWD IN YEARS!

In an interesting juxtaposition of history, we Vikings were “plundered” by an all-American crowd looking for Christmas goods and scrumptious traditional Norwegian food to eat on site and to consume at home...

The Viking Festival is over for this year. WOW, it was an amazing turnout! We sold out all the cookies and all the food we made. We could have sold a lot more if we had more. Don't know how many attended, but it was at least several hundred. The line was out the door. Someone even had to go out and direct traffic!

Thank you to everyone that helped make it such a success. It takes a lot of people to complete an event like this. From people making the “Viking on a stick” ahead of time, **Pat Harriman, Linda Anderson, Sharon Brooks and Carol Francis**, to cooking it at the event. It is one of the toughest jobs at the Festival. **David Bailey and Mike Jones** did an outstanding job. Fish soup maker, **Mike Gordon**, was also a popular guy. Soup was great.

Arlene Kozub and Pam Brewer were racing through the kitchen to keep up with orders at the window. **May Melby and Tove-Lise Miller** were making waffles and keeping the smorgrot hot.

Sandwich makers **Judy Hales, Norm Hales, Ryan O'Brien and Kristi Mattes**, did an outstanding job, as did the lefse roller **Carlton Peterson. Donna Gordon and Kristi Updegraff** had a hard time keeping up with the all the money coming in. Viking Sisters **Ann Sandner, LaRena Hannon and Maggie Karlstad**, with the help of **Betty Williamson** sold cookies. At the front door to welcome our guests were **Lois MacNeil and Sharon Brooks**. Kids corner was organized by **Carol Francis, Vendula Moody, Sean Moody and Eric Malme**. Setup and cleanup and in charge of keeping all things moving were **Chris Wilson, Susan Lemmon, Olivia Siddique, Omar Siddique, Terje Miller, Kai Miller and Nicole Miller**.



Viking Wyatt Mattes holding court. Shaun Sasaki and Karen Nelson demonstrating Rosemaling.

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FESTIVAL (Continued from page 5)

The strolling Viking, **Wyatt Mattes**, welcomed everyone with a smile. And thank you to **Karen Nelson** for demonstrating Rosemaling. Hopefully I have not forgotten anyone, but I probably have. Thank you so very much, lot of work, but also a lot of fun. — **Tove-Lise Miller**

Additional observations from our on-scene reporter DICK TRACYSEN: Wow is right! Cars were parking as far away as half a mile. Enterprising kids with wagons were hauling the elderly from their cars to the lodge. Surrounding neighbors saw a good thing and started selling parking spots on their front lawns. Helicopters were circling overhead. Someone grabbed a butterfly net and nabbed two circling spy drones, which looked Russian but turned out to belong to the Swedish lodge.

We were worried about crowd control, but fortunately we had only one incident of pushing, kicking, biting and scratching in a futile attempt to buy up the rest of the Norwegian cookies. We didn't anticipate so many \$100 bills and we had trouble making change. One of our members got worried about the cashier security and went to his car and got his holstered .45 and strapped it on and stood by the money. Several persons were trying to use Euros and so next year we may need a moneychanger booth.

Not even when Elon Musk pulled up in his new pickup truck with a piece of plastic over the broken window was the crowd distracted from the Festival itself.

Fortunately there were several RNs in the crowd, as we had several incidences of fainting not caused by any fish smell. One guy pounded on the food window demanding a Viking on a Stick after they were sold out, saying he had driven all the way from Salt Lake City for one. He was pacified with a rain check.

Clearly, next year the event will have to be held in Golden One Arena. The organizers are talking about bringing in McKinsey & Company to advise on management of the event next year.



Larena Hannon and Betty Williamson just before the locusts stripped their table. Cashiers Kristy Updegraff and Donna Gordon being protected by "da Viking."



Please join us for the Lodge's first event of 2020
Roald Amundsen Lodge 6-48
Sons of Norway
Potluck Lunch and
Installation of 2020 Officers
Sunday, January 12th, 2020, 2:00 PM
Masonic Center, 5944 San Juan Avenue, Citrus Heights



Potluck Lunch first, then Installation, followed by Desserts.
(Attendees should bring salads, side dishes or desserts. Lodge will supply "honey-baked" style ham, drinks, all tableware, etc.)

Installing Officer to be Identified in December
2020 President: Norman Hales

Please come and thank outgoing officers for all their hard work in the past year, and to welcome the new and returning officers for 2020.

Everyone is welcome, of course. Incoming and outgoing officers are especially encouraged to attend. Let us make it an occasion of lodge camaraderie.

Reservations not required.

Scandinavian Sweaters are encouraged.
(This will be the only lodge meeting in January,
NO JANUARY TUESDAY NIGHT MEETING.)

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2020 OFFICERS ELECTED AT NOVEMBER MEETING



We are pleased to announce that we have an almost full slate of officers elected as we go forward into 2020, “the year of perfect vision.” A complete list is presented below.

At the November 12th meeting we still had a few vacant slots, but the President authorized the Marshals to enter into the crowd of attendees and grab a few unsuspecting members who were subsequently dragged, kicking and screaming, to the podium and handcuffed to their chairs. Their sentences were quickly passed and before you could say “unconstitutional,” they became bona fide officers of Roald Amundsen Lodge.



We members of the nominating committee are understandably quite proud of the thoroughness and efficiency of this process this year.

	<u>Officer Slate 2020</u>
President	Norman Hales
Vice President/ Membership Secretary	Vacant
Secretary	Arlene Kozub
Treasurer	David Bailey
Social Director	Tove-Lise Miller
Cultural Director	Stephen Rosenthal

<u>Officers Appointed</u>	
Auditor	Susan Lemmon
Counselor	Donna Gordon
Foundation Director	Mike Gordon
Greeter	Joe Hannon
Musician	Lars Gjerde
Assistant Musician	Susan Lemmon
Marshals	Ann Sandner Pat Harriman

Editor	Stephen Rosenthal
Publicity Director	DeAnn Smeltzer
Sports Director	
Trustees	3 years Tove-Lise Miller
	2 years Betty Williamson
	1 year Mike Gordon

Website Manager	Terje Miller
Youth Directors	Eric Malme and Sean Moody
Face Book Manager	Arlene Kozub
Book Club	Noelle Buer

<u>Hall and Park</u>	<u>Director Slate 2020</u>
Director (automatic)	Norman Hales
Director, 2-yr.	Stephen Rosenthal
Director, 2-yr.	Tove-Lise Miller
Director, 2-yr.	Stein Buer
Director, 1-yr.	David Bailey
Director, 1-yr.	Jim Smith
Director, 1-yr.	Joe Hannon
Director, 1-yr	Mike Gordon
President	*
Vice President	*
Secretary	*
Treasurer	*

* To be elected by the Directors from the Directors

<u>Viking Sisters Officers 2020</u>	
President	Ann Sandner
Vice President	Pat Harriman
Secretary	Kim Rolland
Treasurer	Larena Hannon

<u>Committees</u>	
Membership	All elected officers
Scandinavian Festival	Donna Gordon Joe Hannon LaRena Hannon

Sunshine	Sharon Brooks Ann Sandner
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As we approach the end of the year our distribution lists may become somewhat corrupt due to members leaving and new members joining. If you know of a member who is not getting The Navigator, please alert us and we will try and correct the problem.

IN MEMORIAM

Member Ray Miller passes



Raymond Miller was born in International Falls MN March 25, 1939, and died on November 9, 2019. He moved to Sacramento in 1946. A 1957 graduate of Norte Del Rio High School, where he was active in football, baseball and boxing.

Ray served 21 years in the United States Army, and one of his assignments brought him to Norway, where he met his wife of 52 years, Tove-Lise.

Ray has been a member of Sons of Norway for 50 years. Originally he joined Sons of Norway in Bismarck ND, Sverdrup 4-107. Later he and Tove-Lise were members in Baltimore MD, Nordkap 3-215. He has been a member of Roald Amundsen Lodge for 36 years where he helped make our current

Viking ship, and cooked a lot of lutefisk and torsk. He had fun participating in the Viking Festival in his Viking suit and parading through Sacramento next to the Viking ship in the Camellia parade.

He will be laid to rest at the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery on December 4, 2019 at 1:30 pm.

(Editor's note: for any who plan to attend the cemetery ceremony, you are cautioned to plan carefully, as ceremonies start on time at this beautiful facility.)

A WORD FROM OUR FINANCIAL BENEFITS COUNSELOR...

Wishing all our Sons of Norway members a **Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!** Tis the season to reflect upon our year and to be grateful for our Blessings.

During this time give your children and grandchildren a gift that keeps on giving—as they grow so will their money! It's not a gift that they can immediately to play with, but in the future they will appreciate your thinking of them as they can either put a deposit on their new home or wait until they retire and have an income for the rest of their lives.

Give me a call and I will show you how we can make a difference in their lives.
Merry Christmas,
Adrienne Lincoln

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2019-2020 CALENDAR EVENTS

ROALD AMUNDSEN LODGE

(As of 11/28/2019)



Saturday 14 December	Julebord
Friday, 20 December	Book Club, 11 am, Arden Dimick Library
December, Date TBD	Family Christmas Party (Date and Venue TBA)
***** 2020 *****	
Sunday, 12 January	Installation (Afternoon time TBA)
Friday, 31 January	Book Club, 11 am, Arden Dimick Library
Tuesday, 11 February	Monthly meeting with Cultural Program 7 pm
Tuesday, 10 March	Monthly meeting with Cultural Program 7 pm
Saturday, 28 March	Torsk Dinner
Tuesday, 14 April	Monthly meeting with Cultural Program 7 pm
Tuesday, 12 May	Monthly meeting with Cultural Program 7 pm
June , 18th to 21st	Convention, Mesa, Arizona
July, Date TBD	Family Picnic
August	No meeting
Sunday, 6 September	BBQ, with Camper Demonstrations
Tuesday, 13 October	Monthly meeting with Cultural Program 7 pm
Saturday, 18 October	Lutefisk Dinner
Tuesday, 10 November	Monthly meeting with Cultural Program 7 pm
Saturday, 5 December	Julebord
December, TBD	Family Christmas Party

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**.

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Viking Festival, another photo: **Tovel-Lise Miller and Mike Gordon** cleaning the kitchen after the last morsal of food had been sold.

