

THE NAVIGATOR

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INSIDE: INSTALLATION, AND OUR GREAT YEAR AHEAD

Happy New Year

Sons of Norway was organized as a fraternal benefit society
by 18 Norwegian immigrants in Minneapolis, Minnesota.



SONS of
NORWAY

Celebrating 125 Years

1895-2020

*Actual anniversary date is
January 16th, but celebrating
all year!*

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.



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, 1:30 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 will be Past President Stephen Rosenthal
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.

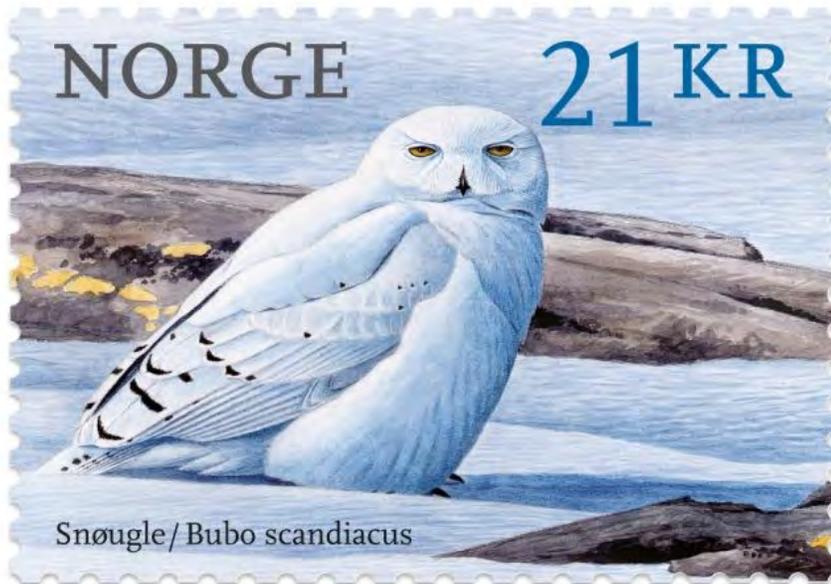
Everyone is welcome, of course. Incoming and outgoing officers are especially encouraged to attend. Let us make it an occasion of lodge camaraderie.

Reservations not required.

Scandinavian Sweaters are encouraged.

**(This will be the only lodge meeting in January,
NO JANUARY TUESDAY NIGHT MEETING.)**

NORWEGIAN STAMP VOTED MOST BEAUTIFUL IN THE WORLD



This Norwegian stamp was voted the most beautiful in the world. The motif on it was painted by visual artist Viggo Ree (69).

A Norwegian postage stamp depicting a snowy owl has been named the world's most beautiful design.

Designed by artist **Viggo Ree**, the stamp was awarded the honor in Madrid last month. A jury consisting of around 40 internationally qualified philatelists evaluated stamps from all over the world in different classes.

The Norwegian snowy owl stamp by Ree was selected the best in the *Nexofil* competition, organized by the

stamp magazine *El Eco* in Spain last month. It was a surprising prize to receive, as this is the first time Norway has won a prize in the main category in this competition, said Mr. Ree. The award winning stamp with snow owl motif was released last year, in a series of three stamps with bird motifs.

According to the Norwegian Ornithological Association, Viggo Ree has drawn animals since he was 1½ years old. He is a so-called wildlife artist, who only paints fauna motifs.—*adapted from "The Nordic Page."*

JULEBORD, 2019

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Christmas season is over for this year, and so is our Julebord!

We had a very nice turnout of about 60 members and guests. It was great to see several new members and some of our old members that we have not seen in a while.

It always seems like a challenge to me when we get to December and planning the amount of food needed to feed anywhere from 25 to 80 participants. This year we had 40 pounds (it was almost too heavy for me to lift) of fresh pork and close to 200 medisterkaker and several other dishes. Must have been a hungry bunch as there were not many leftovers!

Thank you to everyone that participated in any part of the event from set up to clean up and everything in between, too many to list. I do want to acknowledge Lars and Scott for making the evening very special with music and song. It always adds a lot and brings the feeling of Christmas closer to our hearts. **Tove-Lise.** (As Tove-Lise said, many, including especially Kirsten Wyatt and her food prep and serving crew, need to be recognized, but special kudos go to Tove-Lise, who prepared so much of the food, acted as MC, greeted guests, and generally coordinated the whole event. All thank you so very much, Tove-Lise!



JULEBORD, 2019— Pastries, anyone? Our wonderful musicians vocalist Scott Perkins and pianist Lars Gjerde. Guests at table. MC Tove-Lise Miller. Long time member Duane Malme with daughter member Sonja Malme. Serving table.



District 6 Events for 2020

Jun 18
2020 District Six Convention

Jun 28
Trollfjell Folkehøgskule
Sun, Jun 28, 2020 - Sat, Jul 11, 2020

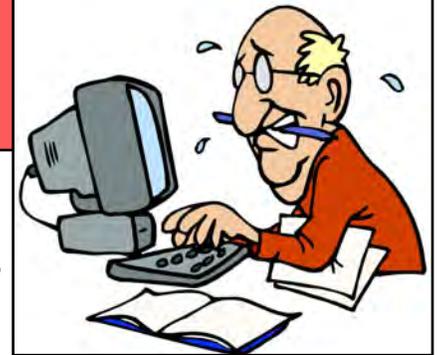
Jul 12
Camp Trollfjell
Sun, Jul 12, 2020 - Sat, Jul 25, 2020

Sep 05
Northern California Kretsstevne

Sep 19
Camp Oldfjell

Oct 09
Central California Kretsstevne

SIDEBARS WITH THE EDITOR...



IF YOU ARE IN SF ON 23 JAN 2020....

The 12th Man



At the Marines' Memorial Hotel Theater...

On this date there will be a film showing of THE 12TH MAN, with a panel discussion following. This is the story of Norwegian resistance fighter **Jan Baalsrud**. Should be open to the public. This is a beautiful

facility. Reservations at Marinesmemorial.org.

VIKING VISIONS STUDY TOUR

This is actually a class offered through the Osher Lifelong Learning Program (OLLI) of the UC Davis Extension Service. This program caters to persons over the age of about 50. The two-hour class will be presented on Friday afternoon, January 31st in Davis.

The class offers a brief introduction into Norse Mythology, and proposes a potential one-week study

tour to Iceland (date to be determined). From the Bronze Age to the end of the Viking Age in the 11th century, mythology shaped tribal life, politics and ideas about life's stations and death. The last group to practice these beliefs were the Scandinavian Vikings, some of whom settled in Iceland. Today, Iceland is reviving the old beliefs with a brand new pagan temple, promoting environmental sustainability, tolerance and the teaching of history as civic education. A future study tour would visit the temple construction and the founding society, as well as other historical and cultic sites in the settlement area.

The instructor is **Kirsten Harjes**, who grew up in Northern Germany, emigrating to California in 1996. She received a Ph.D. from UC Berkeley and is teach-

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ing classes at UC Davis and CSUS on Germanic mythology, medieval history, German film, language and literature, and public history. She supervises graduate students in Second Language Acquisition.

There is a modest fee to join OLLI, and a class fee. The program offers many other interesting subjects. Go to cpe.ucdavis.edu/olli.

IN MEMORIAM

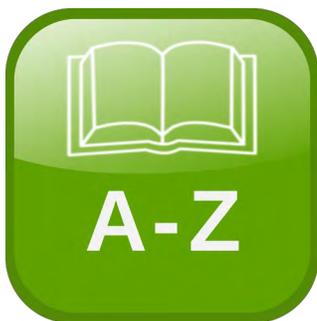
Judy Felker, who was a member of the lodge until recently, has passed away. Many of our member ladies knew her well through the Daughters of Norway organization, in which she was very active.



FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY

This annual party took place on Sunday, December 29th, after our publication cut-off date. We will report on it in the next Navigator.

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 com-

plete 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.

2020 OFFICERS TO BE INSTALLED JANUARY 12TH



The elected and appointed 2020 officers will be installed at an Installation Ceremony on January 12th. See the flyer elsewhere in this Navigator. The crown shown at right was found in the storage shed and will be used in the ceremony. And if you believe that... This will be our only meeting in January. They 2020 officers are listed below:

<u>Officers 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
	2 years
	1 year
	Tove-Lise Miller
	Betty Williamson
	Mike Gordon

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(Officers)**

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

Hall and Park Directors 2020

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

Viking Sisters Officers 2020

President	Ann Sandner
Vice President	Pat Harriman
Secretary	Kim Rolland
Treasurer	Larena Hannon

Committees

Membership	All elected officers
Scandinavian Festival	Donna Gordon Joe Hannon LaRena Hannon
Sunshine	Sharon Brooks Ann Sandner

NAVIGATOR DISTRIBUTION

We strive to electronically transmit The Navigator to all households in which at least one person, age 18 or older, has an email address. We mail it to households that do not have someone with an email address. The mailed version is in black and white, and often has fewer pages than the electronic version.

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.

**NORWEGIAN ARTIST CREATES CRAB
OUT OF RECYCLED PLASTIC**

Image Credit: Gunnar Ståle Holten

Along a coastal trail in Norway, facing the Atlantic Ocean, sits a giant crab made out of recycled plastic. Norwegian artist Eirik Audunson Skaar had the idea for the project after watching a video of underwater garbage, created by a scientist in Newfoundland.

Skaar set out to make a statement, but more importantly he wanted to teach students about environmental issues. He enlisted the help of 8th and 9th grade students in Averøy, Norway, where they picked up plastic trash along the shoreline. As they collected the plastic, they analyzed it and discussed the types of plastic that were found. The plastic was then placed onto a metal frame where it would become the snow crab.

The sculpture measures 8m wide (26 ft), and is used as a tourist attraction to inspire discussions about the role plastics play in the environment. Skaar also hopes to encourage similar discussions among students in Newfoundland. What has unsettled the students a bit, though, is that the crab appears to have inexplicitly moved approximately 25 feet towards the ocean from its original construction site.

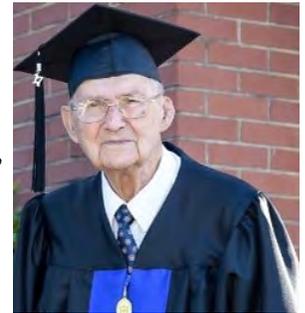
Plans are currently underway to transport a second version of the crab to Newfoundland this spring.



WANT A \$SCHOLARSHIP? GET BUSY!



There are various 2020 Sons of Norway educational scholarships that can be applied for, **starting now**. And “now” would be a good time to start the process, as it often takes time to secure the necessary transcripts and letters of recommendation that may be required. In fact, it is almost too late for some of the scholarships. Some of the scholarships are available to older members as well as more youthful members – check them out on the Sons of Norway website! About 25 scholarships are awarded each year.



Older folks can go back to school, and there are scholarships for them from Sons of Norway! Ole Svensgaard, age 126, recently received his MD degree from Harvard and plans, despite a slight hand tremor, to open a plastic surgery practice in Beverly Hills.

King Olav V Norwegian-American Heritage Scholarship. The purpose is to fund activities in which the American and Norwegian heritages are explored, studied and shared by qualified scholarship recipients. Endowment money has been raised by selling medallions and securing gifts from Sons of Norway members. Eligibility: Any American, age 17 or older, who has demonstrated a keen and sincere interest in Norwegian heritage and/or any Norwegian, age 17 or older, who has demonstrated an interest in American heritage. Final submission by January 15th, 2020!

Oslo International School Scholarship. A scholarship to Oslo International Summer School annually for \$1,500. Final submission by January 15th, 2020!

Helen Tronvold Norwegian Folk High School Scholarship. Supports the Sons of Norway Foundation’s objective of providing cross-cultural experiences for youth. If your editor were 60 years younger, he would jump on this! Final submission by January 15th, 2020! Hint: Google Norwegian Folk High Schools – some amazing opportunities!

Helen Tronvold Adult Learner Scholarship. This scholarship was established in 2017 to support the Sons of Norway Foundation’s objective of providing cross-cultural experiences for adult (40 and over) insurance members. Isn’t it nice to know that someone thinks that those of us over 39 can still learn something? Final submission by January 15th, 2020!

And, there are **about seven more scholarships** (some may have multiple awardees) that, in the interest of brevity, we are not going to detail here. All are described in detail on the Sons of Norway website. Some have submission deadlines as late as March 1st. **If anything we have reported here is at variance with the website information, the website obviously prevails.**

If you want to give your kids a language immersion experience this coming summer check out the **Concordia (College) Language Villages** (<http://www.concordialanguagevillages.org/youth-languages>) programs for the summer of 2020. These camps are located near Brainerd in beautiful north central Minnesota. In addition to Norwegian, they have camps for 14 other languages.

Also, our **Sons of Norway District, District 6**, offers the following scholarships: 1) Up to three \$1000 Academic Scholarships to deserving Unge Venner members attending post-secondary schools or training institutions, 2) One \$1000 scholarship to attend the Skogfjorden Language Camp at Concordia College (Minnesota; previously mentioned above) during the summer, and 3) Two 50% of tuition scholarships to attend the Camp Norge youth camps (Our own lodge usually has ample scholarships for these camps.). If you are interested in any of these scholarship opportunities go to the District website and get busy on the applica-

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tion process now!

The Peder P. Johnsen Education Fund, administered by Henrik Imbsen Lodge (San Francisco), offers scholarships for full time and part time college students of Norwegian descent who live in northern California. Applications are due by April 1st. Contact Karen Rogenes Rende, Secretary of the fund, at mormor154@gmail.com or 650/592-1857.

Finally, our own **Roald Amundsen Lodge 2020 camper scholarships**, and the criteria therefore, will be reported as soon as they have been established.

BODO, NORWAY, NAMED A EUROPEAN CAPITAL OF CULTURE FOR 2024

For the third time in Norway's history, a Norwegian city has been named a European Capital of Culture. Bodø is the city that has most recently taken the crown, following Bergen's win in 2000 and Stavanger's win in 2008. However, it's a particularly prestigious award for Bodø as they are the first city north of the Arctic circle to hold such a title. What is more impressive is that they did it without any government support; the bid team ignored the Minister of Culture's advice to wait a few years and stepped up to the challenge. Fortunately, the State changed its mind after witnessing Bodø's rising success and will now help fund a year of cultural events.

As a program that's meant to raise the level of cultural awareness to that of economics and politics, Bodø has decided to focus on spreading Sámi culture through pop culture. Specifically, they would like to increase the use of the Sámi language throughout Norway. As the application stated, "The point is to create dialogue and understanding between people, including indigenous peoples and minorities."

Bodø's sister city in the USA is the California city of Bode.



SAVE THE DATE

District Six 2020 Convention

June 2020						
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2019-2020 CALENDAR EVENTS

ROALD AMUNDSEN LODGE

(As of 12/29/2019)

*******2020*******

Sunday, 12 January	Installation, 1:30 pm
Friday, 31 January	Book Club, 11 am, Arden Dimick Library
Tuesday, 11 February	Monthly meeting with Cultural Program 7 pm
Wednesday, 6 March	Book Club, 1:00 pm, Arden Dimick Library
Tuesday, 10 March	Monthly meeting with Cultural Program 7 pm
Saturday, 28 March	Torsk Dinner
Friday, 3 April	Book Club, 11 am, Arden Dimick Library
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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