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PRESIDENT NORM'S COLUMN:

The fall season is upon us with the first cold nights and the start of the first leaves turning into their autumn shades. A time to plan our fall and winter activities while being mindful of the procedures we need to keep ourselves safe. It is soon the time of witches and goblins, superheroes and villains coming to our door to exact their sweet tribute. A time to engage in scaring our little ones in fright houses and with scary Halloween movies. From my recent visits to big box home supply stores, I can verify that the fright industry is doing well. The seasons' decorations are varied, elaborate, and challenging to one's wallet.

While as adults we have a very real fright in Covid to contend with, we value science over superstition. By now we know how to keep ourselves safe and yet enjoy getting together in groups. The "new normal" while at times inconvenient allows us to regain much of what has been missing from our lives.

Take a visit to a park, zoo, or the river and enjoy the temperate weather. Consider attending those events where you know others are following safe practices. And be prepared to rear back in feigned fright when those goblins come to your door.

Norm



HAPPY HALLOWEEN! (BOO!)

END OF SUMMER BARBEQUE

Are happy days here again?

What a great turnout we had for the September 12th BBQ. I think we had about 35 people attending. Thank you to **Liv, Anna, Kylan, Koll and Ethan**, the scholarship recipients from Camp Trollfjell and Trollfjell Folkehøgskule, for attending and showing off your masterpieces from camp. Also thank you to **Ella** for sending us a very nice Power Point presentation of her days at Trollfjell Folkehøgskule; she was unable to attend as she lives in San Diego. The campers told us about their experience at camp and they all want to return again next year. Since I was the language instructor at camp this year, I got to know the kids very well, and what a nice group of kids we have!

Thank you to everyone that helped making the BBQ a success. Thanks to **David Bailey** for taking reservations, **Steve Rosenthal** for ordering and picking up the food, **Carol Francis and Peggy Hyde** for setting up tables and serving food. Thank you to everyone that pitched in to clean up and get the lodge back in shape after lunch. It is very much appreciated that everyone helps so that the task does not fall on just a very few people.

It was great to see so many of our member and friends again. I am looking forward to see you all again soon.

Mange tusen takk, Tove-Lise, Social Director.



Liv, Anna, Kylan and Koll getting ready to present and show their camp creations. Ethan presenting one of his projects; Tove-Lise Miller, camp language teacher, in the background.

**BBQ, continued.
THE REPAST AND THE CARNIVORES...**



The campers' project table. (Note: The youth were very clever but they did not build the computer.)



NEW MUNCH MUSEUM IN OSLO

*Okay, we hate to admit it, but it finally has happened. Our staff is mortified. Unbelievably, **The Viking Magazine** has scooped this poor rag. Usually, your **Navigator** is months ahead of *The Viking Magazine* when covering important Norwegian happenings, but not this time. The October *Viking Magazine*, already on the street, contained two articles about the new MUNCH Museum. At least, thanks to our own **Dick Tracysen's** detailed visit to all web pages pertaining to the new museum, we have some different and interesting facts to report about the building. See below. We will strive to do better in the future. –Ed.*



This new museum, to be called **MUNCH**, will be inaugurated this October 22nd. It replaces Oslo's older Munch museum that actually had a very limited number of Munch paintings on display.

This new 13-story tower was designed by Madrid architectural firm **Estudio Herreros** and is located on

Oslo's waterfront. The building has 11 galleries and a 500-seat theater. The exterior is clad in recycled aluminum panels that reflect art-damaging natural light during daylight and let the indoor lighting to leak out at night, making the building "glow." Conversely, though, the common area down the center of the structure where there are no exhibits makes abundant use of outdoor natural lighting. The total budget for the property has been reported to be US\$315 million.

Eventually the entire collection of artworks (27,000 –not all by Munch) will be stored in the structure. The galleries can readily display some of Munch's oversize works from the 1910s and 1920s.

This is certainly a new, not to be missed treasure when next touring Oslo.





SAVE THE DATE

District Six 2022 Convention

June 2022

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Sheraton Mesa Hotel
Mesa, Arizona

The **INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION** will be held in August, 2022 in Minneapolis.

NOMINATIONS FOR DISTRICT 6 BOARD

Nominations are open for District Six Officers and Board Directors. Positions open are: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Public Relations Officer, Cultural Director and Directors for all Zones. In addition the Alternate International Director position is open. Please consider running for a position or making a recommendation to a member of the District Six Nominating Committee. All of these positions require that the member own a Sons of Norway Financial Product.

Skill sets include: Accounting, Investment, Corporate Governance, Marketing, Communications, Strategic Planning, Technology Skills (Internet/Social Media), Fraternal Benefit System and Cultural Skills. Members of the District Six Nominating Committee include Chair and Zone 8—Mike Johaneson, mjohaneson@gmail.com, and **Zone 1—Donna Gordon**, justfordonna@surewest.net .

SIDEBARS WITH THE EDITOR...



UPCOMING SCHEDULE ROALD AMUNDSEN LODGE

Get out your phones and make these calendar entries:

Tuesday, October 12, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm –
Monthly Lodge Social and Business Meeting.
Cultural Presentation: **Leif Eric Erikson Day.**

Tuesday, November 9, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm –
Monthly Lodge Social and Business Meeting.

Cultural Presentation (planned) Norway and Veterans' Day.

Saturday, November 20, VIKING FESTIVAL
CANCELED (In part due to Covid matters)

Sunday, December 19, 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm,
Holiday Julebord Dinner. (in planning stage)

Sunday, January 9, 2022, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
– 2022 Officer Installation.

Of course, this schedule could change if certain Covid protocols are reinstated, or other complications develop. As you can see, we have had to cancel the planned Viking Festival due to difficulties trying to comply with Covid requirements for crowds.

SONS OF NORWAY SCHOLARSHIPS

It really is not too soon to look into this if you plan to apply for any. See Sons of Norway website. Some applications are due Jan. 15 and they take time and effort to complete.

OTHER SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

And while you are applying for Sons of Norway Scholarships, don't forget about the opportunity, if you are so inclined, to apply to one of the Service Academies. Here is a message from the editor's local Congressman, Ami Bera, concerning that opportunity:

"Every year, I'm privileged to nominate bright and hardworking students to attend our nation's military and service academies. Our service academies are some of the top universities in the country and help build strong

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leaders in our military and beyond.

To help local young people navigate the application process, my office will host a **Virtual Service Academy Information Day on Saturday, October 2, 2021 at 10am PT.** *

This event is open to all high school students interested in applying to a service academy as well as their parents, teachers, and guidance counselors. *(The Military Academy, for instance, was recently rated very high by a Wall Street Journal survey. These appointments are essentially a “full ride” but with a military commitment.—Editor)*

Go to this website to register for the virtual presentation:

<https://bera.house.gov/media-center/amis-updates/virtual-service-academy-information-day-october-2-2021> *

(GO NAVY)

NORWEGIAN OIL FUND AND CALPERS COMPARED

Some of our lodge members no doubt have CalPers retirement benefits. CalPers, a \$470B (that’s Billion) fund, has been without a Chief Investment Officer for over a year. One impediment to hiring one seems to be that the a candidate probably will be required to sell his outside investments. Some of the really “qualified” candidates are reluctant to do

*Obviously already passed, but you can still access the information on the Congressman’s website.

that just to take this high pressure, \$1.5M to \$2.5M (that’s Million) per year job, as their personal investments often tend to be worth many times this annual salary.



However, when the Norwegian Oil Fund hired Norwegian **Ni-colai Tangen**, the Norwegian Central Bank made him sell his 43% stake in a \$16B (that’s billion)

hedge fund he had created while living in London. Further, he has no repurchase rights. And, his salary is reportedly “only” about \$630,000. But, we suppose there is a certain cachet to taking this dream job, managing a \$1.4T (yes, Trillion) sovereign wealth fund. (If one does the math, he will find that the Oil Fund is 3.36 times as large as the CalPers fund.)

1Trillion = 1,000,000,000,000.

“A billion here, a billion there, and pretty soon you’re talking real money” – attributed to the late Sen. Everett Dirksen.

NEW “GOLDEN” MEMBERS!

Sons of Norway recognizes persons who have been members for at least 30 years and are at least 65 years of age as “golden.” They receive a golden member pin and a certificate recognizing their loyalty to the fraternal organization.

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In past years the International Office took on the task of determining who qualifies for this status and forwarding the pins and certificates, but starting sometime in 2020 they delegated this responsibility to the individual lodges. We have perused applicable records and have determined that the following Roald Amundsen Lodge members newly qualify for golden status during 1920-21:

Erna Ingrid Alfstad

Lois A MacNeil

Norman G Larsen

Lois C Sando

Jeanne Lemkuil

Carollynn T Provenzano

Ruth A Halley

Kristine L Hamilton

Robert A Stedjee

The lodge congratulates these members for their contributions and loyalty. Each will receive his/her pin and certificate at an upcoming lodge meeting or event, or if that is not possible, they will be mailed. If there are members who feel they should be on this list and are not, they are welcome to contact the editor who will re-check the records.



Photo of a vintage Golden Member Pin

COLD WAR RETURNS?



A secret Cold War-era nuclear submarine base in Norway is to be reopened as America and Russia wrestle for control of the Arctic Ocean.

Olavsvern, which was closed in 2002, is a colossal complex carved into a mountain near the northern city of Tromsø. The base has an inside surface of 270,000 square feet beneath 900 square feet of hard rock, including 140,000 square feet of housing and 32,000 square feet of deep water underground dock that can house and refit nuclear submarines.

According to NRK, Norway's national broadcaster, the base will be open to the US Navy's three **Seawolf** submarines. "An agreement on the return of Olavsvern to the Armed Forces may be ready very soon, as a result of pressure from the US Navy," NRK reported recently.



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NORWAY, COALITION PARTNER AND CONTRIBUTOR



With the final US military flight leaving the Afghan capital August 31st, **Marine General Kenneth McKenzie, Commander of US Central Command,**

announced the full military withdrawal from Afghanistan during a Pentagon news conference. Towards the end of his remarks, he said this:

“I (have) said this before, but I’d like to say it again, we greatly appreciate the contributions of the many coalition partners that stood with us on the ground at the Karzai International Airport. ***I’m just going to single out one nation as an example of the many, the Norwegians, who maintained their hospital at the airport. And they were absolutely critical for the immediate care of our wounded after the Abbey Gate attack. Even after the attack, they agreed to extend the presence of their hospital to provide more coverage for us.” - Emphasis by editor.***



Norway Field Hospital in Kabul.

LODGE MEMBER LARS GJERDE BECOMES US CITIZEN



The lodge’s music director, **Lars Gjerde**, recently became a US citizen (with dual Norwegian citizenship). Lars first came to the US to study music. In fact, he has a DMA from

Eastman School of Music. Lars often plays organ or piano for Sunday services at several area churches, and he is Artistic Director for Encore Music Creations, LLC.

The multi-talented Lars is also an Acute Care Nurse Practitioner at UC Davis Health. He has an MSN degree from Yale School of Nursing.

We are fortunate to have Lars as a lodge member.

NORWEGIAN FILMS

The streaming service **Films of Norway** is now available world-wide. This online service offers Norwegian movies and TV series, including some with English subtitles. Watching these programs is a fun way to learn about Norwegian culture and improve your Norwegian language skills. Sons of Norway members are entitled to 1 free week and 25% off the regular monthly or annual subscription rate [online at Films of Norway](#). Use discount code SON2017.

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2022 OFFICER NOMINATIONS

A proposed officer slate will be announced at the upcoming October meeting, with the election conducted at our November meeting. If you would like to take on an officer position, please let President Norm know. There are currently other open positions such as Sports Director, and we should also have more auditors. Also, kindly let him know if you are currently an officer and do not wish to continue.

The current officer list follows:

President	Norman Hales
VP and Membership	Vacant
Secretary	Arlene Kozub
Treasurer	David Bailey
Social Director	Tove-Lise Miller
Cultural Director	Stephen Rosenthal
Auditor	Susan Lemmon
Counselor	Donna Gordon
Foundation Dir.	Mike Gordon
Greeter	Joe Hannon
Musician	Lars Gjerde
Ass't. Musician	Susan Lemmon
Marshals	Ann Sandner Pat Harriman
Editor	Stephen Rosenthal
Publicity Dir.	DeAnn Smeltzer
Trustees	Tove-Lise Miller Betty Williamson Mike Gordon
Website Manager	Terje Miller
Youth Directors	Eric Malme Sean Moody
Facebook Man.	Arlene Kozub
Book Club	Noelle Buer

Hall and Park Dirs.	
Director	Norman Hales (Automatic, as Lodge President)
Director	Stephen Rosenthal (Treasurer)
Director	Tove-Lise Miller (President)
Director	Stein Buer
Director	David Bailey (Secretary)
Director	Jim Smith
Director	Joe Hannon
Director	Mike Gordon
Viking Sisters	
President	Ann Sanders
Vice President	Pat Harriman
Secretary	Kim Rowland
Treasurer	Larena Hannon
Scandinavian Fest.	Donna Gordon Joe Hannon Larena Hannon

JULEBORD PLANS

Contrary to an earlier published date, our annual (until Covid 2020) Julebord (Christmas Dinner) will take place on Sunday, December 19th, with the meal being served at 5:00 pm. The adult price will probably be \$25. More information and a reservation form will be included in the next Navigator.

