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Here we go again!

PRESIDENT NORM'S COLUMN:



Although the month is only 2-3 days shorter than the rest, February seems to go by in a rush. The slowly lengthening days skip by in quick order. We will have our first regular business meeting of 2022 on Tuesday February 8th at 7:00 PM. Yearly budget and the year's planned events to be discussed. A Zoom meeting of District Six Zone One lodge members was held on January 19th. Information on lodge activities of the various lodges was exchanged. It was very helpful to hear of the various methods used by lodges to keep their members engaged. Covid or not the district is committed to having a convention in June.

For a short month, I found 10 days listed before the 14th as celebratory days. Beginning with Rose Day, then Propose Day, Chocolate Day, Kiss Day, and Hug Day all before Valentine's Day. A busy month for a short one, obviously to set you up for a June day. It is a good month to take time to touch base with distant family and friends. The greeting card industry thanks you for your continued support. If not a card, then an emoji or two on that "how are you" email you send. The days are getting longer to enjoy stepping out into the sunlight and enjoying your day. Consider that if you were in northern Norway, you would have less than four hours of sunlight. Enjoy our California "winter" and we'll all look forward to spring and resuming our activities. See you in the sunshine. Norm

Torsk, Lutefisk & Meatball Dinner

Saturday, March 26, 2022

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: Adults \$25; Children 6 - 10 \$5;
Children 5 and under free.

RESERVATIONS LIMITED TO 50—NO AT-THE-DOOR SALES.

For reservations mail form and payment (check to Sons of Norway) to Tove-Lise Miller, 2656 Barbera Way, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670-3742. If you need further information call 916/364-8704 or email to tovelise@aol.com.

MAIL BY MAR. 16, PLEASE!

TLM Dinner. Please reserve for the following.

(No tickets—Reservations will be checked at the door.)

Names: _____

Phone # and e-mail of submitter: _____

Adults _____ @ \$25 each Total \$ _____

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

Children 5 and under _____ (NO CHARGE)

TOTAL ATTENDEES _____ TOTAL CHARGE \$ _____

DETACH AND MAIL WITH CHECK WITH YEAR DATE 2022!

REQUIRED COVID PROTOCOL WILL BE OBSERVED

INSTALLATION LUNCHEON A PLEASANT FRATERNAL EVENT

Most officers extend for another year...

About 30 members attended our 2022 Installation Luncheon on January 8th at the Masonic Lodge venue. District 1 President **Tove-Lise Miller** was the installing officer. **Norman Hales** continued as President for another year. There was a grass-roots effort to impeach and remove the Cultural Director, but he prevailed by promising to insert at least a scintilla of culture into future meetings.

The meal fixings were provided by **Tove-Lise Miller, Peggy Hyde, Arlene Kozub, Larena Hannon, Donna Gordon**, and perhaps others.

The photos provide a pictorial of the event.



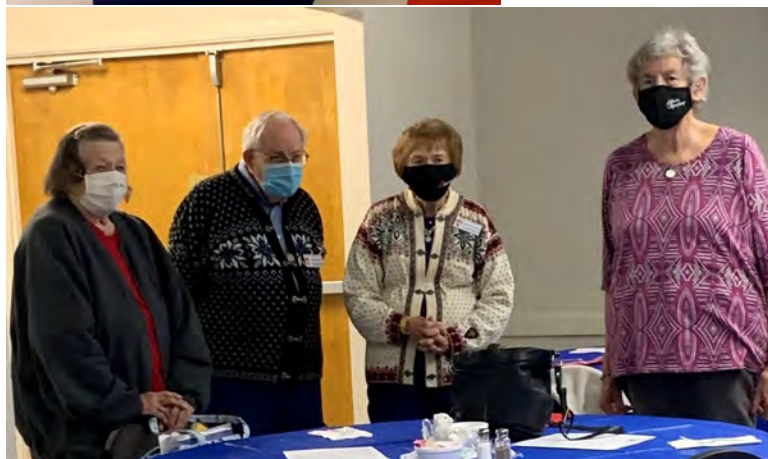
The attached photos purportedly show the beautiful table centerpiece, Steve Rosenthal, David Bailey, Donna Gordon, Tove-Lise Miller, Betty Williamson and Mark Peters. However, since they have those masks on (Covid Protocol), we can't tell who is who.



Lodge General Meeting Minutes, January 9, 2022, 1:00 pm. We met inside the masonic lodge with 17 members attending including a guest, Mark Peters. Great lunch was served.. Everyone introduced themselves and told of their connection to Norway and their length of time with Amundsen Lodge.

Business meeting was opened at 1:50 pm by President Norm Hales with the flag salute and national anthems sung for Norway, Canada, and USA, a Capella and we sounded good!

Installation of Officers was led by Tove-Lise Miller. Since almost all of the officers carried over from last year, the ceremony was shortened.



Clarissa Coulter, Joe and Larena Hannon, Carol Francis.

All officers and directors were introduced. The duties of the Social Director were read for our new Co- Social Director, Peggy Hyde. The duties of the President were also read. Tove-Lise thanked all those who have volunteered over the past year. Our lodge would not exist without you.

We will need to elect our six delegates to the June convention at our next lodge meeting in February. The Amundsen board approved a proposal to send \$2000 to Camp Norge for their water system repair. Motion made by Steve Rosenthal to approve this proposal, 2nd by Carol Francis, carried. LaRena Hannon reported that the Viking Sisters are dissolving their group as they now only have three active members. They are donating their remaining funds to Camp Norge and to Amundsen Scholarship Fund.

Meeting adjourned at 2:37 pm followed by the song "Hils fra mig der hjemme".

Respectfully submitted, Arlene Kozub, Secretary (Slightly abridged by editor)

SIDEBARS WITH THE EDITOR...



UPCOMING SCHEDULE ROALD AMUNDSEN LODGE

Get out your phones and make these calendar entries:

Tue Feb 8. Monthly Meeting 7 pm start. Annual budget presentation and vote. Elect delegates to convention. Hall and Park semi-annual meeting (review of 2021).

Sat Mar 26. Torsk/Lutefisk/Meatball Dinner, timing per flyer this issue.

Tue Apr 12. Monthly Meeting 7 pm start

Tue May 10. Monthly Meeting 7 pm start

Tue May 17. Norway Constitution Day

Thurs May 26. Special Lodge Multiple Birthday Day

June 2-5 SON District 6 Conv. in Mesa, Arizona

Mon July 4. American Independence Day

July SUMMER PICNIC (PROBABLE) AT ROSENTHAL REDWOOD FOREST

Aug. No local events. International Convention in Minneapolis, 8/31—9/1.

Sun Sep 11. Lodge BBQ 12:30 start. Camper presentations.

Tue Oct 11. Monthly Meeting 7 pm start

Sat Oct 15. Scandinavian Festival

Tue Nov 8. Monthly Meeting 7 pm start

Sat Nov 19. Vikingfest, day hours TBD

Thurs Nov 24. Thanksgiving

Sat Dec 10. Julebord

The possibility of having a 2022 children's holiday party in December will be assessed later and depends on matters such as Covid restrictions, etc. All events are scheduled for the San Juan Masonic Lodge venue except for those noted as scheduled elsewhere.

At February Meeting...

CONVENTION DELEGATE ELECTION

In order to be considered for election as a delegate to the District Six Convention being held in Mesa Arizona in June, **one has to be present** at the February 8th Tuesday night meeting at the Masonic Lodge venue. The meeting starts at 7:00 pm.

However, if you absolutely cannot attend the meeting, you may self-nominate yourself, **in writing and in advance**, using a memo to the **Lodge Secretary, Arlene Kozub**. An email memo is permissible and preferred.

Roald Amundsen Lodge qualifies for six delegates, with one of these delegate positions reserved for the lodge president.

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ALSO AT FEBRUARY MEETING

Budget presentation

2021 Hall and Park Report (if all investment documents have been received).

SCANDINAVIAN FESTIVAL 2022



The 2022 Scandinavian Festival is scheduled for **Saturday, October 15th, with preparation the previous evening** at the Lutheran Church of the Res-

urrection, 5365 Douglas Blvd. in Granite Bay. More information will be available in the coming months. Most of the Scandinavian lodges in the area participate cooperatively in this event.

FOUNDATION NEWS

(Scholarships)



Due to the uncertainty surrounding COVID-19 and travel to Norway, application deadlines for the Lund Fund,

Douglas Warne-Rolf & Wenche Eng, and Helen Tronvold Norwegian Folk High School Scholarships have been extended to **March 1, 2022.**

DISTRICT 6 YOUTH SCHOLARSHIPS

District Six offers up to 3, \$1,200 scholarships per year for students ages 16-23. These scholarships are available for students

2022 OFFICERS

President	Norman Hales
VP and Membership	Vacant
Secretary	Arlene Kozub
Treasurer	David Bailey
Social Director	Tove-Lise Miller
Ass't Social Dir.	Peggy Hyde
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
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Book Club	Noelle Buer

attending an accredited post-secondary school or training institution. The deadline for this scholarship application is May 1, 2022. District Six offers a \$1200 scholarship to the Concordia Skogfjorden Language Camp. The deadline for this scholarship application is May 1, 2022. Applications are available on the District Six website at www.sofn6.org. Please send completed applications to Luella Grangaard, PO Box 832, Morongo Valley, CA 92256 or e-mailed to morongo2@verizon.net. In addition there are many scholarships offered by the Sons of Norway Foundation at www.sofn.com. Please take advantage of this District Six Member opportunity.

A Chicken in every Pot; a Handy in Every Bedroom...

THIS NORWEGIAN COMPANY PROVIDES HANDS ON TRAINING



Bjørkmann. His background is in making sure the weapon actually fires.

So there is this young Norwegian guy named **Alexander Bjørkmann**. His education was in the fields of *Mechatronics and *Cybernetic Engineering. His background includes being in the Norwegian Army where he designed automated weapons.

And then there is another Norwegian guy named **Jens A. Wilhelmsen** who specializes in finance and among other things is the Managing Director of Anchor Capital Group, based in the UK, which specializes in private equity transactions.

The Wall Street Journal reports in a major article entitled **Broadening Access to Sexual Health** that these two guys have started a company called **Sweet Tech**. Sweet Tech manufactures a sexual tool called the Handy. It seems that Mr. Bjørkmann has put his automated weapons skills to use designing this remote controlled tool. (If you want to know more about the tool you can go to Sweet Tech's website.)

The Journal article points out that this device is marketed, in part, to persons with disabilities. The company even employs testers with disabilities. Reportedly, they set up one such person who was seriously hobbled with ALS, using third party software, to control the device with his eye movement.

Is this all serious stuff? Well, the company's funding includes \$600,000 from the Norwegian government's **Innovation Fund**. Obviously, sex is of some interest to Norwegians. However, as far as we know, there will be no further information provided about this company at the District 6 Convention.

***Mechatronics**, also called mechatronics engineering, is an interdisciplinary branch of engineering that focuses on the integration of mechanical, electronic and electrical engineering systems, and also includes a combination of robotics, electronics, computer science, telecommunications, systems, control, and product engineering.

***Cybernetic engineering** is the branch of cybernetics concerned with applications in engineering, in fields such as control engineering and robotics.

CULTURE – NORWEGIAN FILMS



There are many Norwegian shows worth watching, for the sake of good entertainment. While you enjoy the films, you can also learn quite a bit about Norwegian social values, language and culture. Here are a few titles covering an assortment of topics:

Atlantic Crossing won an international Emmy Award in the category of best TV and movie/mini-series (2021). ***The Worst Person in the World*** is not only pulling huge numbers at the box office, but critics love it too. Lead actor Renate Reinsve won the prestigious Best Actress award at the 2021 Cannes Film Festival. **(Theater release; might be streaming on YouTube.)**

Gilbert's Grim Revenge (streaming on **Amazon Prime**) is a comedy you can watch with the entire family. It's based on the book *Egg*, by Stein Erik Lunde. Gilbert (actor Simon Hobbel Rosendahl) suffers from an extreme egg allergy and does everything he can to hide it. When he moves, he is determined to hide it from his potential new friends. His parents go to Spain, but Gilbert prefers to stay home and attend a birthday party with the neighbor girl Lina (actor Hanna Dybvad). When Gilbert's Aunt Doris arrives to babysit, she tries to poison him with eggs and Gilbert plots his revenge.

This guest article is by Geir Mæland, founder of Films of Norway. Based in Stavanger, Mæland is passionate about Norwegian film & TV distribution.

Sons of Norway members worldwide are entitled to 1 free week of viewing and 25% off the regular monthly or annual subscription rate for [Films of Norway](#) when using the members-only discount code found in your member benefit guide or online at sofn.com.

**The drought has been
hard on CAMP NORGE.**



Last season, the camp *ran out of water* *four times*.
We need your help to replace our old well pump.

We are halfway to our goal!

We only need \$7,500 to hit our \$15,000 goal.
Our fundraising campaign ENDS on Feb.28, 2022

Please donate today → **gofundme**

<https://gofund.me/e5da7570>

Or if you prefer, make your check payable to Camp Norge and send to
P.O. Box 622, Alta, CA 95701 and put "Let it Flow" on the memo line.

Questions? Contact Fred Hymans at (916) 412-3797 or fred.hymans@campnorge.org

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THE WAY NORTH – FILM EVENT FOR SON MEMBERS

Norm Midthun's grandchildren return to Norway to retrace his steps 71 years after he piloted Crown Prince Olav on his 1945 Post-WWII, victory tour of Norway.

Don't miss this members-only film, available through **Monday, February 7!**

(Please be sure you are logged on to sofn.com to access the link)

Binge TV selection...

THE GIRL FROM OSLO, ON NETFLIX



A couple pull up outside of an apartment building in Oslo. Alex Bakke (**Anneke von der Lippe**) and Karl (**Anders T. Andersen**) are there to surprise their daughter Pia (**Andrea Berntzen**) for her birthday. They knock on her apartment door, but find that Pia isn't there; the friend housesitting for her says she's away in Israel. The fact that she went there and didn't say anything makes Alex feel like the fight they had a

few weeks before really ruined their relationship.

But things are worse than that. ISIS is involved. This is a Norwegian historical fiction TV thriller series consisting of ten 35-minute episodes. On NETFLIX now!

NORWEGIANS ARE HEROES IN SPITE OF THEMSELVES

One dark night outside a small town in Minnesota, a fire started inside the local chemical plant and in a blink of an eye it exploded into massive flames. The alarm went out to all the fire departments for miles around.



When the volunteer fire fighters appeared on the scene, the chemical company president rushed to the fire chief and said, "All our secret formulas are in the vault in the center of the plant. They must be saved. I will give \$50,000 to the fire department that brings them out intact."

But the roaring flames held the firefighters off.

Soon more fire departments had to be called in as the situation became desperate. As the firemen arrived, the president shouted out that the offer was now \$100,000 to the fire department who could bring out the company's secret files.

From the distance, a lone siren was heard as another fire truck came into sight. It was the nearby Norwegian rural township volunteer fire company composed mainly of Norwegians over the age of 65. To everyone's amazement, that little run-down fire engine roared right past all the newer sleek engines that were parked outside the plant.

Without even slowing down it drove straight into the middle of the inferno. Outside, the other firemen watched as the Norwegian old timers jumped off right in the middle of the fire fought it back on all sides. It was a performance and effort never seen before.

Within a short time, the Norske old timers had extinguished the fire and had saved the secret formulas. The grateful chemical company president announced that for such a superhuman feat he was upping the reward to \$200,000, and walked over to personally thank each of the brave fire fighters.

The local TV news reporter and our own reporter Dick Tracysen rushed in to capture the event on film, asking their chief, "What are you going to do with all that money?"

"Vell," said Ole Larsen, the 78-year-old fire chief, "Da first thing ve gonna do is fix da brakes on dat ***** truck!"

College/University Scholarships Available to students of Norwegian descent!



Henrik Ibsen Lodge #7, Sons of Norway, is grateful to have the Peder P. Johnsen Education Fund Scholarships available for full time undergraduate and graduate students of Norwegian descent.

Students who live in Northern California and have demonstrated academic rigor, as well as involvement in the Norwegian-American community are encouraged to apply. A minimum grade point average of 2.7 is required. Applications will be available after the first of the year and must be submitted no later than April 1, 2022.

We encourage you to notify students and their parents about this opportunity. This year we were able to fund 10 PPJ Scholars. The funds from the scholarship often assist the students with books and fees and, in one case, helped defray the loss of a summer job. Make application requests to:

Karen Rogenes Rende, Secretary

Peder P. Johnsen Education Fund, Henrik Ibsen Lodge, #7

Email: mormor154@gmail.com

Snail Mail: 154 Devonshire Blvd.

San Carlos, CA 94070

Phone Msg: 650-592-1857

Hey Roald Amundsen grandparents and parents, get your college age progeny to apply! So much better than borrowing the money!

Sons of Norway District Six Convention 2022

Sheraton Mesa Hotel, Mesa, AZ
Thursday, June 2--Sunday June 5, 2022



FOLK ART EXHIBITION

Hilsen!

The District Six Board of Directors is pleased to invite all members to participate in the 2022 District Convention Folk Art Exhibition. Participation in the Norwegian Cultural Skills Program continues to be a favorite activity of members. We hope that many of you will take advantage of this exhibition to add to your accomplishments in achieving Cultural Skills pins.

The District Board has decided to have only an exhibition at the 2022 Convention, foregoing the competition. Every participant will receive a certificate of participation. There will be several ribbons awarded to People's Choice items.

For Exhibition information, contact Doug Askegard, Norseman Lodge co-president:

Folk Art Exhibition Rules
Folk Art Exhibition Entry Form & Waiver
Folk Art Exhibition Identification Labels

Pre-registration of your folk art item(s) is essential for proper committee planning and space utilization. Please submit your Entry Form & Waiver before May 15

Mail to: Judy Purrington	scan and e-mail
PO Box 53900	judypurrington@aol.com
San Jose, CA 95153-0900	408-799-3262

The identification labels in the information packet are to be attached to your entry. Use labels "Item #1" and "Item #2" if you are entering two items in the same category. Use labels "Item #1" and "Item #1" if entering two items in different categories. Additional entry forms and labels may be reproduced or downloaded from the District Six website, www.sofn6.com.

Folk Art items may be brought to the Folk Art room between noon and 5:00 pm on Thursday June 2, or between 7:30 and 8:30 am on Friday, June 3. All items must be picked up following the Sunday business session. Any items not picked up will be returned to entrant C.O.D.

We look forward to a great convention and a wonderful display of Folk Art. Enjoy working on your folk art item(s), and thank-you for your participation and for sharing your talent and heritage. "Celebrate Your Roots" by sharing your heritage items.

Judy Purrington
District Six Cultural Director
District Six 2022 Lodge Meeting and Convention Committee