

# THE NAVIGATOR

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### FROM PRESIDENT TOVE-LISE:

Happy it's almost spring! At least according to the calendar, spring starts March 20<sup>th</sup>. I do have to say I am looking forward to it. I have had enough of all the winter weather we have had the last couple of weeks. I am tired of having to put on rain clothes every time I go out for a walk. Thank goodness for my nice Norwegian sweaters to keep me warm. I can hear everyone: "yes, but we need it." I know that and when summer comes and I can fill water in my pool, I will appreciate it.

February has been a very sad month for Roald Amundsen Lodge. We have lost two very active, go to, members, **David Bailey and Mike Gordon**. Memorial messages are included on the following pages. We also lost longtime member Lillie Tonkin.

David was our current Treasurer. We are now looking for a responsible person to take care of our finances. Please let me know if you are interested in supporting your lodge as Treasurer. It would be good if you have a financial background.

We have a busy time coming up. First our fish and meatball dinner on March 25<sup>th</sup>. Don't forget to make your reservations. Then the Scandinavian Festival April 15<sup>th</sup>. We need a lot of help at both events. Please come and join us. It is a lot of fun.

Don't forget Camp Trollfjell is back this year and Roald Amundsen Lodge will pay half scholarships to children or grandchildren of members, but they will have to apply. Hope we will have a lot of kids from our lodge attend camp.

Hilsen, Tove-Lise



**David Bailey, 1949 - 2023**

## **LODGE LOSES GREAT CONTRIBUTOR**

Sadly, we must report that lodge member David Bailey, after presumably suffering a fall in his condominium, passed away on February 10<sup>th</sup> at the age of 73. David was currently serving as lodge Treasurer and had served previously as the lodge President. He was very participatory in lodge activities such as lodge dinners, festivals and meeting activities.

Originally from Iowa, David graduated from St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minn., and also Drake University Law School in Des Moines, Iowa. He passed the Bar and held several important jobs in Iowa before moving to California

Within our greater Sacramento community he served in the past as President of his church council and retired several years ago from the California Office of Emergency Services (OES). One of his hobbies was bike-riding and we know that he biked all the way across the state of Iowa several times.

He is survived by his brother John of Sacramento, a sister, and by his mother back in Iowa. A family-prepared obituary can be accessed at <https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/globegazette/name/david-bailey-obituary?id=48468138>.

The lodge will greatly miss his talents and his contributions to a variety of lodge activities, as well as his pleasant demeanor. A memorial gathering is tentatively scheduled at St. John's Lutheran Church in Sacramento on April 22. We will provide more information in the next issue of The Navigator. ***A fraternal farewell to you from your lodge friends, David.***



**The country has more than just vast petroleum reserves.**

### **THE LUCK OF THE IRISH – MAKE THAT NORWEGIANS!**

Reuters has reported, citing a statement by Norwegian authorities, that a Norwegian research team has discovered significant reserves of metals and expensive minerals on the country's continental shelf.

In some areas beneath the Norwegian and Greenland seas, preliminary estimates suggest that there could be deposits of 38 million tons of copper and 45 million tons of zinc. Additionally, they believe that there is about 24 million tons of magnesium, 3.1 million tons of

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**MIKE GORDON, 77, Passed away on Tuesday, February 21st, 2023.**

## **SADLY, MIKE GORDON—OUR “GO TO” GUY, IS GONE**



Mike was born in Seattle, Wash. He graduated from University of Washington with a degree in mathematics. He had a master's in business administration (MBA) from USC. Mike was an electronics warfare officer in the US Air Force for more than 21 years. While serving he helped create and program drones which he also flew in the Vietnam War. After the Air Force he worked for Northrop Grumman Defense. While still at Northrop Grumman, and many years after, he taught computer science and mathematics in college. While teaching he wrote and edited college math textbooks. Then, Mike worked for the California Highway Patrol (CHP) in Information Technology (IT) for 16 years.

Mike and Donna met at a party when he was stationed at Mather Air Force Base. They were married 53 plus years.

A member of Sons of Norway, Mike prepared fish soup for our lodge's Viking Fest, as well as for the Scandinavian Festival.

Mike is survived by wife Donna, daughter Kristi, son-in-law Sean, and grandson Wyatt.

**-Kristi Mattis.**

***Editors Note— As was Mike, Donna, Kristi and Wyatt are members of Sons of Norway. For a number of years now Mike has been at most of our events, taking care of emergencies, rushing out to purchase things needed or forgotten, and just being on hand to deal with whatever was going awry. To say he will be missed is gross understatement. Also, he was just a great guy.***

### **(Norwegian metals Continued from page 2)**

cobalt and 1.7 million tons of the rare-earth metal cerium, which is used in alloys. In addition, deposits of rare-earth metals: neodymium, yttrium and dysprosium were identified. Further research will be conducted on the shelf, including how minerals can be extracted with minimal impact on the environment.

**Note:** The global price for neodymium is about \$212/kg  
The global price for dysprosium is about \$600/kg

# Torsk, Lutefisk & Meatball Dinner

Saturday, March 25, 2023

Social Hour 5:30 pm / Dinner at 6:00 pm

Roald Amundsen Lodge 6-48

Sons of Norway

San Juan Masonic Center

5944 San Juan Avenue

Citrus Heights



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

**SEATING LIMITED—RESERVE SOON—NO AT-THE-DOOR SALES.**

For reservations mail below 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.

**MAKE RESERVATIONS BY MAR. 15th, PLEASE!**

T-L-M 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 2023!**



**39<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Sacramento Scandinavian Festival  
Saturday, April 15, 2023  
10:00 am - 4:00 pm**

**Scandinavian Food, Baked Goods, and Merchandise for Sale  
Information about the Nordic Countries  
Music, Entertainment and Door Prizes  
Scandinavian Folk Dance  
Children's Area with Arts & Crafts  
Outside - Viking Camp and Ship**

**Scottish Rite Masonic Center  
6151 H Street  
Sacramento, CA 95819  
(near Sac. State)**

**Adults \$5/person – cash only  
Children under 12 FREE**

**Food & admission – cash only  
Vendors do accept credit cards**

For more information contact:

Finland

[www.facebook.com/sacramentofinlandiaclub](http://www.facebook.com/sacramentofinlandiaclub)

Iceland

[www.iceland-usa.org](http://www.iceland-usa.org)

Norway

[www.bit.ly/Elise-Waerenskjold](http://www.bit.ly/Elise-Waerenskjold) or  
[www.sonsofnorwaysacramento.com](http://www.sonsofnorwaysacramento.com)

Sweden

[www.monitorlodgesacramento.org](http://www.monitorlodgesacramento.org) or  
[www.facebook.com/SierraKronan737](http://www.facebook.com/SierraKronan737)

[www.facebook.com/SacramentoScandinavianFestival](http://www.facebook.com/SacramentoScandinavianFestival)

*Please note: Some food items may sell out early*



**REGISTER  
STARTING  
FEB. 1ST**

# SONS OF NORWAY CAMP TROLLFJELL & FOLKHØGSKULE AT CAMP NORGE



**FOLKHØGSKULE  
JUNE 25-JULY 8  
AGES 14-17**

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Family Transition Weekend  
July 7 - 9  
Come with your family!  
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**TROLLFJELL  
JULY 9 - 21  
AGES 8-13**



## CAMP NORGE | ALTA, CA

Norwegian Language | Folk Dancing | Rosemaling  
Cooking | Hiking | Games & Sports | And a Lot More...

For more info:  
Website: [sofn6.org/arv/](http://sofn6.org/arv/)  
Facebook: Trollfjell  
Instagram: trollfjellsofn



**2023**  
**ROALD AMUNDSEN LODGE 50% OF TUITION**  
**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

(Camp Troll Fjell or Trollfjell Folkehøgskule )

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Which camp are you applying for: \_\_\_\_\_

Address:

Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Who belongs to Roald Amundsen Lodge Sons of Norway in your family? (Parents, Grandparents or Guardians) (Name or Names)

**Please write a letter as to why you want to attend, and what you hope to learn at camp. Letter can be written on the back of this application, if you wish. Note: Part of your commitment in accepting this scholarship is to report back to the lodge about your experience at the September BBQ meeting Sunday, the 10th of September. Also, you must apply to the Camp, be accepted, and pay your 1/2 of the fee before the lodge will release the scholarship funds which will be paid directly to the camp. CAMP APPLICATIONS ARE ON THE DISTRICT SIX WEBSITE.**

Agreed:

Camper \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

***Please submit this application and your letter about attending to Donna Gordon, 5245 McKenzie Glen Court, Carmichael, CA 95608. (916) 972-8041 or justfordonna@surewest.net as soon as possible.***

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**LILLIE MARIE TONKIN PASSES AWAY**

Lillie Marie Tonkin, 89, of Sacramento, California, passed away on February 17th, 2023, at home surrounded by a caring minister and loved ones after a long battle with cancer. She was a 72+ year member of Sons of Norway!

Lillie was born in Sacramento, California to George and Albertina Bergene. She grew up in Sacramento, and attended C. K. McClatchy High School before studying at Pasadena College. A complete obituary can be accessed at <https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/legacy/obituary.aspx?pid=203954758>.

Lillie is survived by her sweetheart Ray Collison, her son, David Guess, her sons by marriage, Jim and Robert Tonkin, and her daughters by marriage, Susan Jean and Anna Tonkin. She is also survived by five grandchildren and one great grandchild.

When she was younger she attended Sons of Norway events. Our President, Tove–Lise Miller, remembers she attended the Julebord several years ago.

Millard and Lillie were adventurous travelers, whether on the road in their RV or traversing the globe to exciting locations. Both also cared deeply about making the world around them a better place by giving of their time and resources to many community organizations. Lillie will be greatly missed by her family and friends, and fellow Eskaton residents.

Services were held at Christ Community Church of Carmichael, California, on Monday, February 27th, 2023.

**COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP POSSIBILITY**

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 are available now and must be submitted no later than April 1, 2023. We encourage you to notify students and their parents about this opportunity. 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. Send application requests to: Karen Rogenes Rende, Secretary Peder P. Johnsen Education Fund Henrik Ibsen Lodge #7 [mormor154@gmail.com](mailto:mormor154@gmail.com) 154 Devonshire Blvd. San Carlos, CA 94070 650-592-1857.



## LOYALTY PINS TO BE PRESENTED DURING 2023



Each year Roald Amundsen Lodge, as do other lodges, presents loyalty pins to members who have been loyal to Sons of Norway for extended periods of time. Pins are presented to those who have been members for at least 20 years, and then for each five year increment thereafter (i.e., 25 years, 30 years, 35 years, etc.). Those who already have qualified or will qualify for pins this year are listed below – congratulations and thank-you to each of them! We will try and present these pins during the course of the year; failing that we will mail them to the recipients.

We also want to recognize that we have five members who have belonged to Sons of Norway for 70 or more years! They are: **Rolf Owre (78 years), Ronald Waraas (76 years), Helen Rezba (75 years – she gets a pin as indicated below), Knute Blodger (74 years), and Bettybe Wright 72 years.** Congratulations to them! A sixth person, **Lillie Tonkin**, would have made 73 years later this year, but sadly she recently passed away, as indicated elsewhere in this Navigator.



### **The pin recipients:**

#### **75 Years**

**Helen Rezba (Oct.)**

#### **65 Years**

**Duane Malme (July)**

**Marilyn Quate (Mar.)**

**Elaine Troseth (July)**

#### **50 Years**

**Carollynn Provenzano (Nov.)**

**Debbie Reynolds (Sept.)**

#### **45 Years**

**Marie Buhler (July)**

#### **35 Years**

**Ken Habbestad (Dec.)**

**Lois MacNeil (Mar)**

**Terry Lynn Caughie (Aug)**

#### **30 Years**

**Clarissa Coulter (July)**

**Margaret Karlstad (Sept.)**

#### **25 Years**

**Sandra Bauer (Nov.)**

**Jon Berg (Dec.)**

**Joseph Hannon (Mar.)**

**Larena Hannon Mar.)**

**Ann Heneger (May)**

**Karen Nelson (Feb.)**

**Ward Tabor (Dec.)**

#### **20 Years**

**Susan Lemmon (Feb.)**

**Kai Erik Miller (Dec.)**

**Terje Miller (Dec.)**

**Carolyn Rokke (Mar.)**

**Stephen Rosenthal (Sept.)**

**David Sliper (Mar.)**

**SIDEBARS WITH THE EDITOR...**



**OFFICERS FOR 2023**

The chart below shows officers who were voted in at the last lodge meeting of the year and were installed on January 8th.

POSITION	2023
President	Tove-Lise Miller
VP and Membership	Donna Gordon
Secretary	Arlene Kozub
Treasurer	David Bailey*
Social Directors	Peggy Hyde, Norm Hales, Judy Hales
Cultural Director	Stephen Rosenthal
Auditor	Susan Lemmon
Counselor	Norm Hales
Foundation Dir.	Mike Gordon**
Greeter	None
Musician	Lars Gjerde
Ass't. Musician	None
Marshals	None
Editor	Stephen Rosenthal
Publicity Dir.	DeAnn Smeltzer
Trustees	Donna Gordon, Betty Williamson, Mike Gordon**
Youth Director(s)	Eric Malme
Website Manager	Terje Miller
Facebook Manager	Arlene Kozub
Book Club	Noelle Buer

**UPCOMING SCHEDULE**

**ROALD AMUNDSEN LODGE**

Get out your phones and make these calendar entries:

**2023 Schedule:**

- March 25 Torsk/Lutefisk/Meatball Dinner
- April 11 Regular Meeting. Scintillating Cultural Program hoped for. 2022 Financial Reports and Budget for 2023
- April 15 Scandinavian Festival\*
- May 9 Regular Meeting
- June Dark
- July 15? Picnic\* July date, but tentative
- Aug Dark
- Sept 10 Camper Show and Tell
- Oct 10 Regular Meeting
- Nov 18 Vikingfest
- Dec 9 Julebord

\* Not at usual Harding Masonic Lodge venue

**LODGE MEMBERSHIP**

If you are interested in joining ROALD AMUNDSEN LODGE, our officers have membership forms at most of our events. Forms are also available on the International Lodge website (sofn.com).

By the way, guests are welcome at our meetings and events.

\*Deceased. Acting Treasurer is Stephen Rosenthal.

\*\* Deceased.