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Ord fra Presidenten

So how was your summer? Mine was extremely busy but also relaxing. I know many of you were traveling and we continued some of our Sons of Norway activities. I worked a lot on wood carving. Really enjoyed sitting on the porch at night watching the sun go down with my dog Porter and carving. It was extremely relaxing. In addition I have been working on Hardanger and genealogy. Also,

I attended both the District and International Conventions. This was my first time as a delegate to International Convention. The convention was held in Fargo and I learned lots about Sons of Norway. Sons of Norway if you remember started as a Fraternal Insurance Company, which it is still today. To be a del-



egate to International Convention you must be a financial product holder. Regulations in respect to fraternal type insurance companies are changing and Sons of Norway will have to meet these changes. Part of that will be the format of the International Convention and the whole governance structure. As a company it will need to go totally to board governance with Directors who are knowledgeable in business and the insurance industry. It will also need to be governed by bylaws that articulate a solid and nimble governance structure. These changes come from different state regulators that are there to protect the policy holders. There will be more of this to come in the future and I will keep you all posted. I am sure at the next convention which will be held in Jacksonville, Florida there will be some interesting debate. However what occurs at the local and district will remain pretty much the same.

Our next social will be on genealogy. Bring any records of genealogy you may have or old photos to share. I have been discovering some new facts on my family and dispelling some fiction. What stories do you have in your family?

Thanks to Nancy Madson for sharing her home with us in June and for all the cooks and bakers that provided food for our dinner. It was a great time although it seems so long ago. It will be nice to see you all again and to start our "season" again. Hope to see you there. And as always I look forward to the great potluck food and new recipes people have to share. See you soon.

Fraternally,
Fuella Grangaard



DATE	EVENT	LOCATION/TIME
Sept 6	Hardanger	3-5 PM Debera Ellingboe 760-699-4735
Sept 11	Business meeting	4:30 PM, Nancy Madson 760-343-0848
Sept 15	Book group	3:00 PM, Prior to Social
Sept 15	Social	4:30 Social, Potluck dinner 5:30,
Sept 20	Hardanger	3-5 PM Phyllis Peterson 760-200-1306
Sept 22	Wood Carving	2-4:00 PM Luella Grangaard 760-363-7704
Sept 24	Happy Hour	4:30 PM Yard House, Rancho Mirage
Oct 4	Hardanger	3-5 PM Cheryl Jensen 760-321-2380

EVENTS OUT OF THE VALLEY

Aug. 23-Oct. 13	Norwegian printmaker Jan Albert Fürst Kolstad, Westmont Ridley-Tree Museum of Art	Santa Barbara Vista, CA
September 28-30	SCK Kretsstevne	Vista, CA
September 29-30	Viking Festival	Vista, CA
September 28-30	Rosemaling Camp	Camp Norge
October 5-7	CCK Kretsstevne	Buellton

September Birthdays

- 1 Madson Nancy T
- 2 Monson Andrew E
- 3 Strom John C
- 9 Fleischner Constance C
- 14 Fleischner MD J R
- 17 Karlsen Edward
- 17 Willis Ardis K
- 18 Curtis Carol Louise
- 20 Clymens Noah
- 22 Presley Diane Y
- 25 Candelaria Bianca A

Hurra for deg som fyller ditt år!
Ja, deg vil vi gratulere!
Alle i ring omkring deg vi står,
og se, nå vil vi marsjere,
bukke, nikke, neie, snu oss omkring,
danse så for deg med hopp og sprett og
spring,
ønske deg av hjertet alle gode ting
og si meg så, hva vil du mere?
Gratulere!

Business Meeting

At Nancy's House
Tuesday September 11
RSVP 760-343-0848

Fana



Solskinn now has a Fana. This is a banner that we can display at different events. It had its first outing at District Convention. Thanks to Cheryl Jensen for designing our Fana. It was assembled and sewn by Cheryl and Luella. Luella assembled the stand. All materials for this were donated by members of the lodge and fabric by Joann Hunt from the Coachella Valley Quilt Guild.

MOVIE REVIEW

Headhunters, 2011, 100 minutes

This is a Norwegian movie that has just been released on DVD. It is based on the novel *Hodejegerne* by Jo Nesbø. The novel has been translated into English, either as *Headhunter* or *Headhunters*. The movie title is *Headhunters*. It was directed by Morten Tyldum and stars Aksel Hennie, the star of *Max Manus*. It is rated R for “bloody violence including some grisly images, strong sexual content and nudity”. To view the trailer go to <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt1614989/>.

Roger Brown is a professional headhunter, or employment recruiter, in Norway. His father was English, but the name Brown has ironic connotations in the most memorable scene in the movie. He is one of the most successful headhunters in Norway, but has a sideline business as an art thief.

Roger is very insecure. He is a short man married to a very tall beautiful trophy wife, Diana (Synnøve Macody Lund), who owns a failing art gallery. His lifestyle is not supported by his income. Roger is introduced to Clas Greve (Nikolaj Coster-Waldau) by Diana. He is the perfect candidate for a position for which Roger is recruiting. Clas also happens to own a painting by Rubens. Roger manages to replace it with a copy he has commissioned. He is successful, or so it seems.

However, it is soon clear that all is not well. Diana and Clas are having an affair, and someone is trying to kill Roger. He figures out that it is Clas who is trying to kill him, whether because of the affair or the theft he doesn't know.

All he can do is to flee, chased by Clas. At one point Roger finds himself in great peril. He has only seconds to hide. He hides in a most unusual place. If you are curious, see the movie. I guarantee you won't forget this part. There is also a chase on a narrow mountain road with a semi.

Roger Ebert praised the movie as “an argument for the kinds of thrillers I miss. It entertains with story elements, in which the scares evolve from human behavior. Unlike too many thrillers that depend on stunts, special effects and the Queasy-Cam, this one devises a plot where it matters what happens. It's not all kinetic energy.”

This movie was very successful in Norway. It was shown at the Palm Springs International Film Festival, and was one the favorites. It is to be redone in Hollywood in English for those who can't read subtitles.

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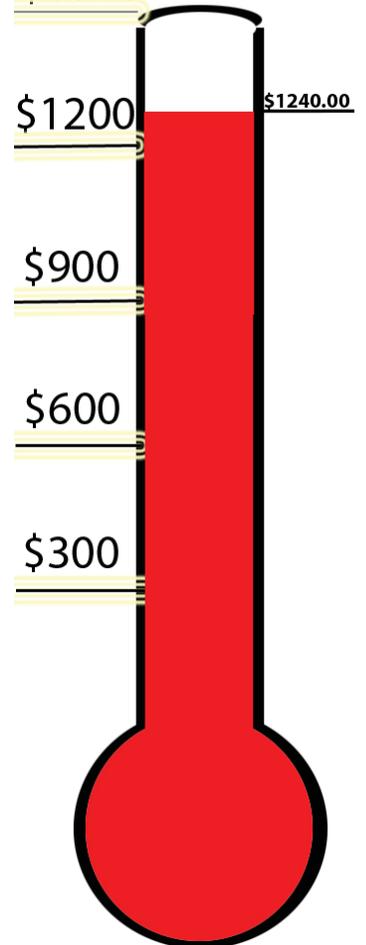
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Remember, elsewhere in this newsletter you will find a form to make donations to the Foundation in honor or memory of a friend or family member.

Thanks for all you support.

*Submitted by
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District Six 2011 and 2012 lodge of the year presentation at District Six Convention. Luella Grangaard accepts on behalf of Solskinn Lodge, the 2012 Tier One Lodge of the Year.

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Obituary

Ann Blodgett (1932 - 2012)



Lina Anne Schulstad Blodgett passed onward on July 28, 2012, at Palm Desert, Calif. She was born at Deaconess Hospital in Grand Forks, N.D., on Sept. 9, 1932. She was the fourth of six children of Clarence and Ruth Brathovde Schulstad. Her grandparents were Ludvig and Lina Odegard Schulstad of Reynolds, N.D., and John J. and Torbjorg Brathovde of rural Grand Forks County, N.D. Anne attended grades one through 12 in Mentor, Minn., graduating with the MHS Class of 1950. She received her R.N. degree at Gordon Keller School of Nursing, Tampa General Hospital, Florida in 1953. She subsequently worked as a Surgical R.N. Anne married Donald D. Blodgett, a U.S. Air Force pilot, on June 26, 1954. They traveled extensively associated with her husband's military and private sector work in Asia, Europe, the Middle East and the USA. Anne is survived by her husband, Donald D. Blodgett, Lt. Colonel, U.S. Air Force (Retired); a sister, Ruth Mary Schulstad Bowie; three brothers, Charles, David and George and numerous beloved family and friends. Memorial services and interment are pending. Funeral arrangements are by Hope Lutheran Church and FitzHenry Mortuary, Palm Desert, Calif. Memorials may be sent in her honor to the American Cancer Society and Hope Lutheran Church.

BOOK GROUP

Beginning at 3PM before the September Social, the Book Group will meet. Everyone is invited to attend. The purpose of the group is to prepare members working on the Literature/Reading Cultural Skills Program. In order to earn a pin, you have to read 3-5 books on three levels either about Norway or the Norwegian/American immigrant experience. Fiction and non-fiction books are acceptable, but each of the three levels has specific instructions, although the books chosen are the reader's choice. Also there is a project that needs to be carried out. An example is detailed in Miriam Hendrix Article is the June newsletter.

We met last year and two members are preparing for level one. That level is the easiest, as it consists of three books of your choice, and a project of your choice. The other levels have five books each and a project, but each level is either fiction (level 2) or non-fiction (level 3). Participation in the book group for six meetings is one of the projects.

At the meeting we get up-to-date with each member's progress, and then discuss the books that we have read since the last meeting. Since we all have different tastes and interests, we are able to cover a significant number of books and topics at each meeting.

If you think you might be interested, please check out the Sons of Norway web page for the Cultural Skills Program Unit 2 Literature. This is an updated version of the workbook and a significant improvement over the earlier one. For instance, one of the projects is to watch a Norwegian movie and write a report on it.

Even if you are not interested in working for the Cultural Skills pins, you are certainly invited to join us in our discussion. The only requirement is that you have read a book about Norway or the Norwegian-American immigrant experience.

If you are working on this project on your own, keep in touch and if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to get in touch with me a vlsimon@jhu.edu or call me at 760-322-7902.

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District Lodge Meeting June 7-9, Mesa, AZ

Your delegation of Luella Grangaard, Debera Ellingboe, Connie Fleischner and Cheryl Jensen along with our Zone Director and Lodge Member Nancy Madson attended the District Lodge meeting. This was a busy couple of days. The first day included a music cultural skills class, level 1 taught by Luella Grangaard. The class had over 40 participants of which 32 completed their level 1 pins including our members Cheryl Jensen and Connie Fleischner. During that time Debera Ellingboe was assisting Nancy Madson who was responsible for the Folk Art Exhibit and Competition with set up. Under Nancy's leadership this was a great display and had an additional category of Troll to go along with the convention theme of "Find Your Inner Troll."

The next day was the opening ceremonies including speeches and then roll call. In addition there was a memorial service to recognize members from the different lodges who had passed away over the last two years. This convention was different than those in the past that it was hosted by the District Board. And chaired by the District Vice-President Mary Beth Ingvaldstad, It was not hosted by a lodge.

A number of reports were given in respect to different operations and responsibilities of the District Board. In addition the International Office had representatives from the Foundation, Fraternal and the Financial Products who presented information to the delegates. We all were quite impressed with what we learned. In addition there were 8 resolutions which were reviewed and presented throughout the convention by the super committee. Probably the most discussion was regarding decrease of District dues. This motion was defeated.

Marit Kristiansen International Vice-President spoke about Sons of Norway governance. Sons of Norway has gone through many changes over the year in respect to first being a fraternal organization and as a fraternal insurance company incorporated in 37 states and the District of Columbia. This organization is a \$225 million fraternal organization and the federal and state laws and regulations continue to become more and more stringent. As a result the Local and District Lodge operations will probably remain much as they are. However the International Board and its convention may take on a different look. This will include participation of all holders of financial products. Nothing has changed but the International Board has this as their mission to complete. There will be more news to come. So please assist and support our leaders of Sons of Norway as they navigate this process.

Reports were given from all the officers including reports also on scholarships and Camp Norge. Elections for new officers were completed and the new officers are as follows: President-Lyle Berge, Vice President-Mary Beth Ingvaldstad, and Secretary—Wendy Winkelman, Treasurer—Bob Sather and Public Relations Officer—Irene

Jordahl. Our new Zone Director replacing Nancy Madson is Rick Hausvik from Vahall Lodge.

Luella read a letter on behalf of Solskinn Lodge regarding hosting the 2014 District Convention and that based on the information the delegates obtained at convention they would take that information back to Solskinn lodge for Board and member vote. There was a motion made to allow the District Board to approve the next location for Convention.

Then the last order of business was to vote for Delegates to International Convention. Both Nancy Madson and Luella Grangaard were elected from the floor to join the other delegates from District Six to represent them at international convention.

Minutes of this meeting are available

*Submitted by
Luella Grangaard*

Driver swerves to avoid moose, hits bear instead

OSLO, Norway — A Norwegian driver who swerved his car on a rural road to avoid running into a moose hit a bear instead, authorities said on Thursday.

The driver spotted the moose on a country road near Hanestad, 225 kilometers (140 miles) north of Oslo, around midnight on Wednesday, and tried to go around the animal, not realizing that a bear was also nearby.

"The driver had lost a bit of speed as he tried to avoid the moose before hitting the bear," said Svein Erik BJORKE of the local wildlife authority, who was out in the forest searching for the wounded animal.

"We are currently tracking the bear and we have found traces of blood indicating internal injuries," he said.

The driver escaped uninjured while his car suffered some damage.

Norway's rugged mountains are sparsely populated and full of wildlife. The country, nearly the size of Germany but home to just 5 million people, has around 100,000 moose and 150 brown bears, authorities said.

*Submitted by
Vaughn Simon*



Members Outstanding Awards at the District Convention



Knitting 3rd—Phyllis Petersen



Troll 3rd—Luella Grangaard



Hardanger 2nd—Luella Grangaard



Wood Carving— 2nd Luella Grangaard



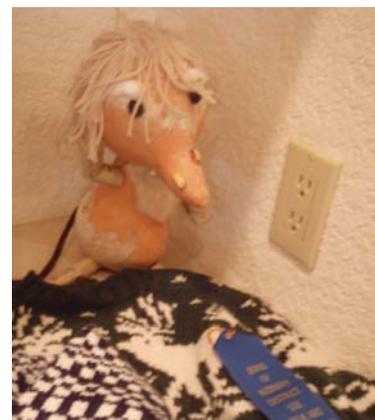
Rosemaling-1st Luella Grangaard



Hardanger 3rd—Cheryl Jensen



Wood Carving—1st Richard Selle



Knitting 1st & 2nd Connie Fleischer

Lodge Recognitions

Solskinn Lodge received a Silver Merit Award for 2010 and a Gold for 2011, in addition we received a Founders Certificated for Membership Achievement. Lodge of the Year for 2010 was Tier Large—Gulldalen, Tier Small—Hvite Fjell and Family Lodge—Garborg. Lodge of the Year for 2011 Tier Large was Solskinn, Tier Small—vikings of Lake and Family Lodge—Norrseman. Congratulations Solskinn for your achievement. This is based on all the activities, volunteer hours each of you contribute and your attendance at our activities. This is all put into a report that goes first to the Zone Director and then to the District President. It was very exciting for me to accept this award on behalf of our lodge. Thank you for that opportunity.

*Submitted by
Luella Grangaard*

Wood carving group

The wood carving group met June, July and August this summer. Members are working on their relief carving culture skills pin. All are welcome to join.

Happy Hour—Something New

In September we are going to try something new. No reservations, no RSVP, come and go as you want. Join members at a local eatery for happy hour. Enjoy a drink and you could also get a light dinner. Drinks and food are ½ price. The first Happy Hour Event is September 24th at **The Yard House** in Rancho Mirage at the River, starting at 4:30PM. Happy Hour prices run till 6:00 PM.

Norwegian Jokes

A Norwegian was hired to operate an elevator in downtown Minneapolis. But he lost his job after the first day. He couldn't learn the route.

What happened to the Norwegian ice factory in the Icebox of the Nation—Bemidji, Minnesota? IT had to close when they lost the recipe.

Lena sat down at the lunch counter in Duluth and ordered an entire pie just for herself. "Shall I cut it into six pieces of eight" asked the waitress. "Better make it six," said Lena "I'm on a diet".

September Social

Bring any genealogy information you have on your family tree to share. Ideas: old family photos, family trees, your cultural skills submission for Sons of Norway.



Debera Ellingboe, Sheryl Jensen, Nancy Madson, Connie Fleichner, Luella Grangaard at the district 6 convention in Arizona



Lodge Merit Awards 2010-2011. Solskinn Lodge received a silver for 2010 and a gold for 2011. Hurra!!!!



Luella Grangaard in front of her woodcarving piece she submitted into the competition at the international convention where she was awarded a 2nd place

This is a relief carving piece that she submitted and to receive a 2nd place is very impressive considering all the entries in the competition. Let this be an inspiration for other lodge members who want to take upon one of the SON skills.

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September Social

Hope Lutheran Church Social Hall

Saturday, September 15, 2012

4:30 Social

Note earlier times

5:30 Dinner

6:15 Program

Potluck Dinner, bring your favorite dish

Program:

Genealogy: Where is your family from in Norway??

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