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## President Message

Wow where did my summer go. I guess it was spent doing lots of Sons of Norway events and projects. But I enjoyed every minute from preparing for the District Convention, the Convention, preparing the bid for International and attending the International. I also worked on my wood carving and hardanger entries for the conventions. I am not alone on this many of you also mirrored my summer with your involvement with our lodge, district and international activities. I thank each and every one of you for all you have done.



In addition I was elected VP of District Six and Nancy Madson Secretary of District Six. Our duties in those

positions started immediately after the convention with Nancy taking her first minutes the Thursday after The District Convention. I am very excited to start something new within the fraternal organization. Our own lodge will be holding election for new officers. At the September meeting we will be voting on a nominations committee to develop a slate of officers for 2015 -2017.

The church is currently undergoing the first phase of their renovations. So we will have our first social at Berit Reistad's home since we are not sure of the completion date at the church. The old sanctuary is already gone, so things look very different at the church.

As we begin our season there is lots going on with the Central California Kretsstevne October 3-5 and the Southern California Kretsstevne October 31-Nov 2. There is also the

Viking Festival in Vista, September 27 and 28.

Since the convention there has been a lot going on Facebook in our district. If you are on Facebook please add our lodge and District as friends. There you get the latest on what is happening in the Scandinavian community. For example Steinar put a posting on with a link to Alte for Norge a TV show in Norway. There we some links to articles on various culture activities. Also photos from the District Convention.

There is a lot going on. Just pick something of interest and get involved. I hope part of your summer was visiting with family and exploring your heritage. I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Fraternally  
*Luella Grangaard*



DATE	EVENT	LOCATION/TIME
Sept 5, Friday	Lunch Bunch	11:30 Las Casuelas Nuevas 70050 Hwy 111 RM RSVP to 760 345-6586 or e-mail <a href="mailto:dbessares@verizon.net">dbessares@verizon.net</a>
Sept 11, Thursday	Hardanger	3:00 Debera Ellingboe 760-699-7436
Sept 20, Saturday	Social	4:30-Social 5:30 Berit Reistad's Club house 760760-485-1130
Sept 25, Thursday	Hardanger	3:00 Cheryl Jensen 760-321-2380
Oct 3, Friday	Lunch Bunch	11:30 Clementine's 72990 El Paseo, PD RSVP to 760 345-6586 or e-mail <a href="mailto:dbessares@verizon.net">dbessares@verizon.net</a>
Oct 9, Thursday	Hardanger	3:00 Phyllis Petersen 760-200-1306
Oct 18, Saturday	Social	Foundation month Cheese and beer tasting-Hope Lutheran
EVENTS OUT OF THE VALLEY		Contact
Sept 27 & 28	Viking Festival	Vikingfestivalvista.com
Oct 3-5	CCK	See District Six Website
Oct 31-Nov 2	SCK	See District Six Website

## September Birthdays

- 1 Madson Nancy T
- 3 Strom John C
- 9 Fleischner Constance C
- 11 Gerner Royda
- 12 Hendrix Bobby C
- 14 Fleischner MD J R
- 17 Karlsen Edward
- 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!**



International Folk-art third place relief carving Luella Grangaard



International Folk-art third place Hardanger Cheryl Jensen

# Summary of Business from the Sons of Norway 2014 International Convention

The 2014 International Convention was held in Jacksonville, FL. Prior to the convention, the International Board met, and a number of committees reviewed the reports and resolutions and made recommendations. The committees were Reports, Finance, Law, and Resolutions.

On Wednesday, August 20<sup>th</sup> the Innovative Leadership Conference was held. Many of the delegates from District Six participated in this conference, as well as approximately 110 other delegates and/or guests. The facilitator was Kit Welchlin. The title of his presentation was "Leadership: Getting Results." As a group, we examined what leadership is, how to enhance your personal "brand," how to communicate based on the situation, how to be effective in many situations, and very importantly, how to communicate to different generations.

Thursday, August 21<sup>st</sup> there was free time in the morning. Then early afternoon started with a first-time delegate workshop and opening ceremony. Following the opening ceremony, there was a memorial service and then the President's reception at the Cummer Museum.

Friday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> started the real business of the convention. There were 125 delegates in attendance from all eight districts. The meeting started with review of the case regarding Ralph Peterson's removal as International Vice President. Ralph Peterson's removal was conducted pursuant to Sons of Norway's constitutional procedures. Peterson was aware of the issues involving his conflicts of interest, lack of disclosure, overall breach of fiduciary duties to Sons of Norway and the Board. Peterson received the Board's written complaint and never responded to it before his removal. Prior to the convention, delegates had an opportunity to ask questions regarding this case via a teleconference. Friday morning, Mr. Petersen was given an opportunity for appeal. The delegates listened to both Mr. Petersen and his lawyer present information followed by a lawyer for Sons of Norway. Following the presentations, both parties were given additional questions the delegation had prepared earlier that day. Then the delegates voted to support the decision made by the International Board.

There was a presentation on Strategic planning. The Board, along with senior staff, has developed four core strategic initiatives including: 1. Building a better understanding of financial, fraternal and foundation 2. Building a stronger leadership pipeline 3. Revisioning lodge programs and member engagement to attract younger members and families 4. Building a more relevant and user friendly membership structure. The delegates then provided input into the process.

Presentations of bids to host the 2016 International Convention were given by Palm Springs, CA and Tacoma, WA. Next, nominations for International Board

were presented: Jon Tehven for President; Elaine Nelson, Audun Gythfeldt, and Ron Stubbings for Vice-President; Dan Rude and David Hermundson for Secretary; Ray Knutson for Treasurer.

The report committee commented on reports from the International President Marit Kristiansen, CEO Eivind Heiberg, the *Sons of Norway Foundation Canada*, *Ski for Light*, and the *Statement of Financial Position*. All reports were accepted.

Saturday August 23<sup>rd</sup> continued with more reports and business. The Finance Committee reported on the *District Fraternal Funds* with recommendations on those reports. The Finance Committee recommended approval of the *Statement of Financial Position*, *Independent Auditor's Report*, *Annual Budget by line of Business*, *Statement of Operations by Line of Business*, and *Board and Staff Expenses* reports. In addition, there was review of the *Investment Portfolio* and review of the *Foundation's Financial Position and Statement of Activities*. This committee recommended an increase in compensation for the officers and directors of the International Board, which was approved.

The resolutions committee addressed resolutions regarding lodge mergers, which was approved as amended. A resolution regarding Lodge dissolution was carried as well as a resolution as to the status of the members from those lodges.

The Law Committee made recommendations on changes to the constitution or procedures. There was a change in the time frame for making a bid for convention which was approved. A combination of a number of motions from the Districts regarding the nominations committee for International Director and the qualifications thereof, as well as the use of a nominations committee by the districts were approved but had been amended. There are some issues with lodges that still own property, and a motion regarding this was defeated. Additional law changes that clarified status of officers was approved.

There was a vote for the 2016 International Convention which will be Tacoma, WA. The next International Board was elected as follow: President Jon Tehven, Vice President Ron Stubbings, Secretary Dan Rude, and Treasurer Ray Knutson.

The meeting was followed by installation of the new officers and International Board Directors.

It was a good business-packed convention. The Gateway to Florida Lodge did a great job hosting the convention. If you would like further detailed information please contact me at [morongoz@verizon.net](mailto:morongoz@verizon.net) or call 760-363-7704. Thank you for the opportunity to represent our District at the Convention.

*Reported by Luella Grangaard  
Vice President District Six,  
elected delegate at large to the International Convention*

# District Convention FINANCIAL

Solskinn Lodge hosted an all-around successful District Convention, including financially. Our total revenue was \$63,386.80 with expenses of \$54,423.33. The major expense was the hotel - food and beverage, coming in at \$41,693.18. The next largest expenses were the audiovisual services and entertainment. Other considerable expenses were the printing of the ad/music book, delegate gift materials, table decorations, and misc. printing. We were fortunate to be able to donate the proceeds of our raffle - \$530.00 each to the Sons of Norway Foundation, the District Six Scholarship fund, and to Camp Norge. Several convention committee members donated considerable supplies contributing to the convention profitability.

Many, many hours were spent before-hand, working to ensure a successful, educational, and entertaining convention. Two years were spent in making several of the wonderful delegate gifts (five gifts total, for each delegate). Many hours were donated during the convention, too. We have received many accolades for our wonderful convention, and many thanks go out to all who contributed to our success.

*Submitted by  
Nancy Madson  
2014 Convention Treasurer*

## Summary Of The 2014 District Convention

The Convention was hosted by our lodge at the Renaissance hotel in Palm Springs. There were 158 delegates from 42 of the 51 lodges in our district. The first day was a pre-convention with Music 1 & 2 classes and culture skills fair and a new delegate orientation.

Prior to the meeting we received a Biennial report which we reviewed. This included a report from the President of the District, Lyle Berge and resolutions to consider. The Board held a meeting Sunday AM as well as a super committee which reviewed the business and made recommendations to the delegates.

Monday morning opened with presentation of the colors by the Cathedral City Air Force ROTC and the singing of the Anthems. Our own Louise Selle was the pianist and harpist throughout the event. Then there were welcome speeches from a number of dignitaries including Brian and Bruce Nestande, and the Honorary Consul for Norway Michael Soroy. Then we had a memorial service which was very moving with each lodge placing a carnation into a vase to represent members of their lodge that had passed away. That evening we had the Scandia dancers and Scandinavian music with a Bunad parade.

Eivind Heiberg gave a keynote address. Some of the busi-

ness we covered included with motions in respect to the District 50069 bylaws. There was a resolution on use of a Nominating committee for International Director and for the District Officers. Both of these resolutions passed and will be sent to the International Board for the Convention. The final resolution was regarding a Culture Director on the District Board. This resolution was also approved. The financials were reviewed and approved. In addition we had a Recreation Board meeting during the convention.

On Tuesday afternoon there were breakout sessions for the delegates to learn more about how to make their lodges better. These programs included information on electronic communication, programming, engaging volunteers and youth programs.

Nominations and election of the new district board and International Director was completed and the results are as follows: Lyle Berge International Director, Roger Espeland Alternate, President Mary Beth Ingvaldstad, Vice President Luella Grangaard, Secretary Nancy Madson, Treasurer Bob Sather, Public Relations Officer Reegan Moen and Culture Director Pamela Stutrud Groth. Also delegates to the international convention were elected.

Throughout the event the Folk-art room displayed items from all the Districts. It was a beautiful display of all types of art, needle work, woodworking and photographs.

The final event was the installation of officers and the banquet.

*Submitted by  
Luella Grangaard S  
olskinn Delegate*



International Folk-art second place Hardanger Phyllis Petersen



International Folk-art third place figure carving Richard Selle



WE NEED YOU!!!!

Elections are coming up and we need volunteers to take positions in our lodge. Some take more commitment than others and there will be guidance to assure your success. This next season is pretty much planned and socials will be simpler due to limitations from our meeting space.

The last year most business meetings have been held prior to the lodge meeting. This has reduced the commitment in hours over the month. Also the members that should attend to assure the business of the lodge is addressed are the officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary, Social Director, Culture Director and Foundation Director. Some of these positions could be shared by two individuals.

All positions are open during this election. If you are interested please contact David Lutes 760-674-1933 davidjlutes@yahoo.com until the nominations committee has been elected. They will be elected at our September Social. Also I can answer any questions you may have

**President**--plans and prepares the business meeting and leads meetings. Submits articles to newsletter.

Vice President-- fills in as needed when the president is not available and chairs the membership committee

**Secretary**—records the minutes of meetings and sends to the board members. Also prepares the annual Lodge achievement form and submits it.

**Treasurer**—balances the bank account, makes all banking transactions, and submits reports annually to the International office and the IRS.

**Membership secretary**—monitors membership and membership reports.

**Social Director**—plans and obtains food and coordinates the volunteers for social events

**Culture Director**—plans with Social Director cultural activities and promotes and records the culture skills program and sports program.

**Foundation Director**—promotes and develops activities to support the International Foundation

**Publicity**—promotes the lodge through postings in newspapers and online and electronic media

**Newsletter**—prepares, writes, and edits the newsletter, as well as printing it and sending it out to members.

**Sunshine**—sends birthday cards and get well cards and plants.

**Librarian**—maintains the lodge library.

**Telephone tree**-coordinates and alerts tree members to make calls

Camp Norge ambassador—provides communication regarding camp Norge, events and scholarships.

**Tubfrim**—prepares stamps for Tubfrim and mails in cards and stamps

**Historian**—collects information and photos about lodge and places them in an album.

**PLEASE WE NEED YOU !!!!!!!!!!**



Gunhild Cross and Sheryl Jensen



David Lutes and Luella Grangaard



Nancy Madson



Carol Gould



Berit Reistad and James Cross



Corinne Bjerke, Charlotte Larsen and Shirley Severtson



Steinar Johansen



Linda Lathers

# Foundation

A special thanks to all of you who have inquired about how Prescilla and Porky are doing. Very well, thank you. As you know we had some hot days but they spent those days in the shade sitting in a mud hole. Couldn't be happier. We were able to contact several grocery stores and they were more than happy to provide us with outdated corn and watermelon. I hope Prescilla will still fit into her tutu.

However, Prescilla is getting somewhat anxious about the upcoming wedding. A date for the wedding can't be set until there are sufficient funds to pay for everything. They don't want any outstanding bills! Currently we have \$1268 in their wedding fund .. that leaves \$232 yet to raise. Prescilla has been assured the wedding will be held before the end of the year.

Oh, Lordy, Prescilla just reminded me they want to take a short honeymoon, perhaps to the next farm. Any funds raised over the \$1500 will go toward their honeymoon.

*David Lutes  
Foundation Director*

Total Wedding Costs \$1,500



## Wedding Ceremony

- Farm – pen rental
- Food/drinks – corn cobs, lettuce, water troughs, etc.
- Attendants – farmers, caretakers

Minister \$300.00

Reception \$400.00

## Solskinn Lodge Officers - 2013

President	Luella Grangaard	363-7704
Vice President	Diane Presley	401-1752
Secretary	Debera Ellingboe	699-7436
Treasurer	Diane Presley	401-1752
Membership	Nancy Madson	343-0848
Social Director	Heidi Albright	449-1632
Cultural Director	Luella Grangaard	363-7704
Editor:	Steinar Johansen	898-3340
Publicity Director:	Berit Reistad	485-1130
Counselor:	Nancy Madson	343-0848
Sunshine Girl:	Charlotte Larsen	328-1791
Photographer:	Steinar Johansen	898-3340
	Miriam Hendrix	320-9244
Foundation Director:	David Lutes	674-1933
Tubfrim Chairman:	John Strom	568-3483
Tel. Tree Chairman:	Dottie Bessares	345-6586
Historian:		
Assist:		
Camp Norge:	Ronna Clymens	951-849-1690
Supper Club:		
Librarian:	Corrine Bjerke	360-5229
Auditors:	Normal Larsen	328-1791

## Solskinn Social Saturday September 20, 2014

San Jacinto Villas Club House  
71300 San Jacinto Dr.

Rancho Mirage  
(Next to the Rancho Mirage Library)

Park anywhere, or across the street at the parking lot

**Gate Code 0000**

Club House is first building on your right.

4:30 Social

5:30 Potato Bar

Please make reservation to Heidi Albright by 9/17

[Halbright76@msn.com](mailto:Halbright76@msn.com) or 760-449-1632

Reservation: \$3.00 members - \$5.00 non-members

No reservation: \$5.00 members - \$7.00 non-members

Save stamps  
for tubfrim  
cut 1/4 inch  
around the stamp

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