

**TURID JESPERSEN LODGE #44**

Mission Viejo, California

January/February 2005

**Meetings and Events**

**February 12, 2005**

Regular Meeting, SSC 212, 10:30 am  
Program: Sonia Henie Film  
Soup Day & Norwegian Sweater Day

**February 26, 2005**

Solbakken's Torsk Dinner  
Happy Hour 5 PM, Dinner 6 PM  
\$17.00 Adults, \$8.00 Kids  
Call Swede Swenson for reservations at 562-861-4748  
There will be a raffle and Freya's boutique

**March 12, 2005**

Regular meeting HS 20, 10:30 am

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**PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

HI everybody! I am very happy so many of you came to our first meeting in January. It was especially nice since we had a full blown storm going that morning. I must thank Dee Strubb for being our first President. I also want to thank our Charter board members of 2004 for a terrific job leading us into 2005. This year we will be sailing in some familiar waters, but venturing out to new horizons to experience new friendships, sharing, and embracing the bond we all have in common. I know in one year I have found many new friends and have had a lot of fun learning rosemaling, knitting, sandwich making, lefse demonstration and the rummage sale. Our first Christmas party was a huge success. With your help, I am sure we will have a very successful year. Sisterly, Berit.

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**BRITHDAYS**

January - Denise Meinhart, Connie Davis

February - Liv Journeay, Bonnie Kozak, Barbara Rizzo, Elisia Sierakowski

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Connie Davis, Tubfrim Chairperson, asks that members bring used postage stamps to the February meeting so she can take them to the Seaman's Church. Postage stamps of any country and any denomination may be donated to an organization in Norway called Tubfrim. The stamps are sold to collectors and the profit is donated to handicapped children. Please trim with a 1/4" border and try to save cancellation marks.

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We want to support Dee's daughter so here is a recipe for Crostini with Jarlsberg Cheese taken from the Norwegian Embassy web site in Singapore.

Crostini with Jarlsberg and Honey Mustard Tomato

Jarlsberg Cheese  
Salad greens  
1 baguette cut in thin slices

Honey Mustard Tomato

5 plum tomatoes skinned and seeded  
1 tbsp butter  
2 tbsp honey  
1/2 lemon, zested  
1/2 vanilla pod  
salt and pepper

Bring butter, honey, vanilla, and lemon zest to a boil, Cut tomatoes in quarters, and dd to sauce pan. Season with salt and pepper to taste.

Toast baguette slices. Arrange salad greens and marinated tomato on each slice of toast and top with Jarlsberg. Pour some marinade over each slice.

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As Ole reached over to change the radio station setting, he said to Lena, <sup>3</sup>I believe I'm getting lumbago.<sup>2</sup> <sup>3</sup>Vell<sup>2</sup>, says Lena, <sup>3</sup>you might as vell switch to annuder station because you von't be able to understand a vord they say anyvay.<sup>2</sup>

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Alaska Dance Cruise aboard Norwegian Star

Cruise the inside passage with Sylvia and Fjordsong

The Northwest & Arizona's Funtime Band featuring Scandinavian and American music. Sailing Sunday, May 22-29, 2005 7 day Glacier Cruise begin at \$975 (includes government taxes & fees) Seattle, Juneau, Skagway, Glacier Bay, Ketchikan, Victoria, Seattle

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Lutheran College Nordic Choir will appear at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Newport Beach on January 31st. Starts at 7:00 or 7:30 p.m. Cost \$15.00 for adults. The choir is from Decorah, Iowa.

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Berit has another trip to Oslo in mind. For more info, contact her.

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**CULTURE CORNER:**

By Brit Pedersen

As 2005 unfold and I am honored to have been selected your new Chairman for Norwegian Culture. My hope is to bring to you a glimpse of Norway's history and lifestyles, both current and past. Being of Norwegian heritage, I am sure you already know that Norwegians are very proud of their country and it's history. They have therefore always held on to old traditions and adopted them as life progressed. Much of this, of course, has been due to the work of women. And believe me, Norway has over time produced a number of famous women, within sports, politics, literature, art; music; world explorers and human aid. After all we are the 'Daughter's of Norway' and I feel therefore that it is right for us to explore women's work. But let me stop here with the introduction and go right to our next program.

February 12. Explore the life of Sonja Henie, considered by most as the greatest female figure skater in history and a Hollywood movie star. This day is also Norwegian Sweater Day. So please wear or bring a Norwegian Sweater, we will take a group photo. For lunch, bring a pot of your favorite soup, enough to share with two or three people.