

# Daughters of Norway Turid Jespersen Lodge No. 44

Founded November 15, 2003

*Preserving Our Norwegian Heritage...*

## NEWS LETTER

November/December 2005

### Meeting's & Events

Meetings are held the Second Saturday of each month at 10:30 AM.

Saddleback College, Mission Viejo

#### November 12<sup>th</sup>

Ralph Nordstrom will be speaking to us about "Genealogy". Tracing your Norwegian roots.

We will have a big map of Norway so you can all find your families homes.

- To all officers - Don't forget our Business meeting November 12<sup>th</sup> at Saddleback College, SSC 212. We are seeking two members to volunteer for FINANCIAL SECRETARY AND MARSHAL...for the coming year.

### PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Here it is November. I have been retired from Orange County Community College District for over a month already.

What adventures I have experienced in that time. Bonnie and I went to Washington D.C. The invitation we carried with us gave us lots of Privileges. Like speaking with the ambassador, Knut Vollebeck, Foreign minister of Norway, Jan Pettersen, and speaking with Princess Ragnhild and her husband Erling Lorentzen. We had grand standing place directly in front of the Royal Family, and dignitaries, former vice president Walter

Mondale, CEO of Norwegian Foundation Nestlequist, Kokkin, the Statue maker. Inside the Embassy we were almost swallowed up by people from all over, and the appetizers, fancy cakes, and drinks were superb. The unveiling of Kronprinsesse Martha's Statue was done by her son, King Harald. Our big surprise was to meet the Grand lodge President, Tove Vander Moss. What a lovely lady. The Daughters of Norway has a jewel there. Her daughter had the honor of singing for the ceremony of all these dignitaries. Her voice was sooo beautiful.

After my trip to Washington D.C., Eivind and I went on a train trip to Minot, North Dakota for the often spoken about "Høstfest." Here I spoke with Princess Martha Louise, the daughter of King Harald and Queen Sonja. She was there to promote her book "Why Kings and Queens don't wear Crowns". There were about 150 third graders invited to listen to her tell about her life growing up and then telling about the Troll that stole the princess. (Fairytale). She did this twice a day for two days. The kids were so cute. They all came in wearing crowns they had made. We also spoke with Bob Burgess, Norma Zimmer, and Bjøro Haaland, and listened to Sissel Kyrkjebo, Glen Cambell and his daughter, Debbie, Paul Anka, Merle Haggard, and Charley Pride. You have to take trip there to actually feel the excitement each day. Everyday was like trip to Norway. In the kitchen they had seven chefs from Norway making food for thousands. Yes, every night the concerts were sell outs with over 6000 people. There were

vendors with every-thing you can possibly think of. Plus Craft people, Bunad making, Weaving, Wood-carvings (from actual raw piece of wood), Rosemaling, Tatting, Jewelry making, and all kinds of food demonstration.

As soon as we came home, we were invited down to the reception for the opening of "Art of the Land and the People". The biggest showing I believe ever of Norwegian art of facts in Southern California. It has numerous pieces from Vesterheim Norwegian American Museum in Decorah, Iowa and loans from local collectors. The pieces will be there for up to six months with other attractions going on in the weekend. The museum is Mingei International Museum, on El Prado, Balboa Park. Dr. Oddvar Høidal will speak on Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> about Norway in the times when the pieces on display were in use.

**Some SAD News,** Just rec'd word that Tove Vander Moss lost her husband Bob to cancer. I understand she is currently staying in Seattle with her daughter Sonja. Sisterly Carol Tower

We add our prayers and condolences.

## PEOPLE & PLACES

### **Lutefisk, Lefse and Meatballs**

Sons of Norway Solbakken Lodge in Placentia- **Nov. 19-** with two seatings- 4 & 6 PM Adults-\$18.00 and kids 12 & under \$9.00 Ph: Bernice Gunderson 562-438-5582 or The Johnson's 714-630-2912

**Lefse Making and Scandinavian Cookies**  
**November 20<sup>th</sup> 10:30am** at Saddleback College, Business Science Building Food Lab first floor. BGS Building.

**CHRISTMAS BASAR at the NORWEGIAN SEAMENS CHURCH NOVEMBER 18-19-20.**  
Friday and Saturday 11-6 Sunday 11-4

## **Saturday, November 19th**

"Babette's Feast"

SCAN Reception and Screening of the Danish Film, 1986 Best Foreign Film Academy Award.

Reception in Theater Lobby 6:30 p.m. - Screening at 7:30 p.m. The Warner-Grand Theater 478 West 6th Street, San Pedro

Information 310-202-6234 or

[NarcissaVF@sbcglobal.net](mailto:NarcissaVF@sbcglobal.net)

## **T-Shirts**

*Please bring a pre-washed T-shirt to the next meeting for iron-on logo.*

Berit is taking orders for Norwegian Rosemaling/picture Calendars. The calendars are beautiful and cost only is \$12.00



The 2<sup>nd</sup> lessons for Hardanger søm will start in January. Please contact Bonnie.

## Party, Party, Party.....

### **The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Christmas Dinner.**

December 4<sup>th</sup> 4:30PM at the Club House, Huntington Harbour Estates, Mobile Home Park. Located at 16400 Saybrook Ln, Huntington Beach, CA 92649. 405 N take Beach to Edinger. Edinger to Saybrook. 405 S take 22 E/ Bolas Chica to Edinger, Edinger to Saybrook. Please see invitation and call 714/625-4574 or e-mail to [bhp2@verizon.net](mailto:bhp2@verizon.net)

## **CARLA'S CORNER.**

**MESSAGE FROM CARLA - don't have enough recipes to do a cookbook. Wondering what the group would like to do.**

## **CULTURE CORNER**

**Dr. Oddvar Høidal will speak Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>**

About Norway "Art of the Land and the People" at the Mingei International Museum, on El Prado, Balboa Park, San Diego. For information on the Mingei Museum in Balboa Parks San Diego with the exhibition of Norwegian folk art please visit their web site: [www.minigei.org](http://www.minigei.org)

## **Reminder from the Financial Secretary:**

**2006 dues of \$25.00 are due by January 1<sup>st</sup>.**

Please send your check to the Financial Secretary, Barbara Stewart, 3152-A Alta Vista, Laguna Woods, CA 92637. If you choose, bring your check to the November meeting or the Christmas Party. We miss those of you who are not coming to meetings and you are missing some grand programs and good food. The November meeting will be about genealogy. Should you choose not to join for the coming year please notify Barbara at 949/ 830-3833.

## *The Daughters of Norway*

*Ladies of Turid Jespersen Lodge No. 44*

*Cordially invites you and your family to our*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Annual JULEBORÐ*

*(Christmas Feast)*

*When: Sunday December 4<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 to 8:00*

*PM*

*Place: Club House -Huntington Harbour Estates*

*16400 Saybrook Ln., Huntington Beach 92649*

*Cost: \$10.00 per adult and \$5.00 per child*

*or pay \$5.00 if you bring a dish.*

*We will serve our traditional menu, with: Gløgg, Juleskinke, Janson's Fristelse, Rødkål and riskrem.*

Please respond to Brit Pedersen: 714/625-4574 or e-mail [bhp2@verizon.net](mailto:bhp2@verizon.net)

**NEED TO KNOW**

**Our next meeting is January 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. I hope it is still SSC212. The college is working on two buildings and has to place students all over the campus. We will notify you if there are any changes.**

