

Daughters of Norway Turid Jespersen Lodge No. 44

Founded November 15, 2003

Preserving Our Norwegian Heritage...

NEWS LETTER

January/February 2006

Meeting's & Events

Meetings are held the month at 10:30 AM.
Saddleback College, Mission Viejo

JANUARY 14, 2006

*Saddleback College, Student Services Bldg. Room
212 upstairs next to the Student Cafeteria.*

Meeting program:

- ✓ Installation of officers and new members.
- ✓ The **“Life and Work”** of Henrik Ibsen.
(March 20, 1828 – May 23, 1906)
- ✓ Refreshments to be provided by members
with last names F to J.
(Berit, Carole, Tami, Nancy, Yvonne)

- **Notice to all 2005 officers** - Don't forget
our 9 AM Business meeting January 14th at
Saddleback College, SSC 212.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

God Nytt År!

I wish everyone a Happy New Year and wish our lodge a prosperous year with new members blossoming. Every year the Christmas party is a success and the news travels to many corners of Southern California. I once again congratulate Brit of a job well done. I know many people helped, but it takes one organizer and leader to make the party a success. Don't forget that our Ways and Means Chairperson, Bonnie Kozak, (our banner designer

and maker) has knitted an afghan that is absolutely breathtaking, and it will be raffled off this summer at the convention. Brit has knitted great looking children's items and they also will be raffled off at the convention. The lodge will start to sell tickets at the January meeting.

Don't forget Board members will meet at 9:00 am on our meeting day January 14, 2006. There will be installation of officers and new members.

Our Cultural Director will have a short story about Norway's world famous playwright and author Henrik Ibsen. Immediately following the meeting is our Rosemaling class.

See you at the Saddleback College, Student Services Bldg. Room 212 upstairs next to the Student Cafeteria.

Berit





PARTY, PARTY, PARTY.....

Our 2nd annual Julebord was a great success, much to the credit of our



members. A special thank you goes to Berit and Eivind, Bonnie Kozak, Carol Hammel, Becky Duggins, Janice Stocz, Linda Onsgard, Denise Meinhart,

Valerie Burick, Myrna Farell, Joan Sorge as well as everyone else for their tremendous help.

Highlight of the evening, besides all the wonderful food, was the special “photo opportunity” with the winter scene backdrop of a Norwegian Stavkirke.

Thank you to Denise Meinhart and her friend Kristine Ulicki (who created the backdrop). Thank you also to Denise for being our photographer and for e-mailing pictures to members.



The evening ended with a dance around the Christmas tree and a visit from Santa



Other pictures from the party will be posted with a link on

our Web Page. <http://members.cox.net/donlodge44/>

CARLA'S CORNER

Please help get our “Turid Jespersen Recipe Book” off the ground this year. E-mail your favorite family recipes to Carla Nordstrom @ ralph.nordstrom@cox.net



PEOPLE & PLACES

2006 Lodge officers

President	Berit Austin Funnemark
Vice President	Sharon Thoresen
Judge/Membership	Dee Strubb
Secretary	Myrna Farell
Financial Secretary	Joan Sorge
Treasurer	Valerie Burick
Cultural Director	Brit Pedersen
Marshal	Judy Winn (<i>new</i>)
Asst. Marshal	Joanne Oetgen
Inner Guard (Greeter)	Nancy Jenkins
Outer Guard (Greeter)	Bonnie Kozak
Trustee 1 year	Janice Stocz
Trustee 2 year	Elisia Sierakowski
Trustee 3 year	Barbara Stewart

Rosemaling Classes

Onya Tolmassoff will instruct us in a session of Rosemaling. Saturday January 14, after the General Meeting. Please make sure to bring your supplies. If you are not already signed up, call Onya at 949/496-0944 to see if she still have openings. Fee is \$50 plus supplies with classes scheduled at Saddleback College Jan 14, 21, 28 and Feb. 4.



Hardanger Sjm Classes

The 2nd lessons for Hardanger s_jm will start in January. Please see Bonnie at the January 14th meeting to get details.

Logo T-Shirts, Bags & Pins.

We still have some iron-on Logos for light and dark T-Shirts. Price \$3.00 for front and back on light shirts and \$4.50 for front and back on dark shirts.

Remember to pre-wash your T-shirts for best results.

New this year:

Iron on pre-printed Logos for Canvas Bags. \$3.00 each. *Please contact Brit Pedersen*

Logo Pins. Please contact Elisia Sierakowski

PEOPLE & PLACES(Cont.)

Grand Lodge 2006 Convention

The convention will be July 14-16, 2006 at Embassy Suites, Lynnwood, Washington the host is Valkyrien Lodge #1. Lynnwood is north of Seattle not too far from Whidbey Island. The Valkerian Lodge has had its 100th anniversary.

Valkyrien Lodge #1 is honored to be the hosts of this convention and to share their Centennial Anniversary "1905 - 2005" with all Daughters of Norway. We invite you to join us in celebrating 100 years of preserving our Norwegian heritage. Please plan to come to the 2006 Grand Lodge Daughter's of Norway Convention. Help make it another rich and special event! If you are coming from out of town and staying at the Embassy Suites, remember to book your room with an arrival date of July 12, and departure date of July 16th so that you can enjoy all the wonderful events that are planned.

To book your room call Embassy Suites directly at **1-425-775-2500** and let them know you are with the Daughters of Norway Convention group and would like to book your room at the special rates. For further information about the convention go to: <http://www.daughtersofnorway.org/conv.html>

Raffle tickets for our knitted afghan and baby sweater set, will go on sale at the January meeting.



Reminder from the Financial Secretary:

2006 dues of \$25.00 were due by January 1st. If you have not paid, please bring your check to the January meeting or send your check to the Financial Secretary, Barbara Stewart, 3152-A Alta Vista, Laguna Woods, CA 92637. Should you choose not to join, please notify Barbara at 949/ 830-3833.

NEED TO KNOW

Our next meeting is February 14th at 10:30 a.m. SSC212. Refreshments to be provided by members with last names K to M. (Marcelle Kipp, Bonnie Kozak, Solveig Lipus, Ruth Lundring, Judy Magray). We will notify you if there are any changes.

CULTURE CORNER

Last year our Lodge had a very busy culture calendar.

We started the year in January with a Norwegian Yellow Pea soup party and a visit from Ralph Nordstrom. His PowerPoint presentation with Norwegian subtitles of the Nordstrom family visit to their ancestry farm in Telemark was wonderful.

We also learned about famous Norwegian women, Sigrid Undset and Sonja Henie.

We learned about Norway's freedom, first from Danish and then from Swedish rule, and how the country got its flag and a new king.

We heard about Trolls, Huldras, and Nulken, and even saw a skit about Trolls and Leprechauns.

Bonnie Kozak made us a beautiful banner and taught us Hardanger s.Øm. We even heard about what is believed to be the origin of Hardanger s.Øm.

We made T-shirts with the picture of our signature skier.

We heard about trips members had made to Norway and how to trace your Norwegian ancestry. Berit brought a big map of Norway, where we all placed pins to show where our family members came from. A few of our members visited the Scandinavian Festival at St. Olav's college in Thousand Oaks.

In August we had our 2nd annual beach picnic and then ended the year with a big Norwegian Lefse and cookie bake and the 2nd annual julebord.

We have new and exciting programs planned for 2006, so make sure you attend every meeting.

Thank you and have a Godt Nytt År Brit

