



# THE SIGNAL

## PRESIDENT'S NOTE

What an epic way to start the Summer on Kings Mountain! Over 190 members and guests were treated to a gloriously balmy and warm evening for our 92nd HIP Opening dinner. The amazing weather, great people enjoying each others company, folk dancers and musicians and the incredible natural beauty of the setting all combined to make this a really spectacular evening. Many thanks to our **Chef Vibs Gade**, her family & friends crew and the 2016 summer Steering Committee for putting together a wonderful dinner and event and the Nordahl Grieg Leikkaring (dancers) and Spellemanslag (players) for helping to create such a wonderful atmosphere. And last but not least, major kudos to the members of the HIP Board and our amazing work weekend volunteers for the many hours that they have put in to improve our Park and make it look so beautiful!

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

In what has become an annual tradition our **June Lodge meeting (Saturday 6/25)** will be relocated from the City to the beautiful and historic Dance Pavilion at Henrik Ibsen Park. After a brief meeting to go over our financials and vote on new members we will adjourn for a delicious **rack of lamb dinner** prepared by Grill-master Dave Tensfeldt and our talented Lodge Social Committee. **MEMBERSHIP NOTE:** \*Since we won't have another meeting during the summer this will be the last chance for people to join up (and enjoy all the benefits of HIP) until the Fall.

Another great annual tradition, **The All Bay Area Lodges Family Picnic** will take place on **Saturday August 20<sup>th</sup>**. Please join us for an always fun afternoon! Games and races for the kids, lawn sports and horseshoes for the adults, great food, folk dancers and musicians and the return of the Dark Boar Vikings will make this an event not to be missed.

The Lodge will be dark in July and August but the Park will be rocking every summer weekend. The Kitchen will

be open for lunch (12 -5) every Saturday & Sunday until mid September and a number of special dinners and fun parties will take place throughout the summer. Check our website and facebook page for updates. Please come on up to Kings Mountain with family and friends and enjoy your beautiful Park in the Redwoods all summer long!

Hilsen, John

**Join us for a very  
Special BBQ!**

**Henrik Ibsen Lodge  
Meeting & BBQ**

**Saturday June 25th**

Dovre Hall 3:00pm, Meeting 3:30-4pm, Dinner 5pm

\* Grilled Rack of Lamb \*

\* Green Salad \* Asparagus \*

\* Garlic Roasted Rosemary Potatoes \*

\* Special Dessert \*

**\$25**

Chicken or Veg option available upon request

**RSVP by 6/23 to John Ronneberg  
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(made out to HIL) c/o Warren Andersen  
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Monthly meetings are held the 4th Friday of every month, 7:00 p.m.  
Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m. Dinner & Social (unless otherwise noted)  
855 Brotherhood Way, San Francisco

# Gratulerer med dagen



## June Birthdays

Bonnie Liebhold	1
Vincent O'Connor	1
Brian Douglas Westover	1
Olaf Engvig	2
Timothy Smallman	3
Willow McGraw	5
Paul Mittelstadt	5
Craig Culver	6
Cheyenne Kristine Hambey	6
Bertha Aspoy	8
Sarah Thorsen	8
Victoria Ann Fleming	9
Karen Meyer	9
Richard Ellis	10
Kellie Tunheim	10
Judith Zugelder	11
Madeleine Holt	13
Charles Lundquist	13
Gerald Edward Bivens	15
Roger Fee	15
Reidun Jackson	15
Benjamin Martin Feyling	17
Amanda Evelyn Stromsheim	17
Joanna Schull	19
Finn Christian Sukkestad	19
Christine Araujo	21
Galen Demello	21
Diane Acevedo	22
Frederick Wentker Jr	22
Stephen Linblom	24
Joel Smart	25
William Bishop	26
Steve Fouts	26
Denise Nelson	27
Nicholas Martin Wentker	27
Douglas Westover	27
Steven King	28
Sigvard Norman Sivertsen	28
Elizabeth Kvarna	29
Daniel O'Brien	29
Dara Freed	30
Ed North	30

## Announcement

The Annual Meeting of Dovre Hall will take place Saturday June 25, 2016 at 3pm prior to the regular business meeting



## Lodge/Park Calendar of Events

### June 25th Henrik Ibsen Park, Kings Mtn

**Sat. 3pm Dovre Hall Annual Meeting**  
 \* Prior to Business Meeting  
**3:30-4pm June Lodge Meeting**  
**5pm Grilled Rack of Lamb Dinner**

### July 9

**Sat. Viking Feast (see flyer)**  
**Dinner at 6pm**  
**Henrik Ibsen Park, Kings Mountain**

### Aug 20

**Sat. Annual All Bay Area Multi-Lodge Family Picnic 11am—5pm**  
**Henrik Ibsen Park, Kings Mountain**

### Sept 23

**Fri. September HIL Meeting & Dinner 7pm**  
**855 Brotherhood Way, San Francisco**



**Do you have an article, event , pictures, etc. you'd like to submit?**

Please send to:

Diane: synergybc@gmail.com and/or

Erdmann: erdegeo@yahoo.com

Deadline: 20th of the month

# SANKTHANSAFTEN

As Midsummer approaches and you pull your chair, your blanket and your favorite drinks out to the yard to celebrate the longest day of the year you may be sitting back and enjoying the festivities around a large bonfire. As your eyes glaze into the cleansing flames memories of times gone by may come to mind. How wonderful the traditions around Sankthansaften have been since your childhood and how our forefathers have taught us to celebrate them. Certainly they are much more subdued than in times past when pilgrimages to the Røldale Stave church in Hordaland took place and people were eager to touch on the Wake of St. John the crucifix on the alter that promised healing powers. Weddings were celebrated on that day in order to guarantee a prosperous new life together.



Though the Midsummer celebrations are even older than the times of the pilgrimage that started around 1250 AD the customs permeated into the Christian beliefs and were carried on as a blend of traditions to our times. There are no more burning of witches but the flames of bonfire still provide cleansing powers that ward evil spirits. This is a serious matter in Norway, as the annual massive Shinning bonfire in Ålesund attests assuring that it remains in the Guinness Book of Records as the world's biggest bonfire.

The traditions don't stop there. Herbs are collected that evening to guarantee their best potency and even the dew that falls that day is harvested as it has healing powers, particularly for ailments of the eye. Women place flowers under their pillows that night, so they can dream of their future husband and mock weddings take place to celebrate the blossoming of new life.

So, when you lean back in your chair and look back from the fire toward the family and friends you are celebrating this day with and who are playing games, dancing, singing and being jolly, think of the rejuvenating powers this longest of the days brings to all of us. Raise your glass to a toast and join the festivities; Skål!



# SUNSHINE GREETINGS

Have a safe and enjoyable Summer!



## Anniversary Awards Dinner



# NORWEGIAN EVENTS AROUND TOWN

## Convention Cultural Day July 22nd

### Marriott Waterfront Hotel in Burlingame.

Anne Grimdalen Lodge #32 (South Bay) and Sigrid Undset Lodge #32 (Palo Alto) invite you to join them for one or more Heritage classes and a Nordic Butikk from 12:00 to 4:00.

Begin working on a Cultural Skills pin or move on to the next level, learning more about traditional and contemporary Norwegian culture through one of these special classes:

1) Award-winning, internationally published historical romance/ mystery author Kris Tualla will introduce her Hansen family series in "Why I Write About Norsemen." Learn about creative writing as a craft and the unique elements of Nordic character. Time: 10:00 (1 hour) Fee: \$15.00

2) Jim Sannerud, Vesterheim gold medal wood worker and teacher at the Vesterheim Folk Art School will give a video presentation of his work and latest wood carving experiences in Norway. Time: 10:30 (90 minutes) Fee: \$25.00

3) Hank Hansen, veteran stamp collector, will present a "Travelogue of Norway" showing scenes, events, and famous people on stamps that Norway has chosen to portray her beauty to the world. Times: 11:00 & 1:00 (1hr) Fee: \$15.00

4) Social researcher Elaine Duxbury will explain the unique and fascinating history of "Norwegians in California." An entrepreneurial spirit brought them to California's shores during the Gold Rush and has continued on with today's Hollywood stars and Silicon Valley giants. Times: 1:00 & 2:30 Fee: \$15.00

5) Learn and/or review the basics of Telemark Rosemaling in a hands-on class with Shaun Sasaki. Participants will get a head start on Christmas with a hand-painted Jul ornament and another to take home to practice. Time: 1:00 (2 hours) Fee: \$35.00

**The deadline to reserve a space in one or more classes is July 15. Questions or to reserve by phone: call Mary at 408-395-5561.**

## NEWS FROM THE PARK

### Summer at HIP 2016

Summer in the Park has begun. The pool is open and ready for your enjoyment. The Park looks amazing and the kitchen is stocked for your visits . All that is missing is you!

Our opening dinner went off without a hitch with Vib's at the helm. Have you run a dinner for 100-250 people, Vib's has been doing it for decades making it a great time for all, whether you're a volunteer (well fed) or a guest for the dinner (also well fed). Profits from decades of her service putting on this dinner have helped tremendously to keep projects here at HIP going. All profits made at any event at HIP provide some much needed money to keep improving and maintaining this wonderful place.

The residents have several great weekend dinners coming this summer. So please see the calendar and look us up on Facebook, so we get your reservations on time. Please keep in mind we want to serve all comers to these special nights but your ON TIME reservation is essential . I will keep posting updates and photos as well this summer. These dinners are a wonderful addition to summer and another chance not to cook at home but to come take at trip to HIP!

I have been so blessed to work with an amazing board and I am grateful to be working with life long friends all working together, keeping the park moving forward. The park board will continue with more work on the dancehall and kitchen; but none of this will affect our ability to serve summer events. With over 90 years at this amazing location there are plenty of tasks to be done. On a happy note, congrats to park board member Laurie Mittelstadt on new grandson, Otto. For now, I think I will take my dog (Lily) out for a walk, and maybe a swim in the pool. I love this place! See you all this summer!

Gratitude in service,  
Maren Collins  
Henrik Ibsen Park Board President

## CAMP NORGE

### Celebrate Labor Day at Camp Norge!



### 2016 Northern California Kretsstevne

September 3, 4 and 5, 2016

Come for part of the weekend or play for the entire three days! You will be able to work on your Cultural Skills Pins throughout the weekend.

Other activities include horseshoe tournament, bingo, kids' games, swimming pool fun, hiking and general camaraderie! Meals prepared for you, too!

Join in a Craft Faire with Cocktail Party & appetizers,

See the full flyer and details at:



[www.campnorge.org](http://www.campnorge.org)

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# THE FIRST HUNDRED AND EIGHT YEARS OF HENRIK IBSEN LODGE, SONS OF NORWAY

By Norman Ronneberg Jr.

## *Part Two: The Founding of the Lodge*



San Francisco Delegation to Washington State to seek Henrik Ibsen Lodge's admission to the West Coast Sons of Norway Order, 1908

In 1907, physician and inventor Klaus Olsen convened a meeting of several dozen Norwegians at "Pastor Grønberg's church" on Howard Street to discuss organizing a local Sønner av Norge (or Sons of Norway) lodge. Similar lodges had already been organized in Seattle, Minnesota and Wisconsin.

Two separate Sons of Norway groups were then competing for San Francisco's affiliation—the original Sons of Norway Lodge in Minneapolis, and an independent West Coast lodge based in Seattle. Ultimately, Dr. Olsen and his brethren chose to associate with the "closer" West Coast Sons of Norway organization, because it seemed more interested in preserving Norwegian traditions and culture, and less interested in providing insurance. They sent a bowler-hatted delegation of dapper San Franciscans to Seattle to seek affiliation with them.

On January 26, 1908, San Francisco's Henrik Ibsen Lodge was chartered as the first Sons of Norway Lodge in California and the seventh on the Pacific Coast. C.A. Anderson was elected Henrik Ibsen Lodge's first president, Dr. Olsen having removed his name from consideration because of his age. There were 36 charter or founder members, and the Lodge has been fortunate to still have the descendants of several of them (C.A. Anderson, John Dybdal, C.L. Wold, O.E. Carlsen and O. M. Oyen) as our members, more than 100 years later.

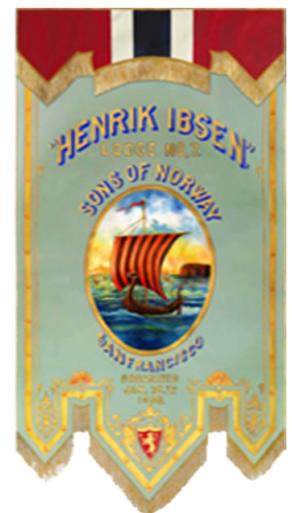
The new lodge's first meetings were held at Veterans Hall on Duboce Avenue, in the Upper Market/Eureka Valley neighborhood, which was fast becoming a Scandinavian-American enclave. A lodge soccer team (see photo) and singing society were founded.



Lodge soccer team

Able assisted by the newly formed Daughters of Norway, theatrical productions took place. There were ferry excursions to Oakland's Lake Merritt for Lodge picnics at Eastshore Park.

By 1910, all of the West Coast Sons of Norway lodges voted to become part of the International Sons of Norway Order, based in Minneapolis. The next year, an ornate and beautifully crafted silk banner was made for the Lodge. The now tattered banner was recently re-created by talented lodge member, Leona Moriarity.



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