THE SIGNAL

PRESIDENT'S NOTE

As the old saying goes….."A picture is worth a thousand words." I'm so proud to be part of a Lodge and Park that still generates the kind of enthusiasm and commitment that brought this many of our members out to the April Henrik Ibsen Park work party. As you can see, all age groups were represented including some very young future lodge officers along with a few happy dogs and yes….even a pet pig (see if you can find him). It was a pleasure to work with such a great crew! Getting it done and having fun. A special thanks to Len Jacobson and Maren Collins for organizing the event. If you missed this one don't worry the next HIP Work weekend is coming up on the 20th and 21st and there is still a lot to get done before the Park opens for the Summer. Hope to see you there!

Lodge Anniversary Banquet: Tusen takk to the folks who put their heart and backs into making this such a wonderful and successful evening: our great Social Director Sara Skokan and her husband Dave, the amazing Joy Gundersen, and Warren, Bonnie and Wayne Andersen who are always ready to help with any of our events.

Hilsen John

Please Join Us for our May Meeting & Dinner

Special Cultural Program to Follow

Sunday May 21st * Brotherhood Way Masonic Center * 6pm

Norwegian Meatballs New Red Potatoes Red Cabbage

Coffee and a Surprise Norsk Dessert

$15

RSVP by 5/18 to Warren 415-334-0308 or John ronneberg@aol.com

SYTTENDE MAI

The Russ, as the Norwegian high school graduates, are once again getting ready for the big celebration! At this point it is only a few away. Their Russbilar are all shining and prepared for the big parades of Syttende Mai. Just as in 1814 May 17 remains a symbol of freedom, of hope for a dream come true. Just like back then, now students throughout Norway gather to chant Norwegian anthems out of their Russbilar providing a contagious atmosphere for all the celebrations taking place across the nation and everywhere Norwegian communities assemble.

The parades that take place in all major cities are a symbol of the peaceful resistance of the Norwegian population against foreign occupation or ideals. Rather than having thumping soldiers parading across the streets the face of children is shown for everybody to see. They are the future of the country and the pride of a nation. This is the moment to gather with friends and family to enjoy traditional dishes and making sure to wear the red, white and blue ribbons.

So, when you sit down for your meal of lutefisk, rutabaga, meatballs, cranberries and lefse, smile and think of the wonderful meaning of this special day. Hurra!

Monthly meetings are held the 3rd Sunday of every month, 6:00 p.m. Business Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Dinner & Social (unless otherwise noted)
855 Brotherhood Way, San Francisco

Gratulerer med dagen

May Birthdays

William N Carlson	1
Christine L Adams	2
Michael W Beatty	3
Louise R Mosness	4
George E Lundquist	5
Rolf F Sollie	5
Maria N Feyling	10
Jo Anne Ellen Senander	11
Joy Anne Gundersen	11
George Westermark	12
Berit Tisell	13
Dawn M Omodt	15
Troy J Acevedo	17
Elizabeth R Peralta	19
Jarod J Schultz	19
Kathryn A Miller	19
Martha Kim Helbekkmo	19
Stanford Lee	19
John Asvitt	23
Mark Moriarty	23
Katherine R Holman	24
Deborah L Soult	25
Edward Young	26
Katerina Kraus	27
Peter Edward Young	30

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

Lodge Calendar of Events

May 20th & 21st (Sat/Sun)
HIP Work Weekend #2 9am-4pm
Henrik Ibsen Park, Kings Mountain

May 21st
Sun Lodge Meeting, Norwegian Meatball Dinner and Cultural Program
855 Brotherhood Way, San Francisco

Jun 3rd
Sat HIP Opening Dinner 5pm
Henrik Ibsen Park, Kings Mountain

June 24th
Sat HIL Meeting & Grilled Rack of Lamb Dinner
Henrik Ibsen Park, Kings Mountain

Aug 12th
Sat All Bay Area Lodges Picnic & Viking Games Henrik Ibsen Park, Kings Mountain

Henrik Ibsen Lodge sends our well wishes, love and prayers to Maria Inez Sendander

NORWAY FUN FACTS

Norway has the highest number of electric and hybrid cars per capita in the world.

Norway gets a new "doomsday vault" that will store data for a looong time. The Arctic World Archive will preserve data for at least 500 years by storing it in an abandoned mine protected from cyber attacks or remote alteration.

Norway's "Jegertroppen" is the world's first all-female special forces unit.

Norway is planning to build the world's first ship tunnel. The tunnel will allow ships to bypass the stormy, exposed Stadhavet Sea and avoid a treacherous part of the coast-line.

CULTURAL SKILLS PROGRAM

Collecting Norwegian and North American Stamps

This is a summary of the requirements if you choose to participate in this activity.

Part I – Commemorative Stamps

Collect 50 commemorative stamps from one country (US, Canada or Norway). Organize the stamps in a stamp book, binder, or by use of software. Complete an Elective activity such as research the history of some stamps and write a short report.

Part 2 – Definitive Stamps

Activity 1 – Collect 100 definitive stamps from the country highlighted in Part 1 plus one other country. These are stamps not collected in Part 1.

Activity 2 – Collect 15 additional stamps that focus on a specific topic such as animals, famous people, etc.

Activity 3 – Complete an elective activity.

Part 3 – Special Stamps

Special stamps are those such as the “LOVE” stamps issues by the USPS.

Activity 1 – Collect 30 stamps – 10 from each of the three countries.

Activity 2 – Research one of your special stamps and write a short report.

Activity 3 – Complete one elective activity.

To find out more about this program look at the Sons of Norway website:

Log on at www.sofn.com
Set up an account (you need your member number) or log in.
Click on Member Resources in the upper right corner.
Scroll down to Cultural Programming
Scroll down to Cultural Skills Program
Select the pdf file you wish to review.

Henrik Ibsen Park- General Rules

1. Behavior of residents and visitors to Henrik Ibsen Park.

A. Henrik Ibsen Park Inc. has zero tolerance for fighting, violence, threats of violence, brandishing of weapons or shouted obscenities. No firearms that are loaded, chambered or otherwise contain ammunition may be carried whether openly or concealed anywhere on Park premises. Permanent expulsion from Henrik Ibsen Park pursuant to Article X of the By-Laws may result.

2. A. Five (5) miles per hour on all roads in the Park, for all automobiles.

B. Motorcycles permitted only for entering and leaving the Park, at the same restricted speed.

C. No hill climbing or racing.

D. Turn down car radios so they cannot be heard outside of the car while in the Park.

3. There will be NO shooting of firearms within the Park boundaries (this includes BB guns, air guns, and any other type of weapon).

4. Pets

A. Dogs must be on a leash or under personal control at ALL times.

B. It is the pet owners responsibility to CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR PET.

C. Only one dog and one cat will be allowed per family. No 4-H animals.

D. Pets residing in the Park must be spayed or neutered.

E. Pets must be FED INSIDE. Do Not Leave food outside for your pet.

F. No pets or other animals are allowed in kitchen or dancehall except for formally trained and certified service animals. Fraudulently misrepresenting a service animal is a misdemeanor under California penal code 365.7

5. Parking

A. Personal automobiles must be parked in individual driveways.
B. All Park roadways (including turnarounds) MUST be kept clear at all times.
C. Additional family cars and or guest cars MUST BE PARKED IN THE FIELD.

6. Septic Systems must be inspected before a lease is executed, transferred, renewed or at any time a complaint is received. Septic systems should be inspected every 5 years by a certified septic company.

7. Cabin maintenance. ALL cabin owners MUST keep the grounds around their cabins cleared according to (STATE OF CALIFORNIA FORESTRY DEPT) fire codes.

8. Any cabin modification requires both permission from the Park Board AND permits.
Additions to existing footprint of a cabin will not be approved by the Park Board. The Park Board should be made aware in advance of cabin, deck, septic work etc.

9. Rentals: ANY gathering of 25 people or more whether the dancehall or kitchen are used or not, must be approved by the Park Board and generally requires payment of a rental fee. Notice must be given 48 hours in advance. The Park facilities may be rented to other organizations at the discretion of the Park Board (preferably to Norwegian Organizations and only to outside organizations sponsored by a member of Henrik Ibsen Lodge No.7). Fees will be established by the Park Board.

10. Club House operation. Rental of the Club House and/or any facilities will be only as approved by the board.

11. Swimming pool. Separate listing of rules for the use of the swimming pool will be posted at the pool, as well as, the park bulletin board. All pool passes will be paid to the Treasurer or the pool committee prior to use.

12. Visitors. All members of Henrik Ibsen Lodge NO. 7 MUST COMPLY with all applicable rules when visiting the Park, as well as being responsible for all of their non- member guests.

13. Work and Kitchen weekends . Each leaseholder is responsible for annual participation in work and kitchen weekends. Two eight-hour days per cabin per year and one kitchen weekend. If the board is informed, substitute work and workers are permitted. Failure to participate will result in a $250.00 per day fine. If it is necessary for the Board to impose fines on a cabin 3 or more times the leaseholder will be found in breach of their lease. The leaseholder will be informed of the breach and allowed to remedy it. If they fail to remedy it the board will move forward with lease termination.

14. Park Steering committee. Three or four cabins to be selected by the Park Board will be responsible for organizing, accounting and management of the Park kitchen and related facilities. They will be assisted by all cabin owners for a scheduled one weekend each during the summer months. If the leaseholder fails to fulfill their steering committee duties a fine of $1500.00 will be assessed. If the leaseholder fails to fulfill work or kitchen duties (see rule 11) and three or more fines have been imposed the leaseholder will be found in breach of their lease and allowed to remedy it. If they fail to remedy the breach the board will move forward with lease termination.

15. Only licensed drivers shall be permitted to drive motor vehicles on Park property.

16. ALL Vehicles MUST be REGISTERED & RUNNING or they will be towed at the owners expense.

17. No lease will be transferred, renewed or extended to a new leaseholder until all outstanding bills are paid and until all the items on Board lease transfer checklist (attached as Appendix 1 to these rules) have been fully and finally complied.

18. ALL accounts overdue by 30 days will be charged the current rate of interest prescribed by law until paid. A cabin lease is in breach if the cabin account has a balance of $500.00 or more for 120 days or more.

Voted and Approved Annual Meeting 2/26/2017

If you know of someone in need of get well wishes, please contact Louise Mosness (775-203-0801) cmosness@att.net

NEWS FROM THE PARK

April Showers bring May Flowers to HIP!

May is upon us and the rush is on. In 5 weeks the Park will be open for the summer season.
After the first clean up weekend in April, things like weeds and brush grow back. The 2nd clean up weekend is fast approaching. May 20-21 is our final push to get the park, pool and buildings ready for a summer of fun and celebration. Surely you have seen some of the great old pictures of clean up weekends past. 40, 50, 60 or more people would show up in work clothes roll up their sleeves and get things whipped into shape. All skill levels then and now are welcome. Can you paint, wash some dishes, mow or weed whack? WE NEED YOU! If you have Saturday obligations, no worry we work on Sunday, too. Thanks to Glenn O. Elizabeth for your wonderful lunch for our April clean up week-end. Also, big shout of thanks to Len Jacobsen for organizing all the volunteers and projects!

I am including a copy of the park rules in this signal. A copy will also be posted at the park kitchen. I know... Park rules, you say? I had no idea. Simple things about speed limits, pets, etc. So, kindly take a look at them. The rules are for residents, as well as, all member visitors and their guests. A few items that always come up: the Park kitchen is open from 11-5 Saturday and Sunday. Children under 14 should be accompanied by a parent in the pool. Picnic tables are just outside the pool fence for your visit. Please no food or drink in the pool.

NEW THIS SEASON... if you missed the note last month, the Park kitchen will now be able to process ATM & Credit cards securely with SQUARE . You can still write a check for the amount of your sale and, of course, we accept cash. We heard enough times "I would have ordered more food but I ran out of cash." Please be patient with our kitchen volunteers as we get used to the system.

Have you joined the Facebook group for the park? We post pictures of events and fun photos.

Opening dinner is coming fast, the pool is preparing for another season and we look forward to a wonderful Summer 2017 at Henrik Ibsen Park. See you on the mountain.

Gratitude in service,

Maren Collins-Kresch
HIP Park Board President

Happy Days are here again, The Camp is back in gear again, So let's sing a Camper's cheer again,

NoCal Krets is here again!!

Labor Day Weekend -September 1,2 & 3, 2017

Delicious Meals provided by our lodges will be served in the Heritage Hall.

Activities: Horseshoe Tournament, Bingo, Kids' games, Swimming pool fun, hiking and singing Craft Faire: Join in this event with a Cocktail Party and appetizers!

Camp Norge Needs Our Support This Year—-Please Come!!

www.sofn6.org for details & registration

I ♥ Camp Norge

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Simply go to the website www.henrikibsenlodge.com and click the **opt out** (as in opt out of the paper copy) button under the "more" tab to register your email address

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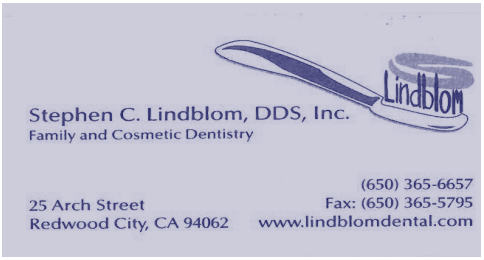

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THE FIRST HUNDRED AND EIGHT YEARS OF HENRIK IBSEN LODGE, SONS OF NORWAY

By Norman Ronneberg , Jr.

Part Ten: The War Years (1940-1945), The War in America

War Comes to the United States

On December 10,1941, all Lodge members received an "emergency" notice that the Children's Christmas Tree Party was cancelled. Three days earlier, the Japanese had attacked Pearl Harbor and President Roosevelt had declared war on Japan. Although Dovre Hall's windows were to be blacked out, and the building's exterior lights extinguished, Lodge officers decided not to hold the traditional Christmas event because it might put members' children in danger. Many assumed that San Francisco would be Japan's next target. Instead, in 1941 (and for the next four years) members were encouraged to invite exiled Norwegian sailors, who were unable to return home to Norway, to spend Christmas with them.

San Francisco became a center of U.S. military activity. Treasure Island and the Presidio prepared thousands of servicemen for service in the Pacific. Richmond's Kaiser Shipyard produced 1400 ships for the war effort---more than one a day for four years. At least 20 members worked in the shipyards. Local women, including many Norwegian-Americans, stepped into demanding industrial jobs left open by departing military men.

In April 1942, Norway's Crown Prince Olav and his wife, Crown Princess Martha Louise (who was then living at the White House as guest of the Roosevelts), came to San Francisco. They met with local Norwegians, including 50 lodge members, to raise support for the Allied war effort against Germany and Japan. Lodge officers asked Lodge members to protest Norway being under the "boot of goose-stepping Nazi storm troopers." Henrik Ibsen members did more than just "protest." They raised more than $100,000 for war bonds, which helped finance military operations. In early 1944 alone, a women's committee held dances and dinners to raise $38,000 in support of the war effort. Agnes Hexberg (Labadie), Christine Anderson (McGill) and Helen Anderson "sold" large jars of home-made Norwegian cookies for each $100 bond purchased by Lodge members.

The Lodge was most proud, however, of the many Lodge members who served their country as soldiers and sailors during World War II. The War Department presented Henrik Ibsen Lodge with a large, red and white silk banner to mark each member of the group who actively served in the armed forces (with an embroidered blue star) or died while serving (with a gold star). Over the course of the war the banner added 57 stars, two of which were gold. In addition, two members (Oscar Seljeseth and Andrew Nygaard) were captured, and kept as prisoners in Japanese concentration camps. The Lodge had voted that any members on active duty were not required to pay membership dues.

Of those 57 stars, we have identified about 16 of the Lodge's service members. We have uniformed photos of the following:

Harold Carsten Hansen, Bob Tunheim, Vi Dybdal (one of our most senior members, holding her wartime portrait); Leonard Jacobsen, Norm Ronneberg St., Bert Ronneberg Sylvia Rogenes

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