



**SONS of NORWAY**

Celebrating 125 Years

1895-2020

# The *SUPER* SIXTH DISTRICT

*SPRING 2021 NEWSLETTER*

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## Ord fra Presidenten

Luella Grangaard

### ***District Six is ZOOMING and BLOOMING!!!!***

I hope you all are well. Over the last two months, the District Six Zone Directors met with leaders from their lodges via ZOOM. During that event, we asked how each lodge used the \$200 from the District. Many lodges responded that they purchased a ZOOM plan which allows hosting of longer meetings. Some are purchasing cards for birthdays, postcards to send and keep members updated, and items for drive-bys as gifts. It was good to talk to other lodge leaders and support one another. One lodge leader attended three different sessions. Zone 8, Colorado, had 29 Leaders from every lodge in that Zone in attendance.

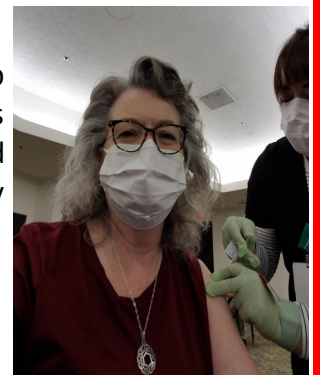
Additionally, District Six hosted a ZOOM meeting for the whole District with guests Ron Stubbings, International President Sons of Norway, Chris Pinkerton CEO, Connie O'Brien Director of Fraternal Development and Marketing, David Crabb Fraternal Engagement Manager, and Doris Kamstra Membership Manager. We had over 130 members register for the event. I have never hosted anything like this on ZOOM and I think it all went well. Presentations covered what is happening at Headquarters in all the departments fraternal, financial, and foundation.

We have faced lots of challenges since the pandemic started - it continued way beyond what any of us could have imagined. However, out of this, we have learned to adapt and change. Many lodges are using Zoom or other virtual methods to reach out to their members, provide social contact, and culture programs, while others are using good old telephone trees. Most lodges utilize newsletters and continued them through last summer. The information presented by Doris during the ZOOM meeting supports the readership of these newsletters as a valuable member benefit. The District Board, as well as the Recreation Center Board, have found that they have been able to get more done and be more on top of things by having virtual meetings. The District Board, as a result of not having face-to-face meetings, was able to pass those savings on to the District's lodges as a \$200 gift to each lodge. Also, the board has something up their sleeves to pass on to members who are delegates for the 2022 District Convention - more to come on that. We have been pushed to adapt and realize there was no way we could continue to do things the way we have before. Our District's lodges continue to bloom despite the challenges.

Many members have received their vaccinations, which should allow safer group meetings. Some of the restrictions are starting to lift. I anticipate that by fall, things will get to a new normal that will include face-to-face gatherings. I so look forward to seeing each of you in person. However, I will continue to reach out virtually through e-mails and cards to support our fraternal family.

Fraternally,

*Luella*





Zone 1 Director  
Tove-Lise Miller



Zone 2 Director  
Lotte Sather

Hello, all Zone 1 members. Our theme this month is renewal. Well, did you remember to renew your membership? Did you contact your members that are behind on their dues and remind them to renew their membership?

Renewal could be several things. One definition is resuming an activity after an interruption. It certainly has been a long interruption. We are looking forward to the time when we can visit each other again, having celebrations and festivals. When I signed up to be Zone Director this time, I was so looking forward to visiting all my lodges. It is always so much fun to see how other Lodges do things and to share information. I have had a little contact by Zoom with some of you, but face to face is so much more fun, one might even be able to sneak a hug.

Looking forward to renewing the friendship with all of you, especially when Camp Norge opens again and we can enjoy fresh air and camaraderie. Hope to see you all soon.

Hilsen Tove-Lise

Tove-Lise Miller  
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It is hard to believe it has been a year since we first found out about the Covid Pandemic. Life has changed and will continue to change.

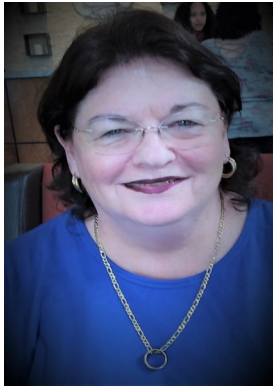
From the information we received at our All District Six Zoom gathering from our International President Ron Stubbings, CEO Chris Pinkerton, and Connie O'Brien, Doris Kamstra and David Crabb from the International Office, Sons of Norway remains strong. I believe the strength is in our members. Continue to support Sons of Norway and each other.

I am energized at the exchanging of ideas that goes on at each of our Zone 2 Zoom meetings. Thank you to all who have participated. If you have a subject you would like to share or get information on from others, let me know and I will arrange a Zoom gathering.

Out of our seven Zone 2 lodges, 5 meet regularly by Zoom and one is meeting regularly in person. Several of you have had drive-up gatherings, where gifts or food have been given to each participant. Several of you have book clubs, craft or painting groups, and bingo on Zoom. I love reading all of your great newsletters. Keep up the good work.

You can reach me by email or telephone. Stay safe and tusen takk for your support.

Lotte Sather  
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Zone 5 Director  
Troann Loy

Here we are in spring. The months seem to be flying by. 2020, our strangest year, will stay in our memories for a long time; but getting the vaccines and having more items open up is exciting. I know that people are feeling happier.

I am very proud of the Zone 5 lodges. They have found ways to stay in touch with members, including finding different ways to meet from Zoom to meetings at Parks, etc. Keep up the great work.

Our Convention will be here before we know it in Mesa, AZ, from June 2 through June 5, 2022. Make sure you start working on your crafts to exhibit. Or finish that bunad so you can be in the bunad parade.

Save all your stamps and bring them to Convention to give to the Postal History Foundation, where we will be sending all our stamps in the future. We want to overwhelm them with a ton of stamps.

Stay safe and healthy,

Troann Loy  
[zone5@sofn6.org](mailto:zone5@sofn6.org)



Zone 8 Director  
Bev Moe

When I think of Spring, I can't help but think of the Frokost at Fjellheim Lodge and all the good Norwegian cooks!



Then there will be the Syttende Mai celebration by Fjellaldalen Lodge and a parade with singing around the pond! One time someone tried to film the event with a drone, and a goose flew up and destroyed the drone!



The Vesterheim Lodge in Boulder has a Zoom event planned with relatives in Norway. We are all looking forward to seeing and greeting everyone!

So we are beginning to gather and follow current guidelines. It will be wonderful to do what we can.

HAPPY SPRING!

Bev Moe  
[zone8@sofn6.org](mailto:zone8@sofn6.org)

# Sons of Norway District Six Convention 2022

Sheraton Mesa Hotel, Mesa, AZ  
Thursday, June 2 - Sunday June 5, 2022

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## Communication Award

Communication Awards will be distributed at the 2022 District Six Convention. There is still plenty of time to ensure your lodge earns an award. Communication Award criteria is as follows:

- Publish 6 Newsletters/year (please also distribute through [editors@sofn6.org](mailto:editors@sofn6.org))
- Lodge website (current and updated regularly)
- Lodge Social Media presence (Facebook or Instagram for example) current and updated regularly
- Using a variety of options to communicate Lodge Events to your members
- At least 1 Lodge Event photo published in the Viking Magazine
- Lodge and/or members participate in or support a local community event
- Sharing Scandinavian Resources/Information with Lodge members at least once every 3 months
- Ensure your Lodge Events are visible to your local community through Public Service Announcements, Listings in Calendars, any and all media outlets at least once every 12 months

The goal is to have every lodge receive an award!

## NEW Virtual Culture Program AWARD: The “Olaf Award”

The Olaf award is designed to recognize members who have developed virtual culture programs that have been utilized by a lodge either by ZOOM or in an in-person meeting

Criteria:

- Creativity
- Relevance to Norwegian and/or Scandinavian Culture and Heritage
- Format and clarity
- Quality

Submissions **must** be received by the District Cultural Director by May 1, 2022. There will be a committee that will review the awards and vote on them. The presentations may be shown/displayed at the 2022 District Six Meeting and Convention and the “Olaf” will go to?????????

More information to come. Start the creative juices flowing!

## Youth Half Camperships Available for District Six Members

The District provides ½ camperships to youth in our district for Camp Trollfjell (ages 8-13) and Trollfjell Folkehøgskule (ages 14-17). Camp is held at the Recreation Center Camp Norge, Alta, CA. This year Trollfjell Folkehøgskule will be from June 27 - July 10, 2021 and Camp Trollfjell will be from July 11 - 24, 2021. The amount of the half camperships for 2021 is \$450.00.

The application form is available on the District Six Website. [Scholarships | District Six \(sofn6.org\)](https://sofn6.org) All applications must be received by **May 1, 2021**. Please send the applications to District Six Campership Committee c/o Luella Grangaard, PO Box 832, Morongo Valley, CA 92256 or e-mail to [morongo2@verizon.net](mailto:morongo2@verizon.net)

**It is time to sign up for 2021 camp!!!**



### Scholarship Opportunities for District Six Youth

District Six offers up to 3, \$1,000 scholarships per year for students ages 16-23. These scholarships are available for students attending an accredited post-secondary school or training institution. The deadline for this scholarship is **May 1, 2021**.

District Six offers a \$1000 scholarship to the Concordia Skogfjorden Language Camp. The deadline for this scholarship is **April 14, 2021**.

Applications are available on the District Six website at [www.sofn6.org](http://www.sofn6.org). Please send completed applications to Luella Grangaard, PO Box 832, Morongo Valley, CA 92256 or e-mailed to [morongo2@verizon.net](mailto:morongo2@verizon.net).

In addition there are many scholarships offered by the Sons of Norway Foundation at [www.sofn.com](http://www.sofn.com).

Please take advantage of this District Six Member opportunity.

# Encourage friends and family to EXPLORE NORDIC HERITAGE & CULTURE by joining Sons of Norway in 2021!

*If we each invite at least one friend, neighbor or family member to an upcoming meeting or event, we will reach the 2021 goal well before the end of 2021. That's how we can share our caring, welcoming communities and build a brighter future for all.* —International President Ron Stubbings

## Here's the information you need to know about our 2021 New Member Campaign goal...

Our Sons of Norway International Board of Directors has set a goal of 8,200 new social and financial benefits members. That is a 5% increase over the actual number of 7,815 new members recruited in 2020. While our organization goal is a 5% increase, each lodge is being asked to build on last year's success by recruiting 4% more new members in 2021 than in 2020. For lodges that recruited 3 or fewer new members in 2020, the goal is 4 new members per lodge.

## Recognition for Members and Lodges...

A stunning, limited-edition 2021 Recruiter Pin sent will be sent directly to members after they recruit their first new member in 2021. Pin supplies are limited, so don't wait to invite people to join.

At the end of the campaign, lodges that meet their recruitment goal will be recognized with:

**A \$125 award** (or equivalent funds for lodges in Norway and Canada). The lodge may use these funds as it prefers.

**Achievement certificates** for the lodge and recruiting lodge members.

These certificates will be sent with an attribution list identifying who each member recruited.



Learn more about the 2021 Recruitment Campaign and read our FAQs when you log in at [sonsofnorway.com](http://sonsofnorway.com) and go to the [2021 recruitment link](#) in the *Lodge Leadership Resources* menu.

Doris Kamstra, Membership Manager  
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## New Procedure for Golden Member Recognition

Golden members are those who have been members of Sons of Norway for thirty years and who are age 65 or older. I just achieved that status, with both criteria being achieved about the same time. Well, a year apart is close, right? Some folks are golden, younger than others. Okay, I was 66 and golden – last year.

Lodges can order Golden Membership pins from Sherry Gorse at [fraternal@sofn.com](mailto:fraternal@sofn.com) or 612-821-4643. The pins are no longer automatically sent to new Golden Members, but Golden Membership pins are still free of charge.

Lodge Presidents and other officers can now download, personalize, and print out the special certificates for members attaining Golden Membership Status. They can be found on the Sons of Norway website, [www.sofn.com](http://www.sofn.com).

- Sign in with your username and password.
- Click on the Member Resource button on top of page.
- Click on Lodge Leadership.
- Click on Administrative Resources.
- Click on View Lodge Forms.
- Scroll down to Certificates and click on Golden Membership.
- You can add the member's name, lodge name and lodge number as well as the date.

Lodge officers can use the monthly Activity Report and membership lists to determine who will attain or who has attained Golden Membership. Golden Membership is awarded to members who are age 65 or older and have been members for 30 years or more.

- **Sons of Norway Lodge Membership Activity Report**

This report is generated at the beginning of every month. It is automatically emailed or mailed to all lodge Vice Presidents, Financial Secretaries and Membership Secretaries. These officers (along with the President and a few other officers) can also access PDFs of these reports through their profile page after signing on to [sofn.com](http://sofn.com). When a lodge member reaches Golden status, they are listed under the heading **New Golden Members** on the next monthly report.

- **Sons of Norway Lodge Membership Lists**

Lodge officers can download PDF or Excel versions of their membership lists from their profile page after signing on to [sofn.com](http://sofn.com).

- To see who might be nearing their 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary with Sons of Norway, sort the Excel list by members' effective dates. Then, check those members' birthdates to see if they will be 65 years or older on their anniversary date.
- Similarly, you can also sort the Excel list by age to see who is turning 65 this year. You would then check to see if they have also hit the 30-year anniversary threshold, in which case they will be eligible for Golden Status this year.
- PDF lists sorted by effective date or age can be requested from Membership Services.

Submitted by Nancy Madson, District Secretary, with information from Leadership Resource Newsletter: Feb. 2021

[https://www.sofn.com/resource\\_blog/golden-membership-procedures-for-2021/](https://www.sofn.com/resource_blog/golden-membership-procedures-for-2021/)

# THE FIRST HUNDRED YEARS OF SAN FRANCISCO'S HENRIK IBSEN LODGE #7, SONS OF NORWAY

By Norman Ronneberg Jr.

## Part Three: After the Quake; Panama-Pacific International Exposition of 1915

In the years after the 1906 Earthquake and Fire, San Francisco needed skilled carpenters and construction workers to rebuild. Norwegians flocked to San Francisco for the abundant jobs, as well as the warm and sunny environment. After 1908, many of these norske immigrants became dues-paying members of Henrik Ibsen Lodge---enjoying the camaraderie of their



fellows, as well as the language, songs and foods of home. More importantly, they helped each other with sick benefits and food baskets, when Lodge members were ill or out of work.

One of the Lodge's first fraternal projects was its participation in the 1909 Portola Celebration, which celebrated the City's rapid recovery from the Earthquake, as well as California's Spanish history. The Lodge built a 60 foot Viking ship for the Celebration's "Industrial, Commercial and Fraternal" parade, and Lodge members "sailed" down Market Street on a horse-drawn float, wearing (perhaps historically inappropriate) winged and horned helmets.



[The Lodge still owns several of the Viking shields from the boat, which will be displayed at Henrik Ibsen Park when the Clubhouse remodeling is completed.]

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Fifth Anniversary Banquet, 1913, Henrik Ibsen Lodge, Veterans' Hall, SF

Civic boosters again wanted to show the rest of the world that San Francisco was “back in business,” so in 1915, they decided to stage an even grander festival: The Panama Pacific International Exposition. Nearly all of San Francisco’s civil and fraternal groups participated. Led by members named Stromheim, Wahle, Hexberg, Holt and Moen, Henrik Ibsen Lodge helped build and staff the

event’s Norway Pavilion, and created a men’s uniformed drill team to celebrate the event. The Pavilion spotlighted not only



The Lodge Drill team and friends

Norwegian products and industrial displays (the uses of whale oil!), but also works of art by Munch, Christian Krogh and Harald Sohlberg.



Former President Teddy Roosevelt visited the Nor-

way Pavilion, and must have been impressed by the hand-carved Norwegian “dragestil” or dragon-style



furniture, built specifically for the Exposition.

[One of the pavilion’s 1915 benches sits in the Kitchen at Henrik Ibsen Park]





# Camp Norge is Re-Opening This Memorial Weekend!

May 29 - 31st, 2021

Come join us at **Camp** for a fun and relaxing holiday weekend and help us celebrate as we re-open for the first time since 2019!

♥ Join us for lunch on Saturday, May 29th from 12:30-2:00pm

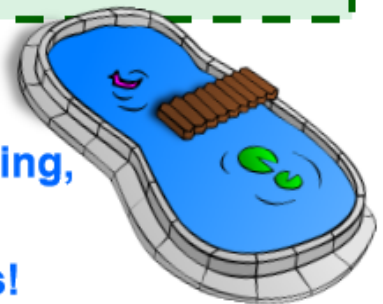
Hamburger or Hot Dog, Chips, Potato Salad, Cookie and a Drink for \$5 per person.

Please RSVP (your lunch order) to Luella Grangaard at [morongo2@verizon.net](mailto:morongo2@verizon.net)

or call 760-363-7704 and leave a message.



The usual amenities  
will be available: dorms, camping,  
swimming pool, fire pit,  
horseshoe pits, hiking trails!



- COVID Precautions will be followed
- RSVP by May 27 will be required
- Please wear a mask and social distance
- Tables will be spaced so family groups can enjoy camp in safety
- Surfaces and rest rooms will be monitored and sanitized for your safety



Call Susan at Camp to reserve a spot  
by May 27th: (530)389-2508

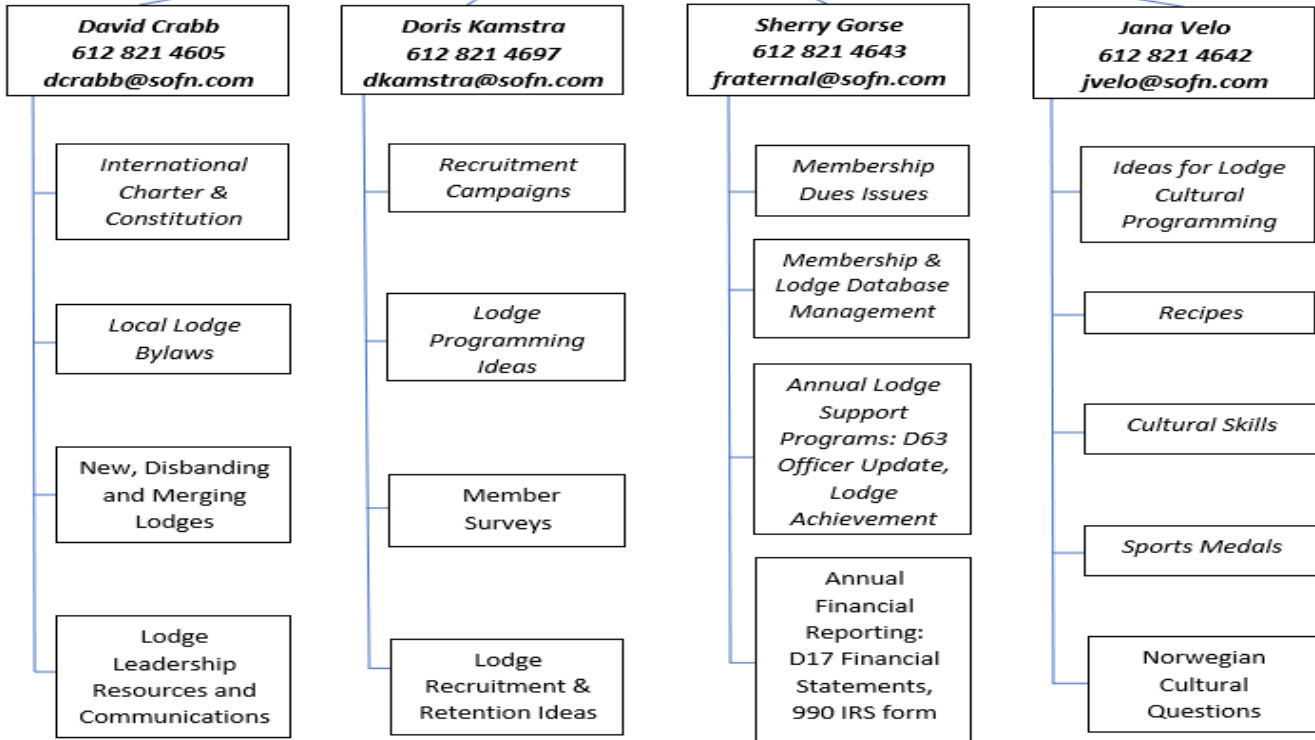
Want to learn more about Camp Norge?  
Click on → [www.campnorge.org](http://www.campnorge.org)

# District Six Zoom - March 20, 2021

Screen shots by Laurie Mittelstadt



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