

# Sons of Norway

Fridtjof Nansen Lodge #6-009 Long Beach, California

## NANSEN NEWS



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### *Ord Fra Presidenten...*

*Welcome to Spring! As we spend a lot of our time talking about if we have had our Covid shots. Here is hoping you have had yours.*

*I feel like there is a light at the end of the tunnel. Hopefully we will be able to meet together again sooner than later. It will be great to meet again.*

*I am excited to see all your decorated hats for our April drive by. I know we have some crafty people; get busy.*

*There will be prizes and goody bags. Even thou we are not meeting keep collecting pop tops for McDonald's house, box tops for the Christ Lutheran pre-school and stamps for the USPS museum.*

*Stay safe and healthy.*

*Med vennlig hilsen, Best Regards, Phebe*



## SONS OF NORWAY

Our next meeting is on Saturday April 10

at 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm at:

Christ Lutheran Church  
6500 East Stearns Avenue  
Long Beach, CA 90815

Ample parking is available.

Our telephone number is (714) 928-5975.

Note: We do not meet in July or August.

*We welcome everyone of all ages. You do not have to be Norwegian!*

***Come to our Easter Parade***

*With your best homemade bonnet. We will be giving out prizes and goodie bags. It will be great fun.*



The mission of Sons of Norway is to promote and to preserve the heritage and culture of Norway, to celebrate our relationship with other Nordic countries, and to provide quality insurance and financial products to its members.

**2020  
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**Tongue Twisters**

Since how fast you can say these without making a mistake.

Betty Botter bought a bit of butter.  
The butter Betty Botter bought was a bit bitter  
And made her batter bitter.  
But a bit of better butter makes better batter.  
So Betty Botter bought a bit of better butter  
Making Betty Botter's bitter batter better.

She sells sea-shells by the sea-shore.  
The shells she sells are sea-shells,  
I'm sure. For if she sells sea-shells  
by the sea-shore. Then I'm sure she sells sea-shore shells.

Shep Schwab shopped at Scott's Schnapps shop;  
One shot of Scott's Schnapps stopped Schwab's watch.

**Ask Pat Kelly:**

I have wonderful news for our members. Our investment products just increased their interest rates. The difference with investing your money with Sons of Norway are:

- 1) Guaranteed Safety of Principal
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- 3) Guaranteed Income for Life
- 4) High Current Interest Rates
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**A Source of Security in Volatile Times. . .**

In times like these, it may feel like nothing is certain and that volatility is just a way of life for your finances. Give yourself the security of the fixed rate of return and take comfort in knowing that a portion of your assets are protected. Reach out to your Sons of Norway Insurance Professional and see if putting some of your assets in a fixed annuity is right for you and your family.

**SON Foundation — by Greta Merrick**

**Faithful to our mission and members.**

At the Sons of Norway Foundation, we are driven by a sense of purpose: to share and preserve Nordic heritage, to positively affect our members' lives, and to make Sons of Norway communities better places to live. Since 1966, staying true to this purpose, we have been supporting our members through scholarships and cultural exchange opportunities, providing disaster relief to members in need, and funding community programs that celebrate Norwegian heritage and culture.



**Celebrating culture. Expanding horizons.**

***Our Lodge donated \$50.00 to the Foundation in Roselyn Scott name.***

***We received a very nice Thank you letter from the Foundation Department.***

Roselyn Skarsten Scott passed away February 18, 2021, at the age of 91. She was born March 5, 1929, in Benson Township to C.K. and Rose Skarsten during a snowstorm.

Her family farmed Roselyn and her siblings exhibited Hereford cattle at county and state fairs as 4-H members.

She attended Augsburg College for one year, taught at a one-room school in Murdock and completed her bachelor's degree at the University of Minnesota in 1951. Later, she earned a master's in education from the University of Arizona.

She taught home economics at high schools in Minnesota, Arizona and California and then at Orange Coast County College and Southwest Community College. She spent a year in America Samoa teaching home economics.

After she retired she worked as a travel agent, she visited 51 countries. She was a devoted dog owner, volunteered at the library and a thrift shop. She was an active member of the Sons of Norway and Lutheran churches.

Roselyn married Carl Scott in 1973. Roselyn's last move was to Eagan, MN to live near her niece.

**FACEBOOK PAGE**

Thanks to our new member Brad Madiuk – Fridtjof Nansen Lodge has a Facebook page.

Yea! Check it out and enjoy. Here's the Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/longbeachsofn>

Any suggestions let me know.

## ***A Bit of Humor:***

In Norway you get a small amount of money for recycling bottles/cans. They're often collected by poor people, homeless etc. A lot of our trash cans has these holders around them so people don't have to search through the trash to collect them



Ole says, "Da dentist is da only vun who can tell Lena to shut her mouth and get away vit it!!"

### **CAMP OLDFJELL, FOLKEHOGSKULE FOR VOKSNE (Folk School for Adults)**

Camp Oldfjell will be held at Camp Norge September 18 to 21, 2021. Cultural Skills classes will be offered in Music, Literature, Hardanger, Vikings, Cooking, Tablet Weaving, Folk Dancing, Rosemaling, and more! Class information and registration will be available June 1st. Cost is \$200 for all days or \$100 for half. Payment for staying in dorms or parking an RV or Tent will be paid separately. Watch for details.

**[www.nansenlodgelongbeach.com](http://www.nansenlodgelongbeach.com)**

**Check out our website. . .**

We have a website for the Lodge.

Tusen Takk to Roni Lion for keeping our website running.

## ***Kalendaren – Calendar***



**APRIL**

**4 – EASTER**

**10 – Lodge Drive by Easter Bonnet Parade**

**MAY**

**9 – MOTHER'S DAY**

**15 – Armed Forces Day**

**31 – Memorial Day**

## ***This Month's Birthdays. . . Gratulerer Med Dagen***



**APRIL**

**11 – Astrid Virding**

**19 – Barbara Shepard**

**24 – Loyd Wilcox**

**30 – Cleone Hatwan**

## Norway to Introduce New Passports

On October 19, 2020, Norway issued its first new passports to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, [Ine Eriksen Søreide](#), and the Minister of Justice and Public Security, [Monica Mæland](#). The decision to create a new version of the passport was mainly to increase its security elements, making it more difficult to forge. The new passport features aspects of Norway's natural scenery as a pleasant background on the pages, but it also doubles as a security feature; when placed under UV lighting, the Norwegian landscape background will switch from day to night.

This clever feature came to fruition through a design competition for the new Norwegian passport. Neue Design Studio won for its emphasis on Norwegian identity, functionality, and preservation of traditions. One of their main intentions was to convey the variances in Norway's climate and landscape—elements that have shaped the people and country. Neue's senior designer Benjamin [Stenmarck](#) adds "The design had to create a sense of belonging and connection across age, gender and regions in Norway." What better way to do this than through Norwegian nature.



## DID YOU KNOW . . .

We hear from our newest members that you are the reason they are loving their membership. Working together, we keep our Sons of Norway family strong and vibrant. Thank you for welcoming new members to Sons of Norway in 2021!



## ATLANTIC CROSSING



A Norwegian princess steals the heart of the president of the United States in an epic drama based on the World War II relationship of Franklin Roosevelt and Norwegian Crown Princess Martha.

Kyle MacLachlan (*Twin Peaks*, *Sex and the City*) stars as Roosevelt, opposite Swedish star Sofia Helin (*The Bridge*) as the beautiful Martha, who flees the Nazis with her three young children (including the present King Harald) and lives under Roosevelt's protection. The eight-part series co-stars Tobias Santelmann as Crown Prince Olav and Harriet Sansom Harris as First

Lady Eleanor Roosevelt. This 8 part series will be premiering on PBS Masterpiece Theater beginning Sunday, April 4 at 7pm MDT.

## Sons of Norway Trivia

How much do you know about Sons of Norway and our members? Test your knowledge with these questions.

Where is the largest Sons of Norway local lodge located?

- A. Fargo, North Dakota
- B. Seattle, Washington
- C. Anchorage, Alaska
- D. Minneapolis, Minnesota

(Answer: B – Leif Erikson lodge in Seattle has more than 1,300 members.)

True or False: Canada's first Sons of Norway lodge was Sleipner Lodge, founded in 1910.

(Answer: True. Sleipner Lodge is located in Vancouver, BC.)

Our members find unique ways to support their communities. Which of the following community service projects have members taken part in?

- A. Adopt-a-Cow
- B. Soda can tab collection
- C. Knitting baby hats
- D. All of the above

(Answer: D – All of the above.)

Adopt-a-Cow: This Second Harvest program donates milk for hungry families. Members at Mandt Lodge 5-314 in Stoughton, WI adopted two weeks of Penny the Cow's milk production.

Soda can tabs: At Fridtjof Nansen Lodge #6-009 in Long Beach, CA, members collect soda can tabs for their local Ronald McDonald House and make meals for families staying at the house.

Baby hats: Members of Edvard Grieg Lodge 5-657 in Cincinnati, OH, knit 24 baby hats for the Cincinnati American Heart Association's "Red Hats for Red Hearts" program.

### Camp Norge Playground Restoration Project:

My name is Baylee McKenney, I'm a senior at Middletown High School and a member of Vikings of Lake Lodge #6-166. I would like to replace the play set at my childhood summer camp. I have been going there since I was 8, and I want to do something nice for the camp. The play set that is currently Camp Norge Playground Restoration Project My name is Baylee McKenney, I'm a senior at Middletown High School there is the first play set that was ever put in, it is very old, falling apart, and unstable. I would appreciate any help that I can get to replace the play set. Baylee is attempting to raise \$6,000 to put in all new equipment for our kids who come up to Camps Trollfjell and/or also visit with their families for camping experiences and to attend yearly Kretsstevner at Camp Norge. Donate on-line with a credit card using the form on the Camp Norge site ([https:// www.campnorge.org/site/play-structure-donation/](https://www.campnorge.org/site/play-structure-donation/)) or send checks to Camp Norge, make payable to Susan Winje, c/o Camp Norge and put in the memo section play structure. Mail to Camp Norge, PO Box622, Alta, CA 95701. Thank you for supporting our youth.





Join Sons of Norway and enjoy the benefits of being a member. Visit the Sons of Norway website and explore what we have to offer. You can sign up or renew your membership. Go to [www.sofn.com](http://www.sofn.com)

We want to reach out and help another charity. As a Sons of Norway member we have a mission to help others. In this case the Ronald McDonald's house. They collect soda can pop tabs. Collecting pop tabs is a great way to raise funds to help children and their families at the same time.

Bring you pop tabs to the Greeting table at the lodge meeting.



**The mission of District Six**  
is to support Sons of Norway through communication, resources and opportunities.

### Links

Our lodge: <https://lodgeofvalhall.com>

District Six Newsletters and Cultural Newsletters: <https://sofn6.org/newsletters/>

Camp Norge: <https://www.campnorge.org/site/>

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