



## JUNE NEWSLETTER

Greetings Scandinavian Cultural Center  
Members, Donors, and Friends,

Welcome to “almost” summer! Soon it will  
be Midsommer Fest.....what are your plans to  
**celebrate?**

Here in the SCC the Council members have  
**celebrated** the end of a successful year. Now  
we turn our attention to planning events for  
25/26. Stay tuned for dates and be sure to  
mark your calendars.

Last month my daughter, Laura Rose, and I  
had the privilege of visiting Oslo! We enjoyed  
beautiful weather, blue skies and sun every  
day. On Thursday, May 15th, we joined  
alumni and friends from the 6 Norwegian  
Sister Colleges.... Augsburg, Augustana,  
Concordia, Luther, PLU, and St Olaf.... for an  
event titled “200 Years of Norway in North  
America” sponsored by the Norway-  
American Association (NORAM) and meant  
to **celebrate** the transatlantic cooperation

and academic exchange between us and to commemorate and honor the courage, resilience, and enduring ties that continue to connect us.

The speakers from the participating universities and colleges gave remarks that were both heart-felt and inspirational emphasizing the strong bonds between our 2 countries, the values that followed our immigrant ancestors to America, the shared importance of Lutheran higher education, and the continuing influence of Norwegian culture and long-standing traditions on campus life.

Oh....and His Majesty, King Harald, attended and stayed for the reception afterwards! Look close at the photos to find him.

Then, on May 17th we watched the parade of 26,000 school children waving flags and shouting "Hip, hip, hurrah" as they marched down Karl Johans Gate to **celebrate** Norway's constitution day! It was a special day, especially for the children, filled with patriotism, pride, joy, and don't forget the ice cream as Norwegians came together!

Wishing you all many times to celebrate,  
Gerda



## **UPCOMING EVENTS: SAVE THE DATE!**

### **9/28/25 Member and Volunteer Open House**

**September 28, 2025**

This is an opportunity for SCC members, donors, and friends to visit the reopening of the SCC for the 25/26 season.

### **Annual Thor Heyerdahl lecture October 8, 2025**

This is an annual event sponsored by the Dr. Don Ryan family, the Norwegian Embassy in San Francisco, and the SCC hosting this year's speaker, the Curator of the Kon-Tiki Museum in Oslo.

For any questions, please email [scancentr@plu.edu](mailto:scancentr@plu.edu).



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