

### TRIP TO LAUGHLIN 2008

Norrna Lodge will have our annual Spring trip to Laughlin on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, March 25-27. The bus will leave Norway Hall at 8 AM, then travel over to Calvary Lutheran Church to pick up another group. See Ole Olson Sr. if you are interested is going. (818) 892-4409 It is always fun and there is more to do in Laughlin then just gamble.

## Pins and Awards for 2007

by Gerry Rowe

Membership Service Pins are awarded at regular Business Meetings each month to those who attend. For everyone else who has earned a pin by their years of service, I am happy to mail it to you upon your request. Please call or e-mail me, Gerry Rowe (818) 346-8393 or roweurboat@aol.com to request your pin. Proudly wear your Norwegian flag design ribbons and pins that show your long membership in Sons of Norway.

The following Norrona members are eligible for pins in February:

5 Year Member (Joined 2003)

Helene Klien Feb. 4 Sherman Oaks, CA

10 Year Member (Joined 1998)

Kirsten Karr Feb. 27 Woodland Hills, CA

15 Year Member (Joined 1993)

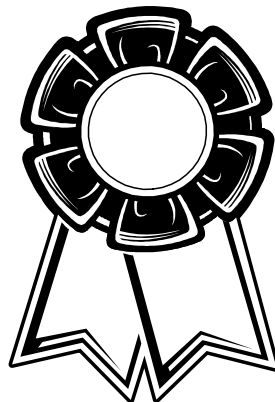
Jeannette Reitan Feb. 26 Granada Hills, CA

30 Year Golden Member (Joined 1978)

Joan Graves Feb. 28 Burbank, CA

Clyde Johnson Feb. 28 Bass Lake, CA

Patricia Johnson Feb. 28 Bass Lake, CA



## Vice President's Message by Gerald Rowe



We are THE BEST (I always knew that)!! District 6 Vice President Lyle Berge has informed me that in 2007 Norrona 6-50 signed up the most new members of any lodge in District 6. All our hard work has paid off and we are growing again. As of December 2007 there were 273 active Norrona members. This compares to 246 members this time last year. We actually enrolled a total of 39 new members but we lost several members this year including Past District President Henry Larsen, Roger Merrill and our most senior member Eileen Sins. We will dearly miss them all.

Our membership growth efforts will continue in the New Year with active work on several fronts. I will have a Membership Information Table at each Norrona meeting and event. This table will have Norrona lodge brochures, Membership Information Kits for potential members and other promotional materials available from Sons of Norway International. These things are for members to take and give out for their own membership efforts. I will also have membership applications ready to sign up new members on the spot. Another membership opportunity is to contact those in our area that are in the District 6 general lodges 999 and 000. Those who join Sons of Norway either on the internet or phone or join with out a local lodge affiliation are placed in Lodge 6-999. They remain there for one year and if they renew with out a local lodge affiliation they are placed in the 6-000 Lodge. It is up to the local lodges to contact these members and invite them to transfer into their lodge. In do this I need some help to telephone or write letters to these people and invite them to visit our lodge and transfer their membership to Norrona. I have the membership lists and other information so please contact me because I can't do it alone.

Still another opportunity that needs attention is the monthly lodge activity reports I receive from the home office. These reports show various membership changes that occur each month, some of which need to be followed up. Members that are behind in their dues or whose membership has been suspended or canceled for various reasons need to be contacted to see if we can resolve any problems and bring their membership up to date. Again, I need some help to contact these members by phone or do whatever is needed.

I ask all of you to do your best to continue to find new members, as I will, and hope that it will keep Norrona growing.

I will be glad to help with any follow-up and support your many need. Just call or e-mail me: (818) 346-8393 or roweurboat@aol.com.