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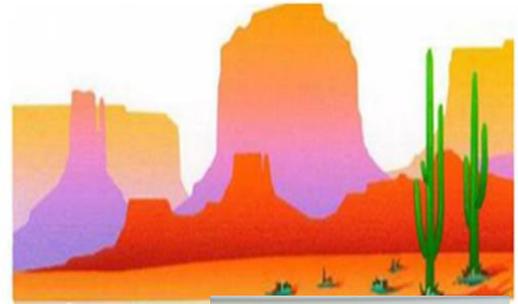
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SONS OF NORWAY

Desert Fjord Lodge



President's Column

by Jonathan Walters, President

At our March Heritage and Cultural meeting we'll host the **Scandinavian Folk Dancers of Phoenix**. They'll present a varied program of Norwegian and Swedish dances—come and enjoy being a spectator—as they go through their routines. You may even be given an opportunity to participate in some folk dancing with them! Several of the current dancers are Desert Fjord members, including Karen Crofton, Laurie Peterson, Jana Peterson and yours truly. As group Secretary, Jana organizes the performance appointments and rehearsal schedule and communicates with all the dancers about this. The group rehearses Friday evenings every couple weeks; they perform generally once a month during the September – May season. In 2015 & 2016 they were invited to perform at the Midsummer Scandinavian Festival in Estes Park, CO. Anyone wishing to join this group should speak to our Cultural Director, Jana Peterson. If you'd like to get better acquainted with your Scandinavian roots and, in the process, get some good exercise, this is the place for you!



On February 18th two well-known Sons of Norway members in the Valley were united in marriage. Desert Fjord Lodge wishes to congratulate Roger Espeland and Sissel Liknes, wishing them every happiness in their life together!

In this newsletter please find some scholarship opportunities. Also, please read about District Six's Camp Norge, recently affected by a winter storm that washed out a section of road. Without road access they've had to suspend all activities until the road is rebuilt.

In addition to a folk dance program, we'll have some great food in March along with a silent auction. You'll have a chance to bid on several items, among them a Norwegian man's watch and an attractive Norwegian sweater. Those who joined us in February saw a wonderful documentary film, **Finding Thea**, about an accomplished Norwegian immigrant woman to the Northwest. To see what you missed: the DVD we watched can be checked out from our library. I look forward to seeing you in March!

Velkommen

**Heritage and Cultural Meeting—February 12th at 2 PM
Masonic Lodge, 2531 N Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale**

PROGRAM: THE SCANDINAVIAN FOLKDANCERS OF PHOENIX

The folk dancing group was started by members of the VASA Order of America in the early 1970's. The group's goal is to preserve traditional dances and costumes of Scandinavia. Primarily made up of Norwegians and Swedes, the group wears traditional costumes, and they always present a colorful performance.



Bruce Carlson, director of the group, says "A wide range of traditional couple and group folkdances from the Scandinavian countries are demonstrated by the dancers. A wonderful benefit is that we also have a great deal of fun doing it! We invite you to make a few friends, get a little exercise and have fun along with us. Membership is open to anyone and all are welcome to come and dance or just watch." Please come and enjoy the colorful dancers. The dances range from child-like fun movements, to more intricately woven pieces. Examples of dances are Parisian Polka, English for Three Couples, Weaving Dance, Schottis, and more! (including audience participation dances)

Menu:

- Delectable, fresh array of Smørrebrød (open-faced sandwiches)
- Fresh Fruit
- Cookies
- Coffee
- Tea and Juice

Price: \$13.00 adult, \$6.00 child

Reservations :

Register online (click "online")

Or

Call Phyllis Bergo (480)812-9762

Make check to Sons of Norway

and mail to Phyllis Bergo:

2589 E Erie Ct, Gilbert AZ, 85295

Reserve your place by March 9th

Business Meeting

March 4th at 1:00 pm

Granite Reef Senior Center,

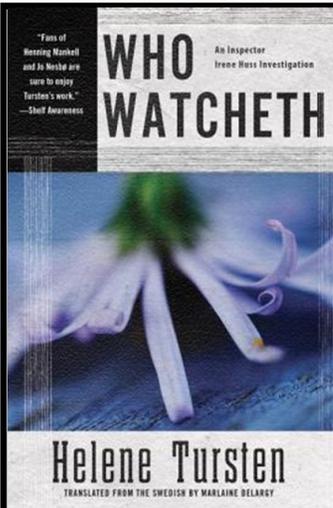
1700 N Granite Reef Road, Scottsdale, AZ

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Genealogy Meeting

We'll meet later this month; an invitation will be emailed to genealogists in the lodge giving details.





Viking Book and Wine Club

will meet at 3 pm on Saturday, March 4th

5848 E Hummingbird Lane, Paradise Valley

RSVP Jana (480) 326-2927

~ December 2016 Indie Next Pick ~

The ninth Inspector Irene Huss investigation by this popular Swedish writer is a solid 'people procedural': we get perception & empathy towards victims, suspects, witnesses and police colleagues as Huss investigates an elusive and

particularly nasty killer in Göteborg.

When the author ratchets up the fear factor in her ninth Huss novel, she does so to almost stealthy effect. That may not be what some fans expect, but there are more sides to Nordic noir than Dragon Tattoo.

—Chicago Tribune

Who Watcheth is an engaging mystery with a very likable heroine. With a writing style reminiscent of Camilla Läckberg or Henning Mankell, Helene Tursten offers a detective with a nuanced and compelling personal life, as well as a dark and intriguing mystery. **Who Watcheth** offers lots of suspense.

—Shelf Awareness



Roger Espeland and Sissel Likness, happily wedded in Mesa, AZ in February. Our best wishes to the Newlyweds!!

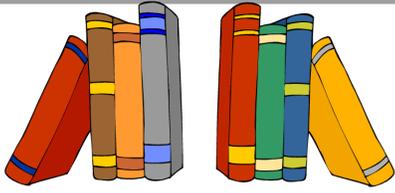
Camp Norge Closed until further notice.



Fueled by an atmospheric river that funneled a vast amount of moisture into Northern California, the severe winter storms that hit last month caused countywide damage. Perhaps the most prominent is the culvert failure and washout of Morton Road in Alta. The incident isolated 15 homes (**and Camp Norge**). An alternative access was established, however it traverses a steep, windy gravel road over private property.” The picture above is where the road used to be and you can see the depth

of the washout. This was a major event!

As of now, all activities are cancelled at the lodge, including Camps Trollfjell and Trollfjell Folkehøgskule, scheduled through the end of July. The Camp will remain closed to any visitors, whether Sons of Norway members or not, until this road repair is completed.



Library News!

Displays, Missing Books and More

We have World War II Books that will be displayed throughout the meeting! Also, we have a wonderful library of materials, please consider using it to your advantage!

Several of the missing books have been located and returned to the proper places in the library. But many are still missing—particularly all the woodworking publications. Please check if any members might have these or know someone who has this interest. The list of the remaining errant books will be available at the March meeting. Once again please check where these might be. There were no check-out cards so they cannot be traced.

Any help will be much appreciated!



DISTRICT SIX SONS OF NORWAY SCHOLARSHIPS

*For school year 2017-2018
Application for \$1,000 Scholarships*

For the school year 2017-2018, District Six is pleased to award three (3) scholarships of \$1,000 each, to students entering their sophomore, junior or senior year in an accredited post-secondary schooling or training institution in the USA. Scholarships awarded will be payable jointly to the student and the institution of learning and mailed to the student before August 1 of the application year. Students may apply each year of their undergraduate study.

Applicant for this scholarship must be a current Unge Venner or a Youth Member of a Sons of Norway, District Six Lodge. Instructions and forms are located at: <http://sofn6.org> or see Floyd, Nina or Ross for a copy.

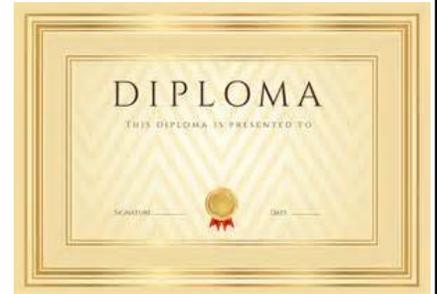
Application must be postmarked on or before April 1, 2017

Scholarship News!

These are two new scholarships available for applications! They are due on April 10th----quick details are below! Check it out----a first, 4 year scholarship!!! The other is good for Community Colleges.....get the word out!!

The **Bernt Anker Scholarship**

- our first 4-year scholarship
- American citizens to study in the US
- for up to \$3,000 per year for up to 4 years
- may be used for community college with the intent of receiving a bachelor's degree
- preference for students without parents or with single parents but anyone may apply



The **Orel and Marie Winjum Memorial Scholarship**

- American citizens to study in the US
- one year scholarship for up to \$2,000
- open to students of Norwegian and/or German heritage
- may be used for community college with the intent of receiving a bachelor's degree

Also, folks, the **Astrid Cates/Mytle Beinhauer Scholarship** is still open until March 1 and

the **Nancy Lorraine Jensen Scholarship** is open until April 1.

March Birthdays

Gordon T Troan	1st
Lars VanderBeischel *	2nd
Celeste Goering	4th
Diane L Berger	11th
Allan D Solheim	11th
Berit Miltun	13th



Mary P. Westby *	17th
Leif G Hollmann *	18th
John Richard Peterson	19th
Marsi F Johnsen	20th
Laurie Jean Peterson	26th
Natalie A Clunk *	28th

* **Heritage Members**

Gratulerer Med Dagen

Mission Statement:

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 for our members.



Membership Matters

by Floyd Downs, Membership Secretary

The good news!! Last month in this column I mentioned the Membership Retirement Fund (MRF) which provides money to assist some members in paying membership dues, thus not losing them from our membership rolls. At the February meeting I re-marked that the fund was running low. Consequently members present generously donated nearly \$200 to refund the MRF. This will allow us to continue to help those in need and help to maintain our membership numbers.

News of the flock! Tyler Soine, our Sports Director, has canceled his membership due to a serious health problem. He and wife Carolyn are now living at McDowell Village in Scottsdale. Although I had communicated with them a few weeks ago, I now seem to have lost touch with them and am trying to gain information that will allow me, and others, to contact them. I hope that I will be able to share such information with you next month. In the meantime we want to acknowledge Tyler's years of service as Sports Director for Desert Fjord Lodge, as well as Carolyn's important role as Sunshine Person for several years. We wish them both well!

To all members receiving news from SON-Minneapolis that dues payment is coming due in 2017, be sure to make renewal payment promptly, but especially before December 31st. That is because on January 1, 2018 the dues structure changes. The membership fee for an individual, now \$52.50,

rises to \$60, and the spousal fee, currently \$40.50, will be included in the new category of Family Membership with a fee of \$95. This will include the individual member, spouse and other family members. Thus the current "family fee" totaling \$93 will see a small rise to \$95. Details as to how monies will be disbursed to our lodge from SON-Minneapolis will come at a later date.

Please keep spreading the news of the benefits of Sons of Norway via Desert Fjord membership to all those of Scandinavian heritage. Yes, we accept the Swedes, the Finns, and any other friendly folk who wish to join with us.

As I've noted previously, keeping our own databases current is an ongoing challenge, especially when members do not report changes directly to us or if some of their incoming e-mail messages may be deleted or allocated to spam. This includes telephone number changes. I've heard that some phone numbers as currently listed in the SON membership roster are no longer valid. A similar reminder pertains to postal addresses. Please let us know of any changes so that we can maintain effective communication with you.

I can be contacted in person during a Desert Fjord meeting, by phone at (480) 816-3875, or by email at lenci.downs@cox.net.

**Business Meeting Minutes—February 4, 2017
Granite Reef Senior, Center, Scottsdale, AZ**

Meeting called to order by Ed Bergo at 1:00 pm.

In Attendance: Arlys Medicott, Berit Miltun, Ed Bergo, Phyllis Bergo, Elizabeth Lenci-Downs, Floyd Downs, Janis Johnson, Sharon Peterson, and Anita Thompson. **Quorum** (4+) was met: Yes

Prior month's **Minutes:** Floyd made a motion to accept the **January 2017 Business Meeting Minutes** as published in the Posten. Motion seconded by Janis, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Janis passed out the check register – checking account balance is \$1,176.92. She met with Roger Espeland for clarification of reports to fill out (annual requirement from headquarters that must be signed and mailed immediately). The IRS report is due later.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Cultural/Program – Janis informed Board that meeting cost includes the food and hall rental (\$135/use). The program (speakers, performers) is a separate part of the budget and not paid for with meeting receipts.

- **February** – Torsk Dinner; Movie – *Finding Thea* (DVD available from Library)
- **March 12** – Scandinavian Folk Dancers
- **April 9** – Nina Poe, Laurie Peterson: Norway in a Nutshell
- **May 13** – Syttende Mai Parade – RR Park
- **June** – Ice Cream Social & Movie
- **July** – Lunch at Denny's in Scottsdale
- **August** – Picnic in the Pines, Payson

Genealogy – met February 4th at The Egg I Am restaurant with ten in attendance.

Library – Arlys will have a list of possible books to purchase at the next business meeting. More books have been found. Three books were purchased. There are several books written in Norwegian that are available. A box of Scandinavian books available, too. Looking for missing book pockets (placed inside book covers) that were in a small white box.

Membership – Floyd gave a report on membership. There are 134 active members. Rewarded pins at the January lodge meeting. Floyd talked about the membership retention fund (to help members in need to pay their dues). Funds are near zero; contributions are welcomed. The fund is outside the budget, controlled by the Treasurer.

Publicity – mailed out 13 Postens.

Scholarship Committee – there is \$1,600 available in the scholarship fund. Announcements in the Posten will state when scholarships are given.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Recruiting of Lodge officers** – looking for VP
- **Budget** – Ed Bergo is handling Budget Committee Meeting
- **Open House booths** in Sept 2017 in the “Blue Room”

NEW BUSINESS

- **Scholarships:** The check is made out to student and school attending; available to High School seniors, Freshmen, and Graduate students. Application must be submitted by March 1st; funds become available May 1st.
- **Grants** – available to any member – approved 90 days before the event takes place (money is sent to event) including summer school in Oslo. Nina Poe, Ross Berg and Elizabeth Lenci-Downs set out changes to applications and requirements.

Motion made by Floyd, and seconded by all, to adjourn; meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.

Next Business Meeting on March 4th.

Respectfully submitted by Anita Thompson, Desert Fjord Secretary on 02/12/2017.

We Work for You

It's likely that you have one or more financial advisors working for you. Think about it. Who did you buy your life insurance from, invest with, do charitable planning with, estate planning and gifting? And how many times have you had a new advisor take over your business or the company changed hands and name? When was the last time you heard from these people? Who owns the company and where do the company profits go?

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Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah and Hawaii
- Website: www.sofn6.org

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/377019032437840/>

Zone Seven Director: Benny Jo Hinchey

Zone Seven is made up of lodges in the following states:

Arizona: Scottsdale #133-Desert Fjord; Sun City #134-Sol Byer; Mesa #153-Overtro Fjell; Flagstaff #167-Nordic Pines; and Yuma #168-Sola

Utah: Salt Lake City #83-Leif Erikson

OTHER SONS OF NORWAY LODGES IN ARIZONA

Nordic Pines 6-167 - 3rd Sunday, Family

Resource Ctr., Flagstaff, AZ

Overtro Fjell 6-153 - 3rd Saturday,

at 11:00 a.m., Fountain East Clubhouse,

303 S. Recker Rd., Mesa, AZ

Sola 6-168 - 3rd. Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.,

Faith Lutheran Church,

2215 S. 8th Ave., Yuma, AZ

Sol Byer 6-134 - 3rd. Saturday, at

11:00 a.m., Elks Lodge, 10760 Union

Hills Dr., Sun City, AZ

LODGES IN OTHER STATES

Go to: <https://members.sofn.com/lodgeDirectory/>

Most post their monthly newsletter

on their lodge website.

OTHER CONTACTS

Honorary Norwegian Consul:

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Webmaster: Jan Loomis

Editor's Column:

Happy March!

This time of year is full of changes and for me personally the change involves getting a new computer to do tasks such as completing the Posten.

A big thank you to Jonathan for letting me use his to complete the March edition!

Laura Kuegemann



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A **Silent Auction** will be held at our Heritage & Cultural Meeting in March. One of the items you'll be invited to bid on is this authentic Norwegian sweater.



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