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November 2017

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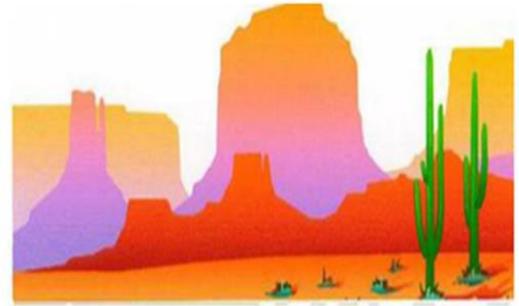
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SONS OF NORWAY

Desert Fjord Lodge



President's Column

Our Norwegian Open House in October was a successful event, tusen takk to the artisan vendors who brought their wares. We haven't had a special event like that in recent memory.

This month will be a little different, too. What is a Norwegian Christmas Cookie Exchange? I'm pretty sure I can't tell you, but please make up a batch of your favorite Christmas cookies and come find out! Most Norwegians like to eat and most have a sweet tooth besides. Certainly you mustn't count calories during the holidays.

Also, Ali Anderson will have the Boutique open for us to find gifts for friends and family. Come prepared to take advantage of that. She'll have the Boutique open at the annual Jul Bazaar, too—please see the flyer on page six.

Little bit by little bit we'll manage to get into the Christmas spirit of giving and celebrating family and friends around special meals. I look forward to the Lutefisk-Meatball Dinner put on by the Mesa lodge—please see details about that on page eight.

Part of our program this month will be devoted to honoring Golden Members, those who have been Sons of Norway members 25 years or more. Desert Fjord Lodge has a number of Golden Members and we want to recognize their many years of membership. Come on out, Golden Members, and congratulations to you!!

Do you still want to do something special in December? There are rumblings about this, so please stay tuned. If you'd like to be part of the "Experience Scandinavia" weekend that falls on the first weekend of December, please see mention of this on page ten. And a Happy Thanksgiving, one and all!



Velkommen

Heritage and Cultural Meeting—November 12th at 2 PM

Masonic Lodge, 2531 N Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale

Norwegian Christmas Cookie EXCHANGE

Bring a plate of cookies to donate, then purchase an assortment!



Menu:

- Sosekjøtt (Hearty Beef in Gravy) with Potatoes, Vegetable and Lingonberries
- Coffee and Tea

Price: Adults \$13; Children \$6.50

Reservations: Via the link [online](#) (click "online") or call Phyllis by Nov. 10th! (480) 812-9762

Please make check payable to Sons of Norway and mail to: Phyllis Bergo, 2589 East Erie Court, Gilbert, AZ 85295-9159



Business Meeting

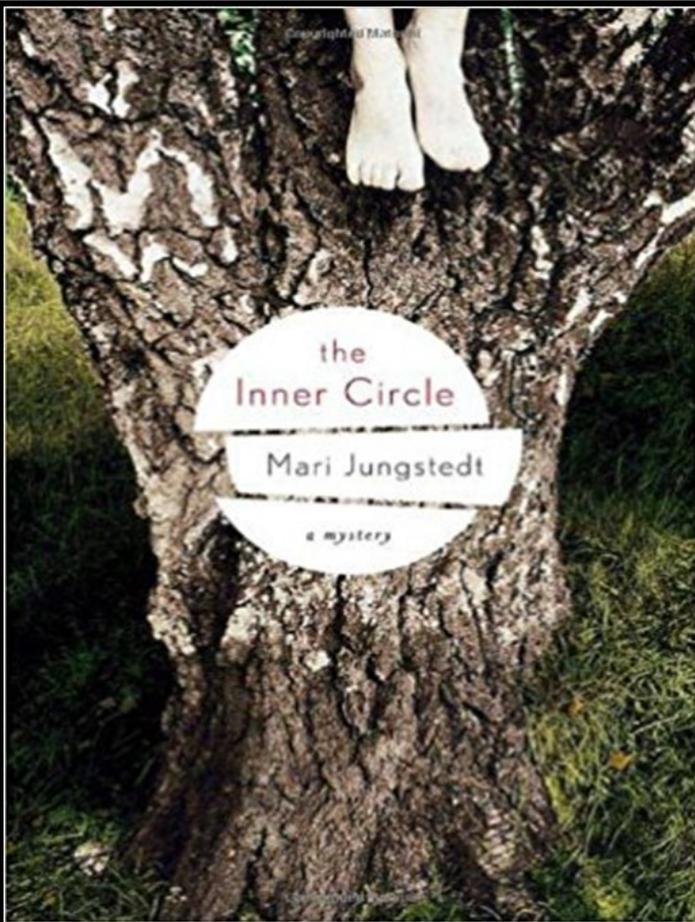
November 11th at 1:00 pm

Scottsdale United Methodist Church

4140 N Miller Rd, Scottsdale, AZ

Genealogy

There is no Genealogy Meeting scheduled at the present time. Please note that any meeting will be given notice by email and/or in future newsletters. If you wish to be added to the email list, contact—
Ross Berg: 1aznorski@cox.net.



VIKING BOOK

and

WINE CLUB

will meet Nov. 12th after the Heritage and Cultural meeting at 4:00 pm to discuss THE INNER CIRCLE, our third Jungstedt title. Be there or be square. And our **NEXT** book may be a classic we all vote on!!!

Is Knitting Your Thing?

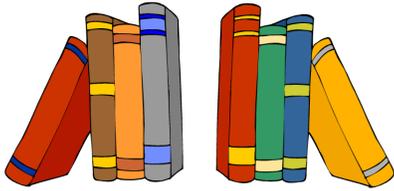
Would you like to earn a little extra holiday spending money?

I've been given two unfinished Scandinavian sweaters and have been searching for someone to finish knitting them. If you could take up the challenge, I'd like to hire you. Patterns and yarn are available. (Please see the photo here)

If you're interested, please contact Lynn Eide (602) 866-0924.

Thank you!





LIBRARY CORNER

By Arlys Medicott

Librarian

Our great library has books in each of these categories:

Art, Drama, Poetry, Architecture
 Christmas Books
 Hand Skills: Cooking; Rosemaling; Weaving – Sewing; Chip Carving; Wood Carving
 Humor
 Immigration to America – non-fiction mysteries and fiction mysteries
 Norway's History: Kings/Queens; WWII; Non-fiction history
 Way of Life in Norway & Folklore
 Vikings
 Youth & Older
 Norwegian America

And in the blue book shelves we have:

Heritage & Sagas
 Biographies
 O E Rolvaag, Trygve Gulbrandsen, Sigrid Undset, Moe, Asbjørnsen, Knut Hamsun
 Expeditions
 Language Materials
 And some very large books that do not fit in the storage boxes or book shelves.

Has your curiosity or interest led you to read any books in these sections? Please review. If you wish to read a title in any of the above subject areas, please let me know and I'll try to find it for you.

November Birthdays

Norman C Jenson Jr	3		Janet Peterson	19
Shirley M Berg	4		* Madeline Levell	20
Karl K Haldorsen	6		* Olivia D Lomis	21
Michael J Osland	9		Joyce O Kranzfelder	23
Heather L Kalin	13		Judith O Miles	23
Clarence Nelson	15		Dirk P Walter	28
Jason D Semone	18		Mary A Steinnes	29

* Heritage Member

Gratulerer Med Dagen – Happy Birthday !!

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS by Floyd Downs, Membership Secretary

After recently reviewing our Desert Fjord membership list I noted that several of our members can expect dues reminders coming from SON Headquarters during the remaining months of 2017. Therefore, in the spirit of “membership matters”, I am beginning this month’s message by repeating what I wrote last June, to wit:

“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.”

Now to more “newsy” matters. From the June Activity report I see that Ken Westby, having served leadership roles in the Sol Byer (Sun City) Lodge has become a new member of Desert Fjord. Welcome Ken!!! In the same report I see, sadly, that two members, James Bjerk and Chloe Medder, both age 16, have cancelled membership. Apparently, the younger generation sees little future for them with us! However, I note that Carl Miltun, grandson of Berit Miltun, has recently turned 16.

We’ll have to leave it to Berit to see that Carl remains a member of Desert Fjord. Also in the August Report is notice of the death of Lois Finstad. Although I did not know her, I am certain that those of you who did would want to know.

Finally, just recently I noted the obituary of Russell Kranzfelder, husband of Lodge member Joyce Kranzfelder. To Joyce we express our sincerest sympathies.



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 at a Desert Fjord meeting, by email at lenci.downs@cox.net or by phone at (480) 816-3875.



Scandinavian Jul Bazaar

Saturday, November 4, 2017

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church

1500 W. Maryland Avenue

Phoenix, Arizona

NW Corner of 15th and Maryland Avenues

FREE ADMISSION

The Nordic countries of Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden invite you to their annual Jul Bazaar on Saturday, November 4th. Antiques and vintage treasures, collectibles, rosemaling, handcrafted arts, books, music and movies are among your shopping choices.

And while you shop, enjoy the many Scandinavian food booths offering yellow pea soup and rye bread, homemade frikadeller, lapskaus, lefse, waffles, cookies, pastries and more.



Sponsored by Valley wide Scandinavian Cultural Lodges and Clubs.

Business Meeting Minutes – October 7, 2017
Scottsdale United Methodist Church 4140 North Miller Road, Scottsdale, AZ

Meeting called to order by Jonathan Walters at 1:00 PM.

- In attendance: Anita Thompson, Arlys Medicott, Elizabeth Lenci Downs, Floyd Downs, Jonathan Walters, Roger Espeland, and Sissel Liknes
 - Was the Quorum (4+) met? Yes
1. **SEPTEMBER MINUTES**: Floyd Downs made a motion to accept the September 2017 Business Meeting minutes as published in the October Posten. Motion seconded by Roger Espeland, motion passed.
 2. **TREASURER'S REPORT** – Janis Johnson submitted a report stating that the checking account balance as of 9/22/2017 is \$1,456.56. General Account in Minneapolis is \$23,719.18.

3. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Cultural/Program

- November 12th - Cookie Exchange and honoring Golden members (25 years+ with Sons of Norway)

Genealogy Meeting

- Meetings will be announced in the Posten or by email

Library – Arlys M –

- One Sons of Norway lodge in Colorado has made it possible for members to choose books for checkout online and the books are ready for them at the next lodge meeting
- The Posten will have a list of library books related to the topic at the Heritage and Cultural meeting

Membership – See details provided in the Posten by Floyd Downs

- Active members = 129
- Review Membership Matters article in the Posten

Publicity – Janis mailed out 12 Postens

1. **OLD BUSINESS**

- The Masonic Lodge is not available for a December 10th meeting; another date or venue is needed
- Musical Instrument Museum's "Experience Scandinavia" weekend is December 2nd and 3rd; volunteers' coordinator is Ed Bergo

2. **NEW BUSINESS**

- Camp Norge – Donations for "Raise the Roof" that are made through the Sons of Norway are tax-deductible. Visit the website www.sofn.com/foundation to make your donation
- Exploratory Committee formed about combining the Mesa and Scottsdale lodges
- Viking Book and Wine Club will meet after Heritage and Cultural meeting November 12th
- Mesa Lodge's Lutefisk Meatball Dinner is December 2nd
- Mesa Lodge's Julebord is December 16th

Motion made by Floyd and seconded by Roger E to adjourn; meeting adjourned at 1:45 pm.

November 11th - Next business meeting at Scottsdale United Methodist Church
Respectfully submitted by Anita Thompson – Desert Fjord Secretary on Oct 25, 2017.

**SONS
OF
NORWAY**



**OVERTRO FJELL
LODGE 6-153**

LUTEFISK & MEATBALL DINNER

Saturday, December 2, 2017

DO NOT CALL THE CHURCH PLEASE - THIS IS A SONS OF NORWAY EVENT

TICKETS: \$19.00
Seatings: 1:00 pm & 4:00 pm
Location: St. Peter Lutheran Church
1844 E Dana Ave, Mesa
West of Gilbert & So. of Main

For information contact: lutfiskdinner2017@yahoo.com. Make check out to "Sons of Norway" and mail to: Benny Jo Hinchey, 4690 E. Sierrita Rd, San Tan Valley, AZ 85143, along with the serving time you would like to attend and a self-addressed stamped envelope. Also enclose your email address. Your tickets will be mailed back to you.

Please order tickets early as servings do sell out.

What Makes Up Your Financial Benefits Counselor

You may think the Financial Benefits Counselor (FBC) that you see at your lodge meetings is there just to get your business. Maybe they come regularly and feel like one of the crowd. Or you may have never seen or heard from your lodge FBC. Many of you have long term business and friendship relationships with your FBC.

If you haven't met with yours yet, it's time to consider doing so. These folks are licensed, trained, educated financial professionals that are here to advise you, give you a first or second opinion and offer services to you, a Sons of Norway member, at no charge. When you see letters behind a name, that signifies earned designations of training that give our FBC's the ability to work with you in the most professional manner.

The next time you're looking for financial advice, look no further than the Sons of Norway Financial Benefits Counselor working with your lodge. They are here to help you and your family achieve your financial goals. It's a benefit of membership.

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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 am, Fountain East Clubhouse,

303 S. Recker Rd., Mesa, AZ

Sola 6-168 - 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 pm,

Faith Lutheran Church,

2215 S. 8th Ave., Yuma, AZ

Sol Byer 6-134 - 3rd Saturday at

11:00 am, 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:

Alex Boemark





Would You Like to Serve Sons of Norway

at the

District Level?

An Opportunity for You!

In preparation for the 2018 District Six convention, a 7-member Nominating Committee has been formed. The purpose of this announcement is to encourage Sons of Norway lodge members to let the Committee know if you would like to be considered for one of the District's elected positions. In order to run for District office members need to be:

- (1) a benefit member (own a Sons of Norway financial product) and
- (2) a delegate to the 2018 District Convention. Details will appear in the upcoming Viking magazine as well as the District Six Fall 2017 newsletter.

Please contact Ed Bergo at ebergo@cox.net or (480) 812 9762 for more information.

Help Needed at the Musical Instrument Museum's

"Experience Scandinavia" Weekend

Desert Fjord Lodge has been asked again this year to staff a Sons of Norway information/membership table at this event December 2nd and 3rd. This will be the fourth year that we have participated in this. It's a wonderful way of introducing Museum visitors to the three Sons of Norway lodges in the Phoenix area. We'll need to have two people working morning or afternoon shifts on this first weekend in December.

As a thank you, the museum gives free admission to all the exhibits for our members who participate in this special event.

Please let Ed Bergo know if you'd like to work the table on these days. His contact information is ebergo@cox.net or (480) 812-9762.



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Tubfrim: Lois Ripley and Lois Saakas

Webmaster: Jan Loomis

On November 4th our Editor, Laura, is getting married to Ivan Ontiveros at Love of Christ



Lutheran Church in Mesa, AZ!

We are very happy for you, Laura, and want to wish you and Ivan well as you begin a life together. May God bless you on your wedding day and may your marriage bring joy to you and to others through you.

Congratulations and best wishes from Desert Fjord Lodge!!



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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.

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