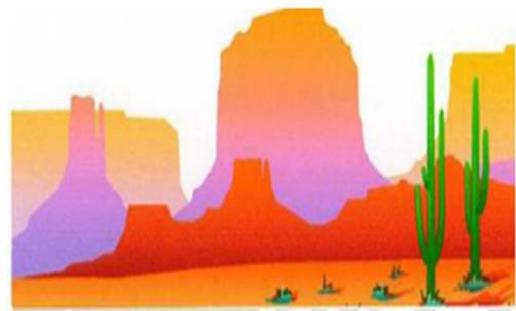


The Posten

December 2017

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President's Column

Christmas is a season of cheer and joy, a time when we celebrate among friends and family in a spirit of giving. Traditions that are kept at Christmas time are dear to us, too: decorating the house and tree while special foods come out of the kitchen. Memories of Christmas go with us while each Christmas affords an opportunity to create new memories.



This Christmas will be special for Desert Fjord Lodge in a new way. We've been invited to join Overtro Fjell Lodge in Mesa for their 2017 Julebord.

I know our members are fond of Nordic cuisine—you won't be disappointed at Mesa lodge's Julebord! This is also a chance to get acquainted with Sons of Norway members in another lodge; when you visit other lodges, you discover that Sons of Norway is a big family. An added attraction at the Julebord: the Scandinavian Folk Dancers of Phoenix will be there to perform ... perhaps they'll introduce some dances that are popular at Christmas time in Scandinavia. On the following page please find details about the Julebord. It promises to be a festive and very special event. I hope many Desert Fjord members are able to come.

Another Norwegian Christmas Party option is the Juletrefest hosted by the local chapter of Norwegians Worldwide. Complete information is provided in their flyer found on page three.

Many Christmas concerts are offered in our area, too. My church is presenting a Christmas cantata on December 17th. I saw some advertising about a performance of Handel's Messiah. Gilbert Chandler Community College is giving a Christmas Concert. I've been invited to "Holidays with Orpheus" - the Orpheus Male Chorus of Phoenix. It's impossible to take advantage of all the great music available at this time of year.

Joy and cheer, gatherings with friends around good food, and music for our enjoyment, too. 'Tis truly a season to celebrate and savor. A quote from Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* I really like: "I will honor Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year." GOD JUL !!

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Velkommen



Overtro Fjell Lodge 6-153 in Mesa, AZ is having their 2017 Julebord at 11 am on December 16th at:

Fountain East Clubhouse

303 South Recker Road

Mesa, AZ

Desert Fjord members have been invited to join them on this occasion. This event is free, but we should try to abide by the request made by Mesa lodge to their members, using it as a guide when planning what to bring to this very festive occasion:

Please bring enough for eight (8) people as follows:

- A main dish and a salad OR
- A main dish and dessert.
OR
- Cheese platter and Herring

Bring two items so there is enough food and – ALL please bring some type of main Nordic dish.

Reservations are necessary to attend the Julebord (*because Mesa lodge would like to know how many to set places for*).

Please use the link online (click "online") or call Phyllis Bergo (480) 812-9762 by December 14th!

Business Meeting

December 9th at 12:00 pm

Denny's Restaurant

7605 East McDowell 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.



NORWEGIAN CHRISTMAS PARTY

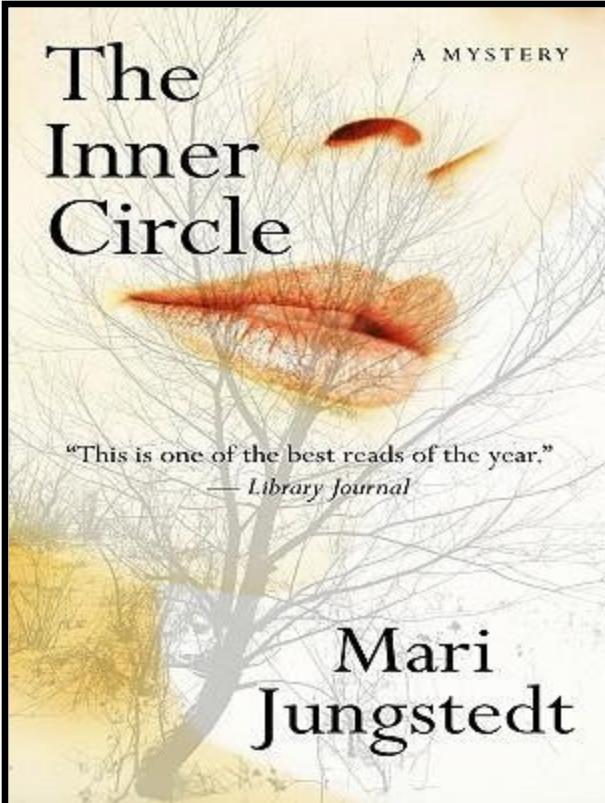
**Sunday, December 10
2:00 – 4:00 PM**

Trinity Lutheran Church | 9424 N. 7th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ
FREE Admission

Come celebrate the holiday season with one of our most popular events – the annual *Norsk Julefest*! Join in on the fun with singing and dancing around the Christmas tree, kids' crafts, raffle prizes, and our traditional Norwegian *julegrøt*, sweets, and more.

A special North Pole visitor will have treats for the children!

Please bring your favorite Norwegian holiday food or dessert to this potluck event. See you there – *God Jul!*



VIKING BOOK and WINE CLUB

Our first meeting of the New Year will be at 3 pm on Saturday, January 6th at:

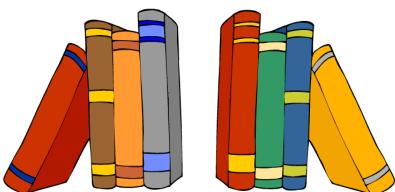
5848 E Hummingbird Lane
Paradise Valley

We'll discuss THE INNER CIRCLE, our third Jungstedt title, and maybe another title tbd. Bring Viking nibbles & beverage.

RSVP Jana (480) 326-2927



Norwegian Christmas Traditions



LIBRARY CORNER

By Arlys Medlicott

Librarian

I discovered recently that one of Desert Fjord Library's CD albums, **New Scandinavian Cooking**, is missing one of its four discs. Does anyone have an idea where the missing disc might be?

- The library has many books about Norwegian history and customs. Not many have been read or reviewed.
- There are also some sagas from the 11th to the 13th century.
- Many children's books have not been read ... perhaps grandchildren might be interested.
- Many cd's and some movie dvd's want someone to check them out.

Please check and see what might be of interest to you when the Library is next open at our January Heritage and Cultural meeting.

December Birthdays



Jonathan B Loomis	3
Emily N Brown	4
Jana Louise Peterson	4
Neal S Sundein	10
Elizabeth A Berger	17

Carol L Blackwell	18
Julie Louise Westby	18
Donald N Steinnes	23
David I Berger	30
Phyllis Dahlk Bergo	31

Gratulerer Med Dagen – Happy Birthday !!

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS by Floyd Downs, Membership Secretary

LAST CALL REMINDER!!!!



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, 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."

Good news! We have three new members this month. Dr. Kristin Hanson of Phoenix has signed in as a SON member, and the Bergo's grandchildren, Hannah Bergo and Nicholas Bergo are now Desert Fjord members. Although Hannah and Nicholas, both in their teens, live with their parents in California, we welcome them to our lodge here in Arizona.

Several of our lodge members have volunteered to represent the five SON AZ lodges at the MIM (Musical Instruments Museum) in Phoenix the first weekend in December. By name: Peter Flanders, Ed Bergo, Janis Johnson, Anita Thompson, Shannon Prodzinski, Bethany Tso, Sharon Peterson, and Jonathan Walters. We thank them all for coming forth in response to Coordinator Ed Bergo's call. Ross Berg and I, as in past years, will help in organizing the presentation table.

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.

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

Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

As your Sons of Norway Financial Benefits Counselor, I would like to offer my sincerest greetings to you and your families. The culture and heritage we share as well as your trust in me as your FBC is what fraternalism is all about.

Caring for and taking care of each other is an important part of what this season and Sons of Norway should convey to you, our members. You are all important to me and our society. Let's continue to be there for each other as we move into the New Year!

Fraternally,

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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

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

Most post their monthly newsletter
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Our Posten Editor

is soon coming back to help us communicate with members through this publication.



We are grateful for her working with us in this capacity amid her many other responsibilities and commitments.

If some of you missed last month's Posten, Laura was married to Ivan Ontiveros on November 4th. Again, congratulations and best wishes from the members of Desert Fjord Lodge!!



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