

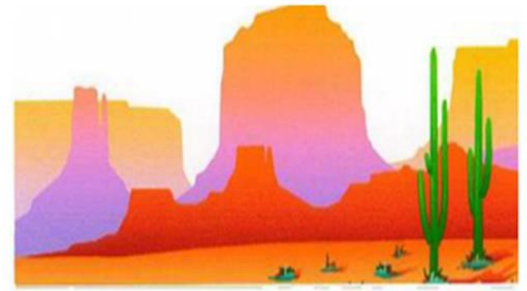
# The POSTEN

June/July/August 2018



## SONS OF NORWAY

### Desert Fjord Lodge



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#### President's Column

Our Syttende Mai celebration at McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park was awesome. A great turnout ... even the weather cooperated! Enjoy the pictures of this event!

So what's next on your calendar? I hope you can take advantage of our monthly meeting in a couple weeks. See details below and on page 2. *(Please note that this will be on the first Sunday in June.)*

See below for additional summer Lodge activity information. If you're in the area mid-June, you might like to attend Sankt Hans Aften (St John's

Eve) put on by Norwegians Worldwide. *(See page 6 for information on that.)*

Desert Fjord continues to work toward a renewal event later this year. *(Page 5 will bring you up to date.)*

Whatever you do this summer, be it at home or on the road, be safe and be well. Read a good book. Spend time with family and friends. Enjoy!



*Velkommen*

## Mark your Calendar for our Amazing Summer Events!

**JUNE** : Sunday, June 3rd at 2 pm we meet at 2531 N Scottsdale Rd. A great movie for adults & children along with beverages & pop corn and, of course, our annual ice cream social. *(see next page for details on this family outing)*

**JULY** : There will be no formal lodge function during the month of July this year.

**AUGUST** : Aug 12th 12 noon to 4 pm we're invited to the beautiful home of Jan & Sherrie Loomis - 1072 E Highline Drive in Payson. Provided: beverages, burgers & brats. Bring a salad or dessert to share at "Picnic in the Pines".

Please **RSVP: (480) 786-4232**



**Syttende Mai 2018**

**Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 2 pm**

# **Cultural and Heritage Meeting**

At the Masonic Lodge, 2531 N Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale, AZ



## **SIBLINGS ARE FOREVER (SØSKEN TIL EVIG TID)**

### **SYNOPSIS**

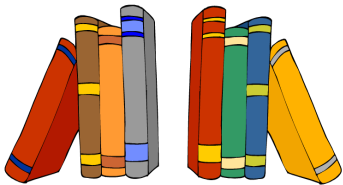
Magnar and Oddny Kleiva have led their entire lives on their small mountain farm in Norway, seemingly unaffected by the riches of modern society. One day, relatives from the US come to visit and invite them to see where their grandmother's sister emigrated to in 1890. But will the brother and sister in their seventies dare the long journey, having barely left the country before?

(a year ago we saw the documentary of their life in Norway; this is a sequel telling of their visit to the United States)

- **Popcorn, ice cream and beverages ... For children (\$3) and adults (\$6)**
- **Reservations are needed by Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup>** (we need to ensure we buy the right amount of ice cream).
- Please register [online](#) (click online) **or** you may email or call Janis Johnson: [janisjoann41@gmail.com](mailto:janisjoann41@gmail.com) **or** (480) 607-3017

## **· NOTICE ·**

There is no **Business Meeting** or **Task Force Meeting** in June. Our next meetings will be announced. Stay tuned!



Summer is here! It's certainly a time for reading—amidst travel, family weddings and other fun activities.

If anyone has read a book that you think would be of interest to all lodge members, please let me

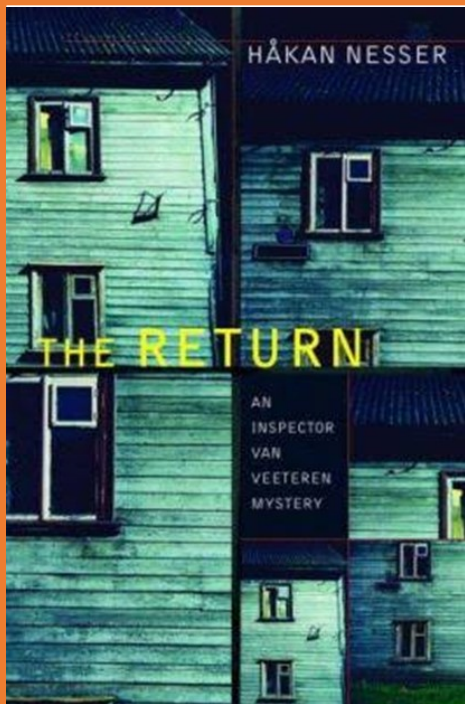
## **LIBRARY CORNER**

By Arlys Medicott

Librarian

know. Several books have been added to Desert Fjord Library the past few months. Most of these are in the carton labeled **Contemporary Fiction**. Stop by and check the selection at our next monthly meeting.

*(FYI—Many of you are unable to join the Viking Book Club meetings, but most of their selections are great reading ... and most of the titles are available for checkout from our Desert Fjord Library!)*



## • VIKING BOOK AND WINE CLUB •

JULY 7<sup>th</sup>, 2 pm, at: Hayden Estates Assisted Living

7585 E Sweetwater, Scottsdale

BRING VIKING NIBBLES AND BITS ... OUR  
SUMMER MEETING!

### *THE RETURN*

BY HAKAN NESSER

The author of Borkmann's Point spins a story that leaves even the most veteran crime novel readers chilled. A new case for Chief Inspector Van Veeteren – the complicated history of a nearly perfect murder. On a sunny August day a man is released from prison. On a rainy April day children at play find his corpse. The fact that the dead man is Leopold Verhaven only becomes clear after some time. Who would be interested in killing this man, a double murderer who spent 24 years in prison? Determined to let no case go unsolved, Chief Inspector Van Veeteren reopens the case. What he discovers is that Verhaven was a star sprinter before he went to prison for allegedly killing two of his lovers. However, he never confessed to the murders and spent a lifetime proclaiming his innocence. Was he killed because someone thought he had not been punished enough? Or was someone afraid of Verhaven's revenge? A terrible suspicion stalks Van Veeteren: had Verhaven been telling the truth? Was he really innocent?



Syttende Mai at McCormick—Stillman Railroad Park, Scottsdale

# Summer Birthdays 2018



## June

\* Scarlett Isaacson 2  
 \* Lara VanderBeischel 4  
 Dawn D Walter 7  
 Lorelei R Knorr 8  
 \* Sebastian Isaacson 10  
 \* Quinn R Walter 10  
 Roger E Haugen 11  
 Russell D Cook 12  
 Kim J McLaughlin 12  
 Donald Solie 13  
 ^ Shirley Ann Ouren 14  
 Roger D Westland 26  
 # Kaitlyn D Shippey 27

## July

^ Ella A Brovitz 7  
 Corinne R Parrish 7  
 ^ Lynn S Kolstad 8  
 Ronald D Orson 8  
 Crystal L Williams 10  
 \* Gabriella Spargo 11  
 Nina Poe 12  
 Gro Holmer-Haven 15  
 Nellie Mae Lokken 15  
 Lois C Ripley 15  
 \* Ilse Spargo 20  
 \* Will Spargo 20  
 \* Madelyn Longstreet 21  
 Sherrie L Loomis 25  
 Dorothy M Williams 25  
 William R Jacobson 28  
 ^ Howard O Barikmo 31

## August

Judy Elisen 5  
 Roger Espeland 6  
 R Richard Erickson 10  
 Anita M Thompson 11  
 Georgiann Crouse 18  
 Don Miles 18  
 Diane Peterson 18  
 ^ Gordon Peterson 20  
 Elaine V Zgodowska 20  
 Anissa Kari Eeg 21  
 \* Lyndon VanderBeischel 25  
 ^ Robert W Tungland II 28



\* **Heritage Member**

# **Unger Venner Member**

^ **Golden Member**

*Gratulerer Med Dagen*



## MEMBERSHIP MATTERS by Floyd Downs, Membership Secretary



After the merry month of May come the merry, merry, merry months of June, July, and August, better known in Arizona as the hot, hot, hot months of

Summer! One way to escape our summer heat is to travel to Norway. If that happens to be your summer destiny we extend our blessings upon you!

I'm certain that you have read our President's message noting that our social meeting this month is the first Sunday of June, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you didn't read his message, shame on you—but at least, now you know!!!

By now you must realize that I have little to no thoughts or news to share with you, so I'll take the quick and easy way out, and simply remind you, as always, to 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 e-mail at [lenci.downs@cox.net](mailto:lenci.downs@cox.net) or by phone at (480) 816-3875.



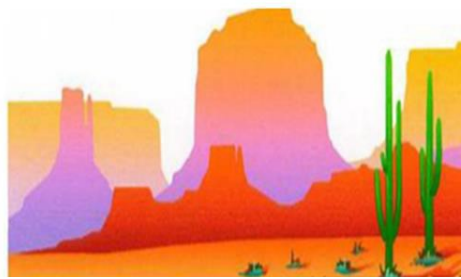
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To promote and to preserve the heritage and culture of Norway; to celebrate our relationship with other Nordic Countries; and to provide quality insurance and financial products for our members.



# SONS OF NORWAY

## Desert Fjord Lodge



### Lodge Renewal Plans Advance

Members of the task force met during the Syttende Mai celebration and discussed options for our Viking Heritage festival ... to be held in lieu of our lodge meeting in November. We've been in contact

with the Musical Instrument Museum and explored the potential for partnering with them on their annual Scandinavian Experience. However, MIM has decided they will not be holding that event this year so we are proceeding to develop plans of our own.

Those plans center around a half-day event held on the afternoon of Saturday, November 10th at the Granite Reef Senior Center. **"A Traditional Scandinavian Christmas"** is a theme we're considering—with music, dance, food, dress, Nisse, and activities that reflect the season. We're counting on all of our members to attend and participate in some manner, contributing your favorite cookies, food, and fondest memories of a Scandinavian Christmas. We'll keep you posted on our progress and expect to roll-out a plan for marketing this event to the public at our meeting in September.



# SANKT HANS AFTEN

## Midsummer Night Celebration

Saturday, June 16 | 6:00 PM  
At the home of Mike and Susan McIver  
38212 N. 23rd Drive, Desert Hills AZ  
Admission: FREE

Join us for our annual Midsummer Night celebration! In honor of the Scandinavian midsummer holiday Sankt Hans Aften (St. John's Eve), we will spend the evening relaxing out by the bonfire, enjoying hot dogs, burgers, children's games, and good fun for all. Our bonfire may not be quite as large as they get back home in Norway, but we can guarantee great company!

This potluck event is BYOB – so bring a beverage, a dish to share, a chair to sit in, and your favorite Sankt Hans stories and songs (if you play an instrument, bring that along, too, for some fireside music!). The club will provide hamburgers, hotdogs, and all the fixings. If you prefer something else, bring your meat of choice. We will have BBQ grills available for everyone to use. See you there!

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