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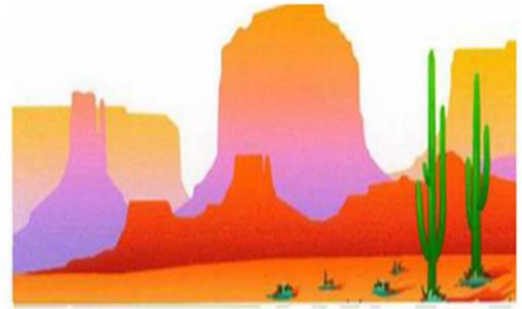
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SONS OF NORWAY

Desert Fjord Lodge



President's Column

There are many ways to tell the world you're Norwegian. You could speak a word or two and mix it in with your English ("uff da"). If you eat lutefisk you must have Norwegian blood. If you get hungry for julekake or lefse at holiday time that would certainly be a clue. Maybe you have that strange need to go visit the beautiful fjords of Norway and try to find relatives over there, your connection to the land. A dead giveaway would be if you joined a Sons of Norway lodge and got excitedly involved in Nordic folk costumes (bunads), Scandinavian literature or music, folk dancing, genealogy or Scandinavian cuisine.



So should we tell the world we have Norwegian heritage and culture to share? Should we tell our friends and neighbors and members at our church? I think so! We have a great deal to be proud of, something to enrich our lives and our community. Please have a read on page 4 what is happening the end of March next year. Jan Loomis and his task force are busy at work preparing a festival event to spread the word to our community what our Scandinavian heritage is all about. Hopefully, this will bring new members to our lodge ... making us stronger and more visible here in the Phoenix metro area.

Another Norwegian group in the valley, Nordmanns-Forbundet (Norwegians Worldwide), is holding their annual Viking Dinner the end of this month—6 pm on Saturday, October 27th. Reservations need to be made by October 17th by contacting our member, Shirley Ouren, at souren@cox.net or (623) 972-4884 or online at: aznorseman.org/viking-dinner-2018.html.

Another great program this month and a great menu to match—make your reservation and invite a friend. Still another way to tell the world you're a Viking is to celebrate Leif Erikson Day on October 9th! Have a great month (and don't forget where you come from!!).

Velkommen

Heritage and Cultural Meeting—October 14th at 2 pm
Masonic Lodge, 2531 N Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale

Program: THREE VIKING MUSEUMS
In Iceland and Norway

Jana Peterson will present a program about three Viking Museums in Iceland and Norway. She traveled to see the wonderful Viking World Museum (Vikingahemur) in Keflavik, Iceland, the renowned museum on Bygdoy (Vikingskiphuset) in Oslo, and the Lofotr Viking Museum in Borg in the Lofotens. The museums are rich with culture, and include real longships, a replica that sailed to New York, the excavation of the largest Viking longhouse, and examples of how the Vikings lived and made their boats, fabrics, clothing, tools, and other essentials.

Oslo, Norway



Borg, the Lofotens



Keflavik, Iceland



Lofoten Dusk



Jana will have a mini exhibit of paintings she painted after her visits to the museums. (She has limited edition prints of the paintings as well.)

Heritage and Cultural Meeting
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Menu: (at our Heritage and Cultural Meeting)

- Lapskaus (Norwegian Beef Stew)
- Flatbread, lingonberries.
- Coffee and Ice Tea
- Dessert: Apple Crisp

Price: Adults \$15.00; Children—\$7.50



Reservations: Via the link [online](#) (click "online")

or call Phyllis Bergo by October 12th! (480) 812-9762

Make your check payable to Sons of Norway & mail to:
Phyllis Bergo 2589 East Erie Ct, Gilbert AZ, 85295

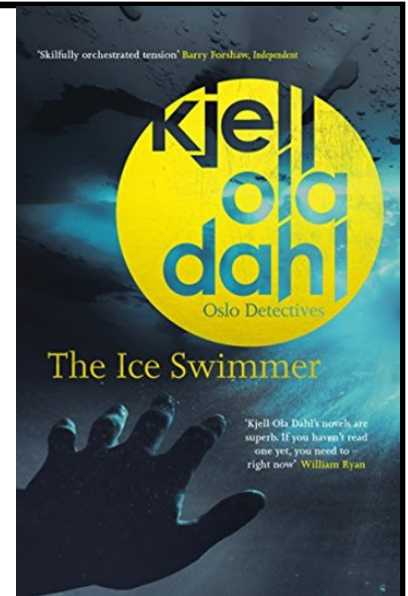
VIKING BOOK AND WINE CLUB

~ Will not meet in October ~

NOVEMBER Book Club read: THE ICE SWIMMER

BY KJELL OLA DAHL

When a dead man is lifted from the freezing waters of Oslo Harbor just before Christmas, Detective Lena Stigersand's stressful life suddenly becomes even more complicated. Not only is she dealing with a cancer scare, a stalker and an untrustworthy boyfriend, but it seems both a politician and Norway's security services might be involved in the murder. With her trusted colleagues at her side, Lena digs deep into the case and finds that it not only goes to the heart of the Norwegian establishment, but it might be rather too close to the personal life for comfort.....



Celebrate LEIF ERIKSON DAY—October 9th

AMERICA'S VIKING DAY

LEIF ERIKSON
AMERICA'S FIRST WHITE DUDE



To date, we've had some difficulty in identifying several key components that were critical to attracting attention and assuring the success of a Scandinavian Festival event that Desert Fjord can use to promote our lodge and membership. I'm pleased to report that we made good progress this month as we've identified a "main" attraction, a date and venue.



Lodge Renewal

by Jan Loomis

The Stoughton Norwegian Dancers have committed to performing for us on Sunday afternoon, March 24th, and we will have full use of the Scottsdale Masonic Lodge for that afternoon. The Stoughton Dancers are from Stoughton, Wisconsin High School and have performed across the country. This Spring they are touring the Phoenix and Las Vegas areas with 24 students. In addition to the dancers, they bring their own musicians, including one student who plays the Hardanger fiddle.

One of our committee members has identified a Scandinavian "chip carver" who has also confirmed for this date. We've tentatively identified an individual who can exhibit rosemaling. We are still looking for other talented individuals who can present on topics such as genealogy, Norwegian emigration, children's literature, etc. We'll also be reaching out to members of our lodge for assistance with cookie and lefse baking. Please reach out to me if you have talents to offer or have other recommendations. We hope to make this event one that can draw a large crowd to join us in celebrating our Scandinavian heritage. Jan@jloomis.com - 602.617.7542.



Library Corner By Arlys Medicott Librarian

Growth of the Soil author, Knut Hamsun, won the Nobel Prize for Literature for this book in 1920. And Desert Fjord has two copies! (Who has read it?)

Isak travels on foot thru Norway until he finds some land he can settle on. He clears the land by hand, builds a small house for himself and the animals he acquires by trading bark and trees for goats initially. He realizes he needs someone to help him and asks the Lapps who visit him if they know of a woman who would live in this remote area and work for him. Inger is that woman ... not the most attractive but she's fine as far as Isak is concerned.

Over the years he continues to clear land, finds rocks with copper imbedded, and adds more farm animals. His life has episodes of politics, fraud, infanticide, cruelty but he continues to develop his land.

A great book to help us compare to life as we know it today.

Here's a heartfelt thank you from one of the lodge's Heritage members. A gift from the lodge (a campership) helped send him to Camp Norge in Alta, CA this summer:

Dear Desert Fjord Lodge,
Thank you for giving me campership to attend Camp Trollfjell. I had a great time learning about Norwegian traditions and heritage. At camp, I learned to speak a little Norsk, did rosemaling and made Norwegian foods such as lefse and kransekake. This year at camp, there were 11 of us campers, and 6 counselors. It was a small group, but we had fun. We played soccer, swam, hiked and played bad minton.

Thank you again for your support,
I hope to go again next year.

Sincerely,
Jackson Bjorn Loomis

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS by Floyd Downs, Membership Secretary



Our September Lodge Meeting had a program rich in pictures and information about Iceland.

Several Lodge members remarked that they learned a great deal, and royally applauded the presenter. Notably, however, several leading members of our lodge were missing due to conflicting travel plans. We hope to see them all in October.

Last month in this column I reported the recent death of Clarence Nelson. Subsequently, Elizabeth and I visited his wife Joann and found her in good spirits and proud of Clarence's contributions to Desert Fjord Lodge. This past week we picked her up at her home in Mesa and brought her to Fountain Hills for breakfast at a hilltop restaurant. Ross Berg joined us there. After visiting our home we returned her to Mesa. A good time was had by all!

A combination of good and bad news is that Sherrie Loomis has offered to take over my duties as Membership Secretary. While she made the offer last Spring she specified that it would be a gradual process so that she would not become overwhelmed by my withdrawal. I hope that she remains so committed!

Should you want to contact her with infor-

mation about Sons of Norway membership, her e-mail address is sherrie@jloomis.com, and her phone number is (480) 786-4232. That phone number is also the phone number for husband Jan, who is a past-president of Desert Fjord Lodge. Both Jan and Sherrie remain active members of our Lodge. As our new Vice President, Jan is working on a plan to interest more persons of Scandinavian heritage to become members of Desert Fjord Lodge. I believe his report is elsewhere in this Posten.

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 monthly meeting, by e-mail at lenci.downs@cox.net or by phone at (480) 816-3875.

October Birthdays

Marcia S Kuehl	2nd
Mary Jane Gordon	3rd
Martin L Johnson	3rd
Brenda A Witsoe	3rd
Mike Opoien	11th



Kristin L Hanson	12th
Barbara B Richey	19th
Richard G Erickson	24th
Timothy Stanley Leeland	28th

* Heritage Member

Gratulerer Med Dagen – Happy Birthday !!



Scandinavian Jul Bazaar

Saturday, November 10, 2018

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 10th. 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 Valleywide Scandinavian Cultural Lodges and Clubs.

Desert Fjord Business Meeting

4140 N Miller Road, Scottsdale, AZ

September 8, 2018

Meeting: Jonathan called the Business Meeting to order at 1 PM.

Attendees: Jonathan Walters, Ali Bergo Anderson, Arlys Medicott, Jana Peterson and Ed Bergo.

Secretary's Report: The motion was made by Ed and seconded by Arlys to approve the April Business meeting minutes as printed in the May Posten. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: The report from Janis was reviewed. The August checking balance is \$2,456

Culture/Program: Jana described the programs she is working on for this fall and continuing into 2019.

September – Program about Finland as described in the September Posten.

October – Jana will present the program about visiting three Norwegian museums. Jackson Loomis will share a 4 minute video of his Camp Norge experience and thank the lodge for the campership award.

November – member meet and greet, free meals for potential new members and artisan displays.

December – A program involving a Gingerbread House that might include Minneapolis Norway House. Jonathan will check with the Masonic Lodge to see what December dates would be available.

January – Scandinavian Dancers

February – Norway House presentation

March – Program by Bruce Folken about Norway House.

March Promotional Event – Stoughton Dancers and other attractions to increase visibility of Desert Fjord to guests and potential members. This is planned for late in March.

Membership items: The death of Bill Louhi August 29; the private ceremony for Paul Wold; Katy Robinson planned to attend the Syttende Mai picnic – she's a potential lodge member.

Library: Arlys discussed the new book about Norwegian missionaries in America order by Janis. The book was highly recommended by Rogalandslag's President.

Old Business:

Potential Lodge Secretaries will be contact by Jonathan. There is also need for a Nominating Committee since Ross has stepped down for health reasons.

Syttende Mai picnic went well in May. Lodge representation appeared to be down slightly. Picnic in the Pines was successful and we thank the Loomis' for hosting this event.

New Business:

Ali recommended that the \$650 budget item be increased to \$1,150 for November lodge meeting and Yule Bazaar in 2018 or to a total of \$2,500 for the 3-4 possible events planned for this coming school year. Ed moved and Jonathan seconded increasing the budget item to \$1,150 for calendar 2018. The motion passed.

District Six's visit to the Sheraton Mesa on October 5th. It was suggested that Jan and Sherrie Loomis plus Jonathan might be part of that visit. New District President Luella Grangaard invited Desert Fjord to be represented at this visit.

Benny Jo asks us to share anything new our lodge has done (or plans to do in the near future). She wants to bring it to District Board meeting in October. We will provide a summary of what is planned for our March Promotional Event.

The meeting closed at 1:50 PM. The next Business Meeting is scheduled for October 6th.

Respectfully submitted by Ed Bergo, Acting Secretary.

Business Meeting at 12:00 pm, Saturday, October 6th

Scottsdale United Methodist Church, 4140 North Miller Rd, Scottsdale, AZ



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\$500-\$1,999	1.00%
\$2,000 - \$9,999	1.95%
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\$50,000- \$99,999	2.55%*
\$100,000 and over	2.65%*

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\$10,000- \$24,999	2.20%*
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\$50,000- \$99,999	2.50%*
\$100,000 and over	2.55%*

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The Desert Fjord Boutique will be in the lobby for the November meeting.
Shop and raise money for the lodge!



District Six President: Mary Beth Ingvoldstad

District Six is made up of the following states:

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, St Peter Lutheran Church,

1844 E Dana Ave, 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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Hello to those of you that make it this far! The next-to-last-page club!

I like to take a small space in the newsletter as a way to reward readers with a bit of humor and just out of sheer curiosity if anyone reads this. Jonathan hasn't ever mentioned this part of the Posten so... it may be one of the lodge's best kept secrets!

What isn't a secret is how important it is to be financially ready with emergency funds and of course life insurance. Now that my husband and I are planning on having a family in the future— it is so important to plan ahead even for the unthinkable.

Not everyone has a money tree after all, otherwise we'd all be gardeners! Would the money grow like fruit or be the leaves? Or worse! It could be...pennies!

God bless and take care faithful readers!

- Editor Laura



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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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