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December 2018

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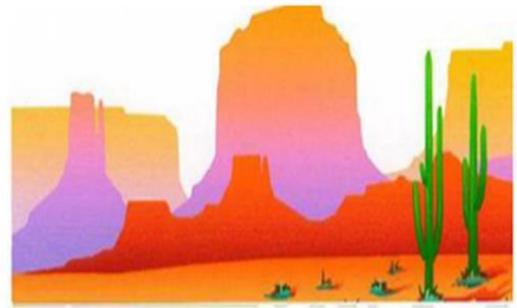
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SONS OF NORWAY

Desert Fjord Lodge



President's Column

We had a wonderful Heritage and Cultural meeting last month. Several members were given time to talk about their Norwegian roots. We had a great meal of the dishes people brought to share. As we ate our meal we watched a DVD, **Christmas in Norway**. And many went home with plates of Christmas cookies from our Norwegian Cookie Exchange.



This month we will not hold a formal meeting. This is partly due to how busy this time of year becomes, but mostly due to our meeting place not being available on the second Sunday. There are other places where you can go for some good Scandinavian holiday fellowship. One place where we're welcome is Overtro Fjell lodge in Mesa. They're having their Julebord on the 15th; I encourage you to attend. It's a fun gathering for food and sweets galore. And you're in the company of your own people—people who understand and appreciate your culture and heritage. *(You can find all the details on page 2.)*

The end of next summer Camp Norge is holding its first camp for adults. This may turn out to be a popular event, so if you're at all interested you should get your place there by the end of February. *(Please see more about this on page 6.)*

While this is a time of year for gatherings and parties and merry-making, there are some among us who have health issues and cannot get out as they did before. May we think about them, support them in any way that comes to mind and hold them in our thoughts and prayers. I wish safe travel to any who are going away to be with family over the holidays. **God Jul!**

As the calendar year comes to a close, I look forward to the opening of a new year full of new opportunities and possibilities. I hope to see many of you then as we seek to continue celebrating our Norwegian heritage here in Arizona!

Velkommen

OVERTRO FJELL JULEBORD

December 15, 2018
11:00 am

St. Peter Lutheran Church

1844 E Dana Avenue – Mesa, AZ 85204

We will be singing Christmas Songs in both English and Norwegian.

We will have a White Elephant Gift Exchange. (Bring a wrapped gift.
Please only spend up to \$5)

We will enjoy a delicious meal. Each family will bring a main dish and a
salad or dessert that serves 6.

Contact Sissel Espeland to sign up:
480-792-0305 or sissel.liknes@gmail.com





Jeg er så glad hver julekveld ...

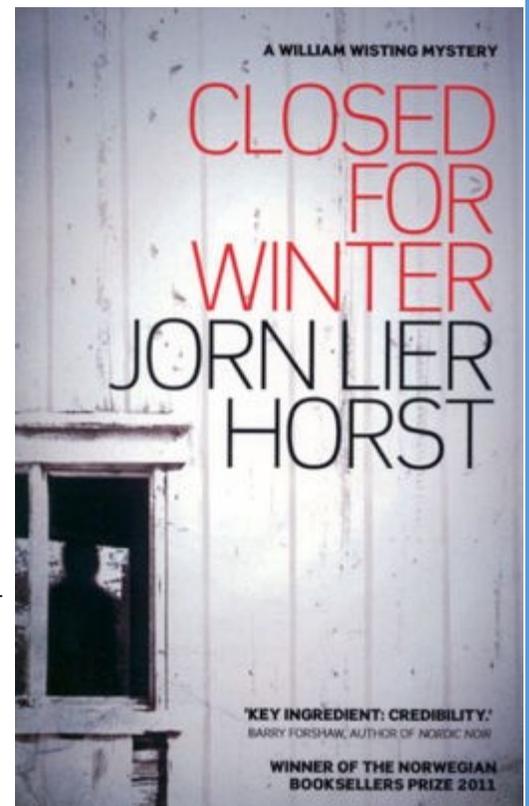
I am so glad each Christmas
Eve ...

Of the few Scandinavian hymns that crossed the ocean and was remembered into the next generation, this Christmas tree hymn from Norway ranks among the top, along with "Children of the Heavenly Father." Written to be sung on Christmas Eve when the tree was being decorated, it tells parents, especially mothers, how they should teach their children about the faith as they decorate the tree. The first stanza of the text is well known in Norwegian yet in America. This hymn first appeared in the *Nynorsk Salmebog* of 1926. It very quickly appeared among the Norwegian Americans and was translated by P.A. Sveeggen, for inclusion in *The Concordia* in 1931.

VIKING BOOK AND WINE CLUB

We won't be meeting in December, but here's a good read for the holidays.

The summer cottages are closed and peace is settling over the coast of Vestfold, Norway, but the autumn fog conceals evil deeds. In the novel *Closed for Winter*, William Wisting has a new case to solve during the off-season. Ove Bakkerud, newly separated and extremely disillusioned, is looking forward to a final quiet weekend at his summer home before closing for winter but, when the tourists leave, less welcome visitors arrive. Bakkerud's cottage is ransacked by burglars. Next door, he discovers the body ...



Save the Date!

Sunday, March 24, 2019

2531 N Scottsdale Road

2 PM to 5 PM

- Performance by the Stoughton Norwegian Dancers
- Genealogy Presentation
- Cooking Demonstration
- Food Samples
- Craft Exhibits and Demonstrations
- Children's Activities
- Authentic Costumes

Scandinavian Festival

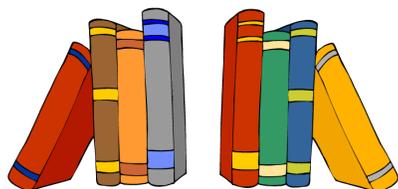
Celebrate and explore your Viking roots! Experience the sights, sounds, skills and tastes of Scandinavia.

For additional information visit:

www.desertfjord.org



Desert Fjord Lodge Renewal



Library Corner

By Arlys Medicott

Librarian

The Gift of Books—Do you Hear what I Hear?

As a gift to you, I'd like to expand our library's services to include audio books. Please let me know if there's interest; I can research about Scandinavian authors and books. Audio books are great for road trips. They're also great if you'd prefer listening to a book read from a sitting or reclining position. Janis Johnson has donated a number of titles to the library—come by and check them out.



MEMBERSHIP MATTERS by Sherrie Loomis, Membership Secretary

This past September, I offered to take over membership duties from Floyd Downs who is stepping down after his many, many, many years of service (too many to count) to Desert Fjord lodge.

Floyd did his duty diligently. His membership databases were always current. Thanks to you members for sending him any and all changes to your address and telephone information. I also enjoyed reading his articles in the Posten; keeping us updated on important membership information.

It will be hard to replace Floyd, although I'm sure he will enjoy all of his free time. He will still be an active member of Desert Fjord. He still has many stories to tell but also enjoys hearing about your stories. And I'm sure I will be calling him for a while with membership questions.

November has been a pretty busy month for me and December looks to be the same. However, I look forward to hearing from you all. I can be contacted at the monthly lodge meetings, by phone at 480-786-4232 (h) or 602-820-1336 (cell) or by email at sherrie@jloomis.com.

God Yul everyone!



December Birthdays

Carol Bjerkestrand	1st
Joel S Bjerkestrand	3rd
Emily N Brown	4th
Jana L Peterson	4th
Neal S Sundeen	10th
Elizabeth A Berger	17th



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

* Heritage Member

Gratulerer Med Dagen – Happy Birthday !!



Save the dates:
September
10 ~ 15
2019

Camp Oldfjell, Folkehøgskule for Voksne (Folk School for Adults)

Camp Oldfjell will be held at our beautiful Camp Norge starting Tuesday, September 10th through Sunday, September 15th.

Cultural Skills classes will be offered in topics such as:

Music	Cooking
Literature	Tablet Weaving
Hardanger	Folk Dancing
Vikings	Rosemaling

and more! Mark your calendar, submit your vacation request & join us for our first ever Camp Oldfjell!



If interested in registering and attending this camp, please contact Jonathan Walters at j.dav.walt@gmail.com or call (347) 801-3345. I can send you complete details and registration information. (Except for music and dancing, class size is limited to 10 persons.)

Registration and 1/2 of the registration fee is due no later than March 1, 2019.

Desert Fjord Business Meeting

4140 N Miller Road, Scottsdale, AZ

November 3, 2018

Meeting: The Desert Fjord business meeting was opened by Jonathan Walters at 1:00 PM.

Attendees: Janis Johnson, Arlys Medlicott, Jonathan Walters, Ed and Phyllis Bergo.

Secretary's Report: The October Business Meeting minutes were approved. Motion made by Ed and seconded by Arlys.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was given by Janis. Everything is all paid up. \$700 is in savings as a set aside for the District Six convention in 2020. Ending balance is \$1348.99. A suggestion was made to have a 50/50 raffle at the Nov. meeting. Janis will begin to compile data from 2018 in anticipation of creating a 2019 budget. This must include money to hold the March event.

Programming: No meetings have been scheduled for December but members will be encouraged to go to the Lutefisk dinner and the Julebord in Mesa. Both will be announced at our November meeting and in the November and December Posten.

The Scandinavian Spring Fest is scheduled for March 9, 2019, at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Mesa. This offers an additional opportunity for us to participate with our boutique and its expanded inventory. The MIM has announced that Scandinavian Experience will not take place in 2018; therefore, Desert Fjord will not need to provide staff for that weekend event.

Membership: Jonathan reviewed the headquarters Membership activity report. A number of changes in membership were noted. Some follow up will be required.

Library: Arlys discussed the book report that she prepared for the November Posten on "To the Ends of the Earth", a new title added to our library.

Old Business: A lapel microphone has been purchased. Ed and Jonathan will meet next week to check out the modified sound system.

New Business:

- There was a preliminary discussion about changing the date and time of our monthly Business Meeting. This discussion will continue at the next Business Meeting. Would there be some way to save Jan and Sherrie Loomis a trip from Payson by connecting the Business Meeting and the H&C meeting on the same day? Mesa has done this with their Business and Social meetings. We should confer with Blaine Monson and see how it works for Overtro Fjell.
- No formal meetings have been scheduled for December, but members will be encouraged to go to Overtro Fjell's Lutefisk Meatball Dinner and/or their Julebord.

Meeting was adjourned by 1:55 PM; the next Business Meeting will be held in January 2019.

Respectfully submitted by Phyllis Bergo, Acting Secretary



Scholarship Opportunities Available from our District

District Six offers at least one \$1,000 scholarship (every year) for a student between the ages of 16 and 23. This scholarship is available for students attending an accredited post-secondary school or training institution. The application deadline for this scholarship is May 1, 2019. District Six also offers a \$1000 scholarship to the Concordia Skogfjorden Language Camp. The deadline for this scholarship is April 14, 2019. Applications are available on the District Six website at www.sofn6.org In addition there are many scholarships offered by the Sons of Norway Foundation at www.sofn.com

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

LODGES IN OTHER STATES

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

Most post their monthly newsletter

on their lodge website.

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Webmaster: Jan Loomis

Merry Christmas Everyone!

This season is the most wonderful time of the year, bells are ringing, choirs are singing, and there's the smell of cinnamon in the air along with that wonderful chill of winter. For our snowbirds, welcome, and yes an Arizonan gets very excited when the weather is in the 60's!

As someone who works with elders, I've never heard any of them say; I wish they didn't visit me. Your presents do not matter as much as your presence.

The reason for this season is love. The love of God to come as a baby and be completely human yet divine. We are blessed beyond measure to live in the United States and be free to say "Merry Christmas and God Bless." We are blessed for our heritage and the knowledge that our traditions carry on long after we are gone. Enjoy this time with friends and family and enjoy each moment!

God Bless!

Editor Laura



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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.

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