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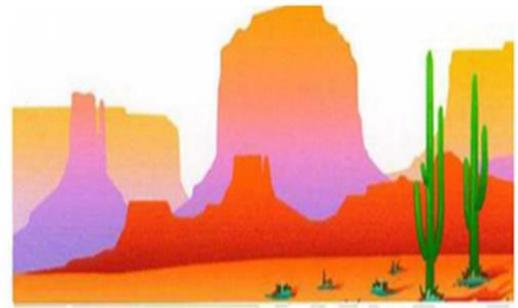
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SONS OF NORWAY

Desert Fjord Lodge



President's Column

These are exciting days for Desert Fjord lodge. In the bleak midwinter we celebrate our Norwegian heritage! (we do this throughout the year, but we do so especially now)

What could be more Norwegian than Torsk? Baked cod is on our menu once a year and it'll be served at our Heritage and Cultural meeting this month. Delicious!

And what could be more Norwegian than a program about the Sugar Barons (Norwegian) of Hawaii? Kate Martinson—from Vesterheim Museum in Decorah, IA comes again to deliver to us another spectacular program. Come and expect to learn something new! (*More about this on the next page.*)

Planning and preparation for our Scandinavian Festival in March is now in high gear. (*Please find the official festival flyer on page 5.*) Already there are many who indicate a desire to attend. We expect this to generate interest in our Viking roots in the wider community. Much energy & participation from members will help this event to be a huge success. Please pitch in and do your part—many hands are needed to do quite a number of tasks!

Desert Fjord has been conducting a survey during the past several weeks ... to help identify and meet the needs of our members. We've had some response, but we'd like to see more members participate in the survey. Please note that all Desert Fjord members in the household should take the survey. If you haven't yet taken the survey, please click on the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Q3K268L> (*it should only take you 5 minutes or less*)—thank you!

One of our very active and dear members, Sharon Clunk, died just before Christmas. She was a good friend of mine. I think she was a good friend to many. Anyway, she did her utmost to spread the word about her Norwegian heritage. At her recent memorial service, a contractor who worked for her stood up to share his experience of her. He called her his superhero. In the six months he worked for her, he never heard any complaint or negative word from Sharon. Everyday he got a hug from her when he came and when he left. He said he almost became Norwegian!! Let's all be good Norwegians in our neighborhood!



Velkommen

Heritage and Cultural Meeting—February 10th at 2 PM

Masonic Lodge, 2531 N Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale

Program: North Sea to the South Seas: The Story of Norwegians in Hawaii's Sugar Industry
By Kate Martinson—Vesterheim Museum, Decorah, IA



This program will focus on the impact that Norwegians had on the development, labor on plantations & management of the Hawaiian sugar industry. This little-known tale is full of surprises for the audience.

Our speaker from the Vesterheim Museum is Kate Martinson, an Emerita Professor at Luther College where she taught art education, fiber and Scandinavian fine handcraft classes. She is a Vesterheim volunteer, demonstrator and Board Member, is active in teaching in the Folk Art school and is also known as a lively speaker on a wide range of topics.

Menu:

- Torsk (Baked Cod) or Stuffed Chicken Breast
- Potatoes, vegetables, and melted butter
- Dessert (homemade)
- Coffee, tea and water

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



Price: \$17.00 for adults; \$8.50 for children

Reservations: Via the link online (click "online")

or call Phyllis Bergo by February 8th (480) 812-9762

District Six President: Luella Grangaard

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.

OTHER CONTACTS

Honorary Norwegian Consul:

Alex Boemark



MEMBERSHIP MATTERS by Sherrie Loomis, Membership Secretary

It is with heavy heart that we announce the passing of Sharon Clunk. She passed away on December 21, 2018 at the age of 82. A Celebration of Life service was held Saturday, February 2nd at Shepherd of the Desert Lutheran Church in Scottsdale, AZ. Teaching was Sharon's passion. She loved the classroom and her students and spent 38 years teaching the elementary grades. She also enjoyed spending time with her granddaughters, playing bridge, knitting and reading. Sharon loved her Norwegian roots; she was a very active member of the Desert Fjord Lodge, serving as President several years ago. Sharon had been a member of Sons of Norway for 37 years. She will be missed.



Mark your calendars!

Saturday, March 9th at 9 am to 3 pm

St Peter Lutheran Church

1844 E. Dana St., Mesa, AZ

Scandinavian traditional foods

- bake sale
- vendors
- entertainment
- children's activities

The admission fee is \$2.00 for adults.

Children are free.

Hosted by Overtro Fjell Lodge

February Birthdays

Amelia Berger 2nd
Donna Luter 5th
Hiro Liev Cummings * 15th



Sharon Rae Peterson 17th
Lois Sakkas 18th
Solomon Augustus * 26th

* Heritage Member

Gratulerer Med Dagen – Happy Birthday !!



Blacksmithing
Demonstration



Performances by the Stoughton, WI
High School Norwegian Dancers



Lefse &
Cookie Baking Demos

Scandinavian Viking Festival *The Saga Continues*



Desert Fjord Sons of Norway
Scottsdale Masonic Lodge 2531 N Scottsdale Rd
Sunday, March 24, 2019 2 - 5 pm

Celebrate and explore your Viking roots! Experience the sights, sounds, skills and tastes of Scandinavia. Norwegian Dancers and Music, Rosemaling, Blacksmith, Genealogist, Wood-chip Carver, Children's Crafts, Cookie and Lefse Demo and Sale, Gift Boutique and more.

www.desertfjord.org

Desert Fjord Business Meeting

4140 N Miller Road, Scottsdale, AZ

January 5, 2019

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, Ali Anderson, Jan & Sherrie Loomis, Ross Berg, and Berit Miltun.

Secretary's Report: The November Business Meeting minutes were approved. Motion made by Jan Loomis and seconded by Ed.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was given by Janis. Everything is all paid up. \$100 each month is being set aside for the District Six convention in 2020. We are in the black but we have to be frugal for the next 2 years. The budget draft was presented for 2019.

Programming & Social: Concern has been raised about the price of the meetings and the quality of the dinners. Are we losing members because of this? In order to determine the answer, the board decided to conduct a survey of our members which will begin as soon as possible.

Another concern mentioned was that although a speaker should be able to sell their books or wares after their program presentation, they should be careful not to abuse this privilege and use the lodge's email list to profit.

Cultural programs are as follows:

- January: Scandinavian Dancers of Phoenix
- February: Kate Martinsen from Vesterheim: Sugar Barons (Norwegian) of Hawaii.
- March: No regular meeting but March 24 Viking Festival at our lodge location.
- April: Speaker Bruce Folken from Norway house in Minneapolis
- May: Syttende Mai
- June: Ice Cream Social and Movie
- August: Picnic in the Pines

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. Our March meeting will be replaced by meetings to prepare for our March 24th event.

Membership: Sherrie Loomis reviewed the headquarters Membership activity report. Membership last year at this time was 147 and this year is 127 due to some deaths and transfers of membership, people moving, etc. Two new members are noted and not included in these numbers. Members who have email addresses should receive the Posten by email and save us postage if at all possible.

Library: Arlys asked if there might be interest in CD books which are available for \$10.00. We should consider this as additions for our library.

Old Business: Jonathan is working on filling the slots for leadership for our lodge.

New Business: A detailed report was made by Jan Loomis regarding the March 24th Viking Festival event plus a proposed budget for it. Jonathan made a motion to approve this budget and it was seconded by Berit.

Ali Berg requested funds to replenish our supplies for the Boutique. Sales were very good in November. She will need more for the March 9 and March 24th events. A motion was made by Jan Loomis and seconded by Janis to allocate \$750 for this.

Ross Berg, representing the education committee, requests additional volunteers for the committee. Corrie Knutson should be contacted at headquarters and requests made for reports to be sent to the scholarship fund chairperson as well as our treasurer. A better paper trail is needed. Ross also requested \$2500 be available for scholarships with our general fund making up any shortfall if the Agnes Steiler fund revenues are not sufficient. The Board made a motion and passed this request.

Winners of the scholarships will be announced May 1. A suggestion was made by Ross to have funds moved from Minneapolis to our Wells Fargo account and we would then write the scholarship checks.

A request will be made by Ed to Corrie that she work directly with our treasurer, Janis Johnson.

Respectfully submitted by Phyllis Bergo, Acting Secretary



**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, Sept 10th through Sunday, Sept 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.)

(\$300—full program + \$16.20/night per bed)

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

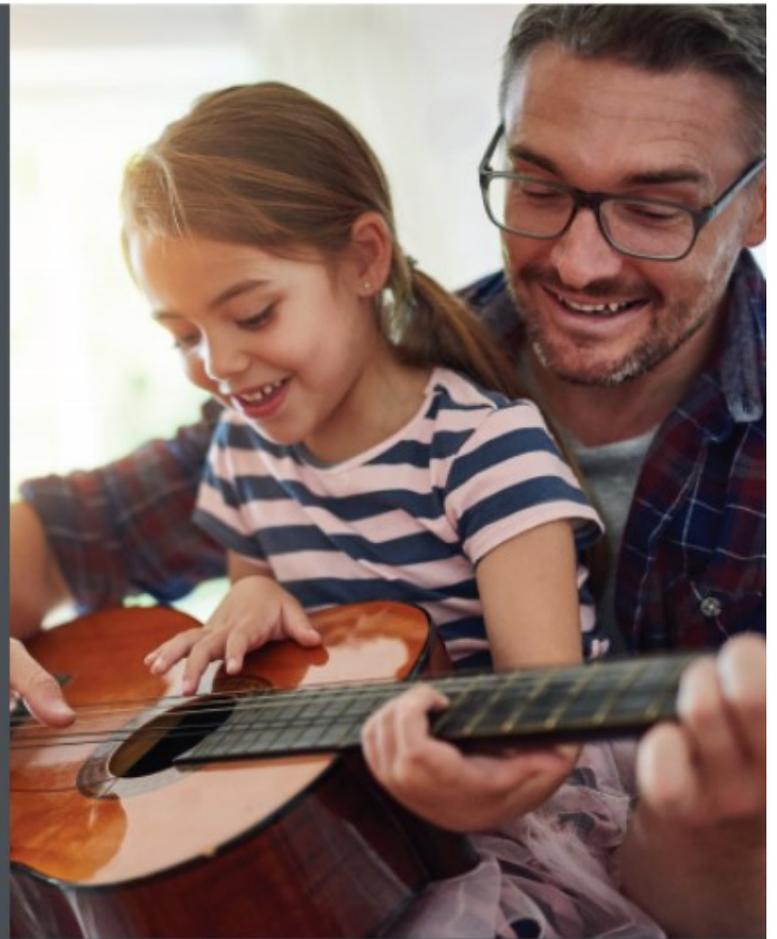


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Webmaster: Jan Loomis

Happy Valentine's Day!

It's the season of love and half-priced chocolates the day after February 14th! Love is one of the most powerful things in the world whether it's love of spouse, friends, family or even love of dogs for those of you who have canines in your casa.

"Love does not boast, it does not envy."

I encourage you all to look around the next lodge meeting and tell the people around you how much you love them being a part of your life. I hope you realize how much you might love the environment you work and live in. I also hope you find something you love as much as I love jasmine tea on a rainy day...

Love the little things, and celebrate the big ones!



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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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