

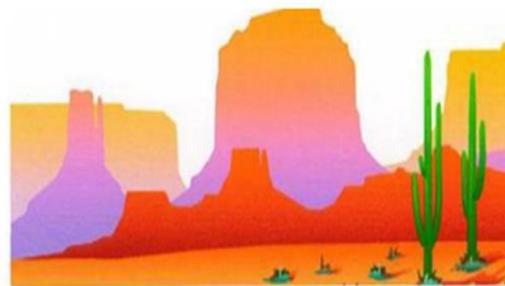
# The POSTEN

June/July/August 2019



## SONS OF NORWAY

### Desert Fjord Lodge



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### President's Column

Our Syttende Mai celebration at McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park was great and well-attended. If you weren't able to make it, we wish you could've been there. Please see the pictures of this event!

I am sad to report that our Posten Editor has left us. I'm most grateful Laura Kueggeman could help us with the Posten. If you have a desire to serve as **Editor** or **Librarian** for our lodge, please let me know!

See below for summer Desert Fjord Lodge activity information. If you're in the area later in June, you might like

to attend **Sankt Hans Aften** (St John's Eve) put on by the Phoenix Chapter of Norwegians Worldwide. (See page 3 for more information on that.)



Whatever your summer calendar holds, 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 9th 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** : July 11th 4:30-6:00 pm a new member event is scheduled at Postino Highland, 4821 N Scottsdale Rd. Current lodge members are also welcome. (See full details on page 4 in Membership Matters)

**AUGUST** : Aug 11th 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 2019

# Cultural and Heritage Meeting

Sunday, June 9th at 2 pm

2531 N Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale, AZ

## Our Annual Ice Cream Social



- **Popcorn, ice cream and beverages ... For children (\$3) and adults (\$6)**
  - Reservations are needed by Friday, June 7th (we need to ensure we buy the right amount of ice cream).
- Make your check payable to Sons of Norway & mail to:  
Phyllis Bergo, 2589 East Erie Ct, Gilbert AZ, 85295
- Please register online (click online) or you may call Phyllis Bergo (480) 812-9762

## Program: Movie

### RICHARD BANGS' ADVENTURES WITH PURPOSE

#### *Norway: Quest for the Viking Spirit*

#### Preview Quest for the Viking Spirit



**IS THERE A VIKING SPIRIT? IS IT ALIVE, TODAY?** More than 1,000 years ago, Vikings from Norway terrorized Europe; their legendary raids made their name synonymous with marauding pirates. Today, this ruggedly beautiful country houses the Nobel Peace Center and stands as one of the most eco-friendly countries on earth. How could such a progressive nation spring from such a violent past? Do Vikings represent a romantic revision of a grisly past or cynical pandering to a growing tourist trade? In his latest Adventures With Purpose special, adventurer Richard Bangs seeks out the modern-day "Viking Spirit" in Norway's forbidding Arctic north, its mountainous sea coast and its bustling cities. Traveling from the Lofoten Islands to fjord country, we learn about the Viking explorers to the Polar explorers. **IS AN OPTOMISTIC QUEST FOR SEARCHING BEYOND THE HORIZON IN OUR NORWEGIAN DNA?**

# Scandinavian Midsummer

Saturday, June 29 | 6:00 PM  
Anthem/North Phoenix area, 85086

In honor of the Scandinavian midsummer holiday *Sankt Hans Aften* (St. John's Eve), we will spend the evening relaxing around the bonfire, grilling hot dogs and burgers, and enjoying children's games and good company. **This is potluck/BYOB event** – so bring a dish to share and your beverage of choice. The club will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, and all the fixings.

This event is FREE, but please **RSVP** to help us make sure we have enough grill meat. To do so, go to <http://www.aznorseman.org/events.html>



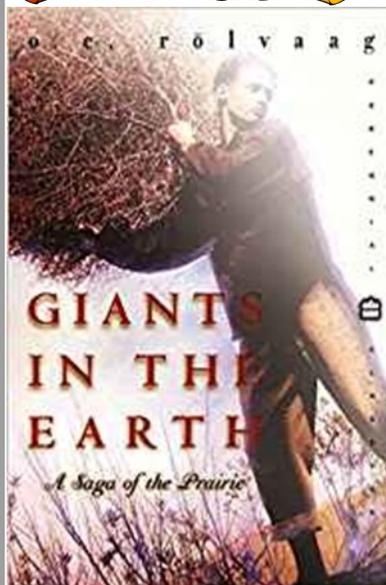
~ A Book Review ~ by Janis Johnson

**LIBRARY CORNER**

## *Giants in The Earth—A Saga of the Prairie*

*Giants in the Earth* follows a Norwegian pioneer family's struggles with the land and the elements of the Dakota Territory as they try to make a new life in America. The book is based partly on Rølvaag's personal experiences as a settler, and on the experiences of his wife's family who had been immigrant homesteaders. The novel depicts snowstorms, locusts, poverty, hunger, loneliness, homesickness, the difficulty of fitting into a new culture, and the estrangement of immigrant children who grow up in a new land.

*(this book is available for checkout from our great library)*



### • NOTICE •

There is no **Business Meeting** during the summer. Our next meetings will be announced. Stay tuned!

# 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
^ Howard O Barikmo	31

## August

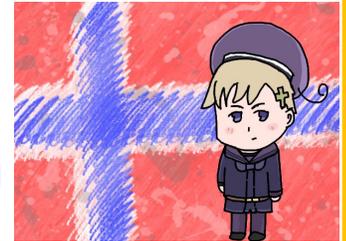
Toni Marie Solberg	2
Cheleen Olbekson-Jones	4
Judy Elisen	5
Georgiann Crouse	18
Don Miles	18
^ Gordon Peterson	20
Elaine Zgodowska	20
Marilyn Olson	21



\* Heritage Member

^ Golden Member

Gratulerer Med Dagen



## MEMBERSHIP MATTERS by Sherrie Loomis, Membership Secretary

"I think it's important to keep in mind that each person has an opportunity every day to influence both our own and others' sense of value and joy of life.

### Because everyone of us matters

...just your *smile* can make a difference to a person you meet on the street

...just your *kind word* can create a better day for another

...and just your *thoughtfulness* can trigger new positive actions."

- His Majesty King Harald's speech on New Year's Eve 2018

### Because everyone of us matters

To that end, we will have our **first annual** "New Member Happy Hour" on Thursday, July 11, from 4:30–6:00pm at **Postino Highland**, 4821 N Scottsdale Rd (NE corner of Scottsdale and Highland). We usually do not have a formal Lodge event in July, so we thought this would be a good time to recognize all new members from the past year.

Postino's is a food – beer – wine café. A glass of wine or pitcher of beer is \$5. The Lodge will buy each **new member** their first drink and will buy a few bruschetta/appetizers. Happy hour ends at 5:00pm. Current Lodge members are invited as a way of meeting and welcoming our new members. Drinks will be cash bar. **PLEASE RSVP to Sherrie at 480-786-4232.**



## MISSION STATEMENT OF SONS OF NORWAY

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.

## Desert Fjord Business Meeting

4140 N Miller Road, Scottsdale, AZ

May 4, 2019

**Meeting:** The business meeting was held at the Scottsdale Methodist Church and was opened by Jonathan Walters at 1:10 PM

**Attendees:** Jonathan Walters, Janis Johnson, Sherrie Loomis, Berit Miltun, Jana Peterson and Phyllis Bergo.

**Secretary's Report:** The minutes of the April 6<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved by Janis and seconded by Sherrie.

**Treasurer's Report:** Janis reports as of May 4<sup>th</sup> we have \$1400 in savings, of which \$1300 is set aside for the convention and \$100 towards grants for the next year. We hope to pay the registration for as many attendees to the convention as possible. The convention is June 18-21 with the 18<sup>th</sup> being the set up date.

**Scholarship Committee:** Sherrie talked to Nina Poe about the \$1200 scholarship of which \$900 comes from interest earned and the balance will be taken out of the other fund. Jackson will apply for a campership.

**Heritage and cultural meetings:** May 11<sup>th</sup> is the Sytende Mai picnic at the McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park in Scottsdale. June 9<sup>th</sup> is the ice cream social and movie at our lodge. August 11<sup>th</sup> is the picnic in the pines at the home of Jan & Sherrie Loomis. RSVP's are needed for the summer meeting and events.

**Membership:** We have 9 new members since January! A motion was made by Sherrie to have a get acquainted event in July for our new members. Jana will study the options of a suitable location, food and drink. The motion was seconded by Janis. Carol Blackwell has moved to Virginia. but has retained her membership. The Posten will be mailed to her.

**New business:** Laura will no longer be our Posten editor but Jonathan will handle communications over the summer with a combined Posten for June, July & August. We are short of help for Syttende Mai.

Janis reported that the genealogy list from Ross will be given to Ruth or Arlene from the Mesa lodge to facilitate a combined group of interested people.

Janis will be attending the Vestlandslag stevne at Luther College in Decorah, IA in June.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted, 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 10<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, Sept 15<sup>th</sup>.

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](mailto: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 August 1, 2019.

*(initially this was due by March 1st)*



Syttende Mai at McCormick—Stillman Railroad Park, Scottsdale

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