

The Posten March 2026

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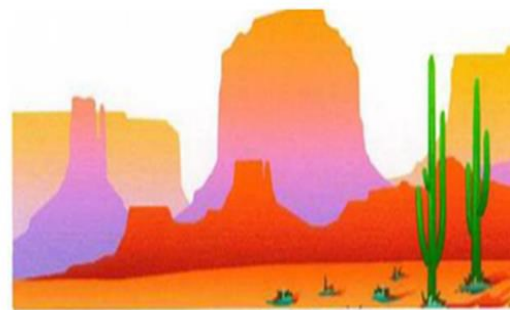
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SONS OF NORWAY

Desert Fjord Lodge

Established 1984



President's Column

This month we'll meet for the first time in our new venue at Scottsdale United Methodist Church in Scottsdale. We'll have an engaging time together as we share about our roots ...where in Norway (or elsewhere) our ancestors came from. *(Please see additional information about our meeting on the following page.)*



In February we toured the Ping Golf manufacturing facility, founded by Karsten Solheim and his wife Louise. Born in Bergen, Norway, Karsten was very proud of his Norwegian heritage. We were guided partially by Karsten & Louise's son Allan and granddaughter Dawn Grove, both members of Desert Fjord. I was impressed by employee loyalty, quality control, manufacturing organization and technology. They even had a test range and a vault of championship gold plated putter heads! *(Please see a few pictures from our tour on page 3)*

District Convention June 12- 14th Every two years our District 6 organizes a convention for local lodge representatives to decide on proposals and policies. This year the convention will be in Sacramento, California. Are you interested in representing the Lodge at the Convention? If so, please contact Mark Alexander at 928 699 5456 for details. (Desert Fjord Lodge is able to contribute to your cost of attending this event)

Velkommen

Heritage and Cultural Meeting

Saturday, March 8th at 2 pm

Scottsdale United Methodist Church

4140 N Miller Road, Scottsdale, AZ

Show & Tell – We Remember Our Roots!



Please bring your memorabilia from your Parents or Grandparents to Show and Tell. We also would like to hear their stories including places, times, hopes, dreams and challenges. Not Scandinavian? We still want to hear your stories!

(Please limit them to about 10 minutes)

Menu:

Please bring a snack or dessert item to share.

Coffee will be served.

Cost: \$5.00

- Click [here](#) to register **by March 6th** or RSVP to Janet Peterson (480) 209-0684
- If a ride to the church is needed, please let Janet know (or tell us on the Google form)

Tour of the Ping Facility



With Matt, our Tour Guide, and Dawn Grove, granddaughter of founder Karsten and Louise Solheim and Desert Fjord member.



Membership Matters by Crystal Williams, Membership Secretary

You never know what interesting and delightful people you'll meet when you come to Sons of Norway!



Introducing the New Membership Secretary: Crystal Williams

It's my pleasure to introduce myself as the new Membership Secretary for Desert Fjord. My name is Crystal Williams, and I am honored to take on this role. As the eldest daughter of Ross and Shirley Berg, I have a deep connection to our Lodge and its traditions. I have been a proud member of Desert Fjord since 2005, and my commitment to our community continues to grow.

In January 2021, I moved to Scottsdale from Carson, California. One of the greatest benefits of this relocation has been the opportunity to be closer to the Lodge and to build stronger relationships with my fellow Sons of Norway members. I truly value the sense of community and camaraderie that our Lodge provides.

My academic background includes a Bachelor of Arts from the University of California at Santa Cruz, where I majored in French, Spanish, and Mesoamerican Cultures. My studies began at El Camino Real High School and continued at university, with coursework in French and Spanish language, literature, and culture. I also pursued classes in Anthropology, American Literature, and Humanistic Psychology, which broadened my understanding of the world and enriched my appreciation for diverse cultures.

As Membership Secretary, I am here to assist you. Please share with me any changes pertaining to your membership status. If you have questions or concerns, feel free to reach out. I look forward to being of service contributing to the ongoing success of our Lodge.

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If your contact information changes, please let Crystal know! Your current phone number and your email address are how we stay connected.

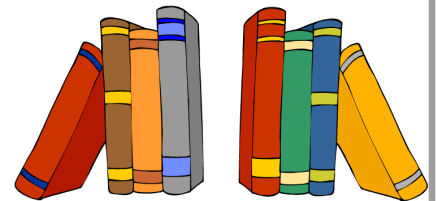
Crystal can be reached at: (310) 617-3423 or her email address: crystabel55@yahoo.com. (You can also speak with her at one of our lodge meetings or events.)

LIBRARY CORNER

A Book Review by Janis Johnson

Sun and Shadow

By Arnaldur Indridason



On an icy January day, the Reykjavik police are called to a block of apartments where a body has been found in the garden: a young, dark-skinned boy is frozen to the ground in a pool of blood. Erlendur and his team embark on their investigation and soon unearth tensions simmering beneath the surface of Iceland's outwardly liberal, multicultural society. Meanwhile, the boy's murder forces Erlendur to confront the tragedy in his own past.

Master crime writer Arnaldur Indridason's *Arctic Chill* renders a vivid portrait of Iceland's brutal, little-known culture wars in a taut, fast-paced police procedural.

Arnaldur Indridason is an Icelandic author whose thrillers have sold over five million copies worldwide. He's the only author to win the Glass Key Award for best Nordic novel two years in a row. The film of *Jar City* was Iceland's entry for the 2008 Academy Award for Best Foreign Film.

District Six President: Lis Barca

District Six is made up of the following states:

Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah and Hawaii - Website: **www.sofn6.org**

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/377019032437840/>

Zone Seven Director: Jonathan Walters

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

Overtro Fjell 6-153 - 3rd Saturday at 11:00 am

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

625 S Ellsworth, Mesa, AZ

Sol Byer 6-134 - 3rd Saturday at 11:00 am

Sun City West Foundation

14465 R.H. Johnson Blvd, Sun City West, 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



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Control+ Left Click on this link:

<https://www.facebook.com/Desert-Fjord-Lodge-6-133-Sons-of-Norway-563052183744742/>

March Birthday

Gordon T Troan	1st
Allan D Solheim	11th
Berit Miltun	13th



Mary P Westby *	17th
Leif G Hollmann	18th
Laurie Jean Peterson	26th

* Heritage Member

Gratulerer Med Dagen – Happy Birthday !!

Sons of Norway's
LegacySure Plan



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Celebrating 130 Years

1895-2025

Keeping your promise to your loved ones. Many people face unanticipated expenses after the loss of a loved one. Dealing with these expenses and the emotions of a loss can be very stressful.

The average cost associated with a funeral may exceed \$8,500. Funeral expenses include memorial services, use of a funeral home, a casket and headstone or cremation. Other costs you may encounter include medical bills, credit card debt, flowers and memorial cards.

Without life insurance, families may struggle to come up with the funds they need to provide the service befitting their loved one. Life insurance can help with these expenses and minimize the stress of this phase of life.

Sons of Norway offers a life insurance policy that is permanent and guaranteed. With this coverage you will have guaranteed level premiums for life. The approval process is quick and easy with a few basic questions and will not require a medical exam.

Ask me about the LegacySure plan!!

Please contact me:

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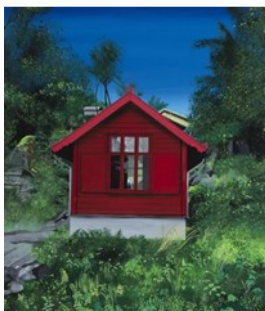
TRIP TO NORWAY WITH JANA!

Having traveled to Norway at least 10 times and being encouraged to guide a trip there this July, Jana Peterson will guide a small group through Oslo museums, shopping, and sights. We will stay in a quiet hotel, and visit **Bygdoy** (Folkemuseum, Fram Museum, Kon-Tiki, etc.), the **Munch Museum**, the **National Museum** and the **Opera**. After 4 days in Oslo, we will board the train through the beautiful mountains to Bergen. Our stay in Bergen at a wonderful VRBO will include visits to **Bryggen**, the **Kode Art Museums**, **Mostraumen Fjord Cruise**, **Grieg's home**, **Mt. Floyen** and more! We will have time together, and time to wander before heading back to Oslo and home.

For those very adventurous souls, an additional 4 days at the beginning touring Iceland will be offered.

Please call for information.

Sincerely,
Jana 480-326-2927



Desert Fjord Resources

- *Looking for information on future meetings, events and Postens?*
Desert Fjord website: <https://desertfjord.org/>
- *If you are looking for some wonderful Scandinavian recipes, check out:*
Sons of Norway website: <https://www.sofn.com>
- *As members, we have access to a free, in-depth genealogy club that meets monthly via zoom – **Genealogy Club (District 6):***

Anthony G (Tony) Hjelmstad, Slektforskningklubb / Genealogy Club



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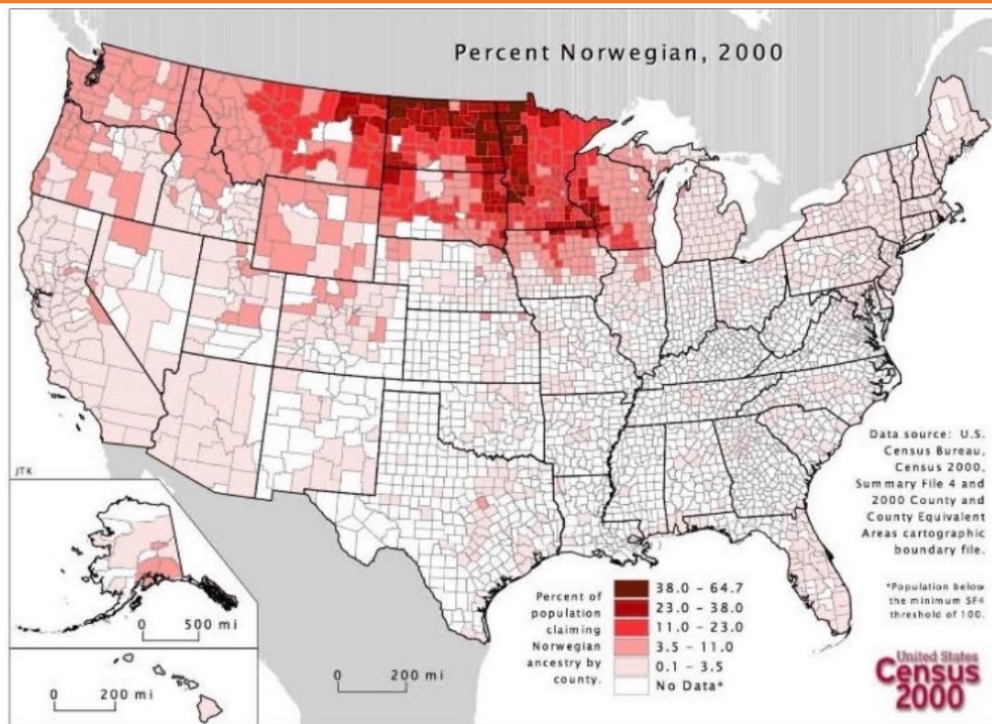


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Genealogy@Fjelldalen.com <https://www.fjelldalen.com/>

- *Our Desert Fjord Lodge (**Scandinavian Noir Book Club ...** previously known as **Viking Book and Wine Club**) hosts a monthly Book Club meeting in Jana Peterson's home. Members gather to read and review Scandinavian books with an emphasis on murder mysteries. For more information call Jana Peterson at 480-326-2927.*
- *As members of Sons of Norway, we are invited to join the free, national book club that meets monthly via Zoom:*
Sons of Norway Book Club:
Bill Browning
Sons of Norway Book Club Coordinator
SonsofNorwayBookClub@gmail.com
[404-953-2525](tel:404-953-2525)
- *As members of Sons of Norway, District 6, we have access to Camp Norge in California. Check out the camp information:*
Camp Norge: <https://www.campnorge.org/site/>

This page will be a permanent fixture in our newsletter. If you have something to add, please let us know!



Norwegian Americans by county, 2000

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The mission of Sons of Norway is to provide quality insurance and financial products to our members, promote and preserve the heritage and culture of Norway, and to celebrate our relationship with other Scandinavian countries.

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