

# The Posten

December 2019

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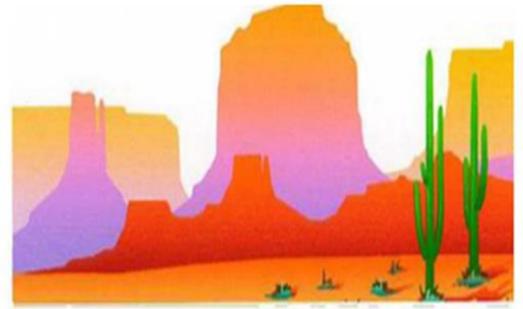
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# SONS OF NORWAY

## Desert Fjord Lodge

Established 1984



### President's Column

We enjoyed good attendance at our Lodge's 35th Anniversary—pictured here from left are Shirley Ouren, Nina Poe and Jan & Sherrie Loomis. It was a celebration befitting such a happy occasion.

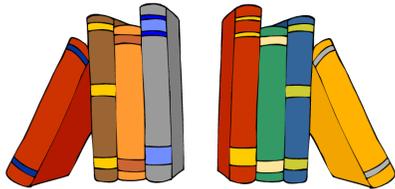
In December our meeting would've conflicted with a Jultrefest hosted by Norwegians Worldwide, so we requested that we co-host their event. They've asked that we contribute by helping setup or take down the room. If coming to help setup, please arrive by 12 pm. *Find details on page 2.*

May your holidays with family or friends be special in every way. "I will honor Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year." (from **A Christmas Carol** by Charles Dickens)



*Velkommen*

**Business Meeting at 4 pm, Sunday, December 8th**  
Starbucks, 2360 West Northern Avenue, Phoenix, AZ



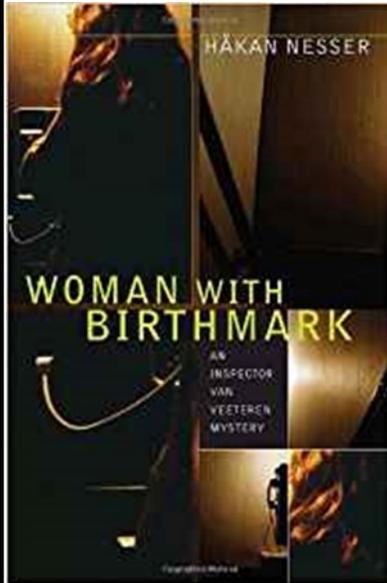
## LIBRARY CORNER

### A Book Review by Janis Johnson

(highlighting one of the books available in our great Library)

A mother's dying wish sealed with a deadly promise. Four men with a secret they thought they'd buried decades ago. A detective in love. A man desperate to live despite the shadow of his guilty past.

After hearing her mother's deathbed confession and following the dreary funeral, Maria Adler realizes she has no other option but to seize upon her mother's imperative to do something. Dissolving the life she loathes, Maria changes her appearance and disappears. When she emerges, revenge is her sole occupation.



Inspector Van Veeteren and his associates are left bewildered by the curious murder of a man shot twice in the heart and twice below the belt. He was a quiet, utterly dull man, and the only suspicious activity his surviving wife can recall is a series of peculiar phone calls. Repeatedly the telephone would ring, offering nothing but the words of an obscure pop song from the 1960s. This siren song is linked to an identical murder, but the true link between these heinous crimes remains unknown, while a daughter's pride grows with the satisfaction of vengeance and another detective's lover offers telling insights that only an outsider could deduce.

With the critical eye and cool observation necessary for a successful chess match, Van Veeteren pursues his subject across the country, wading through outrageous leads and fruitless tips. A breathless thriller full of deception, blackmail, and cold murder, *Woman with Birthmark* is a chilling read.

## Juletrefest – A Norwegian Christmas Party

Sunday, December 8 | 2:00 PM



Trinity Lutheran Church  
9424 N 7th Ave, Phoenix, Arizona 85021

FREE Admission (potluck event)

Celebrate holiday fun with the family at our Norwegian Christmas Party, or *Juletrefest* as we call it in the homeland! This FREE annual potluck event is fun for all ages with traditional singing and dancing around the Christmas tree, delicious Scandinavian holiday foods like *julegrøt*, kid's crafts, raffle prizes, and even a visit from a special guest from the North Pole!



Bring the family, your favorite holiday dish or dessert to share, and your good spirits – **God Jul!**

# LUTEFISK & MEATBALL DINNER

*(The only Lutefisk Dinner in Mesa for the season)*

Plus Scandinavian Music by Sylvia & Carl

**Saturday, Dec. 7, 2019**

~ At ~

**St Peter Lutheran Church**

1844 East Dana Ave, Mesa, AZ  
*(south of Main just west of Gilbert)*

Sittings: 1:00 pm & 4:00 pm

For Tickets/Reservations (required):

lutefiskmesa6153@gmail.com

**Please do not call the Church;  
this is a Sons of Norway event**



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OVERTRO FJELL 6-153**

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## Scandinavian Viking Festival 2020

Saturday, March 28th

Scottsdale United Methodist Church

*(please save the date!)*

~ Volunteers Needed ~

for

## **2020 Scandinavian Viking Festival**

We'll be celebrating our heritage with hundreds of fellow Scandinavians at our festival on March 28<sup>th</sup> at Scottsdale United Methodist Church. We've already booked Ole and Lena Live for an afternoon performance of "Ole Runs for Office", a musical comedy.

We've extended invitations to a wide variety of Scandinavian organizations and vendors and have received inquiries from several vendors who plan on attending. We had over 20 vendor/displays at last year's event and can support twice as many this year. We had over 400 attendees last year and expect over 600 this year as we move to a Saturday with expanded hours and a venue with more parking.

We need your help to make this event possible and successful! We need individuals ...

- to coordinate the vendor process
- to assist with the theatrical production
- to coordinate ticket sales
- to bake cookies
- to assist with sales in the boutique
- to lead crafts for children, and more.

Please consider helping out and call (602.617.7542) or email Jan Loomis ([jan@jloomis.com](mailto:jan@jloomis.com)) to express your interest in helping. Tusen Takk!

## MEMBERSHIP MATTERS by Sherrie Loomis, Membership Secretary

There's never been a better time to join Sons of Norway or give a Christmas gift of membership to a family member or friend. Memberships for individuals are \$60 and families are \$95. Additionally, new members will receive the ten-page guide, "Genealogy Tips and Hints". When you join Sons of Norway today, bring your special family memories, traditions and stories. In return, you'll be welcomed into our extended family of like-minded members. Let's get to know each other!

- Gain exciting insights into your family history. Live and share the many appealing Nordic values and customs.
- Discover how to pass along cherished traditions and ways to provide a cultural legacy for future generations.

- Your family may include members from a melting pot of Scandinavian and other countries. All are welcome to the Sons of Norway family! (Yes, we eagerly welcome Swedes, Danes and all who have an interest in Nordic culture and traditions.)

Joining our family on-line is easy at [www.join.sofn.com](http://www.join.sofn.com). Remember to select Scottsdale, and Desert Fjord Lodge. We look forward to greeting you at our next meeting!



# December Birthdays

Carol Bjerkestrand	1st
Joel S Bjerkestrand	3rd
Jonathan B Loomis	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
Earl Fuchs	29th
David I Berger	30th
Phyllis Dahlk Bergo	31st

*Gratulerer Med Dagen – Happy Birthday !!*

\* Heritage Member

Remember, you can't  
get life insurance  
once you need it



## Financial Benefits Counselor

**Russell Luter**

**3250 S Arizona Ave, Apt #1098**

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### **Ole and Lina—TROUBLE AT HOME**

Ole left work one Friday evening. But it was payday, so instead of going home, he stayed out the entire weekend partying with his mates and spending his entire wages.

When he finally appeared at home Sunday night, Lina confronted him and barraged him for nearly two hours with a tirade befitting his actions. Finally, she stopped the nagging and said to him, "How would you like it if you didn't see me for two or three days?"

Ole replied, "That would be fine with me."

Monday went by and he didn't see Lina; Tuesday and Wednesday came and went with the same results.

But on Thursday, the swelling went down just enough where Ole could see Lina a little out of the corner of his left eye.

## More Lodge Good Works—Helping those in our community



### DUFFLE BAGS FOR I-HELP

*(you can join Desert Fjord members to help I-Help)*

These duffel bags are made to give to homeless women who sleep at the churches in the East Valley. The program is called I-Help. They often bring their belongings in plastic bags or worn out totes. Our lodge members can make a contribution by helping prepare the fabric ... coming to a snip and rip party at the home of Phyllis Bergo. And Desert Fjord gets credit for community service!

Janis Johnson joined Phyllis to make several bags recently— “Thanks to Janis this bag only took 2 1/2 hours instead of the usual 4 hours.” Anyone who’s interested in participating & learning how to make these should call Phyllis @ 480-812- 9762 or email [phyllisbergo@gmail.com](mailto:phyllisbergo@gmail.com)

#### **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](http://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/>

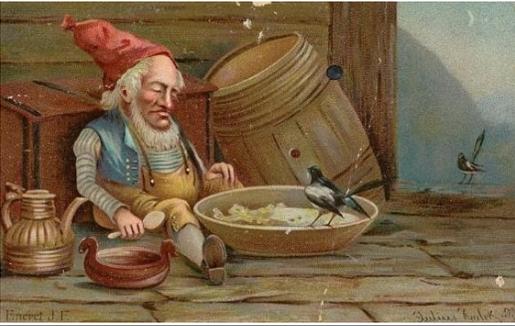
Most post their monthly newsletter on their lodge website.

#### **OTHER CONTACTS**

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Alex Boemark





**Officers of Desert Fjord Lodge**

**President:** Jonathan Walters— (347) 801-3345

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**Sunshine:** Dawn Walter— (480) 860-9192

**Trustees:** (1yr) K Haldorsen; (2yr) P Flanders; (3yr) Norm Jenson

**Tubfrim:** Lois Ripley and Lois Saakas

**Webmaster:** Jan Loomis



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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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<https://www.sofn.com/>

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