

The Posten

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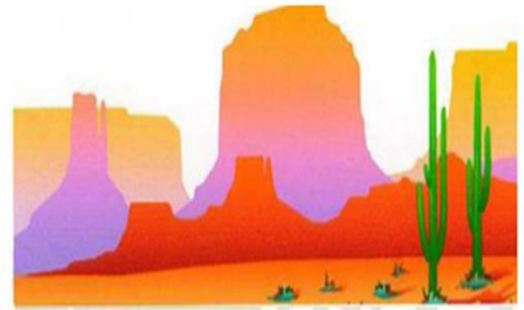
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SONS OF NORWAY

Desert Fjord Lodge

Established 1984



President's Column

Happy New Year! We've endured 2020 and made it through the holidays—whew! Now we can catch our breath and breathe a sigh of relief. Things can only get better for us, our families, our community and our lodge. I'm hopeful about the future and I see good things on the horizon. I hope you do, too.

One of our members brought a good idea ... have members share something they did for the holiday that promoted a Norwegian tradition—just a sentence or two about what you did along with a picture or two. She made Serinakaker (Norwegian Butter Cookies) and shared them with homebound friends. Please send your own contribution to Janis Johnson at: janisjoann41@gmail.com.



You'll get published in the next Posten!

I've repeated a request for one of our members to become Desert Fjord's next Membership Secretary. We need someone to fill this position ... one of you can do this without me twisting your arm. Please!

Also, please note that Desert Fjord continues without a Vice President. This is another key position that needs to be filled. One of our members can do this—either a man or woman, young or old. Lodges go extinct without new leadership. This is what happened to the Sons of Norway lodge in Tucson. Let's not let it happen in Scottsdale!

In this issue I've summarized the letter from Mike McIver telling about some changes coming for their Nordmanns-Forbundet club. We have joined with them to celebrate the annual Syttende Mai for a number of years and I thought this would be of interest to Desert Fjord members. Like Desert Fjord, they plan to start holding events again as soon as it's safe to do so. We wish them well with their continued efforts sharing the rich national and cultural heritage of Norway in Arizona!

Godt nytt år!



Velkommen

News about Nordmanns-Forbundet

In a letter just received from Mike McIver, President of the Norwegians Worldwide Phoenix Chapter, he shares about an official merger of Nordmanns-Forbundet/Norwegians Worldwide (NWW) with Norway-America Association (NORAM) that took place last June at the Annual Meeting. The merger essentially dissolves the original organization, focusing efforts and funds toward providing scholarships for college-aged students to study in Norway and North America, promoting academic cultural exchange and building transatlantic alumni networks. This is quite different from NWW's original goal and mission to serve through a global network of chapters a cultural connection between Norway and its citizens abroad, descendants and friends.

Because of this shift, the Board of Directors has unanimously voted to step down from the Phoenix Chapter of NWW. Their club will no longer be affiliated with the former NWW or the new NORAM effective January 1, 2021.

A new name will be selected for the club, but otherwise not much will change. They see this as an opportunity to focus more efforts and funds on the already strong community they've built over 60 years here in the Phoenix metro area and throughout Arizona. They'll continue the same dedication to Norwegian cultural heritage with year-round events celebrating Norwegian holidays, traditional food and drink, Scandinavian music and dance, and more.

With NWW, 85% of membership dues went to headquarters in Oslo. As an independent local organization 100% of membership dues will directly support events and activities. More funds can now go towards new venues, different activities, and more local membership benefits ... including events for all ages, discounted member prices to all ticketed events, social media presence and the chance to connect with a fun and growing Norwegian and Scandinavian community. Membership will cost \$25 per year per household.

Membership Matters

It matters that we don't currently have a Membership Secretary who wrote a column here to report about Desert Fjord members. Floyd Downs did a great job of keeping track of our members, serving Desert Fjord for many years. Sherrie Loomis took over from Floyd and we appreciate what she did for us, too. But Sherrie has relocated to CO ... now we need someone to take her place. Could that be you?

Each month Sons of Norway headquarters in Minneapolis sends an Activity Report to the Membership Secretary. This report shows new members, cancelled members, members who are behind in their dues and members who are suspended. The Secretary follows up with members who appear in the Activity Report.

In addition to working with this report and writing a column for the Posten, the Membership Secretary works closely with Desert Fjord's Vice President to bring in new members and build membership of the lodge.

This is not a difficult or time-consuming position in the lodge, but it's important to have someone serving the lodge to pay regular

and special attention to our members. From the beginning Sons of Norway has cared for its members. We want to continue that proud tradition!

Perhaps one of you reading this would step up and volunteer to become Desert Fjord's new Membership Secretary. It's an honor to serve the lodge and its members. Please contact me about this!

Jonathan

Call me at (347) 801-3345 or send me an email at j.dav.walt@gmail.com



Hjalmer vs Tina

Hjalmar went to see a lawyer about a divorce from his wife, Tina. The lawyer began asking some questions. "What grounds do you have?" he asked. "Grounds?" said Hjalmar. "Vell, ve got about half an acre vid da house."

"No, I mean, do you have a grudge?"

Said Hjalmar, "Ya, ve got a single car grudge back of da house."

The lawyer shook his head and continued, "Well, does she beat you up?"

"No, I usually get up about 6 and she stays in bed til about 7."

Getting a bit impatient, the lawyer finally asked, "Is she a nagger?"

"No," answered Hjalmar . . . "she's yust a Norwegian."

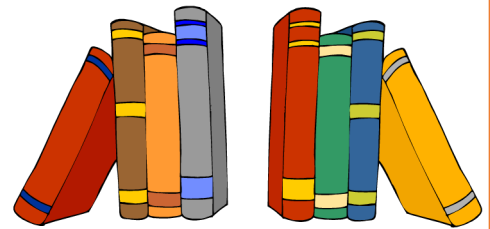
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A Book Review by Jan Johnson

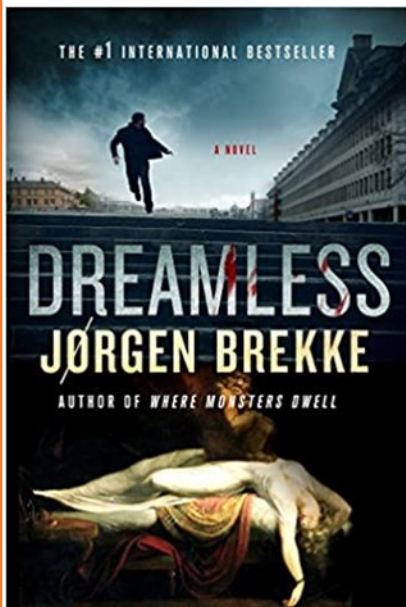
(highlighting one of the books available in our great Library)

Dreamless

by Jørgen Brekke



A young singer is found dead in a forest clearing during a snowstorm, her corpse gruesomely staged. Atop her body is an antique music box, playing a chilling lullaby. Chief Inspector Odd Singsaker is assigned the case, but the snow has all but wiped out any clues that the crime scene might hold. Then another young girl suddenly goes missing. Singsaker fears the worst.



In the course of the investigations, Singsaker uncovers a connection between both cases—a centuries-old ballad, which promises the listener the deepest, sweetest sleep.

With his own personal life in turmoil, Singsaker must somehow find the connection between the victims, the killer, and the melody. Somewhere, buried in the history of the ballad and its composer, is the detail that might help Singsaker find both the latest missing girl and the elusive killer who will stop at nothing to get his hands on this perfect lullaby.

Jørgen Brekke was born in the small town of Horten, Norway (Vestfold og Telemark), and currently lives there with his family. Brekke has been a teacher and a freelance journalist, but is now a full-time writer.



CRUNCHIES

Ingredients:

2 Cups Rolled Oats

1 Cup Flour

1 Cup Sugar

1 Cup Flaked Coconut

180 grams (6½ oz) or 12¾ tbsp Butter

1 ½ Tbsp Golden Syrup ... available at Fry's and AJ's (you could substitute Molasses if you can't find it)

1 Tsp Baking Soda

4 Tbsp (45 grams) grated ginger



Instructions:

- First, mix the grated ginger well with flaked coconut and then with the sugar, oats, flour and baking soda.
- Boil together the butter and golden syrup (or molasses); add this to the dry ingredients. Mix.
- Press into greased muffin tin – fill the molds about halfway
- Bake at 320 F for 11 minutes
- Turn off oven and leave in there another 15 minutes. Allow to cool before removing crunchies from the tin.

Enjoy as a dessert or snack.

(This recipe I got from a very good friend who grew up in South Africa. His mother used to make these often. My friend's ancestors came from Scotland and we know the Vikings went there. No doubt this great recipe came from the Vikings.)

District Six President: Luella Grangaard

District Six is made up of the following states:

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

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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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January Birthdays

Laura C Kuegemann 1st
Jackson B Loomis * 7th
Randy Wensman 11th
Peter A Flanders 13th
Floyd L Downs 21st



Hannah C Bergo 25th
Reidun J Daeffler 27th
Sondra Koskela 29th
Stephanie B Ronalds 30th
Peggy Wensman 30th

* Heritage Member

Gratulerer Med Dagen – Happy Birthday !!



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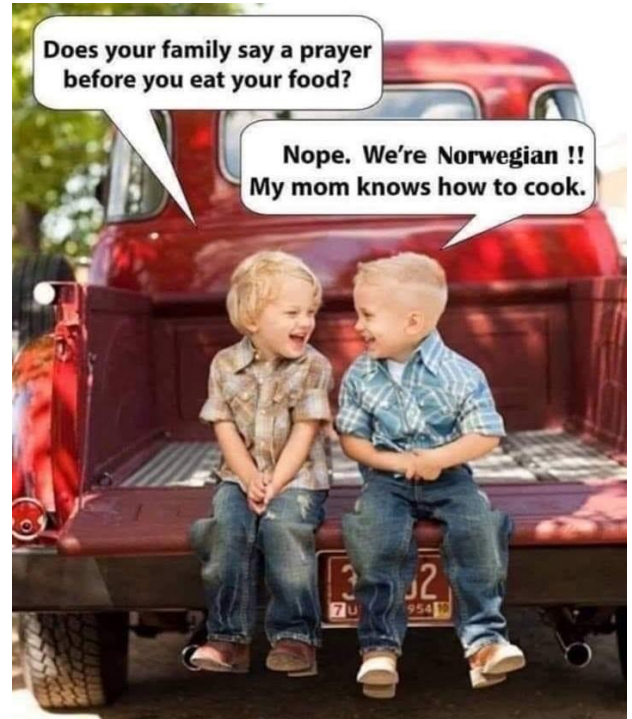
Social Directors: Berit Miltun— (480) 966-2009, Nellie Lokken

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Vikings in America

Want to be a pioneer? We are building the largest Scandinavian network and event calendar in America ... with news, advice, shopping and important resources. We aim to help local clubs, families and embassies feel closer to the homeland. For a limited time you can join for free. Every family in America with ties to Scandinavia will benefit. We are in Beta (only optimized for mobile) right now and need feedback from people like you. Hope to "see" you soon!

Go to vikingsinamerica.org to join. Please note that your password has to be at least 8 characters.

KNOW ANY SCANDINAVIANS IN AMERICA?



Beautifully decorated coffee mug. Keep as decoration or start your day right with a reminder that you are a Viking in America!

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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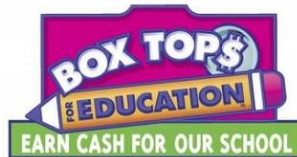
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