

The Posten

May 2021

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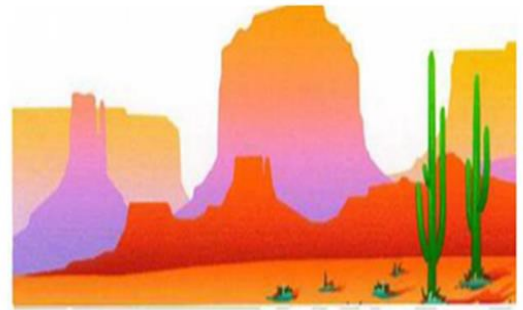
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SONS OF NORWAY

Desert Fjord Lodge

Established 1984



President's Column

Desert Fjord lodge is more than a social club! How do I know that? Yes, we have gatherings of a social nature that we call Heritage and Cultural meetings. But above all else, we're a member lodge of the Sons of Norway. And please note that Sons of Norway has a mission:

"To promote and 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."



I have just received word that Len Carlson has been assigned to Desert Fjord. (For many years he was the director of the SON insurance operation.) The email announcing this said: *"Sons of Norway was founded as an organization dedicated to providing financial security to its members, and to promoting our cultural heritage. Just as our lodges have a social and cultural focus, they also exist to help our members find the financial security they need for their families."*

Please find news about Desert Fjord's recipients this year for grants and scholarships on page 3. Thank you to the Education Committee for their outstanding work, a job well done!

Not a virtual event, but please enjoy a retrospective of Desert Fjord's Syttende Mai celebrations in past years. Hopefully, next year we can join with AZ Norsemen and observe this important day in person.

I'm ever so happy to announce that our lodge is no longer without a Membership Secretary. Lois Ripley has agreed to take on this responsibility to help interested people join the lodge, to help members reach out to recruit new members and to help retain our members. I welcome the special work you'll do with our members, Lois!

Let's spread Scandinavian goodness in our community as we remember our mission!

Velkommen

Membership Matters

Only recently we found out that one of our members, Judith Miles, died last October but she needs your help and support as just two months after being diagnosed with an aggressive cancer. Our sympathy and condolences to her husband Don and the family.

For awhile Desert Fjord has been without a Membership Secretary, someone to take special care tracking all matters pertaining to our members. I'm happy to report that this situation is going to change!

Lois Ripley has agreed to step up and be our new Membership Secretary. She'll be receiving the monthly Activity Report sent out from Minneapolis headquarters. This

will help her take care of our members but she needs your help and support as well. If your address, phone number or email has changed, she'd be the best person to notify. In our Summer Posten Lois will prepare a message here, giving you her contact information.

On April 19th some of our members were able to attend the memorial service for past member John Lovell. Although there was no lutefisk or lefse served, we got to remember one who helped many enjoy these Norwegian foods. Here are a couple pictures from that beautiful occasion.





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DESERT FJORD LODGE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The Education Committee proudly announces the 2021 Scholarship and Grant recipients:

Hannah C. Bergo, Ed and Phyllis Bergo's granddaughter, has been awarded a \$1,000 merit based scholarship for fall 2021. Hannah is an honor student and will be a junior at UC Santa Barbara next fall where she's working towards a degree in nursing.

Carl A. Miltun, Berit Miltun's grandson, has been awarded a \$1,000 merit based scholarship for fall 2021. Carl is an honor student continuing study of mechanical engineering as a sophomore at Cal State Chico in the fall. Carl is also on the school's Golf Team.

Hiro L. Cummings, son of Desert Fjord member Brian Cummings, has been awarded a \$500 grant that will be applied towards the cost of attending Camp Trollfjell this summer. Hiro attended the camp virtually last year and is looking forward to attending the camp in person this year. Hiro's great-grandmother was of Norwegian heritage.

A gift from the Agnes Stieler estate became the Desert Fjord Agnes Stieler Endowment Fund and that makes it possible to award scholarships and grants to students and children related to Lodge Members in good standing. Scholarships and grants are intended to be used for educational and cultural purposes of Scandinavian Heritage.

Agnes Stieler

Born: 18 March 1907

Died: 20 February 2003



Nina Poe
Paul Lindbloom
Gordon Peterson



SYTTENDE MAI 2017 - SCOTTSDALE, AZ





2018 Syttende Mai at McCormick—Stillman Railroad Park, Scottsdale

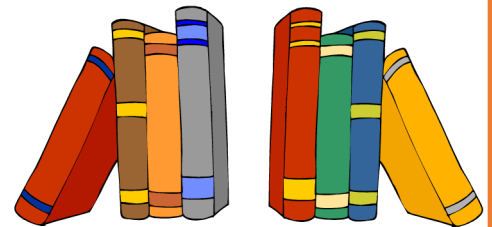


Syttende Mai 2016 with pilots of the Royal Norwegian Air Force training at Luke AF Base, Glendale, AZ

LIBRARY CORNER

A Book Review by Jan Johnson

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



The Cabin

Politician Bernhard Clausen has been found dead in his cabin on the Norwegian coast.

The police discover a piece of explosive information which could put the whole nation's future at risk. In a frantic search for answers they discover a web of lies which conceal the secrets to a series of cold cases. The police soon realize that to uncover the truth these cases need to be solved. And quickly.

Chief Inspector William Wisting, together with Kripas investigator Adrian Stiller, delve into Clausen's past and soon find that his interests lay less in Norway's political world, and more in its dark, and deadly, criminal underbelly.

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Jørn Lier Horst (born 1970 in Bamble, Telemark) is a former Senior Investigating Officer at the Norwegian police force. He made his literary debut as a crime writer in 2004 and is considered one of the foremost Nordic crime writers.

His series of mystery novels starring chief inspector William Wisting provides a detailed and authentic insight into how criminal cases are investigated and how it affects those involved, whether private or professional. The books represent a simple and accurate picture of the modern Nordic society, characterized by political and social commentary subtext.

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

Honorary Norwegian Consul:

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May Birthdays

Kathleen G Rice	3rd
Roxanne McLaughlin	7th
Jodi K Levell	10th
Kenneth M Westby	11th
Laura J Riddle	13th
Janis S Johnson	15th
Emily McLaughlin	17th
Karsten Sellers	19th



Knut Haldorsen	20th
Jonathan D Walters	20th
Janice E Haldorsen	25th
Marissa F Boyles *	26th
Susan W McClinton	27th
Shannon S Prondzinski	28th
Jimmy D Rice	29th

* Heritage Member

Gratulerer Med Dagen – Happy Birthday !!



Syttende Mai 2016, Sajuaro Ranch Park, Glendale, AZ

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Tubfrim: Lois Ripley and Lois Saakas

Webmaster: Jan Loomis

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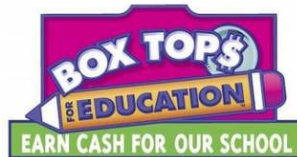
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