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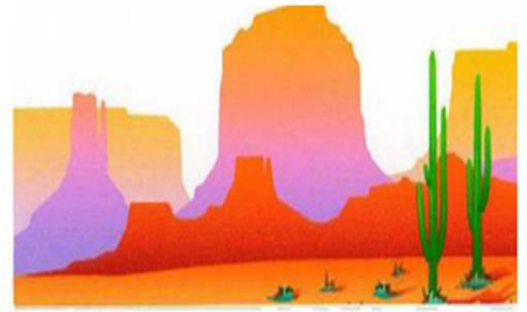
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Desert Fjord Lodge

Established 1984



President's Column

We celebrate Syttende Mai on May 11th at McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park in Scottsdale, an event co-hosted by AZ Norseman and Sons of Norway. It's an important, happy occasion for young and old alike.

Every 17th of May, a unique celebration unfolds in Norway. This date marks the national day of Norway, or Constitution Day, a holiday filled with joy, unity and an unmatched display of national pride. It stands as a testament to the country's rich history and vibrant culture, marking the signing of the Norwegian constitution at Eidsvoll in 1814.



Unlike many countries that celebrate their national day with military parades, Norway's national day revolves around children and community.



It's a day steeped in tradition, from the Children's Parades that fill the streets to the ubiquitous wearing of "bunads", the traditional Norwegian dress. The holiday also serves as a celebration of spring, occurring when the picturesque landscapes of Norway are in full bloom.

We'll have a great time—delicious food along with hot dogs, soda and coffee. We'll have children's games and ice cream. We'll have a parade around the park. Bring your flags, family and friends. Come and celebrate with us!

Velkommen

SYTTENDE MAI 2024

Commemorating the 1814 signing of Norway's Constitution

Saturday, May 11th
9:00 AM – 12 NOON



McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park

7301 E. Indian Bend Rd., Scottsdale, AZ
Stillman Ramada (south of playground)



Admission: FREE

Show your Nordic spirit and join our local Norwegian clubs as we all come together to celebrate *Syttende Mai* or 17th of May! This annual potluck brunch event in honor of Norwegian Constitution Day will be full of food, fun, *bunader*, children's games - and of course the traditional 17th of May parade! Bring your Norwegian flags, your good spirits, and a dish to share.

*The clubs will provide coffee, lemonade, and cups/plates/plastic ware

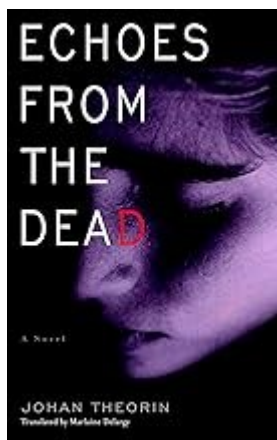
Program:

- 9:00 Welcome
- 9:30 17th of May Parade with Norwegian music and flag-waving
- 10:00 Food is served
- 10:30 *Tale for Dagen* (Speech of the Day)
Speaker – TBD
- 11:00 Traditional Norwegian children's games – with ice cream rewards!
- 11:30 Explore the park and enjoy table games

Co-hosted by Arizona Norseman & Desert Fjord and Overtro Fjell Sons of Norway Lodges

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www.facebook.com/Sonsofnorwaymesa





Desert Fjord Book Review AND Book Group Selection

On a gray September day, on an island off the coast of Sweden, six-year-old Jens Davidsson ventured out of his backyard, walked out into a fog, and vanished....Now twenty years have passed, and in this magnificent debut novel of suspense—a runaway bestseller in Sweden—the boy's mother returns to the place where her son disappeared, drawn by a chilling package sent in the mail... In it, lovingly wrapped, is one of Jens' sandals—sandals Julia Davidsson put on her son's feet that very last morning.

About Johan Theorin

Throughout his life, Johan Theorin has been a regular visitor to the Baltic island of Oland, where his books are set. His mother's family - sailors, fishermen and farmers - have lived there for centuries, nurturing the island's rich legacy of strange tales and folklore. A journalist by profession, Johan lives in Gothenburg, Sweden.



Join us for the discussion of this book on
Saturday May 18th at 4:00 pm
At Jana Peterson's home in Paradise Valley:

5901 E Hummingbird Lane
Paradise Valley, AZ

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Please call Jana for directions at
480-326-2927
Snacks and Wine included.

Membership Matters by Lois Ripley, Membership Secretary

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



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

I can be reached at: (480) 521-8693 or my email address: lcripley@gmail.com. (You can also speak with me at one of our lodge meetings.)

Rekefest 2024 Hosted by AZ Norseman



A lovely evening enjoyed by all at the home of Erik and Valerie Ringnes—Norwegian shrimp on bread with mayo, followed by ice cream topped with strawberries ... delicious! A game of trivia and then a game of Music Bingo made it a very engaging and fun time. Winning tables got a bottle of wine.

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

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

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

May Birthdays

Kathleen G Rice	3rd
Winston Reed *	5th
Roxane McLaughlin	7th
Laura J Riddle	13th
Janis S Johnson	15th
Emily McLaughlin	17th
Eleanor Reed *	17th



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

* Heritage Member

Gratulerer Med Dagen – Happy Birthday !!



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It's been a while since I have talked about what a ***Financial Checkup*** is.

People's personal and financial situations change over time. This means that your financial goals change.

- Are you accumulating enough money over time?
- Are you a conservative investor or a risk taker?
- When a loved one passes away, can the survivor maintain their current standard of living?
- Do you have enough Life Insurance?

These are just a few of the questions that I go over when I complete a financial checkup.

I encourage you to give me a call or email me to set up a time to visit with you about your financial needs.

I mentioned in my last article a new product called **LegacySure**, a new FINAL EXPENSE policy – a policy designed for people ages 45 to 85, face amounts from \$5,000 to \$50,000. Please contact me to see if this new product is right for you – thank you!

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Desert Fjord Resources

- *Looking for information on future meetings, events and Posters?*
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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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/>

The Cure

Ole and Sven are sitting at the bar having beers and Ole is complaining about the snakes that had invaded his basement. Sven says to Ole, "Well, dat's easy to take care of. You just take a plate of lutefisk and set it on the floor of your basement and dem dang snakes will leave!"

So Ole does just that and the next day Sven asks him how it worked. Ole says, "By golly, it sure did the trick—all dem snakes are gone! But the only problem now is the basement is full of Norwegians!"

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Mission Statement:

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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