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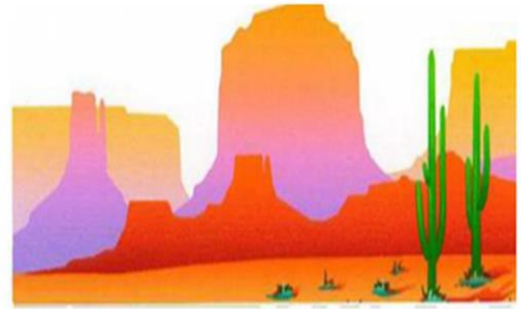
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SONS OF NORWAY

Desert Fjord Lodge

Established 1984



President's Column

Are we proud of our Scandinavian heritage? Yes! Each of us has reason to be proud of our Viking roots and particularly our Norwegian ancestry. This comes out a bit more and shows itself for all to see around holiday time—you know, the lefse and julekake and lutefisk. You betcha!

Well, we have something else to be proud about this month. We're celebrating Desert Fjord lodge's 35th Anniversary. Founded in 1984 as a Sons of Norway lodge, we have a great deal to celebrate. For a good long time we've maintained a Scandinavian presence here in the Phoenix metro area, welcoming any and all who wish to join with us to cultivate our rich heritage and culture. And we're still going strong!

Our monthly meeting in November will be more informal and festive. There will be door prizes. There will be a slide show. Scrapbooks showing some past years' activities will be available for you to peruse. The Desert Fjord Boutique will be open for you. The Scandinavian Folk Dancers of Phoenix will provide an entertaining program of Nordic dances. There will be wine, cheese and crackers, coffee and cake. We hope you'll want to come help us celebrate our lodge's anniversary! Invite a neighbor. Bring a friend.

We've been invited to join Sol Byer lodge for a special program offered at their November meeting. ***(please find details on page 9)***

You'll find in this newsletter two sets of Business Meeting Minutes (good bedtime reading). This isn't a mistake. We changed the meeting time from the Saturday before our lodge meeting and are now meeting to conduct lodge business following our monthly meeting. This makes it much more convenient for officers who live far away. (By the way, any lodge member is welcome to join us for our lodge Business Meeting.)

Happy Anniversary, Desert Fjord!!!

Velkommen

Business Meeting at 4 pm, Sunday, November 10th

Scottsdale Masonic Lodge, 2531 N Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale, AZ

Heritage and Cultural Meeting—November 10th at 2 PM
Masonic Lodge, 2531 N Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale

Program: *The Scandinavian Folk Dancers
of Phoenix*



Join us as Desert Fjord Lodge celebrates their 35th Anniversary!!

- Wine
- Sparkling fruit beverage
- Cheese & Crackers
- Coffee and Cake

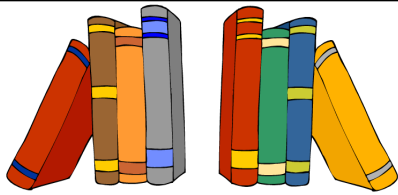


Price: Adults \$10.00; Children—\$5.00

Reservations: Via the link [online](#) (click "online")
or call Phyllis Bergo by November 8th!

(480) 812-9762

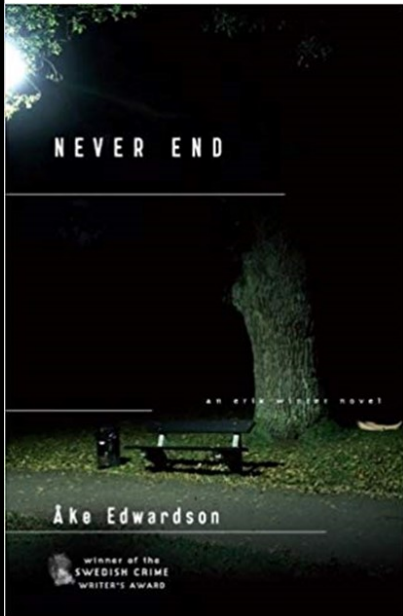
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Phyllis Bergo, 2589 East Erie Ct, Gilbert, AZ, 85295



LIBRARY CORNER

A Book Review by Janis Johnson

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



Swedish author Edwardson's 12 Eric Winter novels are best-sellers in Europe, but this is only the second of the series to be published in the U.S., following last year's *Sun and Shadow*. Winter, the fortysomething chief inspector of police in the coastal city of Gothenburg, takes every case hard but none harder than the unsolved rape-murder of a young woman five years ago. Now, as the city endures a summer heat wave, a serial killer with a similar MO has begun to prey on more young women.

Obsessed with finding the link between the killings, Winter sweats his way through an investigation fraught with dead ends, all the while admonishing himself for being inattentive to his new wife and child.

In the manner of Henning Mankell and Ian Rankin, the focus of the novel shifts effectively between members of the investigatory team, all plagued with personal problems. Edwardson's series is as much about character interaction as it is about story, but he is no slouch at building suspense, and his ability to make the sweltering heat a kind of secondary character--as in Hitchcock's *Rear Window*--only adds to the tension.

The Desert Fjord Boutique

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Will be open at our November meeting—please come prepared to do some of your Christmas shopping!



MEMBERSHIP MATTERS by Sherrie Loomis, Membership Secretary



Who do you know that might be interested to join Sons of Norway? Sometimes the answer is simpler than it may seem. It may be a co-

worker, a neighbor or a member of your church. But have you considered gifting a membership to a family member – son, daughter, grandchild or even a parent?

Sons of Norway offers some inexpensive options to make it easy for families to join and share their heritage experiences. For example: my son, his wife and my 3 grandchildren are all members of Desert Fjord. The “family” membership fee of \$95 covers my son and daughter-in-law. The three grandchildren are all “heritage” members (at no charge) as they are under the age of 16 years old. Their membership provides the family with access to Norwegian Culture Resources (cultural skills programs, Norwegian recipes, travel discounts, etc.), the monthly “Viking” magazine (award-winning publication that celebrates both traditional and modern Norway), Just for Kids (a quarterly section in the magazine devoted to multi-generational, family-centered content and activities for families to enjoy), Grants and Scholarships (support educational endeavors as well as cultural opportunities including heritage and language camps), and more. My grandson enjoyed learning more

about his Norwegian heritage the last 2 summers while at Camp Norge in Alta, CA. Our lodge covered half of his camp cost each year (total value of approximately \$1,000). Having heard of his camp experiences, his siblings are looking forward to their turn at camp.

What do you get a parent who has everything they want or need for Christmas? A Sons of Norway membership! I bought a membership for my mother and she enjoyed getting her copy of The Viking and our Desert Fjord newsletter. Though she lived in Wisconsin, she enjoyed reading about our lodge activities and we reminisced over the phone about family traditions surrounding our own Norwegian heritage. And, if she was in town when we had a lodge meeting, she always joined us.

If you'd like more information about the benefits of belonging to Sons of Norway, check out the “Member Benefits” page on the website at www.sofn.com. At the bottom of the page is a link for “Join” or “Renew” membership and it will take you to a page with those choices and the option to “Add Family Member(s)”. The membership application process is easy, and you can find our lodge by entering “Scottsdale” in the City box. This Christmas please consider giving a family member the gift of heritage—a Sons of Norway membership.

November Birthdays

Norman C Jenson	3rd
Shirley M Berg	4th
Karl K Haldorsen	6th
Michael J Osland	9th
Heather L Kalin	13th
Nicholas J Bergo	14th
Janet Peterson	19th



Madeline Levell *	20th
Olivia D Loomis *	21st
Judith O Miles	23rd
Kari A Jay	26th
Nancy J Zine	26th
Dirk P Walter	28th
Mary A Steinnes	29th

Gratulerer Med Dagen – Happy Birthday !!

* Heritage Member

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



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DA END ISS NEAR!

TURN YERSELF AROUND NOW

BAFOR IT ISS TOO LATE!

As a car sped past them, the driver leaned out his window and yelled, "Leave people alone, you Skandihoovian religious nuts!"

From the curve, they heard screeching tires and a big splash.

Shaking his head, Rev Ole says, "Dat's da terd one dis mornin'"

"Yaa," Pastor Sven agrees, then asks, "Do ya tink maybe da sign should yust say, 'Bridge out?'"

**Desert Fjord Business Meeting
4140 N Miller Road, Scottsdale, AZ
October 5, 2019**



Jonathan Walters opened the meeting at 1:08. In attendance were Jana Peterson, Ali Anderson, Jan and Sherrie Loomis, Ed and Phyllis Bergo and Jonathan Walters.

Jan Loomis moved to accept the secretary's report. It was seconded by Sherrie.

Janis Johnson was absent but sent her financial report via email. We have \$1600.36 available balance in savings and \$1649.83 balance in checking.

Berit Miltun was absent so there was no social report.

Jana Peterson gave the following report for cultural programming:

- October 13: Bruce Folken on Edvard Grieg & Folken's family.
- November 10: Our anniversary party with Scandinavian Bazaar and Scandinavian dancers
- December 8: Santa Lucia event and the cookie exchange
- January 12: Sonja Henie movie, which needs to be ordered
- February 9: Camp Norge presentation

Membership information was presented by Sherrie Loomis. A letter will be sent out to members with past due accounts. We have two new members, Sondra Koskela and Earl Fuchs. We have 18 golden members and 20 heritage members.

The Nominating Committee had no results to report. Emails went out to all members.

Jana Peterson reported the Camp Oldfjel event at Camp Norge was great with good networking.

Old Business:

- We were invited to have an information table at the North Valley Symphony "A Scandinavian Tour" concert October 19th that the Loomis' were to man, but they're unable to go. Janis Johnson has a list of Desert Fjord members who signed up to attend. Tickets for the event are \$5.00 and people need to order their tickets online. Ed and Phyllis will carpool with Janis Johnson, Jana, Nina and Jonathan are among those going. Jana and Nina will wear bunads; Jonathan his folk dance outfit. A table needs to be set up in the lobby.

New Business:

- Jana Peterson suggested having the business meeting at the Sunday lodge event either before or after. It was agreed that we would have a short meeting at the end of the afternoon.
- District 6 convention is in June at a hotel in Mesa. We'll be expected to provide cookies. Jan Loomis will be the parliamentarian.
- Ali's request for \$1,000 to purchase more inventory for boutique sales was approved.
- The Scandinavian Viking Festival will be either March 7th or 28th depending on the availability of the Scottsdale United Methodist Church 10 am – 5 pm with food trucks, cookie sales and a featured performance – possibly "Ole and Lena Live", a 2-hour performance of "Ole runs for Office". We're also exploring the possibility of "The Church Basement Ladies" performing. Jan Loomis is working on this. Jana Peterson said the Scandinavian dancers are available that date also. There will be a charge of about \$10.00 for the main event. A hat will be passed if the Scandinavian dancers perform. Vendors will be charged \$20.00 per table. The fees for use of the church are approximately \$1,000.

At 2:25 Sherrie motioned we adjourn the meeting, with a second from Jonathan.

Respectfully submitted, Phyllis Bergo, Acting Secretary



Scandinavian Jul Bazaar

Saturday, November 9, 2019

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church

1500 W. Maryland Avenue

Phoenix, Arizona

NW Corner of 15th and Maryland Avenues

FREE ADMISSION

The Nordic countries of Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden invite you to their annual Jul Bazaar on Saturday, November 9th. Antiques and vintage treasures, collectibles, rosemaling, handcrafted arts, books, music and movies are among your shopping choices.

And while you shop, enjoy the many Scandinavian food booths offering yellow pea soup and rye bread, homemade frikadeller, lapskaus, lefse, waffles, cookies, pastries and more.



Sponsored by Valleywide Scandinavian Cultural Lodges and Clubs.

**Desert Fjord Business Meeting
2531 N Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale, AZ
October 13, 2019**



The meeting was called to order by Jonathan at 4:00 pm.

In attendance were: Jonathan Walters, Jan and Sherrie Loomis, Janis Johnson, Berit Miltun, and Phyllis Bergo.

Secretary's report: The secretary's report from Oct 5 was approved by Janis Johnson and seconded by Jan Loomis.

Treasurer's report: Janis reported the numbers hadn't changed from the Oct. 5 meeting. Ali Anderson and Janis Johnson worked out the details for boutique inventory purchases.

Membership Secretary: No changes reported by Sherrie Loomis

Committee Reports: The reports remain the same as Oct 5 for Social, Cultural and Membership.

Old Business:

- The Nominating Committee is continuing to work, calling on members to fill open slots in leadership. Lynn Solie agreed to take reservations starting in 2020. Phyllis will continue taking reservations for November and transition this to her by Jan. 1.
- The Loomis and Bergo families cannot attend the Scandinavian concert on the 19th. Jonathan volunteered to carpool with Janis.
- The November meeting will be a celebration of our 35th anniversary with Wine & cheese, punch, cake and coffee. Phyllis will purchase the food since Berit will not be available. We will charge \$10.00 which includes a glass of wine. Jan Loomis suggested reading the "old rules" for joining the lodge which in retrospect are hilarious. Jonathan will find the scrapbooks and history of the lodge for display.
- Jan Loomis reported the Scandinavian Viking festival is now confirmed for March 28th at the Scottsdale United Methodist Church with Ole and Lena Live's 2-hour show as a featured attraction. Jan Loomis will explore selling tickets online, charging \$10.00 for the "Ole Runs for Office" play. We need many people taking pictures of our events for the website as well as the Viking magazine.

New Business:

- The Masonic lodge is now open for Saturday meetings. We discussed moving our meetings to the Second Saturday of the month after the first of the year. This would enable us to have a business meeting on the same day. It was suggested that the business meeting be from 11:30 to 12:30 with the regular meeting starting with a meal being served at 1:00, and the program from 2-3pm. Phyllis will check with Shannon to see if she is available on that date.
- Jan Loomis will check with Louella from District 6 to find out what the fees are for the convention. We would like to send as many delegates and attendees as possible from our lodge.

Sherrie moved to close the meeting with a second from Berit.

Meeting was adjourned by 4:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Phyllis Bergo, Acting Secretary



Sol Byer Lodge in Sun City invites us to join them for a great program presented by Olaf Engvig, Sons of Norway member in CA—author, maritime historian, lecturer, coastal skipper, ship restorer and preserver.

He has written numerous books, among them **Legends in Sail**. His presentation will focus on one of his books, **THE SHIPS THAT BUILT THE WEST: The Scandinavian Navy, WAPAMA and VÆRDALEN**.

Saturday, November 16th 2019 at 11 AM:

I & J FOUNTAIN RESTAURANT (SE corner of Bell and El Mirage, behind Chevron station, not visible from Bell Rd.)
12221 W BELL ROAD
SURPRISE, AZ

Cost: \$17.00 (includes hot lunch of Veal Cutlet or Grilled Chicken Salad, coffee, salad and dessert)

To make a reservation, call Janet Erdahl (623) 815-8022

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

Facebook:

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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:

Alex Boemark





← These fellows found lurking in Dawn & Dirk Walter's flower garden. You never know when a Viking visitor might come by your home.



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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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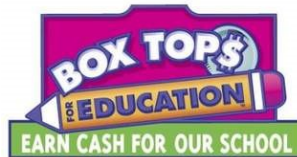
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