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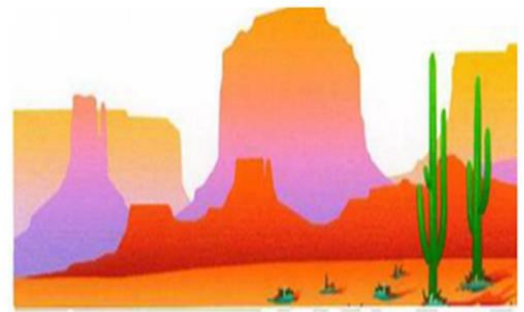
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Desert Fjord Lodge

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President's Column

I hope you had a refreshing and relaxing summer. Wherever you went, whatever you accomplished—I hope this finds you in a good place, healthy and strong to face the challenges of the months ahead.

At times I'm sure some of us are tempted to wonder if our lodge is going to make it. By now I had hoped we could resume regular monthly meetings at the Masonic Lodge. But the Delta variant has given rise to a resurgence of the pandemic. The Board members were mixed whether we should meet this month ... there will be an informal meeting; then we'll wait to see what transpires.

A familiar face at our meetings for a long time, Floyd Downs, has died. He did a great job in the lodge in many capacities. Please find a tribute to this dear member on page 5.

The Norwegian American, the oldest and only Norwegian newspaper in North America, has found a permanent home at Norway House in Minneapolis. This is a most interesting development. Read some about it on page 7.

Some of you may want to subscribe to **The Norwegian American** newspaper—the print edition includes digital access at \$70 per year; an online subscription costs \$30/year. *(details at the end of page 7 article)*

The lodge is looking for members to fill the positions of Newsletter Editor and Vice President. Let me know if you have any interest. Enjoy the moderating temperatures!



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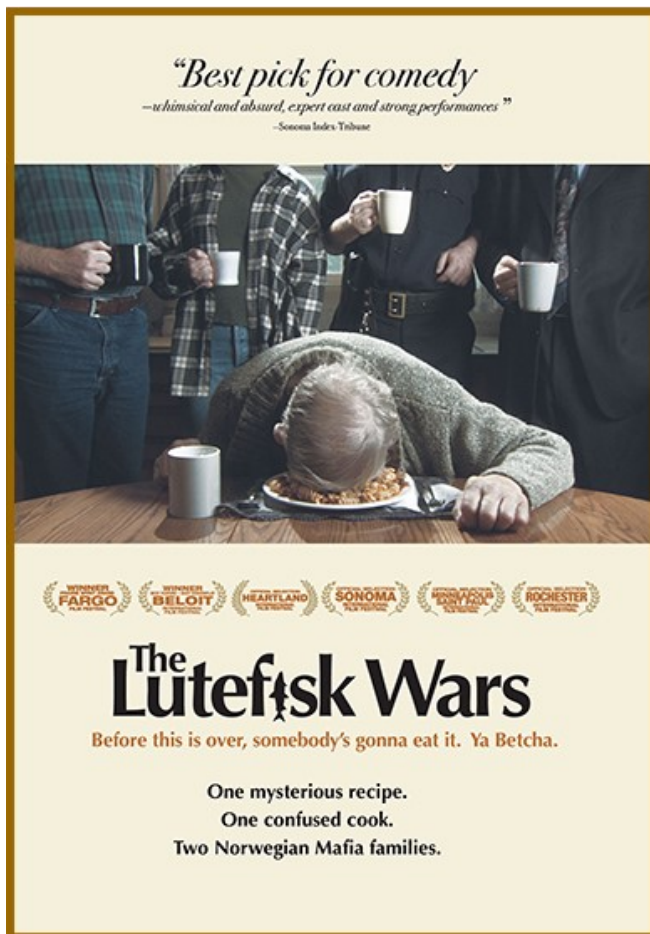
Heritage and Cultural Meeting

September 12th at 2 PM

Ascension Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall (downstairs)

7100 N Mockingbird Lane, Paradise Valley, AZ

(Park in the south parking lot and enter building from there)



We're holding an informal meeting this month - for our program we'll be watching this movie.

A basket will be passed for contributions to help defray the rent expense for our meeting. (Suggested donation: \$5 per person)

Please bring a snack and beverage for yourself.

I'm sure most of us are vaccinated, but please feel free to wear a face mask if you feel threatened by the virus.

We hope you can join us!

- Please click [here](#) to register for the event or RSVP to Lynn Solie (612) 250-6997.

Membership Matters



Desert Fjord has several new members to welcome: Jane Bjornstad, Julene Burns, Mark Doolittle and James Dennis Torgerson. Thank you for choosing our lodge—we hope to meet you in person soon and hope that you find some new friends among us.

We received word that a longtime friend and member, Floyd Downs, has died. He was a very active member,

serving for a number of years as our Membership Secretary. A tribute to Floyd prepared by Ross Berg and Ed Bergo is on page 5.

Lois Ripley, our new Membership Secretary, is learning the ropes. You'll be seeing a column from her here several times a year.

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If your contact information changes, please let Lois know. Your phone number and your email address are how we stay connected in this lodge. Lois can be reached at: (480) 838-5548; her email address is: lcripley@gmail.com.

VAT DA HELL, Ole?

Ole's car was hit by a truck in an accident. In court, the trucking company's lawyer was questioning Ole.

"Didn't you say, sir, at the scene of the accident, 'I'm fine'?" asked the lawyer.

Ole responded, "Vell, I'll tell you vat happened. I had yust loaded my favorite mule, Bessie, into da"

"I didn't ask for any details," the lawyer interrupted. "Just answer the question. Did you not say, at the scene of the accident, 'I'm fine'?"

Ole said, "Vell, I had yust got Bessie into da trailer and I vas driving down da road"

The lawyer interrupted again and said,

"Judge, I am trying to establish the fact that, at the scene of the accident, this man told the Highway Patrolman on the scene that he was just fine. Now several weeks after the accident he is trying to sue my client. I believe he is a fraud. Please tell him to simply answer the question."

By this time, the Judge was fairly interested in Ole's answer and said to the lawyer, "I'd like to hear what he has to say about his favorite mule, Bessie."

Ole thanked the Judge and proceeded. "Vell, as I vas saying, I had yust loaded Bessie, my favorite mule, into da trailer and vas driving her down da highway ven dis huge semi-truck and trailer ran da stop sign and smacked my truck right in da side.

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"I vas trown into one ditch and Bessie vas trown into da other. I vas hurting real bad and didn't vant to move. However, I could hear Bessie moaning and groaning. I knew she was in terrible shape yust by her groans. "

"Shortly after da accident da Highway Patrolman, he came to da scene. He could hear Bessie moaning and groaning so he vent over to her. After he looked at her and saw her fatal condition he took out his gun and shot her right 'tween da eyes."

"Den da Patrolman, he came across da road, gun still smoking, looked at me and said, 'How are you feeling?'"

"Now vat da hell vould YOU say?"

LIBRARY CORNER

A Book Review by Jan Johnson

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

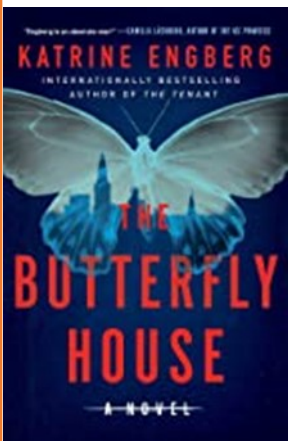


The Butterfly House

Detectives Jeppe Kørner and Anette Werner from the #1 international bestseller *The Tenant*— return in this compulsively readable thriller as they race to solve a series of sordid murders linked to some of the most vulnerable patients in a Danish hospital.

Hospitals are supposed to be places of healing. But in the coronary care unit at one of Copenhagen's leading medical centers, a nurse fills a syringe with an overdose of heart medication and stealthily enters the room of an older male patient.

Six days earlier, a paperboy on his route in central Copenhagen stumbles upon a macabre find: the naked body of a dead woman, lying in a fountain with arms marked with small incisions. Cause of death? Exsanguination—the draining of all the blood in her body.

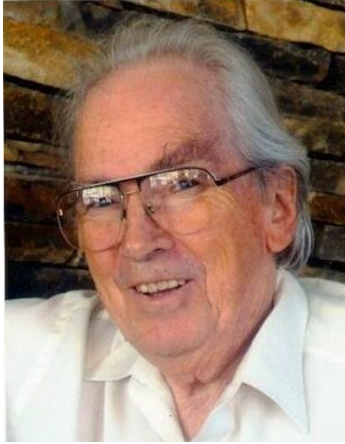


Clearly, this is no ordinary murder. Lead Investigator Jeppe Kørner, recovering from a painful divorce and in the throes of a new relationship, takes on the investigation. His partner, Anette Werner, now on maternity leave after an unexpected pregnancy, is restless at home with a demanding newborn and an equally demanding husband. While Jeppe pounds the streets looking for answers, Anette decides to do a little freelance sleuthing. But operating on her own exposes her to dangers she can't even begin to fathom.

As the investigation ventures into dark corners, it uncovers the ambition and greed that festers beneath the surface of caregiving institutions—all the more shocking for their depravity—and what Jeppe and Anette discover will turn their blood as cold as ice.

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A former dancer and choreographer with a background in television and theater, **Katrine Engberg** has launched a groundbreaking career as a novelist with the publication of *The Tenant*. She is now one of the most widely read and beloved crime authors in Denmark. *The Tenant* was her debut novel (which is in the SON library) and the start of a series hailed for its artful originality and beautiful prose.



Tribute to Floyd Downs: 1931-2021

Norðmaðr: Floyd was always wanting to learn more about everything. He was an early joiner of the *Desert Fjord Norwegian Genealogy* group. While telling his own history to the group he said that he considered himself to be of French ancestry, or more specifically with ancestors from Normandy. So we all scratched our heads and said, “OK, a Norman-American in our midst!” Then we all learned that the old Norse word for the people of Normandy was: *Norðmaðr* and various old Latin words were *Nortmannus*, *Normannus*, *Nordmannus*. Descendants of the people of Normandy were, in fact, descendants of Norse Viking settlers. So we laughed and agreed that Floyd perhaps could claim more Norsk than many of us.

Floyd joined Sons of Norway 19 years ago in support of the culture of his wife, Elizabeth. He also joined the Sons of Italy—the other half of Elizabeth’s heritage. That was Floyd, always learning in an active way and always an educator..

Geometer: Floyd was a mathematician by education and a Geometer by specialty. Floyd Downs, the Geometer, coauthored a 690-page book on Geometry in 1962. It was and is still published in several languages. Today the book has a five-star rating at Amazon – and it sells for \$62! One reviewer of the book says, “This geometry book is the best geometry book of all time. It is well written and truly challenges students to understand geometry on a deep level.” Another states, “... a classic text that forever changed the way Geometry is taught.” We never knew that about our “brother” Floyd. We should have guessed it, however.

Some of the other things that we now know about Floyd:

- Married to Elizabeth for 65 years
- Mathematician and Geometer
- Mathematics Teacher (High School) and Professor (ASU) – 52 years
- French-Norman American (*Norðmaðr*)
- Book author
- Korean War Veteran– not many around anymore (245th Tank Batallion).
- Creator of Mathematics Scholarship at ASU
- Sons of Norway
 - Membership Director
 - Genealogist
 - Scholarship Committee
 - Library Assistant
 - Syttende Mai Committee
 - Membership Committee
 - Dinner and Meeting setup and cleanup
 - Volunteer in all things great and small...!
 - Auditor
 - Greeter (Inner Guard!)
- Cancer survivor
- ***Cheerer-upper***—promoter of good spirits—with a perpetual smile

When Floyd Downs died on July 28th, Sons of Norway lost a kind and gentle soul. We’d see him interacting with existing members and new members as our monthly meetings got underway. We learned a lot from this 90-year-old professor ... we will miss Floyd!



Welcome back to what we all hope will be a normal lodge season! Perhaps you remember me – Len Carlson. I sent out a letter of introduction a few months ago to all of the lodge members. I have represented Sons of Norway since 1994, with 23 years at Headquarter as Director of Agencies. I live in Minnesota but spend 6 months in Arizona. I have chosen to still work in a different capacity with SON as your Insurance Specialist. I'll also be attending lodge meetings.

Here are the different products and services that I can help you with:

Annuities - Sons of Norway annuities offer the following:

- Protect your principal and gains during market volatility
- Take advantage of tax deferred growth
- Have access to your money
- Secure a steady and predictable stream of income
- Earn a much higher interest rate than your bank money market or CD



Guaranteed Issue Whole Life

- No medical exam
- Guaranteed coverage
- Premiums never increase
- Issue age - 0 to 85
- Issue amounts - \$5,000 to \$25,000

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- Offers lower premiums with greater coverages
- Great for covering debts and mortgages
- Offers a choice of 10, 15, 20, and 30 year term periods

Viking Voyager - A great gift idea from a grandparent

- Choice of coverage - \$10,000, \$15,000, or \$20,000
- You pay a single premium
- Issue age - 0 to 17

These are just a sample of what Sons of Norway has to offer. Please give me a call for a complimentary review to find out more about what we have to offer.

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As of Sept 1, 2021, *The Norwegian American* has been converted into a 501(c)3 non-profit entity, having found a permanent home at Norway House, the National Norwegian Center in America, located in Minneapolis.

This expansion of our network with Norway House at the epicenter of the Norwegian community in the United States will allow North America’s oldest and only newspaper to thrive and grow, with its core mission to connect our readers to their heritage and to build bridges to contemporary Norway.

Over the past few years, major improvements have been made to our newspaper under new editorial direction, as we’ve watched our subscriber base grow. We now plan to take things to new heights, with our core team remaining in Seattle, while leveraging the support of the enhanced organizational structure of Norway House.

In practical terms, this means that our content will remain the same, with a newspaper that is both national and international in scope, but our business will rest on a secure foundation.

Most importantly, our new tax status will allow us to

obtain public grant monies previously inaccessible to us, and going forth, your donations will be fully tax-deductible, as we lay the groundwork for generations to come.

Here at *The Norwegian American*, we are so happy to join forces with the Norway House team, as we continue to extend our outreach. When I visited Norway House for the first time a few years ago, I immediately felt a warm welcome—like I was coming home. We hope that going forth you will share in this strong feeling of community in every issue of our newspaper.

(from an article by: LORI ANN REINHALL—Editor-in-chief of The Norwegian American)

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Arizona, California, 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, 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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September Birthdays

Shirley E Kalin 12th

Jan B Loomis 17th

Ali Berg Anderson 18th



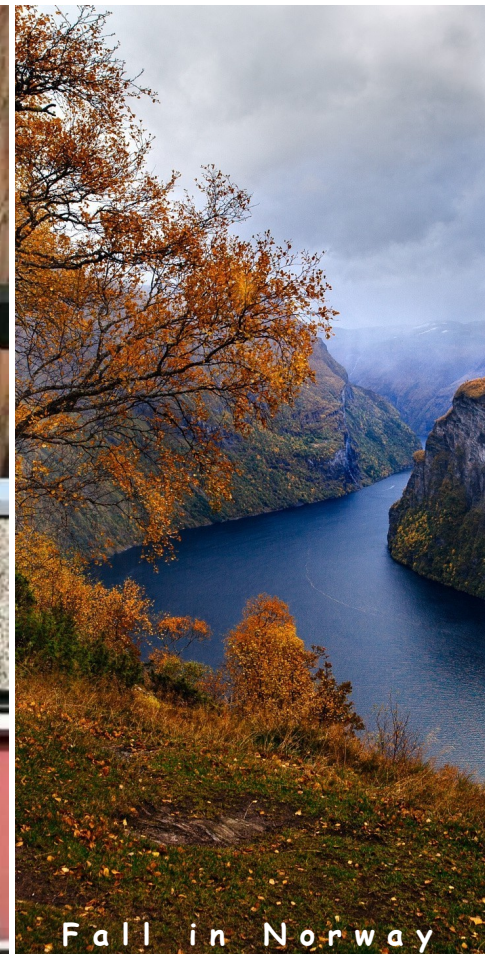
Janice L Lindbloom 22nd

Jennifer M Loomis 23rd

Richard L Westby 30th

* Heritage Member

Gratulerer Med Dagen – Happy Birthday !!



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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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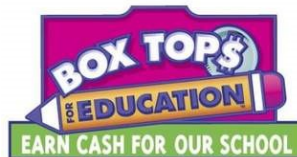
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