

# The Posten

## February

### 2026

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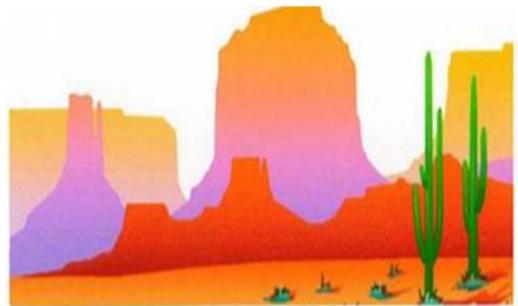
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## Desert Fjord Lodge

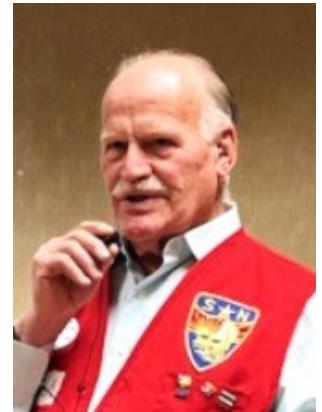
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#### President's Column

#### Greetings, Members and Guests!

I would like to thank our Faithful Lodge Officers and Helpers that have devoted so much of their time in maintaining the lodge over the years.



We are beginning a New Year with New leadership, New Ideas and New ways of Sharing in our Community. Our challenges are obvious; age, illness, traffic and lack of interest by younger generations. We have a plan to deal with these challenges!

We have younger new officers to lead us, community to assist the ill, new events to make our lodge more exciting and a plan to carpool those members who don't feel comfortable driving. In February, instead of a regular meeting, we are visiting the factory for Ping golf clubs (*see details about our February event on the next page*). We may be visiting the AZ Norseman to share in their mead tasting or shrimp events. Possible other events are visiting the Renaissance Festival, Balloon festival and sharing ancestor stories.

Please let us know if you need assistance in transportation or other lodge related matters. We are also looking for a delegate to the Sons of Norway District 6 Convention in June 2026 in Sacramento, CA (if you have any interest or questions about this, please let me know; the lodge is able to contribute to help defray the registration, travel and lodging cost for this). Thank you for your time and energy—I hope to see you at our events!

*Velkommen*

# Heritage and Cultural Event

February 10th at 1:15 PM

2201 West Desert Cove Ave, Phoenix, AZ



## Tour of the Ping Facility

**Tour Info**—Discover how Karsten Solheim's determination to make the game of golf easier led to the creation of the putter that went 'PING' and hear about its role in revolutionizing the golf equipment industry. On this one-mile (1.6 km) walking tour, you'll gain insights into PING's fascinating history that began in the Solheim family's Redwood City, California garage in 1959 and continues today on the 50-acre campus that's home to more than 1000 employees who design, engineer and custom build the highest performing golf products in the world. Watch as PING's dedicated craftsman custom build golf equipment for golfers of every skill level, from tour pros to everyday players. You'll even see what goes into making PING's industry-leading golf bags and come away with a greater appreciation for the quality that goes into every product carrying the PING name. Throughout it all, you'll feel the sense of pride inspired by the legacy of Karsten Solheim that is instilled in all the workers. It's a once in lifetime experience for golfers who love PING



### Tour Notes—

- ♦ *All guests will be required to show a photo I.D. and sign a visitor confidentiality, Non-Disclosure & Release Agreement (NDA).*
- ♦ *The campus tour is a walking tour – indoors and outdoors - covering approximately 1 mile in distance (1.6 km).*
- ♦ *Closed-toe shoes are required for all guests on the campus tour.*
- ♦ *Photography is prohibited in the production areas (your tour guide will advise where photos are allowed).*
- ♦ *Safety glasses are required for production areas (safety glasses will be provided).*
- ♦ *No weapons of any kind are permitted on the PING campus.*
- ♦ *The use of tobacco products, e-cigarettes and vape products is prohibited on PING campus.*
- ♦ *Guests must be at least 9 years of age to join a PING Campus Tour.*

There is no charge for the tour, but we have been asked to let them know ASAP how many will be going. Please register for our event no later than 31 January.

- Click [here](#) to register by Jan 31st or RSVP to Janet Peterson (480) 209-0684
- If a ride to the event is needed, please let Janet know (or tell us on the Google form)

## Membership Matters by Jonathan Walters, Vice President

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



This column has been used by our lodge Membership Secretary to address those things that concern our members—reasons to join our lodge, reasons to get involved, reasons to continue as a member, giving recognition to members for the number of years they've been members of Sons of Norway, etc.

Crystal Williams is Desert Fjord's newly installed Membership Secretary. As the new Vice President, I'll be working very closely with her on membership matters. I look forward to working with her! She has a wealth of experience to bring with her as

she serves the lodge in this position. Thank you, Crystal, for stepping up for us!

One of the VP's primary responsibilities is member recruitment and retention. It's only fitting that I work closely with Crystal and share this column with her as well!

Floyd Downs, Sherrie Loomis, Lois Ripley and others have served Desert Fjord as Membership Secretary. It's an executive officer position—we are blessed as a lodge by those who serve us in this capacity.

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

*Crystal can be reached at:*

*(310) 617-3423 or her email address: [crystabel55@yahoo.com](mailto:crystabel55@yahoo.com). (You can also speak with her at one of our lodge meetings or events.)*



Desert Fjord Installation 11 January 2026—(from left): Jonathan Walters, **VP**; Mark Alexander, **President**; Jana Peterson, **Cultural Director**; Kristine Schultz, **Secretary**; Knut Haldorsen, **Marshall** (assisted with Installation); Neil Heggem, **Treasurer**; Crystal Williams, **Membership Secretary**.

**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](http://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

**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



"Like" us on Facebook to receive interesting Desert Fjord Lodge and Sons of Norway, District Six newsfeeds.

Control+ Left Click on this link:

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

# February Birthday

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\* Heritage Member

*Gratulerer Med Dagen – Happy Birthday !!*



Our Agnes Steiler Endowment Fund is invested with the Sons of Norway Foundation. We are involved with this important arm of Sons of Norway! (Please note that you can contribute to the good work of the SON Foundation at any time. )

Dear District Six Friends,

As your District Six Foundation Director, I recently attended a meeting with fellow District Foundation Directors that highlighted just how strong, creative, and forward looking the Sons of Norway Foundation continues to be.

The meeting was organized and chaired by Foundation leadership, including Amy Tuchenhagen, Foundation Director; Luella Grangaard, International Chair; and Elaine Nelson, Vice Chair. Their leadership and the ideas shared during the meeting provided valuable insight into future programs and opportunities that will strengthen the Foundation's reach and impact.

The Foundation's recent fundraising campaign, *Together, We Are the Future*, set a goal of \$225,000. Thanks to generous support throughout the organization, that goal was exceeded, with \$249,000 raised. Building on this success, the 2026 campaign goal has been set at \$250,000.

The Sons of Norway Foundation will soon celebrate its 60th anniversary. Representatives from the Foundation Board of Governors will be present at each district convention, including District Six, and a new anniversary video will be released highlighting the work of the Foundation and the lives changed through its grants and scholarships.

The impact of Foundation support continues to grow. This year, 75 grant requests were submitted totaling \$194,000, supporting projects that strengthen lodges, enrich communities, and promote Norwegian culture. Scholarship interest is also up significantly, with applications increasing from 200 to 309.

In recognition of this important work, the Norwegian Royal Family has selected the Sons of Norway Foundation as part of its Royal Patronage program, acknowledging the Foundation's significant contributions to Norwegian culture and heritage.

My sincere thanks to District Six members for your continued support of the Sons of Norway Foundation. Your generosity helps ensure these programs make a lasting difference, not only within Sons of Norway, but also in the communities we serve.

Best regards,

Jim

**James Adams**

District Six Foundation Director

# NORWEGIAN BAKING DAY

SATURDAY JAN 31, 2026  
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

The home of Mike and Susan McIver  
38212 N 23rd Drive, Desert Hills



**FREE Admission**

Join in on the fun with our annual Norwegian baking day.  
We will be baking traditional Norwegian sweets and  
pastries like *lefse*, rosettes and other tasty goodies.

Pass on your favorite Norwegian dessert recipes or learn to  
bake something new.  
This event is open to anyone -  
no baking experience or Norwegian heritage required!

Please RSVP on TicketSpice

The link to the TicketSpice RSVP is here:

<https://aznorseman.ticketspice.com/norwegian-baking-day-2026>



## Fenalår Dinner

**Saturday Feb 7<sup>th</sup> 2026: 4pm**

Trinity Lutheran Church

9424 N 7<sup>th</sup> Ave

(½ mile north of Dunlap Ave)

Please join the Arizona Norseman for the annual Fenalår dinner.  
We will be serving Fenalår (cured lamb), kjøttkaker (meatballs), lefse,  
flatbrød, roast potatoes, vegetables, and dessert.

**TicketSpice:** <https://aznorseman.ticketspice.com/fenalar-dinner-2026>  
or snail-mail to Chris, see bottom

**Entertainment:**  
The Scandinavian Folkdancers of Phoenix



Checks made out to: Nordmanns-Forbundet  
Mail to: Christopher Jabobson, 8141 N Central Ave unit 4; Phoenix, AZ 85020

Name on Reservation \_\_\_\_\_

Adults member \_\_\_\_\_ x \$25 = \_\_\_\_\_

Adults non-member \_\_\_\_\_ x \$35 = \_\_\_\_\_

Children (5-12) \_\_\_\_\_ x \$12 = \_\_\_\_\_

Grand Total = \_\_\_\_\_

The link to the TicketSpice RSVP is here:

<https://aznorseman.ticketspice.com/fenalar-dinner-2026>

If the link doesn't work please copy and paste to your browser

Dear members and friends of Arizona Norseman,

2025 has been a great year for us, and we are fully back to where we were before the pandemic when we were part of Norwegians Worldwide. Personally, I have enjoyed our events tremendously. It's wonderful to see Norwegian culture and community being kept alive in Arizona. Thank you for your help in making this possible! We would love to add more kinds of events next year, and we are open to suggestions.

At this time, we would like to encourage you all to please renew your membership for 2026 if you have not done so already. You can do this online at [aznorseman.org](http://aznorseman.org), or you can mail a check to me:

Christopher Jacobson  
8141 N Central Ave – Unit 4  
Phoenix, AZ 85020

Membership is only \$25 for individual or \$35 for family, and it includes a substantial discount at our paid events.

We wish you all a very merry Christmas, and happy new year! God bless you! Vi ønsker dere alle en veldig glad jul og en godt nytt år! Gud velsigne dere!

Sincerely, hilsen fra,  
Chris Jacobson,  
Membership Director for the Arizona Norseman Board.

# Vesterheim Presentation: History of Norwegian Sweaters

Brought to Us by District 6

Register to Join this Zoom Meeting!

You are invited to join us for a special Zoom presentation from Vesterheim, created especially for Sons of Norway, District Six.

The History of Norwegian Sweaters  
February 4, 2026  
6:00–7:00 PM (Pacific Time)

Learn about the history and evolution of Norwegian sweaters, including Setesdal, Fana, Marius, and Olympic styles. Presenter Laurann Gilbertson will also explore the symbolism behind traditional patterns and colors still used today.

Feel free to wear your favorite Norwegian or Nordic sweater during the presentation!

You may view this event as an individual, as part of a watch party at home, or make it a cultural event for your lodge.

Use this link to register for the Zoom meeting: <https://sofn6.org/vesterheim-norwegian-sweaters/> The Zoom link will be sent a few days prior to the presentation. Please share the attached flyer with your friends.

Invite your friends and family and join us as we celebrate Norwegian knitting traditions.





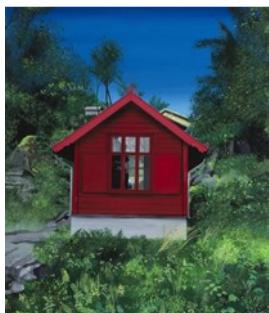
## TRIP TO NORWAY WITH JANA!

Having traveled to Norway at least 10 times and being encouraged to guide a trip there this July, Jana Peterson will guide a small group through Oslo museums, shopping, and sights. We will stay in a quiet hotel, and visit **Bygdøy** (Folkemuseum, Fram Museum, Kon-Tiki, etc.), the **Munch Museum**, the **National Museum** and the **Opera**. After 4 days in Oslo, we will board the train through the beautiful mountains to Bergen. Our stay in Bergen at a wonderful VRBO will include visits to **Bryggen**, the **Kode Art Museums**, **Mostraumen Fjord Cruise**, **Grieg's home**, **Mt. Floyen** and more! We will have time together, and time to wander before heading back to Oslo and home.

For those very adventurous souls, an additional 4 days at the beginning touring Iceland will be offered.

Please call for information.

Sincerely,  
Jana 480-326-2927



# Desert Fjord Resources

- *Looking for information on future meetings, events and Postens?*  
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**



Fjelldalen Lodge #6-162  
9078 Greenspointe Ct.  
Highlands Ranch, CO 80130  
303-324-5381 (c)



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[Genealogy@Fjelldalen.com](mailto: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](mailto:SonsofNorwayBookClub@gmail.com)  
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/>

*This page will be a permanent fixture in our newsletter. If you have something to add, please let us know!*



# Learn Rosemaling

Classes taught by veteran rosemaler

**Marilyn Hanson (425) 765-3694**

Cost: \$100 (includes classes and materials)

Classes held in Hobby Room 2 at ViewPoint Resort on University Avenue in Mesa

February 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th: 12:30—3:30 pm

(a great opportunity for beginners or more experienced persons!)

## Officers of Desert Fjord Lodge

**President:** Mark Alexander (928) 699-5456

**Vice President:** Jonathan Walters

**Secretary:** Kristine Schulz

**Treasurer:** Neil Heggem—neil\_heggem@myctlnet.net

**Membership Secretary:** Crystal Williams (310) 617-3423

**Member at Large:** Norman Jenson

**Auditor:** Open

**Counselor:** Ed Bergo

**Co-Cultural Directors:** Jana Peterson, Nina Poe

**Desert Fjord Boutique:** Ali Berg-Anderson

**Distribution:** Janis Johnson

**Education Committee (Scholarships & Grants):** Nina Poe, Gordon Peterson

**Foundation Directors:** Gordon Peterson

**Greeters:** Norman Jenson, Jr

**Librarian:** Janis Johnson

**Marshals:** Knut Haldorsen

**Posten Editor:** Jonathan Walters

**Publicity Director/Public Relations:** Janis Johnson

**Reservations:** Janet Peterson (480) 659-7328

**Social Director:** Open

**Sunshine:** Open

**Trustees:** (1yr) K Haldorsen; (3yr) Norm Jenson

**Webmaster:** Jonathan Walters

## 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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<https://www.sofn.com/>