



SONS of NORWAY

Celebrating **125 Years**

1895-2020

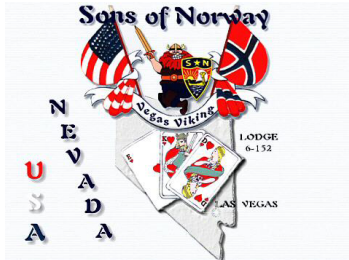
VEGAS VIKINGS NEWS



Sons of Norway

Mission Statement

The mission of Sons of Norway is 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 to its members.



Ord fra Presidenten

Summer hiatus is over, but that doesn't mean that we were idle! Several of you have enjoyed trips to Norway this summer, and we look forward to hearing about your travels. Vegas Vikings held two social events: a Viking Raid on the Blue Ox Tavern where we enjoyed Happy Hour and fellowship, and a pool party and picnic at the home of Jim and Linda Turner. Behind the scenes work included two sewing days--one to work on Viking costumes and another to sew table and chair covers for Renfair. And committees have been busy working and planning for our upcoming events.

Our four major events of the year are on the horizon. Starting in October, we will again be bringing our dragon boat, the Ormen Korte, to set up a Viking encampment at Renaissance Fair at Sunset Park. The dates of the event are October 7, 8, and 9. We will also be needing help for set up on Thursday, the 6th and teardown on Monday morning the 10th. This is a major undertaking and there will be an opportunity to sign up at the September meeting.

David and Terri Anderson have graciously agreed to be the chairpersons -- you can call them to get more information or volunteer to help. Historically we have had around 1,000 children (and adults who want to be kids) board our boat for photo opportunities. This is a great way to spread the word about our organization and educate kids about the Vikings and modern day Scandinavia. Plus we have lots of fun!

November will bring one of our major fundraisers of the year--the Scandinavian Holiday Bazaar. Lynelle Aanestad and Vikki Renneckar are coordinating the event. It will be held at Community Lutheran Church on Nov. 12 from 9 am to noon. After a couple years off due to COVID, we will be having a Baking Day to prepare for the bake sale portion of our bazaar. This is a wonderful time to learn how to make all your favorite Norwegian cookies that your mom and grandma made. In addition to the baked goods we will have many Scandinavian items for sale as well as lefse for your holiday table.

ORD FRA PRESIDENT CONTINUED

A big hit at past events has been our waffle and coffee sale which provides a perfect time for visiting with all our guests. Again we will need everyone to help, so pencil this in on your calendars now.

A new project that our lodge is very excited about is participating in a "Holiday Market" at the Cadence community in Henderson. We have been asked to do the food, entertainment and retail sales for this community of around 12,000 families. We will be bring our dragon boat and will need Vikings to staff the photo opportunities with our well-known pillaging and raiding. Bob Sturgeon is our chair and he will be telling us more at our September meeting.

In January, we will be holding our annual Lutfisk Dinner with a tentative date of January 28. We are in need of one or two people to chair the project. We will also need sub-chairs to handle different aspects of the event. More to come....

This month's meeting will be on September 1 at the Jaycee Senior Community Center at 6:30 pm. (See map elsewhere in this issue.) Again, we will have a potluck supper followed by a business meeting. Our program will be presented by one of our newest members, Emma Muth. Emma spent an extended vacation in Norway this summer and will be presenting "Norwegian Art and Art History". We look forward to seeing you all there!

Ha det,
Karen Holien Buehrer



Traditional Christmas market in Oslo, Norway.
www.dreamstime.com



Vegas Viking members aboard the lodge's dragon boat, Ormen Korte.

Birthday Name	Month
Bruning, Catherine	SEPT
Kvool, Lois	SEPT
Rorhus, Katrina	SEPT
Saletore, Pat	SEPT
Pappa, Erik	SEPT
Roden- Riisnaes, Kasper	SEPT
Torgesen, Callie	SEPT
Zayas, Alexis	SEPT
Anderson, David	SEPT
Harshbarger, Ellen	SEPT
Dobbins, Lynn	SEPT
Rorhus, Arild	SEPT
Raftery, Solveig	SEPT
Davis, Robert	SEPT
Kittelson, Vicdan	SEPT



Kalendaren

Date	Event
9-1	Lodge Meeting
9-17	Board Meeting
9-19	Book Club

Lodge Meeting Thursday, September 1, 2022, at **6:30 p.m.**

Jaycee's Senior Center: There is an entrance gate with a code to enter. Someone will be stationed there to let you in between 6:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. If you are going to be late, please text 702-290-1324 for the code.

5805 W Harmon Ave, Las Vegas, NV 89103

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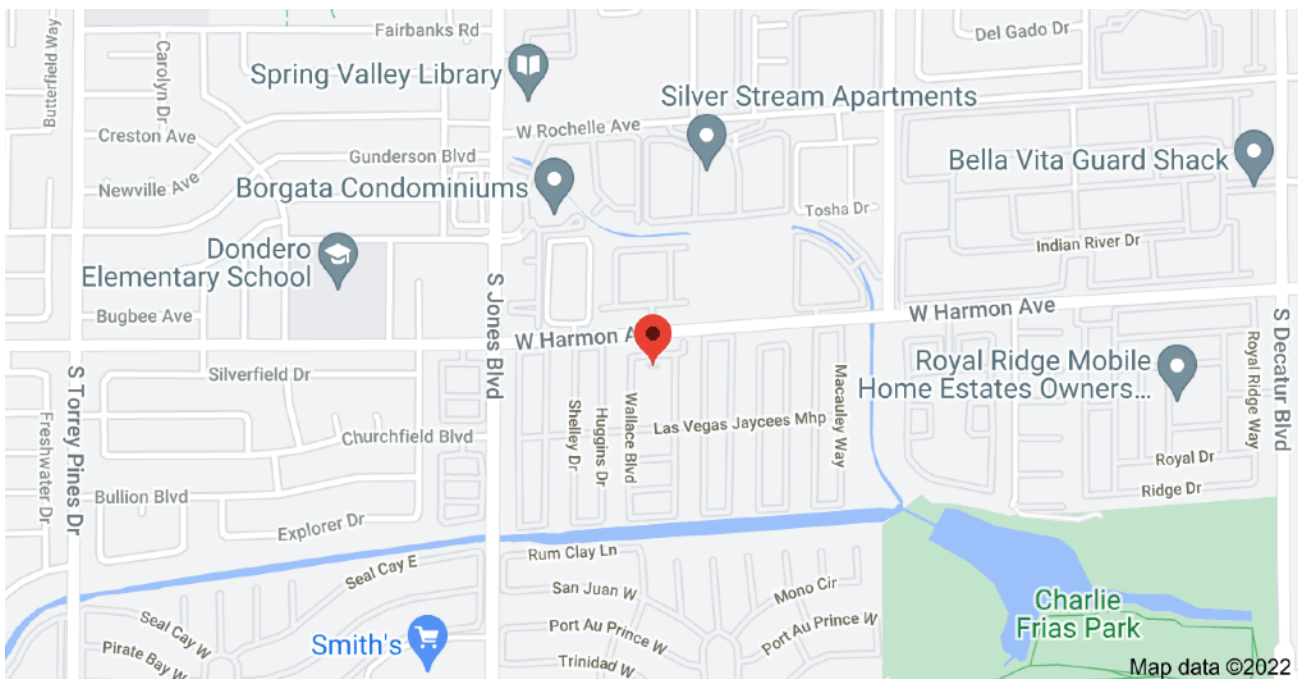


Change of address or email: Janelle Reed

Facebook: Vegas Viking Twitter: vegasvikinggang Instagram: @VegasVikingLodge

Lodge Meeting Thursday, September 1, 2022, 06:30 p.m. Jaycee's Senior Center, 5805 W Harmon Ave, Las Vegas, NV 89103

Click this link for [Directions](#). It is located on the South side of the street. The gates will be open from 6:00 p.m.-06:30 p.m. If you are arriving after 06:30 p.m. please text 702-290-1324 for the gate code. This will be a potluck, please feel free to bring your favorite dish.



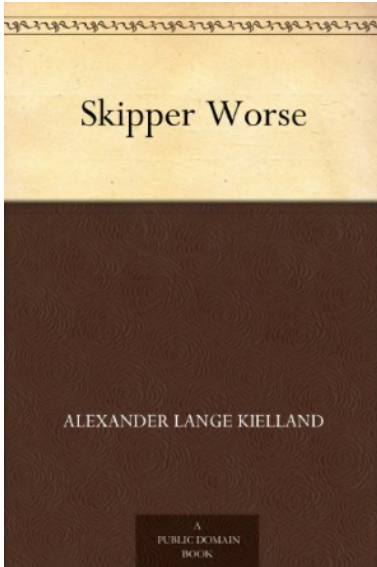
[Jaycee's Senior Center](#)

MEMBERSHIP

I hope everyone has had a wonderful and eventful summer. Please continue to invite friends and relatives to join us at our upcoming fall events so we can continue to grow our lodge.

Janelle Reed, Membership Secretary

BOOK CLUB



Book Club meets every third Monday of the month at 10 a.m. For more details and location of meet up please see Lisa Kershaw.

[Click here](#) to purchase a copy of September's book of the month from Amazon.

Date	Book	Author
SEP	Skipper Worse	Alexander L. Kielland
OCT	Biography (TBD)	
NOV	Hidden Falls	Carla Danziger
DEC	The Snowman (Discussion, Movie, & Popcorn Night)	Jo Nesbo

DISTRICT 6 NEWS

Camp Oldfjell



Dear District Six Members & Friends,

After two years of Camp Oldfjell and even with a gap year due to Covid, we were energized and excited this spring to start the planning of Camp for 2022! Now that we've established that adults, as well as our youth, want to go to camp to immerse ourselves in Norwegian heritage cultural experiences; I'm happy to tell you that registration for Camp Oldfjell 2022 is now open. Camp Oldfjell is happening September 17th – September 20th at our own District Six Recreation Center, Camp Norge. You'll be able to register online & pay by card, or mail in a check, as you prefer (registration form is here: <https://sofn6.org/camp-oldfjell>).

There are some great opportunities to immerse yourselves in a cultural heritage craft experience or two; and then take a break to learn to play Kubb, try out Axe throwing, and even enjoy a mellow Nature Walk/Hike. You can be guided through painting a lovely Norwegian outdoor scene, learn three Norwegian Folk Dances, make Norwegian-themed Folk Dress for your American Girl or similar doll, and paint a commemorative Christmas Ornament using simple Rosemaling techniques. We'll watch a movie in the meadow at the lovely Camp Norge, followed by a Viking Astronomy, Navigation, & Stargazing activity. If you've wanted to get back into Rosemaling or looking to move up a level; there's a Rosemaling 2 class that can help you do that. Learning Hardanger embroidery or Klostersom needlework, is a fun experience; or maybe you'd like to expand your repertoire of Norwegian cooking to wow your family, friends, or grace your next Lodge potluck table! It's all available for you, along with no end to fresh air and lovely sights. For those who want to get a taste of conversational Norwegian and/or explore Traditional Norwegian Knitting; those classes might just be the motivation you need.

Camp Oldfjell registration is a flat fee. Come for the entire 4 days for \$100 and participate in as many or as few classes & activities, as you want. For \$50 you can enjoy the Camp Oldfjell experience for the first 2 days of Camp. Classes, Activities, and Meals are all included in your registration fee. Hopefully you've seen our "Save the Date" messages and have the time to join us September 17th – September 20th, at the District Six Recreation Center, the breathtaking Camp Norge. Lodging fees at the Camp are modest, and you'll have the option to stay in a room or a dorm, or in your own camper, motor home, or tent. Meals, in the Heritage Hall, are provided from dinner the evening of September 16th through breakfast on the morning of September 21st, so you won't have to arrive at Camp or start your journey home, without a meal.

A lot of thought and brainstorming went into creating the vision for Camp Oldfjell 2022; and so many gave their input and ideas, so we could further enhance the experience. I was thrilled to guide the charge to round out our classes, inject some fantastic activities, and even incorporate some of those traditional camp experiences. If you're not excited yet, you will be, when you see that you can take a Chip Carving class and earn a Sons of Norway Cultural Skills Pin, learn the heritage craft of Wheat Weaving and create several great pieces to take home.

If you have comments or questions, as you read through the Camp Oldfjell offerings or when you're ready to register; please contact me.

Regards, Judy

Judy Purrington

Cultural Director, District Six, Sons of Norway

Email: culturaldirector@sofn6.org Call/Text: 408-799-3262

DISTRICT 6 NEWS

Sons of Norway 29th Annual Weekend Southern California Kretsstevne

Friday, October 14-Sunday, October 16, 2022

Join us for the weekend or a day trip for a wonderful blend of Norwegian Heritage and fellowship. The venue is the Banning Stagecoach KOA, a short distance south of Hwy 10 in Banning, CA, 25 miles west of Palm Springs. The camp is on level ground at low elevation.



The weekend event focuses on Norwegian culture and heritage. Come celebrate our Norwegian connection with:

- Food, fun, and fellowship
- Enjoy Music, Singing, Heritage Crafts, Camaraderie
- Cultural Food Demonstration and/or games, Bingo, Silent Auction on Saturday

****** Lodging Options ******

There are a limited number of on-site lodging facilities (bungalows), but plenty of RV spaces.



Banning Stagecoach KOA Campground & RV Park
1455 S. San Geronio Avenue, Banning, CA 92220

<http://koa.com/campgrounds/banning-stagecoach> *information, only – no reservations*

Limited number of Park Models (4) for rent. Pricing is for two nights. Park Model-bedroom and foldout couch \$220.00, RV Space with full hookups \$95.00, and Tent Spaces \$60.00.

Various hotel options in Banning can be found online, if the Park Models are sold out.

Please complete the registration form and mail with your check made out to: Southern California Kretsstevne. Mail by October 5 to:

Nancy Madson, SCK Registrar
28-351 Via Las Palmas
Thousand Palms, CA 92276

Call Nancy for camp Lodging
760-238-8819 or email
norsknm@gmail.com

For more information and registration form please see
<https://sofn6.org/southern-california/>



A Little Sunshine from Susan & Jeanette



Sunshine Report:



- Condolences to the Colwell Mitchell-Turner family, Linda’s brother Steven Colwell, passed away following a motorcycle accident in Salt Lake City, UT.
- Alice Salvesson is home and doing well after a brief hospitalization in July.
- Betty Shipman is home after a brief stay in rehab due to a fall in July.



My email is grove7@aol.com and cell phone is 702 659 3225 Please contact me if you have news for Sunshine. Jeanette Grove



Name Badges

I continue to order Name Badges for members as they place their order with me. The Name Badges are \$7.00 each. Just see me at the lodge meeting or email or phone me and leave a phone message.

Pull Tops for Ronald McDonald House:

Please continue to collect your pull tops off your food canned items and drink items. Just bring them to the lodge meeting and I will drop them off at Ronald McDonald House.



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SPORTS MEDALS

Link for sport activities while social distancing



Doug Kittelson, Sports Director

https://www.sofn.com/resource_blog/tracking-sports-activities-while-social-distancing/

Follow this link to activities that can be done while following the social distancing guidelines. It links to YouTube videos on how to do the activities.

We have 9 members earning 12 medals. Remember for Gangmerke (walking) 2000 steps equals a mile. It is easy walk 2 miles while shopping. Many smart phones have an app that keeps track of your steps.

Submitted by Doug Kittelson



Step up your game with our new sports medals



If you've been craving new fitness goals, we are here to help! These two medals are now available for anyone aiming to set the bar higher in the Sons of Norway Sports Medal Program.

Stay tuned to the [Sons of Norway website](#) for details on submitting points toward these pins!

The first of our new medals, **Idrettshelt** [*ee-dretts-hellf*]—the sports hero pin—is the 5th level within any sports medal category. **To earn this metal do double the enamel requirement.**

We've also added **Hederspris** [*hay-dersh-prees*]—the outstanding sports achievement award. This pin is for members who've earned the bronze, silver, gold and enamel medals in each of any **three** sports medal categories. **New to the Sports Medal Program? Get involved today.**

PICTURES FROM AUGUST EVENTS



Jim and Linda Turner's Pool Party



Sewing canvas covers for the Viking Campsite for the 2022 Renaissance Fair.



Vegas Viking Lodge 6-152 Lodge Meeting
August 6, 2022, home of Jim and Linda Turner, 5:30 p.m.

The monthly meeting of Sons of Norway Lodge 6-152 was held at the home of Jim and Linda Turner on Aug. 6 with 13 members and three guests present. The swim party and potluck dinner began at 4 p.m. with a brief business meeting led by President Karen Holien Buehrer at about 5:30.

- Alex Kirkland announced that he has completed all the paperwork for new membership in Sons of Norway and the Vegas Viking Lodge.
- President Holien Buehrer reported that the calendar for the remainder of the year is pretty full. Secretary Roger Buehrer will be accepting ticket reservations until Aug. 10 for the comedy musical “Matilda” at the Spring Mountain Ranch State Park. The Lodge members will be going to the play on Aug. 24.
- The Lodge Book Club will be meeting at the home of Ellen King Monday, Aug. 15 at 10 a.m.
- In preparation for the Renaissance Fair at Sunset Park, Oct. 7-9, President Holien Buehrer indicated that she would like to hold another sewing day in order to sew canvas table and chair covers. In addition, members will have the opportunity to complete tunics, under dresses, and assorted other costumes that were started earlier this summer. The date has yet to be determined.
- Other events include the Holiday Bazaar Nov. 12, the Cadence Community Holiday spectacular Dec. 3, and the annual Christmas Party Dec. 10.

Following potluck dinner the meeting was adjourned about 7:30 p.m.

Roger Buehrer
Secretary



Vegas Viking Lodge 6-152 Board Meeting
Blue Ox Tavern, 5825 W Sahara Ave, Las Vegas, NV 89146,
August 20, 2022, 9:00 a.m.

The monthly Board Meeting of The Sons of Norway Lodge 6-152 was held at the Blue Ox Tavern, at 9:05 a.m. on Aug. 20, President Karen Holien Buehrer presiding. Board members present were: President Karen Holien Buehrer, Vice President Lynelle Aanestad, Secretary Roger Buehrer, Treasurer Terri Anderson, Bob Sturgeon, Dave Anderson, Kristy McCumby-Hyland, Doug Kittleson, Vicdan Kittleson, Lisa Kershaw, Janette Reed, Nancy Paulson.

The minutes of the May board of directors meeting were approved as distributed.

Treasurer Anderson reported the General Lodge Account, \$14,968.22; Scholarship Fund, \$25; Savings Account \$5,863.34; Headquarters savings; \$13,993.28; Credit Card Balances, \$0.

Committee Reports:

- Cultural Director was absent. President Holien Buehrer reported that there are a number of programs in the works for both September and October.
- Membership Director Reed reported she has no new members to report but that she anticipates a number of new members in the headquarter's Sept. 1 report.
- Sports Director Kittleson reported the awards pins and medals are in and will be presented at the September meeting.
- Youth Director Kim Becker was not present, but reported to President Buehrer she is ready to launch an art contest and that she will be contacting the schools.

Project committee reports:

- Renaissance fair: David Anderson, co-chair, distributed a signup committee for Lodge participation Oct. 7-9 including setup on Oct. 6 and teardown Oct. 10. Terri Anderson showed a set up for the encampment. Other work to be done: learn the location of the Lodge camp from Clark County, recharge fire extinguishers. The Lodge conducted a second sewing day to make new covers for tables and chairs to maintain authenticity for the camp. Volunteers are needed on all days and Lodge members are encourage to wear authentic Norwegian viking attire.



Vegas Viking Lodge 6-152 Board Meeting
Blue Ox Tavern, 5825 W Sahara Ave, Las Vegas, NV 89146,
August 20, 2022, 9:00 a.m.-CONTINUED

- There was a lengthy discussion about repairs on the Lodge's boat (*Ormen Korte*). President Buehrer has appointed Chuck Grove, Jim Turner, and Bob Sturgeon to prepare a timeline for repairs.
- Scandinavian Bazaar: To be held on Nov. 12. Chairperson Aanestad reported the committee is starting to price items for sale. We will also sell waffles and lefse. The Bazaar will be held from 9 a.m. to noon. Baking day is set for Nov. 10.
- Cadence Holiday Market: To be held on Dec. 3. Bob Sturgeon reported the boat and possible the Dala Horse will be on display. The Lodge will sell mostly food items, lefse, waffles and cookies. Kristy will order items to be sold. Sturgeon urged the board to get the membership involved and in Norwegian costume if possible.
- Marketing Committee: President Holien Buehrer is contacting the committee to start to organize its activities.
- District Convention 2024 Committee. President Holien Buehrer reported the district has outlined Lodge responsibilities, and she will distribute copies to committee members.

New Business:

- Dala Horse: The item was tabled until after the holidays.
- Christmas Party: This year's event is scheduled for Dec. 10 at the Jaycees Park Community Center. Paulson moved to revise the standing motion to move the party from 1-4 p.m. with set up time at noon and teardown starting at 4 p.m. Kristy volunteered to chair the event.
- Lutefisk dinner: To be held Jan. 28, 2023. A general committee chairman is still needed. The Boulder City Elks Club needs to be contacted to confirm the location. Bob volunteered to chair the kitchen committee. Flyers needs to be created and distributed at all upcoming events to promote the dinner.
- Scholarship Raffles: A chairperson is needed. Vicdan, who has been assisting in the raffles, reported she needs some help and that her supply of gifts for the raffle is dwindling. President Holien Buehrer encouraged board members to ask local restaurants they visit for gift certificates and other swag to be included in the raffle bags.



**Vegas Viking Lodge 6-152 Board Meeting
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August 20, 2022, 9:00 a.m.-CONTINUED**

- Volunteer Promise Survey: Vice President Aanastad, has developed a membership survey designed to encourage the membership to volunteer for one or more Lodge activities during the year. A number of ideas for distribution were discussed. Vicdan volunteered to coordinate distribution. It was also recommended that the monthly calendar use different colors for Lodge activities. Secretary Buehrer will coordinate.
- Resumption of prayers at the general meetings: After a lengthy discussion it was decided to have a vote taken by secret ballot of the members at the next general membership meeting. By a show of hands five members were in favor of resuming the prayer and five were not with one abstention. This topic was tabled until the next board meeting.
- Including “just for insurance” members: This issue was raised at district convention. It was learned that if people take out Sons of Norway insurance they are automatically included in each Lodge’s membership roll. The Board agreed that our Lodge goal is to contact them and encourage their participation in Lodge activities.

Announcements:

Eight Lodge members and guest will attend the presentation of “Matilda” at the Spring Mountain Ranch State Park Wednesday Aug. 24.

Good of the Order :

The Lodge owns several boxes of Norwegian books. Librarian Amy Myers and Linda Turner will need to inventory the books so they can be made available to the members.

If committee chairs have to purchase large amounts of items for Lodge activities, they are encouraged to contact the Treasurer or the President to pay for the items with the Lodge credit card as the Lodge gets a reimbursement from the bank for those purchases.

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS	
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Newsletter Editor	Brittany Lem
Volunteer Coordinator	Vicdan Kittelson
Name Tags & Pop Tops	Suzan Sibert
Camp Norge Ambassador	Arlon Sibert
Sunshine	Jeanette Grove

COMMITTEE CHAIR PERSONS	
Lutefisk Dinner Chairpersons	Bob Sturgeon Kitchen Chair
Scholarship	Doug Kittleson, David Nygaard, Lynelle Annestad, Lene Thorson-Peters, Marie Markstrom
Book Club	Lisa Kershaw (702) 556-0774
Holiday Bazaar	Lynelle Aanestad, Vikki Rennacker
Syttende Mai	Bob Sturgeon, David Anderson
Renaissance Fair	Terri and Dave Anderson
50/50 Raffle	Chuck Grove
SoN District 6 Convention 2024	Lynelle Aanestad, Nancy Paulson, Roger Buehrer, Chris Christensen, Lene Muth, Barbara Farmer