VEGAS VIKINGS NEWS

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

Hilsen til alle,

I have Christmas Cookies on my mind! Do you remember the smell of pepperkaker, spritz, and sandbakkels baking in the oven? Melt-in-the mouth morsels of heaven! In Norway, the tradition called for each household to have at least seven different kinds of cookies. There have even been polls, contests, and research about which cookies should make the list and it seems there is no consensus! Which cookies would make your list?

You will have a chance to try your hand at making the Norwegian cookies that Grandma used to make on November 10 at 10 a.m. at the home of Linda Turner. The purpose of our Annual Cookie Making Day is first to teach how to make the traditional cookies. Use the equipment, feel the dough, and learn the little secrets involved that you can't read in a recipe book. Second, is to provide baked goods to sell at our Scandinavian Bazaar on November 12. (That means you can only eat the broken cookies--LOL) And third, is to provide a social day of working together and getting to know each other. We are a fraternal organization that prides itself on the relationships we form in our lodge. Read details about both upcoming events elsewhere in the newsletter.

Renfair is over and it was a huge success. Despite temperatures of 95 degrees, the hardy Vegas Vikings escorted 2,053 people on board the dragon boat, the *Ormen Korte,* and we took in $479 in donations. We educated many kids (and adults) on the Viking Age and Norway today. It's kind of an eye-opener to see who can find Norway on our world map! Examples of the movies *How to Train Your Dragon*, *Frozen*, and *Thor* would make their eyes light up. As always we could have used more workers, but were delighted that David Anderson's daughter Katie brought a bunch of her strong friends to help with set up and tear down. We even signed two new members from Utah, who spent three nights in the tent at our campsite to protect our belongings from raids by other clans. Welcome, Jon Hansen and Michelle Harris.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, November 3 at 6:30 p.m. at the Jaycee Senior Community Center. Our program is entitled; Norwegian Whaling, Connections, and Family History: A Journey from Sandfjord to the Antarctic. Cultural Director Lene Thorsen-Peters will be looking at some Norwegian whaling history and connections to exploration and her own family. Her father, who passed away earlier this year, was a whaler and world traveler. Please make plans to join us for an interesting program and evening of socialization. There will be a potluck supper as usual.

Fraternally yours,

Birthday Name	Month
Daniel Lindberg	NOV
Jon Ansok	NOV
Jack Roof	NOV
Olaf Stanton	NOV
Thomas Hegge	NOV
Larry Shoger	NOV
Debra Timpe	NOV
Julene Lee	NOV
Donna Ogorzalek	NOV
Diane Seidlinger	NOV
Nancy Paulson	NOV
Barbara Farmer	NOV
Casey Ybarra	NOV
Jim Kvool	NOV
Coby Richards	NOV
Rebecca Vasquez	NOV
Elise Lindborg	NOV
Beth Schuck	NOV
Robert Nelson	NOV

Kalendaren

Date	Event
11-3	Membership Meeting-6:30p.m.
11-10	Cookie Baking Day
11-11	Scandinavian Bazaar Set Up Day-5p.m.
11-12	Scandinavian Holiday Bazaar-9a.m.
11-14	Book Club
11-19	Board Meeting

Lodge Meeting Thursday, November 3, 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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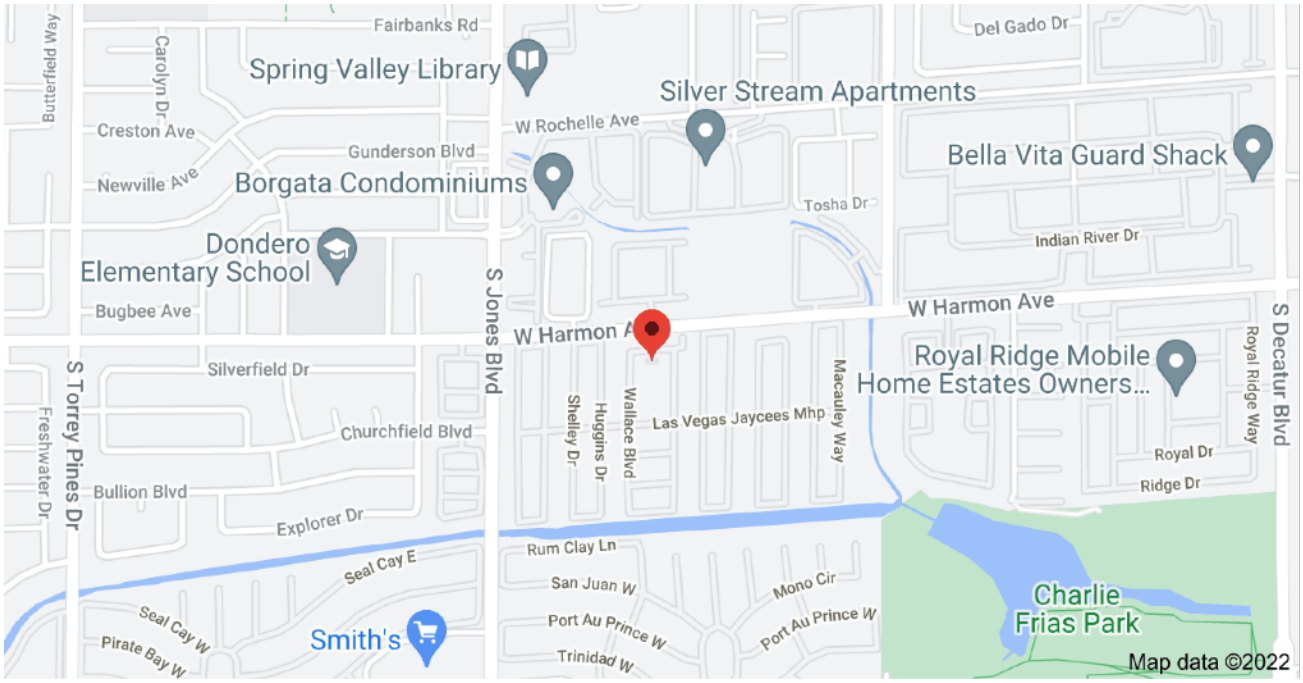
Lodge Meeting Thursday, November 3, 2022, 6:30 p.m.

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.



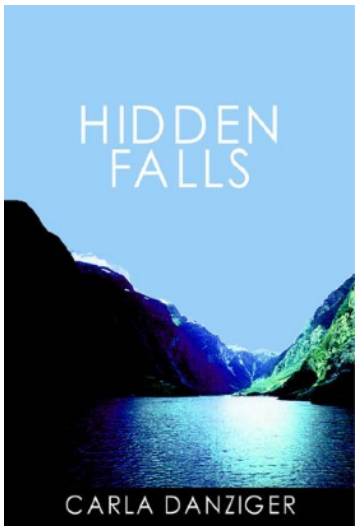
Jaycee's Senior Center

MEMBERSHIP

A big welcome to our newest heritage member, Gavin Hamre! It is wonderful to see more young people joining our lodge. I would encourage everyone to consider signing up their children and grandchildren (up to age 16) for a free heritage membership. Please see Nancy Paulson or myself for further information.

Janelle Reed, Membership Secretary

BOOK CLUB



Book club usually meets the 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 May's book of the month from Amazon.

Date	Book	Author
NOV	Hidden Falls	Carla Danziger
DEC	The Snowman (Discussion, Movie, & Popcorn Night)	Jo Nesbo

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS

Time To Market The Lodge

The Lodge's marketing committee has been looking into developing more communications to promote its activities and increase membership. Here's how you can help.

We know that many of the members have been taking pictures at various Lodge events over the years and, with your permission, we would like to use them in our posts on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and news media promotions.

Look through the photos you have saved on your phone, tablets, and computer and forward these electronic files to Lene Thorsen-Peters. Her email address is smuthies@yahoo.com. She will serve as a hub for the Lodge photos.

"We're entering an exciting time for the Lodge and in order for all of our activities to be successful, we need all of the member's help," said Lodge President Karen Holien Buehrer. "There are five events between now and the end of January. You can help make them a success."

If you have a lot of photos and think there will be too many to send via email, put them on a thumb drive and give them to any of the marketing committee members; Lene Thorsen-Peters, Kim Becker, Emma Muth, or Roger Buehrer. If you don't have a thumb drive, or don't know how to load them onto the drive contact one of the members for assistance.

2022 Renaissance Faire

Everyone wants to be a Viking, even when it is 95 degrees Fahrenheit out! A total of 2,053 people boarded the dragon boat, *Ormen Korte* for pictures. Thank you to all the members who volunteered and helped set up, tear down,

interacted with visitors, and helped guests on and off the boat safely. A extra special thank you goes out to David Anderson's daughter Katie for bringing all her strong friends to help with the heavy lifting during set up and tear down. You all made the day a great success.

Above picture featuring the workers from Parks and Recreation working this event.

Please find more pictures throughout this newsletter.

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS

Calling All Volunteers

Greetings to Each and Every Member of the Vegas Vikings,

If you have attended a recent Sons of Norway meeting, you might have noticed the continual request for volunteers. Volunteers have been needed for everything from attending the Renaissance Fair and working on the boat to baking cookies for the Scandinavian Bazaar. And the membership has responded nicely, but it leaves the chairmen of the various activities trying to figure out if there will be enough help to be able to pull off the event successfully.

Your Board of Directors have been discussing this situation for a couple of months and have come to the conclusion that we really may not know all the talent the membership has to share. Attached to this letter is an every-member survey which will provide the chairs of various activities with some background so they can put the best people in the spot that they will enjoy and serve the Lodge at the same time. Please make copies and ensure that EACH member in your household completes and returns the form. If we don't hear from you, we will be following up with a letter and/or phone call.

Note that if you have school-age children in your household who need volunteer hours, these activities will count. Just have them bring their forms to the activity and one of the officers can sign it for them.

Vicdan Kittelson, our Volunteer Coordinator, will be tabulating the results for us. Take a moment to fill in the survey, which you can find in your email, scan it and email it to dougvicdan@yahoo.com by Nov.1. If you wish, you can also bring the completed survey to the next Lodge meeting Nov. 3. Your participation is vitally important to the lifeblood of the Lodge. We are looking forward to seeing your response.

Fraternally yours,
Karen Holien Buehrer, President

A Little Sunshine from Susan & Jeanette

Sunshine Report:

Families to remember with prayers and condolences:

- Doug Kittelson's family for the death of his brother and sister-in-law.
- Terry Anderson's family for her mothers death.
- Christian Kolberg's family for the death of his father Wally.
- Kathy Rothermel's family for the death of her husband Phil.

Barbary Farmer's husband is recovering from open heart surgery.

Lisa Kershaw is recovering from COVID.

Waiting for news from Brittany Lem on the arrival of a new Viking!

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

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Name Badges

I continue to order Name Badges for members as they place their orders 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.

SuzanSibert
email arsibert@cox.net
phone 702-645-6666

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.

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.

Sports medals earned:

- Judy Maland Gangmerke gold
- Jenna Becker Idrettsmerke gold, enamel
- Jenna Becker Idrettshelt

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-hellt*]—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.**

SCHOLARSHIPS

A way to help our youth with furthering their education is to donate to The Vegas Vikings Scholarship Fund. The fund is a 501 c(8) donation for tax purposes.

Please make checks out to *Vegas Viking 6-152* and in the memo write *Scholarship*.

You can mail your donation to:

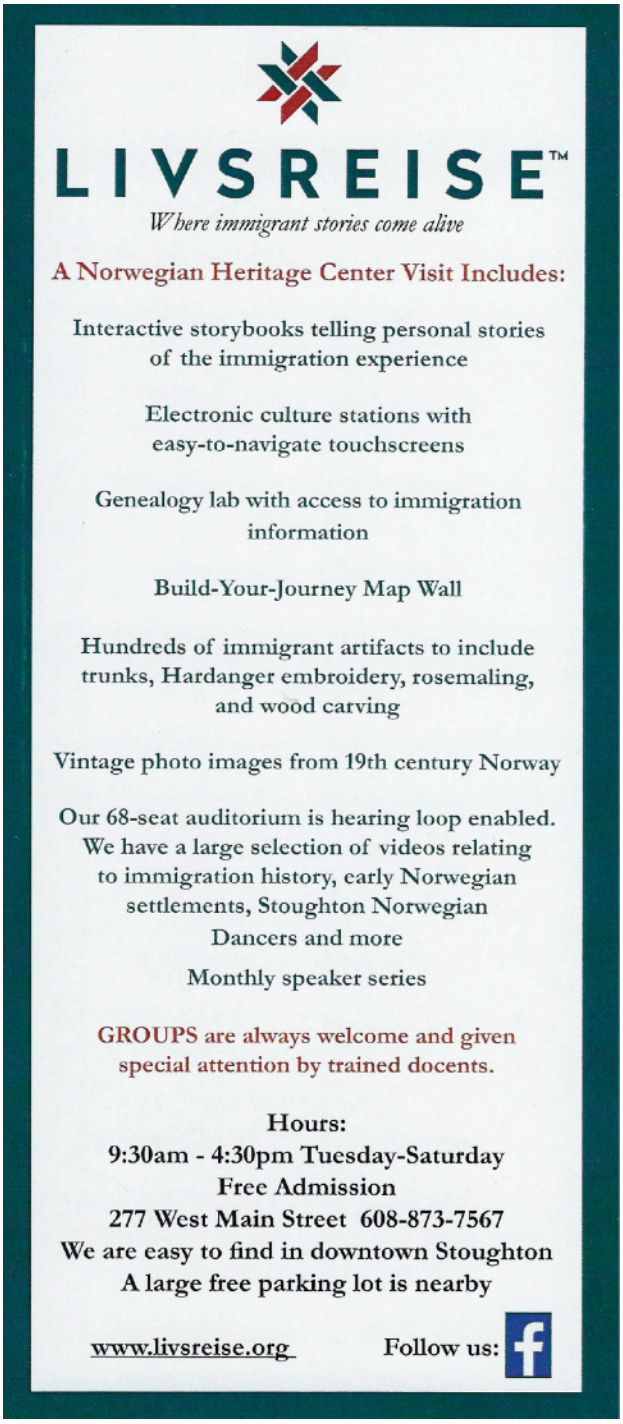
Terri Anderson
6217 O'Bannon Dr.
Las Vegas NV 89146

Terri will also accept your donations in person, at lodge meetings. Thank you for giving wisely!

The Scholarship Committee would like to welcome its newest Committee member, Charlene Fuentes. We look forward to working with you.

Takk,

Doug



SCHOLARSHIPS

Sons of Norway Foundation Scholarships

https://sofn.com/foundation/scholarships

The Sons of Norway Foundation awards approximately 25 scholarships to promising students each year and promotes cultural exchange and support education to help students prepare the next generation of workers.
All scholarships are open for application from October 1 – March 1.
SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY OVERVIEW

APPLY NOW

Domestic Scholarships

Astrid G. Cates Vocational Scholarship

Dan and Betty Rude Scholarship

King Olav V Norwegian-American Heritage Scholarship

Myrtle Beinhauer Fund (membership required)

Nancy Lorraine Jensen Memorial Scholarship Fund (membership required)

Orel and Marie Winjum Memorial Scholarship

District 4 Scholarship

Bernt Anker Scholarship

Sissel and Roger Espeland Memorial Scholarship Fund

Elaine Nelson Scholarship (membership required)

International Scholarships

Douglas Warne – Rolf & Wenche Eng Scholarship

Helen Tronvold Norwegian Folk High School Scholarship (membership required)

Lund Fund Scholarship (membership required)

Oslo International Summer School Scholarship (membership required)

Please contact the Foundation with any questions or for more information.

HOLIDAY BAZAAR INFORMATION

The Holiday Bazaar is Back!

The Vegas Viking Lodge will once again hold our Holiday Bazaar on November 12, 2022. It will be held in the Fellowship Hall of Community Lutheran Church at 3720 E. Tropicana Ave, not far from Tropicana and Sandhill. The following will be found that morning between 9 am and noon: warm waffles with jam, baked Scandinavian goodies, Scandinavian merchandise, lefse sales, January's Lutefisk Dinner tickets, and fellowship time with other delightful people who are Scandinavian or interested in Scandinavia (or just saw our advertising and came out of curiosity or looking for a good bargain!).

This is a fund-raiser for our lodge. That said, we really need assistance, particularly for various tasks on the day of the sale between 9 am and noon, and for clean-up at noon. Those tasks include helping at the merchandise and baked goods tables, cashiering/bagging merchandise, assisting at the waffle table, or helping anywhere needed. We have two shifts – 8:30 am – 10:45 am and 10:30 am - noon. We will be setting up on Friday night, November 11th, and if you can help, please join us at 5 pm at the church. We need lots of baked goods and it would also be a great help if you can come to our Baking Day on November 10th, Thursday, when we will be baking many goodies *to* sell at our baked goods table. Look for the details on Baking Day in this issue. If you cannot come to the Baking Day, but can bake cookies for us, we would appreciate that. You can bring the cookies to the set-up Friday night or to the Bazaar on Saturday by 8:30 am. Be sure to wear Bunads or Scandinavian/Norwegian attire (sweaters, t-shirts, etc.) if possible while helping on Saturday.

Vikki Renneckar and Lynelle Aanestad are co-chairs for this event. At our November 3rd Lodge meeting we will be seeking additional helpers for our Bazaar. We look forward to working with you so you can help our Lodge do well at this event. It has proven to be a fun day for those Vegas Viking volunteers who have helped in past years. Please contact Lynelle or Vikki no later than **November 7th** if you can assist with any of the above.

You may email us at: Lynelle Aanestad or Vikki Renneckar

Submitted by Lynelle Aanestad and Vikki Renneckar

NORWEGIAN COOKIE MAKING DAY

THURS, NOV 10
10 A.M.

Your grandma's cookies never tasted so good! Learn to make krumkake, spritz, sandbakkels, rosettes and more.

2 locations:

* **Linda Turner's, 8313 Silver River St. Gate code #1803**

* **Chuck Grove's, 6156 Gilmore Ave. (Rosettes)**

Sign up at our November meeting or call Karen at 702-290-1324.

Scandinavian Holiday Bazaar

Community Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall
3720 E. Tropicana Ave, Las Vegas, NV 89121

November 12, 2022, Saturday from 9 am to noon

Come join us for some Norsky fun! There will be warm waffles, Scandinavian baked goods, new Scandinavian merchandise, and lefse for sale. Our annual January Lutefisk Dinner tickets will be available for purchase.
Come and enjoy a waffle and cup of coffee/glass of lemonade and have a visit with other Scandinavian enthusiasts.
Photo opportunities will be available with our large Dala Horse and Scandinavian countries' flag display.

Free admission
Credit cards accepted

Sponsored by Vegas Viking Sons of Norway Lodge Information: Vikki @ 702-808-8008

CHRISTMAS PARTY INFORMATION

Sons of Norway Christmas Party

This year our Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 10, 2022 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Time is flying by quickly and we have many upcoming events in November and December. One that we should all look forward too is our annual Christmas Party and Jul Bord on December 10. I volunteered to help organize the party this year and this is only my second time attending, so I need your help and guidance.

Food is important as a part of our celebration. Bob Sturgeon has kindly volunteered to bring the hams. Your side dishes, salads, veggies, breads, and desserts will help to complete our dinner. We all love sweets, but we don't want to end up with tables filled with nothing but sugary delights! Please send an email to me at kmccumby1@yahoo.com by December 5 with the item you plan to bring to the potluck so that I know we have a variety of things to choose from.

I am also looking for some individuals to help with the activities during our party. If anyone would like to volunteer to play some Christmas music on the piano, please let me know. If you know of other individuals or groups that might be willing to entertain us, please email me and I will contact them.

I could also use some help with activities and games for children and adults. I'm hoping to have an area set up where children and parents can make simple tree decorations to take home. We also may have a rousing game of "Toss the Lutefisk" if folks are interested.

Santa will pay us a visit, so if you are a parent or grandparent of little ones, you can bring a wrapped present WITH THE CHILD'S NAME ON IT for Santa to distribute when they come to visit him.

So, get ready for some fun and a happy holiday! AGAIN, contact me by email at kmccumby1@yahoo.com if you would like to volunteer to help with any part of our Christmas gathering.

Kristy McCumby-Hyland

Vegas Viking Lodge 6-152 Lodge Meeting

October 1, 2022 at Jaycee's Senior Center, 5805 West Harmon Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89103

The monthly meeting of the Vegas Viking Lodge 6-152 was held Oct. 1 at the Jaycees Park community room with 22 members and four guests present.

President Karen Holien Buehrer opened the meeting with the group singing both the United States National Anthem and the Norwegian National Anthem. A potluck dinner was then served.

President Holien Buehrer called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

The program for the meeting was conducted by UNLV Professor Dr. Paul Werth on the Norwegian/Russian border and its history.

Following his presentation, President Holien Buehrer opened the business portion of the meeting.

Directors' Reports

The minutes were approved as printed in the newsletter.

Treasurer Terri Anderson provided the following recap of the treasury:

Main Account	$14, 569.37
Scholarship Availability	$225.00
Savings Account	$5,863.39
Headquarters Account	$13,993.28

She noted that the rental on the storage unit is paid through the end of the lodge's fiscal year (Feb. 1, 2023). She then reminded the membership that if they are buying things for the Lodge, to use the Lodge's credit card instead of their own as we get a cash-back reward. If you must use your own credit card, forward the receipt to her or bring her a paper copy of the receipt to get reimbursed.

Scholarship committee chair Doug Kittelson reported that the committee will start notifying members of the application process for the 2023 scholarship. The committee is also seeking another member to replace Marie Markstrom, who resigned. Kittelson and David Anderson, foundation director told members that there is a Sons of Norway Foundation Scholarship. Anderson noted that the Foundation has given away $141,000 in scholarship.

Nancy Paulson, membership committee cochair announced the 20-year awardees for October: Laura Darnell, Krishun Stanton, Olaf Stanton, and Coby Richards.

CONTINUED-Vegas Viking Lodge 6-152 Lodge Meeting
October 1, 2022 at Jaycee's Senior Center, 5805 West Harmon Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89103

Volunteer Coordinator Vicdan Kittelson, reported that the membership volunteer survey is now in the edit stage and will be distributed soon.

President Holien Buehrer gave the Sunshine Committee Report:

Barbara Farmer's husband will have surgery
Chuck Grove received a pacemaker
Doug Kittelson's brother passed away
Rick Senzig had knee replacement surgery

The book club is set to meet Oct. 17. Norwegian musician Edvard Grieg will be the subject of discussion. It was also announced that there is a large assortment of Norwegian books that the Lodge will provide to members at no cost.

Project Committee Reports

- Renaissance Fair—Committee Chairs David and Terri Anderson reported that the Lodge can begin moving in to make our camp at 10 a.m. on Oct. 6 at Sunset Park. Jim and Linda Turner will get the Viking Dragon Boat, "*Orman Korte"* to the park. Members are invited to go to the Storage Unit to help load all the camp paraphernalia. Terri noted that the Park staff is encouraging all volunteers to use the Park shuttle by leaving their cars at Cannon Middle School. Volunteers must have a wrist band to get into the Fair at no cost. Terri will distribute those at the park on Thursday. Tear down will begin Sunday night and to be completed at 7 a.m. on Monday morning.

- Scandanavian Bazaar—Co-chairs Vikki Renneckar and Lynelle Aanestad reminded the members that cookie baking day will be held on Thursday, Nov. 10 at the home of Linda Turner. Set up will be at Community Lutheran Church starting at 5 p.m., Friday Nov. 11, with the Bazaar set for Saturday, Nov. 12, 9 a.m. to noon. Volunteers are needed. The committee is in the process of ordering items to sell. Bob Sturgeon will make waffles. Rosettes will be made at the home of Chuck and Jeanette Grove.

- Cadence Holiday Market Place— Chair Bob Sturgeon reminded the members that the event will be held Dec. 3 from 10 a.m. to 7. He requested that the Lodge conduct another cookie baking day in late November. The dragon boat will be there was well as the Swedish *Dala* horse.

CONTINUED-Vegas Viking Lodge 6-152 Lodge Meeting October 1, 2022 at Jaycee's Senior Center, 5805 West Harmon Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89103

- Christmas Party—Chair Kristi McKumby-Hyland reported the party will be held Saturday Dec. 10 at the Jaycees Park Community Room. Help is needed to develop a program. Members are encouraged to bring their children/grandchildren with a wrapped present for each. This is a potluck dinner.

•President Holien Buehrer encouraged the Convention 2024 committee to meet before the District's site selection Committee comes to Las Vegas on Oct. 25.

•Marketing Committee—Roger Buehrer reported that a planning meeting will held on zoom Oct. 3 and the committee will be prepared to make a report at the next board meeting, Oct. 22.

•Cultural Committee—Director Lene Thorsen-Peters asked the membership for help with sewing costumes for her school's Hispanic dance group. The November meeting will be on Norwegian whaling.

President Holien Buehrer noted that the Lodge is still looking for a general chairman for the Lutefisk dinner. The annual dinner is tentatively set for Jan. 28 at the Elk's Lodge in Boulder City.

The meeting adjourned at 12:27 p.m.

Roger Buehrer, secretary

Vegas Viking Lodge 6-152 Board Meeting
Blue Ox Tavern, 5825 W Sahara Ave, Las Vegas, NV 89146,
October 22, 2022, 9:00 a.m.

No minutes at this time.

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Sunshine	Jeanette Grove

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Lutefisk Dinner Chairpersons	Bob Sturgeon Kitchen Chair
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Book Club	Lisa Kershaw (702) 556-0774
Holiday Bazaar	Lynelle Aanestad, Vikki Renneckar
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 Thorsen- Peters, Barbara Farmer