



SONS of NORWAY

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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

Godt Nytt År or Happy New Year!!

“Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at 20 or 80. Anyone who keeps learning stays young. The greatest thing in life is to keep your mind young,” Henry Ford.

What are your plans for the new year? Did you make some formal new year’s resolutions or just resolve to do better in the coming year? Maybe a good resolution would be to learn something new in the coming months. Sons of Norway offers so many possibilities for learning! Have you ever spent some time checking out our international website? sofn.org will ask you to log in with your membership number (if you don’t know it, Janelle Reed or I can help). I especially encourage you to look at the Cultural Skills page for opportunities to learn about cooking, rosemary, knitting, literature, genealogy and more. There are great informational tutorials as well as instructions on how to earn cultural medals if you would like to pursue that. The website also includes lessons in the Norwegian language. Maybe a few of our members would like to get together to practice conversational Norwegian.

Another way that our lodge fosters learning is through our Book Club. We meet on the third Monday of every month except July and always have a lively discussion. It is a wonderful way to get to know some of the other members; we have some pretty smart and well-rounded people in our group! We have read books in many genres: historical novels, biographies,

poetry, and plays. We have learned much about Norway during the German occupation during WWII, what it was like to live in Norway in olden times as well as today, and several stories about the Norwegian immigrants who came to America in the 1800s and early 1900s. A list of all the books that we have chosen for the coming year can be found elsewhere in this newsletter. We welcome anyone to attend just one meeting or as many as you would like.

Maybe another way to learn would be to stand at Bob Sturgeon’s side while he prepares and cooks lutefisk!! Bob could teach us all a thing or two about organization, leadership, timing and cooking. Our annual Lutefisk Dinner will be on Saturday, Jan. 28 at the Elks Lodge in Boulder City. There will be two seatings at 2 and 5 p.m. but we will need workers for the whole day beginning at 10 a.m. There will be opportunity for sign up at our next meeting on Jan. 7 at 10 a.m. or you can call me at 702-290-1324. We will also need lots of people to bake cookies.

One of the things that new and potential members always get excited about is learning to make Norwegian cookies. We will have another Cookie Making Day at Linda Turner’s on Jan 25, at 10 a.m. Again, you can sign up at the next meeting or call me to get more information.

Let’s all plan to learn at least one new thing about our Norwegian roots, history and culture in 2023. And/or share it with others!

Fraternally yours,
Karen Holien Buehrer

Birthday Name	Month
Paul Markstrom	JAN
Nikola Hagen	JAN
Jack Reed	JAN
Helan Archer	JAN
Anna Stajkowski	JAN
Heidi Kasama	JAN
Payton Colbrook	JAN
Michael Kurcab	JAN
Suzanne Rorhus	JAN
Brooklyn Upchurch	JAN
Freya Fahy	JAN



Kalendaren

Date	Event
Jan 7	Lodge Meeting
Jan 16	Book Club
Jan 21	Board Meeting-Location TBD
Jan 25	Cookie Making Day
Jan 28	Lutefisk Dinner

Lodge Meeting Saturday, January 7, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

Jaycee's Center: There is an entrance gate with a code to enter. Someone will be stationed there to let you in between 9:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. If you are going to be late, please text 702-290-1324 for the code.

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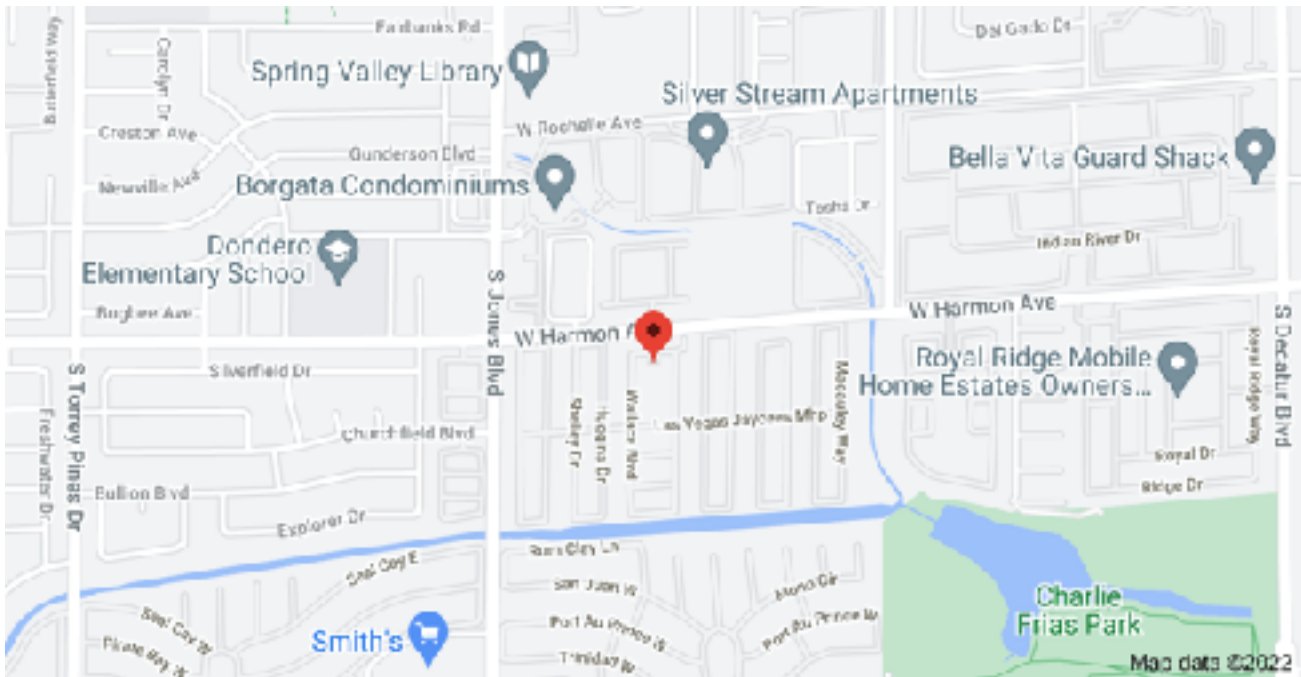
Change of address or email: Janelle Reed

Facebook: Vegas Viking Twitter: vegasvikinggang Instagram: @VegasVikingLodge

Lodge Meeting Saturday, January 7, 2023, 10:00 a.m. Jaycee's 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 9:30am-10:00am. If you are arriving after 10:00am please text 702-290-1324 for the gate code. This will be a brunch potluck, please feel free to bring your favorite dish.

Please wear your Norwegian Sweaters to our January meeting and join Cultural Director Lene Thorsen-Peters, as quizmaster for a game of Vegas Vikings Jeopardy. Show what you learned from all our interesting programming over the past year as well as some trivia about our lodge and members.



[Jaycee's Center](#)

MEMBERSHIP

Please join me in welcoming our newest members: Glenn DeMent and Lisa Reiter! Our total number of new members for this year was 25!! Hopefully, 2023 will be a year where our membership continues to grow. Happy New Year!

Janelle Reed, Membership Secretary

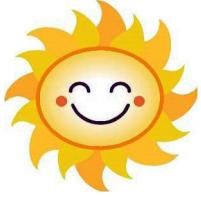
BOOK CLUB



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 January's book of the month from Amazon.

Date	Book	Author	Genre
January	Haymaker in Heaven	Edvard Hoem	Historical Fiction
February	A Coat Dyed Black	Don Pugnetti Jr.	WWII Historical Fiction
March	Little Drummer	Knell Ola Dahl	International Mystery & Crime
April	The Resistance Girl	Mandy Robotham	WWII Historical Fiction
May	The Saboteur	Andrew Gross	Special Operations (military science)-fiction
June	Sixteen Trees of the Somme	Lars Mytting	Historical Fiction
July	No Meeting		
August	The Axe	Sigrid Undset	Fiction
September	Land of Dreams	Vidar Sundstol	Historical Mystery
October	TBD		Biographies
November	The History of Bees	Maja Lunde	Bees-Fiction
December	No book-watch movie		



A Little Sunshine from Susan & Jeanette



Sunshine Report:



The good news from Sunshine, is that there is no sad news. Merry Christmas and a healthy New Year!



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 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.

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.

Sports medals earned:

- No updates for December.

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



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.**

Step up your game with our new sports medals

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDS

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.

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.



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!

**Vegas Viking Lodge 6-152, Sons of Norway invites you to the
Twenty Fourth Annual
LUTEFISK DINNER**

On Saturday, 28 January 2023

Two Seatings 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Adults \$25 Children \$10

(12 and under)

Where: SAME PLACE AS BEFORE

Boulder City Elks Lodge #1682

1217 Boulder City Parkway, Boulder City

(Main Highway through town - just

past McDonald's Restaurant



Menu: Lutefisk w/melted butter or white sauce, roast pork, Boiled potatoes, green beans, Lefse, Norwegian Cookies - CASH BAR and Aquavit, of course

ADVANCE TICKET SALES ONLY NO TICKETS AT THE DOOR!!!

Tickets will be available at the January Lodge Meeting

or

You may send a check (written to **Vegas Viking 6-152**) to:

Gwen Knighton, 2156 Marstons Mills Ct, Henderson NV 89044

Please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope for your tickets

(Important - be sure to list names and indicate 2 p.m. or 5 p.m. seating! Include a telephone number and email address)

DEADLINE FOR TICKET PURCHASE: January 20, 2023!

More Information? Call 702-869-5775 or lvknight30@yahoo.com

Check out Vegasvikings.org and Vegas Viking on Facebook

PLEASE NOTE WE WILL BE SELLING LEFSE for \$12 a package. When you buy your tickets, indicate whether you want to buy lefse and how many. You can pay in advance or at the dinner.

CHRISTMAS PARTY PICTURES





**Vegas Viking Lodge 6-152 Lodge Meeting
December 3, 2022 at Jaycee's Center, 5805 West Harmon
Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89103**

Annual Christmas Party
December 3, 2022

The annual Christmas Party for the Sons of Norway Lodge 6-152 was held at noon Dec. 3 at the Jaycee Center with 30 members and guests present. A potluck dinner was served with the singing of Christmas songs in both English and Norwegian. Games and crafts were available with prizes. The day was highlighted with the visit of the Jolly Old Elf Santa Claus, who distributed presents to the children.

Nancy Paulson, assistant Membership Committee chair reported:
5-year recognition for Brian Paulson
20-year recognition for Ola Harsheim

The party concluded at 3:45 p.m.

Roger Buehrer
Secretary.





Vegas Viking Lodge 6-152 Board Meeting, December 17, 2022, 9:00 a.m.

December meeting of Lodge 6-152 was held at the home of President Karen Holien Buehrer. Prior to the opening of the meeting members were served a traditional Norwegian breakfast. Present were: President Buehrer, Vice President Lynelle Aanestad, Secretary Roger Buehrer, Treasurer Terri Anderson, Foundation Director David Anderson, Trustee Bob Sturgeon, Social Director Kristy McCumby-Hyland, Sports Director Doug Kittelson, Volunteer Coordinator Vicdan Kittelson, Cultural Director Lene Thorsen-Peters, Assistant Membership Director Nancy Paulson, and guests Vikki Renneckar and Gwen Knighton.

The meeting was called to order at 9:18 a.m. with the minutes of the last board meeting approved as printed.

Treasurer Terri Anderson reported the following financials:

General Lodge Fund: \$20,764.88
Wells Fargo Savings: \$5,863.49
Headquarters Savings: \$14,058.08
Scholarship Fund: \$ 1,123.00

Projects and Directors Reports:

Lutfisk Dinner-Lene Thorsen-Peters volunteered to serve as the master of ceremonies. Other volunteers include: Bob Sturgeon, kitchen; Terri Anderson, dining room chairperson; Rory Raymond, raffle; Gwen Knighton, ticket sales; Erik Pappa, public relations; Vikki Renneckar, ordering lefse. Flyers are now being distributed and will be included in the newsletter. A baking day for cookies is scheduled for January; date to be determined.

Membership-Nancy Paulson reported that the Lodge recorded 20 members through the first of December.

Cultural Director-The January program will be a trivia game based on content of the meetings throughout 2022. Nancy Paulson suggested that in an effort to further the cultural and education aspects of the Lodge, that a group be formed to speak Norwegian, or to develop a class for those interested to learn the language.

Cadence Holiday Marketplace-The board congratulated Kristy McCumby-Hyland and Bob Sturgeon for their efforts in coordinating the Holiday Marketplace for the Cadence master-planned community. Treasurer Terri Anderson reported that the Lodge netted \$1,331.34 at the fundraiser. The board expressed mixed feeling about whether the Lodge should undertake such a project again, especially that it was in such close proximity to the Lodge's Scandinavian Bazaar on Nov. 12.

Marketing Committee-The new website was launched on Dec. 1 and received accolades from board members. Other projects now before the committee are printing of new business cards and a new brochure. Roger Buehrer reported that the webmaster Krystal Santana Buehrer had been asked to submit a proposed budget for maintaining the site. She proposed a cost of \$85 a month. He made a motion and it was passed that the Lodge undertake those expenses.

District Convention 24-President Holien Buehrer reported that the District Convention Committee was back to square one with Sun Coast Hotel and Casino. New rates made the cost of holding the convention there cost-prohibitive.

St. Patrick's Day Parade-The annual event will be held in downtown Henderson March 11, 2023.

Syttende Mai-The board agreed to have the Norwegian Constitution Day on May 17, 2023. Details will be finalized at the January meeting.



Vegas Viking Lodge 6-152 Board Meeting, December 17, 2022, 9:00 a.m.

Year In Review Analysis

Included are the positives of the year:

1. There were many successful events that provided members with a wide-variety of events for the members and guests. (Quality of programs, variety of activities, social events, bookclub)
2. There appeared to be more people involved.
3. A new Website
4. Achieved more community visibility.
5. The effort to get more youth involved appears to be paying off.
6. Facebook activity provides greater visibility.
7. The Lodge gives members a purpose, which creates more interest for new members.
8. Renaissance Fair was a success.
9. The new availability for the Lodge to take credit card payments at activities.
10. Lodge has made strides to be more contemporary. 2022 took steps to be more updated.
11. The new meeting venue has helped the Lodge's finances.
12. People are mingling, getting to know each other. More socialization.
13. Board attendance has increased.



Areas that need improvement:

1. Appears to be a shot-gun approach to activities. No shared plan for achieving goals.
2. Need to try and involve neighboring lodges in our events.
3. We should try to attend Vista, the annual Viking weekend in California.
4. Need to continue to encourage young people (families) in Lodge activities.
5. Followup with members to get more involvement. Make the volunteer survey work for the Lodge.
6. In need of more daytime meetings.
7. Create a craft day like baking day.
8. Focus on Viking history and culture.
9. Get Lodge activities on various community calendars to created more attention to Lodge activities.
10. While the meeting location has many benefits, it could be a turnoff to encourage younger member involvement.
11. More social activities like the Viking Raid on the Blue Ox.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Roger Buehrer
Secretary

BOARD OF DIRECTORS	
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Librarian	Linda Turner
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 Thorsen-Peters, Charlene Fuentes
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

