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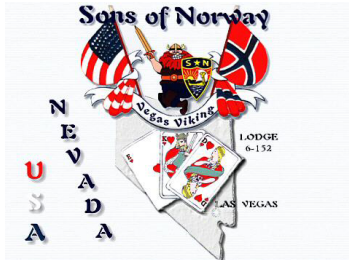
VEGAS VIKINGS NEWS



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 May 2022

Hilsen alle sammen,

You may notice that the signature at the bottom of my column has changed. On April 23 Roger Buehrer and I tied the knot. Even though Roger is not Norwegian he as many other redeeming qualities! And he has embraced Sons of Norway whole-heartedly serving as our secretary and on several committees.

The Vegas Viking May meeting will be held on May 5 at our regular meeting place, the Jaycee Senior Community Center, 5805 W. Harmon Ave., 6:30 p.m. Since this falls on Cinco de Mayo our potluck will be a Mexican theme. Did you know that in Norway today, Friday is taco night in many homes? Kristi has volunteered to make Virgin Margaritas—bring your own tequila if you wish.

Twenty seven of our members and guests attended a play called “The Hard Row” last month. At this next meeting, we are fortunate to have the playwright, Sean Clark, speak to

us about his experience learning about the two Norwegian men who traversed the Atlantic ocean in a row boat. Clark is a writer, producer and director whose television credits include Coach, Northern Exposure, Sliders, Sirens, and Early Edition. He is a long-serving faculty member at UNLV and is currently vice dean of the College of Fine Arts. His presentation is entitled Bergen to Vegas: The hard row to “The Hard Row”.

As most Norwegians are aware, May 17, Syttende Mai, is Norwegian Constitution Day. We will celebrate with a picnic and party in Boulder City on May 21. Please see related article elsewhere in this edition. The 30th anniversary of our charter as a lodge falls during 2022 so we will be combining our celebrations. We will be honoring our charter members and hope that they will all be able to attend.

Hope to see you all on May 5th!

Karen Holien Buehrer

Birthday Name	Month
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Schuster, Else	MAY
Stanton, Krishun	MAY
Thorsen- Peters, Lene	MAY
Tofte, Beth	MAY
Thorsen, Grethe	MAY
Gustafson-Walsh, Joy	MAY
Nelson, Rian	MAY
King, Ellen	MAY
Roof, Chelsea	MAY
Sievert, Robert	MAY



Kalendaren

Date	Event
5-5	Lodge Meeting
5-14	Board Meeting
5-16	Book Club
5-21	Syttende Mai Celebration

Lodge Meeting Thursday, May 5, 2023, 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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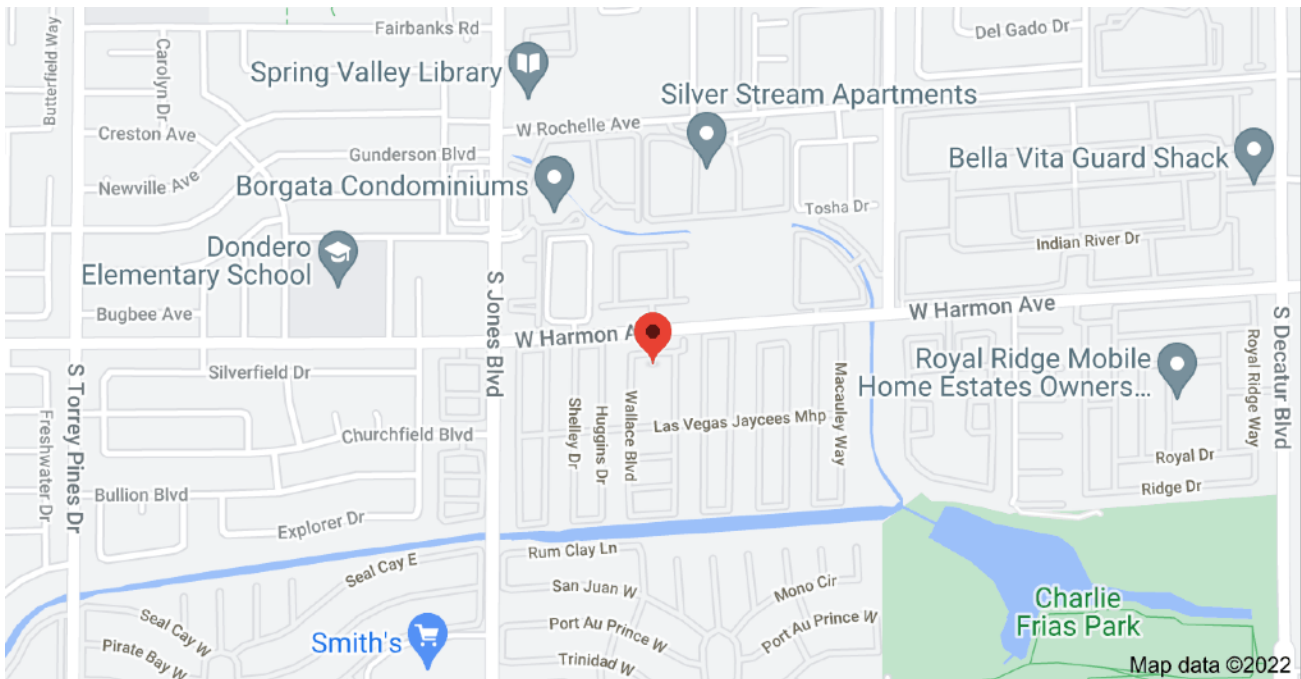
Change of address or email: Janelle Reed

Facebook: Vegas Viking Twitter: vegasvikinggang Instagram: @VegasVikingLodge

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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.-6:30 p.m. If you are arriving after 6:30 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

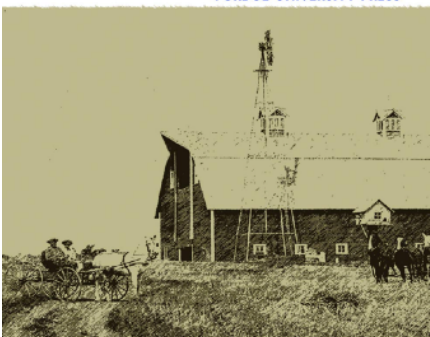
I am happy to report that we have 2 new members! A big welcome to Terry Rand and Rebecca Vasquez! We look forward to getting to know them better at our upcoming meetings and events. As always, I can be contacted at 702-445-1188 or wayjay@cox.net. My co-secretary, Nancy Paulsen, can be contacted at 818-421-5752 or nancypaulsn@aol.com.

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 May's book of the month from Amazon.



Date	Book	Author
MAY	Westward We Came: A Norwegian Immigrant's Story	Harold B. Kildahl
JUN	The Ice Palace	Terjei Vesaas
JUL	No Meeting	
AUG	Hakon of Rogen's Saga	Erik Christian Haugaard
SEP	Pilar-Guri: A Heroine of Old Norway	Translation by DeSordi
OCT	Biography (TBD)	
NOV	Hidden Falls	Carla Danziger
DEC	The Snowman (Discussion, Movie, & Popcorn Night)	Jo Nesbo

DISTRICT 6 NEWS

Sons of Norway District Six Convention 2022

Sheraton Mesa Hotel, Mesa, AZ
Thursday, June 2 – Sunday, June 5, 2022



Dear District Six members,

This November, we will begin sending important information to the lodges regarding our District Lodge Meeting and Convention in Mesa, Arizona, June 2-5, 2022. The theme of the convention is “Celebrating our Roots.” The cultural program will focus on our genealogy, and other activities will focus on our shared “roots.” All local COVID guidelines will be followed during the event.

Your lodge will receive information regarding choosing delegates. All lodges receive two delegates, and some lodges receive additional delegates based on their lodge membership. All members of a lodge are eligible to attend. The Charter and Constitution states that all delegates must be elected, but all members may attend the convention as a guest, if not elected as a delegate. The district doesn’t pay for you to attend the convention, nor do most lodges. However, some lodges do provide some compensation to their delegates. Many lodges have fundraisers to assist their delegates with expenses. The costs for the delegate package, guest package, and the hotel room will be posted on the District Six website.

Please consider being a delegate. Have someone in your lodge nominate you when your lodge votes for delegates. Also, at the convention, we will elect delegates to the International Convention that will be held in Minneapolis. To be an international delegate, you must own a Sons of Norway Financial product, which is not a requirement for the district convention.

Why go to convention? There are many reasons to go to the District Lodge Meeting and Convention which include: representing your lodge, learning more about Sons of Norway, meeting and networking with members from other lodges. This convention, we are going to make an effort for you to connect with other people who may share the same Norwegian connection that you may have. Wouldn’t be crazy to meet a relative at the convention. It has happened!

There will be more information coming this month from our District Secretary, Nancy Madson, as well as information on an “early bird” sale for greetings/ads for our convention book.

I hope to see many of you at our District Six Lodge Meeting and Convention in Mesa, Arizona.

Fraternally,

Luella Grangaard
District Six President



A Little Sunshine from Susan & Jeanette



Sunshine Report:

Sympathy to Grete Thorsen in the death of her husband Carl and Lena Thorsen-Peters in the death of her father Carl.



Sympathy to Maureen Anderson in the death of her daughter. If you wish to send her a card, her address in Maryland is as follows:

Maureen Anderson
704 M Street
Oakland, Maryland 21550

Congratulations to newlyweds Roger and Karen Buehner.



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

The Name Badges for Vegas Viking Lodge are \$7.00 each. You may order them from me at the lodge meeting. I usually have them by the following lodge meeting.



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

Pull Tops for Ronald MacDonald House:

Thank you for the donations of the pull tops for Ronald McDonald House. When I dropped off the pull tops the barrel was almost full!! Please remember to save your pull tops and bring them to the lodge meetings.

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.

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.**

SYTTENDE MAI & LODGE'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

We are excited for this benchmark year! This year Syttende Mai will be celebrated at the Veterans' Park in Boulder City, Nevada. The festivities will be on Saturday, May 21st from 2:00pm to 6:00pm. We will start set up at 1:00 pm sharp and will breakdown after 6:00pm. Our pavilion is near the water feature. As you approach the pavilion, look for the Norwegian flag. Unfortunately, due to lack of space, the Ormond Korte (our ship) won't be in the celebrations this year.

There will be no parking on the grass please, and we are responsible for our own cleanup and disposal of the trash. There aren't many park tables or benches available, so please bring your own folding chairs and card



tables. You may also bring a blanket if you choose to sit on the ground. There's a lot of shade from

trees in the park. We will have games for both the young and old. There is also a play area and water feature for the young children.

The lodge will supply water and lemonade and ice to cool the water. If you would like alcohol or soft drinks, you must bring your own. Paper and plastic products will be supplied by the lodge, along with Styrofoam cups for hot and cold beverages. As the main dish, the lodge will be providing hot dogs, hamburger patties, buns and the condiments. The rest of the food is potluck so bring what you want, we need many sides and desserts. Please remember, if you don't bring potluck items, we won't have much to eat.



Dress comfortably for the weather conditions. My phone number is 702-454-9100, please leave a message and your phone number and I will return it. If you've already signed the attendance list, and told us who is attending, we have that information. If you have not RSVPed yet, please do so no later than May 14th. In all honesty, with the escalating food prices, we don't want to over order and have a bunch of leftovers thereby, wasting lodge money. See you at Syttende Mai!

Hilsen,

Bob Sturgeon

PARK DIRECTIONS: Veterans' Memorial Park, 1650 Buchanan Blvd, Boulder City, NV 89005

- Travel on NV-582 S
- Take I-11 S/US-93 S/US-95 S and Boulder City Pkwy to Veterans Memorial Dr in Boulder City
- Continue on Veterans Memorial Dr. Drive to Commons Way
- Turn right onto Veterans Memorial Dr (signs for Veterans Cemetery)
- Turn left onto Commons Way
- Destination will be on the left (The park is across the street from the cemetery)

MISC CLUB NEWS

FROM BERGEN TO VEGAS: THE HARD ROW TO THE HARD ROW

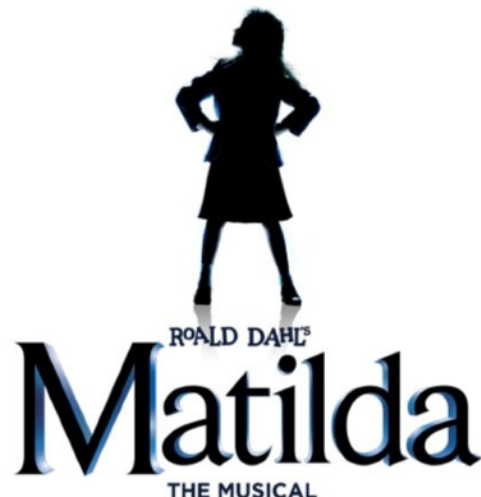
On May 5th the program for the general meeting will be presented by Sean Clark, the playwright for "The Hard Row". In 1897 two immigrant fishermen built a small wooden boat and rowed it



across the Atlantic Ocean. The play is about those two men and all the characters surrounding the event, following their journey through the ocean to a better life and the freedom they have always wanted. Clark will speak to us about how he came to know of this event and his inspiration to write about it.

MATILDA by Roald Dahl

Charleston Heights Arts Center, 800 Brush St, Las Vegas will present the play "Matilda" by beloved Norwegian author Roald Dahl on Friday, April 29th at 7 p.m. Reserved tickets are available on line for \$8.00. Go to the [homepage](#) on the website and click on "Residents" and then "Events". Maybe some of the book club members would like to go together. Or call a neighbor and invite them! This Tony award-winning musical is an inspiring story of a young girl who dreams of a better life. Matilda, a child with incredible wit and intelligence, discovers she has psychokinetic powers. Unloved by her real parents she develops a companionship with the lovable Miss Honey who has a remarkable impact on her life. The school's headmistress, Miss Trunchbull, hates children and is always punishing them, including Matilda. But Matilda's clever ways keep Trunchbull at bay. This high energy romp through the anarchy of childhood is sure to tug at your heart!





Vegas Viking Lodge 6-152 Lodge Meeting
April 2, 2022 at Jaycee’s Senior Center, 5805 W Harmon
Ave, Las Vegas, NV 89103, 10:30 a.m.

The meeting opened at 10 a.m. with the singing of the American and Norwegian National Anthems followed by a potluck brunch. The meeting was called to order at 10:32 with 30 members and six guests present. A moment of silence was observed to remember long-time Lodge member Carl Thorsen, who passed March 29. The March 3 minutes were approved.

Committee Reports

- Treasurer Terri Anderson presented the treasurers report:

Checking Account	\$20,572.19
Scholarship Fund	\$3,240.00
Savings	\$5,863.09
Savings Account at HQ	\$13,866.65

The report was approved.

- Janelle Reed, membership director, reported the lodge has two new members: Terry Rand and Rebecca Vasquez.
- Scholarship Committee Director Doug Kittelson reported that the Scholarship Committee would meet April 9 to select the winners for this year’s Lodge scholarships.
- Lynelle Aanestad reported the book club is reading “He Who Fears the Wolf,” by Karin Fossum and will be meeting April 18.
- Syttende Mai Chairman Bob Sturgeon reported this year’s celebration will be held at Veterans Park in Boulder City, May 21. The Lodge will provide meats and buns for sandwiches, and members are to bring a dish to pass. Games will be provided along with a parade around the park. Members are encouraged to bring their Norwegian flags.
- Secretary Roger Buehrer provided a summary of the leadership training program held March 26. The board identified four goals for the Lodge to work on in 2022:
 1. Get new members to meet the goal of 30 set by SON headquarters
 2. Involve new members right away
 3. Work on member retention with more engagement by all members
 4. Develop an active youth program.



**Vegas Viking Lodge 6-152 Lodge Meeting-CONTINUED
April 2, 2022 at Jaycee's Senior Center, 5805 W Harmon
Ave, Las Vegas, NV 89103, 10:30 a.m.**

Business

- District 6 Convention Delegate Terri Anderson has withdrawn as a delegate as well as David Anderson as an alternate. The district has requested that the Lodge provide Norwegian cookies at the convention for coffee breaks.
- A master-planned community, Cadence, has requested the Lodge to provide a Holiday Market at its annual holiday celebration. Bob Sturgeon volunteered to serve as chair with Rick Senzig, Kristi Hyland-McCumby, and Brittany Lem serving on the planning committee for the event. A motion was made and passed for the Lodge to undertake this activity.
- President Holien then led a discussion on how the Lodge can best recognize those members who have passed. A motion was made and passed that the Lodge would contribute \$100 to the Scholarship Fund to serve as a memorial to those who have passed. The funds would be transferred from the Lodge's general fund.

Announcements

- There will be a pre-screening of "The Northman" on April 14 at Red Rock Regal Cinemas. The Lodge has been invited to attend this viewing free of charge. Brittany Lem volunteered to take names of interested members and contact the person in charge.
- Lodge board meeting is scheduled for April 9 at 9 a.m. at Sagas Pastry and Sandwich Shop
- National Curling Championships will be held at the Orleans Arena. Norway is playing the United States on Monday, April 11.
- Please send any address, email, or phone number changes to Janelle Reed or change them on the SON Website.

Captain Ola Harsheim then presented a program about his family history and the family farm dating back to the 17th Century.

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Roger Buehrer, Secretary



Vegas Viking Lodge 6-152 Board Meeting
SAGA Sandwich & Pastry, S 10345 Eastern Ave, #100,
Henderson, NV 89052, April 9, 2021, 9:00 a.m.

President Karen Holien called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. with the following board members present: Lynelle Aanestad, Roger Buehrer, Doug Kittelson, Rick Senzig, Kim Becker, Bob Sturgeon, Lene Thorsen-Peters, Janelle Reed, Kristy McCumby-Hyland, Nancy Paulson.

Minutes from the March Board Meeting were approved as presented.

Committee Reports

- Lynelle Aanestad reported that plans for the Scandinavian Holiday Bazaar are underway. This year's bazaar will be held Nov. 12 with baking day set for Nov. 10 and set up Nov. 11. Several board members volunteered to store bazaar items resolving a concern about ordering the items ahead of time.
- Bob Sturgeon, Syttende Mai chairman, reported this year's event will be held at Veteran's Park in Boulder City May 21 from 2 to 6 p.m. The event is open to Lodge members and guests. Set-up starts at noon and tear-down by 7 p.m. The Lodge will provide meats and buns for sandwiches and members are asked to provide a dish to pass. There was agreement that the Lodge's 30th anniversary will be held in conjunction with the celebration. A barbershop quartet from the Silver Statesmen Barbershop Chorus will provide entertainment. Games will be provided, and a parade is scheduled in the park. Members are encouraged to bring flags. An effort will also be made to contact all charter members of the Lodge for further recognition.
- Following approval by the general membership at the April meeting, the Lodge will proceed with plans to participate in the Holiday Market Bazaar sponsored by Cadence master-planned community. Bob Sturgeon with Kristie McCumby-Hyland will contact Cadence and plan a visit to the location which will assist in set-up. The event is slated for December. Other committee members include Rick Senzig, Brittany Lem and Stevie Pace.
- President Holien reported the Lodge will be sending four members as delegates to the District Convention. She noted that the Lodge has been requested to bring Norwegian cookies to the Convention to be served at coffee breaks during the event. Several members volunteered to bake cookies with a goal set of 10 to 20 dozen. All cookies are to be turned in by June 1. Chris Christianson will transport the cookies to the convention.



Vegas Viking Lodge 6-152 Board Meeting - CONTINUED
SAGA Sandwich & Pastry, S 10345 Eastern Ave, #100,
Henderson, NV 89052, April 9, 2021, 9:00 a.m.

Business

- The Lodge has been asked to provide the use of the Viking boat for the grand opening of the new Amazon distribution center in North Las Vegas. This is the second time Amazon has asked for use of the boat, and once again they have offered to pay the Lodge \$1,000. Jim Turner will transport the boat to the site and several members have volunteered in its set up.
- President Holien reported that she has been contacted by several members to have more day-time meetings as it is difficult for some members to drive and attend evening events. The executive board will review the calendar and make some adjustments.

Announcements

- The Lodge has been contacted by a promotional representative of the movie “The Northman” for members to attend a preview showing at the Regal Cinemas at Red Rock Resorts. Brittany Lem is taking names of interested members to attend the April 14 showing.
- The next board meeting will be held May 14 at Sagas prior to the Syttende Mai celebration.

Goal Setting for the Lodge

- At the March leadership training program, the directors present agreed to four main goals for 2022:
 1. Get 30 new members to meet the national membership goal
 2. Get new members involved right away
 3. Focus on membership retention and engagement
 4. Develop a youth program by learning what will bring them into the Lodge

Following the agenda the board presented ideas on how best to meet those goals. In addition, a marketing plan was suggested for the Lodge. President Holien agreed to contact Erik Pappa, publicity director, to chair a marketing committee. President Holien appointed Kim Becker, Lene Thorsen-Peters, Nancy Paulson, and Roger Buehrer, to serve on the committee with Erik.

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Roger Buehrer, Secretary

BOARD OF DIRECTORS	
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Camp Norge Ambassador	Arlon Sibert
Sunshine	Jeanette Grove

COMMITTEE CHAIR PERSONS	
Lutefisk Dinner Chairpersons	Vikki Rennacker, Bob Sturgeon, Lynelle Aanestad, Gwen Knighton, Kathy Rothermel, Rory Raymon, Karen Holien
Scholarship	Doug Kittleson, David Nygaard, Lynelle Annestad, Lene Muth, Marie Markstrom
Book Club	Lisa Kershaw (702) 556-0774
Holiday Bazaar	Lynelle Aanestad, Vikki Rennacker
Syttende Mai	Bob Sturgeon, David Anderson
Renaissance Fair	VACANT
50/50 Raffle	Chuck Grove
District 6	Lynelle Aanestad, Nancy Paulson, Roger Buehrer



[Celebration at the Royal Palace in Oslo, Norway on 17 Mai.](#) Please click the link for more information.