

SONS OF NORWAY
DESERT FJORD
LODGE 6-133

**SPECIAL
POINTS OF
INTEREST:**

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Desert Fjord Posten



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Ord fra Presidente

From Alaska to Florida, from Arizona to Norway; these locations describe the geographical distribution of our membership of 219. Thanks to all who are participating in our events: Knut Erik Jensen concert, Scandinavian Springfest, Genealogy Class and the Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner. Our calendar continues to be full for the Spring Please see Events to Remember in this POSTEN.

Special thanks to new member Brandon Bailey, our new Sports Director, who stepped forward to help with the transport of the Boutique. Thanks and congratulations to Lois Sakkas who is our

new Publicity Director; and to Floyd Downs who will be the Membership Secretary for Ross Berg who is on indefinite leave for family medical problems. We still need volunteers for Photographer, Vista Del Camino Delivery and Youth Director. Is it your turn?

Volunteers are the Only ones to Learn Unique New Things, with Energy and Enthusiasm Required!!!

Please remember to bring a can of food to the April meeting for Vista Del Camino!

If you would like your 2008-2009 Membership Directory, please send your request and \$2.00 for mailing to John Schirtzinger, 2627 E Cannon Dr, Phoenix, 85028: (602) 493-5979

Skoal, Sharon



**Sharon Clunk
Desert Fjord President**

Upcoming Events

Save these dates:

April 4: Kretsstevne (the Gathering of the Clans - which in our case is the gathering of the Arizona Lodges)

April 9: Business Meeting at Sharon's home.

April 17: Social: Pizza Party and Scandinavian Dancers

April 25 Kaffebord at Sharon's home

May 2: Genealogy Class

May 7: Business Meeting at Granite Reef Senior Center

May 15: Social Smorgasbord - Pot Luck

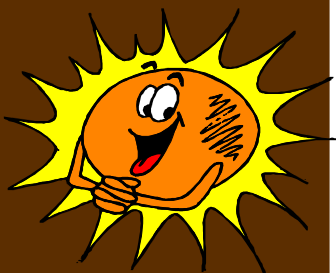
May 16: Norse Federation - Syttende Mai @ Shepherd of the Valley

April Program and Reservations



The Scandinavian dancers will entertain and instruct us in traditional folk dance.

Guests are always welcome at our monthly social meetings and often become members!



Copies of the Desert Fjord Posten are published on our web site. Email subscribers receive their Posten as much as a week earlier than those sent via U. S. Mail!

The program for our April meeting will be Scandinavian Dancing!

We will learn some simple steps as well as enjoy the dance group.

Please bring children and teens along for the fun!! See you in April!!

Carol Pindell, Cultural Director

Meeting Details

Menu: Pizza, tossed salad, fruit bowl and cookies

\$12 Members
\$14 Non-members
Children 12 and under, half-price

Social: 6:00 P.M.
Dinner: 6:30 P.M.

Reservations

Mail check to:
Phyllis Bergo
2589 E. Erie Ct.
Gilbert, AZ 85295
(480) 812-9762

Checks must be received by April 14th (Your check is your reservation).

New Member Profile: Tyler and Carolyn Soine

Tyler Soine was born in Minnesota, but raised in Oregon. His father was Norwegian. He has retired twice: once as a chemist and secondly as a preacher. His interests include transferring family pictures to DVD (with captions) and woodworking. Church activities are also important. He and his wife Carolyn (also a Sons of Norway member)

are now making lefse. Tyler is in charge of the piggies for "Coins for Scholars."

Carolyn was born in Eastern Alabama. She met Tyler on a blind date while he was stationed in the Army. After several moves and various parishes (Tyler was a preacher) they settled in

Phoenix in 1983. Carolyn loves scrapbooking and is a Creative Memories consultant. After knee surgery she has been doing physical therapy.

Please welcome this energetic couple to Desert Fjord.

Solskinn

A card was sent to Ruth Munson and we welcomed Jim Hudson at Knut Erik's concert. Our best wishes

go out to several people who are having surgery and those who aren't able to come to our gatherings.

Contact Sharon at (480)970-9567) or at sharewsharon@msn.com

Desert Fjord Goes Green with Email Posten

Almost 100 members are now receiving the Posten via email. We are asking members with email addresses to consider this as an option to receiving a hard copy mailed to them. The cost of paper, printing, envelopes and postage for producing the Posten has gone up considerably over the years. We hope to save over \$1,000 a year by utilizing email. If you would like to receive your Posten via email please send an email with your contact information to: editor@desertfjord.org

2009 Officers

OFFICE	NAME
President	Sharon Clunk
Vice-President	John Schirtzinger
Counselor	Jan Loomis
Membership Sec'y	Ross Berg
Secretary	Jennifer Loomis
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Associate	Nellie Lokken
Cultural Director	Carol Pindell
Associate	Jana Peterson
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Marshal	Ed Bergo
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Greeter	Vacant
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Trustee (3Year)	John Lovell
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Tubfrim	Lois Sakkas
Sports Director	Brandon Bailey
Foundation Dir.	John Lovell
Caller	Helen Jacobs
Caller	Gil & Brenda Witsoe
Caller	Cindy Casler
Boutique	Ali Berg Anderson
Boutique	Vacant
Reservations	Phyllis Bergo

Bits and Bites

Tubfrim

Save - clip - package - bring those stamps to each Lodge meeting. The sale of them in Norway benefits handi-capped children.

Kaffebord No. 2

An orientation for new, prospective and continuing will be held on Saturday, April 25, 10:30 to 12:00 noon at the home of Sharon Clunk, 7725 East Medlock Drive, Scottsdale, 85250. (Nearest cross streets are Hayden and Chaparral). RSVP by April 22 to (480)970-9567 or Clunkls@msn.com

Food Drive - No one brought canned or boxed food for Vista Del Camino in February or March - We'll try again in April - we need someone to coordinate this outreach program 4 times a year. **Please**

bring a can of food for Vista Del Camino to the April meeting. The food bank really needs our help!!!

Business Meeting - Business Meeting is April 9th at 7:00 PM at **Sharon Clunk's home, 7725 E. Medlock Dr., Scottsdale. 85250.** Board and Appointed officers should attend.

The Norwegian Language Class has been postponed. Watch this space for new date and time.

Children's Heritage Camp - Camp Norge, your Sons of Norway Campground, has reserved July 13 - July 25 for its Camp Troll Fjell which is for children 8 thru 13 years old. They will learn about the Language, Heritage, Arts, and Culture of Norway. Applications are due by June 1, 2009. Our Lodge has scholarships available. For more information: www.campenorge.com

So much information, so little space. This stuff is too important to leave out!

MARCH BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

- The meeting was called to order on 3/12 at 7:00 p.m. by President Sharon Clunk.
- The minutes of the February meetings were approved.
- Treasure's report attached and approved.
- Membership: Leftover directories will be sent out. New members Orientation will now be held on two dates: March 28th and April 25th at 10:30 a.m.
- Social and Cultural reports shared
- Historian – Need photographer and pictures will be available for people to view on the internet through Kodak Gallery.
- Website is being updated and should be completed by May or June.
- Email to go out regarding the POSTEN going out via email.
- Old Business:
 - Scandinavian Spring Fest good turnout
 - Knut Eric Jensen Concert – small turnout but good concert.
- Ed Bergo report reviewed.
- Looking at purchasing SONS license plate frames
- Good of the Order – Greeters to greet new members/potential members.
- Next meeting is April 9th at Granite Reef Senior Center @ 7:00 p.m.
- Meeting Adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

**Sons of Norway,
Desert Fjord Lodge
6-133**

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Emergency Phone:
(Use only during
meeting times)
480.946.1072

Social Meetings are
at the **Scottsdale
Masonic Lodge**
2531 N. Scottsdale
Rd. (East side of
Scottsdale,
South of Thomas
Rd.)

Business Meeting:
Thursday, preceding
dinner meeting, 7 PM

**Social/Dinner Meet-
ing:**
3rd Friday, 6:00 PM

Important Contacts

Financial Benefits
Counselors:

John Beemer
602 622-6800

Sherrill Becker
602 291-1111

Zone 7 Director
Bob Dahl
928 345-1801
KA6LSL@msn.com

Norwegian Consulate
George Olander
602 543-6256

Social Meeting Minutes - March 20, 2009

- Attendance was 40 members and guests
- Social meeting called to order by President Sharon Clunk
- Pledge of Allegiance followed by Star Spangled banner
- Floyd Downs introduced as interim membership secretary
- March Birthdays recognized
- Introduction of guests and visitors
- Free dinner won by Darlene Hoppe; Member not present to collect attendance prize – next month \$15.
- Announcements:
 - Food drive – bring in your canned goods
 - Stamps for charity – bring in your used stamps
- Standing Rules approved
- Budget approved
- Scandinavian Festival was good turnout, 82 people attended Knut Eric Jensen Concert
- Kretsstevne to be held on April 4
- Meeting Adjourned
- Program – DVD on Marshall Plan

**All newsletter correspondence to:
editor@desertfjord.org
Articles due 4th Friday of month.**

Arizona Lodges and Meeting Information

- Sol Byer 6-134 4th. Sat. Noon (3rd Sat Nov&Dec) LeRhone's 9401 W. Thunderbird, Sun City
- Trolldalen 6-139 4th Thurs. 6:30 American Legion Post 7, 330 W. Franklin, Tucson
- Overtro Fjell 6-153 3rd Sat. @11 Mesa Regal Resort, 4700 E. Main, Royal Hall, Bldg. 2, Mesa
- Nordic Pines 6-167 3rd. Thurs. 7 PM Family Residence Center, E Rt. 6, Flagstaff
- Sola 6-168 3rd. Sat. 6 PM, Faith Lutheran Church, 2215 S. 8th Ave. Yuma



**Gratulerer med Dagen! April
Birthdays**

Lodge Member	Date	Lodge Member	Date
Ross H Berg	1	Reidar Gabrielson	14
Otmar O Olson	4	Patricia A Burger	15
Austin J Slattery	4	Marjorie A Mafi	15
Brenna Lynn Gonzales	5	Camille S Mclver	15
Sherrill E Becker	8	John V Lovell	20
Paul R Wold	8	Matthias Mclver	21
Elizabeth Lenci-Downs	12	Astrid Hanson	27
Heather T M Loomis	13	Edward Arthur Bergo	29