

SONS OF NORWAY
DESERT FJORD
LODGE 6-133

SPECIAL
POINTS OF
INTEREST:

- Welcome from Our New President
- February Program on Genealogy
- Torsk Dinner Reservation Information
- Bits and Bites of Important Information

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Tanke fra Presidenten

It is an honor and I am delighted to be your President. A new year has begun for your Lodge. We thank Jan Loomis for serving us for two years with his sense of humor and his friendliness. We'll not forget the summer activities that he planned.

We will be mindful of three topics as we plan the year's programs and activities: Our Norwegian Heritage and Cul-

ture, our friends here, both old and new, and our connections to our Sons of Norway Fraternal offerings. Thanks to all members for your input at the last meeting. The report will be on your table at the next meeting. Mange Takk, Ed Bergo.

Our members are the "heart" of our Lodge and we enjoy the social life here at Desert Fjord Lodge, I hope you will

participate in the forthcoming activities.

Skoal, Sharon



Sharon Clunk
Desert Fjord President

February 20th Dinner and Program

Norwegian Genealogy and Family History in Desert Fjord

Ross Berg is responsible for the Desert Fjord Genealogy program. It is one of the most active Family History (genealogy) groups in the Sons of Norway. In the years since we started, more than 30 different people have participated in the group. In 2006, we received a grant from the Sons of Norway to build

and strengthen the effort. At the February dinner and social, Ross will tell us about the Desert Fjord Genealogy Workshop and what we have accomplished and why we keep getting better.

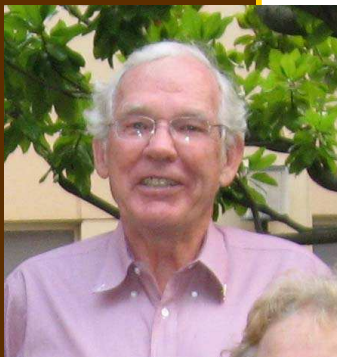
Ross's paternal grandparents came from Southern Norway in the 1890's, settled in a Norwegian immigrant community in Brooklyn, NY, and headed for Montana a few years later

where they homesteaded in the foothills of the Rockies. By the time Ross was born, the heritage and culture had been almost lost. When Ross retired, he embarked on a journey to re-discover his heritage. He joined the Sons of Norway and the Norse Federation.

(Ross has served as an officer in both Desert Fjord Lodge and the Bjorstjerne

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February Program and Reservations



Ross Berg - February Speaker and Genealogy Instructor

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Bjornson Lodge in California). With the help of these organizations, Ross has been able to reconstruct his family history and find his relatives in Norway. In the process he became a student of Scandinavian history and culture. The Desert Fjord Workshop meets at 10:30 PM on the first Saturday of every month at the Gran-

ite Reef Senior Center. Please join us and see how we can help guide your research.

Meeting Details

Menu: Torsk and meatballs dinner.
Cost: \$16/person

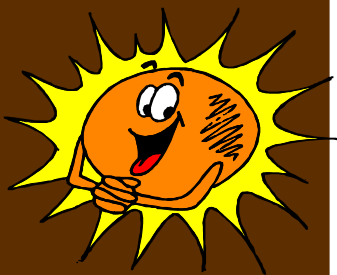
Social: 6:00 P.M.
Dinner: 6:30 P.M.
Program: 7:30 P.M.

Reservations

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

Checks must be received by February 17 (Your check is your reservation).

Do you have family members or friends that share your interest in Norway? Why not give them the gift of membership?



Norwegian Language Class

Tues. & Thurs. 7 PM
Mar 31 - Apr 23 2009
Reservations needed
Call 480-368-7046

Meet Nancy Zine - New Member

Nancy, originally from North Dakota, is now retired. As a result of culinary schooling she is working at Whole Foods.

Her Paternal Grandparents and her Maternal Grandmother are from Norway. She enjoys traveling, likes books, good food, art,

theater, and ancient history. She joined Desert Fjord to pursue her interest in learning more about Norway.

Solskinn

Our members are great at bringing "sunshine" to those of our members who are in need. Get well cards were sent to Berit Miltun, Otmar Ol-

son, Carolyn Soine and Jim Hudson. Valentines will be sent to our Super Seniors and Heritage Members. If you know a member that could use some

cheer or words of encouragement, please contact me.

Sharon Clunk

Norwegian Language Class Offered

This class will use the same textbook, 'teach yourself Norwegian' by Margaretha Danbolt Simons. Our daily material will be two sets of 'A Little in English...Litt på norsk...' series from the Sons of Norway series and some Norwegian humor carton from 'Professor Tanke'. The text will be a reference book and again we will do a lot of reading and vocabulary building.

2009 Officers

OFFICE	NAME
President	Sharon Clunk
Vice-President	John Schirtzinger
Counselor	Jan Loomis
Membership Sec'y	Ross Berg
Secretary	Jennifer Loomis
Treasurer	Patricia Burger
Social Director	Berit Milton
Associate	Kari Jay
Associate	Nellie Lokken
Cultural Director	Carol Pindell
Associate	Jana Peterson
Marshal	Knut Haldorsen
Marshal	Ed Bergo
Greeter	Cindy Casler
Greeter	Vacant
Schools	Sharon Clunk
Trustee (1Year)	Ralph Hjelmsstad
Trustee (2Year)	Janet Lendle
Trustee (3Year)	John Lovell
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Librarian	Clarence Nelson
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Tubfrim	Lois Ripley
Tubfrim	Lois Sakkas
Sports Director	Vacant
Foundation Dir.	John Lovell
Caller	Helen Jacobs
Caller	Gil & Brenda Witsoe
Caller	Cindy Casler
Boutique	Ali Berg Anderson
Boutique	Shirley Ouren
Reservations	Phyllis Bergo

Bits and Bites

Concert: "A Classical & Jazz-Tribute to Edvard Grieg/ An Evening of Jazz"

WHO: Jim Martinez, piano, Laura Didier, vocals & bassist TBA

WHEN: Saturday, Feb 7, 2009 at 7:00 pm

WHERE: Steinway of Phoenix, 14418 N. Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale, AZ

HOW MUCH: \$10

INFO: www.JimMartinez.com

CONTACT: Jim Martinez (916) 804-8370 or (480) 951-3337

Kaffebord

Orientation for New, Prospective, and Continuing Members. Saturday, March 28, 10:30 to 12:00. Home of Sharon Clunk 7725 East Medlock Drive Scottsdale, AZ 85250 (Nearest Cross Streets: Hayden & Chaparral)
RSVP by March 26. (480) 970 9567

Food Drive – Vista del Camino

Bring your cans of food and

dried staples to our February, April, June and October meetings. We need someone to collect and deliver the food.

Adopt-a-School (AAS)

This program includes connecting to a classroom, having a child read to you, or you reading to children. Call a local school to see how you can assist them—it will be rewarding for you!

Business Meeting

All officers and appointed positions are encouraged to attend the meetings on the Thursday the week before the Lodge Meeting. The next meeting is February 12 at 7:00 P.M. at the Granite Reef Senior Center (McDowell and Granite Reef)

Sons of Norway Deferred Annuity

The Single Premium product enjoys a shorter surrender change period and the potential for higher first year interest bonus. Call a Financial Benefits Counselor: John Beemer at 602 622-6800 or Sherrill Becker at 602 291-1111 to find how this annuity operates.

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

JANUARY BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

- Ross Berg presiding at Hometown Buffet - 14 members present at 12:30 P.M.
- Special Guests: Ed and Phyllis Bergo
- Lutefisk Dinner reviewed - A most successful event - heritage upheld - guests were pleased with over 30 members volunteers working and Eastern Star crew preparing the meal and John Lovell baking the Lutefisk.
- Treasurer's Report - a profit of \$1,010 was made for the Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner including the Cookie, Lutefisk and Herring Sales. Carol Hill's Memorial Fund of \$300 will be sent to the District 6 Scholarship -letter to follow to the Sather Family.
- Secretary's Report was approved. Ruth Monson's letter was summarized for the Board - will be at the next Genealogy Meeting. Calendar for 2009 will be kept by the incoming Secretary and published monthly.
- Social for January - need clean-up people after meeting.
- Membership Report - Total membership of 221 - \$10 refund incentive for family memberships - \$10 for Affiliate to *receive Posten monthly*.
- Cultural - Roger Espeland has received 2 new DVD's about Norway.
- Historian - need a photographer
- Ali Berg -Anderson reported on the Scandinavian Spring Fest on March 7th.
- Next Business Meeting will be Thursday, February 12 at 7:00 PM Granite Reef Senior Center
- Adjourned to form a vision for our Lodge with our member/ guests conducting discussion on, why do people join the Sons of Norway? Plus what do these members expect from our local Lodge? Findings will be used to further our discussion at out January 16th Lodge Meeting. Submitted by Sharon Clunk

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

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480.422.4334
Emergency Phone:
(Use only during
meeting times)
480.946.1072

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, January 16, 2009

- * Dinner catered by Eastern Star.
- * Attendance was 43 members and guests
- * Social Meeting called to order by President Jan Loomis.
- * Guest and visitors introduced.
- * January birthdays recognized
- * Free dinner won by Cindy Casler and Door Prize (\$10) won by Dorothy Williams.
- * Knut Erickson Concert, March 7 @ 5:00 p.m. @ Kerr Cultural Center
- * Jim Martinez Concert, February 7 @ 7:00 p.m. @ Steinway of Phoenix
- * Installation of 2009 Officers: Roger Espeland presiding.
- * Adjournment by New President: Sharon Clunk
- * Program: Planning for our Future led by: Ed Bergo

Respectfully Submitted:
Jennifer Loomis, Secretary

*All newsletter correspondence to:
editor@desertfjord.org Thank You.
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!

February Birthdays

Lodge Member	Date	Lodge Member	Date
Amelia L Berger	3	Adaline Mae Walter	21
Scott S Bills	8	Chloe Medder	22
Leo J Dardy	12	Dieter H Clunk	24
Gil E Witsoe	12	Bruce P Grier	24
Anker B Miltun	14	Vidar Lerum	25
Jeanne O Olson	14	James Burkhardt	26
Deanna S Grier	15	Gunn Lillian Magnusen	26
Lois J Sakkas	18	Jim Hudson	28