

SONS OF NORWAY
DESERT FJORD
LODGE 6-133

SPECIAL
POINTS OF
INTEREST:

- President's Message
- March Program - The Marshall Place
- Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner Reservation Information
- Bits and Bites of Important Information

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Ord fra Presidente

March is here with spring around the corner. Shortly the plants will be in bloom and Arizona will have acres of color. It's also time to thank those who made our February meeting such a success: Ross Berg for his informative and enlightening presentation on genealogy; the greeters, the people at registration, the set up crew, the kitchen staff (Berit Miltun, Kari May, and the women from Eastern Star, the cake bakers, and lastly those who cleaned up. It takes so many people on our team to make it work Tussen Takk! Plan to sign up to help next month!

When you're speaking to people about Sons of Norway and Desert Fjord Lodge please consider the following three

TALKING POINTS:

1. Emphasize the culture and heritage of our Norwegian immigrants and Norway today,
2. Develop social contacts and friendship, and
3. Discover the benefits of our fraternal and insurance programs.

Many have asked me about my background. I was born and raised as a South Dakota Norwegian (both my maternal grandparents were 100% Norwegian). After graduating from Augustana College in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, I taught Elementary School in Garden Grove, California for 38 years. Lou and I met at Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Long Beach, California. We have one son, Dieter and his wife,

Paula, who have two daughters: Annika and Natalie. When he, with his family, moved to Scottsdale we followed. We have been here almost 5 years and love our life here. I enjoy bridge, reading, water aerobics, socializing, working out at the gym, and most importantly, being your lodge president.

Skool, Sharon



Sharon Clunk
Desert Fjord President

March 7th Member Concert - Tickets Available

Last Chance Opportunity

Norwegian pianist and Desert Fjord member Knut Erik Jensen returns to Arizona State University's Kerr Cultural Center in Scottsdale on March 7, 2009 (5 p.m.) to perform 'Nordic Elegance,' the works of a new generation

of Norwegian composers that have followed in Grieg's footsteps; including Geirr Tveitt, Jarald Saeverud, Christian Sindig, and David Monrad Johansen. These composers combine Norwegian folklore with classical music to create a powerful and unique sound that has

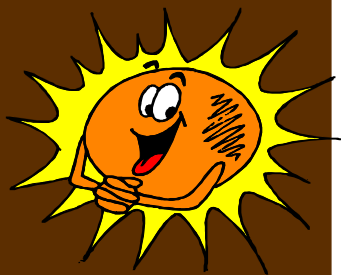
preserved and kept traditional Norwegian folk music in the forefront. Don't miss out on this wonderful performance.

Tickets (\$15 each) are on sale at the ASU Kerr Cultural Center, ASU Gammage, and all Ticketmaster locations.



U.S. Secretary of State and 1953 Nobel Peace Prize Recipient, George Marshall

Looking for a travel companion for that next trip to Norway or North Dakota? Why not ask one of your fellow Desert Fjord members?



Interested in learning more about Norway? Check out our library collection of books, tapes, and DVD's

March Program and Reservations

The Marshall Plan - A look at history! The story of how Norway was rebuilt following World War II. An interesting view of Norway's successful use of the help it received after the war. Join us for a traditional St. Patrick's day dinner and this insightful DVD presentation.

Meeting Details

Menu: Corned Beef and Cabbage

\$14 Members
\$16 Non-members
Children 12 and under, half-price

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 March 17th (Your check is your reservation).

Discover Scandinavia in the Mid-west

Sept 23-Oct. 4, 2009 - Attend the Norsk Hostfest in Minot, the largest Norwegian-ethnic event in the world! Travel to select Norwegian, Swedish, Icelandic and Finnish settlements of MN and

ND. Learn how the Scandinavians have maintained their culture and impacted their communities. Meet the local people and enjoy the friendly hospitality of Mid-America's heart-

land. Itinerary includes Fargo, Grand Forks, Bemidji, Duluth and Minneapolis/St. Paul! Contact Brekke Tours & Travel - 1/800/437-5302

Solskinn

Our members are great at bringing "Sunshine" to those of our members who are in need. Cards were sent to Jim Hudson for

continuing recovery and to the family of Clara Pitman, a Charter member upon her passing. Contact Sharon at (480)970-

9567) or at sharewsharon@msn.com

Sharon Clunk

Little Norway in Pictures - Book Review

Little Norway in Pictures; with Supplement: Norway Yesterday and Today. Toronto: S.J.R. Saunders - **Review by Clarence Nelson, Desert Fjord Librarian**
This book, which was donated to the Desert Fjord library, contains a description of activities at the military base in Canada during World War II which was called Little Norway. Here is where many Norwegian volunteers were trained to participate in the effort to defeat Germany. The air squadrons which were trained here took part successfully in many air battles. The book is profusely illustrated, and will be of interest to anyone who is interested in Norwegian participation during World War II.

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 Miltun
Associate	Kari Jay
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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Caller	Cindy Casler
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Boutique	Shirley Ouren
Reservations	Phyllis Bergo

Bits and Bites

We Came, We Left, We're Back!

Our artist in residence, Jana Peterson, has created a wonderful T-shirt design for our Lodge. It's in white or black, sizes (Adult=S, M, L, XXL) and (Children=S and M.) Short sleeves are \$25 and Long sleeves are \$35. Order them at our meetings. The design is fantastic and award winning.

Tubfrim

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

Kaffebord

An orientation for new, prospective and continuing will be held on Saturday, March 28, 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 March 26 to (480)970-9567 or ClunkIs@msn.com

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

Business Meeting - Meet at the Granite Reef Senior Center on March 12 at 7:00 p.m. Be prepared to give reports on your activities.

Viking Voyager

New children's life insurance from Sons of Norway. Look into it for your children or grandchildren. Contact Sherrill Becker or John Beemer (numbers on back page). A flyer about the program will be on your table at this month's meeting!

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

FEBRUARY BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

- The meeting at Granite Reef Senior center was called to order at 7 p.m. by President Clunk. Attending: Pat Burger, Jan Loomis, Roger Espland, Janet Lindell, Carol Pindell, Jennifer Loomis, John Schirtzinger, Clarence Nelson, Berit Miltun and Sharon Clunk.
- The minutes of the January meetings were approved.
- Treasures Report: attached and approved.
- Membership: There will be a new member's orientation on March 28th from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the home of Sharon Clunk.
- Social and Cultural Reports from Carol Pindell and Sharon Clunk.
- POSTEN – New Format liked. Discussion of going green – emailing the POSTEN to those who have emails.
- Sharon applying for the Adopt-a-School Grant.
- Scandinavian Spring Fest – March 7th
- Knut Eric Jensen Concert – March 7th at 5:00 p.m. – Plenty of tickets still available.
- Kretsstevne is April 4th – A few of our members will be presenting.
- Valentines sent to seniors and children
- Ed Bergo's Report was tabled to a later meeting.
- Goals for the lodge – net gain of 1 new member, 1 new membership event, 50 new insurance members
- Next meeting is March 12 at Granite Reef Senior Center at 7:00 p.m.
- Meeting Adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

**Sons of Norway,
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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
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Zone 7 Director
Bob Dahl
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Norwegian Consulate
George Olander
602 543-6256

Social Meeting Minutes, February 20, 2009

- Torsk and Meatball dinner prepared by Berit Miltun and Eastern Star.
- Attendance was 69 members and guests
- Social meeting called to order by President Clunk
- Anthems sung, guest and visitors introduced
- Membership report by Ross Berg – 217 members.
- February birthdays recognized
- Free dinner won by Ralph Hjelmstad; Member not present for member prize drawing.
- Budget tabled to next meeting
- Upcoming events announced
- Next month's dinner and program announced
- Meeting adjourned
- Program – Genealogy by Ross Berg

*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!

March Birthdays

Lodge Member	Date	Lodge Member	Date
Muriel Bakken	21	Berit Miltun	13
Diane L Berger	11	Ruth E Monson	26
Natalie Alexis Clunk	28	Susan D Slattery	7
Alfred E Finstad	3	Allan D Solheim	11
Leif G Hollmann	18	Kelsey Torstveit	1
Knut Erik Jensen	6	Gordon T Troan	1
Hayden Mclver	15		