

SONS OF NORWAY  
DESERT FJORD  
LODGE 6-133

SPECIAL  
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# Desert Fjord Posten



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MAY 2009

## Ord fra Presidente

How does one thank everyone who participated in so many events that we've had over the last two months!!! I appreciate your attendance and involvement. Recently the Scandinavian Dancers in their brightly-colored bunads were the highlight of our April Meeting. What a privilege to see them twirl, stomp, and invite our members to join them!

Remember your POSTEN is your guide to each month's activities and information. Take the following quiz:

- \*To whom would you contact to renew a Norwegian Passport?
- \*Whom on our Board would you contact to learn more about Tubfrim?
- \*What will the Cultural Program be?
- \*What is the deadline for reservations for the May meeting?
- \*Where is the headquarters for SON?

All these and more can be answered by reading your POSTEN from cover-to-cover.

What interest group or committee would be of

interest to you:

Social, Cultural, Membership or Lutefisk Dinner? Your ideas and participation are important to our Lodge.

Skoal, Sharon



**Sharon Clunk**  
Desert Fjord President

## Upcoming Events

Please save these dates:

May 2: Genealogy Meeting at Granite Reef Senior Center at 10:30 AM

May 7: Business meeting at Granite Reef Senior Center at 7:00 PM

May 15: Our Syttende Mai Lodge Meeting At 6:00 PM

May 16: Syttende Mai Celebration sponsored by the Norse Federation at Shepherd of the Valley Church from 9:00 AM to noon.

June 6: Genealogy Meeting (final)

June 11: Business meeting

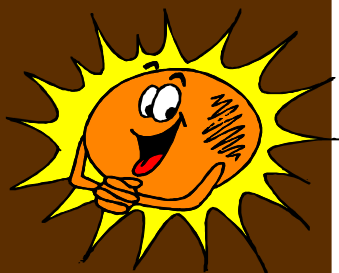
June 19: Ice Cream Social and Bingo – Bring White elephants for prizes – more details later.

July 17: Virtual trip to Norway – Hometown Buffet on Scottsdale Road.

August 15 or 22: BBQ at Dieter Clunk's home in North Scottsdale.

Celebrate Syttende Mai with a Norwegian Feast and get insider tips on travel to and within Norway!

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



## April Program and Reservations

Our May 15th meeting will be a travel to Norway program. This was requested by members. We will have a panel of members who often travel to Norway participating in an informal question and answer format.

Whether you plan a trip soon or in the future bring your questions about how to get the most for your money. We will also have travel brochures to use for your planning or

just to dream on. Please come and join us!

Carol Pindell, Cultural Director

**Menu:** Meatballs, mashed potatoes and gravy, beets, coleslaw, herring, lefse, Norwegian goat cheese and Scandinavian pastries.

\$15 Members  
\$17 Non-members  
Children 12 and under, half-price; 5 and

under are free.

Social: 6:00 P.M.  
Dinner: 6:30 P.M.  
Meeting: 7:30 P.M.  
Program: 8:00 P.M.

### Reservations

Mail check to:  
**Carolyn Soine**  
**7537 E Latham St**  
**Scottsdale, 85257**  
**(480) 947-7009**

**Checks must be received by May 12th** (Your check is your reservation).

## New Member Profile: Astrid Hanson

Astrid is already an active member of our Lodge. Being part of the Genealogy Group, she presented an inspiring presentation at The Kretsstevne and will be an Auditor for District 6's Treasurer, our own Roger Espe-

land. Her Dad was born in Norway and in his last years she began to explore her roots. She is an Auditor for the Arizona Department of Transportation, her dogs, one is a Norwegian Elk Hound named Loki and

a Labrador named Misst and a parrot. A sister and her family live in Surprise; she loves to garden, do counted cross-stitch and would like to learn to do Hardanger embroidery. Welcome aboard!!!

### Solskinn

Cards were sent to Ruth Munson, Shirley Berg, and Knut Halvorsen on their surgeries, with wishes for a speedy recovery,

As many of you know them, Inger and Roy Olson from District 6 Board both passed away on the same weekend the middle of

April. We offer our condolences to the family.

Contact Sharon at (480)970-9567) or at [sharewsharon@msn.c](mailto:sharewsharon@msn.c)

# Camp Troll Fjell

## Sons of Norway

### Language & Heritage Camp



Camp Troll Fjell is held at Camp Norge in Alta California during the middle two week of July. Located in the Sierra Mountains east of Sacramento, Camp Norge is an ideal location for a summer camp. Campers learn about their Norwegian heritage and language as well as participate in all the traditional activities of a summer camp.

**Camp dates for this year are July 12 to 25, 2009**

Criteria for attending camp - ages 8 to 13 at time camp begins and a child, grandchild or great grandchild of a Sons of Norway District 6 member in good standing.  
Camp cost is \$750 per child

For more information and to get applications go to our web site at [www.trollfjell.org](http://www.trollfjell.org)  
or [www.sofn6.com](http://www.sofn6.com)

## Cultural Skills Education and Awards Program

Do you want to learn more about your Norwegian heritage? About the language or literature? The music or folk dancing? Woodworking? Want to learn how to do rosemaling or perhaps hardanger embroidery or knitting? To trace your ancestry? Or perhaps how to cook those Norwegian delicacies? Perhaps you'd like to delve into an area on your own by reading about it or viewing a video. Or maybe you would enjoy working in a group focused on the same interest. Perhaps you like more structured guidance that assists you to achieve through various levels of ex-

perience and work towards an award. Perhaps you already have a skill that you would like to assist others to learn and you would like to function as a mentor to others in the lodge. If any of the above applies to you, then you should investigate the Desert Fjord Cultural Skills Program more carefully.

Our lodge has leaders or "contact people" for most of the cultural skill areas. They can help you  
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find the resources you need for your area of interest, tell you what is available, and explain the program further. The cultural chairperson of the lodge may be contacted for information on any of these programs. The Sons of Norway has prepared written guidelines/packets for each skill area. These are available on request and are filled with information. With the skills packet in hand, it is possible to work on your own just reading the information, or using it as a guideline for continuing exploration. If you decide to actually complete each of the levels in a particular unit and write it up, it can be submitted for an award (a beautiful pin). Also, several skill areas have groups that meet...at present: Language (learning to speak Norwegian); Genealogy (tracing your ancestry); Cooking (Lefse School); and Rosemaling painting classes. There are also people who teach skills on a one-to-one basis...such as hardanger embroidery or knitting. And last but not least, we have a library of Norwegian books, travel brochures, maps, videos and music CDs.

There are many ways to participate in your Lodge. Involvement with the cultural skills program will help you deepen your appreciation for your Norwegian heritage as well as get to know other lodge members with similar interests. Please feel free to contact Carol Pindell ([crose25@cox.net](mailto:crose25@cox.net)) for more information.

## DIRECTORY UPDATES

### Corrections:

Ed and Phyllis Bergo's ZIP should be 85295

Pearl Hurley's area code is (602)

### Additions:

Joyce Alfredson: 4860 E Main Street, Mesa, AZ 85205 (708) 280-9610

Brandon Bailey: 610 E Bell Rd, Suite 2-334, Phoenix, AZ 85022 (602) 510-1576

Astrid Hanson: 8614 N 45<sup>th</sup> Ave. Glendale, AZ 85302 (602) 670-5176

Clarence Nelson: same as Barbara Nelson who goes by Joanne.

Carolyn Soine: 7537 E. Latham Street, Scottsdale AZ 85257 (480) 947-7009

Nancy Zine: 1225 E Warner Rd. Unit 16, Tempe, AZ 85284 (602)568-5677

## ***New Scandinavian Company in town.***



*Scandinavian Specialties & Imports Co. is*

now open for business. Current Nordmanns Forbundet club members Jennifer Omanson & Mary Carter have started up a business baking fresh Lefse, Rosettes and Krumkukka as well as other Scandinavian goodies made fresh when ordered. We also offer imported goods, Norwegian Bunad and can help you locate those hard to find items you may want. We are offering free delivery to certain areas within the west valley.

Contact Information:

Mary Carter: 623-256-5466

Jennifer Omanson 623-582-6610

[scandinavianspecialties@yahoo.com](mailto:scandinavianspecialties@yahoo.com)

web-site coming soon

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**2009 Officers**

OFFICE	NAME
President	Sharon Clunk
Vice-President	John Schirtzinger
Counselor	Jan Loomis
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Secretary	Jennifer Loomis
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Associate	Nellie Lokken
Cultural Director	Carol Pindell
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Marshal	Ed Bergo
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Greeter	Vacant
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Caller	Gil & Brenda Witsoe
Caller	Cindy Casler
Boutique	Ali Berg Anderson
Boutique	Vacant
Reservations	Phyllis Bergo

**Bits and Bites****Tubfrim**

Continue to bring used stamps for our project in Norway to help the special children. Did you know that one of the Cultural Skills for SON is Stamp Collecting? Is there anyone in our Lodge that collects stamps?

**The Marshall Plan DVD**

Presented at the March meeting is now in our Library ready to be checked out!

**Len Carlson**

Will be our special guest at the May meeting. He specializes in fraternal matters and is from SON Headquarters

**The 2009 Arizona**

**Kretssteve** was held on April 4<sup>th</sup> at the Windemere Conference Center in Mesa, Arizona. Demonstrations

and programs were ongoing throughout the day with a wonderful luncheon including time for attendees to sit and meet other attendees. Programs included a Hardanger Demo, Adopt-A-School Presentation (Sharon Clunk), Lefse Making Demo (Cindy Casler), Cookie Making Demo, Language Presentation (Roger Espeland), Music-Accordion Demo and Film, Genealogy Presentation (Astrid Hanson), and a Hjemkomst Ship Presentation. The day concluded with another social gathering which featured the movie, "Norway, from the Land of Vikings".

**Special thanks to our Desert Fjord members (in parenthesis above) who made presentations at this event!**

**Feed the Piggies**

Help us help the scholarship fund for our students by feeding "The Piggy" at the Norwegian Fest!!! A personal check is always welcome to help those who want to go to Norwegian Language Camp at Camp Norge. Thank you for donating almost \$75 at the last three meetings. Tyler Soine is in charge of housing the Piggies.

**APRIL 9TH BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

- The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Clunk. Attending (8)
- The minutes of the March meetings were approved.
- Treasure's report attached and approved.
- Membership: Floyd Downs new membership secretary. New member Orientation on April 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.
- Social and Cultural reports shared
- Historian – Sheryll Becker taking photos next two social meetings.
- Tyler Sione – New ambassador to Camp Norge
- POSTEN advertising = \$5 for a business card, \$15 for half a page, \$30 for full page. Pricing to be proportionate to the size and content of advertising to be viewed and approved by Posten Editor. Also can take out ad for 10 months pricing will be \$40 for a business card, \$120 for half page and \$240 for a full page.
- Scholarships – approved a \$375 scholarship for Andrew Gokan to attend Camp Norge (Miltun's grandson).
- District Board Meeting to be held in Phoenix it is Desert Fjords duty to find lodging and meeting place for the meeting
- Discussed putting up the charter during meetings.
- Good of the Order – List of those who have experience for cultural activities would be helpful ie. Cooking, rosemaling, etc.
- Next meeting is May 7 at Granite Reef Senior Center @ 7:00 p.m
- Meeting Adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

**Sons of Norway,  
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6-133**

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Scottsdale, AZ 85252  
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PHONE:  
480.422.4334  
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:**  
3<sup>rd</sup> 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 - April 17, 2009**

- Pizza dinner from 5 Star Pizza
- Attendance was 44 members and guests
- Social meeting called to order by President Sharon Clunk
- Introduction of guests and visitors
- National Anthems sung
- April Birthdays recognized
- Introduction of guests and visitors
- Free dinner won by Gill Witsoe; Shirley Ouren collected membership prize of \$15, next month goes to \$5.
- Upcoming events; New members event on April 25<sup>th</sup>, Jewelry Raffle on May 15<sup>th</sup>, Syttende Mai – May 16 at Shepherd of the Valley
- Next month's dinner – Smorgasbord dinner
- Meeting Adjourned
- Program – Scandinavian Dancers

**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
Joey Bro	1	Janis Stevenson Johnson	15
Dr George A Olander	3	Emily Mc Laughlin	17
Kathleen G Rice	3	Karsten Sellers	19
Ted L Rudberg	5	Knut Haldorsen	20
Harold C Bough	7	William T Halvorsen	21
Lynn J Eide	10	Susan Lynn Cassens	23
Amy H Fujimoto	11	Janice E Haldorsen	25
Laura J Riddle	13	Marissa F Boyles	26
		Jimmy D Rice	29