



Solglimt Newsletter



Palm Desert

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Ord fra Presidenten

Thank-you to those who helped with last month's social: Debera & Richard Ellingboe, Norm & Charlotte Larsen, Bob & Nita Haagenson, Luella Grangaard, Jim & Phyllis Peterson, Walt Wisler, John Strom, and Ronna Clymens; Tusen Takk.



We are so fortunate. We have benefited from opportunities not available to all lodges. In recent years we have enjoyed the performance of a famous high school folk dance group from Wisconsin, the talents of an award winning rosemalar from Idaho, the performances of two classical pianists from Norway, a concert by the famous Nidaros Cathedral Boys' Choir, performances and programs from members of other lodges, as well as cultural and historical programs by our own members. We truly do have something for everyone.

In April, I attended the District Board meeting in Oakland to coincide with the 100th Anniversary celebration of

Bjornstjerne Bjornson Lodge #14. 100 years - Wow! We will be celebrating our 20th anniversary this October. We are starting to make plans, now. Also in April, Nate Craig and I participated in C.O.D.'s International Day. A few days later, I had a Norway table at Amelia Earhart Elementary School for their Festival of Nations. The children enjoyed coloring a

Norwegian Fjord horse and rosemaling designs. Of course, the trolls are always a big hit with the children. Charlotte Larsen presented our saved Box Tops for Education to Oasis Elementary School in Thermal. Keep clipping these box tops.

SYTTENDE MAI is the 17th of May, Norway's Constitution Day. Our celebration will be on Saturday, the 15th. For the potluck dinner, we encourage bringing open faced sandwiches. Even if you're not much of a cook, we have suggestions and hints to help you. Be daring and try something new! Be sure to come early for some fun and Norwegian vaffler. Hurrah!

*Fraternally,
Nancy Madson*

Solskinn Lodge #6-150 On the Web.

www.solskinn.org

While the site is not fully developed yet, your comments and wishes for the site would be most welcomed. Luella Grangaard is our web master and she is doing a great job with this. Give her all the support you can think of as well as suggesting what you want to see on the web site.

Solskinn Lodge's Events

May	15	Hope Lutheran Church	Cold Food Potluck/smørbrød 17 mai Celebration
June	12	Nancy & Rex's home	Midsummer get-together
June	19	Hope Lutheran Church	Midsummer (St. Hans Aften) event.
September	25	Hope Lutheran Church	Potluck
October	23	To Be Determined	20th Anniversary Celebration
November	20	Hope Lutheran Church	Potluck Dinner
December	TBA	Hope Lutheran Church	Christmas Party

May Birthdays

4	Hašte Dylan
5	Thuftedal Donald A
10	Pearson Junelle H
11	Laurvik Erling
12	Murdoch Inez Lovdahl
13	Clymens Abigail
15	Couch Karen J
17	Selle Richard W
20	Redifer Roy Milton
24	Doyle John
24	Eldevik Jarle A
28	Friestad Richard

Hurra for deg som fyller ditt år, ja deg vil jeg gratulere.

Alle i ring omkring deg vi står, og se, nå vil vi marsjere.

Bukke, nikke, neie, snu oss omkring, danse for deg med hopp og sprett og spring, ønske deg av hjerte alle gode ting og si meg så, hva vil du mere?

GRATULERE!

17 de mai I San Bernardino

Soldalen Lodge #6-067 invites us to their Syttende Mai Flag raising ceremony in San Bernardino. This is the 30th hoisting of the Norwegian flag at the City Hall in San Bernardino.

Outside of City Hall,
300 North "D" Street, San Bernardino
10:00 A.M.

We will proceed to Coco's Bakery Restaurant, 242 E. Hospitality Lane, San Bernardino, for lunch.

Those wishing to join the car pool, please call Nancy at 760/343-0848, if you hadn't already signed up. We will meet at *Home Furnishings'* parking lot, to the west of Costco (Monterey & Dinah Shore) at 8:30 A.M.

It has been warm in previous years: bring water.

Business/Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 11, 4:30
at Nancy's Home

Any member is welcome.

Board members please attend.

Please RSVP to Nancy, 760/343-0848, if you haven't attended recently.

Events Beyond our Valley

May	17	San Bernardino	Flag Raising Ceremony, City Hall
June	23-26	Modesto CA	District 6 Convention
Aug - Sept	29-1	Coeur d'Alene, Idaho	International Convention
September	25-26	Norge Lodge	Viking Festival
October	1-3	Buelton (Near Solvang)	Central California Krettsstevne
October	15-17	Pio Pico Campground,	Southern California Krettsstevne. Near Chula Vista

Piano Concert at Hope Lutheran Church



The Piano Concert at Hope Lutheran Church turned out to be a very nice concert. However, it was disappointing to see that so few of our lodge's members showed up. With that being said, Knut Erik Jensen delivered a great concert introducing Norwegian composers that are not as famous as Edvard Grieg, but played an important role in the Norwegian music history. The concert lasted for almost 90 minutes including a short intermission. After the concert there was a reception that most people at the concert joined. A great variety of Norwegian cookies and goodies were prepared Debera Ellingboe and Luella Grangaard. People seemed to enjoy it so much.

Norwegian Folk Dance Sessions

Monday, May 3, 5:30 P.M.
Monday, May 10, 5:30 P.M.

We are currently still beginners, so feel free to join us.

We are working on a three step Reinlender and a simple Waltz step, in preparation for a circle type dance.

Miss Tanya's Dance World
Golden Star Plaza
74-350 Allesandro Street
Palm Desert

Hardanger Embroidery Sessions

Beginners welcome, call to assure we have materials for you. \$10 for entire session to finish the project.

3:00 – 5:00 P.M Thursday, May 13
Call Phyllis Peterson 760-200-1306 for RSVP

11:00 A.M Friday May 21, with lunch
Call Luella Grangaard 760-363-7704 or email morongo2@verizon.net for RSVP

Norsk Smørbrød—Norwegian “Potluck Dinner”

Sliced firm bread, spread each slice with soft butter follow with topping:

Topping 1

Small lettuce leaf on bottom

A small scoop of scrambled egg

Slices of smoked salmon

For garnish: half a slice of tomato, half a thin lemon slice and a small parsley sprig

Topping 2

Cheese slices rolled up and place on the bread—about 3-4 slices of cheese per slice of bread (cover slice completely)



Cheese selections Muenster, Gouda or Havarti either with dill or plain

For garnish: slices of radish and slices of tomato cut in half

Topping 3

Small piece of lettuce

on the bottom

Roast beef slices arranged pretty

For garnish: half slices of tomatoes, sliced red onion, and small sprig of parsley

Topping 4

Small piece of lettuce on the bottom

Slice of cheese to cover the bread

Rolled up slices of ham to cover the cheese

For garnish: sliced dill pickle, half slice of tomato, and dab of mustard



From Norwegian Recipes, “Old-Time Favorites” by Norma Wangsness

Both open-faced and filled sandwiches are typical light Norwegian fare. The following is a compilation of some of our favorite sandwich combinations.

- Liver pate with beets and olives
- Sliced pork roast with cold sweet-sour cabbage (surkal)

- Crab meat with capers, mayonnaise, chives, cucumber, and lemon wedges
- Meatball with sweet pickle, pimiento, olive and parsley
- Pork with sweet mustard, cucumber, and green pepper
- Egg salad with curry, sweet pickle and parsley
- Cream cheese and pineapple
- Finely chopped pecans and seedless raisins blended with mayonnaise
- Mashed bananas, peanut butter, and mayonnaise
- Sardines and chopped hard-cooked eggs, moistened with lemon juice
- Crab meat and minced celery, mixed with salad dressing
- Ground leftover pot roast with celery and pickles, moistened with mayonnaise



*Submitted by
Luella Grangaard and Debera Ellingboe*

Culture Social Event—Potluck Dinner

In celebration of Sytende May, we are having a Norwegian Smørbrød dinner/potluck. We are asking for volunteers to prepare Norwegian open-faced sandwiches. We have a list and directions for sandwich options to prepare.

In addition to the open-faced sandwiches, we will also need people to bring any of the following: potato salad, coleslaw, cucumber salad and ambrosia. If you would like to work on your cooking culture pin, this is a good chance to try a new recipe and have your lodge friends taste test your meal item. However, none of this is a requirement, you are also welcome to bring your own potluck item if you choose. Since this is a cold dinner, please do not bring anything that requires heating.

For sign up for specific items call Debera Ellingboe 760-699-7436 or e-mail deberaellingboe@yahoo.com or call Luella Grangaard 760-363-7704 or e-mail morongo2@verizon.net.

VASA (Swedish organization) is holding their 43rd anniversary dinner at Rock Garden Cafe, 777 Palm Canyon Drive, Palm Springs on Monday, May 10 at 6:00 P.M. \$20/person, choice of tri-tip, New York steak, or salmon. Several Sons of Norway members will be receiving their VASA membership pins – Norm and Charlotte Larsen – 30 years, Miriam Hendrix – 20 years. Call Viola Wyler for reservations: 760-346-9207 by May 4.

Making Family Connections through Sons of Norway

Carol Curtis and I have had an interesting and delightful week, discovering more about each other than we ever anticipated. We have both been attending Steinar's Norwegian dance classes and met for the first time there. My husband and I have only been in the dance group for 3 classes. During the first two sessions there were only 5 in the class, including the instructor. Last week Carol brought a book to share, since she and I had already discussed having relatives in Øyer Norway. When I saw the book, *Sleeps Not The Valley*, by Carmen J. Moe, it sure looked like the one I had gotten 10 years ago! Carol said that Carmen and she were cousins. When I got home, I verified that I had the same book, with a note to me from the author, Carmen. The note told me that my great-great grandfather, Johannes, born in 1822 and her great-great grandfather, Tosten, born 1815, were brothers.



We are both happy with this special connection that was revealed to us through sharing our heritage. It sure is a special benefit we are sharing through our membership activities in Sons of Norway.



*Submitted by
Miriam Henrix*

Approximately 1 1/2 years ago I found my second cousin through work. Her husband was my patient and saw my name tag and we started talking

and I later meet my cousin Kathy Pollari. She was a member of our lodge but moved back to the northwest. Last fall Kathy sent me an article from Portland of the Sons of Norway lodge. Part of the article was a photo of a woman in a library and it was discussing the lodge library. I didn't think much of it and put the article down for a couple of weeks and later re-read the article and noted the woman in the article was Ann Grangaard. I found the e-mail of the lodge president on the Sons of Norway International web site. Within an hour I had an e-mail from Ann. WE corresponded some and she said on occasion she visits our desert. Recently she was visiting and we met. Together we looked at my family tree and found each other on it. Now I wonder how many other people I am related to

*Submitted by
Luella Grangaard*



Last social we had a few new visitors to our lodge. One of them was Jan Ludvigsen, a Brooklyn born Norwegian. He moved to Norway when he was 2 years old and came back to the US after confirmation. Hearing him speaking fluent Grimstad dialect was a delight. There was absolutely no accent in his Norwegian language. He has visited Norway frequently through all those years and one memorable visit was during the winter Olympics in Oslo in 1952. He is a snowbird and when he is in Minnesota he frequently visits the Norsota Lodge in Lakeville MN

BEST LAWYER

This took place in Charlotte North Carolina. A lawyer purchased a box of very rare and expensive cigars, then insured them against, among other things, fire.

Within a month, having smoked his entire stockpile of these great cigars, the lawyer filed a claim against the insurance company. In his claim, the lawyer stated the cigars were lost 'in a series of small fires.' The insurance company refused to pay, citing the obvious reason, that the man had consumed the cigars in the normal fashion. The lawyer sued and WON!
(Stay with me.)

Delivering the ruling, the judge agreed with the insurance company that the claim was frivolous. The judge stated nevertheless, that the lawyer held a policy from the company, in which it had warranted that the cigars were insurable and also guaranteed that it would insure them against fire, without defining what is considered to be unacceptable 'fire' and was obligated to pay the claim. Rather than endure lengthy and costly appeal process, the insurance company accepted the ruling and paid \$15,000 to the lawyer for his loss of the cigars that perished in the 'fires'.

NOW FOR THE BEST PART... After the lawyer cashed the check, the insurance company had him arrested on 24 counts of ARSON!!! With his own insurance claim and testimony from the previous case being used against him, the lawyer was convicted of intentionally burning his insured property and was sentenced to 24 months in jail and a \$24,000 fine. This true story won First Place in last year's Criminal Lawyers Award contest. ONLY IN AMERICA ... NO WONDER THE REST OF THE WORLD THINKS WE'RE NUTS!!!



Ardis K Willis



David Lutes



JR and Inez Murdoch



Nita Haagenson and Charlotte Larsen



Bob & Miriam Henrix, Luella Grangaard



Concert Reception Cookie Table



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Debera Ellingboe

Solnedgang (sunset) Supper Club

Old Creek House
 1555 South Palm Canyon Drive
 Palm Springs
 Thursday May 20 at 6:00

\$18.99 includes everything, tax, tip, etc
 Same parking area as SteinMart.

Call Richard Selle to R.S.V. P.
 760-863-4898

Editor's Corner

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Note: My email address contains the number sixty.

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I am looking forward to receiving information for the newsletter.



John Strom and Luella Grangaard at Concert



Marie Maher and her Birthday Cake

Single Premium Deferred Annuity Rates

<u>Deposit Amount</u>	Current interest rate		First Year interest Bonus		Total 1st year return
\$ 10,000 - \$ 24,999	3.35%	+	1.00%	=	4.35%
\$ 25,000 - \$ 49,999	3.65%	+	1.00%	=	4.65%
\$ 50,000 - \$ 99,999	3.80%	+	1.00%	=	4.80%
\$100,000 - \$249,999	3.90%	+	1.15%	=	5.05%
\$250,000 and over	3.90%	+	1.60%	=	5.50%

Cerificates are credited a first year interest bonus from 1.00% to 1.60%(1% in Oregon) in addition to the current interest rate. The total first year return above includes the current interest rate and the first year interest bonus. Current interest rates are subject to change.

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Solskinn Lodge Syttende

Mai Celebration

Norway's Constitution Day -
17th of May

Saturday, May 15

Festive and Bright, wear Blue, Red,
and White

Hope Lutheran Church Social Hall
45-900 Portola Avenue, Palm Desert

**Smørbrød (Open Faced Sandwich) & Cold
Food Potluck**

Dessert will be provided

5:00 P.M. Norwegian Heart Waffle
Demonstration
& GAMES

6:00 P.M. Dinner

Program: *Norwegian Winter 2010* by
Lonnie Scott

Save stamps
for tubtrim
cut 1/4 inch
around the stamp

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