



Solglimt Newsletter



Palm Desert

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Ord fra Presidenten

Wow, we did it. We hosted our first Scandinavian Heritage Day last month. We generally feel that it was a success. We had roughly 250 people attend the event. As I write this, the financials aren't in and we have yet to do a wrap-up, critique meeting. However, our intent was to create awareness of the Scandinavian cultures, and to host an event that was interesting, fun, and educational for our members, community members, and winter visitors. That we did.



A little history – I had wanted to do a Festival a long time ago. I recently was looking through old lodge newsletters. Back in October, 1999, I had written, “The Scandinavian Fest that was being planned for November has been postponed. Sun City, Palm Desert, where the event was to have taken place, is undergoing a large remodeling project in the clubhouse. Rather than providing for a contingency plan to relocate at the last minute, it was decided to just postpone the event. Hopefully, we can have this event in the 2000/2001 season.” **Uff Da!** It took another 11 years to get it done. Luella Grangaard provided the impetus to attempt this again. She volunteered and urged me to “go for it.” Luella took it upon herself to make this happen. We attended four other Scandinavian festivals last year in order to get ideas and obtain vendor information. Mange Takk

Luella! Debera Ellingboe, going through some difficulties at the same time, was the third rung of the ladder, assisting with the food and beverages and purchasing. Hope Lutheran Church was the fourth rung, providing an excellent venue for the event. We sincerely appreciate Hope Lutheran Church accommodating our various meetings and events. Of course, it would have all been a disaster without the fifth rung of the ladder– the many volunteers! Takk til alle.

An important event this month is the return of Knut Erik Jensen, presenting his *Nordic Elegance* Tour at Hope Lutheran Church on Sunday the 18th. See the flyer inside the newsletter. Tickets may be purchased in advance or at the door. You won't want to miss this concert. Our April Social is the 4th Saturday of the month instead of the 3rd. Mark your calendars, now, so you don't show up for a wedding on the third Saturday! Also this month, we have opportunities for community involvement with C.O.D.'s International Day on Thursday, April 15, and the Festival of Nations at Amelia Earhart Elementary School in Indio on April 20. We have participated with both these events in the past. Just a few volunteers are needed. Let me know if you'd like to help with the display tables at these events, 760/343-0848 or norsknm@earthlink.net.

*Fraternally,
Nancy Madson*



Solskinn Lodge's Events

April	18	Hope Lutheran Church	Knut Erik Jensen Piano Concert. Tickets \$10.00
April	24	Hope Lutheran Church	Potato Bar Dinner (4th Saturday)
May	15	Hope Lutheran Church	Cold Food Potluck/smørbrød 17 mai Celebration
June	19	Hope Lutheran Church	Midsummer (St. Hans Aften) event.
September	25	Hope Lutheran Church	Potluck
October	16	Hope Lutheran Church	20th Anniversary Celebration
November	20	Hope Lutheran Church	Potluck Dinner
December	TBA	Hope Lutheran Church	Christmas Party

17 de mai I San Bernardino

Soldalen Lodge #6-067 invites us to their Syttende Mai Flag raising ceremony in San Bernardino for the 30th hoisting of the Norwegian flag. Save the date. Further information next month, including lunch and car pooling.

**San Bernardino City Hall, outside
300 North "D" Street, San Bernardino
Monday, May 17, 2010 at 10:00 A.M.**

Knut Erik Jensen Tickets now on Sale

Pianist Knut Erik Jensen will be performing the Nordic Elegance concert at Hope Lutheran Church on Sunday April 18th at 3:00. Tickets available at \$10.00 each. For further information call Luella Grangaard home 760-363-7704, work 760-773-2955 or e-mail morongo2@verizon.net

April Birthdays

3	Kennedy Sandra K
4	Christophersen Evelyn V
12	Evenson Dale Arthur
12	Morgner Jacob Allen
17	Haagenson Robert A
18	Strom Alyssa R
28	Hagen Thelma C
29	Ellingboe Collin Dean
30	Maher Marie Louise

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!

Lefse for Sale

Contact Jan Rommereim
760/668-6836

Jan.rommereim@gmail.com

Business/Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 13, 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

April	17-18	Cal Lutheran University	Thousand Oaks, Scandinavian Festival
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	17-19	Pine Cove, near Idyllwild	Southern California Krettsstevne
September	25-26	Norge Lodge	Viking Festival
October	1-3	Buelton (Near Solvang)	Central California Krettsstevne

Program April 24th Norwegian Immigration

Speaker Ross Berg was born and raised in Montana grandson of Norwegian immigrants. Graduate in Mathematics, post graduate work in business administration and marketing. He served four years as an officer in the US navy and 2 ½ years in the US Peace Corps in the Andes of Peru. He retired from IBM, working in the computer industry for 28 years. Ross has been a member of Sons of Norway for over 15 years starting in Bjornstjern Bjornson Lodge in Oakland and currently in Desert Fjord Lodge in Scottsdale. He has organized and led the Desert Fjord Genealogy Cultural Program for the last with years and has served as an officer in various positions.

Rosemaling—looking for class participants!

Are you interested in learning Norwegian rosemaling? Rosemaling means rose or flower, painting. There are basic brush strokes on which this painting is based, and from these strokes the design is created. This course would be for beginners.

We have located a Rosemaler in the Coachella Valley that is interested in doing a class. If there is enough interest, the workshop would be scheduled for next fall. Currently we have 5 people on the list. To sign up on the interest list please e-mail Luella Grangaard at morongo2@verizon.net or call 760-363-7704.

Norwegian Folk Dance Sessions

Monday, April 5, 5:30 P.M.
Monday, April 19, 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, April 15
Call Inez Murdoch 760/3463934

5:00 – 7:30 P.M. Wednesday, April 21
Call Nancy Madson 760/343-0848

3:00 – 5:00 P.M. Thursday, April 22
Call Debera Ellingboe 760/997436

Heritage Day Demonstration

Recipe for Æbelskiver

Makes 20 pancakes

1 cup milk
 ½ cup melted butter
 3 eggs separated
 2 tablespoons sugar
 1 ½ cups all-purpose flour
 2 teaspoons baking powder
 Powdered sugar

Heat the milk to lukewarm. Whisk in butter, egg yolks and sugar. Turn into bowl and add the flour and baking powder whisking until well blended and no lumps remain. Whip the egg whites until stiff and fold into mixture.

Heat aebelskiver pan over medium-high heat until a drop of water sizzles when dripped into the pan. Put about ½ teaspoon butter (I use PAM) into each indentation. Spoon in 1 Tablespoon of batter and let it cook until it starts to bubble and set up. Turn cake over and let it finish cooking. Poke with a skewer to make sure the batter is cooked. Remove from pan and dust with powdered sugar. I prefer syrup.

This comes from the cookbook : The Great Scandinavian Baking Book by Beatrice Ojankangas. Lise's Danish Pancake Balls (aebelskiver), page 259.

To obtain an aebelskiver pan here are some resources:

www.nordichouse.com

www.ingebretsens.com

*Submitted by
 Luella Grangaard*

INTERNATIONAL DAY

at C.O. D.

Thursday, April 15

Parade of Flags at 10:00 A.M.

Cultural Museum in HILB Center until 2:00 P.M.

Volunteers are needed to be at the cultural display table. Bunads would be a nice touch. Simple Norwegian food items (krumkake or other cookies) are needed to give away. Contact Nancy at 760/343-0848 or norsknnm@earthlink.net.

FESTIVAL OF NATIONS

At Amelia Earhart Elementary School

45-250 Dune Palms Road, Indio

April 20,

5:00 – 7:30 P.M.,

(Set-up about 4:00 P.M.)

Several volunteers are needed to help with our table again this year for our annual participation in the FESTIVAL OF NATIONS. We will probably repeat the TROLL theme, which was fun for the kids. We will also utilize activities that were created for our kids' Troll Corner at our Heritage Day last month. Krumkake is also needed to give the students a taste of our culture, as well. Anyone wishing to assist with this fun event contact Nancy at 760/343-0848 or norsknnm@earthlink.net.

Springtime Word Search

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B B S D U K R A B S E
O L Ø V E T A N N V G
R Å Å R A G J L R A J
D B R K V L R Ø D L Ø
B Æ Ø B L Å K L K E Å
Æ R V A J O R D B Æ R
P R E S T E K R A G E
Ø Å T Æ G J Ø K R Å P
R Ø D S T R U P E Ø R
  
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Norwegian words to find:

Blåklukke	-	Bluebell
Prestekrage	-	Daisy
Blåbær	-	Lingonberries
Jordbær	-	Strawberries
Løvetann	-	Dandelion
Svale	-	Swallow
Gjøk	-	Cuckoo
Rødstrupe	-	Robin

*Submitted by
 Nancy Madson*

Heritage Day Wrap-up Meeting

On Friday March 26th less than a week from the completion of our first heritage day 16 volunteers from the event got together to review the event. The discussion covered the following topics:



- Should we do it again—the consensus was YES! We had almost 300 people in attendance. Most in attendance were not from our lodge, but from the community.

- Food demonstrations—were well received—examine alternative heat sources for demonstrations.
- Movie room—further examine the offerings, at times there were 8-12 people in the room other times no one. Need to assure that there is proper equipment.
- Entertainment—Scandinavian music versus contemporary entertainment, examine schedule.
- Vendors—lodge made 10% of sales from vendors—totals not known yet.



- Food—meatballs were popular, free coffee decreased sales of water and soda; all desserts were very popular, remove the meat from the cheese plate and add some fruit. Sell herring separately.

- Raffle—discussion of focused raffle versus

drawings for gifts each hour.

- Folk arts, genealogy, travel—all were popular and community very interested—need more volunteers in this area.
- Kid's area—adults enjoyed the Viking wear for photos, 4 children in total attended. Thanks to Sandy Kennedy for painting the Viking helmet and “nisse.”
- Publicity—invest in a lodge banner, the logo on the flyer worked well for all our printed material. Discussion on how much publicity versus too much.



- Volunteers—we had almost 30 volunteers. Approximately 5 percent were not members.
- Set-up—examine tickets sale location, location of folk-art vendors in respect to other vendors, location of travel and genealogy, lighting in some area.

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The goal of this event was to reach out to the community and educate the community regarding Scandinavian culture and heritage. Did we meet this goal... yes! People were asking if we were going to do it again, and attendees enjoyed the event. Many people of Scandinavian descent from the community didn't know anything about Sons of Norway, and many Canadian winter visitors made inquiries regarding seasonal membership. The financial results are still unknown but will be ready for the next board meeting. The specific results from the wrap-up meeting and the financials will be reported at the board meeting on April 13th. At that time further decisions regarding this event will be made.



Thank you to all who attended and participated to make this a success.

Nidaros domens Gutte Kor (boys' Choir)





Solnedgang (sunset) Supper Club

Tues. April 20
 La Bella Roma at
 68-100 Ramon Rd, Suite 2.
 Cathedral City,
 6:00 P.M
 It is located at the corner on
 Ramon & Landau

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



Editor's Corner

There are two ways to send the editor information for the newsletter:

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Note: My email address contains the number sixty.

Cell: 898-3340

I am looking forward to receiving information for the newsletter.



Single Premium Deferred Annuity Rates

<u>Deposit Amount</u>	Current interest rate		First Year interest Bonus		Total 1st year return
\$ 10,000 - \$ 24,999	3.70%	+	1.00%	=	4.70%
\$ 25,000 - \$ 49,999	3.90%	+	1.00%	=	4.90%
\$ 50,000 - \$ 99,999	4.15%	+	1.00%	=	5.15%
\$100,000 - \$249,999	4.25%	+	1.20%	=	5.45%
\$250,000 and over	4.25%	+	1.65%	=	5.90%

Cerificates are credited a first year interest bonus from 1.00% to 1.65%(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 Dinner Social

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

Saturday, April 24 – 4th Saturday

5:00 P.M. Social Hour

6:00 P.M. Dinner

7:00 P.M. Program

Norwegian Emigration to U.S.A by Ross
Berg, from Scottsdale, AZ

Potato Bar & Salad Bar, with dessert

\$5.00/member \$7.00 non-member

Pay at the door,
no reservations required

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

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