



Solglimt Newsletter



Palm Desert

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Ord fra Presidenten

What a wonderful event our lute-fisk dinner was. Debera Ellingboe and her group of volunteers really did a wonderful job. It appeared that everyone had a good time. It was great seeing so many familiar faces and meeting new people. And what a great job Nancy Madson did recruiting new members and connecting our snow birds to our lodge as affiliate members so they stay in touch with us throughout the year. So many people from the Midwest and Northwest come to our valley to enjoy our weather.

Now it is time for our Scandinavian Heritage Day, March 19th. This is a time for those people of Nordic descent or our interest in the culture and heritage day to celebrate and educate our community about our past and present.



Many of our members who are involved in our cultural skills programs aren't even of Nordic descent but are either married to someone who is or just interested in the culture. Many of these members will be volunteering in our culture area. I hope to see all of you at our heritage day and bring your friends, neighbors, children and grandchildren. Come and enjoy the activities.

And you may even want to volunteer for a few hours.

When you talk to friends and they say my grandfather was of Norwegian descent it is highly probable they are then of Norwegian descent. I have heard this statement many times. And don't get how they don't see themselves as of Norwegian descent. Be the ambassadors of our lodge and tell them how they can learn more about their heritage.

We are so fortunate to have a very active and accessible lodge. I enjoy telling people about our lodge

and educating them about sons of Norway. Please feel free to contact me regarding any issue or just to say hello. My home phone is 760-363-7704, or me at morongo2@verizon.net.

Fraternally,

Luella Grangaard



Norwegian Lunch Bunch

PF Chang's, 71800 Highway 111
Rancho Mirage –
At the River
Debera Ellingboe 760-699-7436

Solskinn Lodge's Events

March	3	Cheryl Jensen's Home	3:00 p.m. Hardanger Info: 760 321-2380
March	7	Date Palm Country Club	5:30 Folk Dance Info: 760-898-3340
March	13	Debera Ellingbo's Home	Music Cultural Skill Info 760-699-7436
March	17	Connie Fleichner's Home	Hardanger Group Info: 760-776-6657
March	19	Hope Lutheran Church	Scandinavian Heritage Festival Info: 760-363-7704
March	21	Date Palm Country Club	5:30 Folk Dance Info: 760-898-3340
March	24	Supper Club	See Page 7 for info.

Tubfrim Norway Trip Drawing

The winner of the Tubfrim drawing (a trip to Norway) this year hails from the Super Sixth District. Knut Karlsen, the Sons of Norway Tubfrim Chairman, drew the winner January at Valhall #25 in San Diego. The winner is Lollo Sievert from Vegas Viking.

March Birthdays

2	Haagenson Venita D
3	Larson Genevieve J
4	Waldeland Beryl A
6	McGrath Swani J
10	Osmer Elizabeth Risdahl
17	Picking Luke
18	Nelson Don O
23	Arneson Dolores A
25	Moller Birgit E

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!

Tubfrim - What is it? A charity in Norway originally created to eradicate tuberculosis in Norwegian children by collecting and selling used frimerker to stamp collectors. Frimerker is the Norwegian word for stamps. Blend parts of the words tuberculosis and frimerker, and you get "Tubfrim". Since its inception in 1928, the Norway-based organization, Tubfrim, has been raising money to help children.

Originally started to aid children afflicted by tuberculosis, the organization now works to improve the quality of life for children and youth with handicaps as well.

Sons of Norway members have been an integral part of Tubfrim's success since 1986. Lodges and individuals participate by clipping used stamps and sending them to Tubfrim, which sells them to dealers and collectors.

In addition to helping children, there is an added incentive for stamp clippers. For every pound of stamps collected, the member or lodge is entered into a drawing to win a plane ticket to Norway. Several hundred handicapped children benefit from the funds raised by TUBFRIM - every year!

THANK YOU for participating in this humanitarian program by sending your used stamps to Tubfrim.

Business/Board Meeting

Tuesday, March 8, 4:30 P.M. at Nancy Madson's home in Thousand Palms. All members are welcome

Please RSVP to Nancy, 760/343-0848.

Events Beyond our Valley

April 2011

16-17 Thousand Oaks

Scandinavian Fair.

JOHAN SVENDSEN

Johan Severin Svendsen was a Norwegian composer/conductor. He was born 30 September 1840 in Christiania (Oslo). His father was a music teacher and Johan learned to play the violin and the clarinet in his youth.

At age 15 he was drafted into the Army and played in a military band. After the Army he worked as an orchestral musician around Norway and northern Europe. A merchant in Lübeck offered to underwrite his studies in Leipzig.

In 1863 he began studying at the Leipzig Conservatory. At first he studied violin because of a problem with his hand, but switched to composing. He studied under Carl Reinicke. He completed his studies in 1867 and received a first prize in composition.

After Leipzig he turned his attention to conducting, which he did in Paris (1868-70) and Leipzig (1870-72). He became the conductor of the Musical Society Concerts in Christiania (1872-77) and then spent the next three years in Germany, Italy, England and France. In 1880 he returned to Christiania for three years to conduct and teach. In 1883 he was appointed conductor of the Royal Theatre Orchestra in Copenhagen until 1908. He died in Copenhagen 14 June 1911.

He had a rather messy personal life. In 1867 he had a son, Johan Richard Rudolph out of wedlock. In 1871 he

went to New York to marry Sarah Levett Schmidt, whom he had met in Paris. In 1883 she threw the only copy of his third symphony into the fire. They separated the next year and she moved to Paris. In 1901 they obtained a divorce and the same year he married Juliette Haase, with whom he had been living and with whom he had had three children. The youngest son was Eyvind Johan-Svendsen (1896-1946) a well known Danish actor.

He composed mainly for large orchestras and ensembles. He was known for his skill at orchestrating rather than its musical content. His most famous piece was the Violin Romance op. 26. He wrote three symphonies, but the third was destroyed by his wife. He also wrote a violin concerto and a cello concerto. While his music was very popular during his lifetime, it has not been accepted in the international classical repertory.

Much of his work is available on compact disc, although not by any first rank orchestras. Among those who have recorded the symphonies are the Bournemouth Symphony, the Gothenburg Symphony, and the Danish National Symphony. The Academy of St Martin's in the Field has recorded the String Octet, op. 3 and the Violin Romance, op. 26. Gil Shahan has also recorded the Romance. Many of his shorter pieces are included in collections of Norwegian or Scandinavian favorites.

*Submitted by
Vaughn L Simon*

Norwegian Folk Dancing

Norwegian dances may be divided into four groups: song-dances, figure-dances, old-time couple dances and provincial dances (the Norwegian names are sonfdanser, turdanser, gammeldanser, and bygededanser) For level one of the Sons of Norway Culture Skills Program you learn the basic dances steps: including light step, change step, step swing, waltz step and the open and closed ballad step. These steps are then incorporated into 3 of the 4 basic dances, the Song Dance, Figure Dance and Couples Dance.

Currently in the Solškinn beginning class the class participants learned the Åttetur Fra Asker (OH-the-toor frah AHS-ker). This dance would be classified as a figure and a couples dance. This is done with a least 4 couples in a small circle. The couples all hold hands in a circle and raise the

foot pointing the toe as they move clockwise in a circle and then back. The women then move in the circle changing partners (chaining) and then back. The couples then complete a couple of waltz steps in a circle.

We have also done another Åttetur - this one is called Åttetur med mylne which is almost the same as the one described above. The only difference is an added star figure made up by two couples and a little bit different basic step.

Learning Norwegian folk dancing involves learning basic steps and putting the basic steps or techniques in to a variety of different dances. Dancing is good exercises, works on balance, coordination, cognition and just great fun. Please come join us.

*Submitted by
Luella Grangaard*

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Scandinavian Heritage Day

Come and join the fun. Learn about the cultures. Learn about genealogy and travel. There will be vendors with Scandinavian merchandise. There will be opportunities for you to experience culture and folk arts. Folk art demonstrations including: Hardanger, knitting, rosemaling and wood carving. Taste Scandinavian food specialties and food demonstrations. There will be a meatball and potato lunch, Scandinavian deserts. There will also be food demonstrations. Throughout the day there will be films of travel, culture and entertainment.

We need volunteers to make this work. All volunteer commitments are only 2- to 2 ½ hour slots.

To help or questions contact Luella Grangaard at [mo-rongo2@verizon.net](mailto:rongo2@verizon.net) or home phone 760-363-7704 or work 760-773-2955.

We look forward to seeing you there with as a participant and/or as a volunteer.



Wood Carving Group Forms at Solskinn Lodge

On February 20, three members got together and started a wood carving group. The group included Heidi Albright, Luella Grangaard and Loren Opdahl a new affiliate member from Minnesota and Laree, Loren's driver and spouse. They all met at Luella's home. Loren an experienced carver gave Heidi and Luella some pointers on sharpening their knives and moisture to the wood to help with the cutting. Heidi and Luella are starting with chip carving. See the photo of their practice boards they completed their first day. Chip carving is a good way to get to know the wood, controlling the knife and sharpening the knife. Loren is doing figure carving. Probably the biggest lesson was to keep the knife sharp! We had such a great time, we didn't look at the time and before we knew it we had carve from 1:00 to 4:30. Please join us. Contact Luella 760-363-7704.

Rosemaling Class



Photo: Class Participants from left to right: Åse Bence, Luella Grangaard, Miriam Hendrix, Nancy Madson, Heidi Albright, Connie Fleischner, Doreen Karlsen.

On January 29, 8 members got together as part of the lodge rosemaling group and worked on various projects. Much of the time the room was extremely quiet as everyone concentrated on their creations. Two more people joined the group Åse Bence, who also became a new member and Doreen Karlsen. Anyone can join. Our next get together is April 1st. For further information call 760-363-7704

Special Thanks to all our Volunteers for a Successful Lutefisk Dinner

First a big thanks to Debera Ellingboe and her hours and hours of coordinated, organizing food and volunteers, and purchasing food, cleaning and being the ultimate hostess. Thanks to Walt and Karl for cooking the fish perfectly. Charlotte Larsen for being Debera's right and left hand during service and clean-up. Harriet Candleria for being Debera's eyes during the set up. The lefse, flat bread and desert makers Charlotte, Steinar Johansen, Nancy Madson, Luella Grangaard, Miriam Hendrix, and Debera Ellingboe. As well as all of the following: Berit Reistad, Richard Ellingboe, Heidi Albright, LaVonne Wisler, Corinne Bjerke, Donna Leander, Doreen Karlsen, Miriam Hendrix, David Lutes, Rex Seawright, Nancy Madson, Vaughn Simon, Janice Langer, Ronna Clymens, Steinar Johansen, Laura Picking, John Strom, Bill Rawlings, Darrell Sinclair, Nan Larson, Sandy Kennedy, Shirley Severtson, Connie Fleischner, LaRee Opdahl, Jim and Phyllis Peterson. And to everyone who pitched in to pick up afterwards and anyone I missed. This can only be successful with all our volunteers.

A very special

“Thank You” to those who donated to the Foundation at the Lutefisk Dinner. A lofty goal of \$500 has been set for this year and at this time we have \$150. The Pink Pigs placed on the tables were well fed.

Once you are aware of the good this money does in the way of grants activities, and heritage programs, it's feeling to



for cultural scholarships, education a comfortable donate.

If you Foundation continue her with your bills. You certainly don't want those coins causing holes in your pockets. If you want to keep your Pink Pig, put the coins in a Zip Loc bag and bring it the next meeting. If you would like a Pin Pig to take home, let me know at the next meeting.

If you wish to make a larger donation for tax purposes, it would be appreciated. We are a non-profit 501 c3 organization.

Thanks again and remember the Pink Pig will eat anything.

*Submitted by
David Lutes*

Member Heritage News

- Idrettsmerke (sports & Fitness Medal s). A bronze and silver was earned by Ronna Clymens and gold by Debera Ellingboe.
- Level I Culture Pins in Music were earned by: Heidi Albright, Miriam Hendrix, Charlotte Larsen, Inez Murdoch, Vaughn Simon, Phyllis Petersen and Debera Ellingboe. And Debera finished level III of her cooking. Congratulations.
- Nancy Madson won the Norwegian Experience a free trip for two to Norway. She was randomly chosen from members who recruited new members of Sons of Norway.
- Nancy Madson and Phyllis Petersen won blue ribbons on their Hardanger at the Date Festival...

Solnedgang Supper Club Pictures

What a great time eight of us had at 3rd Corner Bistro and Wine Shop in Palm Desert for our Solnedgang on Thursday, February 24. We would all recommend this restaurant for celebrating any special occasion. The service was great, and the food was excellent. Most of the group ordered the pork chop and were delighted with their choice. I had the chicken, which was also excellent. Hope you can join us at McGowan's Irish Pub & Grill March 24. We'll be having another great time together, I know. Maybe we'll find our pot of gold, and some of the luck of the Irish will rub off on us Norwegians!



increasing the community awareness of Norwegian culture.

- The Audit Committee of Norm Larsen, Glen Bell and Jim Petersen found the books balanced for 2010. Thank you for your work. And thanks to our 2010 Treasurer Ronna Clymens and Financial Secretary John Strom for keeping our books.
- Our Lodge logged 4200 hours of programming, socials or volunteers hours in 2010!



John Strom



Phyllis and James Peterson



Luella Grangaard



Dennis Burreson, Financial Secretary



Alan and Inez Murdoch



Peter Olson



Laura Picking



Miriam Hendrix

March Solnedgang Supper Club

**McGowan's Irish Inn, at
73340 Hyw. 111, Palm Desert,
Between Monterey & San Pablo.**

Date: Thursday, March 24 at 5:30

Cost: \$19

Including a dessert, coffee, tax & tip

Main Dish: Choice of Fish & Chips,
Corned Beef/Cabbage,
or
Chicken/Dumplings

We're looking forward to another fun dinner
together!

Reservations: **Miriam Hendrix**
760-408-9900
or
Junelle Pearson
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David Lutes

Uff Da!!!

Sven and Ole were talking one afternoon when Sven tells Ole, "Ya know, I reckon I'm 'bout ready for a vacation. Only dis year I'm a gonna do it a little different.

Da laßt few years, I took your advice about where to go." "T'ree years ago you said to go to Hawaii I went to Hawaii and Lena got pregnant."

"Den two years ago, you told me to go to the Bahamas, and Lena got pregnant again."

"Last year you suggested Tahiti and darned if Lena didn't get pregnant again."

Ole asked Sven, "So, what ya gonna do dis year dat's so different?"

And Sven says,

"Dis year I'm taking Lena with me!"



Debera Ellingboe and Charlotte Larsen

Literature Blog New To Solskinn Lodge!

Do you like to read? Have you read any Norwegian Literature or North American Norwegian Literature literature? Would you like to tell someone about it? Or just discuss a book? You don't have time to join a group or meet at someone's home? Join the Solskinn Literature blog at www.Solskinn.org/blog. Tell us about your book and we can discuss it online. To join the lodge blog please contact Luella at morongo2@verizon.net.

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March Social

Scandinavian Heritage Day

(Tons of Fun)

Saturday, March 19, 2011

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

See information on the web.

www.solskinn.org/

Click the newsletter link.

10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

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