

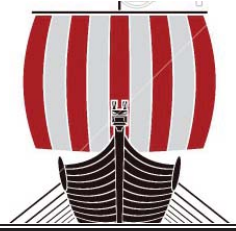
Solskinn



SONS OF NORWAY

Lodge 6-150

# Solglimt Newsletter



Palm Desert

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# Sons of Norway District Six Convention 2014

## Renaissance Palm Springs Hotel, June 22-25, 2014

### President Message

What a wonderful celebration we had for May 17th. You all went out of your way to make beautiful sandwiches and salads.

Everyone was snapping photos of the beautiful presentation. And of course the beautiful traditional Norwegian kranstake and the verdens beste, "World's Best"

cake made by Nancy and Steinar. Nancy Madson won the quiz contest and an Applebee's gift card. And someone at each table won the flowering plant centerpiece.

The next board meeting on June



14<sup>th</sup> the board will set the programs for next season. We welcome any ideas. Thank you to those who have shared ideas and suggestions for programs. Also we will have alternate dinners working with the space and resources available at the church. We already have a wonderful dinner for Christmas at the Miramonte planned for December 21<sup>st</sup>. Mark your calendars now for this special holiday dinner.

Our meeting in June will be one week early due to convention preparation. This is your opportunity to just visit with friends and also to help stuff the bags for convention. In addition we will prepare some of the gifts for the

convention delegates. The lodge will be providing a dinner of pizza and beverages. I hope to see you there.

What are you doing this summer? Take time to work on a culture skill. Maybe wood carving, read a book or listen to some music. The latest Viking has some great recommendations for summer reading. How about trying a pre-view membership on Ancestry.com and look up some names of past family members? Who knows what you might find. Perhaps you will find you have a relative you didn't know about. Maybe you will take in an Ibsen play in the high desert. Go to Solvang and try some Scandinavian desserts. Or just stay at home and enjoy movies like "Frozen" that should cool you down.

Have a restful and enjoyable summer. We look forward to seeing you next season in September ready for another exciting season here at Solskinn Lodge 6-150.

*Fraternally*

*Luella Grangaard*

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION/TIME
June 1, Sunday	Convention meeting	1:30 Cheryl Jensen 760-321-2380
June 6, Friday	Lunch Bunch	11:30 Clementine's Gourmet market and Café 72990 El Paseo PD RSVP to 760 345-6586 or e-mail <a href="mailto:dbessares@verizon.net">dbessares@verizon.net</a>
June 12, Thursday	Hardanger	3:00 Berit Reistad 760-485-1130
June 14, Saturday	Social- <b>DATE CHANGE!!</b>	4:30-Social 5:30 Pizza Hope Lutheran Church
June 24, Tuesday	Hardanger	6:00-8:00 Convention Renaissance Hotel Palm Springs
June 22-25	District Six Convention	Renaissance Palm Springs Hotel on 888 E Tahquitz Canyon Way
Sept 20, Saturday	Social	Program TBA
EVENTS OUT OF THE VALLEY		Contact
Oct 31-Nov 2	SCK	Banning more information to come.mark the date

### June Birthdays

- 1 Lewis Helen H
- 1 Schumacher Susan Marie
- 4 Larson Charles O
- 6 Johansen Steinar
- 7 Bence Åse G
- 8 Albertsen Lorna Ann
- 14 Peterson Phyllis M
- 15 Grangaard Douglas Charles
- 15 Mehllum Emel
- 16 Hašte Taylor
- 17 Reistad Dakota
- 18 Feddersen Roberta L
- 19 Clymens Ronna
- 20 Ward Dahlia Freya
- 22 White Mary Anne
- 23 Gerner Thomas H
- 25 Seawright Rex A
- 26 Hendrix Miriam
- 26 Tovar Candace M
- 29 Albright Heidi
- 29 Blevins Jordan M

### July Birthdays

- 1 Chaplin Tone H
- 2 Lenander Donna R
- 6 Lathers Linda D
- 6 Moore Illa M
- 6 Peterson James G
- 11 Jensen Cheryl D
- 12 Lee Alex
- 15 Grangaard Luella M
- 17 Ellingboe Debera J

- 26 Murdoch Alan W
- 27 Tobiassen Richard K
- 30 Jacobs Else M

### August Birthdays

- 1 Bach Kathleen M
- 2 Reistad Ciara
- 3 Roe Yui
- 5 Ibsen Joanne D
- 6 Craig Nate Emery
- 9 Girgis Dorothy V
- 9 Weinstein Vivian
- 11 Monkress Madalyn A
- 15 Nieters Alma O
- 16 Kosvic Linda Diane
- 17 Severtson Shirley M
- 17 Skjervem Delores R
- 21 Simon Vaughn L
- 22 Lutes David J
- 27 Hodge Kathleen T
- 27 Hysjulien Autumn
- 31 Harper Laura Lee

**Hurra for deg som fyller ditt år! Ja, deg vil vi gratulere!**  
**Alle i ring omkring deg vi står, og se, nå vil vi marsjere.**  
**Bukke, nikke, neie, snu oss omkring, danse så for deg med hopp og sprett og spring, ønske deg av hjertet alle gode ting og si meg så, hva vil du mere?**  
**Gratulere!**

## Late Night Lecture

Ole, who was driving erratically was stopped by the police around 2 a.m. and was asked where he was going at that time of night.

Ole replied, "I'm on my way to a lecture about alcohol abuse and the effects it has on the human body, as well as smoking and staying out late."

The officer then asked, "Really? Who's giving that lecture at this time of night?"

Ole replied, "That would be my wife., Lena"

## Business Jokes

An older man comes into a small fruit store and sees a new delivery of fresh fruit. "Give me two pounds of kiwis and wrap every kiwi up in a separate piece of paper, please," he says to the saleswoman. She does. "And three pounds of potatoes, please, and wrap up every one in a separate piece of paper, too." She does it again. "And what is that there," he asks pointing out a basket in the corner. "Cherry tomatoes," says the saleswoman, "but they are not for sale!"

## NEEDED!!!!!!!

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AVAILALBE

We have a number of positions that have become available due to members relocating.

**HISTORIAN:** Collects and assembles the lodge scrap books with photos and news clippings.

**PHONE TREE PERSON:** Makes calls to members to remind them of events and to make routine contact.

**FACE BOOK EDITOR:** Manages and updates the lodges face book site.

## Some real facts to think about

1. Soap in your eyes is painful
2. It is impossible to count hairs
3. It is impossible to breathe through your nose while your tongue is out of your mouth
4. Did you try number 3?
5. When you tried number 3, did you discover that it was possible to breathe through your nose, but you looked pretty funny
6. You are laughing now because I fooled you
7. Share this to fool others

## District Six Convention Volunteers

**Volunteers Needed.** It is time to sign-up to be part of this exciting event that our lodge has the honor of hosting.

Volunteers needed:

Date	Commitment	Job
June 22	2 hrs	Registration
	1 hr	decorations
	15 minutes	collect tickets
June 23	2 hrs	registration
	30 minutes	cookies
	15 minutes	collect tickets
	1 hr	decorations
June 24	15 minutes	Bunad parade
	30 minutes	cookies
June 25	15 minutes	collect tickets
	30 minutes	cookies
	15 minutes	collect tickets
	1.5 hours	decorations

IF you are interested in volunteering please contact Debera Ellingboe at [Debera.Ellingboe@yahoo.com](mailto:Debera.Ellingboe@yahoo.com) or 760-699-7436 for additional information regarding these volunteer opportunities. Tusen Tak

# What is Convention all about?

Every two years the Eight Districts of Sons of Norway hold a convention, each district is referred to as a lodge. Each District Lodge elects delegates based on a basic set number and additional delegates based on membership of that lodge. At the District convention motions and business is conducted in respect to the local lodges



and the District Lodge then passing on to the International Lodge motions approved by the District Lodge. From the District Convention delegates are elected to attend the International Convention which is also held every two years.

However these delegates must own financial products. Remember Sons of Norway was started as insurance over 100 years ago. The International Convention is a time for the insured, which are kind of like stock holders to vote on issues in respect to the organization. This aspect will be changing over the next few years due to state laws and regulations that regulate insurance companies to protect the consumers of insurance plans.

Convention is also a celebration of our heritage, culture and fraternal organization. This is an opportunity to learn in education sessions about heritage and culture and also to learn how to be a great leader. Sons of Norway



as all organizations need to groom and grow leadership to maintain the viability of the organization. Just the fact of sitting at a table with another member from Colorado you may get a great idea on a culture program for the lodge, or a fundraising idea or better yet a new way to recruit members. Convention is also a time to see old friends and make new friends.



Different lodges compete for the opportunity to host convention. Our committee and volunteers have done a great job in preparation for the event coming up in Palm Springs June 22-25.

They have worked on planning hotel space, meals, sessions, AV and volunteers just to name a few items. Also they have prepared gifts to welcome the guests, trips, entertainments, and education sessions. So if you have an opportunity come and sit in on some sessions. Also stop and thank our great committee: Nancy Madson, Debera Ellingboe, Connie Fleischner, Cheryl Jensen, Heidi Albright, Berit Reistad, Charlotte Larson and David Lutes for the fantastic job they have done on our behalf.

Submitted by  
Luella Grangaard



## Why Norway is the greatest place on Earth

The Huffington Post just published an article/photo series headlined “25 Reasons why Norway is the Greatest Place on Earth”, stating that Norway is undoubtedly one of the most beautiful places one can visit.

- It's home to more natural wonders than we can count and it has stunning cities, fascinating history and really happy people. Norway's not cheap. But it's worth it, the Post states.

It then goes on to present 25 top destinations, illustrated with photos. Among them:

[Hornindalsvatnet - the deepest lake in Europe](#), [The Norwegian Fjords](#), [The Midnight Sun](#), [The Northern Lights](#) and [Skiing in summer](#).

The Huffington Post also mentions the special Norwegian law called “allemannsrett”:

- Allemannsrett literally translates to “all men's rights.” It's a “freedom to roam” public rights law that allows the right of access to and passage through all uncultivated land. This means you can pitch a tent or hike through any land that is “utmark” (non-cultivated). Also, wild-berrying is permitted everywhere. This little rule is extra awesome because there tons of jaw-droppingly beautiful places to see in Norway and few barriers stopping you.

[www.huffingtonpost.com](http://www.huffingtonpost.com)

# 17 mai feiring

As you can see from the images below, we made the day as special for us as it was for the Norwegians in Norway. We had many different open sandwiches that the members brought and we also had a "kransekake", "Verdens Beste" and a delicious cake that Nancy brought. Hurra for 17 mai.





Carole Gould



Travis Albright



Miriam & Bob Hendrix



David Lutes



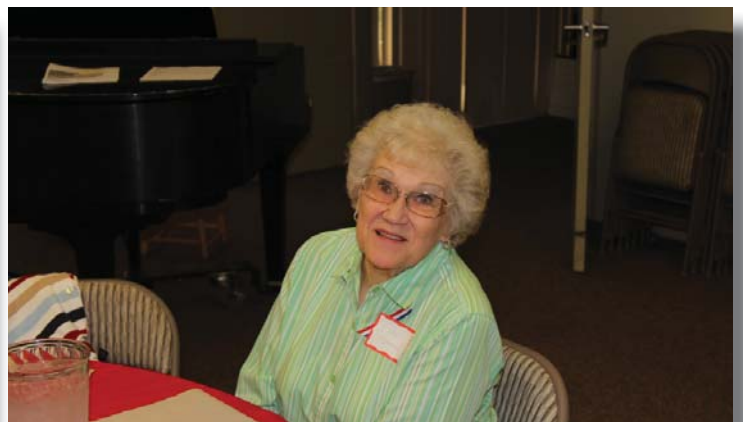
Corinne Bjerke & Vaughn Simon



Carole Olsen



Heidi Albright



Nita Haagenson

# Foundation

If you listened carefully, you could almost hear Priscilla and Porky squeal with joy when they heard we had surpassed the half way point in funds for their wedding. Through generous donations at our last social/dinner we have been able to reach the \$835 mark. Thank you, thank you.

We will now be working toward funding the ceremony and the reception. Definite plans will not be made until we have sufficient funds to make a down payment on the venue, music, food, and minister. **WE WILL HAVE A WEDDING!**

As a reminder, if you have a little Pink Pig at home with coins in it, please bring it to our next social. You will be given another Pig and if you wish to claim your donation on your taxes, a form will be provided to you.

Not sure who wondered, but we do have two little piglets in the pen with Priscilla and Porky. If you would like to suggest names for them, sure they will appreciate it.

Thank you again for your support of our Sons of Norway Foundation.

*David Lutes  
Foundation Director*

Total Wedding Costs \$1,500



## Wedding Ceremony

- Farm – pen rental
- Food/drinks – corn cobs, lettuce, water troughs, etc.
- Attendants – farmers, caretakers

Minister \$300.00

Reception \$400.00

## Solskinn Lodge Officers - 2013

President	Luella Grangaard	363-7704
Vice President	Diane Presley	401-1752
Secretary	Debera Ellingboe	699-7436
Treasurer	Carole Gould	636-4652
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Cultural Director	Luella Grangaard	363-7704
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Publicity Director:	Berit Reistad	485-1130
Counselor:	Nancy Madson	343-0848
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Photographer:	Steinar Johansen	898-3340
	Miriam Hendrix	320-9244
Foundation Director:	David Lutes	674-1933
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Tel. Tree Chairman:	Dottie Bessares	345-6586
Historian:		
Assist:		
Camp Norge:	Ronna Clymens	951-849-1690
Supper Club:		
Librarian:	Corrine Bjerke	360-5229
Auditors:	Normal Larsen	328-1791

## June Social Saturday, June 14, 4:30 Different day!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



Location Hope Lutheran  
Church Social Hall  
45-900 Portola Av, Palm Desert  
4:30 Convention Preparation  
5:30 Dinner  
Pizza  
Free to members  
RSVP by June 13th

Please RSVP to Heidi Albright at 760-449-1632 or e-mail [halbright76@msn.com](mailto:halbright76@msn.com)

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