



Nyhetsbrev January 2019

Ord fra Presidenten



**Godt Nytt År. ----
Happy New Year**

I hope you all had a nice Christmas with family and friends, and celebrating the new year with the hope of a peaceful time and good health.

I am looking forward to seeing you all again in 2019.

Looking back on 2018, it was a year that we were forced to make some changes, but we managed this with common help from all on the board.

Unfortunately, some of our members had chosen to leave us during the year, but we hope that some of them will come back.

The Christmas party went on very well with good food, and just about 60 people taking part including guests from Temecula's Vinland Lodge and other guests. We also had the installation of new officers. It seems that all had a good time.

What will this year bring to us? First of all, we are working on the Heritage Festival Feb.23. Hoping that many are willing to volunteer at the event, please contact Luella if you want to help out. Our last Festival went very well, thanks to all of our volunteers. Let us make this year's festival more successful. Some of us took the opportunity to make a visit to the Norwegian Seamens Church in San Pedro for an advent event. I will also recommend for those who would like to visit other Lodges, the nearest is Vinland Lodge in Temecula. It could be combined with a wine yard visit, win win.

For our coming monthly socials we would like to try making them more attractive and therefore we are reaching out to our members for ideas; What would you like to fill the time with?

Like I said at the installation, the Lodge is for all of our members and you are all invited to bring us ideas. You are also welcome to our board meeting to present your ideas or input. I personally, have a wish or a dream that we could take up the old success with a Lutefisk dinner, many are asking for it, we could have it in October/November, before all ordinary Christmas events start up.

Again, Happy New Year, see you all soon
Ulf



**Solskinn Lodge
Potluck
Saturday, January 26, 2018**

**Hope Lutheran Church
Hope Center
45-900 Portola Avenue, in
Palm Desert**



**4:30 Social
5:30 Program—
Bunads
Please bring
or wear your
bunad to
share
Questions
call Luella or
e-mail**

morongo2@verizon.net



Happy Hour/Solnedgang (Sunset) Supper Club

Celebrate Sons of Norway Founders Day
La Gran Fiesta Restaurant
 Wednesday, January 16 at 4:30 pm
 35325 Date Palm Dr., Cathedral City, CA
 west side of Date Palm Drive, in a strip mall,
 north of Nicolino's
 entre selections - \$15 and up

RSVP to Nancy Madson by Jan. 15
norsknm@gmail.com or leave a message at
 760-343-0848
 late reservations or cancellations call
 760-238-2688 cell

The voluntary contribution of \$1/person toward a charitable organization ties the Happy Hour/Supper Club to Sons of Norway. Last year's beneficiary of the charitable donation was the *Helping Hands to Members* fund within the Sons of Norway Foundation. This fund was established in 2004, and awards up to \$1,000 for members losing the use of their home in natural disasters including floods, tornadoes, hurricanes and wild-fires. Attendees will have input on the recipient for the 2019 contributions.

SupperClub
 FOOD & FRIENDS

BOOK CLUB

3:30 PM THUR 1/17

Panera Bread, Rancho Mirage
 Contact: Bev 760-323-7179 or
beachbaerbeve@aol.com

Heritage Day-- Calling All Volunteers

We need volunteers for our Heritage Day. Our success comes from our volunteers. This year the event is only 5 hours in length. We will need help with set up and clean-up. We need people to help cook, serve and sell food and beverages. We also need help in the culture area. We would appreciate 1.5 hr. shifts. Please Call Luella at 760-363-7704 or e-mail morongo2@verizon.net. If you signed up at the Christmas event I do have your names and will confirm as we get closer.



January fødsler

Joseph Kleitsch	1/1
Betty Schwankl	1/7
Dorothy Bessares	1/10
Sammie Lingle	1/10
Susan Norby	1/21
Lavonne Wisler	1/21
Brandon Richardson	1/30



Christmas Celebration



Louise Selle was the lucky winner of the beautiful, hand-made quilt created by Luella Grangaard. The drawing was held during the lodge Christmas dinner party on December 9. Chances on the quilt have been available for a number of months at lodge meetings and at the Southern CA Kretssteve in October. \$307.00 was raised for the Sons of Norway Foundation, the charitable arm of Sons of Norway. Thank-you, Luella, for your quilt donation.



Founders' Day – January 16th

On this date back in 1895, 18 Norwegian immigrants in Minneapolis, MN came together and formed a new group whose goals were to protect its members and their families from the financial hardships experienced during times of sickness or death in the family. A noble purpose, to be sure, but over time the mission grew to also include the preservation of Norwegian heritage and culture. It was clear that our founders and earliest members were great leaders and, I believe, also men of great vision.

From a 2012 Sons of Norway blog



In 2020, Sons of Norway will be celebrating 125 years of sharing the Norwegian culture and heritage; helping families with insurance and financial products; and assisting communities with scholarships and grants, financial donations and volunteerism. This is the Sons of Norway three F's: Fraternal, Financial, and Foundation. Show your ethnic pride on January 16 and wear red, white, and blue, your lodge name badge, or your Norwegian sweater. Tell a neighbor, a friend, or a stranger (person you meet in your daily activities) about Sons of Norway.

Submitted by Nancy Madson

The biennial installation of Solskinn Lodge officers was held at the Christmas dinner party at Palm Desert Country Club on Sunday, December 9, breaking with tradition of having the installation ceremony in January. A Christmas tree in the background adds a touch of festivity to the group photo. Officers for the 2019-2010 term in front row: Berit Reistad, Vaughn Simon, Tone Chaplin, Nancy Madson, Luella Grangaard, Ulf Lokke (President), Ronna Clymens (Zone Director and Installing Officer) from Vinland Lodge in Temecula. Back row: Bob Hendrix and Connie Fleischner (Installation escorts), Charlotte Larsen, Miriam Hendrix, Terje Berger, Corinne Bjerke.



Events Calendar

Date	Event	Time/Location/Contact
Jan 8, Tues	Business Meeting	3:30 Nancy's Home
Jan 10, Thurs	Hardanger	3:00 Debera's home 760-699-7436
Jan 15, Tues	Heritage Day Meeting	3:30 Nancy's Home
Jan 16, Wed	Solnedgang Supper Club	4:30 La Gran Fiesta Restaurant, Cathedral City
Jan 17, Thurs	Book Club	3:30 Panera, Monterey and Dinah Shore
Jan 26, Sat	Bunad program/Social	4:30 Hope Lutheran Church
Feb 8-9	Nordic Symposium	California Lutheran College
Feb 14, Thurs	Hardanger	3:00 Charlotte's home
Feb 21, Thurs	Book Club	3:30 Panera, Monterey and Dinah Shore
Feb 23, Sat	Heritage Day	10 - 3pm Hope Lutheran

Christmas Cookie Fun

Sandnøtter and Serinakaker are favorite Christmas cookies in Norway. Eight ladies made these two favorites on December 11 at Nancy Madson's home - from Norwegian language recipes. We measured butter, flour, and sugar by weight in grams, not by sticks and cups. Some Norwegian words can be figured out without much difficulty such as ingredienser, porsjon (sound it out), and eggehvite. Smør is a somewhat familiar Norwegian word meaning butter, as in smørbrød (butter bread - meaning open faced sandwich). Other words and phrases were more difficult such as sukker (sugar), hvetemel (flour), mandler (almonds), and rull deigen (roll the dough). How do you convert 200 degrees Centigrade to Fahrenheit? Multiply by 9, divide by 5, and then add 32.

What is bland til du hare en fast deig? Mix until you have a solid dough, from Google Translate. However, not all internet translations are accurate. For example, romtemperert TINE Meierismør means room temperature (a certain brand of) butter. The internet translation was

"cream-tempered Tine dairy mice" - not exactly what we want in a cookie! J But, thank-goodness, Norwegian born Tone Chaplin was there to help us with the instructions.

The Sandnøtter was interesting in that it used potetmel (cornflour/cornstarch) as a major flour, with a much smaller amount of regular white flour. That made for a very light-textured, melt-in-your-mouth cookie. Nancy attested that it was a tasty dough, as well. We also found out that the order of

adding ingredients were a bit different from our American baking traditions. For the Sandnøtter, the flour was added to the egg, rather than the egg being added to a butter and sugar mixture, then adding the flour. Both recipes were fairly simple (with Tone's help). Perhaps we should attempt more difficult recipes next time.

Bakers, in their aprons, are Junelle Pearson, Nancy Madson, Tone Chaplin, Magdalena Wilcox, Miriam Hendrix, Corinne Bjerke, Frida Jorgensen, and Bev Nabors.



HARDANGER

THURS JAN 10 3PM

1/10 - Debera's home 760-699-7436

Solskinn Lodge Officers 2019 - 2020

Board of Directors

President	Ulf Lokke	760-834-8144
Vice President	Luella Grangaard	760-363-7704
Counselor	Berit Reistad	760-485-1130
Secretary	Luella Grangaard	760-363-7704
Treasurer	Nancy Madson	760-343-0848
Membership Sec	Vaughn Simon	760-219-9160

Program Directors

Social Director	Tone Chaplin	760-773-2360
Co-Social Dir.	Nancy Madson	760-343-0848
Culture Director	Luella Grangaard	760-363-7704
Sunshine	Charlotte Larsen	760-328-1791
Co. Sunshine	Berit Reistad	760-485-1130

Support Positions

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Editor	Heidi Albright	760-449-1632
Photographer	Miriam Hendrix	
Musician	Terje Berger	
Librarian	Corinne Bjerke	

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to celebrate our relationship
with other Nordic countries,
and to provide quality
insurance and financial products
to its members.*