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# Vegas Viking News

**Sons of Norway Lodge 6-152 • Las Vegas, Nevada**

*Since May 16, 1992, promoting Norwegian heritage through special events – traditional and contemporary Scandinavian programs –*

**5 March Thursday** - Membership Meeting *Christ Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, 111 North Torrey Pines Dr.:* **6 p.m.**—Sports medal walk **6:30 p.m.**—Supper. Green Jello Contest - Program: Viking Martial Arts Presentation.

**14 March Saturday** - Henderson St Patrick's Day Parade **16 March Monday** - Newsletter deadline **21 March Saturday** - Board meeting 9am at Chef Flemmings on Water St.

## Ord fra Presidenten

First of all, thanks to Jenn for getting this newsletter out for the month of March. With all that's going on in her busy life I'm truly appreciative she can find the time to publish the newsletter. The lutefisk dinner was a great success thanks to all of the hard workers that showed up and did an outstanding job this year. The following people( in order on the sign up sheet ) made the dinner a success: Eric Maland, Elaine Halvorson, Lollo Sievert, Jan Sprague, Kathy Rothermel, Andy Agan, Sally Eldredge, Karen Holien, Cheryl Lesch, Onnie Singman, Judy Maland, Maureen Anderson, Leif Singman, Jeanette Grove, Vicky Brenes, Gwen Knighton, Warren Halvorson, Bob Sievert, Chuck Grove, Roger Lesch, David Nygard, Linda Turner, Jim Turner, Terry Baillargeon, Erik Pappa and Tracy Barkhuff. Those of you that made cookies deserve a big thank you: Karen Holien, Elaine Halvorson, Mae Cox, Judy Maland, Jeanette Grove, Suzan Sibert, and Linda Turner. A big thanks to Warren, Elaine and Gwen for all of the hauling of supplies and a very special thanks to Gwen for her organizing and ticketing expertise that made the "front end" run just great. Mr. MC, Erik, did a great job this year and looked sharp in his bunad. If I used the word "great" a lot it's because all of you did a GREAT JOB and that made life a lot easier for Gwen and myself. Tusen Takk!

On a sad note Donna Swartz passed away and will be missed by all of the lodge. She was a very kind and gentle person. She was especially proud of her attendance record and rightfully so, I know her spirit will be with us forever. Til minne Donna. Several of the Lodge members attended a meeting of the Hometown Heroes and were informed that another phase was being planned in the same general area. Christian Schoyen was there with the producer of the Norwegian TV series Lillehammer and they are planning a film about the second phase. Christian gave the lodge a copy of the first phase film which will be shown at the April or May meeting if Karen approves. Don't forget about the March 14<sup>th</sup> St. Patrick's Day parade in Henderson. Starts at 10 AM and we need a lot of participants. Please plan on attending! See you at the March 5 meeting. Hilsen Bob.

## From The Editor

First off, Apologies for not getting a newsletter out in January and February. This baby thing kicked me in the behind! Most of December was spent wondering if Baby would come, the end of December (when I should have been writing the newsletter) was spent either in latent labor or sleeping. Johannes Angus Christian Carl Wolf was FINALLY born on 10 January 2015 at 2:08 pm. We call him Angus. He was 22" and 8lb 4oz. He's just beautiful.

He is perfectly healthy, but maybe a bit of a momma's boy cause I hold him all the time (hey! he's my fifth, I understand that I probably won't get so much new baby time until grandkids!). So, January and much of February were spent holding a baby so he wouldn't cry (and of course feeding him). We are managing to get him happy with other places to play now, and other people holding him. YAY! The other big thing that has turned our lives upside down is that yes, we are moving. John applied for a job with the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod Office of International Missions as a career missionary. He has received and accepted a solemn appointment to serve as the Africa Region Project Manager and we will be moving to Nairobi (wonder if there's a lodge there?). He has also turned in his paperwork for retirement from the Air Force (has it been 20 years already?) and has his orders. His retirement will be on the 17th of June and we'll be leaving Las Vegas for Colorado on the 19th. We have to downsize our house from almost 18,000lbs to 5,000lbs by then. So, anyone needs anything, don't shop, ask me! We just might have it!

Note on format of our newsletter: This is a stopgap measure to get it out! I'll be back to normal next month - I ended up with three kids sick the day I was going to work on this, and then I got sick. Good thing I'm not Mailing it, you can't get my cold through the internet! See you at the Lodge Meeting (if I'm not still sick - just what I needed!)

## District 6 Dancing Class!

There will be a Folk Dance weekend at Camp Norge on April 17-19, 2015. Come to beautiful Camp Norge for a fun weekend of folk dancing, including dances for the Sons of Norway Cultural Skills program. Meg Laycock (Nordahl Grieg Lodge 6-62) and Ginny Lee (Centennial Lodge 6-161) will teach figure dances, and song dances, as well as dance basics. Live music for teaching sessions and the Saturday party will be provided by Bill Likens of Nordahl Grieg Lodge. For more information, check the Nordahl Grieg Leikarring og Spelemannslag website at ngls.net or call Meg Laycock at 408-255-2111.

## From Vegas Viking Webmistress

Please note that I have deleted the [webmistress@vegasviking.com](mailto:webmistress@vegasviking.com) email account for the [Vegasviking.com](http://Vegasviking.com) website and I have created a new email account [info@vegasviking.com](mailto:info@vegasviking.com) for [vegasviking.com](http://vegasviking.com). Any email sent to the deleted account will just bounce back. The reason for this is that I am now receiving well over 100 spam emails per day and I had to put a stop to that. Sorry for the inconvenience.  
Hilsen Lollo Sievert

## Notes of interest

Watch the Documentary Vegas Vikings movie trailer [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xL\\_pSeTy9WQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xL_pSeTy9WQ)  
This film documents the inspiring story of how a group of dedicated people collaborated to give the children Sierra Oestea community a second chance. We will be showing the movie at an upcoming meeting.  
E Bunny needs you help.  
<https://www.facebook.com/events/1458584821056866>  
Since 1990, E Bunny has delivered Easter Baskets to homeless and sick children. This grass roots initiative is run by volunteers working together with agencies, organizations, businesses and individuals to bring Easter baskets to kids in need, and has become a Vegas tradition. If you are able to donate one Easter Basket, please bring it to our meeting and I will get them delivered to E Bunny.  
Please email [info@vegasviking.com](mailto:info@vegasviking.com) if you have any questions.  
Hilsen fra the webmistress  
Lollo Sievert

## March Program Notes

At the March 5<sup>th</sup> Sons of Norway meeting, Patrick Tarzi and Cody Cris will be giving a 20-30 minute presentation on the early medieval martial arts of Northern Europe. This presentation will focus on the round shield and sword, which were used in Northern and Central Europe from 6<sup>th</sup> century BCE to 17<sup>th</sup> century BCE, especially by Scandinavians, Franks, Celts, and Saxons during the Dark Ages. Patrick and Cody will use descriptions of fighting such as the Icelandic Sagas, martial depictions and illustrations, and MS I.33, the earliest extant European fencing manual, to create a system of fighting with the early medieval shield. If time permits, they

will also discuss the bearded axe and the Danish axe. Patrick has been studying the longsword and shield since 2012, and Cody has been studying them since 2013. They are both fencers with the Noble Science Academy, but this presentation is not affiliated with the NSA in any way.

## Membership News - March 2015

Awards: Diane Seidlinger is eligible for her 20 year award on the 16<sup>th</sup>. On the 28<sup>th</sup>, Larry Shoger will celebrate 30 years with Sons of Norway. Congratulations.

### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

02 Signe Roden  
03 Terry Baillargeon  
16 Donald Odegard  
17 Richard Senzig  
17 July Seidlinger  
18 Cato Sandberg  
22 James Turner  
26 Kim Roden

### January 2015

On January 28, Carol Lommen, one of Vegas Viking's charter member, has attained 25 years as a member of the Sons of Norway. Quite an achievement. Congratulations.

### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

06 Charles Finnilla  
09 Heidi Kasama  
10 Helen Mortenson  
15 May Edmondson  
16 Jannifer Sprague  
21 Jytte Basye  
25 Mike Hagen

### February 2015

Awards: Chuck and Jeanette Grove have been members of Vegas Viking 152 of Sons of Norway for 20 years. Quite an achievement, thank you.

### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

01 Raymond, Rory  
02 Kristensen, Linda  
03 Sibert, Suzan C  
03 Morse, Jerome B  
09 Salvesen, Alice  
13 Wolf, Thad  
13 Maland, Judy  
13 Schoyen, Christian  
15 Singman, Onnie  
20 Helleberg, Egil  
21 Freeman-Clark, LadyHawk  
22 Knighton, Gwen  
23 Mathiesen, Annie  
25 Jellum, David

## Red Vests

Several members have expressed interest in purchasing a red "Sons of Norway" vest. Andy Agan will be taking prepaid orders at the next couple of meetings. The cost will be between \$20 and \$25 and will include the official SON patch which will need to be sewn on each vest. If you want a vest, but can't make the meeting, call Andy at 702-242-0602.

## Cookie Baking Day

Vegas Vikings participated in a Christmas Cookie Making Day on December 13 at Karen Holien's house. 15 members and 5 guests tried their hand at making Pepperkaker, Sarinakaker, Spritz, Sandbakkels, Krumkake and Rosettes. Thanks to Bob Sturgeon for demonstrating & supervising Rosettes and Jenn Wolf for doing the Fatigman. (Both were relegated to the garage to do the deep frying!) Lollo Sievert brought the dough ready made for Sarinakaker and let everyone make a few. Everyone agreed that practice makes perfect for some of these tricky cookies. Cheryl Lesch graciously sent over a pot of chili for lunch even though she was under the weather. We are hoping to make this an annual event, probably in November before the bazaar.

## Cultural Display at the Museum

Vegas Vikings, under the leadership of Kris Goplen, sponsored a display case at the Las Vegas Natural History Museum.

During the month of December different cultures are asked to set up displays representative of their country or ethnic group. Henny Morse and Kris Goplen furnished a variety of items from their personal collections. We are always proud to show our heritage to the Las Vegas Community!

## Tubfrim

During January we had 51 Donations for Tubfrim. We had one large donation from Alaska. January 22 a box of stamps was packed at 15 pounds.

On February 11th I picked up two donations from Roy's caregiver, Gail. Gail had call the week before. She had gone to pick up the donations as they were sent to Roy and Mickey Kristiansen's old address. One donation was from Illinois...she had been sending to a friend in Alaska and got the address for Roy and Mickey and was sending direct to them. The other came from England. That was a mystery until we opened and read the note inside. The lady in England was told about Tubfrim from her sister in Sweden. I had written the lady in Sweden about Mickey's passing as I noted on the file card, but that is over two years ago and she may not have gotten the change in address or misplaced it over the years. I wrote the donor in Sweden as well as her sister in England. Thanked them and sent them Tubfrim info.

Our donations have been much smaller than a year ago. Now we get envelopes of stamp donations rather than boxes. We all know the use of the postal stamp is on the decline.

Remember to save those stamps and bring them to the lodge meeting on March 5th.

Thanks,  
Suzan Sibert  
Tubfrim Committee

## Box tops and Education Labels

Thanks to our Lodge members and my Beta Sigma Phi sorority members January 2015 was a very high month with our Box Tops donation at 47 and Education Labels at 336 for Robert Taylor Elementary School. February we sent 22 Box Tops and 21 Education Labels. Robert Taylor Elementary School uses the funds from the Box Tops and Education Labels for special projects for the school and Field Trips for the students. Remember to Save those labels and box tops and bring them to the Lodge meeting on March 5th.

Thanks,  
Suzan Sibert  
Box Tops & Education Labels

## Sunshine

Just a few things for the Sunshine report.

The lodge members were delighted to see Jennifer Wolf, her family and new baby at our February 5th meeting. A number of the members got to hold the baby. Thanks to Jennifer for sharing her musical talents with the lodge at our meeting. We wish the family the best with the tiny new member.

Sunshine cards were sent to Henny Morse, Donna Swartz and Bea Belzone.

If you know of someone with a health concern please give me a call or email me. Suzan Sibert 702-645-6666 or email [arsibert@cox.net](mailto:arsibert@cox.net).

Thanks,  
Suzan Sibert  
Sunshine Vegas Viking Lodge

## District 6 Camperships

We again have two ½ Camperships available for our Camp Trollfjell Campers from District Six. For those 8-13 year olds, please go to [www.sofn6.org/arv/camp-trollfjell/](http://www.sofn6.org/arv/camp-trollfjell/).

For our new Trollfjell Folkehøgskule, we have a \$250.00 Scholarship for one participant. Again, check out the website [www.sofn6.org/arv/trollfjell-folkehogskule/](http://www.sofn6.org/arv/trollfjell-folkehogskule/).

Your Lodge Editor has the application forms available as well as those on the website. Note the application deadline is April 17, 2015.

Applications and questions to: Kristen Hulberg, District 6 Campership/ Scholarship Chair    [Khulberg@gmail.com](mailto:Khulberg@gmail.com)

## Annual SPPC Fundraiser at Shaker's Restaurant in Glendale

Every year in March, the Southland Past Presidents Club (SPPC) holds a fundraiser to assist in providing ½ “camperships” to Sons of Norway Heritage members who attend Camp Trollfjell (the language & heritage camp) at Camp Norge in Alta, CA. This year, 14-17 year olds attending the new Folkehøgskule (Folk High School) are eligible to apply for the SPPC campership also. With a new session for the older youth, and new ideas for Camp Trollfjell, assisting more of our youth is a worthy endeavor.

The Shaker's Fundraiser is Tuesday, March 17, 2015 between the hours of 3:00 and 8:00 PM at Shaker's Family Restaurant, 801 N. Central Ave., Glendale, CA. When you order your meal, tell the server that you are with the Sons of Norway group. 25% of your dinner tab and bakery purchase will go to the SPPC campership fund. Shaker's (not the pizza place) is a family restaurant that serves good, “home-cooked” meals, so bring your family, friends, and neighbors. You don't have to be a Sons of Norway member to participate. Come and celebrate St. Patrick's Day at Shaker's, eat a great meal, and help our Sons of Norway children.

If you can't go to Shaker's on March 17, consider giving a donation to SPPC instead (the gas money that you saved by not going). Send donations, made out to SPPC, to Mike Sondreaal, SPPC Treasurer, 1016 Saxon Place, Thousand Oaks, CA 91360-5347.

## Clark County & Alamo Students: Apply by April 10 for Scholarship Celebrating Norwegian Roots

The Sons of Norway's Viking Lodge 6-152 is seeking applications for its 9th annual scholarship for post-high school studies.

The postmark deadline is Friday, April 10, 2015. The scholarship value is at least \$500 and used for post-high school studies.

To qualify, the applicant must be of Norwegian descent; a legal resident of Clark County, NV, or Alamo, in Lincoln County, NV; at least a high school senior, and maintain full-time student status.

The application is on the web at <http://www.vegasviking.com/scholarship.html>.

Winners are chosen based on grades, financial need, involvement in extracurricular activities, and the content and quality of their essays, including how they express appreciation for their Norwegian heritage.

Last year five outstanding Clark County high school graduates with Norwegian ancestry were awarded scholarships ranging from \$500-\$800. The number of scholarships depends on funds available from various lodge fund-raising activities plus private donations.

Tax-deductible contributions to the scholarship fund—including naming gifts—are welcome. If preferred, a donor's name can be kept confidential. To donate, a check payable to the Vegas Viking Sons of Norway Scholarship Fund should be mailed to Treasurer Warren Halvorsen, 830 Kingston Springs Way, Las Vegas, NV 89123-3643.

For more information, call Suzan Sibert, 702-645-6666, co-chair of the scholarship committee.

## District 6 Scholarship

Information about the District 6 scholarships has been put on our new District Six Sons of Norway website [www.sofn6.org](http://www.sofn6.org) under the link *youth*.

Applications must be postmarked on or before **April 1, 2015**. We are awarding three (3) scholarships of \$1,000 each, to students entering their sophomore, junior or senior year in an accredited college or university in the USA. Please read the Eligibility Requirements, Check list of Requirements and completely fill out the application. The application must be mailed to Carl P. Ingvoldstad, Sons of Norway District Six Scholarship Chairperson. His address can be found on the web site, also. Questions can be addressed to Carl at [cingvoldst@aol.com](mailto:cingvoldst@aol.com).

## Hello from Oslo!

From Francesco Camuglia:

I was a 2008 scholarship recipient, and I'm excited to be in Norway for the first time this week, playing guest principal flute with the Norwegian Radio Orchestra.

With the support of the Vegas Viking Lodge, I received my Bachelor of Music from the Colburn Conservatory of Music in Los Angeles in 2012. After receiving a Fulbright Grant upon graduation, I moved to Berlin in fall 2012 for private studies with various teachers and to pursue a two-year master's program at the Academy of Music "Hanns Eisler."

In December 2013, I was fortunate enough to win a position in the Orchestra Academy of the Berlin Philharmonic, a two-year program where I regularly perform with the orchestra and take private lessons with flutists from the orchestra.

It was very exciting to visit Oslo last week, where I was playing as guest principal flute with the Norwegian Radio Orchestra (Kringkastingsorkestret). As the orchestra will soon be looking for a new principal flutist, I was recommended by a previous conductor of mine to play a week there.

My time with the Berlin Philharmonic will finish at the end of 2015, and I look forward to seeing what will happen after that- who knows, maybe I'll end up in Norway after all!

Thank you all again for your support in giving me a scholarship!



Pictures from our January Lutefisk Dinner



Pictures of our youngest Vegas Viking

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**Many thanks for the help. Tusen takk!**

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