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MEMBERSHIP MEETING: 1ST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH @ 6 P.M. (EXCEPT JUNE AND JULY)

Christ Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, 111 North Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas, NV

6 P.M. -Sports Medal -- 6:30 P.M. – Pot Luck Supper -- 7:00 P.M. Cultural events and Meeting



Photo credit: Eric Pappa - Vegas Vikings at the Henderson St. Patrick's Day Parade celebrating the Sons of Eyre with the community

EVERY MEMBER GET A MEMBER

Starting January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 District Six has a special membership recruitment program. For every new adult member that is referred by a Sons of Norway member, *and that referring member's name is indicated on the membership form*, that referring member will receive a \$5.00 gift card from District Six. There is no limitation on the number of members one may recruit. Contact our Vegas Viking Lodge Membership Secretary, Karen Holien, for more information.

KALENDER

May 1 – Norwegian labor day / May Day

Thursday, Mai 5, 2016 - Our regularly scheduled Lodge meeting at 6:00 pm at Christ Lutheran Church (111 N. Torrey Pines Dr.) A Pot Luck buffet will be available. Bring your favorite foods to share and enjoy. Pasta is suggested to compliment the Ethiopian and Turkish foods being featured (Spaghetti is not recommended-Elbow mac or bowties for finger food.)

Sunday, Mai 8 – Mothers' Day

Saturday, Mai 21, 2016 - The Vegas Viking Board meeting will take place at Chef Flemmings bake shop at #4 Water street in Henderson @ 9 a.m.

Saturday, Mai 14, 2016 - Vegas Viking Lodge will celebrate Syttende Mai with a picnic at Mountain Crest Park, Pavilion C, At Lone Mountain and Durango Dr. in Las Vegas.

Mai 17 – Syttende Mai / Norwegian Constitution Day

May 21 – Armed Forces Day

May 30 – Memorial Day

Just split my bunad laughing Compliments: Karen Solien

Murphy applied for a fork lift operator post at a famous Irish firm based in Dublin.

A Norwegian applied for the same job and since both applicants had similar qualifications, they were asked to take a test and led to a quiet room with no interruptions by the Manager.

When the results were in, both men had scored 19 out of 20.

The manager went to Murphy and said, "Thank you for coming to the interview, but we've decided to give the Norwegian the job.

Murphy,... "And why would you be doing that? We both got 19 questions correct. This being Ireland and me being Irish surely I should get the job.

Manager, "We have made our decision not on the correct answers, but on the question you got wrong.

Murphy, "And just how would one incorrect answer be better than another?"

Manager "Simple; on question number 7; the Norwegian wrote down, 'I don't know firm based in Dublin. You put down, 'Neither do I. "

Sons of Norway Foundation Grant Funds available for lodges and members. What is your lodge or community planning where extra funding could enhance the experience? **All grant applications are done online at www.sonsofnorway.com/foundation.**

Did you know that the Sons of Norway Foundation offers college scholarships starting at \$1,000 for current members, children or grandchildren of current members? This is a great member benefit. Have the college students in your family check out www.sonsofnorway.com/foundation. We currently offer seven categories of scholarships for different areas of study. **All scholarship applications are done online.**

The Sons of Norway Foundation awards approximately \$100,000 in grants and scholarship annually.

Please advise your Social Directors, Cultural Directors, Youth Directors and members of these opportunities.

Corrie Maki Knudson

Director

Sons of Norway Foundation

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Norwegian Constitution Day, May 17 [Syttende mai] 2016

Most of the country's 400 Sons of Norway Lodges commemorate Norway's "4th of July" on May 17 each year with a lodge picnic and a footpath parade with flag waving marchers and a boom box. A handful, in areas with large Norse-American populations like Seattle, Decorah, Brooklyn, Stouten and So. Cal. hold a real faire or festival with a proper street parade.

In 2016, the Henderson-Boulder City Sons of Norway is transitioning from the footpath to the uptown streets with the 1st annual Las Vegas Valley Norwegian Constitution Day "Syttende mai" event. A fundamental change was to move us from the confines of a local park, uptown to one of Vegas Valley's notable event locales, Boulder City's Bicentennial Park on Colorado Street. This venue has become park-central for many outdoor events in the metro area, some drawing as many as 100,000. There is no place in the area is more suited to an outdoor celebration.

"Camperships" (½ scholarships) are available from Southland Past Presidents Club (SPPC) for the two District Six camps held at Camp Norge. Camp Trollfjell, the District Six Language & Heritage Camp for youth, ages 8-13, will be held July 10 - 23, 2016. The new camp, Trollfjell Folkehøgskule, or Folk High School, for youth 14-17 years old, will be June 26 - July 9, 2016.

Both "camperships" will be \$437.50, half the cost of the two-week camp registration, based on early registration with the camp before May 17. The SPPC deadline for applying for a "campership" for either session is **May 7, 2016**.

See the new District Six website, www.sofn6.org under the Youth heading for more information and to apply to attend either camp session. Camp registration is separate from the Six campership (½ scholarship) application.

Applicants for the SPPC camperships can be a youth member or a child, grandchild, or great grandchild of a Sons of Norway member from Zone 5 or Zone 6 in District.

Applications for the SPPC campership should be sent to Luella Grangaard, SPPC Secretary, P.O. Box 832, Morongo Valley, CA 92256 or to Luella at morongo2@verizon.net stating the applicant's name, age, birth date, telephone number, the reason for wanting to attend Camp Trollfjell or Trollfjell Folkehøgskule, and the name of the parent/grandparent member and their lodge name. **The campership application must be received by May 7, 2016.**

The number of camperships to be awarded will be determined at the SPPC Spring meeting in conjunction with Norrøna Lodge #6-50 meeting on May 14. The camperships will then be awarded by a drawing.

President Bob Sturgeon's Message



Ord fra Presidenten

Sons of Norway; Vegas Viking Lodge 6-152; General Membership Meeting minutes; April 7, 2016 The meeting was held at Christ Lutheran Church fellowship hall, 111 N. Torrey Pines, Las Vegas, Nevada. There were 42 members and three guests present. At 6:30, members led us in singing Norwegian grace; then we enjoyed our potluck dinner from 6:30 – 7:00 p.m. Bob Sturgeon, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. We sang the U.S. national anthem. Our Norwegian flag wasn't at the meeting, so we didn't sing their anthem. Bob Sturgeon welcomed everyone and introduced our guest. James Donovan, Sons of Norway Benefits Advisor, gave a presentation on available financial products from the Sons of Norway. There are many reasons to buy these products, including the fact that annuities are actually earning interest, and the principal is protected. You will never lose the principal you have invested. James handed out information to each member. He is available for appointments.

This is from SON HQ announcing the 2016 Tubfrim drawing winner:

Tubfrim Winner Announced Thursday, January 14, 2016 was a lucky day for Vegas Viking Lodge 6-152. The lodge was the winner of the Tubfrim drawing to give away a ticket to Norway, worth up to \$1,000. Their postcard was drawn from among 1,331 other cards. With one card for every pound sent to Norway that means that Sons of Norway sent at least 1,332 pounds of stamps to Tubfrim in 2015. Vegas Vikings contributed 220 pounds to that total.

TICKET TO NORWAY: Our lodge sold raffle tickets for \$50 each to win the following prizes: \$1,000 ticket to Norway, beautiful clock donated by Maureen Anderson worth over \$600, and \$100 cash, donated by Maureen's grandson. Kathy Rothermel won the \$1,000 ticket; Vicdan Kittelson won the clock, and Andy Agan won the \$100 cash. We raised \$1,900 for our scholarship fund from the raffle.

MERRYHILL ELEMENTARY REQUEST: Bob Sturgeon announced that member Kim Roden, who is principal of Merryhill Elementary, would like Vikings to come to her school's International Days. Of course, VV is happy to oblige.

HENDERSON LIBRARIES INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL: The Henderson Libraries once again asked Vegas Viking to participate in their International Festival in April. We will be paid \$250 for each of two presentations. We will give a presentation called The Age of Vikings at the Gibson Library on Major and Water Streets on April 23 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. On April 30, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., we will give a lefse making demonstration at the Green Valley Library.

Bob asked what we should do with the money from the libraries. Maureen suggested that we split the money three ways between our general fund, scholarship fund, and Ren Fair. A majority of members present voted for this option.

MEMBERSHIP: Karen gave Douglas Kittelson a \$5 Smith's gift certificate for recruiting a new member for the lodge, his wife, Vicdan. District Six is holding a pre-convention membership contest. The lodge that recruits the most members between April 2 and May 31 will receive \$100 at the convention. This lodge contest is in addition to the existing membership recruitment program, and the same rules apply. Ask Karen for full details.

TRACY BARKUFF: Bob Sturgeon's daughter, Tracy Barkuff, is a finalist in the Heart of Education Awards. The teacher with the most votes will win \$10,000 presented by the Las Vegas Review-Journal. The link to vote is: <http://lasvegas.secondstreetapp.com/Heart-of-Education-RJ-Peoples>

TUBFRIM/CHARITIES: Suzan Sibert reported that Tubfrim received 29 donations, and three boxes were packed. Forty box tops were received and 61 Labels for Education. We received a thank you letter from Robert Taylor Elementary principal, Rebecca Johnson. A grocery bag full of pull tops was taken to the Ronald McDonald House.

SUNSHINE: Ivan and Kris Goplen still have health issues. Ivan is in rehab and has a long way to go. Cards are always welcome.

four years of college. So far, we have received two scholarship applications. We usually receive the applications close to the deadline, so more are expected. Suzan thanked everyone for their donations to the scholarship fund.

MULTICULTURAL NIGHT: Suzan will be hosting a table showcasing Norway at Multicultural Night at R.E. Tobler Elementary School, 6510 Buckskin Avenue, Las Vegas. The event will be on Wednesday, April 20, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The school is near Torrey Pines and Cheyenne. Vicdan and Douglas Kittelson will be presenting Turkey. Anyone who would like to participate is welcome to just show up.

FOUNDATION: Terry Baillargeon, Foundation Director, gave a short presentation on exactly what the Foundation does for the Sons of Norway members. They support education through scholarships, study opportunities in both Norway and the United States, and cultural events. The piggy was passed around for small donations. It all adds up.

SOCIAL: Maureen Anderson thanked everyone for bringing the food—good, as always. She gave away two door prizes: Jeanette Grove won red roses, and Sally Eldredge won yellow roses. Maureen said that for our May meeting, an Ethiopian friend of hers will be bringing authentic Ethiopian food for us. This woman was helped by a Norwegian man to flee Ethiopia and travel to Norway. She lost touch with him, and hopes to one day see him again. Maureen said we are welcome to bring pasta next time.

Jim Donovan won the 50/50 drawing of \$36.00.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: When no one had anything to add to the business meeting, we took a short recess before the cultural event.

CULTURAL: Vicky Brenes presented the cultural program tonight. She brought paint, brushes, stencils, and wooden objects for people to paint on. The stencils were Norwegian in style, and several people did an excellent job on their projects.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

The next board meeting will be at 9:00 a.m. on April 16 at Chef Flemming's Bake Shop at 7 Water Street in Henderson.

The next general meeting will be on May 5, 2016.

Syttende Mai picnic will be on Saturday, May 14 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Mountain Crest Park, Area C.

Mountain Crest Park: 4701 N. Durango, Las Vegas, NV 89129.

Minutes submitted by, Kathy Rothermel, Lodge Secretary

Box Tops and Labels for Education

Thanks to Vegas Viking members and my Beta Sigma Phi members we had a very large donation that was sent to Robert Taylor Elementary School on April 10th.

Box Tops 275

Labels for Education 972

Keep looking and save those Box Tops & Labels for Education.

Many thanks to All, Suzan Sibert, Box Tops & Labels for Education coordinator

Sunshine:

The Sun seems to be shining brightly

Tubfrim update for December.

During the month of March we had 29 donations from across the country for donation.

We had a number of stamp collections arrive. Thanks to Linda Kristensen's uncle for sending his stamps collections and his vintage stamps as Linda calls them. Linda just told me he has been donating to Tubfrim for many years.

We packed another box of stamps for Tubfrim on March 26th. With our total at 5 boxes and working on the 6th box.

Thanks to May Edmondson for spending hours at sorting and clipping stamps. She says it helps to keep her busy when she has to spend time inside due to her breathing condition.

Thanks to all the members for their stamps donations. With the decline in the use of the postal stamp I feel we are still doing well for Tubfrim. Keep saving those stamps and bring them to our lodge meetings.

Many thanks to you. Suzan Sibert, Tubfrim Committee

Pull Tops for Ronald Mc Donald House

Scholarships

A big thank you to all who donated to the Scholarship Fund. We had donations in the memory of Carol Foster. The donations were amazing at a total of \$1,900.00 over the past 3 months with the raffle tickets being sold for \$50.00 each. Thanks to the Tubfrim drawing for the round trip value up to \$1,000.00 to Norway with the lucky winner, Kathy Rothermel. We are delighted she will be traveling to Norway with cousins. Thanks to Marueen Anderson's son-in-law for his donation of the lovely musical wall clock valued at \$645.00 with the lucky winner, Vicdan Kittelson. Vicdan is a new member to Vegas Viking Lodge her husband, Douglas Kittleson, has been a Sons of Norway member for many years. He transferred into our lodge with their recent retirement here in Las Vegas. Thanks to Maureen Anderson's grandson for the donation of \$100.00 cash with the lucky winner, Andy Agan.

At the time of this writing we have eight scholarship applications. The selection committee will be meeting later this month. The award winners and their families will be invited to our June 2nd meeting to receive their award.

Many thanks to everyone. Suzan Sibert, Scholarship Committee

Cultural Activities

Library

Membership and Awards:

May Edmundson has signed up her grandson Jacob Rasmussen as a "Unge Venner" member. These members are 16 yo 23 years old and if a direct descendant of a Sons of Norway member, dues are waived. Come to the May meeting to hear more about the Unge Venner and Heritage programs for our youth.

Douglas Kittelson received a Smiths gift card from District 6 for signing up his wife Vicdan as a new member. This incentive is through the "Every Member Get a Member" program.

Upcoming membership awards are Don Odegard--20 years, Julie Seidlinger--15 years, and Lady-Hawk Freeman--10 years. Pins will be awarded at the May meeting.

Karen Holien, Membership Secretary



**MAI BIRTHDAYS:
GRATULERER MED DAGEN!**

- 1 - Else Schuster
- 1 - Mona Finnila
- 2 - Gloria Evenson
- 7 - Marvel Austin Taylor
- 15 - Joy Elane Gustafson, Walsh
- 24 - Donna Killian
- 28 - Ellen Grangaard King
- 30 - Bob Sievert

Sons of Norway Mission Statement

The mission of the Sons of Norway is to promote and preserve the heritage and culture of Norway; to celebrate our relationship with other Nordic countries, and to provide quality insurance and financial products to our members

Sonner Av Norge Misjon en Norske

Misjon av Norges sønner er å fremme og bevare arven og kultur i Norge; å feire vårt forhold til andre Nordiske Land, og å gi kvalitet forsikring og finansielle produkter til våre medlemmer.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS, WHICH MOST OF US TAKE FOR GRANTED ARE NEEDED FOR



VETERANS VILLAGE

IF YOU WISH TO DONATE SOME OF THESE ITEMS, BRING THEM TO THE LODGE MEETING IN CARE OF JAMES AND LINDA TURNER

Sponges
dust towels
toilet paper
toilet bowl disks
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dust towels
toilet paper
toilet bowl disks
shampoo
conditioner
soap
non-perishable foods
razors/shave cream
RTC bus passes
office supplies
socks - men & women shampoo
conditioner
soap
non-perishable foods
razors/shave cream
RTC bus passes
office supplies
socks - men & women
bleach
glass cleaner
furniture polish spray
scouring pads
cleaning gloves
drain cleaner
trash bags
dish soap
disinfectant spray
cleaner or mildew remover
shower curtains
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Central California Kretsstevne (CCK)

Flying Flags RV Park

180 Avenue of the Flags, Buellton

September 30th, October. 01st – 02nd 2016

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Sept. 15, 2016

The CCK Committee cordially invites all Sons of Norway members and their guests to attend the 2016 CCK at the beautiful Flying Flags facility in Buellton, just 45 miles north of Santa Barbara on Hwy. 101 for fun, fellowship, and great food – don't miss out!

Name(s) 1) _____ 2) _____ Lodge: # _____

Your E-Mail Address: _____ Telephone: _____ First Time Attendee: (yes/no)

Child(ren): (please give names and ages)

Additional Adult Guests:

Present or Past District Office(s) held:

Accommodations: For those attending the CCK and not bringing an RV there are Rental Trailers and Cottages at the RV Park. We have also made arrangements with the following motel for reduced rates: 1) 94.99+ tax for the Days Inn/Windmill Motel right next to the RV Park, (phone 800-WIND-INN OR 805-688-8448)

*** Please make your motel reservation as early as possible – cutoff is September 15th for this price ***

Following are the Prices for Registration, Meals and RV parking:

Registration & Meals: Note: We must pay the RV park for each person attending; thus the Registration Fee.

\$ Weekend Package: \$38 per adult (includes registration fee and Friday dinner thru Sunday breakfast)

\$ Weekend Package: \$19.00 per child age 10 to 17. (Friday through Sunday)

\$ Weekend Package: \$30 per person (includes registration fee and Saturday brunch thru Sunday breakfast. \$

Weekend Package: \$15 per child age 10 to 17. (Saturday through Sunday) OR Daily Registration fee and Individual Meals:

\$ Registration Fee: \$8.00 per adult, \$4.00 per child ages 10 to 17, children under 10 free

Registration includes a commemorative Kretsstevne Pin

Individual meals for adults are: _____ Individual meals for Children are: _____

\$ Friday Dinner: \$7.00 (x # needed) \$ Friday Dinner: \$3.50 (x # needed)

\$ Saturday brunch: \$7.00 (x # needed) \$ Saturday brunch: \$3.50 (x # needed)

\$ Saturday night dinner: \$11.00 (x # needed) \$ Saturday night dinner: \$5.50 (x # needed) Continued p. 10

\$ Sunday continental breakfast: \$7.00 (x # needed) \$ Sunday continental breakfast: \$3.50 (x # needed)

\$ Total amount due for registration and meals. (STOP HERE IF NOT BRINGING AN RV)

RV Campers Only (a special Thanks to you for bringing your RV as we need 12 to get the Club House)

\$ Cost per night is \$54.00 and the minimum number of nights is two: Friday and Saturday (additional people \$5 per night)

\$ An extra vehicle fee is \$5.00 per day but up to 2 pets per site are now FREE

\$ Total amount due for RV parking: RV Length RV Site Request (if any) \$ Total amount due for registration, meals and RV parking (include all fees).

***NOTE: If participating in the Craft Fair Sat. Afternoon (10% to Camp Norge), please indicate: Yes
or No*** ***NOTE: Wanted raffle items (large or small); all proceeds from raffle will again go to
Camp Norge!***

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: "CCK" AND MAIL WITH THIS COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM
TO: Ron Oftebro,

5395 Queen Ann Lane, Santa Barbara, CA 93111-1121 phone 805-964-9195 (question to r.oftebro@cox.net)

TAKK FOR SIST ~ WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN SEPTEMBER