

Happy New Year !!!!!

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Hint for "Happy New Year"

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Scandinavian Chatter

Scandinavian Club

Sun Lakes, AZ 85248



Wow!!!! What a great group of Scandinavians!! At the last tabulation, we have 108 paid members. I am in awe!!

I want to thank our Vice President, Maynard Iverson, for stepping up to fill in for me during my illness. I also want to thank the members of the Board and the Committees for stepping up and doing whatever has needed to be done. Good job everyone!!

Thank you to everyone who sent me cards, called, visited, or prayed for me during my illness. I am home from the hospital and met with my Hematologist and Oncologist on Monday. I still have some remnants of pneumonia in my right lung. I am progressing well and need to regain my strength and my speech. I am improving each day. and hope to see all of you on Sunday night, January 15th.

The January Smorgasbord meeting will be a new event for the Club. In Scandinavian Countries, most meals have various cheeses. Fish is generally available, including shrimp and salmon. Fruit is popular, such as Lingonberries, along with a variety of preserves. Pickled beets are also frequently present.

Rye bread is a staple and open faced sandwiches with a variety of toppings are always present. A favorite dessert would be excellent as we always need some sweets. For some of you "Scandinavian Foodies", I am looking forward to admiring and hopefully enjoying some Swedish "Smorgastarta".

Remember to bring your own table service and take home any plates that you may have used to bring your Smorgasbord food.

The program for the evening will be a travel log of Norway by Howard & Loree Baumgart, who took an extensive trip to Norway.

A member asked if any members speaking Swedish or Danish would be interested in gathering together to practice and maintain their skills. If you have any interest in joining please let me know.

As a matter of correction my address is 6691 S. Championship Drive, not 66915.



Jerry Johnson
President

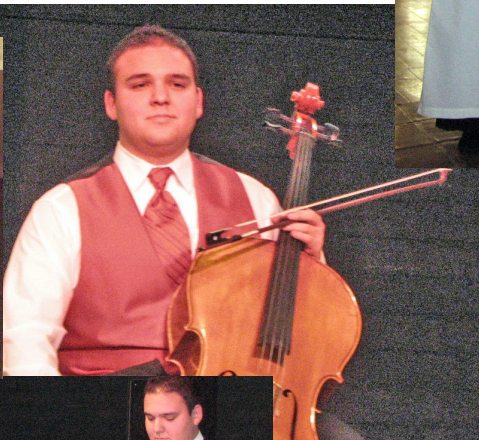
MARK YOUR CALENDAR for February 19

A Lindquist performance can seem a little zany with his stunts such as playing while sitting on the floor or with a sheet thrown over the piano. His sense of humor as well as his piano antics have earned him a large fan following. Lindquist has performed throughout Norway, performed with entertainers such as Myron Floren and Bob Hope and gained exposure that's opened the door to numerous other engagements in the United States and Canada. You won't want to miss this!



He went to Concordia College in Moorhead, Minn., to get a degree in music education in 1959. He also has a master's degree from the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley and has taken additional graduate work at the University of California.

Hope you shared in the wonderful evening of December 11. Before dinner we were treated to Cello music by Carlos Felix, After dinner the new "a cappella" choir sang for us with our very own Chris Roen. We were also treated to the impressive St. Lucia ceremony. We closed the evening, with Jerry Christenson leading us in some group singing.



Danish Immigration

The number of Danes who emigrated to the United States, reached more than 375,000 between 1820 and 1990 with the vast majority from 1860 to 1930. Thus, the main Danish emigration year into the U.S. was 1882, when some 11,618 Danes established in the country.

The first significant wave of Danish immigrants to America was formed by converts to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (Mormons) established in United States in 1850, in the newly acquired Utah state. It is estimated that some 17,000 took up residence in the small farming communities of Sanpete and Sevier counties in Utah. Today these counties are second and fifth respectively among all the counties in the United States in percent of Danish American that live there.

Another place of sizable Danish emigration was the Schleswig area of Jutland, that was at the time controlled by Prussia, after the Danes defeat. Between 1864 and 1920, some 50,000 North Slesvigers immigrated to the United States, although most of these Danes are recorded in census statistics as immigrants from Germany rather than Denmark.

Most Danes who immigrated to the United States after 1865 did so for economic reasons. As a result of the improvement in medicine and food, there was a large increase of the Danish population. This in turn caused a high amount of poverty, which in turn caused a significant migration to other cities and United States. Many became farmers in the United States.

The Library of Congress has noted that Danish Americans, more so than other Scandinavian Americans, spread nationwide and comparatively quickly disappeared into the melting pot. The Danes were the least cohesive group and the first to lose consciousness of their origins. Historians have pointed to the higher rate of English use among Danes, their willingness to marry non-Danes, and their eagerness to become naturalized citizens. These factors contributed to their rapid assimilation, as well as their interactions with the already more assimilated German American community.

According to the U.S. census in 2000, the states with the largest populations of Danish Americans are: California - 207,030; Utah - 44,713; Minnesota - 88,924; Wisconsin - 72,160; Washington - 72,098. The cities of Chicago and Racine, Wisconsin claim to be home to the largest group of Danish Americans in the United States. Solvang, California on the other hand, claims the title of the **DANISH CAPITAL IN THE U.S.**

HERITAGE/SCANDINAVIAN ARTIFACTS NIGHT - FEBRUARY 19

Plan to be with us on **February 19 for our Heritage Night** and enjoy some great food from the potluck. As part of our Heritage night, please consider sharing your Scandinavian artifacts that will be displayed for all to see. This could include toys, models, dishes, photos, or anything characteristic of our Scandinavian Heritage. Be sure to label your items so you can easily pick them up after the meeting. And, be entertained by Gordy 'Crazy Fingers' Lindquist.

ANNUAL MEETING—MARCH 18

In addition to our Annual Meeting we will be entertained by a group of Scandinavian Dancers. If you, or someone you know might be interested in serving, contact of one our board members.

Meetings are in the Arizona Room at The Sun Lakes Country Club, Phase I
25601 N. Sun Lakes Blvd. , Sun Lakes, Arizona
Social Hour 5:00pm- Dinner at 6:00pm-Program at 7:00pm

SOLVANG, CALIFORNIA

THE DANISH CAPITAL OF THE U.S.

Solvang in Danish means "sunny fields". Want to visit Denmark? No passport needed. Visit the little community of Solvang, CA. It is located in southern California.

Solvang was founded in 1911. A 9000+ acre enclave in the verdant Santa Ynez Valley just 125 miles north of Los Angeles

Depending on traffic it is about 2 1/2 hours from downtown Los Angeles. If you take the 101 to the 246 highway exit, turn east for a 5 minute drive along a two lane pine tree lined road with thorough bred race horse farms on each side.

With nearly 300 days of sunshine annually, any time of the year is the perfect time to visit Sol-



vang and the Santa Ynez Valley. You can shop at 150 independent boutiques, stores and art galleries. Culinary delights include a dozen wine tasting rooms all within walking distance. Hop aboard the Solvang Trolley for a tour--a historic wooden streetcar pulled by a pair of magnificent horses.

If you should have a opportunity to visit Solvang, you should plan some time to visit the Elverhøj Museum. They have collected, preserved, and now exhibit the history and Danish culture of Solvang. You'll be delighted by Solvang's Danish architecture and the Little Mermaid statue, based on the tale by Hans Christian Andersen. This is a replica of the iconic statue in Copenhagen. And, you would not want to miss the Danish bakeries and shops. Find out more at <http://www.solvangusa.com>.

We happened to visit Solvang in 2003 to attend a wedding at one of the several wineries in the area. It also happened to be during the annual "Danish Days" in the middle of September. It provided a opportunity for some good photo shots in Solvang. Having been founded in 1911, Solvang celebrated their centennial in 2011.

Lyle Replogle (Great-grandfather, Peter Henningsen immigrated from Schleswig, Germany).