



Scandinavian Club of the Southeast Valley

Meeting at the Sun Lakes Country Club, Arizona Room



November 2012

Welcome to another stellar year of programs by the Scandinavian Club of the Southeast Valley! During the months of November, 2012 through March, 2013 we will celebrate our Scandinavian heritage with stimulating presentations, excellent food and drink, interesting displays, and neighborly fellowship. Your Board of Directors is working diligently to provide an exciting program emphasizing patriotism and youth. Vice President Ken Egertson has organized a series of meetings that we are sure will appeal to a wide range of interests. We are continuing the successful ideas from past leaders, including a smorgasbord at all meetings, pickled herring/cheese/crackers during the hospitality hour prior to dinner, displays of Scandinavian flags and artifacts, and welcoming visitors and new members at each meeting. Our goal for the year is to grow our membership; therefore, we are asking every member to bring a (prospective) member. Please contact your neighbors and friends and invite them to join our organization. They will thank you, and we thank you!

To aid you in recruiting, our Newsletter Editor, Lyle Replogle, has designed an attractive color brochure; you may wish to pick up some of these at the registration table. Publicity Chairman Jerry Christiansen will have monthly articles in the Splash and other publications, and he arranged for a display and active recruitment at the Open Houses held in the area. Also, past president Jerry Johnson is working diligently to put everyone on our e-mail distribution list, so that you are kept apprised of all Club activities. Please let us know how we can improve on these efforts!

It is an honor to lead this outstanding ethnic organization. I look forward to working with you during the coming months.

Maynard Iverson, Viking Chief (President)

If you weren't with us at the March, 2012 meeting you missed out on a wonderful night of Scandinavian dancers. Can you tell the difference between the pros and club members?



You can watch a video of the dancers at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dCGtojjj0hU&feature=youtu.be>

-----DUES-----

Our annual dues are up a little to \$15.00 per person. This modest increase will allow for a robust program and entertainment schedule. The dues also pay the rent and provide supplies we need for table decoration, etc. Guests are welcome at \$5.00 per person.

Scandinavian Club Officers and Board Members 2012/2013



Left to Right: Jerry Johnson, Past President, Carolyn Brown, Asst. Treasurer, Ken Egertson, Vice President, Pat Schindle, Treasurer, Jerry Christenson, Director, Maynard Iverson, President, Lydia Larson, Secretary, Don Henke, Director, Nancy Martin, Director

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SCANDINAVIAN CLUB TO HAVE NEW NAME

Jerry Christenson

The Sun Lakes Scandinavian Club will be officially called the Scandinavian Club of the Southeast Valley beginning with our first meeting of our new year on Sunday evening November 11, in the Arizona Room at the Sun Lakes Country Club. Open bar is at 5:00 p.m. Please bring enough food for six to eight people and your own dishes, cups and dinner utensils.

At our final board meeting in April 2012, our new officers and board members unanimously voted to officially change our club name to the Scandinavian Club of the Southeast Valley and extended invitations to all Scandinavians living in the Chandler, Gilbert, Mesa, Tempe, Queen Creek, Ahwatukee and of course Sun Lakes, SunBird and Springfield, to include Solera, Trilogy and other communities with the Chandler zip code. Eligibility requires being of Scandinavian descent or spouse of one. We cordially invite all of you to join our friendly group of people.

We are fortunate to have as our speaker one of our own members, former Navy Chaplain Walter Hiskett. His experiences as a young marine may shock some of you, but you will have a better appreciation for our servicemen and what they endure sacrificing their lives for America. Hiskett's personal decorations include the Legion of Merit (two awards), the Purple Heart, the Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), the Navy Commendation Medal with Combat "V" (two awards), the Vietnam Honor Medal 1st Class, and the Combat Action Ribbon, and several other service and campaign medals. His final Navy tour was as Command Chaplain Navy Training Center, San Diego, from which he retired in 1992 after 34 years of distinguished and honorable military service.



Our new president, Maynard Iverson, welcomes all returning members and visitors on November 11. We have only five meetings per year and the Christmas dinner meeting will be on December 16.

SHARING A SCANDINAVIAN HERITAGE MOMENT

Our most exciting vacation was a trip Chris and I took the summer of 1995. My father, Oscar Roen emigrated from Ringebu, Norway in 1923. This town is about 140 miles North of Oslo, and is close to Lillehammer, site of the 1994 winter Olympics. We spent about two weeks visiting areas of Norway, and of course my relatives.

Near the end of our stay, a relative suggested we dress for a party they were driving us to, and we were told there would be more relatives to see. When we arrived at the mountain Chalet, Chris asked our cousin why the Norwegian flag was flying at half mast, and she told us, we do that to honor a returning native son. Wow,

We stepped inside to see a room full of relatives, including my uncle and aunt who were both over 90 years old. They had a fantastic program for us, and then there were tables of food, many rich in cream and cheese, and cakes piled high with sugary goodies. Some of those dishes were so beautiful I didn't want to be the first through the line, but we were the guests of honor.

When we left the party 48 relatives said goodbye to us. We each were treated like a king and a queen.

Gordon Roen

Some of my cousins in Norway dressed in their Bunads.

We look forward to others sharing such moments. You can e-mail us at “mail@scandiclub.org”.



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LITTLE KNOWN FACT ABOUT MAYVILLE, NORTH DAKOTA

Mayville is well known as the hometown of a number of our club members. It is also the hometown of another well known Arizona resident.

Robert Luther "Lute" Olson (born September 22, 1934) is a retired American men's basketball coach. He was most recently head coach at the University of Arizona for a period of 25 years. He was also head coach at the University of Iowa for nine years and at California State University, Long Beach for one season. Olson was known for player development, and many of his former players have gone on to impressive careers in the NBA after having played under him. On October 23, 2008 Olson announced his retirement from coaching.

Olson was born in **Mayville, North Dakota** of Norwegian-American parentage, and is a graduate of Augsburg College in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Olson began his career coaching high school teams in Mahnomon and Two Harbors, Minnesota, and Anaheim and Huntington Beach, California.

Some other well known Scandinavians include Eliot Ness, Walter Mondale, Karl Rove, Paris Hilton, Marilyn Monroe, Iggy Pop, Jan Brewer, Hubert Humphrey and Knute Rockne, Matt Damon and Buzz Aldrin.

Not wanting to slight other Scandinavians, did you hear the latest?

Walking home from an evening in the Sons of Norway Lodge bar, Thor and Sven find a mirror in the road.

Thor picks it up and says, "Uff da! Ay know dis face but Ay can't put a name to it."

Sven takes it from him and says, "Yew idiot! Dat's me!"

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SCANDINAVIAN CLUB OF SOUTHEAST VALLEY

2012/2013

Sunday dinner/meetings

*Sun Lakes Country Club, Phase I
25601 N. Sun Lakes Blvd., in the Arizona Room.*

Maynard Iverson, President 802-6993

Social Hour 5:00, Dinner 6:00, Program 7:00

November 11, 2012

SMORGASBORD/POTLUCK DINNER

Veterans Day-Patriotic Program

Walt Hiskett, Combat Veteran/Chaplain

December 16, 2012

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER

Dobson High School Madrigal Choir

Santa Lucia

January 20, 2013

Musical Program

Mike and Gayle Riggert-Harris

February 17, 2013

Exchange Students

March 17, 2013

Treble-Makers/Chandler High School

Americans of Scandinavian, or part-Scandinavian ancestry

Scandinavians in the United States

 Danish Americans estimate: 1,453,897

 Finnish American estimate: 677,272

 Icelandic Americans estimate: 51,234

Northern European estimate: 230,027

 Norwegian Americans estimate: 4,602,337

Scandinavian estimate: 582,549

 Swedish Americans estimate: 4,293,208

Total "Scandinavians" = 11,890,524

DID YOU KNOW?

Wikipedia reports there are some 11,890,524 people of Scandinavian ancestry in the United States representing 3.8% of the total population.

The state with the **largest number** of Scandinavian Americans is Minnesota totaling some 1,580,776; accounting for 32.1% of the states residents.

The state with the **largest percentage** of Scandinavians is North Dakota with 231,875 making up 36.1% of the states population. North Dakota ranks 15th in the United States.

Arizona ranks 13th with 281,388 residents of Scandinavian ancestry. They represent 3.9% of the population.