

Scandinavian Club of the Southeast Valley

Meeting at the Sun Lakes Country Club, Arizona Room

JANUARY

2014



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DOBSON HIGH SCHOOL SINGERS

The Dobson High School Singers will be with us on Sunday, January 19th. Having given us such a rousing Madrigal performance for us in December of 2013, we look forward to having them with us once again. The group is under the direction of Dr. Ron Carpenter. You may want to read more about him at:

<http://scandinavianclubsev.wordpress.com/news/dobson-high-singers-ron-carpenter/>

If you missed their performance last year you can view some of it at:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H8GGT7wdzag&feature=youtu.be>

FROM OUR PRESIDENT

The Scandinavian Club of the Southeast Valley wishes to welcome all the new members who have joined us. Those of us and spouses, who may or not be of the Scandinavian heritage, are hoping you have a special evening of good food, good friends and an evening filled with great entertainment.



It is a way for us to preserve our heritage and make new relationships with those who can say "you betcha" and not skip a beat.

A special thank you to Gloria and Ken Egertson for all they did to make this a wonderful club and hope they haven't been too cold in their return to Iowa.

We hope you will join us for our Heritage Dinner. We have a great dinner and fabulous entertainment planned for you. Put on your dancing shoes.

Nancy Espy-Martin

COME JOIN WITH US ON SUNDAY, January 19TH

**Sun Lakes Country Club
25601 N. Sun Lakes Blvd.-Arizona Room**

**Social Hour 5:00 Potluck Dinner 6:00
(bring your place settings) Program at 7:00**

50/50 DRAWING

To assist the club in expanding our program selections and to plan for some possible community outreach we will have a 50/50 drawing in January. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

SOME OF OUR NEW MEMBERS



Our newest COUPLE. Ray Pfersdorf and Evelyn Sundman. When introduced as new members, Ray proposed to Evelyn.



**We didn't get a name.
Can someone help with this one?**



Dave and Patricia Weitzel. Dave was with us in November, but December was the first time Patricia was with us.



Linda and Ken Nelsen

Marty Roberts went home with \$91. That was half of the ticket sales from the 50/50 drawing. Thanks to everyone who participated.



New member Pat Corlew in the middle with Jan and Wenche Kvissel visiting from Lillehammer, Norway. We were pleased to have Wenche give us a prayer in her native Norwegian.

Is it Scandinavian or Nordic?

Have you ever been corrected in Finland when you called a Finn "Scandinavian"? Or perhaps this has happened to you in Iceland? Is Denmark a Nordic country? Are the Danes actually Scandinavians?

Although in the rest of the world the words "Scandinavian" and "Nordic" are happily used in similar manner and are interchangeable, in northern Europe they are not. Europeans love to magnify even the smallest difference between neighboring countries and you will probably be corrected if you don't use the words in their appropriate context. The problem comes when even Europeans themselves can't agree on the meaning of "Scandinavian" and "Nordic"...

Where is Scandinavia:

Geographically speaking, the Scandinavian peninsula is the area shared by Norway, Sweden and part of northern Finland. In this view, the Scandinavian countries would therefore focus only on Norway and Sweden.

Linguistically, Swedish, Norwegian and Danish have a common word called "Skandinavien". That word refers to the ancient territories of the Norsemen: Norway, Sweden and Denmark. This definition is considered to be the most commonly accepted definition of "Scandinavia".

However, Iceland was also one of the Norsemen's regions. In addition, Icelandic belongs to the same linguistic family as Swedish, Norwegian and Danish. And so do the Faroe Islands. Therefore, you will find that many non-Scandinavian travelers connect Scandinavia to Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland and Iceland.

And finally, Swedish is used partially in Finland just as Finnish is spoken in Norway and Sweden. Again, this gives a new, wider, definition which includes Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Iceland and Finland.

Culturally and historically, the north of Europe has been the political playground of the kingdoms of Norway, Sweden and Denmark.

Finland was a part of the kingdom of Sweden, and Iceland belonged to Norway and Denmark. Besides a common history, politically and economically these five countries have followed a similar model known as the Nordic welfare state since the

20th century.

What are the "Nordic countries":

In such a state of linguistic and geographical confusion, the French came to help us all and invented the term "Pays Nordiques" or "Nordic Countries", which has become a common term to bring together Scandinavia, Iceland and Finland under the same umbrella.

The Baltic countries and Greenland:

The Baltic countries are the three young Baltic republics of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania. Neither the Baltic countries nor Greenland are considered Scandinavian or Nordic. However, there is a close relation between the Nordic countries and the Baltics and Greenland: The Baltic republics have been strongly influenced, culturally and historically, by the Scandinavian countries.

The same applies to Greenland, a territory which is closer to America than to Europe, but that belongs politically to the kingdom of Denmark. Half of Greenland's historical and cultural heritage is Scandinavian and therefore these strong ties often bring Greenland together with the Nordic countries.

MAKE YOUR PLANS FOR THE FEBRUARY HERITAGE DINNER



There will be Scandinavian artifacts and memorabilia. There will be music provided by Sylvia Jorgensen and Carl Nyberg.

AND, there will be a super meal of pineapple baked pork with Salmon served with beans almondine, a garden salad and rolls with carrot cake for desert. All this for only \$20.

TICKETS AVAILABLE ON SUNDAY

Scandinavian Club Online

With the advent of the digital age, there has been a change in how we record the history of the Club. Photos are no longer available in printed form and a new approach needs to be taken to have a record of our Club meetings.

To address this change, a web site has been established on Word Press. While not a typical web site, it provides a place to store not only photos but also copies of Newsletters. In addition, pages can be created that can inform members of Club calendars, news and activities.

We also plan on adding internet links that may be of interest to those of Scandinavian Heritage. If you have a link that might be enjoyed by others, submit it to scandinavianclubsev@gmail.com.

We have a large number of print photos from years past. If there is interest, we may have these photos scanned for inclusion into the Word Press site.

While still needing additional updating, especially of digital photos, the site can be viewed at:
www.Scandinavianclubsev.wordpress.com
If viewing online simply click the above line.

A message from Craig Thorsen

"I am Norwegian and speak a little Bokmal. I'd be interested in meeting others who might want to study the language, maybe read some Norwegian magazines or books and talk about it."

Bokmål ([\[ˈbuːkmɑːl\]](#), literally "book tongue") is an official written standard for the [Norwegian language](#), alongside [Nynorsk](#). Bokmål is the preferred written standard of Norwegian for 85–90%^[1] of the population in [Norway](#), and is the standard most commonly taught to foreign students of the Norwegian language.

Contact Craig at: craig.thorsen@gmail.com

From Roger Rodeberg

Somewhere in a Norwegian community in Minnesota is a high school cheer that goes like this:

Lutefisk, Lutefisk
Lefse, Lefse
We can beat Roosevelt
Ya sure ya betcha.

Claiming Your History How to Incorporate Your Past Into Your Present

"By the way we speak, we can show the value of the history of our own lives. By recording and remembering, collecting and researching, we can bring that history into our own stories. We, too, can make a certain claim on the past, instead of letting it slip out of recorded memory and away from us forever." - Tracy Whittington.

If you are looking for inspiration and ways to discover and understand your past, this book is for you. Ms. Whittington also places emphasis on valuing our own history and includes many tips/ideas for doing so. Her writing style according to Amazon reviews is "light, entertaining and fun."

The e-book is organized into four chapters: Genealogy, Heirlooms; Home; and Traditions. Each deals with the past of our ancestors as well as our own present lives. If you have not explored your family history and do not consider yourself a genealogist, she has many tips to get you started. If you have worked on your genealogy already, there are still many fun and useful tips to be had....like who would think of having an 'heirloom shower' for a bride to be!

Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter editor referred to this book as an idea-book, and noted that it worked well to read just a few pages at a time, ruminate, then figure out how to incorporate a few new ideas in one's own daily life.

(approximately 256 pages) may be purchased for \$3.99 as a Kindle eBook from

www.amazon.com, search for "Claiming your history", or click below:

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