

Scandinavian Club of the Southeast Valley

Meeting at the Sun Lakes Country Club, Arizona Room

February
2014



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| President | Nancy Espy-Martin |
| Vice President | Vacant |
| Past President | Maynard Iverson |
| Treasurer | Jerry Johnson |
| Asst. Treasurer | Carolyn Brown |
| Secretary | Vacant |
| Two year term board members --- | |
| Don Henke, Jerry Christenson | |
| Darlene Knipping and Sue Jordan | |

The following committees have been staffed by the president-

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| Membership Chair | Carol Jacobsen |
| Historian | Gordon Roen |
| Table setup/coordinator | Sue Jordan |
| Newsletter Publisher | Lyle Replogle |
| Photographer | Lyle Replogle |
| Publicity | Jerry Christenson |
| Caring Committee | Jan Henke |
| Coffee Preparation | Curt/Lydia Larson |
| Greeters | Harvey/Carol Knudson |

DO YOU HAVE MINNESOTA TIES?

Join your friends from Minnesota for a patio party at the Palo Verde Country club on March 23rd from 4 to 7 PM. There will be a buffet and cash bar. The cost is \$15 per person.

Contact Pete Herges at 480-895-4158 or Email him at peteherges@yahoo.com.

CONTACT US

<http://scandinavianclubsev.wordpress.com/officerscommittes/>

(Names, Email addresses and Telephone numbers of Board and Committee members)

FROM OUR PRESIDENT

A big welcome to all our new members! It is our goal to make you feel a part of the Scandinavian Club. Our Club is growing and it is exciting to see new friends who will share their backgrounds with us.



Nancy Espy-Martin

We are looking for a few new members, or some not so new, who will help us with some open Board positions. We only meet 6 times a year as we only have 5 monthly meetings for our social times. Please let me know if you would be interested. Fresh ideas are always welcome and that is what makes our club grow. I hope you all enjoy our Heritage Dinner and entertainment.

Arizona Scandinavian Springfest

Saturday, March 1, 2014

10:00am-2:00pm

Admission & Program \$3.00

10:00 am Open booths, food & crafts

10:30 am Sylvia Jorgensen music for dancing

12:00 pm Flag Ceremony

12:20 pm Scandinavian Dancers

Celebrate Scandinavian customs,
Music and crafts while enjoying
Scandinavian foods

Desert Ridge High School
10045 E. Madero Ave, Mesa

North on Alma School, then right on Loop 202
16 miles, take exit 32 to the right for 2 miles
left on Crimson for 1/2 mile

(Crismon/Madero Ave)

GET TO KNOW SOME FELLOW SCANDINAVIANS



Chuck and Nancy Pederson



Rosemary & Gene Larson



Liz and Ted Tollefson



Judy Magnuson



LaVerne (Bunny) Reynolds



Margie Goers & Betty Swenson



Carol and Rich Veenhuis



Janet & Henry Thorstenson



Delores & Jerome Thompson



Corrine and Lester Zimmerman



Zelma Zita Zalit & Roger Rodeburg

Our Scandinavian Heritage

We hope you will be one of the 111 expected to be in attendance this Sunday. February is the month in which we give particular attention to our Scandinavian Heritage.

The event begins at 5 PM with the Social Hour. Sylvia Jorgensen and Carl Nyberg will begin with their offering of music to set the tone for the evening. There will be Herring for those who relish its taste. Of course there will be cheese and crackers as well. It often goes fast, so don't be late.

Attendees are encouraged to share their personal heritage artifacts and memorabilia, as well as photos. Be sure to label them.

At 6 PM we will begin to fill our plates with a wonderful dinner of stuffed pork and salmon along with beans almandine and twice baked potatoes.

After we finish our coffee and carrot cake we will be ready for the main event. Sylvia and Carl will really get us in a "Scandinavian State of Mind". A dance floor has been put down so we hope that many of you will take a spin or two. All forms of dancing are welcome. If you know some Scandinavian steps this will be a great opportunity to try them out.

At our last meeting of the 2013/2014 year we will continue with a program centered on heritage. A film on the life of Crown Princess Martha of Norway will be viewed after dinner.

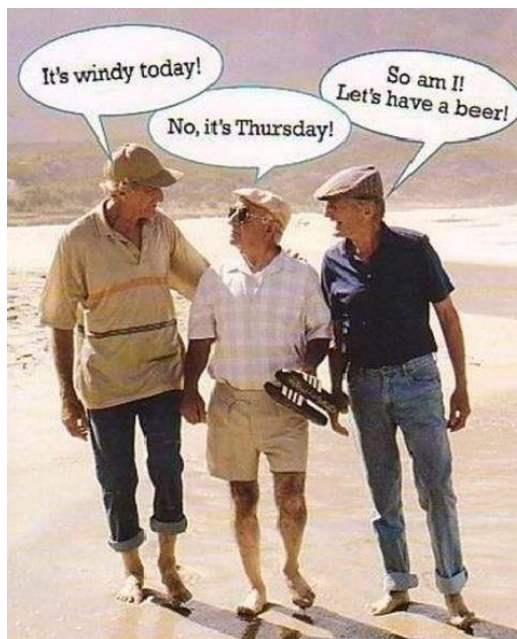
She was born in Stockholm, Sweden, in 1901 to Prince Carl of Sweden and Princess Ingeborg of Denmark. In 1929 she married Crown Prince Olaf of Norway. The life of Crown Princess Martha illustrates the Scandinavian style of peaceful political negotiation and international alliances.

These programs are made possible by your support and the effort put forth by your elected Board. The Board is supported by a group of committee members.

For most of this year, the board has operated with two vacancies that have gone unfilled. Now, in March, we will be electing board members to continue our Scandinavian Heritage programs. In addition to the two current vacancies (Vice President and Secretary), we need to replace two other positions (Assistant Treasurer and one "at large" member).

Your board has selected a nominating committee to search out candidates to fill these vacancies. Should you be addressed by any of these members, please give consideration to assisting your Club. Our continued success is dependent upon your involvement and support.

We will also be asking for your assistance on planning programs for next year. Look for a form on your table and please give consideration to completing it.



Do these guys remind you of anyone you know?

Could they be three Norwegians who wandered in from Minnesota?



Happy Birthday Marcy Lundgren

Seen here with daughter Karen and husband Lee. We sang Happy Birthday to Marcy at the January meeting.

What happened to the Vikings?

What happened to the Vikings? Where are they now? Did they die off? Were they conquered? Before discussing what happened to them, it's helpful to know who they were. A simplistic definition calls the Vikings those people who lived in Scandinavia and the North Atlantic settlements in the Viking age, with the Viking age arbitrarily defined as the years between 793 and 1066. It was during this time that these Northern people had the largest impact on other Europeans, through trade, and through their Viking raids.

However, to the victims of the Viking raids, the raiding was the only aspect of the Viking culture to which they were exposed, and it is this aspect that was recorded in the histories and other documents. In these histories, the raiders are called *Northmen*, the people who arrived from the northern lands.

Using this definition as a basis, it's easy to answer to the question: what happened to the Vikings? Nothing happened to them. After the Viking age, the Northmen continued living their lives in the Scandinavian countries, and in the settlements created during the Viking age, such as Iceland and Greenland. The end of the Vikings occurred when the Northmen stopped raiding.

A better question to ask is: why did the Vikings stop raiding? The simple answer is that changes took place in European societies that made raiding less profitable and less desirable. Changes occurred not only in the Norse societies, but also throughout Europe where the raids took place.

At the beginning of the Viking age, many European lands had no central authority figures. Instead, petty kings and local chieftains were the rule in most lands. At the beginning of the Viking age, the Norse societies tended to avoid central authority. A story from the Frankish annals illustrates this aspect of the Viking culture. When a band of Danish raiders arrived in Frankish lands, they were met by a Frankish emissary, who asked to be taken to the leader of the Viking band. He was told, "We are all leaders here."

By the end of the Viking age, most European lands had strong central authorities, including trained, standing armies capable of mounting effective defenses against Viking attacks. Generally, the Vikings were not trained, organized troops. While skilled at arms, their shock tactics were ineffective against trained, professional sol-

diers supported by the king.

The Christian church arrived in the Viking lands at the end of the Viking age. The Viking raids were not in keeping with some of the tenets of the Christian church, so it is not a surprise that the arrival of the church and the decline of raiding are closely tied. In chapter 9 of *Bjarnar saga Hít-dælakappa*, King Ólafr told Björn that he wanted Björn to give up raiding, saying, "Though you feel it suits you well, God's law is often violated." During the tenure of Bishop Gizurr Ísleifsson (at the end of the 11th century), the practice of bearing arms in Iceland was largely abandoned, a significant change from both the century before and the one after.

The raids slowed and stopped because the times changed. It was no longer profitable or desirable to raid. The Vikings weren't conquered. Because there were fewer and fewer raids, to the rest of Europe they became, not Vikings, but Danes and Swedes and Norwegians and Icelanders and Greenlanders.

To learn more go to :

<http://www.hurstwic.org/history/text/history.htm>

50/50 DRAWING

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

Delores Thompson was the winner of the 50/50 drawing in January.

