Scandinavian Club of the Southeast Valley

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President Nancy Espy-Martin

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The following committees have been staffed by the president-

Membership Carol Jacobsen
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Table setup/coordinator Sue Jordan
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Photographer Lyle Replogle
Publicity Jerry Christenson

Caring Committee Jan Henke

Coffee Preparation Curt/Lydia Larson

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.

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http://scandinavianclubsev.wordpress.com/

FROM OUR PRESIDENT

This has been a great year!

Thank you to all the new members who have joined the Scandinavian Club. With the continued support of returning members our Club continues to grow. Thank you for making each year better than the last.



Nancy Espy-Martin

I would like to express my thanks to a great support staff who stepped up to help when I assumed the President's position when Ken Egertson moved to Iowa.

This years success is the result of the effort made by Maynard Iverson, Jerry Johnson, Jerry Christenson, Carolyn Brown, Carol Jacobsen, Lyle Replogle and their spouses. Also Chris and Gordon Roen, Sue Jordan, Lydia and Curt Larson, Carol and Harvey Knudson, Darlene Knipping and Don Henke. Thank you Butch Hall for all of your help. Thank you all.

Next year we look ahead to great programs and friendship to build the bonds of our heritage. We are always looking for new members, so pass the word. Our first meeting for next year will be on November 16th.

Have a healthy and safe summer. Nancy Espy-Martin

A lot of activity going on at the Heritage dinner







Carol Christenson samples the herring

The Nelsons in Scandinavian dress

We enjoyed the many Scandinavian artifacts



Music by Sylvia Jorgensen and Carl Nyberg

Sylvia in the Swedish wedding dress

We sang to Carol Knudson for her ____ birthday

IN THE GOOD OLD SUMERTIME

How quickly the last meeting of the year has arrived. Members are making plans for the summer months. Many will once again make their spring trip to other parts of the country.

Don and Eleanor Munson will once again go back home to Story City, Iowa. Bruce and Carolyn Brown will head to Minnesota, as will Curt and Lydia Larson and Harvey and Carol Knudson. Lester and Corrine Zimmerman will head to North Dakota. Dick and Connie Rome too will head back to the mid-west.

Treasurer Jerry Johnson and Harriet will be motoring back to Eden Prairie, Minnesota. Walt and Karen Hiskett head back to "Husker" country.

While many go to the mid-west, Howard and Loree Baumgart go northwest to the state of Washington. . We recall hearing Zelma Zalit talk of being elsewhere in the summer

We know we could share more if only we were aware of them. Perhaps you could take some time during the summer, or when you return in the fall. to share your summer times with us. Photos also are great. They would really add to the content of our Newsletter. Simply send your experience to "scandinavianclubsev@gmail.com".

Not everyone rushes off to another part of the country. To the best of our knowledge Jan Timmerman, Gordon and Chris Roen, Lyle and Liz Replogle, our President, Nancy Espey-Martin and husban Roman, Carol Jacobsen, Don and Jan Henke, Carol and Jerry Christenson will not be on the highway heading out of turn soon.

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More on Summertime

However we suspect many of them will spend some time elsewhere. A trip to San Diego is a favorite of some, as well as other parts of the California coastline. Others venture much farther. Last year there was a mini gathering of Club members in Minnesota. Don and Jan Henke were in the state visiting relatives, and Lyle and Liz were guests of Harvey and Carol Knudson at their summer home. All gathered together as guests at the summer home of Curt and Lydia Larson.



Liz & Lyle Replogle, Carol & Harvey Knudson, guest Eleanor, Don & Jan Henke and Curt and Lydia Larson



Don Henke, Lydia Larson, Jan Henke, guest Eleanor, Carol and Harvey Knudson enjoy the great Minnesota outdoors in August.

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.

YEAR END/ANNUAL MEETING

The 2013/2014 year comes to an end with our final meeting on March 16th. The Club had a very good year with 118 paid memberships surpassing last years total of 109.

The board has been busy making preparations for next year. Next years budget has been completed and will be presented for membership approval on the 16th.

The nominating committee will also present nominees to fill vacancies on the Board. We have not been successful in locating someone to fill the Vice Presidents position. Typically, the position develops the programs for the coming year, and is nominated to fill the Presidents role the following year.

We are however, very fortunate in having candidates for the following positions:

President Nancy Espy-Martin
Treasurer Jerry Johnson
Assistant Treasurer Ken Nelson
Secretary Carol Knudson
Two year at large Jerry Christenson
Two year at large Lydia Larson

Sue Jordan and Darlene Knipping will be serving the second year of their two at large terms

The newly elected President appoints individuals to fill the various committee positions.

COME JOIN US ON SUNDAY
Sun Lakes Country Club, Arizona Room
Social hour at 5 PM
Potluck Dinner at 6PM
(Be sure to bring place settings)
Annual Meeting at 7 PM

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.

Famous Scandinavian of Yesteryear

Anders Zorn (1860-1920), is a once-famous but now little-known Swedish artist. Zorn was one of the most celebrated (and wealthiest) painters in the world at the turn of the last century. But as the currents of taste in art passed over his kind of brilliant, freely yet precisely painted realism—let alone his usual subject matter (upper-class portraits, folkish and working-class genre scenes, real women naked in natural landscapes)—Zorn's name dropped lower on the list of well-known international artists. Still, 11 of his paintings have sold at auction in recent years for more than a million dollars each.

Zorn's female nudes might better be termed his naked women, since he tended to hire ordinary, often slightly chunky Nordic females from newspaper advertisements rather than lithe or curvaceous professionals. He bought a sailboat to scout locations in the Stockholm archipelago and use as a floating studio to ferry his models to their locations, where they made their way through the trees, scrambled down the rocks and waded in the water up to their knees. "At their best, Zorn's nudes are among the most sensual in the history of art," writes one art critic.

Over his career, Zorn made about 550 portraits out of thousands of watercolors and oils (they can be hard to tell apart) and 291 etchings. At the apex of his fame he received commissions to paint about 100 portraits of rich and famous Americans—presidents and other politicians, financiers and industrialists (and their lavishly gowned wives)—during seven visits he made to this country between 1893 and 1911. His usual fee for a portrait in the U.S. was \$4,000 (more than \$100,000 today). An elegant and well-tailored gentleman who spoke perfect English, he was as comfortably at home with his rich American sitters as he was with his townsfolk back in Mora, where he

and his wife (manager, model) Emma returned, beginning in 1896, for part of each year.



The small 1894 portrait of Isabella Stewart Gardner in Boston-who became a good friend and generous patron deserves its popular reputation. She is shown bursting in ecstatically from the balcony of her palazzo in Venice, the fireworks of

Carnival reflected in her ruddy face and glowing eyes. Her billowing white gown is divided by a below-the-waist pearl necklace as she reaches out both hands against the door jambs and points a foot forward over the green carpet



The stunning "Self-Portrait in Red" was painted with supreme self-assurance just five years before the artist died. Wearing a perfectly tailored three-piece red suit and holding a cigarette, Zorn stares out at us from a dark rustic room, at once the portly, preten-

tious, international gentleman-painter and a townsman of Mora in his studio.