

SCANDINAVIAN CLUB/SOUTHEAST VALLEY



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Sweden

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!The most valuable and potentially important members of any civilization or society are the children. The education of the children by the teachers, coaches, outside school groups; YMCA, Boy Scouts, girl Scouts, Junior Achievement, etc. and of course parents are crucial. From these many sources the young are guided toward the success they will have in their lives and in their careers.

I talked with one of the exchange students from our 2012 dinner and she said the schools here are somewhat behind her school in Denmark. When she was placed here in school she tested out to be placed in the next higher grade. The U.S., the states, the local school boards and in the final analysis, the parents will ultimately influence the quality of the child's education and their values. Recently, I read an article which has been repeated many times, that - the U.S. was way down in the rankings of country's schools worldwide. Scandinavian countries, particularly Finland, were near the top of the list. One reason for that is that in Europe, the most intelligent, successful and motivated students are tested out to be teachers. The mentors are the highly successful master teachers who are respected by society.

In the Spirit of the New Year, will you join a new club, make a new friend, take a course at the Community College; just what will your your challenge be?

SCHEDULE OF PROGRAMS

February 15 - Annual Heritage Dinner
Norwegian Consulate /Scandinavian
artifact display
March 15 - Silvia Jorgensen &
Carl Nyberg
Flag presentation and music

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

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SMORGASBORD AND SCANDINAVIAN HERITAGE

Once again the Scandinavian Club will be celebrating its heritage on Sunday, February 15th. A very special program is planned as the Consulate of Sweden (Arizona) will be our guest speaker. C. Mattias Stolpe is the Honorary Consul for the Swedish Consulate in Phoenix. His jurisdiction is for the state of Arizona. The Consulate facilitates and promotes the interest of the Government of Sweden with the state of Arizona.

As in past years a highlight of the evening is the sharing of Scandinavian artifacts by Club members. Several tables will be dedicated to the display. This is an excellent opportunity to view a large number of items. Members and guests who display their treasures should be sure to label or tag them. There were many on display in February of last year.

There will be a change in our menu for the Heritage Dinner. Rather than having a prepared dinner served, we will have a typical Scandinavian smorgasbord/potluck dinner.

In March, I will have completed four years serving as Newsletter Editor and photographer for the Scandinavian Club.

During those four years the role has expanded as we have initiated a program to contact our members and those who might be interested in the Club by Email. It has become a primary tool for communicating with our members and others who may have an interest in Scandinavian heritage. We also now have a site on the internet to post newsletter issues and from time to time photos and other information about our Club.

Historically, the newsletter editor and photographer have been two different people. There are some advantages in one person doing both

Members and guests are asked to bring a serving for at least eight people. While we delight in Scandinavian dishes, dishes of all and any ethnic background are welcome. Just as in the old days, it will be necessary to bring your place setting of a plate and silverware. Coffee will be provided.

Anyone with interest in Scandinavian heritage or its history is invited. There is a \$5 fee for non-members. Just remember to bring a food dish to serve eight people.

The evening begins with a no host Cocktail Hour (herring, cheese and crackers provided) at 5 P.M. in the Arizona Room at the Sun Lakes Country Club. At 6 P.M. we will begin to fill our plates with the many delicious items provided by the members and guests. After dinner we plan to interview one or more of our members about their Scandinavian heritage. We will then hear from our guest.

My plans do not include continuing in this role after March. While it has been a very rewarding four years of service to the Club, I wish to turn these roles over to someone else.

I do not plan to be absent from the Club and am available to assist whoever becomes Newsletter Editor. The Club has acquired software that is available for use in preparing the newsletters. A computer of course is necessary.

We should not wait until October to fill these positions. If you, or if you know of anyone who might want to do so, please call me at 480-818-1718. You can also contact me at one of the meetings.

Lyle Replogle

Jerry Johnson was busy with the microphone. Clockwise from the top left he discussed Scandinavian heritage with Jean Ahnmark and her niece, he then introduced new members to the Club. We failed to get the names of the two on the right. At lower left we were introduced to Jerry and Joan Letnes.



The dessert table is always a very popular after dinner spot.

Gordon Roen pulled a fast one when he asked if he could take a look at Lyle Replogle's camera. He is seen here with Liz.





Delores Thompson, Janet Thorstenson, and Jerome Thomson



Continuing around the table with Henry Thorstenson, John and Lynne Wegener



Joan Letnes, Murielyn Racine, and Rita Baumgarthuber



Daniela Baumgarthuber with Sydney McShane



Ron and Muriel Isaacson (on the right) were seated with those above. At yet another table we found Don and Eleanor Munsen (shown here on the left).



What a great evening of listening to Christmas music presented to us by the Chordaires of Sun Lakes. What a gem they are.

