



November-December 2013 November-Desember

Vegas Viking News

Sons of Norway Lodge 6-152 • Las Vegas, Nevada

Since May 16, 1992, promoting Norwegian heritage through special events – traditional and contemporary Scandinavian programs – plus scholarships for deserving Norwegian-Americans



KALENDER...

NOV. 1— SCANDINAVIAN HERITAGE DAY at LV Wranglers.

NOV. 7— Membership Meeting
—Christ Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, 111 North Torrey Pines Dr.:
☀ **6 p.m.—Sports medal walk**
☀ **6:30 p.m.—Supper.** Takk for maten—**Maureen Anderson, Elaine Halvorsen & anyone else.**
☀ **Program:** Joshua Sjoen, musician

SCANDINAVIAN HOLIDAY BAZAAR at Community Lutheran Church, 3720 E. Tropicana Ave.:
☀ **NOV. 15—Friday, 6 p.m.** — Bazaar set-up by lodge volunteers
☀ **NOV. 16— Saturday— 8 a.m.** — Lodge volunteers arrive to staff & bring baked goods.
9 a.m.-2 p.m.—Bazaar open
2 p.m.-?—Bazaar breakdown

NOV. 30-JAN. 1—SCANDINAVIAN DISPLAY in multi-national exhibit, LV Natural History Museum

DEC. 3—Leif Erikson Children’s ART COMPETITION DEADLINE:
<http://leiferiksonday.com/drawingcompetition.htm>

DEC. 5 —Membership Meeting: ELECTIONS & SOUP/CHILI CONTEST. Maureen Anderson will bring rolls, crackers & cheese. Dessert to be provided by others.

DEC. 7—11 a.m. - 4 p.m. — CHRISTMAS PARTY/Jul Fest.
Nov. 29: Sign-up cut-off date.

JAN. 2 - Membership Meeting: Initiation of new officers & board.

JAN. 25 - LUTEFISK DINNER



Lodge pre-holiday activities start early!

- Nov. 16th Scandinavian Holiday Bazaar. Pitch in for the fun!*
 - Nov. 30th opens our Scandinavian display at the Las Vegas Natural History Museum’s multi-national exhibit. To loan your items, contact Kris Goplen, 639-2277.
 - Dec. 7th Christmas Party. Sign-up by Nov. 29.*
- * SEE DETAILS ON PAGES 2, 3 & 7.*

ALSO—Inside this issue:

- Upcoming board nominations. Who is volunteering?—Page 3
- Hometown Heroes Leif Erikson Awards honor community ‘Good Samaritan Vikings’—Pages 3 & 4.
- St. Lucia Ceremony—Page 5

Holiday Bazaar Has Old Favorites & New Food Items

Vegas Viking's 19th annual Scandinavian Holiday Bazaar will be on Saturday, Nov. 16th.

Volunteers are needed about 6 p.m. on Friday and at 8 a.m. on Saturday to help with set up. Again, it's at Community Lutheran Church, Fellowship Hall, 3720 East Tropicana Ave.

Public hours: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

SEE THE FLYER ON PAGE 7.

Help us promote this well-loved event. Share the flyer—either via email or by printing copies.

This is one of our lodge's biggest fund raisers.

If you didn't have a chance to sign up at the October meeting and you would like to bring baked goods, or if you can lend a hand, please contact **Elaine Halvorson, Bazaar Co-Chairman**, at 566-6788 or email her at wsheah@aol.com.

We will again have **hot waffles** coming off the griddle. There'll be coffee and lemonade.

Plus, there'll be plenty of room to **visit and enjoy the baked goods and lefse at the tables.**

This year we're adding **new products in the form of food items.**

Again, there will be **Norwegian crafts for children** from 10 a.m. to Noon, thanks to Colleen Wilson-Pappa.

Granny's Attic returns, too. You can still bring donations to the November meeting. Please no garage sale items; just nice little knick knacks, Christmas items, etc.

Holiday Bazaar Membership Volunteer Schedule

(subject to change)

Following is a **tentative** schedule. Up to now, the following have signed up. You can still signed up on Nov. 7:

Man the tables: Henny Morse, Elaine Halvorson and Jan Sprague

Baked Goods Table: Kris Goblen and Hank Mason

Granny's Attic: Alice Salvesen, May Edmondson, Onnie Signman

Waffles: Bob Sturgeon (waffle batter), Linda and Ivar Kristiensen

Lefse: Gwen Knighton and Karen Holien

Checker/Bagger: Marilyn and Ron Dille and Lynelle Aanestad and Cheryl Lesch

Bringing baked goods: May Edmondson, Cheryl Lesch, Marilyn Dille, Kris Goplen, Lynelle Aanestad, Henny Morse, Jannifer Sprague and Linda Kristensen

Kathy Rothermel will be available to sit in for checkers who need breaks and help with lefse and wherever else she is needed.

Your help is appreciated!—*Gwen Knighton, Co-Chairman, Bazaar 2013*

Join the Fun: Bazaar & Christmas Party!

I will make batter for waffles and Chefs Ivar and Linda will once again work their magic and turn that batter into **heart-shaped pieces of golden delight**. This has become a tradition at our bazaar and I hope it continues as long as we have a bazaar.

Elaine will need all the help she can get so please volunteer to help make this bazaar a success.

The Christmas party will be on December 7 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Christ Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, 111 North Torrey Pines Dr. Erik has volunteered to bring the tree. **We will need a few decorations for the children to put on the tree.**

A through L should bring a salad and or dessert. M through Z should bring a main dish. **Please keep all food in the Norwegian tradition as much as possible.** The lodge will bring hams, paper products, buns and butter.

It is very important to sign up early for the party because we are limited to 90 people only in the hall. Adults must pay \$5 for a ticket and children under 12 are free.

FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED! The cut-off date for sign up and ticket purchase is the end of November 29. This gives a volunteer the weekend to buy gifts for the children. The lodge will buy a gift, not exceeding \$10, for each child under 12 years old.

It is imperative that when you order tickets you **state how many adults, how many children and their ages and if they are male or female.**

You may reserve tickets by calling me and leave a message at 454-9100. I will be on vacation until November 14. You may also call Maureen at 361-9844 and reserve tickets.

Try to wear something Norwegian or Scandinavian and remember Santa will be there.

God Jul.—*Bob Sturgeon, Vice President*

MEMBERSHIP

Welcome New Members

What a month we've just had. Three members signed up at the October meeting and two more took applications. New members are: **Jytte M. Basye, Evy Hannelius, and Jannifer Sprague**. We also welcomed a transfer from Lodge 6-089 in Chico, California—**Terrence Baillargeon**. A big Vegas Viking welcome to you all.

Congrats Heidi & Lynelle

Congratulations to **Heidi Kasama**. On November 11, she will celebrate 25 years as a Sons of Norway member. On December 3, **Lynelle Aanestad** will be eligible for her 15-year membership award.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Gratulerer med dagen!

November Birthdays

- 04 Jon M. Ansok
- 05 Kris Goplen
- 07 Larry Shoger
- 08 John Holien
- 09 Marilyn Dille
- 09 Diane Seidlinger
- 11 Caleb Foster
- 21 Kristen Keihle
- 25 Frank Evenson
- 29 Bonnie McDaniel

December Birthdays

- 01 Janelle Reed
- 04 Arlon Sibert
- 08 Maureen Dell Anderson
- 08 Ross Huebner
- 09 John A. Birkland
- 12 Elaine Halvorson
- 19 Roy Sather
- 19 Mayann Williamson
- 19 Charles Grove
- 21 Robert Sturgeon
- 22 Cheryl Lesch
- 25 Henny Morse
- 25 Rennae Daneshvary
- 27 Marlene McCauslin
- 30 Lynelle J. Aanestad

**Noen
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presidenten**

Debut for Hometown Heroes Leif Erikson Awards a Success

Community recognition for our lodge has taken a big step forward. About three weeks ago, **the lodge hosted a Hometown Heroes Leif Erikson Awards recognition event** in the showroom at the South Point hotel-casino, organized almost single-handedly by our member, Christian Schoyen.

I want to publicly thank Christian for doing outstanding work putting on a wildly successful event in which nine important contributors to our community quality of life were recognized.

Clark County Commission Chair Steve Sisolak honored us with his presence and proclaimed Oct. 9th Leif Erikson Day up and down the Las Vegas Strip and throughout Clark County.

Las Vegas Mayor Pro Tem Stavros Anthony graced us with his presence and helped present the awards.

Leif Erikson himself, dressed in chain maille and a Viking helmet, even put in a special appearance. There were awards, a nice video, food and drink, and lots of happy, grateful people. The event was well planned and nicely executed. The entire production will air on KCLV cable TV Channel 2 -- thanks, again, to Christian. *(See more on the next page.)*

Christian, tusen takk for alt! Og gratulerer! Thanks, also, to everyone who came out to support us.

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The **November meeting** will not only be enjoyable, given that **musician Joshua Sjoen will entertain us**, but it also will be important.

We will be finalizing nominations for lodge officers for the coming two-year period. The election will be at the Dec. 5 meeting. **If you are interested in serving to advance the cause of Norwegian/Scandinavian culture and heritage in Southern Nevada**, please consider serving on our board.

I will be stepping down as president and there are other open positions, as well, including vice president. Those positions are listed in the back of this newsletter. If you are interested or simply have questions about serving on the board or perhaps even just getting more involved, please let me, or any of the other board members, know.

Your services are needed and appreciated!

Hilsen, Erik



Hometown Heroes Leif Erikson Award ceremony's key players included, from left, Leif Erikson, Vegas Viking President Erik Pappa and lodge member Christian Schoyen, who is the host of Channel 2's "Hometown Heroes."

2013 Hometown Heroes Leif Erikson Awardees

"All of these people care for our community, care for their fellow man and care for every living thing, animals as well as people," said Christian Schoyen at the ceremony.

These are the honorees and how they were described in the printed program:

Patrick C. Burke—*"Outstanding Bravery risking His Life for Fellow Nevadans"*

Gina Greisen—*"Changed the Future for All Animals in Nevada"*

Barbara Kenig—*"Touched the Lives of 100,000 Nevadans"*

Manda Kristof—*"Fed Her Hungry Students and Was Behind Their Scholastic Record"*

Karen Layne—*"Brought 911 to Las Vegas"*

Julie Murray—*"Fed 100,000 Starving Nevadans"*

Fred Shultz—*"Saved 10,000 Children in Nevada"*

Linda Smith—*"Raised Over \$100 Million for Nevadans with Intellectual Disabilities"*

Mary Vail—*"Provided Food and Shelter to Over 3,000 Nevadans"*

Lt. John Pelletier—accepted for the **Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department**—*"Viking of Honor" Lifetime Award recipient*—*"For putting their lives on the line, to make Las Vegas safe."*

Three received a Hometown Heroes Appreciation Award for making the program and event possible, including Erik Pappa, lodge president (*page 3 photo*).

Schoyen said all the Hometown Heroes "have touched my heart" because they share desirable traits of the Vikings that are honored in his homeland of Norway.

View the full event online at http://christianschoyen.com/christians_blog/2013/10/22/hometown-heroes-leif-erikson-awards-las-vegas-2013/.



Plan Early for Bunad Class

Order a kit with embroidery by January and enroll by March 6 for a \$287 bunad-making class in Santa Rosa, Ca., May 6-10. Online details: <http://www.sofn6.com/cultural.html>.



Leif Erikson Hometown Hero Awardees share the stage with Leif Erikson (far left) as well as Stavros Anthony, award presenter, and emcee Christian Schoyen, center. (Erik Pappa photo)

New Award Honors Hometown Heroes As Modern 'Good Samaritan Vikings'

Nine outstanding Las Vegas citizens—"Good Samaritan Vikings"—were recognized at an Oct. 8th event with Hometown Heroes Leif Erikson Awards.

The organizer and host was lodge member Christian Schoyen. He has featured the winners on the "Hometown Heroes" television show on KCLV cable Channel 2. The event was in the showroom at the South Point Hotel, Casino and Spa.

Taking part in the event were Las Vegas Mayor Pro Tem Stavros Anthony, who presented the awards, and Clark County Commission Chairman Steve Sisolak, who provided keynote remarks.

This celebration of the modern-day Vikings of Las Vegas was done in conjunction with the 50-year anniversary of when Leif Erikson Day was first suggested in Congress as a national observance.

The winners were recognized for exhibiting these core Viking traits: Imagination, vision, collaboration and fearlessness.

These Good Samaritan Vikings are not Scandinavian and include the woman who started Opportunity Village, a woman who was instrumental in growing the local food bank, an activist fighting on behalf of local animals, and more. The Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department also was recognized with the Leif Erikson "Viking of Honor" award.

The awards show will be aired on KCLV cable Channel 2 and may be viewed online at www.hometown-heroes.com.

Hot Apple Grog with Blackcurrant, Honey & Cinnamon

Adapted from www.newscancook.com

- 1 quart (1 liter) apple juice
- ¼ lb. (100 g) blackcurrants
- 1 cinnamon stick
- 2 tbsp. honey

Boil all ingredients. Sieve and serve. (Serves 5)



This year's St. Lucia ceremony—organized by Svea, an association of American and Swedish women—will be on Dec. 7 at the Masonic Temple, Black Mountain, in Henderson. It is an annual Scandinavian rite. In Sweden it is a pageant that kicks off a week- to-10-day season of jul, a midwinter drinking and eating festival celebrating the turn of the season, and the start of the return of the sun at the winter solstice.



SUNSHINE

I send cards each month to a few of our members who have had oncoming health concerns.

If you know of someone who could use a little extra cheer please email ASIBERT@cox.net or give me a call, 645-666 or email. Thanks.—
Suzan Sibert

FUN!!!

What Does the Fox Say?"

☼ First, here's the original international pop sensation by two Norwegian brothers that was shown at the Oct. 3 meeting :

<http://www.npr.org/blogs/thetwowa/2013/10/23/240223951/what-does-the-fox-really-say-listen>

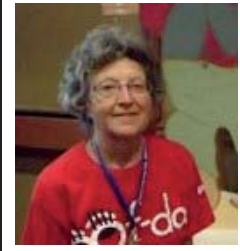
☼ This links to a Halloween-theme, mesmerizing version:

<http://newsfeed.time.com/2013/10/22/this-halloween-light-display-set-to-the-fox-is-strangely-mesmerizing/>



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Fall '13 Update: 200+ Pounds of Stamps Collected for Needy Children



Thanks to Henny and Jerry Morse for taking three boxes of stamps a total of 38 pounds of stamps to the Seamen's Church in San Pedro, California in late October.

We thank Donna Swartz for going through her stamp collection she has kept over the years and donating the stamps to Tubfrim over this past year. Thanks to May Edmondson and her friend, Mary, for doing extra stamp clipping this past month. I sealed a box on Sept. 28th and it weighed in at 16 lbs., so we are just about the same as we were last year at this time. It is really amazing as it seems we mainly get the junk mail at our house!

We wish to thank you for your stamp donations. We used all the undamaged stamps you sent to help needy children. Sons of Norway, Vegas Viking Lodge, will continue to pick up the expense. Therefore, 100% of the money the stamps raise goes directly to Tubfrim.

During 2012 we shipped 207 pounds of stamps. On February 16, May 9 and September 9, a total 182 pounds of stamps were taken to California where they will be shipped to Norway and on to Tubfrim headquarters.

Roy Kristiansen, our stamp clipper for years, is doing very well I learned from his caregiver recently.

We seriously trust you will continue to support our Tubfrim Program with your stamp donations.

We have a committee that will continue the work of clipping, sorting and packing the boxes of stamps.

Please try to leave a ½-inch margin of paper around the edges. Damaged stamps cannot be sold. We welcome stamp collections, commemorative envelopes, first-day covers, postcards, nonprofit, presorted. With items more than 50 years old, do not remove stamps; donate the entire piece.

I usually tell my family and friends to open the envelope from the bottom or the opposite side of the stamp making it is easier to clip the needed paper around the stamp.

Out of towners can send their donations to the Tubfrim Committee, Vegas Viking Lodge, Arlon and Suzan Sibert, 5980 Alfred Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89108-3756. Direct your questions to me via email at arsibert@cox.net or by phone 702-645-6666.—*Suzan Sibert, Tubfrim Committee*

Robert Taylor School Thanks You for the Box Tops & Labels

Janet Dobry Ph.D., principal of Robert L. Taylor Elementary School recently sent this to the lodge: "Please thank the members of Vegas Viking Lodge for the Box Tops for Education and for the Labels for Education. Robert Taylor Elementary does participate in both programs. We appreciate your help in gathering these to provide extra resources for our students."

.—*Suzan Sibert, Box Tops for Education*

*A little in English:***Norwegian Beer**

Beer has long held a central place in our Nordic culture, and it remains one of our most popular beverages. Today, in Norway there are hundreds of different types of beer produced from dozens of small and large breweries.

It is unknown as to when and which Norwegians first became acquainted with the joys of beer. But we do know that the Vikings had an exceptionally good relationship with both beer and mead.

In the 900s strong beer was brewed for Christmas. Norwegians would drink jol, and celebrate the transition of the sun. At least three neighbors would gather and bring an agreed amount of beer to the community and on Christmas night farmers would drink together to honor Freya and Odin and for peace and a good year.

*Litt på norsk:***Norske Øl**

Øl har lenge innehatt en sentral plass i vår nordiske kultur, og er fortsatt et av våre mest populære nytelsesmidler. I Norge brygges i dag hundrevis av produkter av flere titalls små og store bryggerier.

Hvilke nordmenn som først stiftet bekjentskap med ølets gleder, og når, er ukjent. Men vi vet at vikingene hadde et over middels godt forhold til både øl og mjød.

På 900-tallet var sterkt øl laget til jul. Nordmen skulle drikke jol, og feire at sola snudde. Minst tre naboer skulle samles og bringe en påbudt mengde øl til fellesskapet og julenatten skulle gardsfolkene drikke sammen til ære for Frøya og Odin, og for godt år og fred.

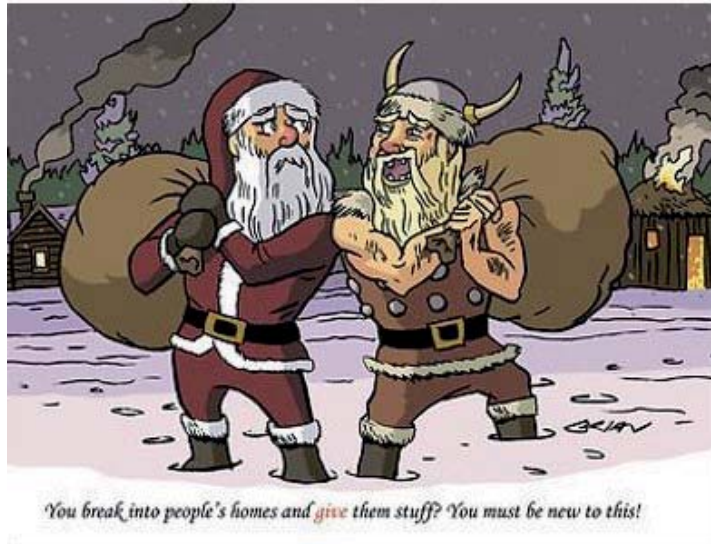
[From the Sons of Norway Newsletter files]

FUN!!!

f Joshua Sjoen will entertain at our November meeting. What he plays will be a surprise. But, on Vegas Vikings' Facebook page he posted this video of himself on July 21, 2012, saying "I'm having a fun and exciting weekend in Dodgeville Wisconsin, at the HFAA workshops learning the hardingfele. Hope you enjoy my Valdres Springar."

<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?v=10150962987337817&set=o.41527296621&type=3&theater>

f Donna Meichtry (who works as a Viking drummer) posted this seasonal humor on the lodge's Facebook page on April 24, 2012:

**Julebrus, a Norwegian Christmas Tradition**

A Norwegian Christmas without julebrus (Christmas soda) is like a birthday party without cake. A seasonal favorite of Norwegian children (as well as many adults), julebrus comes in hues of red, brown, yellow-orange and even black. It is a sweet and fizzy drink that is bottled and labeled with festive Christmas patterns and pictures. The seasonal drink is often flavored with lots of sugar, vanilla, ginger, caramel, a variety of berry, citrus or pear flavoring.

It's a staple, which for many across Norway stimulates the julestemning (Christmas feeling) intended for the holiday season ahead. As cooler weather approaches and leaves begin to fall, julebrus begins its seasonal distribution, all while decorations begin to take their places in stores, homes, schools and city centers. There is a rush of holiday spirit around Norway as businesses close down and families prepare to gather for their julaften (Christmas Eve) dinners.

Joining them on their julebord (Christmas table) is the traditional bottle of julebrus, next to a traditional shot of after-dinner aquavit (for the adults). Each member of the family has their favorite flavor, color, taste or brand, but sometimes it's left up to a matter of loyalty, and where you're from determines that. For example, the reigning champs in the annual Julebrus taste-test contest come from the Hamar and Lillehammer area. The Hamar and Lillehammer Julebrus brand is a product of Ringnes Brewery and has been voted the best based on varying criteria. Around 25 tasty, and some not so tasty Christmas sodas are widely distributed across Norway.

But these are not the only things prompting holiday spirit as grocery stores fill with festive products and holiday spirit: apples are stamped with "god jul," small nisser are printed on milk cartons and Christmas calendars filled with chocolate are for sale in every checkout line.

19th Annual
Scandinavian Holiday Bazaar

Sponsored by Vegas Viking Lodge 6-152

November 16, 2013
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Community Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall
3720 East Tropicana Avenue, Las Vegas

Imported & domestic Scandinavian holiday items
including ornaments, magnets, table decorations, dishes, trolls, T-shirts &
books. Straw ornaments of all kinds. Norwegian Rosemaled calendars



&

NEW Scandinavian food items
LOTS OF LEFSE & MORE CHOICES !!!

Home-baked goods —traditional and modern.

Hot coffee and lemonade will be available so you can eat the goodies while
you sit and visit. Or take them home OR BOTH.

Norwegian-style heart-shaped waffles baked on the premises & available hot -
a real treat!

Lots of fun

A great opportunity to get hard-to-find Scandinavian items
at very reasonable prices.

10:00 a.m. to Noon-

Norwegian crafts for children.

Grannie's Attic featuring new & gently used items.

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SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

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