

# NORWEGIANS WORLDWIDE TUCSON CHAPTER NEWSLETTER –MAY 2020



May 2020-SYTTENDE Mai

Save the Dates

Next Meeting will be

September 20, 2020

2:00 PM

(Our new Location)

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

1200 N Campbell Ave,

Tucson, AZ 85719

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NORSK Folk Gathering

To be determined

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*Our board has made the difficult decision to cancel our meeting for May, including the Syttende mai breakfast. With many of us already in home quarantine, we do this with a heavy heart but believe ever so strongly that our collective health and safety should be pre-eminent.*

*We anticipate starting our fall meetings in September rather than October, but will keep you informed as we progress through the summer.*

*We have our Norwegian family and friends everywhere in our thoughts and prayers, and wish you all the best of health.*

**Norway's National Day**

**HURRAY! IT'S 17 MAY**

Children's parades, marching bands, traditional costumes, and ice cream. A lot of ice cream. The celebration of the Norwegian Constitution Day is a party like no other.

**CONSTITUTION DAY EXPLAINED**



The Constitution of Norway was passed unanimously by the Eidsvoll Assembly on 16 May 1814 and signed the next day.

The celebrations began spontaneously amongst students and others from early on, but as Norway was in a union with Sweden, King Karl Johan of Sweden and Norway banned the festivities between 1820 and 1829.



The first public address was held in 1833 by Norwegian poet Henrik Wergeland, and from then on 17 May has been celebrated as Norway's national day.

From 1870, the day became more established with the first children's parade in Christiania (now Oslo), an initiative taken by the author Bjørnstjerne Bjørnson, who also wrote the national anthem "Ja, vi elsker dette landet".

All over Norway, children's parades form the central element of the celebrations, with school marching bands and an abundance of flags.

The longest parade is in Oslo where about 100,000 people participate in the main festivities in the city centre. The parade includes some 100 schools and passes the Royal Palace where the royal family greet everybody from the balcony. The parade is broadcast on national television.



Some exciting things may happen for our club in the 2020/2021 season. We hope to have membership cards that will give paid members discounts at restaurants and shopping around Tucson.

We also hope to have a Norwegian Boutique with Norsk gifts and also vendors who sell Norwegian things which will be open for ½ hour before each meeting begins.



We will be looking for volunteers to can help maintain the sales of our own club's boutique and hopefully also promote our club at other cimmunity events and sales around Tucson. This is not meant to be a fund raiser as much as being a goodwill ambassador to promote our club.

Another idea we hope to do is seek out members who may

have some talent. We already are lucky to have our very own Leikerring Dancers and Aurora Borealis and also our own Musical duo of Freya's Sang with the Randolph's , Erika on the flute and her mother Dorothy on the Hardanger Fiddle.



Loveable Ole & Lena

We are still looking for more talent to share with our members and other Tucson events and schools and nursing homes. This again is good will from our Club promoting Norway and people. We still need a good Ole & Lena to promote the Jokes of our Uff Da skits.

Finally we look forward to combining a few of our General Scansinavian meetings with other Tucson Scandinavian groups.

This is our tentative schedule for our 2020/2021 season which will NOW BEGIN 1 hour EARLIER at 1:00 PM.

Shopping 1:00-1:30, meeting begins promptly at 1:30-4:00

**ELECTION DEADLINE to VOTE is 25 May 2020-**

Our New meeting home will be at -

**Our Saviour's Lutheran Church-**

**1200 N Campbell Ave, Tucson, AZ 85719**

Our new location will be larger and a more central location for all members.

**Our scehdule is:**

**Sep 20 1:00 PM**-Welcome Back

Oct 18 1:00PM-OPEN HOUSE

Nov 15 1:00PM

Dev 4- Cookies for Nordic Fair

Dec 5 – Nordic Fair

Cookies for Nordic Fair and Nordic Fair will still be help at the same Streams of the Desert on E Pima St.

Dec 12 or 13<sup>th</sup> 1:00PM- JUL PARTY ( we will take a vote for which day is better)

Jan 21 1:00 PM- Ethnic Pot Luck

Feb 21 1:00PM

Mar 21 1:00PM

Apr 18 1:00PM

MAY 15 – SYTTENDE MAI

Begin Time to be determined

WE WANT EVERYONE to participate in this years activities. Everyone COUNTS !



**HAPPY SYTTENDE MAI 2020**

Since This year's Pandemic has cancelled all Syttende Mai events in Norway and America, We are thankful to The **NORWEGIAN AMERICAN newspaper** for allowing us to celebrate a VIRTUAL Syttende Mai this year.

You are invited to a 17. mai concert

This year's Norwegian Constitution Day will be celebrated with great flair, as The Norwegian American will be **streaming a musical program directly from the Hardanger region of Norway, featuring many of Norway's top artists.** Mark your calendars for May 17, 1 p.m. PDT—and simply prepare to be amazed!

We want to see you on May 17

**Hosted by The Norwegian American newspaper-**

Because our 17th of May celebration in Ballard is cancelled this year, we are conducting an online Live Event via Teams to mark the occasion. **Our esteemed General Consul from San Francisco will attend and deliver a message from His Majesty King Harald, and we will take a moment to celebrate the day virtually**

Sunday 17 May- 12 Noon  
Tucson Time-



Link to Virtual Event at 12 noon:

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### Tips to begin watching-

When you click on the link above it will take you to a page where it will say - **Watch the live event in Microsoft Teams-**

Click on tab that says – **WATCH ON WEB INSTEAD-**

Then on the next page you'll see **SIGN IN-** but click on the tab below that says – **JOIN ANONYMOUSLY-**

**-ENJOY-**

May 17: How to Celebrate Norway's National Day From Home- Coronavirus restrictions mean this year's Constitution Day will be vastly different from normal. But that doesn't mean you can't celebrate!

If there's any image that sums up Norway's Constitution Day it's Oslo's Karl Johans gate filled with children. Marching up to the



Royal Palace to wave at the Royal Family, children are a focus of syttende mai.

An alternative May 17

But this year's national day celebrations have to be different because of the country's coronavirus restrictions. Although public events are permitted, there's a participant limit of 50. So, big parades are cancelled.

Some cities including Oslo are holding a series of events that will be broadcast on TV and online. Bergen's 17th May committee put it like this: "This year, we take the National Day home, and celebrate in the boroughs, at home and at a good distance."

### Dress up

There are very few occasions when Norwegians wear formally dress. Aside from obvious things such as weddings, the two that spring to mind are the Christmas party (julebord) and of course, syttende mai.



So, what should you wear on the big day? Traditionally, the Norwegian bunad is the number one choice. In fact, I think it's fair to say that the majority of bunader only get an airing once a year!

*See you in September!*





*Norwegians Worldwide-Tucson Chapter*

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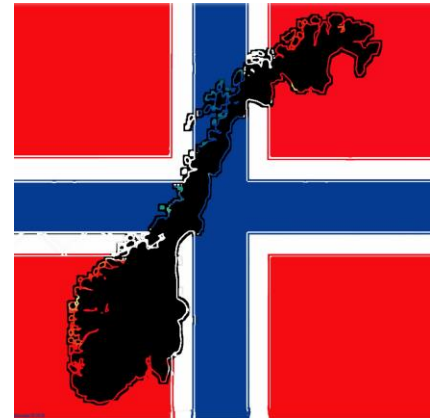
We are the TUCSON, Arizona chapter of Norwegians Worldwide / Nordmanns-Forbundet. Our chapter is a diverse network of Norwegian-Americans, Norwegians living here in Arizona, and anyone with an interest in Norway and Scandinavia. Founded as a registered non-profit organization, our chapter has been connecting our community and promoting the rich national and cultural heritage of Norway for over 40 years.

Welcome to a community for Norwegian Americans, Norwegians living in Arizona, and anyone with an interest in Norway and/or Scandinavia. If you are looking to connect with your heritage, practice your language

skills, meet new friends, explore Nordic culture, and more -- drop us a line or stop by our next event! We host family-friendly events throughout the year celebrating Norway's rich cultural heritage and current events.

## Join us online at

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