

**Solglimt Posten**  
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The mission of the Sons of Norway is to promote and to preserve the heritage and culture of Norway, to celebrate our relationship with other Nordic Countries, and to provide quality insurance and financial products to its members.

**Information about a *Solglimt* Snow Party on Sunday, February 12, is on the next page!**

**Lodge Meeting**  
**Tuesday, February 28, 2012**  
Cedar Falls Woman's Club  
3<sup>rd</sup> and Clay Street  
6:30 p.m. Dinner  
Cost: \$11.00

**Menu**

Baked Ham with Pineapple  
Baked Potato with butter and/or sour cream  
Scalloped Corn  
Roll/butter

**Program**

**Brandon Pollock**  
**“Photography, Nature, Beer, and Getting Norwegianized!”**

Brian Pollock, a photographer and writer for the Waterloo-Cedar Falls Courier, was born and raised near Dubuque. After completing high school, he joined the army as a scout and went off to see the world. Two years in Kentucky were followed by two years in Germany where he gained an appreciation for excellent beer.

Upon return, he worked at a factory, met his wife, and enrolled at Hawkeye Institute of Technology where he earned a degree in photography. After sending resumes all over the country, he was hired at the Courier in 1989 and has been there ever since.

His wife's family has introduced him to Norwegian foods and customs. In a Courier article, he once reflected with humor on some of those introductions to Norwegian foods, and he'll share some of this with us!

**Reservations by Thursday, February 23.** Cancellation by Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup>. If your caller misses you, or if you are not a member and would like to attend, please call **Karolyn Haugebak, 277-2294**. Also, call **Karolyn** for cancellations. Remember, if you reserve and do not attend, you will be asked to pay for the meal.

**FRA PRESIDENTEN**

Did the groundhog see his shadow? Winter has been so mild I am not sure it will make a difference.

Welcome to February! Your Lodge has a busy few months ahead and we all need to be a part of it. Yes, there is work to be done, but they are fun things to do as well.

Look over the **Posten** for details, but coming soon are a February “Snow Party” for those interested in getting out for some fresh air, a Cultural Fair in March where we “strut our stuff” as Norwegians, and June brings the District Convention and Sturgis Falls days. We need people power for all these events.

Mixed in with all these things are some fun, entertaining Lodge meetings you do not want to miss! The Cedar Falls Woman's Club has now finished their renovation project and it is very nice. Access is much improved and the building looks great at the same time.

For those unable to attend our January *Frokost* meeting, your Lodge installed the 2012 officers and committee folks who have so graciously volunteered to serve our Lodge this year. We owe them a big *Mange Takk!* We have a great group of  
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leaders, so let's give them our support by helping in whatever way we can to make our Lodge an even better organization. Just a little effort by each individual will make the job easier for all.

Also at our January meeting, **Dr. Maynard Anderson** informed and entertained us with a program on Norwegian music. This is a great example of one of our own offering his talents to the Lodge. We may not all be presenters, but there is always something each of us can provide. So, a *mange takk* to **Dr. Anderson!**

Your Lodge's membership Committee has been given a renewed charge, a renewed mission. **Dr. Duane Lindberg** has agreed to take the reins for this re-energized group. Their mission is not to be "the recruiters" for the Lodge, but to help the rest of us in that task. Look for new and innovative methods, and approaches to membership recruitment.

No, it is not the primary focus of the Lodge to be recruiting new members, but we do need to be mindful of the opportunities when they present themselves. The Committee will help us in that effort. It is important to remember that while not the primary focus of the Lodge, recruitment of new members is critical to our existence. So, let's make a few new friends and share what we have!

*Hilsen fra,*

**Keith Jorgensen, President**



### Fun (Phone) Opportunity!

The Call Committee needs your help. Contact **Karolyn Haugebak, 277-2294** to volunteer and/or to learn more. This task is very important—it helps the Lodge immensely to have members contacted about meetings and get their reservations. Plus it enables the Woman's Club to know how much food to make!

This is a relatively easy way to help out your Lodge! So, call **Karolyn!!**



### **Solglimt Snow Party Sunday, February 12**

Hartman Reserve Nature Center  
657 Reserve Drive, Cedar Falls  
1:00-?? PM

Everyone is invited to gather at Hartman Reserve on Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. for some fun in the snow! You'll need to bring your own skis, but snow shoes are available for rent.

This will be an informal event. Bring some snacks and/or beverages, and we'll just have fun! If there's not enough snow, you can hike on foot and/or just sit around and visit.

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### **Secretary's Notes, January 10, 2012 Business Meeting**

*Solglimt* Lodge's first business meeting of 2012 was called to order by **President Keith Jorgensen** on Tuesday, January 10, at Advanced Systems Inc, (ASI.) Those attending were **Gloria Tehven, Harold Sundet, Dorothy Sundet, Duane Lindberg, Cheryl Moore** and **Eunice Becker.**

Copies of the Secretary's Minutes of the December meeting were circulated and will be filed as written.

**Treasurer Harold Sundet** reported expenses of \$1,648.02 and receipts of \$998, leaving a balance of \$6,587.89 in the Lodge operating account at year's end. Treasurer's report approved (**Harold/Duane.**)

An honorarium in the amount of \$25 will be sent to the 1<sup>st</sup> District Scholarship Trust Fund in memory of **Phyllis Norby** who passed away January 3.

Newly designated chair of the Membership Committee **Duane Lindberg** intends to host a meeting of his committee this month.

**Social Director Cheryl Moore** noted that arrangements are in place for

**Maynard Anderson's** presentation during the January *Frokost*. Installation of the Lodge's 2012 officers will also take place.

**Editor Gloria Tehven** reported that the January *Posten* had been completed. Reports and news items for the next issue are requested by February 1.

It was moved and seconded (**Gloria/Cheryl**) to continue Lodge scholarships to *Skogfjorden* at \$100 per attendee regardless of length of stay. This subject may be revisited when the actual number of 2012 villagers is determined. Motion carried.

Work has begun on the Lodge of the Year report as required, and additional data was gathered.

A motion (**Duane/Cheryl**) to purchase a \$100 quarter-page ad in the upcoming District One Convention booklet carried. **Keith** has a graphic designer working on this.

The Board took no action on a request from another organization for funding pending guidelines governing such requests.

**Keith** will contact **Recreation Director Steve Pederson** regarding the possibility of a winter event at Hartman Reserve in February.

*In absentia*, **Membership Secretary Helen Rostad** sent a print-out of the latest Lodge Membership Activity Report showing address changes and past dues. Membership remains at 162.

The next business meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 7, 4 p.m. at ASI.

As there was no further business, meeting adjourned.

Meeting was briefly reconvened to consider a request from a *Skogfjorden* villager to speak at the January *Frokost*. Request granted.

Respectfully submitted,

**Eunice Becker, Secretary**

## Secretary's Notes, Lodge Frokost, January 28, 2012

**President Keith Jorgensen** called the January Frokost to order at the Cedar Falls Woman's Club on Saturday, January 28, 2012.

Following the anthems, Pledge of Allegiance and table prayer, **Keith** asked that the membership remain standing for a moment of silence in memory of **Phyllis Norby** who passed away on January 3.

**Keith** read a thank you note from the staff of the CFWC for the donation collected on their behalf at the December meeting. The staff was given a round of applause for their service.

**Sunshine Chair Bev Haugen** reported on her activities since the last meeting.

Guests included Dr. Bret Olsen, Professor of Finance at UNI, who was introduced by **Dr. Duane Lindberg**, and Brian Steen of Waterloo who was introduced by cousin **Karolyn Haugebak**.

**Harold Sundet** was the lone January birthday celebrant.

Frokost was followed by the singing of "La oss leve" and Värmogen" led by **Musicians Sonja Lynch** and **Pat Hagen**, accompanist.

**Social Director Cheryl Moore** introduced her former college professor and *Solglimt* member **Dr. Maynard Anderson** who presented a program on the Music of Norway – "mostly, but not all, by Grieg". The group was treated to recordings of excerpts from Grieg's incidental music to *Peer Gynt* and, in contrast, some of his piano works.

**Dr. Anderson** also discussed the life and career of legendary Norwegian singer Kirsten Flagstad whose voice is ranked as one of the greatest of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. **Dr. Anderson** shared some of her remastered recordings from the 1930s and noted personal insights along the way.

Business Meeting. The Minutes of the December Lodge meeting will be filed as they appear in the *Posten*.

**Harold Sundet** is working on the 2011 Treasurer's Report and 2012 budget projections and will have a full report next month.

Financial Benefits Counselor Dave Tesdahl encouraged members to look at the Sons of Norway Viking Voyager policy and annuity products and had brochures available following the meeting.

**District 1 Scholarship Coordinator Jon Tehven** noted the many scholarships available to the children and grandchildren of SON members for further and advanced studies. It was determined that five villagers from *Solglimt* are signed up for this summer's language camps.

**Jon Tehven** presided at the installation of the Lodge's 2012 officers. Those of the Membership Committee in attendance were introduced and charged with their duties regarding membership recruitment and retention. **Counselor Duane Lindberg** presented **Keith Jorgensen** with the Lodge's St. Olaf medallion and gavel as he begins another term as Lodge President.

**Keith** congratulated all the newly installed officers and reminded the group that membership recruitment is up to all of us – not just the Membership Committee.

Information regarding District 1 Convention dates and place was given. Delegates and alternates are to be elected next month.

Details are being worked out for a winter snow event at the Hartman Reserve in February. Watch the *Posten* for more information.

Congratulations to **Al Hagen**, winner of the drawing for a free meal.

The next Lodge meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 28, at the CFWC.

**President Jorgensen** thanked the members and guests for their

attendance and declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
**Eunice Becker, Secretary**

## Lodge Member News

**Marion Weyhrauch** is home following a stay at Manor Care.

**Keith Jorgensen** is recovering from surgery last month.

Check your February *Viking* magazine on page 37. You'll see **John** and **Beverly Sundet** and their family! They were in the Sturgis Falls Parade with our Viking Ship.

Here are some corrections and additions to the Lodge 2012 Yearbook:

**Clayton Hanson** is in Room 28, not 8. Also, he no longer has email.

**David** and **Clare Palmer** have a new email address: dandcpalmer@cfu.net.

**Phyllis VerPloeg's** email address has changed: pverploeg@cfu.net.

Add **Marvin Boelman** to the yearbook. His email address is: marvinboelman@gmail.com

Construction has been completed on the new entryway off the parking lot at the Cedar Falls Woman's Club. Come and see the results!

## Book Club



The *Solglimt* Book Club will meet at 2:00 pm on Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at the home of **Dorothy Sundet**, 1501 3<sup>rd</sup> Street SW #217 in Waverly. The book for discussion is The Sacking of Visby by Birgitta Nelson.

In March the group will meet on Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup> to discuss The Covenant by Beverly Lewis. **Alice Hansen** will be the hostess.



## Valentine's Day in Norway

St. Valentine's Day, also known in Norway as "All Hearts Day", is celebrated on February 14<sup>th</sup> in honor of love and romance. Although the day is popular in many English-speaking countries, in Scandinavia it still isn't an established or widely accepted tradition.

In Norway the practice of sending Valentine cards and gifts was first observed at the end of the 1980s in Oslo. In the last several years commercial interests and the Norwegian mail service have put millions of kroner into promoting the holiday and making it important in Norway. A similar tendency is seen in Sweden and Denmark, too. But that may be changing.

A study from 2004 showed that 70% of Norwegian men did not know when Valentine's Day was, while 7 of 10 women did. In 2010 the day had achieved a measure of popularity, particularly among people in established relationships. A third of all people in relationships said that that they planned to celebrate Valentine's Day by sending their significant others or friends a greeting, gift or some other acknowledgement. Nonetheless, almost 70% of people with partners said that they were planning on ignoring Valentines Day altogether.

Just as in North America, Valentine's Day can actually cause conflicts between partners, not least because of dissimilar expectations on how the day will be celebrated. The situation is extra chaotic in Norway where the holiday is so little accepted.

Every year Norwegian newspapers publish tips on how people (especially men) can impress their partners, but many commentators advise people to skip the holiday altogether. For now, it's very uncertain if Valentine's Day has come to stay in Norway.

(Ed. Note: Don't YOU forget your "Sweetheart" on Valentine's Day!!!)

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## KALENDER

- Feb. 7: Lodge Business Meeting**
- Feb. 12: Solglimt Snow Party**
- Feb. 14: Happy Valentine's Day!**
- Feb. 20: Book Club**
- Feb. 28: Lodge Meeting**  
**Brandon Pollock, Courier**  
**Photographer & Writer**
- Mar. 6: Lodge Business Meeting**
- Mar. 19: Book Club**
- Mar. 27: Lodge Meeting**  
**Robin Voster**  
**Studying and Teaching in Norway**
- Mar. 29: Waterloo Culture Fair**

## A Little Humor



Ole needed to travel to North Dakota in January. He had never been there in winter before. Lena and Ole listened to a warning from the North Dakota State Police. It was suggested that anyone travelling in the current snow and icy conditions should make sure they had the following:

Shovel, blankets, warm clothing, hat, gloves, 24 hours worth of food & water, de-icer, rock salt, flashlight with spare batteries, road flares or reflective triangles, empty gas can, first aid kit, booster cables.

Lena hurried around getting everything together for Ole's trip.

Ole came back from the trip and reported to Lena, "Lena, I looked like a complete idiot on the bus!"

## January Frokost



**Dr. Maynard Anderson - Music of Norway**



**Keith Jorgensen installed as Solglimt Lodge President by International Director Jon Tehven**



**Solglimt Musician - Sonja Lynch**



**Solglimt Musician - Pat Hagen**

## Silent Auction Dinner



**Silent Auction bid-winners Marcia and Denny Hagen and Sandy and Terry Dahlquist enjoyed an evening of fellowship and food at the Tehven home on January 30. The silent auction dinner did turn a bit raucous. Seated from left are Denny Hagen, Sandy Dahlquist, Terry Dahlquist, Gloria Tehven, and Marcia Hagen.**