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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.

Special Membership Recruitment Meeting

Tuesday, October 11, 2011
Cedar Falls Woman's Club
3rd and Clay Street, Cedar Falls, Iowa
Dinner: 6:30 pm
Cost: Guests and Hosts **Free**, Others: \$11:00

Menu

Teriyaki Pork Loin
Rice with Peas
Triple Layer Jell-O
Poke Cake

Program

Information about Sons of Norway and *Solglimt* Lodge in particular will be shared. Questions from potential members will be answered, as well as the importance of learning more and sharing more about our Scandinavian Heritage.

Please contact any of the following by Friday, October 7 any of the following to tell them if you are coming to the meeting, and if you are bringing a guest or if you are a non-member interested in learning more about our Sons of Norway Lodge. You can also contact these folks if you have questions. Members, you can come even if you don't have a guest, or you can "send" a guest if you are unable to attend.

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Remember, you can bring a potential member to any meeting! We can invite folks to attend and/or join at any time! (However, the free meals are available only at this special meeting.)

Regular Lodge Meeting

Tuesday, October 25, 2011
Cedar Falls Woman's Club
3rd and Clay Street, Cedar Falls, Iowa
Dinner: 6:30 pm
Cost: \$11.00

Menu

Raspberry-Balsamic Chicken
Brown Rice, Glazed Carrots
Blushing Peaches, Rolls and Butter
Black Forest Cake

Program

Carolyn Haurum
International Youth Exchange Programs

Carolyn Haurum, retired educator from Cedar Falls, will share with us the development of international youth exchange programs and their importance in efforts of world peace. She has been affiliated with the Youth for Understanding program in the past.

Carolyn has hosted a number of exchange students over the years, including some from Norway and has kept strong connections with them after they return home. In fact, this summer she had a wonderful visit from a former Norwegian student who lived with her many years ago.

We will learn more about some of the students she has hosted over the years and she will invite you to share your own exchange student experiences.

(Ed. Note: Lee Nelson was unable to do the program for us.)

Reservations by Thursday, Oct. 20. Cancel by Sat. Oct. 22. 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 your meal.

Fra Presidenten

Ahh, October. We all love fall. However, for *Solglimt* Lodge it is a very busy time of year. Our first meeting at the CF Woman's Club is in the books. Our worries about the inconvenience of the construction in progress were largely unfounded. They had a ramp built directly into the dining room. Many other organizations also use the Club for their meetings and need access just as we do, so the Club has addressed the issues.

A big *Tusen Takk* to **Sonja Lynch** for a very thought provoking presentation on putting our thoughts and life stories on paper.

I hope to see more of you in October if construction concerns were a reason for not attending the September meeting.

October, that means extra attention being paid to membership. October 11th is our Membership Dinner. I encourage each of you to invite a prospective member and join us that evening. Naturally the prospective member's meal is free, but so is yours! It is so very important that we make those invites! Our Lodge can only survive if we bring in those new members.

Of course, you can attend without a prospective member as your guest; however your meal will not be free. But do come and share your reasons for being a member of *Solglimt* Lodge with the prospective members present. I can hardly express how important it is to recruit new members in order to insure the lodge's future.

Lastly, on membership, it is a year round process, not just an October activity, so keep your eyes open for potential members at all times!

Do not be surprised if you get a friendly tap on the shoulder or telephone call over the next few weeks. It will likely be a member of the nominating committee trying to fill an important position in our system of officers and committees. I know many of you have served in many

capacities over the years; however, we still need your talents for the coming year.

It should not be too difficult to see how recruiting new members ties into this process of filling the many positions. We appreciate those of you now serving in some capacity and hope you are willing to continue to serve, either in your current position or possibly a new one. Remember, many of the positions are rather "seasonal" in nature and require your efforts only a few weeks or months out of the entire year. With a bit of personal planning, it should be a snap to complete your duties.

Many hands make light work. With everyone's help, the lodge will have a great year!

Thanks to each of you for your efforts!

Keith Jorgensen, President



Book Club

The *Solglimt* Book Club will meet at 2:00 pm on Monday, October 17 at the home of **Dorothy Sundet**, 1501 3rd St. SW #217, Waverly. The book for discussion is The Far Away Island by Annika Thor.

The November meeting will be on November 21 at the home of **Alice Hansen**, 1807 4th Avenue NW, Waverly. The book for discussion is The Counterfeiter, by Nachtstern & Armtzen.

Sons of Norway Benefits

To learn more about the many financial benefits available from Sons of Norway, contact

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October is Foundation Month

October is Foundation Month for Sons of Norway and it's a great time to think about all the worthwhile philanthropic opportunities our Foundation offers and how you might want to support them.

For example: the Foundation offers six different scholarship opportunities that were awarded to 25 students this year. The October *Viking* magazine had pictures and information about these recipients. If you'd like more information or applications for a scholarship, visit sonsofnorway.com and click on Foundation, then click Scholarships.

The Foundation also awards Draxton Scholarships which provide funding for Sons of Norway youth to attend heritage and language camps.

The Humanitarian Fund is set up to help Sons of Norway members in need. This year it has helped provide assistance to S.O.N. families who were affected by the severe floods in Minot, ND. At our October meeting, we will have an opportunity to contribute to this worthy cause.

If you are unable to attend the October meeting, you can still send a contribution to the Sons of Norway Foundation. Send your check made out to Sons of Norway Foundation with Humanitarian Fund on the memo line to

Sons of Norway Foundation
1455 West Lake Street
Minneapolis, MN 55408

A Little Humor

Little Ole was having trouble with arithmetic in his second grade class, so he went to talk to Big Ole.

Big Ole said, "Arithmetic? How could you have trouble with that? It's easy!"

"Yah, shur, it's easy for you," said Little Ole. "You get to use your fingers and figure in your head. Dey make me tew use a computer!"



Secretary's Notes, Sept. 27, 2011 Lodge Meeting

Solglimt's monthly Lodge meeting was called to order by **President Keith Jorgensen** on Tuesday, September 27, at the Cedar Falls Woman's Club.

The anthems, Pledge of Allegiance and table prayer were sung and recited and Heritage Member **Rachel Lynch** was introduced and welcomed.

Following dinner, members were asked what they had done over the summer months that connected with Norway. Responses included dining at the Norskie Nook in Wisconsin, hosting guests from Norway, visiting the shop of a *Hardanger* fiddle maker, also in Wisconsin, and the Lodge winning (for the 3rd year running) the Peoples Choice Award for its Viking float in the Sturgis Falls parade. **Jon Tehven** attended summer camp – *Skogfjorden*, that is – and met up with the **Haugebak** grandkids. Yet to come, **Jon** and **Gloria** will be in Minneapolis on the 16th of October, dining with the King and Queen of Norway.

Those who celebrated birthdays during the summer months were recognized.

Musician Sonja Lynch, accompanied by **Musician Pat Hagen**, led the group in singing *Kan du glemme gamle norge?* and *Den glade vandrer*.

Jon Tehven introduced the evening's program presenter, Lodge member **Sonja Lynch**, whose ideas and insights into sharing one's Life Stories inspired many to begin sharing their reminiscences either verbally or in writing in order to preserve the history of their family, community and/or culture. **Dr. Lynch**, Associate Professor of English at Wartburg College in Waverly, noted the importance and benefits of sharing one's memoirs with others and encouraged those interested to submit a paragraph or two to the Lodge newsletter.

Business Meeting. The Secretary's Minutes of previous meetings appear in the **Posten**. **Treasurer Harold**

Sundet reported a little over \$6,800 in the Lodge operating account to date.

President Jorgensen noted the upcoming Membership Diner on October 11 and encouraged members to bring guests. Also noted was the observance of Leif Erikson Day on October 9. As October is Foundation Month, members are reminded that the "Piggy Will Be Passed" at the regular October meeting.

Dave Tesdahl, financial services counselor, spoke on Sons of Norway's Single Premium Whole Life Policy, designed primarily for one's final expenses and as an effective tool in estate planning.

The Nominating Committee, made up of **Keith Jorgensen**, **Duane Lindberg**, and **Dorothy Sundet** will be contacting members to serve as Lodge officers for the coming year.

Harold Sundet will be taking calendar orders at the October meeting.

Congratulations to **Harold Sundet**, winner of the drawing for a Lodge dinner!

Thanking those present for their attendance, **President Jorgensen** declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Eunice Becker, Secretary



Get Well and/or Mend Well wishes to **Mardell Lindberg**, **Dale Hall** and **Wendy Tehven Dickman**, as they recuperate.

If you know of others who could use a little sunshine, contact:

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Kalender

October 4: Lodge Business Meeting

October 9: Leif Erikson Day

October 11: Membership Dinner

October 17: Book Club

October 25: Lodge Meeting
International Youth
Exchange Programs

October 31: Happy Halloween!

Nov. 1: Lodge Business Meeting

Nov. 21: Book Club

Nov. 22: Lodge Meeting

Silent Auction!

Wartburg Choir trip to Norway and
Scandinavia this summer

Leif Erikson Day



Leif Erikson Day is an American observance on Oct. 9th. It honors Leif Erikson, who brought the first Europeans known to have set foot on North America, and the contributions of Scandinavian peoples to American society.

In 1964, Congress authorized and requested President Lyndon Johnson to create the observance with an annual proclamation. He did so, as have all the Presidents since.

Some states officially commemorate Leif Erikson Day, particularly in the Upper Midwest, where large numbers of Nordic people settled. In 1930, Wisconsin became the first state to officially adopt this holiday, thanks to efforts by Rasmus B. Anderson, a Norwegian-American. A year later, Minnesota followed suit.

In 1963, the U.S. Representative from Duluth, John Blatnik, introduced a bill to observe it nationwide. The following year congress adopted the holiday unanimously.

October 9th is not associated with any particular event in Leif Erikson's life. The date was chosen because the ship *Restauration* coming from Stavanger, Norway, arrived in New York harbor on October 9, 1825, the start of the first organized immigration from Norway to the United States.

According to the Sagas of Icelanders, Leif established a Norse settlement at Vinland, which has been identified with the L'Anse aux Meadows Norse site on the northern tip of the island of Newfoundland in Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada.

(Source: [Wikipedia](#))

Royal Couple from Norway to

Visit Northeast Iowa

Their majesties King Harald and Queen Sonja of Norway will visit Luther College in Decorah on Oct. 13 in honor of the school's sesqui-centennial. The royal couple also will tour and take part in ceremonies at Vesterheim Norwegian-American Museum.

The visit represents the eighth time members of the Norwegian royal family have visited Decorah.

The event this month will feature a ceremony in the Luther Center for Faith and Life, which will stream live online at 11:45 a.m. at www.luther.edu/royalvisit and on KDEC KWLC 1240 AM.

The community is invited to greet the king and queen as they arrive before 11:20 a.m. on campus. Guests can gather on the campus green.

The king and queen will visit Vesterheim at about 3:20 p.m., and Queen Sonja will preside at a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the museum's new gallery.

The trip is the royal couple's first stop on a diplomatic tour of the United States.

Source: [Courier](#), Monday, Oct. 3. More information about the royal visit is in the October [Viking](#) magazine.



Editor's Notes: In reading the minutes of the October program, I noticed an excellent idea: members sharing their stories in the **Posten**. I would like to encourage you to do so!

Any information you would like to see in the November **Posten** should be sent to me by November 1. Send to:

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Some More Arithmetic

(Ed. Note: Just to show you how good Big Ole was at arithmetic.)

Old Sven had 3 sons and 17 cows when he died. In his will he left $\frac{1}{2}$ of everything to the oldest boy, Lars, $\frac{1}{3}$ to Sigurd the second oldest, and $\frac{1}{9}$ to little Sven. When they started to divide the cows they noticed it wouldn't come out even, so they asked their neighbor Ole to come over and help them.

Ole wanted to help them, but he was puzzled, too, and he didn't want his young friends to think he was stupid, so he said to himself, "Seventeen is to tuff to figger. I'll giff da boys vun of my cows to make the arithmetic easier, so now dey got 18 cows."

"Lars, you get $\frac{1}{2}$, that's 18 divided by 2. $18/2 = 9$ cows.

"Sigurd, you get $\frac{1}{3}$, that's 18 divided by 3. $18/3 = 6$ cows.

"Little Sven, you get $\frac{1}{9}$. $18/9 = 2$."

Ole was pleased because it came out even. He said, "Now, let's see: $9 + 6 + 2 = 17$. Vell, ve got an exter cow left over, so I'll just take it back home."

Lars was upset. He said, "Ole, go ahead and take duh cow, but ve vant you to figger out the dividing like PaPa wanted." Ole proceeded, cringing from his fear of higher mathematics.

"Lars, you get half, $17/2 = 8 \frac{1}{2}$, but you got $\frac{1}{2}$ a cow more du first time.

"Sigurd, you got a third. $17/3 = 5 \frac{2}{3}$, but you got $\frac{1}{3}$ a cow more before.

"Sven, you got a ninth, $17/9 = 1 \frac{8}{9}$, and before you got $\frac{1}{9}$ a cow more."

Pausing a moment, Ole finally remarked, "I tink you boys vas better off da first time." He took his cow and went home.

Generating Ideas for Memoirs: Priming the Pump



Sonja Lynch
Priming the Pump



Jon Tehven and Rod Hamer
Sharing Memories



Rachel Lynch
Projector Helper



Bev Haugen and Marilyn Young
Sharing Memories