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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.

## **Lodge Meeting**

Saturday, January 25, 2020 Cedar Falls Woman's Club 3<sup>rd</sup> and Clay Street, Cedar Falls, Iowa 9:30 a.m. *Frokost* Cost: \$12.00 **Installation of 2020 Officers** 

#### Menu

Quiche Lorraine Fruit Cup, Blueberry Muffin Coffee and Orange Juice

"Koselig"



The weather outside may be frightful, but former member Dawn Ask Martin and current member **Robin Voster** will share delightful ideas with us about the Norwegian concepts of creating "coziness and togetherness" with our family and friends, especially during the winter months. Norwegian clothing, food and media will be used in the program, so that you can replicate "koselig" with you own family and friends at home.

Reservations by Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>. Cancellations by Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>. If you caller misses you, or it 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 are expected to pay for your meal.

**Note:** It is important to make your meal reservations on time, because the Woman's

Club orders food items in advance. If you decide at the last minute to attend, you are welcome to come for the meeting, but do not expect to "be fed". If you do not get a "reminder" call from one of our telephone committee callers, and do want to eat, you can call **Karolyn**, but please do so on or before the reservation time indicated. **Thank-You!** 

Our Viking Ship sponsors for January are **Duane** and **Mardell Lindberg.** Send your \$35 to treasurer, **Jim Miller.** The sponsors for February are **Percy** and **Linda Slattenow.** 

### Fra Presidenten

Greetings all,

A Happy New Year to everyone! The years seem to come and go ever faster for some reason. We hope everyone had a great holiday season. But now we must begin our "New Year' and start by thinking ahead. At the top of everyone's list should be the still unfilled officer positions at the top of the Lodge's organizational chart: president, vice president, secretary and treasurer.

The folks now holding those positions have loyally done so for many years and deserve a rest if they so choose. So, again, if you are approached about filling one of these positions please give it your utmost consideration. You can be assured that the current office holders will support and train you so that you may carry out the required duties with every confidence of success.

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What a great turnout for the December Lodge meeting! While we understand that the December meeting is a bit special, our attendance numbers for lodge meetings has been trending upward. Thank you for that! Now we just need to continue with that upward trend as the New Year rolls on.

Speaking of the December meeting, what a great one it was. It would be nearly impossible for anyone to not be in the Christmas Spirit by the end of the evening. It was certainly good food, good conversation and great music by Bel Canto. Music in general and Christmas music in particular can be very emotional for many of us. It simply takes us back in time, back to special moments, special memories. There were more than a few damp eyes in the room, yes, special memories. It was a great evening.

We need to offer our thanks to several members for special efforts they have made for the Lodge. *Tusen Takk* to **Joel** and **Chris Johnson** for Christmas on Main in Waverly, and to those who helped them that evening, plus their handling the Christmas Tree at Wartburg.





Tusen Takk to **Gloria Tehven** for donating her beautiful rosemaling artwork as a prize for the monthly POSTEN riddle. And a thank you to everyone who donated *hors d'oeuvres* or Norwegian pastries to share.

Mark your calendars for our January *Frokost* meeting. Remember, it's a Saturday morning meeting. We'll hope for a bright and shiny day. Bring a friend, share the joy!

Keith Jorgensen, President

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www.solglimt.org

# Secretary's Notes, Dec. 12, 2019 Business Meeting

**President Keith Jorgensen** called *Solglimt's* combined Business /Strategic Planning meeting to order at his residence on Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. Attending were **Jon Tehven, Gloria Tehven, Jim Miller, Dottie Roiseland** and **Eunice Becker.** 

The minutes of the November meeting were accepted (**Eunice/Jim.**)

**Treasurer Jim Miller** reported receipts or \$979.90 and disbursements of \$752.54, leaving a balance of \$5,729.61 in the Lodge operating account as of 11/30/19. Treasurer's report approved as corrected (**Jim/Gloria**).

It was reported that \$292 had been collected at last month's Silent Auction. Our thanks to **Robin Voster**, coordinator of the event.

**Jon** also presented a bill from the Lodge Web Master for his services and reported on the new printing arrangements for the POSTEN.

Thanks also to **Assistant Social Directors Beebs Downing** and **Lori DeVries** for the program line-up for next year's Lodge meetings. Meeting dates were verified.

**Editor Gloria Tehven** requested news items and reports for the next issue of the POSTEN by January 1, 2020.

It was agreed to continue holding combined business and Strategic planning meetings on the first Tuesday of the month at 2 pm.

**Jon** gave a progress report on the Lodge logo redesign.

**Keith** reported on the progress of the nominating committee.

Calendars will be ordered and available at the December Lodge meeting.

The Lodge tree is on display at Wartburg's Festival of Trees and arrangements are in place for the Lodge's participation in Waverly's Christmas on Main event December 12 from 6-8 pm. Volunteers and Christmas treats are in readiness.

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**Keith** shared ideas from other Lodges on local options for celebrating Sons of Norway's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary next year.

Delegate selection for the District 1 Convention next June were discussed. Each Lodge is designated two representatives; more delegates may be assigned based on membership numbers. One *Solglimt* member has expressed an interest and willingness to attend the convention as a delegate. Two alternates will also need to be selected.

As is customary, Lodge officers are asked to provide *hors d'oeurvres* for the December *julefest* and members are requested to bring cookies or pastries to share.

Following discussion and review, **Treasurer Miller's** proposed budget for 2020 was approved (**Gloria/Jon.**)

Officers were reminded of upcoming year-end report deadlines.

A collection for the Cedar Falls Woman's Club staff will be taken at the December meeting.

### <u>Announcements</u>

Business Meeting – January 7, 2 pm Lodge *Frokost/Installation of Officers* – January 25,9:30 a.m.

As there was no further business, Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

**Eunice Becker, Secretary** 

## **Lodge Member News**

**Don Meyer** will be conducting classes in February as part of Wartburg's Keep on Learning series. A former architect, **Don's** topic will cover how Scandinavian design influenced American architects. The origin of the midwestern church steeples will also be discussed. Class dates are February 6, 13, 20, and 27 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Heritage Room of the Student Center on campus. Coffee is served at 9 a.m.

**Jan Olson** is recuperating and has returned to her home.

**Deloris Peterson Laube,** 90, passed away December 19 in Waverly. Services were held December 30 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Waverly.



**Deloris** had served on many committees and held various offices during her membership in *Solglimt* Lodge. Her last position was that of Lodge Historian. Sincere condolences to her family and friends.

#### **Northeast Iowa Food Bank**

At our December meeting \$108 was collected for the Food Bank, along with 8 pounds of canned goods and personal lotions/soaps.

F.Y.I. In 2019, our total donations were \$451 and 113 pounds of food/personal items.

In 2018 we donated \$636.79 and 164 pounds of food/personal items.

In 2107 we donated \$386.35 and 107 pounds of food/personal items.

Here's an example of how our support really does make a difference:

Earlier this year, a young mother's house burned down. She, along with her children, lost everything. *Nobody* is ever prepared for that, and month's after the fire, when her husband left, she wasn't prepared for that either.



When she came through the door of the Food Bank early in December, there were people ready to help her fill her grocery cart, and there was plenty of food there for her to choose from and to bring back to her little ones.

Your gifts help people in need!!! Thank-you!

## Secretary's Notes, December 17, 2019 Lodge Meeting

The dining room was full at the Cedar Falls Woman's Club for *Solglimpt's Julefest* on Tuesday, December 17. *Hors d'oeuvres* provided by the membership and fellowship began at 5:30.

President Keith Jorgensen called the 6:30 meeting to order and the national anthems, Pledge of Allegiance and table prayer led by **Duane Lindberg** and **Musician Kathy Schuhmacher** followed.

As dinner was served new member **Joan Meany** 



of Waterloo was welcomed as were guests Ditte, Billie and Josefine Kaas, formerly of Denmark, now of Waterloo, and Elaine Amenson, also of Waterloo.

Following dinner members and guests served themselves to an array of cookies and pastries, also provided by the membership.

**Sunshine Chair Bev Haugen** reported on her activities during the month.

**Joel Johnson** reported a good turnout and response to Waverly's Christmas on Main and Wartburg's Festival of Trees. He thanked those who provided assistance and food for sampling. *Takk* to both **Joel** and **Chris** for coordinating these events.

**Pam Flanders** read the names of those proposed by the Nominating Committee to serve as *Solglimt's* 2020 Officers. With **Jon Tehven's** second, a vote was taken and **President Jorgensen** declared the entire slate duly elected. (See roster elsewhere in the POSTEN.)

**Dr. Lindberg** conducted five minutes of Viking Talk class covering Christmas songs and greetings.

**Social Director Clare Palmer** introduced Bel Canto of Cedar Valley and told of its origins as a community chamber choir serving the surrounding area. Eight members of the group (which has up to

40 members) performed a selection of Christmas Carols from around the world, including Denmark, Sweden and Norway. After learning that the Lodge members had the words and music to *Jeg er så glad hver Juleveld* before them - a handout from **Dr. Lindberg's** earlier class – the ensemble invited the Lodge to sing along with their group. It was a special moment for all of us.



**Carol Schultz** had *lefse* for purchase following the meeting. **Carol** provided the *lefse* that had accompanied the evening's dinner. It will be the last for a time until her shoulder mends. We wish her a full and speedy recovery.

Cash donations were accepted for the NE Iowa Food Bank and for the kitchen/dining room staff at the Woman's Club.



Congratulations to **Karolyn Haugebak**, winner of the POSTEN Readers' Contest drawing. She was presented with a beautiful Nativity picture by **Gloria Tehven**, who rosemaled it.



Congratulations also to **Dorothy Frank**, winner of the drawing for a Lodge dinner.

As there was no further business, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

**Eunice Becker, Secretary** 

## **Solglimt Officers and Contacts** 2020

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Historian: Eunice Becker Musicians: Kathy Schuhmacher

Open

Sports/Youth Director: Carol Pett Auditors: Mike Butler, Dave Palmer

**Note:** Officers will be installed at our January Meeting.

Treasurer's Report, Jim Miller

- 1. Checking/Savings Accounts
  Balance on 12/1/2019....\$5729.61
  Receipts......(+) 1212.40
  Interest......(+) 22.74
  Sub Total......\$6964.75
  Disbursements.....(-) 2581.58
  Balance on 12/31/2019 \$4383.17
- 2. Certificates of Deposit 4 \$1000.00 Certificates\$4000.00
- 3. Savings Bonds (none)
- 4. Cash on Hand.....\$50.00

Total Assets 12/31/2019. \$8488.17

#### **Book Club**

The *Solglimt* Book Club will meet on Monday, Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>, at NewAldayay, 7411 University Avenue in Cedar Falls. Enjoy lunch with friends at 12 pm. If you can't come for lunch, come at 1 pm for discussion.

**Editor's note**: At press time I do not have the name of the book for discussion. For more information, Contact:

Clare Palmer, 266-5703, dandcpalmer@cfu.net or Dottie Roiseland 352-3761

## **Sons of Norway Benefits**



To learn more about the many financial benefits offered by Sons of Norway, contact our Benefit Counselor:

Scott Johanssen, FIC

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#### A POSTEN Reader's Contest

New Contest—Jan.-May. The prize has not yet been determined—but enter to win! This month's riddle is:

Who won prizes at our December meeting? Name at least two.

Send your answer and any news that you'd like to see in the February POSTEN by Feb. 1st to:

Gloria Tehven 1507 Hickory Heights Drive Waverly, IA 50677 319-352-6094 gtehven@live.com

#### A Little Sunshine

If you know of anyone who could use a little Sunshine, contact:

**Beverly Haugen** 

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#### **Volunteer Service Chart**

Enclosed with this POSTEN is the Volunteer Service Chart, which you should fill out and send to our secretary, **Eunice Becker, 2341 Pelican Road, Waterloo IA 50701**by February 1, or you can bring it to the meeting on January 25<sup>th</sup>.

Here are some suggestions of Volunteer service:

**Community Service:** Helping with chairs. people wheel collecting or donating food or clothing, driving senior citizens, donating to shelters. helpina elderly friends or neighbors, serving at a soup kitchen, highway clean up, helping with snow removal, babysitting for neighbor, donating blood, volunteering at schools, hospitals, senior centers, church, etc.

Lodge Activities: Providing rides for members, attending Sons of Norway Conventions, greeting at Lodge meetings, earning sports/culture medals, attending board meetings, attending planning strategic meetings, helping with Sturgis Falls Days, helping at Waterloo or Waverly, or Cedar Falls events, saving stamps, visiting Lodge members, attending Book Club, providing a Lodge program or treats for a meeting.

Include any other activities as you see fit!!

Your reporting of volunteer service to your community or Lodge helps Sons of Norway maintain its tax exempt status. It's important to be of service to others for this and many any reasons!!!

#### Kalender

Jan. 7: Lodge Business Meeting

Jan. 9, 1895: Sons of Norway became a fraternal benefit society

Jan. 20: Book Club

Jan. 25: Lodge *Frokost* 9:30 a.m. **Robin Voster**, Dawn Ask-Martin "Koselig" Installation of 2020 Officers

Feb. 1: Volunteer Forms Due

Feb. 11: Lodge Business Meeting

Feb. 17: Book Club

Feb. 25: Lodge Meeting
Steve Eilers
"Norway to Iowa: Discovering the Plants of Norway and How to Enjoy Them Here"

June 26 - 28: Sturgis Falls Days

July 24 - 26: Nordic Fest, Decorah

## **Summer Youth Camps**

Applications are available for youth ages 6 - 18 to attend Skofjorden Language Village near Brainard, MN or youth ages 9 - 15 to attend Masse Moro Heritage Camp near Eau Claire, WI.

Children and grandchildren of Solglimt Lodge members are eligible for District 1 scholarships of \$150 per week (up to 4 weeks) and Solglimt Lodge will provide scholarship funds.

For more information, contact **Jon Tehven** at 352-6094 or tehven@msn.com or go online to:

Skogfjorden Language Village

Masse Moro Heritage Village **Solglimt POSTEN** 

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## **Happy New Year!**

Skogfjorden Language Village



