

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.

### Sturgis Falls Celebration

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, June 23, 24, 25  
Booth, Southeast Corner of Overman Park  
3<sup>rd</sup> and Clay Street, Cedar Falls IA

#### Menu

Norwegian goodies, bars, cookies, *lefse* and fruit soup, pulled pork, *Varma Polse* on a *Stikke*, Pop, Water, Coffee

“Let the Band Play On!”



**Solglimt Food Booth Committee: Everybody!**  
All members participating!  
Chairpersons: **Joel Johnson, Keith Jorgensen**

**PLEASE CHECK THE STAFFING AND FOOD SCHEDULE AT THE END OF THE POSTEN. WE NEED MORE STAFFING AND FOOD!**

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To ride or walk with the float, or help in any way with the parade contact:

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Donations of money will also help. Send your contribution to our treasurer:

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**Ice!** Everyone, bring ice! Bring cubes in plastic bags. This saves lots of money! We need ice to keep the water and pop cold, plus some food items.

### Directions for Packaging Food

Use sandwich size zip-lock bags.

**Bars:** cut into 2 ½ inch squares, 1 per bag.

**Cookies:** Large, 1 per bag  
Medium, 2 per bag

**Kringla, Krumkake:** Large, 1 per bag  
Medium, 2 per bag

**Breads:** Bake in a small loaf pan, wrap in plastic wrap

**Puff Pastry, coffee cakes, cinnamon rolls:**  
These will be cut, packaged at the booth.

Use nonreturnable containers. Put your name on your package so we know who made the contribution! Bring items to the booth by 11 A.M. Fri., 10 A.M. Sat., and 10 A.M. Sun., except Cinnamon Rolls are needed earlier. Waverly members, contact **Jon** or **Joel** to drop off food contributions if you need help delivering them.

### Other Booth Information

We will have a special on cinnamon rolls Sunday morning. We need about 6 dozen more rolls. If members in Waverly can make rolls and/or need help with delivery, call **Joel** or **Chris Johnson, 319-483-5071**.

We need an 18 quart roaster to use for the pulled pork preparation. Contact the **Johnsons** if you have one we can use. The pulled pork will be provided by Chandler's Janesville Locker this year. It has a minimum amount of sauces so the pork flavor really comes out. We will have sauces available at the booth.

This year's sausage will be made by Clements out of Milwaukee. These are low in fat, have no MSG and are gluten free. And taste better!  
(*Fra Presidenten* is on the next page.)

## ***Fra Presidenten***

Sturgis Falls Days! Yup, they are just around the corner. If you have not signed up to work a shift or two at the food booth, and you are able, please consider doing so. If you are a baker, there is always a need for "Norwegian Goodies" at the booth. And because these are donated, they are a 100% profit for the Lodge.

Indeed, the time has arrived for our food booth fund raiser. **Joel Johnson** has things well under control, so *manga takk, Joel!* Now we lodge members simply need to support him. See you there!

We lost a charter member of *Solglimt* Lodge a few days ago, **Axe Haugen**. Our sympathies to **Bev** and the family. **Axe** (along with **Bev**) was a huge supporter of our Lodge. We could always count on his smile and welcoming handshake at the meetings, or anywhere else for that matter. As with many of our charter members, he will be missed.

The Strategic Planning process is coming along. We have had our second meeting. The pros and cons for our lodge have been pretty much identified, and there are few surprises in them. It is important to remember that we do have pros, not just cons. Now we must develop goals and build off our strengths.

Determining goals will be the "easy" part. Reaching those goals will require some deep and "out of the box" thinking by all of us. Our challenges are very similar to many, many other organizations, so we need to come up with solutions that are likely different or at least untried by those other organizations if we are to grow and prosper into the future. We will keep you updated and let you know just where you fit into the solution for our challenges. There is work to do. Our next meeting is June 15 at 2 pm at my house.

Enjoy your summer, everyone. If you have travel plans, do so

safely. Once Sturgis Falls Days are behind you, relax for a while, and return to lodge activities re-energized and ready for a great time with lodge friends. And, remember to invite a personal friend or neighbor to join your lodge and share in those great times.

**Keith Jorgensen, President**

## **Secretary's Notes, May 2, 2017 Business Meeting**

*Solglimt's* monthly business meeting was called to order on Tuesday, May 2, by **President Keith Jorgensen** at his residence in Cedar Falls. Present were **Gloria Tehven, Dottie Roiseland, Jim Miller and Eunice Becker**.

The April Minutes were approved as written (**Gloria/Dottie**.)

**Treasurer Jim Miller** reported expenses of \$809.67 and receipts of \$657.97 for a balance of \$3,003.86 in the Lodge operating account as of 4/30/17. The Food Bank collection had been revised to \$158.80. Treasurer's report accepted (**Dottie/Gloria**.)

**Vice President Dottie Roiseland** had received new member recruitment pins and certificates and made arrangements to present them at the May Lodge meeting.

**Newsletter Editor Gloria Tehven** requested reports and news items for the next issue by June 1.

Details regarding the Officer Training session scheduled on Saturday, May 13, at St. Paul's in Waverly were discussed. Lunch arrangements will be finalized as information is received on the number of attendees. In addition to **International President Jon Tehven**, facilitator of the meeting, *Solglimt* will be represented by four members.

It was noted that the starting time for the next Strategic Planning session on Thursday, May 18, had been changed to 2 pm.

It was reported that the initial sign-up for Sturgis Falls Days volunteers had been productive and preparations for that event continue under the direction of **Joel Johnson**.

Discussion on an invitation from My Waterloo Days to participate in its People in the Park event was delayed for further details.

The next business meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 6, at the **Jorgensen** residence, 3 pm.

Plans are in place for the *Syttende Mai* dinner and program on Tuesday, May 16, at the CFWC, 6:30 pm.

As there was no further business, Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
**Eunice Becker, Secretary**

**Til Minne**

Funeral services for **Charter Member and Past President Arland "Axe" Haugen** were held Wednesday, May 17, at Nazareth Lutheran Church in Cedar Falls. **Axe**, 90, passed away May 10 at Western Home Communities' Nation Cottages, also in Cedar Falls. Our sincere condolences to his wife of 68 years, **Beverly**, and her family.



**Renewing Vows Norwegian  
Style - October 2010**

**Bev Haugen** writes: *Solglimt* Lodge members, Thank you for the beautiful floral tribute to **Axe**. We have such great memories of our years celebrating our heritage. He was a proud *Norsk* and loved his *Solglimt* friends. **Bev and Family**

## Secretary's Notes, May 16, 2017 Syttende Mai Meeting

**President Keith Jorgensen** welcomed members and guests to *Solglimt's Syttende Mai* dinner on Tuesday, May 16, at the Cedar Falls Woman's Club.

**Dr. Duane Lindberg** led the anthems, Pledge of Allegiance and table prayer. A moment of silence was observed for **Axe Haugen** who passed away Wednesday, May 10.

As the Sturgis Falls sign-up was being circulated, guests were introduced and welcomed. They included Karen Jessen of Waterloo, Cinde Lippold-Owen, Iowa City and Tony Haugebak, Cedar Falls.

**Coordinator Joel Johnson** gave an update on Sturgis Falls preparations. Paperwork has been completed and food ordered. The same booth location has been reserved and vendors' sales will return to a cash basis. Members were urged to sign-up for various shifts during the June 23 – 25 event.

Those celebrating May birthdays were recognized.

**Keith** spoke briefly on the Officer Workshop held Saturday, May 13, in Waverly. (See details elsewhere in *Posten*.)

Following a buffet-style dinner of traditional Norsk foods, **Keith** invited members to share stories of their heritage and family traditions. **Keith, Beebs Downing, Gloria Tehven, Karolyn Haugebak, Bev Rustad** and **Clare Palmer** all stepped up to the microphone to share their memories.



Members were reminded of **Axe's** funeral service the following morning.

The next Strategic Planning meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 18, at **Keith's** residence in Cedar Falls, 2 pm.

Guest Karen Jessen was winner of the drawing for a Lodge dinner.

In closing, **President Jorgensen** thanked **Carol Schultz, Christa Hanson** and **Percy Slattenow** for providing the *lefse*, *rømmegrøt*, and *sot suppe*, respectively, that accompanied the evening's dinner. *Takk* also to those members who brought Norwegian pastries for dessert.

~~ **Eunice Becker, Secretary**

### Lodge Member News

Congratulations to **Carol Pett!** She has lost 100 pounds with the help of Anytime Fitness and is sharing this picture with us. As you can see, her "old" jeans are now way too large for her!



Snowbirds **Helen Rostad** and **Howard Braden** have returned from Arizona; and the **Lances – Ron and Sharon**, have returned from Texas.

**Don Meyer** is recuperating following eye surgery.

**Don and Chris Meyer's** son Andy has accepted a one-year teaching position in the Scandinavian Department at Luther College starting this fall. Members will remember Rhodes Scholar Andy as the speaker at our *frokost* last January.

## Zone 7 Workshop Saturday, May 13, 2017

**International President Jon Tehven** welcomed representatives from lodges in the Quad Cities area, Cedar Rapids and Cedar Falls to the Zone 7 Officer Workshop on Saturday, May 13, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Waverly. *Solglimt* was represented by **Keith Jorgensen, Dottie Roiseland, Gloria Tehven** and **Eunice Becker**.

Following introductions and the reading of the 2022 Vision Statement, items for discussion included online forms, dues restructuring and future District and International conventions and delegates.

**Jon** gave an interesting power point presentation titled *Then and Now* on the history of fraternal organizations from medieval times to the present, and the future of those organizations in today's world.



After lunch, goals and how to achieve them were discussed and lodge concerns regarding new member recruitment and retention were shared among those present.

In closing, **President Tehven** distributed resource materials to aid officers in carrying out their duties. Recruitment materials were also included.

*Mange takk* to the **Tehvens, Keith**, and **Dottie** for providing refreshments.

*\_Kalender*

**June 6: Business meeting**

**June 15: Strategic planning Meeting**

**June 23-25: Sturgis Falls Celebration**

**July 1: Canada Day--celebrating Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday**

**July 4: Independence Day**

**July 27-29: Nordic Fest Decorah**

**Aug. 1: Business Meeting**

**Aug. 22: Lodge Picnic  
"The Cedar River Readers"  
Heritage Night**

**Editor's note:** There will not be a newsletter in July. Send your items for the August Posten to me by August 1<sup>st</sup>, (address above)

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## **The Viking Battalion in WWII**

We just celebrated Memorial Day, honoring the people in the military who have served in American Armed Services, to protect our freedom. On August 12, 2017, the 99<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion (Separate) will be holding the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of its creation at Camp Ripley, MN. The 99<sup>th</sup> Battalion, also called the Viking Battalion, was made up of Norwegian Americans who could speak fluent Norwegian and could ski, as well as Norwegian seaman who were left without a place to go when Germany invaded Norway.

Sons of Norway is looking for any member of our lodge who may have served in this battalion, or who may have any information about the battalion.

Also, if you know of anyone who served, or have any memorabilia that could be contributed to the 99<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion Museum at Camp Ripley, please share this information with our District One President, Dennis Rusinko. His contact information is:

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**Editor's note:** There will be more information about the Viking Battalion in our next newsletter.