

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

Tuesday, April 25, 2017
Cedar Falls Woman's Club
3rd and Clay Street
Cedar Falls, Iowa
Dinner: 6:30 pm Cost: \$12.00

Ham and Scalloped Potatoes
Glazed Carrots
Roll and Butter
Brownie

Jennifer Kovarik
"When Disney Called"



Jennifer's presentation is about the Vesterheim Museum's connection to the movie "Frozen". We will see stills from the movie and hear how objects from the Vesterheim museum relate to the scenes and motifs in the movie. These objects are currently on loan from Vesterheim to Disney's *Norsk Kultur* exhibit at Epcot in Florida. Children might enjoy this program, especially older ones.

Reservations by Thursday, April 20th. Cancellations by Saturday, April 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

April! How can it be April?! Well, it's here. Yes, warmer days and summer activities are on the way. We all look forward to them. I'm guessing after a LONG, DARK winter in Norway, spring is very welcome there. With spring happening all around us *Solglimt* Lodge is into its own "summer" activities. Culture Fest is here. Sturgis falls Days will soon be upon us come June. Then we take a "break" in July before Fall activities set in

If you were unable to attend our March meeting, you missed another great program. It was very informative and it is so difficult to understand how a very young girl could survive her youth in Africa, make her way to the United States and through hard work enjoy a good measure of success. I again urge those of you capable of attending our lodge meetings to make every effort to do so. You will find them informative and entertaining.

Strategic planning is still very much a goal of mine. Again, I invite you to join the effort. Give me a call or send me an email (Ed. Note: you can find contact information in the Officer and Contact chart in the POSTEN). It is my intent to have our first meeting fairly soon after Easter. I will call each interested individual with the when, where and what of the meeting once I have set a date.

We have a great lodge. Please make those plans to partake in the meetings and activities available. You will find it rewarding and a pleasing part of your busy life. We all look forward to a "full house" at our next meeting!

Keith Jorgensen, President

Secretary's Notes, March 7, 2017 Business Meeting

Solglimt's monthly business meeting was called to order by **President Keith Jorgensen** at his residence in Cedar Falls on Tuesday, March 7. Attending were **Gloria Tehven, Kathy Schuhmacher, Jim Miller** and **Eunice Becker**.

The February Minutes were approved as written (**Kathy/Gloria**.)

Treasurer Jim Miller's combined January/February report showed receipts of \$674.50 and disbursements of \$1,212.15, leaving a balance of \$3,578.82 in the Lodge operating account as of February 28, 2017.

It was agreed to send the budgeted donation of \$50 to the Northeast Iowa Food Bank, along with any cash donations collected at the March Lodge meeting.

Jim shared acknowledgements from the Sons of Norway Foundation and the Norwegian-American Genealogical Center for the Lodge's year-end donations. The Northeast Iowa Food Bank also acknowledged the members' recent donations of food and cash.

A donation in the amount of \$25 will be sent to the 1st District Scholarship Trust Fund in memory of **Rowena Bowen** who passed away in January.

Treasurer's report accepted with one correction (**Jim/Kathy**.) (Note: Corrected figures received via e-mail on 3/8/17.)

Social Director Kathy Schuhmacher previewed the March program and finalized arrangements with the speaker during the course of the meeting.

Editor Gloria Tehven reported that the March *Posten* is a work in progress and that the deadline for news items and reports for the next issue is April 1. **Keith** noted

his window of opportunity with the printer of the newsletter in order to coordinate his and **Gloria's** efforts.

Keith also updated Sturgis Falls information and shared his ideas on Strategic Planning which he intends to include in this month's *Posten*.

The March Lodge meeting takes place on Tuesday, the 28th, with nurse and motivational speaker Habibo Haji.

The next business meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 4, at the **Jorgensen** residence, 3 p.m.

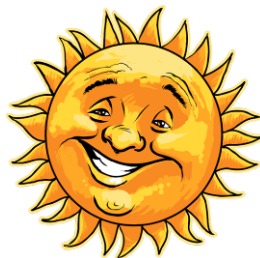
As there was no further business, Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Eunice Becker, Secretary

Sunshine

Sunshine Chair Bev Haugen reports that **Axe** is still mending at their residence in Cedar Falls.

Pam Flanders is recuperating at home following surgery.



If you know of anyone else who could use a little sunshine, contact **Bev** at:

Western Homes Communities
5300 S. Main Street #45
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 266-2269
bhaugen@cfu.net

Lodge Member News

Be sure to take a look at page 28 in the *Viking* magazine. There is a very nice picture of **Eunice Becker** and her granddaughters, Heritage members **Emma** and **Megan**. **Emma** and **Megan** were escorts at the District 1 convention in Cedar Rapids last summer.

Starting Thursday, March 30th, and continuing on April 6, 13, and 20th, **Susan Vallem** is leading a Keep on Learning series at Wartburg College. The sessions will provide information about Retrieving Freedom, a non-profit organization that trains dogs to help veterans and autistic children to deal with their challenges and their environments. The sessions are from 9:30-11:30 am. The first session (which is past) was free—to attend the rest of the sessions there is a cost of \$35.00. The class is in the Knights Ballroom in the Student Union at Wartburg.

Artist Wins Prizes!

Congratulations to **Dianne Peterson** whose art work came away with honors from the Iowa Artists Show held March 25 at the library in Denver. Out of eighty entries, her paper collage, "A Very Sunny Day" was awarded 2nd place



and her painting, "Retreat House" was awarded 3rd place.



Secretary's Notes, Mar. 28, 2017 Lodge Meeting

President Keith Jorgensen called *Solglimt's* monthly Lodge meeting to order on Tuesday, March 28, at the Cedar Falls Woman's Club.

Following his welcome the anthems, Pledge of Allegiance and table prayer were sung and recited.

Guests Randi Ellefson of Waverly and Wisdom Primus and Habibo Haji of Rochester, Minn., were introduced and welcomed.

As dinner was being served, **Clare Palmer** noted that the Lodge Book Club was still going strong and celebrating its 15th anniversary this year.

Food Coordinator Linda Slattenow circulated a basket for cash donations to the Northeast Iowa Food Bank.

Social Director Kathy Schuhmacher introduced the evening's program presenter Habibo Haji -- nurse, author and motivational speaker. Her book *Conquering the Odds: Journey of a Shepherd Girl*, tells the story of her life from a shepherd girl at the age of four in Somalia to becoming a nurse at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester.



Wisdom Primus, who accompanied Ms. Haji to the meeting, also told a bit of his journey to America – two remarkable people who overcame many hardships to reach where they are today. A Q & A session followed the program and Ms. Haji had copies of her book for purchase following the meeting.

As songbooks were being distributed, the following items were covered:

1. Sturgis Falls Coordinator Joel Johnson gave an update on preparations for that event to be held June 23-25.

2. Keith noted the upcoming CultureFest on Thursday, April 6, at the Waterloo Center for the Arts. He also asked for additional input for a planning/strategy session.

3. Gloria Tehven had information on Wartburg's next Keep on Learning class on Retrieving Freedom starting on Thursday, which will be led by **Sue Vallem**.

4. Clare Palmer shared notes from **Carla Larson** and **Dorothy Sundet**, both of Waverly. Due to health issues, neither has attended Lodge meetings of late. Each would enjoy hearing from *Solglimt* friends. **Carla** will celebrate her 90th birthday on April 24!

Musician Kathy Schuhmacher and **Dr. Duane Lindberg** led the group in singing *Per Spelmann* and *Aftensolen*.

Bob Peterson was winner of the drawing for a Lodge dinner.

As there was no further business, **Keith** declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Unice Becker, Secretary

Northeast Iowa Food Bank

What a caring and generous group you are! The basket passed at our March meeting yielded a total of \$214.00! How amazing is that! It included a \$50 donation from the Lodge. With the dollar-for-dollar matching grant, the Food Bank now has \$428.00 with which to work its magic in providing food to those in need in NE Iowa.

The grant ends April 30, so we'll pass the basket again at the April meeting for those who wish to contribute again and those who were not able to be at the March meeting. Blessings on you all!

Perc and Linda Slattenow
Co-chairs, NEIFB Project

Book Club

The *Solglimt* Book Club will meet at NewAldaya, 7511 University Avenue, Cedar Falls, on Monday, April 17th. Come at 12 pm for lunch, or at 1 pm if you only want to participate in the discussion.

The book for discussion is The Reader's Broken Wheel Recommended by Katarina Bivald. That's an unusual title! The book is about a Swedish lady who comes to an Iowa town called Broken Wheel to visit her pen pal, Amy. However, when she arrives, she learns that Amy's funeral has just ended. The book tells what happens next!

In May the group will be having a dinner out—the May **POSTEN** will have details!

Questions? Contact:
Marilyn Young
319-830-3400
myoung@cfu.net

Officer Training Workshop Saturday, May 13th

All *Solglimt* officers (and any others that can/want to attend) are encouraged to attend a workshop for Zone 1 of Sons of Norway on Saturday, May 13th at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 112 2nd Avenue in Waverly.

The workshop begins at 10 am and should be over at 2 pm. Dennis Rusinko, the president of District 1 will be the workshop leader.

Culture Fest

Our Lodge will have a "table" showcasing Norwegian crafts and food at the Waterloo Center for the Arts on April 6th. For more information, check with **Keith Jorgensen, 277-1537**, or **Pam Flanders, 319-243-8620** for more information.

**Solglimt Officers and Contacts
2017**

President: Keith Jorgensen
kjorgensen@cfu.net
 Vice-President: Dottie Roiseland
roisdot@gmail.com
 Secretary: Eunice Becker
beckerwoodwkg@aol.com
 Treasurer: Jim Miller
jimnvivian@cfu.net
 Membership Secretary: Don Meyer

donald.meyer@wartburg.edu
 Counselor/Past President:
 Steve Norby
Stevenorby1953@gmail.com
 Social Director: Chris Johnson
johnson1508@mediacombb.net
 Social Director: Kathy Schuhmacher
schuhmacherk@gmail.com
 Cultural Director: Cheryl Moore
ydaldnab@hotmail.com
 Editor: Gloria Tehven
gtehven@live.com
 Sports/Youth: James Walsh
jew02@hotmail.com
 Telephone Chr. Karolyn Haugebak
dkhaugebak@cfu.net
 Sunshine Chr. Beverly Haugen
bhaugen@cfu.net

**Treasurer's Report
For period ending Mar. 31, 2017**

1. Savings/Checking Account

Balance, 3/1/2017.....\$3578.82
 Receipts.....(+)956.00
 Interest.....(+)0.00
 Sub Total.....\$4534.82
 Disbursements.....(-)1395.18
 Balance, 3/31/2017.....\$3139.64

2. Certificates of Deposit
 4 \$1000 Certificates....\$4000.00

3. Savings Bonds (none)

4. Cash on Hand.....\$50.00

Total financial Assets. 3/31/2017
\$7189.64

P. 21 Yearbook Correction:
 Change **K. Pillion's** box number to
 812.

Growinto2020

2020 is the 125th Anniversary of Sons of Norway. In anticipation of this important milestone, one of SofN's strategic goals is to acquire 3500 new members this year, and each lodge is encouraged to have a recruitment target of 10% for 2017 to ensure that this goal is met.

There are Prizes for the Top Recruiting Lodges!

If a Lodge meets the 10% growth of their membership, they are encouraged to hold an event to showcase their recruitment efforts, and receive the following rewards:

1. \$200 cash card to use toward the celebration.
2. Exclusive access to a new program for lodge members.
3. Newly designed Sons of Norway banner.
4. Certificate of honor
5. Recruiter recognition pin

Watch for updates and successes from other lodges throughout the year. Share your own #Growing2020 photo on Facebook or Twitter.

If you have any questions about this, contact **Eivind Heiberg, Chief Executive Officer, Sons of Norway.** ceo@sofn.com

Sons of Norway Benefits

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

Mary (M.E.) Levsen
 98 E. Willman Street
 Hiawatha IA 52233
levsen@neighborinsurance.com
 319-538-5933

Mindekirken

Mindekirken is a beautiful, historical Norwegian Memorial Church in Minneapolis. On Tuesdays the church hosts an Open House lunch and on most Tuesdays they have speakers or some other kind of program.



International President Jon Tehven was the speaker at the *Mindekirken* on Tuesday, March 23. He presented a program about the rise of fraternal benefit societies and told about the beginning of our Fraternal Benefit Society, Sons of Norway.



Solglimt Lodge member **Phil Froiland** introduced **Jon** to the approximately 100 folks who attended the event. **Marilyn Froiland** was one of the attendees. **Phil** and **Marilyn** send greetings to all *Solglimt* members. They are enjoying their "retirement" in Minneapolis, but do miss their Iowa friends.

Editor's Note: If you have any news that you would like to see in the May **POSTEN**, please send it to me a little earlier. Our May meeting will be a week earlier—on May 16, in honor of *Syttende Mai* on the 17th, so I will need to get our news out earlier! Send your items by April 26th to:

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

The Uprooting

(Editor's Note: This is an update about the play that former *Solglimt* member **Carol Colburn** has a part in. The play will be presented in *Tysvaer* Norway on June 22, during their Midsummer Festival).

On July 4, 1825 52 brave men, women and children boarded the 54-foot sloop *Restauration* in Stavanger, ready to make the treacherous journey across the Atlantic and become the first group of Norwegians to emigrate to America.

Leading the Sloopers, as they were called, was Cleng Peerson. Born in 1783 in Tysvaer on Norway's west coast, Peerson went on to establish three Norwegian settlements in the U.S.: One by Lake Ontario in New York in 1825, another by the Fox River in Illinois, and the final one in Norse County near Clifton, Texas, in 1854.

Peerson—who would come to be known as the “father of Norwegian emigration”—lived the last years of his life in Clifton, where he passed away in 1865. His legacy as an important figure in Norwegian-American history has lived on, however, creating a strong relationship between his birthplace of Tysvaer and his final home of Clifton.

In 2012 the farm where Peerson lived his final years returned to Norwegian hands when Aldbjorg Stuve and Thomas Mannes of Tysvaer decided to buy the property.

While exploring the farm, Mannes's mother made an incredible discover. She found some pages handwritten by her own grandfather, Viglerik Rosselad. They were titled “Cleng Peerson” and turned out to be a draft of a play about Peerson's return to Tysvaer to describe the journey and the opportunities in America to other Norwegians planning to emigrate.

Her cousin, Kristbjorg Eide, then translated the pages into English and produced the play with a group in Duluth, titling it “The Uprooting”. The group presented the play at the Sons of Norway District 1 Convention in Duluth in 2014. (**Carol Colburn** was in it!)

The production was a success, and they performed it again in Clifton, Texas in 2015, this time in connection with the 150th anniversary of Peerson's death. Now the cast is going to Tysvaer, Peerson's hometown, this summer!

“The first time we gathered as a cast, we talked about taking our play to Norway. At the time, we felt we were expressing a fantasy,” said one cast member. “Now, it's becoming an exciting reality.”

The cast will be performing “The Uprooting” as part of the Tysvaer Midsummer Festival, an annual festival of activities and events popular with residents and visitors alike. This year, the festival will be held from June 16-25 with a special focus on the first Norwegian emigration to America and the city's partnership with Clifton.

Two days after their performance, the cast will participate in a march, walking to Kaarsto, like the emigrants from Tysvaer did in 1825. There they boarded a boat that took them to Stavanger. The *Restauration* was waiting for them at the dock in Stavanger to take them to America. They knew very little about what awaited them in America, but they knew that they would never return.

(Ed.Note: This information is adapted from an article that was in the Norwegian American in March, 2017. Another source of information was the Haugesunds Avis, a Norwegian publication, which was sent to **Jon** by R. Raschick.)

Happiest Country 2017

Norway has been judged the happiest country in the world in the UN's latest World Happiness Report, recently released.

Ranked fourth last year, it's on top this year, based on several calculations for measuring social happiness: levels of caring, freedom to make life decisions, generosity, good governance, good health and income employment, income equality, life expectancy, GDP per capita, public trust, and social support.

Denmark, last year's Happiest Country, was ranked second this year, followed by Iceland and Switzerland. The U.S. dropped in the rankings from 13th to 14th. The bottom five on the list are Rwanda, Syria, Tanzania, Burundi, and Central African Republic.

Kalender

Apr. 4: Lodge Business Meeting

Apr. 6: Culture Fest

Apr. 16: Happy Easter!

Apr. 17: Book Club

Apr. 25: Lodge Meeting
Jennifer Kovarik
“When Disney Called”

May 2: Lodge Business Meeting

May 13: Officer's Workshop

May 14: Happy Mother's Day!

May 15: Book Club (tent.)

May 16: Lodge Meeting
Syttende Mai Celebration
“Our Stories”

May 17: Syttende Mai

Solglimt Posten
Gloria Tehven, Editor
1507 Hickory Heights Drive
Waverly, Iowa 50677