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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

Tuesday, November 27, 2018

(Note: this is the Tuesday after Thanksgiving)

Cedar Falls Woman's Club

3rd and Clay Street, Cedar Falls, Iowa

Silent Auction: 5:30 pm

Dinner: 6:30 pm Cost: \$12.00

Menu

Ham and Scalloped Potatoes

Green Bean Almandine, Apple Bar

Bring Items for the Silent Auction, and be ready to shop for Christmas gifts, etc.! Also bring items for the Food Bank!

"Ski for Light"



Marion Elmquist, the president of Ski for Light, will share with us the mission of Ski for Light: teaching visually and mobility impaired adults the sport of cross country skiing. Ski for Light was founded in 1975 with financial assistance from the Sons of Norway Foundation.

Solglimt Lodge has long supported the organization and *Solglimt* member, **Jon Tehven** has attended two annual events, one in Michigan and one in California.

Reservations by Thursday, November 22nd, cancellations by Saturday, Nov. 24. If your caller misses you, or if you are not a member and would like to attend, please call **Chris Johnson, 483-5071.**

Also call **Chris** for cancellations. If you reserve and don't attend, you're asked to pay.

Fra Presidenten

Greetings all,

Halloween is behind us. It must be November! Don't eat all that leftover candy at once! There has also been a shift in the weather, much cooler, and days are now noticeably shorter. We are indeed inching closer to the season we Norwegian folks love the most. Oh, not all of us? O.K.

November does bring us into our Lodge routine for several things. It's at our November meeting that we vote for our slate of officers for next year. Our officers and other various positions will not change for 2019. This may be good or not so good; it all depends on how you might be viewing the situation. We have great folks doing great jobs for sure! However, one might argue that change is good, and this is a very valid point.

So, while it is not intended to move anyone aside, we would urge each of you to "shadow" someone currently holding a given office or position. This would give you an opportunity to learn from the "expert" now holding an office and prepare you for that position in 2020. Current office holders have assured us they are very willing to "teach you the ropes" for their office. New blood brings new ideas and helps make our Lodge the great lodge it is. So, give it some serious thought and speak up!

Look through this issue of the POSTEN for information on possible cultural trips, the Amana's Old Creamery Theater may be one. Other options are also being explored.

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A second Recruitment Lunch/Dinner is also in the planning stages. You are encouraged to consider just who you might invite as a prospective Lodge new member. New members are key to our future!

It is at our November Lodge meeting that we hold our annual Silent Auction. **Robin Voster**, our event coordinator, is brimming with new and innovative ideas for keeping our Silent Auction fresh and fun. We still want all those delightful Norwegian “goodies” and unique items just gathering dust at your house that others may find to be the right thing in their house. Sharing is good! Plus, we add some dollars to our treasury. Thanks!

Please plan to join us at our November Lodge Meeting, and as usual, be sure to ask a friend to come along. There will be a great program and the Silent Auction is always interesting. Come join the fun!

Keith Jorgensen, President

Secretary’s Notes, October 2, 2018 Lodge Business Meeting

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

The minutes of the September meeting were approved as written (**Gloria/Jim**).

Treasurer Jim Miller reported receipts of \$576 and disbursements of \$1,261.64 for a balance of \$4,724.64 in the Lodge operating account as of September 30. Treasurer’s report approved (**Jim/Dottie**).

Social Director Jon Tehven noted that arrangements are in place for the October 23 Lodge meeting with FBC Scott Johanssen as speaker. As October is Foundation month a free-will collection will be taken.

Editor Gloria Tehven reported that the October newsletter was a work in progress and would be issued during the next few days.

Keith reported that the nominating Committee’s slate of 2019 officers should be ready for the October meeting; election to take place in November.

Keith also noted that the Strategic Planning process continues and that the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 25, at his residence, 2 pm.

A day trip to the Amana’s Old Creamery theatre is a possibility in December. Watch the POSTEN for details.

Donations in the amount of \$25 each in memory of Opal Walther and Helen Lippold will be issued to New Aldaya and IPTV respectively.

Jon proposed that a donation of \$100 be sent to the Norman Borlaug Foundation. **Dottie** seconded and the motion carried.

Announcements:

Lodge meeting – Oct. 23-CFWC, 6:30 pm

Strategic Planning – Oct. 25 -Jorgensen residence, 2 pm

Business meeting – Nov. 6 -Jorgensen residence, 2 pm

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Eunice Becker, Secretary

Lodge Member News

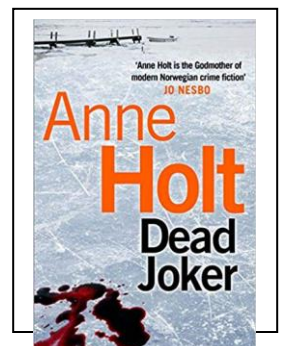
Sincere condolences are extended to **Jon** and **Gloria Tehven** on the passing of **Jon’s** sister Beverly Hest of Eagen, Minnesota.

Book Club

The *Solglimt* Book Club will meet on Monday, November 19th at New Aldaya, 7411 University Ave. in Cedar Falls, with lunch at 12 pm and discussion at 1 pm. The book for November is *Dead Joker* by Ann Holt, who lives in Oslo.

The book is an immersive tale that packs an emotional punch and offers incisive commentary of the criminal justice system. If you would like more information about the meeting, contact:

Clare Palmer, 266-8635
dandcpalmer@cfu.net



Secretary's Notes, October 23, 2018 Lodge Meeting

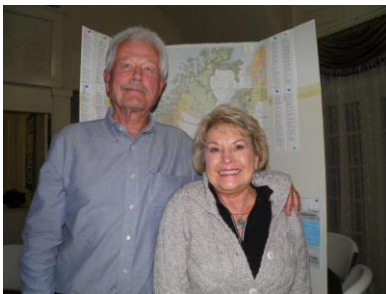
President Keith Jorgensen called *Solglimt's* monthly Lodge meeting to order on Tuesday, October 23, at the Cedar Falls Woman's Club.

The anthems, Pledge of Allegiance and table prayer were led by **Dr. Duane Lindberg**.

As dinner was served, **Sunshine Chair Bev Haugen** reported on her activities for October.

Following dinner, **Dr. Lindberg** led the group in singing "God Bless America." October birthday greetings were also sung.

New members **Craig** and **Jennifer Ritland** of Waterloo were introduced and welcomed.



President Jorgensen announced:

- Secretary's Minutes and Treasurer's Report may be found in the POSTEN.
- A cultural trip to the Amanas in November or December is being organized.
- A Strategic Planning meeting will be Oct. 25 (later rescheduled to Nov. 8.)
- Sign-up has begun for 2019 Norwegian and Swedish calendar orders.
- October is Foundation Month

Keith also announced that, with few exceptions, the Lodge's current officers have agreed to carry on in 2019. Election takes place next month.

Representing the Lodge Book Club, **Clare Palmer** commented on the Club's fifteen-year existence and gave brief reviews of two of its most recent selections, The Winter Fortress and A Man Called Ove. Everyone is welcome to their monthly discussions. (see POSTEN for meeting dates.)

Tying in with The Winter Fortress, a book about the sabotaging of the heavy water plant in Norway during WWII, **Jon Tehven** noted the passing of the last "Hero of Telemark" over the weekend. Joachim Rønneberg, 99, was the last of the group of

Norwegian resistance fighters whose action against the Vemork Norsk Hydro plant on the Hardanger mountain plateau in Telemark helped prevent Nazi Germany from developing an atomic bomb.

Jon continued with a brief background of the beginnings of Sons of Norway as a fraternal benefits society in 1895 and how it has evolved over the years.



He then introduced Financial Benefits Counselor Scott Johanssen of the Quad Cities area who told about himself, his background as an insurance agent and financial advisor, and how he conducts his business. Johanssen welcomes your questions.

Editor Gloria Tehven sent word that in order to be entered in the December drawing for a hand *rosemaled* item by **Elsa Waschek**, your correct answer to the current Reader's Contest riddle must be received by October 31. She also requested reports and news items for the next issue of the POSTEN by November 1.

Keith spoke on the progress of the Strategic Planning Committee that has been meeting regularly to determine where as a Lodge we are going, identify our strengths and weaknesses and promote and maintain membership. Goals have been set and ways and means discussed to implement those goals. The Committee has also assumed the role of Membership Committee. Handouts were circulated and all members invited to participate.

Congratulations to **Carol Pett**, winner of the drawing for a free Lodge dinner.

Carol Schultz had *lefse* for sale.

Social Director Jon Tehven reminded the group of next month's Ski for Light program.

With no further business, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Eunice Becker, Secretary

Trip to the Old Creamery Theater in The Amana Colonies on December 12th.

You're invited to join with other *Solglimt* members for a trip to the play, "Away in the Basement: A Church Basement Ladies Christmas" on Wednesday, December 12th at 2 pm at the Old Creamery Theater in the Amanas. The play will tell about the day of the church's Christmas pageant, when everything is going wrong---it's the Church Basement Ladies that must come to the rescue!

If you want to attend, contact:

Clare Palmer
266-8635 or dandcpalmer@cfu.net

The cost is \$31.50. Transportation plans will be arranged as we get closer to December 12th. For group seating, our reservations need to be made two weeks in advance, so let **Clare** know as soon as possible. You can also let her know at our November Lodge meeting on November 27th.



We will make arrangements for those wishing to have lunch in Amana prior to the play.

SOLGLIMT LODGE WEBSITE

The Solglimt Lodge website is up and running!
Go to:

<http://www.solglimt.org>

Here you will find information about membership, back issues of the *Posten*, a picture gallery (still under construction), resources, and a 'contact us'. Click on these heading for information.

If you have any pictures you would like to contribute, contact **Jon Tehven**.



Strategic Planning Information

Benefits of Being a Sons of Norway Member

- Share a family tradition
- Learn about Norway
- Be with a friend, Make new friends
- It's a "Couples" organization and a Family event
- Compare cultures, especially with other Scandinavian countries
- You are a part of the community
- Scholarship and grants opportunities
- Provides humanitarian help if you need it

Quality of Life and Volunteering Opportunities

Current Activities

- Food Bank
- Highway Clean-up
- Sturgis Falls Food Booth
- Culture Fest

Potential Sponsored Future Activities:

- Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts
- Soccer teams
- Plays
- Symphony
- Eye of the Needle
- Red Cross disaster work
- School presentations

Other

- Books for the Eldora School for Boys
- Wear promotional clothing/vest

Solglimt Vision Statement **October 3, 2017**

It is 2021 and *Solglimt* has grown to a membership of 140 devoted individuals with an interest in things Scandinavian, Norwegian in particular. Membership continues to grow at an annual rate of 5%, due to an active membership committee. In addition to regular monthly meetings which see 40% attendance, the lodge offers quarterly cultural trips or events, which are open to non-member community members. Approximately 30% of the membership makes annual contributions to the Sons of Norway Foundation. Approximately 23% of the membership are Benefit members and this percentage continues to grow annually by approximately 2% to 3%.

Proposed	
2019 <i>Solglimt</i> Lodge Officers	
President	Keith Jorgensen
Vice-President	Dottie Roiseland
Secretary	Eunice Becker
Treasurer	Jim Miller
Membership Secretary	Don Meyer
Past President/Counselor	
	Steve Norby
Social Directors	Robin Voster
	Clare Palmer
Ass't Social Directors	open
	open
Cultural Director	Cheryl Moore
Foundation Director	Jon Tehven
Editor	Gloria Tehven
Trustees	Hovey Brom
	Jim Miller
	Steve Mauer
Marshal	Dave Haugebak
Greeters	Ron & Sharon Lance
Publicity	JoAn Headington
Historian	Deloris Laube
Musicians	Sonja Lynch
	Kathy Schuhmacher
Sports/Youth Director	Jim Walsh
Librarian	open
Auditors	Mike Butler
	David Palmer
Adopt a School Coordinator	open
(We will be voting on these officers at our November Meeting.)	

**Treasurer Jim Miller's Report
For period ending Oct. 31, 2018**

1. Checking/Savings Accounts

Balance on 10/1/2018.....\$4724.64
 Receipts.....(+)460.00
 Sub total.....\$5184.64
 Disbursements.....520.30
 Balance on 10/31/2018...\$4664.34

2. Certificates of Deposit

4 \$1000 Certificates....\$4000.00

3. Savings Bonds (none)

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

Total Financial Assets 10/31/2018
 \$8714.34

A Little Sunshine

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

Beverly Haugen
Western Home Communities
5300 Main Street #45
Cedar Falls IA 50613
bhaugen@cfu.net
 266-2269

Sons of Norway Benefits

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

Scott Johanssen, FIC
 Riverland Insurance Group
 1970 Spruce Hills Drive
 Bettendorf IA 52722
 Phone: 563-503-5400
 Cell: 563-343-5157

Food Bank

We collected 32 pounds in October for the Food Bank.

A Posten Reader's Contest

Here's the riddle for this month.

Where can you do some Christmas shopping, and get some good gifts (mentioned in the POSTEN)?

Anyone who knows the answer to this riddle and contacts **Gloria T.** with the answer before November 30th will have their name entered in the drawing for a rosemaled item made by **Elsa Waschek.** Drawing at our Dec. meeting.

(Note: Only *Solglimt* members are eligible to win.)

You can telephone, email, or snail mail the answer. Send your answer and any news or reports that you'd like to see in the December POSTEN to me by November 30th.

Gloria Tehven
1507 Hickory Heights Drive
Waverly IA 50677
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Sons of Norway Foundation

October was Foundation Month and we want to thank all who donated. We raised \$278.00.

Scholarships

Children and grandchildren of SON members are eligible to receive a scholarship from the Foundation. There are exceptions, so read the requirement of each scholarship.



Applications are now being accepted. For specific information and amount of each scholarship, go to:

www.sofn.com

Click on **Foundation** and then on **Scholarships.**

Membership Event

The Membership Committee is hosting another Membership Event, Saturday, December 1 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for lunch at Hilton Garden Inn, Cedar Falls.

Members are encouraged to invite and join potential members. Those members who bring a potential member and the potential member will receive their lunch at no charge.

We will start with a 30 minute program that covers information about Sons of Norway and *Solglimt* Lodge. Then lunch and conversation!



Kalender

- Nov. 6: Lodge Business Meeting
- Nov. 8: Strategic Planning Meeting
- Nov. 19: Book Club
- Nov. 22: Happy Thanksgiving!
- Nov. 27: Lodge Meeting
Silent Auction
"Ski for Light",
Marian Elmquist, presenter
- Dec 1: Membership Event - 11:30
a.m.
- Dec. 4: Lodge Business Meeting
- Dec. 12: Trip to see "Away in the
Basement: A Church Basement
Ladies Christmas" play in the
Amanas
- Dec. 13: Christmas on Main in
Waverly from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- Dec. 17: Book Club
- Dec. 18: Lodge Meeting
"Letters from Pleasant View
Lutheran Church"
Rev. David Nerdig, presenter

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Happy Thanksgiving!



Thanksgiving Trivia

"The reason that we have so many myths associated with Thanksgiving is that it is an invented tradition. It doesn't originate in any one event. It is based on the New England Puritan Thanksgiving, which is a religious thanksgiving, and the traditional harvest celebrations of England and New England and maybe other ideas like commemorating the pilgrims. All of these have been gathered together and transformed into something different from the original parts." *James W. Baker, Senior Historian at Plimoth Plantation.*

1. **Fact or Fiction:** Thanksgiving is held on the final Thursday of November each year.

Fiction. In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln designated the last Thursday in November as a national day of thanksgiving. However, in 1939, after a request from the National Retail Dry Goods Association, President Franklin Roosevelt decreed that the holiday should always be celebrated on the fourth Thursday of the month (never the occasional fifth, as occurred in 1939) in order to extend the holiday shopping season by a week. The decision sparked great controversy, and was still unresolved 2 years later, when the House of Representatives passed a resolution making the last Thursday in November a legal national holiday. The Senate amended the resolution, setting the date as the fourth Thursday, and the House eventually agreed.