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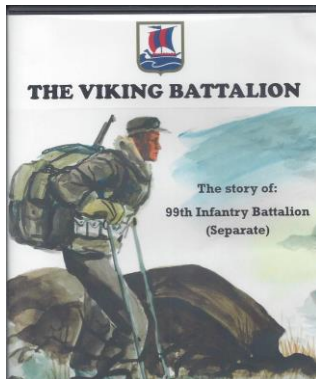
The mission of the Sons of Norway is to promote and to preserve the heritage and culture of Norway, to celebrate our relationship with other Nordic Countries, and to provide quality insurance and financial products to its members.

Lodge Meeting

Tuesday, April 23, 2019
Cedar Falls Woman's Club
3rd and Clay Street, Cedar Falls, Iowa
6:30 pm: Dinner, Cost: \$12

Menu

Ham & Scalloped Potatoes
Creamy Cole Slaw,
Roll, Brownie



Bruce Bjorgum

The Norwegian 99th Infantry Battalion, WWII

The 99th Infantry Battalion (Separate) was activated at Camp Ripley, MN on July 19th, 1942 on instructions by the War Department. This unique elite unit was to consist only of Norwegians and Norwegian-Americans. Soldiers picked out for this elite unit had to have a working knowledge of the Norwegian Language and preferably already knowing how to ski. Come and learn more about the history of the 99th Infantry Battalion.

Bruce Bjorgum is the secretary of the 99th Infantry Battalion Educational Foundation. He is the son of Robert Thorsten Bjorgum, who served in the 99th Infantry Battalion during WWII.

Reservations by Thursday, April 18th. Cancellations by Saturday, April 20th. 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. Remember, if you Reserve and do not attend, you will be asked to pay for your meal.

Fra Presidenten

Greetings all,

April. No snow...so far. With temperatures in the 50's, many of us are finally able, or more accurately willing, to get outside and at least look around our yards to see what damage may have fallen upon us over the winter months. Spring weather also signals the start of a new season of travel and exploration.

As mentioned in previous POSTEN articles, your Sons of Norway *Solglimt* Lodge is looking at several possible cultural type trips for your enjoyment. We are now making plans to attend *The Church Basement Ladies* at the Old Creamery Theatre in Amana. This is a different play from the one we saw last Fall. There are details about this trip in the following pages of the POSTEN.

We had an interesting and informative March lodge meeting with Haley Jackson from Luther College offering multiple factors involved in archiving materials presented to the College, as well as how we should handle our own personal items we wish to preserve. Our April meeting will welcome Bruce Bjorgum and a presentation on the Norwegian 99th Infantry Battalion of WWII. You simply don't want to miss that program. Mark your Calendars!

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During our last Strategic Planning meeting a good many topics were discussed, as is usually the case. The committee is always searching for interesting and thoughtful ways to inform the general public about the benefits of being a member of our lodge. However, the concern to keep you, our own members, well informed was also discussed.

The topic was raised about what we receive for our \$12 "price of admission" each meeting. First, keep in mind that anyone is welcome to attend our lodge meetings at no cost, if they are not eating a meal. Which brings us to the point of our discussion: just what do we get for our dollars? Well, we get a nice, prepared on site, "sit down" meal for 35-50 people, of course. (And prime rib would be little out of our price range.) But we get more than that, much more.

We get "free" use of the Woman's Club warm and comfortable dining room, the sound system, a helpful wait staff serving us, nicely set tables with seasonal center pieces, extra space and tables for some of our meetings, piano and audiovisual equipment, and parking within reasonable walking distance.



We get a lot for our dollars. As a rule, nearly every "out of town" program presenter will comment on what a nice facility we meet in and how lucky we are for it. One additional reminder, your lodge leadership some time ago voted to supplement the cost of each meal by one dollar. Because their cost of operation naturally continues to raise, the Woman's Club charges the lodge \$13 per meal. All in all, it's a bargain.

Enjoy spring everyone! We hope for a nice long one, not three weeks and then summer heat. Join us for the April Lodge meeting, and bring that friend along to enjoy the evening.

Keith Jorgensen, President

(Editor's note) We also get to store our flags and other supplies at the Woman's Club, so they don't have to be "carted" in for each meeting.

Secretary's Notes, March 5, 2019 Business Meeting

President Keith Jorgensen called *Solglimt's* monthly business meeting to order on Tuesday, March 5, at his residence in Cedar Falls. In attendance were **Jim Miller, Dottie Roiseland, Gloria Tehven, Jon Tehven, and Eunice Becker.**

The minutes of the February meeting were approved as written. **(Jon/Dottie) Treasurer Jim Miller** reported a balance of \$3,683.23 in the Lodge operating account as of 2/28/19, with receipts of \$554 and disbursements of \$1,238.48. Treasurer's report accepted. **(Jim/Gloria)**

Thank-yous were shared from the Norwegian American Genealogical Center, Friends of IPTV (Lippold memorial), Danish Museum and Vesterheim for recent donations.

The Lodge Membership Activity Report was reviewed. Another new member has joined, for an active membership of 104.

Editor Gloria Tehven requested reports and news items for the next issue of the POSTEN by Apr. 1.

The need for volunteers at this year's CultureFest will be addressed at the March Lodge meeting. Staffing for the Lodge booth and artifacts for display will be needed, as well as *kringle* for sampling. CultureFest takes place on Thursday, April 4, from 5-7:30 pm at the Waterloo Center for the Arts.

Lodge goals for 2019 were set and will be voted on by the membership at the next Lodge meeting. Volunteer opportunities at the Food Bank are being looked into.

The Board proposes that the Lodge Viking ship float be featured once again in the Sturgis Falls parade after last year's absence. Help from the membership will be need to achieve this and is being checked on.

As Sons of Norway celebrates its 125th anniversary next year and it is the Lodge's 45th year, it was suggested these two events be linked into one local celebration.

Announcements: Lodge Meeting, Mar. 26, 6:30 pm, Strategic Planning, Mar. 28, 2 pm, Business Meeting, Apr. 2, 2 pm.

As there was no further business, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, **Eunice Becker, Secretary**

Secretary's Notes, March 26, 2019 Lodge Meeting

Solglimt's monthly Lodge meeting was called to order by **President Keith Jorgensen** on Tuesday, March 26, at the Cedar Falls Woman's Club.

Following the anthems, Pledge of Allegiance and table prayer, the Lodge's newest member **John Williams** of Waterloo was again introduced and welcomed.

Dinner was followed by the singing of *Kon du gamle Norge?* and *Hils fra meg der hjemme*, led by **Dr. Duane Lindberg** and **Musician Kathy Schuhmacher**.

Social Director Clare Palmer introduced the evening's program presenter, Haley Jackson, archivist at Luther College in Decorah who, with words and pictures, told of the founding of Luther College by Norwegian immigrants in 1861 and gave a brief outline of the college's history as it is preserved in records, photos and artifacts. In conclusion she shared ideas that could be used by family historians in preserving their own materials.



A basket for cash donations to the local Food Bank was circulated.

Speaking for CultureFest, **Keith** noted the need for volunteers and *kringle* to be served at the event on Thursday, April 4, at the Waterloo Center for the Arts.

Sturgis Falls Coordinator Joel Johnson recapped last year's event and put out a call for volunteers at this year's booth and with the Viking float. This summer's event takes place from June 28-30th. Sign-up sheets were circulated.



President Keith Jorgensen presented 2018 Member Recruitment Awards to **Jon Tehven**, **Duane Lindberg** and **Dorothy Haugebak**.



John Williams presented to members' email and...

Gloria Tenven reminded members to get their answers to this month's POSTEN Readers' Riddle before the end of the month so that their names can be entered into the drawing in May.

Congratulations to **Craig Ritland**, winner of the drawing for a free Lodge dinner.

With a wish for Peace and Harmony to prevail within the Lodge, **Keith** adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Eunice Becker, Secretary

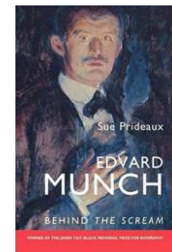
Lodge Member News

Rod Hamer is once again helping with Red Cross Flood Relief in Western Iowa.

Missing Book: *A Man Called Ove* is still missing. If you have the book, contact **Clare Palmer, 266-8635** and/or bring it to the next Lodge meeting.

Book Club

The *Solglimt* Book Club will meet for lunch at 12:30pm in Waverly on Monday, April 15th at the Main Street Diner—note the change of meeting place and time! After our lunch and book discussion we plan to visit **Dorothy Sundet** at Bartels Home. We are continuing our review of last month's book, *Edward Munch*, by Sue Prideaux, as many didn't finish the book last month.



If you have any questions, please contact:

Dottie Roiseland
352-3761 or roisdot@gmail.com

NE Iowa Food Bank

At our March meeting \$142 was collected for the NE Iowa Food Bank. This will be matched, so actually \$284 was raised to help folks in need of food!! **The matching will continue through the month of April, so if you can make another donation, it will be matched!!** You can bring your donation to our April meeting, or you can mail a to:

NE Iowa Food Bank
PO Box 7397
Waterloo IA 50704-2397

Or call Mike at 235-0507.

On Tuesday, April 2, **President Keith Jorgensen, Gloria Tehven** and **Jon Tehven** toured the NE Iowa Food Bank. The purpose was to determine if *Solglimt* Lodge members could engage in volunteer opportunities at the Food Bank. The answer is **YES!** There are opportunities for day-time activities, such as filling "back packs" of food for schho children in need. We will have more information at our April Lodge meeting.



Many thanks to **Linda** and **Percy Slattenow**, who have brought this to our attention.

Nordic American Breakfast

The Strategic Planning Committee has approved a Nordic American Breakfast hosted by *Solglimt* Lodge for a Saturday morning in November, 2019. The Breakfast is modeled after the SON Breakfast held in Minneapolis on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving. The themes are family, faith, and freedom.

The purpose is to bring together Norwegians, Danes, Swedes, Finns and Icelanders to celebrate our heritage.



We are asking for volunteers willing to make this possible. We will have more information at our April meeting.

Culture Fest

As you know, our Lodge will have a display at the Waterloo Center for the Arts this Thursday, April 4th from 5-7 pm. We'll be sharing *Kringle*, artifacts and knowledge about our group. If you get this in time and want to come, just do so! You can visit the Fest and see many cultures represented, and help at the booth if needed!



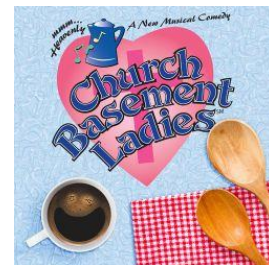
Pam Flanders is heading up this project, and **Keith Jorgensen** will be there, also. Others will be there, too!

Church Basement Ladies Old Creamery Theatre

Thursday, May 23
2:00 p.m.
\$32.50

As **President Keith** mentioned in his *Fra Presidenten*, we have been looking for cultural events for our lodge.

Last Fall we attended the Old Creamery Theatre for one of the six (6) Church Basement Ladies plays, so this is not the same play we saw last Fall.



We will need to know in advance to secure tickets.

Last year we left Waterloo about 9:30, got to Amana around 11:30, had lunch, and on to the play.

We will have more information at our April 23 lodge meeting.

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Treasurer's Report, Jim Miller

1. Checking/Savings Accounts
Balance on 3/1/2019.....\$3683.23
Receipts.....(+)506.57
Interest.....(+)3.01
Sub Total.....\$4192.81
Disbursements.....(-)668.40
Balance on 3/31/2019...\$ 3524.41

2. Certificates of Deposit
4 \$1000.00 Certificates \$4000.00
3. Savings Bonds (none)
4. Cash on hand.....\$50.00

Total Assets
3/31/2019...\$757.41



Dave Palmer and **Mike Butler**
audited the books this month and
report that all is well

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
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Sons of Norway Benefits

To learn more about the many
financial benefits offered by Sons
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Scott Johanssen, FIC
Riverland Insurance Group
1970 spruce Hills Drive
Bettendorf IA 52722
Phone: 563-503-5400
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A Posten Reader's Contest

This month's riddle is: Name two
people who are helping with
CultureFest this month.

Send your answers to the riddle to
the POSTEN editor during the
month of April. The names of
everyone who contributes correct
answers will be entered into a
drawing at our May meeting.

The prize will be your choice of
one of the following:

A dinner for two at **Jon** and **Gloria
Tehven's** home in Waverly, date
and menu to be determined, or---

Two dozen Rommegrot bars,
homemade by Gloria, or---

A cherry pie or a rhubarb pie made
by Gloria---

Contact information:

352-6094
gtehven@live.com

More About Sturgis Falls Days

Sign up began at our March lodge
meeting, and we still have lots of
time slot to fill.

Thursday, June 27

- 2:00 - 5:00 - Set up

Friday, June 28

- 10:30 - 3:00 - booth
- 2:30 - 6:30 - booth
- 6:00 - 9:00 - booth

Saturday, June 29

- 9:30 - 12:30 - booth
- Noon - 4:00 - booth
- 3:30 - 6:30 - booth
- 6:00 - 9:00 - booth

Sunday, June 30

- 8:00 - 11:30 - booth
- 11:00 - 3:00 - booth
- 2:30 - 5:00 - booth/take down

Food each day:

On **Sunday** we need **24 dozen**
cinnamon rolls for our **Vendor**
Special coffee and rolls. More
about this later



Cash Donations

Sign up will continue at the April
and June meetings. However, you
can sign up by contacting **Jon
Tehven** at tehven@msn.com or
352-6094

Viking Boat

We will need staffing to get the
boat ready to sail during the
Parade, as well as costumed
Vikings to walk and/or ride. Plans
are underway to move it to **Keith's**
house a few days prior to the
parade

Kalendar

Apr. 4: CultureFest

Apr. 15: Book Club

Apr. 18: Strategic Planning

Apr. 21: Happy Easter!

Apr. 23: Lodge Meeting
Bruce Bjorgum
"The Norwegian 99th Infantry
Battalion of WWII

May 7: Business Meeting

May 12: Happy Mother's Day!

May 17: *Syttende Mai*

May 20: Book Club

May 21: Lodge Meeting
Iowa Norwegian Consul
Quintin Boyken
"Norway Today"

May 23: *Church Basement
Ladies, Old Creamery
Theatre, Amana*

Adoption Opportunity!

We're sure that many of you have often wished to have a Viking Ship! Well, now you can adopt our Lodge's Viking ship!

The ship does have a good home in a storage "shed". But it needs help paying the rent. So you can adopt the ship for a month for only \$35. Let **Keith Jorgensen** know which month you want!! If you have questions about this, contact **Keith** or **Gloria Tehven**, or you can get more info at our April Meeting!!

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