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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, December 19, 2017

(This is earlier than usual because of the Christmas Holiday)

Cedar Falls Woman's Club
3rd and Clay Street, Cedar Falls, Iowa

Hors d'oeuvres: 5:30 pm

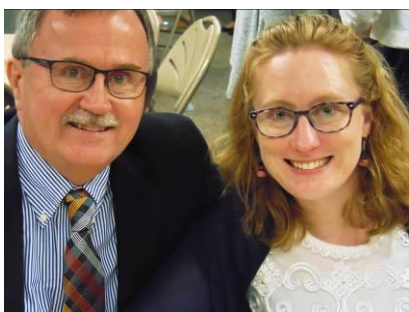
You are invited to bring hors d'oeuvres and/or

Julefest cookies and pastries to share

Dinner: 6:30 pm Cost: \$12.00

Smothered Pot Roast
With potatoes, carrots, and onions
Roll and butter, Broccoli Salad

"A Musical Holiday Treat"



Maria Meyer and her father, **Don Meyer**, will be presenting a collection of Christmas songs featuring flute, guitar and voice.

Maria lives in Mason City and has a flute performance degree from Waldorf College. She performs frequently in the Mason City and Clear Lake area as a soloist, and as the lead flute in many pit orchestras for musicals at the high school and college levels.

She is very active musically at Trinity Lutheran Church, and sings soprano in *Una Vocis*, a premiere vocal ensemble in the Mason City community. Maria works as a visitation host

for Major Erickson Funeral Home in Mason City and volunteers at Mercy Pharmacy

Reservations by Thursday, December 14th. Cancellations by Saturday, December 16th. If your caller misses you, or if you are not a member and would like to attend, please call **Karolyn Haugebak**. Also call **Karolyn** for cancellations. Remember, if you reserve and do not attend, you will be asked to pay for your meal.

Keith Jorgensen will have the books and calendars that have been ordered at this meeting. Also, bring items for the **food bank!**

Fra Presidenten

Greetings all,

So, have you wished anyone a Merry Christmas yet? Yeah, a few. December is here and it will likely be a busy month for many of us. In years past, it just seemed to be a bit slower time of the year, not so much anymore. We used to take time to slow down, greet friends, enjoy the multiple decorations all around us and focus more on the reason for the holiday.

But the world has gone very commercial, early in the fall, as a matter of fact. There are likely many of us wishing we could return to those warmer, friendlier, slower times, but that is not an option so we move forward. However, we can still enjoy the season in our own way if we put our minds to it.

The November Lodge meeting with the Remembrance Service was a great success. *Tusen Takk* to **Rev. Lindberg** for creating a

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meaningful service remembering our friends who have passed. We also need to thank all the folks who were elected to serve the lodge as officers and committee chairs. Nearly all are members who agreed to serve at least a second year, and many have served multiple years in their respective positions. Thank them when you see them!

By the time you are reading this *POSTEN*, the Waverly Main Street celebration will just a few days away. We need to offer a huge *Tusen Takk* to **Joel** and **Chris Johnson** for all their efforts with setting up the Sons of Norway display window and getting the Christmas tree in place at Wartburg for their Festival of Trees event.

Remember, our Lodge meeting will be a little earlier in the month than usual, and it will start earlier in the evening as well. Note the details in this issue of the *POSTEN*. If you have not attended the December meeting in the past, you need to put it on your calendar for a delightful evening of food and fun.

As a new calendar year approaches, you are encouraged to mark your calendars for the lodge meetings! Your attendance is important! It is our intent to make each meeting as enjoyable and informative as possible. As you know, we always encourage you to bring a guest who may or may not be a prospective member. We have a great lodge and we need each of you to be its ambassador. Yes, spread the word!

Merry Christmas to all!

Keith Jorgensen, President

Editor's Note: The Wartburg Festival of Trees is on display November 30-December 13 in the ground level hallway between Neumann Auditorium and the chapel. The Christmas on Main event in Waverly is from 6-8 pm on December 14. Our display will be at the corner of 2nd Street and E. Bremer Avenue.

Secretary's Notes, Nov. 7, 2017 Business Meeting

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

The secretary's minutes of both the October business and Lodge meetings were approved as written (**Chris/Jim**)/

Treasurer Jim Miller reported receipts of \$758.86 and disbursements of \$764 for a balance of \$5,205.87 in the Lodge operating account as of 10/31/17. Treasurer's report approved (**Jim/Chris**).

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

Arrangements for the Remembrance Service on November 14th were finalized.

Plans are in place for the Silent Auction that same evening, **Robin Voster, Coordinator**.

Chris Johnson provided details regarding next month's activities in Waverly. Christmas on Main will take place on Thursday, December 14. **Chris** has requested the same location for Lodge's display as last year. Wartburg's Festival of Trees runs from November 30th through December 14. The **Johnsons's** will need volunteers to help with both events. (See elsewhere in newsletter for details.)



The next Strategic Planning meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 30; business meeting, Tuesday, December 5, both at the **Jorgensen** residence.

As there was no further business, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Eunice Becker, Secretary

Secretary's Notes, Lodge Meeting November 14th, 2017

President Keith Jorgensen called *Solglimt's* Lodge meeting to order on Tuesday, November 14, at the Cedar Falls Woman's Club.

The anthems, Pledge of Allegiance and table prayer were led by **Musician Sonja Lynch** accompanied by **Kathy Schuhmacher**.

As dinner was served, guests were introduced and welcomed. They included new member **Casey Hanson Reynolds** of Cedar Falls, Dean and Katie Boyce, Waterloo; Gail Sulkey of Portage, Mich., on temporary work assignment in Cedar Falls and making a return visit; Traci Lake, also of Cedar Falls; Steve and Hilda Ostby and Pam Mauer Stacy, all of Waterloo; Barb Drews, Cedar Falls; and Debbie Haugebak Daters, Cedar Falls, who came later.

Sunshine chairperson Bev Haugen reported no activity this month.

It was announced that bidding on the Silent Auction, coordinated by **Robin Voster**, would cease at 7:15 pm.

Following dinner, the following business matters were addressed: Secretary's minutes and Treasurer's report, (see the November POSTEN) and signing up for calendar/book orders.

Chris Johnson spoke on the Christmas on Main and Wartburg's Festival of Trees, activities in Waverly next month. Volunteers are needed for both events. Contact **Keith** or **Chris** if you can help.

The slate of officers for 2018 as presented at last month's meeting was voted on and all were elected and will be installed at the January *frokost*.

Sports/Youth Coordinator Jim Walsh presented **Duane Lindberg** with a bronze medal in skiing and **Jim** described the program and its benefits.

Service of Remembrance

Solglimt's service began with a Welcome and Invocation by **Pastor Duane Lindberg**. **President Keith Jorgensen** read a Tribute on behalf of Sons of Norway and the audience sang "*Kan du glemme gamle Norge?*" accompanied by **Kathy Schuhmacher**.

As each of the thirty-three obituaries was read, a representative for the family came forward and lit a candle in memory of the deceased.



Accompanied by **Kathy, Sonja Lynch** sang a beautiful arrangement of "*Den store hvite flak*" and **Pastor Lindberg** offered the Benediction.

Dr. Lindberg gave a special thanks to those who helped with the Service: **Jon Tehven** (photos), **Eunice Becker** (research), **Keith Jorgensen, Dave** and **Karolyn Haugebak** (program assistance), and **Sonja Lynch** and **Kathy Schuhmacher** (music.)

The winner of the drawing for a Lodge dinner was **Pam Flanders**.

Carol Schultz had Thanksgiving *lefse* for sale following the meeting.

Members were reminded to place their calendar/book orders for before Christmas delivery, and Silent Auction bidders were reminded to settle up with the **Lodge Treasure, Jim Miller**.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Eunice Becker, Secretary

Jim Miller, treasurer, reports that The Silent Auction brought in \$414.75.

In Remembrance

The following people were remembered at our Remembrance Service. Those with * were Charter Members.

Marvin E. Haugebak*	Phyllis Michel
Raymond H. Smith*	Mary M. Dybvik
Flavia F. Loberg*	Paul M. Kohl*
Roger Ostby*	Ada Boyce
Margaret Natvig*	Dale M. Hall
Mildred Johnston	William C. Eide
Robert "Bob" Johnson*	Harold Sundet
Phyllis Norby	Alice Hansen
J. Russell Solheim	Dr. Robert M. Young
Keith F. Young	Lorraine M. Vorland
Ruth Rohm	Dr. Maynard Anderson
Marvin S. Rohm	Margery Brom
Clayton C. Hanson*	Barbara A. Freet
Carol A. Mauer	Rowena Bowen
Lillie Munson Manahl*	Phyllis Ver Ploeg
Arland "Axe" Haugen*	Beverly M. Sundet
Leo E. Ogden	

Food Bank

Linda Slattenow reports that 42 pounds of food and personal items were delivered to the food bank after our November meeting.

2018 Dues Updates

On January 1, 2018, Sons of Norway is converting to a simplified dues structure. The new plan includes a Family Membership, something that has been requested for years. This new membership category requires that all members in a household share the same renewal date. For this first year as we transition to the new dues structure, we will be using the renewal date of the household resident that is the latest in the year. For example, if one member has an April renewal date and the other has a September date, both renewals will occur in September. The new membership card that you receive should reflect the later renewal date in 2018 for members of your household. Any questions: email 2018dues@sofn.com.

Borlaug Farm Visit

Joanne Lane noted some errors in last month's report on the Lodge trip to the Borlaug Farm and to **Joanne's** house where we had coffee. Here is her information.

1. Though our farm has been in the Nelson family since 1883, I did not grow up where we had coffee. The "original" Nelson farm is one mile east of our farm. My sister, Hazel Nelson Braniger, lives on that farm. Perhaps you noticed the two large red barns, the nicely maintained farm that is on the south side of the road...Our farm was built by an uncle in the 1940s and we purchased it from my father, Norman Nelson, in the 1970s.

2. Our house is new construction, built in 2008. A contractor did the major construction, while Roger has done the finish work—is working on the finishing and varnishing---I do the painting. There was a painting of the original house on the wall by the stairway to the loft. It had been built in the mid1880s and replaced on the Nelson farm in 1911. When my uncle built his farm (now ours) he simply pulled the "original house" that was being used as a pump shed, one mile down the road, remodeled it and brought his new bride home to it in the 1940s. As true Scandinavians, we never throw anything usable away!



It was a joy to have you stop for coffee and goodies. You are welcome at any time!

Sigrid Joanne Nelson Lane

SofN Scholarship Information Now Available on Sons of Norway Website

The Sons of Norway Foundation portal is now available for lodges and individuals to apply for grants and scholarships. Please note that it takes time to apply and go through the qualification process.

January 15, 2018: Scholarship applications for educational opportunities that involve international travel are due to the Foundation.

Douglas Warne – Rolf & Wench Enge Scholarship
Helen Tronvold Adult Learner Scholarship**
Helen Tronvold Folk High School Scholarship*
King Olav V Nor.-Amer. Heritage Scholarship
Lund Fund Scholarship*
Olso International Summer School Scholarship*

March 1, 2018: Scholarship applications for study in the U.S are due to the SofN Foundation.

Astrid G. Cates/Myrtle Beinhauer Scholarship*
Orel and Marie Winjum Memorial Scholarship*
Nancy Lorraine Jensen Memorial Scholarship*

*Social membership with Sons of Norway required.
**Insurance membership with SofN is required.
(The membership can be parents or grandparents, or the applicant.)

If you have questions, contact **Jon Tehven** at or tehven@msn.com

Sons of Norway Benefits

In addition to the scholarship benefits mentioned above, there are also many other financial benefits offered by Sons of Norway. To learn more, contact:

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

Sunshine

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

Bev Haugen
Western Home Communities
5300 S. Main St, Cedar Falls, Iowa 50613
bhaugen@cfu.net

A POSTEN Reader's Contest

Congratulations for reading your POSTEN to this page! As you read, you probably noticed the names of two *Solglimt* members who provided or will be providing special vocal music for our lodge meetings. If you are the first person to email me with the names of these talented people, and the first person who telephones me, your names will be placed in a drawing for a rosemaled nativity. The drawing will take place at our December meeting!

Surprisingly, no one responded with the names of two people listed in the November POSTEN who can provide SofN financial benefit information. So, if you know their names, give me a call or an email—and your name can be in the drawing also!! (If you're the first to contact me!)

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

So—send your news for the January POSTEN and your contest answers to:

Gloria Tehven
1507 Hickory Heights Drive
Waverly, Iowa 50677
gtehven@live.com

(The contest names should be sent by December 19th, the news by January 1, 2018.)

Book Club

The *Solglimt* Book Club will not be meeting in December. In January members will bring different Scandinavian Folklore to share and discuss. More information about the January Meeting will be in the next POSTEN.

A Little Humor

Ole and Lena invited a well-to-do Uncle over for Thanksgiving dinner. Little Ole looked him over and finally approached the old Uncle with a request. "Uncle Knute...vil you make a noise like a frog for me?" said Little Ole.



"Vy in da vorld do you vant me to make a noise like a frog?" exclaimed the Uncle.

"Because," said Little Ole, "Papa said ve are going to get a lot of money ven you croak."

Kalender

Nov. 30-Dec. 13: Festival of Trees
Wartburg College

Dec. 5: Lodge Business Meeting

Dec. 7: Strategic Planning
Meeting (tentative)

Dec. 13: St. Lucia Day

Dec. 14: Christmas on Main
Waverly

Dec. 19: Lodge Meeting
"A Musical Holiday Treat"

Don Meyer and Maria Meyer

Dec. 25: Merry Christmas!

Jan. 1: Happy New Year!

Jan. 2: Lodge Business Meeting

Jan. 15: Book Club

Jan. 27: Lodge *Frokost* 9:30 a.m.
Installation of 2018 Officers

Want to Learn Scandinavian Dancing?

Solglimt Lodge is preparing to offer a Scandinavian Folk Dance group under the leadership of Glenn and Karen Swanson, who have instructed Scandinavian Dancers in Chicago as well as for our Lodge and in our area.

The tentative plan is to begin in February, meeting weekly for 10 weeks. Sessions will be two hours each. The proposed location is Valley Lutheran School in Cedar Falls. A minimum of 12 people is necessary to begin this folkdance group. Dancers need not be members of Sons of Norway but must commit to the 10 week schedule. Both young folks – ninth grade and above – and adults will be welcome.

A small fee to cover the facility rental cost may be charged. Contact **Karolyn** or **Dave Haugebak** if you are interested in participating.

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Gloria Tehven, Editor

1507 Hickory Heights Drive

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Nordic American Breakfast

At 7:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 21, **Jon** and **Gloria Tehven**, along with 1008 Nordic Americans gathered at the Double Tree Hotel in Bloomington, MN for the 33rd Nordic American Breakfast, celebrating the heritage of Norway, Sweden, Finland, Denmark, and Iceland. Hosting this year's breakfast was Norway, that is Sons of Norway.

It was a record-breaker for number of attendees and for funds raised (more than \$23,000) for the event's charities, Second Harvest Heartland and the Minnesota Military Family Foundation.

Guest speakers were Garrison Keiller, legendary author, storyteller and radio personality; Deanna A. Thompson, professor of religion at Hamline University, a writer on topics including being the church in the digital age, cancer and faith, and Martin Luther and feminism; and business leader Kathy Tunheim, CEO and Principal of Tunheim Partners Inc., where she helps clients navigate the intersections of business, public policy and the media.