

**Solglimt Posten**  
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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**

Saturday, January 27, 2018  
Cedar Falls Woman's Club  
3<sup>rd</sup> and Clay Street

9:30 am *Frokost* Cost: \$12.00

**Menu**

Quiche Lorraine  
Fruit Cup, Muffin  
Coffee and Orange Juice



**Program**  
**"Troll Talk"**  
**by Kris Rowley**

Although Kris Rowley grew up in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, she hails from 3 Norwegian grandparents and 1 Swedish grandparent. Three of these branches immigrated from Norway/Sweden around 1900. The other branch came in the 1850's.

She grew up loving fairy tales of all countries, but especially the ones from her ancestral homelands, and the ones involving trolls – a strange element in any tale. Troll tales were particularly violent and unexpectedly intertwined with Christian symbols. The battle lines between good and evil were clear. So, she read and thought and collected their literature, their drawings and their carved images.

Talk about trolls became a hobby that Kris picked up along the way. For her "real" job, she is the county treasurer in Dickinson County. She's also done some free-lance writing. She attended Luther College, but graduated from Coe College in Cedar Rapids, with a biology major.

Kris and her husband Dave are the parents of 4 children, the youngest just graduated from the University of Iowa. As children, they grew up listening to troll stories and remain on guard when near forests, mountains or bridges. They also believe they were visited by the *fossegrimmen* when young.

Rowley is looking forward to sharing Norwegian troll folklore with *Solglimt* Lodge, along with her troll collection. These tales were told by a people who believed wits were the key to survival in a place hostile to humankind. But their stories were also influenced by Christianity and show a belief that true strength included kindness and faith.

Lodge Officers for 2018 will installed at this meeting. Also, 2018 Yearbooks will be available for members who did not receive an email copy of the book.

**Reservations by Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>.**  
Cancellations by Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup>. If  
your caller mi

esses 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.



(Fra Presidenten is on the next page.)

**Fra Presidenten**

Greetings All!

Well, a huge Happy New Year to each of you! May 2018 be a year of good health, good deeds, and good friendships continued or renewed. May your New Year's resolutions be thoughtful and attainable. May our lodge prosper in the New Year!



January brings the turn of the calendar year, but for the lodge it's mid-year in some sense. Yes, we will be installing our officers for 2018, and sending a number of reports to the International Office of the Sons of Norway, but we are halfway through our lodge meeting programs for the year. So, it's a bit of a mix.

And January brings us the Saturday morning time breakfast meeting. A number of you have indicated we should consider more meetings at a time other than 6:30 am on a Tuesday. This month is one opportunity to meet in the daylight. Our Strategic Planning process will also be considering when and how we conduct our lodge meetings, among many other considerations. So join us on a Saturday morning if you have not done so in the past.

As a Lodge, we had a busy 2017. We were able to get in a cultural trip to the Borlaug birthplace. The Strategic Planning process was started. Our meetings were fun and informative. Our Sturgis



Falls Days food booth was a success with near perfect weather and a profitable finish. The Silent Auction was a success with many interesting items to purchase and it put some dollars into the lodge treasury. The December meeting was a musical joy and offered our taste buds a delightful time.

Now, will 2018 offer us as many opportunities? Surely it will! You are all encouraged to be a part of the New Year in whatever capacity you can. The easy and most important one is to simply attend as many of our lodge meetings as you can. Hey, we enjoy your company!

There is one more thing to keep in mind for 2018. We will need to send delegates to the District Convention held in Rochester MN in June, and possibly on to the International Convention held in late August, this year in Minneapolis. These are great opportunities for you to learn a good deal more about how the Sons of Norway organization functions and benefits all of us. Give it some thought.

**Keith Jorgensen, President**

**Secretary's Notes, Dec. 5, 2017  
Business Meeting**

**Gloria Tehven** and **Eunice Becker** met with **Keith Jorgensen** at his residence in Cedar Falls on Tuesday, December 5, for *Solglimt's* monthly business meeting.

The Secretary's Minutes of the November meeting were approved as written (**Eunice/Gloria**.)

**Social Director-Elect Gloria Tehven** previewed the programs she and **Co-Director Jon Tehven** have booked for 2018. Assistant Social Directors for lining up 2019 programs are still needed.

Arrangements for the Christmas *julefest* on December 19<sup>th</sup> were reviewed.

**Gloria** reported that the Lodge tree is on display at Wartburg's Festival of Trees. Volunteers and food donations for sampling have been lined up for Waverly's Christmas on Main event on December 14<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 8 pm.



Member address changes were discussed. Lodge membership stands at 106.

The next Strategic Planning meeting will take place on Thursday, December 7, at the **Jorgensen** residence. (Note: Meeting was cancelled, to be rescheduled.)

The January business meeting has been moved to Tuesday, the 9<sup>th</sup>, same time and location as usual.

As there was no further business, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

**Eunice Becker, Secretary**  
**Secretary's Notes, Lodge Meeting**  
**December 19, 2017**

*Solglimt's* Christmas festivities began with *hors d'oeuvres* in the parlor of the Cedar Falls Woman's Club on Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>.

Following his welcome, **President Keith Jorgensen** and **Kathy Schuhmacher** led the group in the anthems, Pledge of Allegiance and table prayer.

As dinner was served, guest Jeff Olson and Leif Olson, father and son from Cedar Falls, were introduced and welcomed.

Thanks to **Keith**, a copy of **Dr. Duane Lindberg's** book The Kingdom of the Rings was given to one recipient at each table. **Dr. Lindberg** summarized the story told in his book which ends with the beginning of Norwegian emigration to the U.S.

**Jon Tehven** reported on the Lodge's recent participation in Wartburg's Festival of Trees and Waverly's Christmas on Main events. Spearheaded by **Joel** and **Chris Johnson**, other participants included **Kathy Schuhmacher**, **Kris Meyer**, **Gloria Tehven**, **Dottie Roiseland** and **Jon Tehven**. *Mange takk* to all!

As **Foundation Director, Jon** also spoke on the upcoming deadlines for scholarships to *Skogfjorden*, college-level and other educational opportunities. Visit the Sons of Norway website or contact **Jon** for further information.

Throughout the evening **Keith** handed out calendars and books to those who had pre-ordered.

He also announced that the next Strategic Planning meeting would be scheduled in the middle of next month.

With the exception of Assistant Social Directors, most officer positions are filled and appointees named for 2018.

**Don Meyer** and his daughter Maria Meyer presented a program of traditional Christmas music featuring flute, guitar and voice. Maria, who has a performance degree in flute from Waldorf College, is a resident of Mason City where she has a teaching studio and performs in various musical ensembles throughout the community. The Meyers' program ended with the audience joining in the singing of "Silent Night" in German, Norwegian, and English.



Congratulations to **Bill Hanson**, winner of the Readers' Contest drawing. He will receive his

### Northeast Iowa Food Bank

*Tusen Takk* to everyone who donated food and/or dollars during 2017 for the NE Iowa Food Bank.

Our Lodge donated 107 pounds of food and \$386.35. These donations are much needed by many people in Black Hawk County and elsewhere.



*Tusen Takk* to **Linda** and **Percy Slattenow**, who encourage us to donate items and money, and who deliver our donations to the food bank. Remember to bring "things" to our meeting during the year!!

prize, a nativity *rosemaled* by **Gloria Tehven**, once the paint has dried.

**Social Director-elect Jon Tehven** previewed the programs he and **Co-director Gloria Tehven** have lined up for 2018.

Winner of the drawing for a Lodge dinner was **Vivian Miller**.

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

*Mange Takk* to all who brought *julefest* treats to share.

With a *God Jul* to all, meeting adjourned.

**Eunice Becker, Secretary**

### Lodge Member News

Congratulations to **Carol Pett!** She has walked 1300 miles in 2017!



**Sunshine Lady Bev Haugen** reported that **Chris Johnson** is recuperating from back surgery. We send healing wishes her way.

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

**Bev Haugen**

**Western Home Communities**

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### "The Uprooting" in Norway

Most of you probably remember that former member Carol Colburn? has been involved with the play, "The Uprooting". The play was produced in Duluth, and is about the immigration of Norwegian farmers and craftsmen to America in 1825. They came on a vessel named the *Restoration*, and many of them were the ancestors of the Norwegians who settled in Minnesota and elsewhere.

The performers went last summer to Norway, to present the play. If you'd like to see pictures of the performers in Norway, visit the web site of their official photographer, cast member Mike Anderson:

<https://singingcanoe.smugmug.com>

Once you get to the web site Gallery, click on "The Uprooting in Norway" and scroll through many beautiful photographs that portray the experiences of the Uprooting Players while on tour in Norway in June and July.

**Book Club**

The *Solglimt* Book Club will meet on Monday, January 15 at NewAldaya, 7411 University Avenue in Cedar Falls. You can enjoy lunch with friends, starting at 12 pm. If you can't come for lunch, come at 1 pm for discussion.

Everyone is invited. Bring some Scandinavian folklore to share and discuss. This fits in perfectly with our "Troll Talk" scheduled for the January *Frokost!*

Contact **Marilyn Young**, [mjyoung@cfu.net](mailto:mjyoung@cfu.net) if you have questions or need more information.

**Sons of Norway Benefits**

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

Mary (M.E.) Levsen  
98 E. Wilman Street  
Hiawatha IA 52233  
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**A POSTEN Reader's Contest**

A new contest starts this month and will continue through June. The prize has not yet been determined, but the first email responder and the first telephone responder to this month's question will have their names put in the drawing for the "mystery" prize. Telephoners—you can leave a

message—I'll know who called first!

Question: What two events are mentioned in this POSTEN where you can learn more about Norwegian/Scandinavian Folklore?

Send your answers, and any news you would like to see in the February POSTEN to the Editor---

**Gloria Tehven**  
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<b>2018 Solglimt Lodge Officers</b>	
President	Keith Jorgensen
Vice-President	Dottie Roiseland
Secretary	Eunice Becker
Treasurer	Jim Miller
Membership Secretary	Don Meyer
Past President/Counselor	Steve Norby
Social Directors	Gloria Tehven Jon Tehven
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	Marilyn Young
Auditors	Mike Butler David Palmer
Adopt a School Coordinator	open

These officers will be installed at our January meeting.

**Our Immigrant Heritage**

Wartburg history professor Dr. Terry Lindell will be the presenter for the February Keep on Learning sessions at Wartburg on Feb. 1, 8, 15, and 22. He will be reviewing the various branches of Lutheranism brought by immigrants from Germany and Scandinavia. The sessions are held in the Heritage Room of Saemann Student Center at Wartburg from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Pre-registration is not required. The first session is free. If you want to continue and attend the other three sessions, a fee of \$35 is payable at the second class.



## VOLUNTEER/MEMBER SERVICE RECORD FOR 2017 SOLGLIMT LODGE 1 - 547

Please record your activities and hours throughout 2017 for both community service and Sons of Norway functions.

This information is used for mandatory reporting that maintains Sons of Norway's tax-exempt status.

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ Return the completed form to Solglimt Lodge Secretary Eunice Becker by February 1, 2018.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	Your Notes
<u><b>Community Services Events</b></u> Activities you participated in on behalf of Sons of Norway that assisted needy or improved our community (visits to nursing homes, blood/food/clothing drives, scholarships, tutoring children, Adopt A School, etc)														
<u><b>Community Service Hours</b></u> Number of hours you volunteered to projects/efforts listed above. Include travel and participation time.														
<u><b>Fraternal Support Events</b></u> Member activities you participated in that were devoted to business and affairs of your lodge, such as business meetings, recreational/social events, training, cultural classes, officer duties, etc.														
<u><b>Fraternal Support Hours</b></u> Number of hours you spent on fraternal support events above. Include time spent attending, organizing, planning, and working at the events.														

You can bring your completed form to the January meeting or mail it to Eunice Becker, 2341 Pelican Road, Waterloo, IA 50701

## *Kalender*

Jan. 9: Lodge Business Meeting

Jan. 15: Book Club

Jan.??: Strategic Planning  
Contact **Keith Jorgensen** for date.

Jan. 27: Lodge *Frokost*  
"Troll Talk", Kris Rowley, presenter

Feb. 6: Lodge Business Meeting

Feb. 14: Happy Valentine's Day!

Feb. 19: Book Club

Feb. 27: Lodge Meeting  
**Summer Gracey**

### **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.

## ***Solglimt* Posten**

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**Waverly, Iowa 50677**

## **Happy New Year!**

**2018**  
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### **Suggested Volunteer Hours**

**Community Service:** Helping people with wheel chairs, Assisting vision/hearing testing, Taping books for disabled, collecting/donating food or clothing. Driving senior citizens, Donating to shelters, Reading to visually impaired, Helping elderly neighbors, Serving at a soup kitchen, Shopping for a shut-in, Babysitting for a neighbor, Donating blood, Highway clean up, Helping with snow removal, Serving as an election judge, Volunteering at schools, hospitals, senior centers, etc.

**Lodge Activities:** Providing rides for members, Attending Sons of Norway Conventions, Greeting at Lodge Meetings, Earning sports/culture medals, Attending Board meetings, Attending Strategic Planning Meetings, Helping with Sturgis Falls Days, Helping at Waterloo or Waverly culture events, Saving stamps, visiting Lodge members, Attending Book Club, Providing a Lodge program.

(Include other activities as you see fit!)

International Sons of Norway encourages and expects its members to be of service to their communities and lodges and your acts and hours are reported to help maintain our tax exempt status.

