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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

April 28, 2020

Cancelled

Menu

Whatever you want to cook!

Program

On April 22, 1975, *Solglimt* Lodge was instituted as a lodge with Sons of Norway. You can share your Norwegian memories and/or Lodge memories with the group by writing them up and sending them to be printed in the POSTEN!! (See elsewhere in this POSTEN for more information.)

You won't need to make reservations with **Karolyn Haugebak, 277-2294---**, but you can call her or other *Solglimt* friends, just to chat and/or share Norwegian ideas, etc.

Our Viking Ship sponsor for April is **Hovey Brom**. Send your \$35 to treasurer **Jim Miller, 1727 Four Winds Drive, Cedar Falls IA 50613**. The sponsors for May are **David** and **Clare Palmer**.

Fra Presidenten

Greetings!



The "Big C" (Corona virus-19) is having an impact on us! We are even feeling its effect on *Solglimt* Lodge and Sons of Norway International. Here is a list of cancellations:

1. The March Lodge Meeting was cancelled, and so is the one scheduled for April 28th.

2. The March Business Meeting was held, but the one for April 7th is cancelled.

3. Other cancellations include April Book Club gathering, trips scheduled by our Cultural Directors, and the 2020 District and International Conventions.

Plans for our Sturgis Falls booth are on hold. **Joel Johnson** is awaiting notification from the Sturgis Falls Committee as to whether or not this event will take place.

All of these modifications make us realize how quickly things can change. We often take things for granted, and now that we will be deprived of our opportunities for socialization, we may feel a sense of loss. HOWEVER, we know that Norwegians are strong, brave and resilient people who adapt to challenging situations.

Therefore, let us (including your non-Norwegian president) seek ways to show our unity and support for one another. Here are some suggestions:

Call/text/email a lodge member just to show that you care about that person.

Read a book written by a Norwegian or Scandinavian author (**David** is reading another novel by Jo Nesbo.)

Bake some delicious Norwegian pastries.

Review the language sheets that were distributed by **Duane Lindberg** and **Robin Voster**.

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Listen to some Norwegian music or view one of the Norwegian DVDs suggested by **Robin**.

Pick up your red 2020 yearbook and review information on Sons of Norway and *Solglimt* Lodge. We can look forward to some great programs in the coming months!

Despite the uncertainties of our present situation, we can be grateful that the publication of our POSTEN continues. Thanks to **Gloria Tehven**, neither rain, snow, sleet or hail will prevent it from getting to you! Special birthdays (**Howard Braden's 100th!**) can still be recognized. We can continue our tradition of benevolence by contributing to the Northeast Iowa Food Bank with food items and money.

We're constantly being reminded of the three C's in this time for crisis. Here is a suggestion for our Lodge's C's: **C- Celebrate** and cultivate your Norwegian Heritage. **C- Connect** with one another, **C- Contribute** to our benevolent causes.

Vi er i dette sammen! (We're in this together!) *Ha det så bra!* (Take care!) Thank you, **Robin Voster**, for providing these phrases.

Clare Palmer, President

Secretary's Notes, March 3, 2020 Business Meeting

Solglimt's monthly business meeting was called to order on Tuesday, March 3, by **President Clare Palmer** at New Aldaya in Cedar Falls. Present were **Jon Tehven, Jim Miller, Duane Lindberg** and **Eunice Becker**.

The Secretary's Minutes of the February meeting were approved as written.

Treasurer Jim Miller reported a balance of \$4,057.05 in the Lodge operating account with receipts of \$651.40 and disbursements of \$832.31 for the month of February. He also noted that **Mike Butler** and **Dave Palmer** would be conducting an audit of the Lodge's 2019 financial records on Thursday, March 5. Treasurer's report accepted.

The Secretary reported that the yearly Lodge Activity Report had been completed and filed electronically. The Treasurer's year-end report will be filed once the audit has been completed.

Jon Tehven reported a new member had joined the Lodge. Membership stands at 98 to date. **Jon** will update Lodge attendance and report to the Board monthly via email in an effort to improve member retention.

Establishing a central location for storing the Lodge archives was discussed. They are now being held by the various officers.

Duane Lindberg presented a listing of possible strategic Planning objectives for discussion and consideration. The Lodge logo redesign remains a work in progress.

Plans are underway for the Lodge observance of the 45th anniversary of its charter. Charter Members will share memories from that year –1945 –at the April Lodge meeting. (Due to COVID-19 the meeting has been cancelled.)

A policy for the decision to cancel a Lodge meeting due to inclement weather was considered and adopted.

Action on speaker honorariums and gratuity for the CFWC staff was delayed for further input.

Lodge goals were revisited and will come under further discussion at a later date.

Jon shared information with the Lodge's delegates to the District Convention regarding registration which can be submitted online. (District Convention has been cancelled.)

Next business meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 7, at noon, preceded by lunch at 11:30. There is another Lodge activity on that date that may require a change in meeting day. (Lodge activity – attending play – cancelled, as was Culture Fest.)

Next Lodge meeting celebrating the Lodge's 45th Anniversary takes place Tuesday, April 28. (Cancelled)

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, **Eunice Becker, Secretary**

Chris Pinkerton Named SofN CEO

The International Board of the Sons of Norway is pleased to announce Christopher Pinkerton has been named Chief Executive Officer. He brings more than 20 years of executive experience with Nationwide Insurance, Allianz Life, and the Independent Order of Foresters.

Lodge Member News

Congratulations to **Jon Tehven** who was presented with a Life Membership in Sons of Norway by International President Ron Stubbings for his leadership and service. **Jon** has served at the local, District, and International levels. (See the February [Viking](#).)

Welcome to new member, **Marilyn Rasmussen**. She lives at 541 Caroline Ave., Waterloo, IA 50702. 319-233-7660. mcrshhs1@icloud.com

Congratulations to **Howard Braden**, whose 100th birthday is on April 2! You can send him a birthday card: 5500 South Main Street #7, Cedar Falls IA 50613!



Solglimt Has a Connection with the Youth Olympic Games!

The Norwegian Youth Olympic Team won several gold medals at the 2020 Youth Olympic Games at Lausanne, Switzerland in January. Among the gold medal winners was the mixed Nordic Combine team (ski jumping and a cross-country relay). The Norwegian team finished one minute and 19.3 seconds ahead of the second-place team from Austria.

The mixed team has three boys and three girls. Ski jumping initiates the competition and the results determine the starting positions for the 4 x 3.3 km cross-country relay. Because the Norwegian team had an outstanding showing in the ski jumping, they started the cross-country relay with a 12 second lead and had no trouble winning the race more than a minute ahead of the second-place Austrian team.

Solglimt's connection with Norway's Youth Olympic team is that Nora Midsunstad, one of the of Nordic Combined team members, is a granddaughter of **Duane Lindberg's** cousin. She is from *Vaaler, Hedemarken*, Norway. Nora is 17 years old and one of a growing number of Norwegian young women who are risking the dangers of ski jumping. However, to date, the International Winter Olympics Committee has not allowed women's ski jumping as an Olympic sport.

Let's Help the Food Bank

We have some good reasons to raise money for the Northeast Iowa Food Bank (NEIFB)



Linda Slattenow tells us that donations received by the Food Bank by April 30 will be matched.

And word is from Sons of Norway that they will match up to \$200.

So, how about this: We did not meet in March and will not in April. Had we met, we would have paid \$12 for each of our meals. How about donating the money we would have spent for our meals to the Food Bank? Here's how:

- Make out your check to the Northeast Iowa Food Bank (NEIFB)
- Send your check to our treasurer **Jim Miller** at 1727 Four Winds Drive, Cedar Falls, IA 50613
 - Your donation is tax deductible
- He should receive it by April 15
- Jim will send all the checks to the NEIFB
- We will notify SON of our fund raiser to qualify for the \$200 match
- When we receive our receipt from the NEIFB we will send a copy to SON
- SON will send \$200 to the NEIFB

Linda Slattenow is currently holding some donations, which she will include in this fund raiser. She also will pick up any food items you might have. Call her at 232-2174.

This is a great way of supporting our community in a great time of need.



Let's do it!

**Solglimt Lodge 1-547,
Organized April 22, 1975
From a History of District 1, Sons of Norway,
Centennial Edition, 1895-1995
Part 3**

Two hundred fifty eight became charter members. At a later date, the name Solglynt was submitted by Chsoldvar Woods. Geraldine Hanson wrote the University of Oslo about the name and they suggested it be spelled Solglimt, which means "glimpse of the sun." This name and spelling was approved. Iver Loe, 90, born in Norway, was our oldest member. The youngest member was Diane Stensland.

At the time of organization, no permanent meeting place had been established. A few members suggested some of the meetings be held in Waterloo. Waterloo meetings were held at the Five Sullivan Brothers Convention Center, the Recreation Center, and Central High School.

Cedar Falls meetings were held at the Commons, Peet Junior High, and the Utilities Building. None of these locations were adequate. Levern Narveson was delegated to find and make arrangements for a permanent meeting place, which he did with the Cedar Falls Woman's Club. This proved to be an ideal location, as it had ample nearby parking, easy access, room to seat 125, a stage, screen, piano, public address system, and a kitchen that served meals. Narveson said that people love to eat out, so monthly meetings are held with a sit down dinner. The lodge has always felt that this contributed greatly to the good attendance.

In 1976 our country celebrated its bicentennial. At this time Cedar Falls, which was called Sturgis Falls in its early years, began the celebration known today as Sturgis Falls Days. The celebration is held yearly, the last part of June. Virginia Stensland, Social Director, attended numerous meetings with city officials in preparation for Solglimt's part in the event. It was decided to have a food booth, which was constructed by Amos Hagenson and his committee. The booth featured Norwegian foods, such as pulsa, lefse, kringla, krumkake, fattigmann, and rosettes. The revenue from the sale of foods at this yearly event has been the main source of income for the lodge.

The Sturgis Falls parade features various floats by organizations in Cedar Falls. Solglimt once won the Governor's trophy at the parade.

Solglimt has made generous contributions to Vesterheim, the Norwegian-American museum in Decorah, Iowa and has supported projects and organizations in the local communities. Members of the lodge have conducted classes in Hardanger, rosemaling, language, baking, and cooking.

All of these activities have been very helpful in making our Norwegian heritage known in the area.

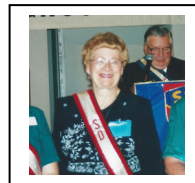
Some lodge members have been in a position to contribute more than others. However, everyone who attends the meetings has made a contribution to the success of Solglimt #547.

Additional about Solglimt

- Awarded District 1 LODGE OF THE YEAR in 2005.



- Lodge members Cenith Carlson, Dorothy Sundet, Jon Tehven and Keith Jorgensen have served in leadership roles on District 1 and International boards.



- In 2007 our float and dancers in the Sturgis Falls Parade captured the PEOPLE'S CHOICE trophy. (Again!)



- In 2013 we received the GOVERNOR'S VOLUNTEER AWARD for 10 years of picking up trash along Hwy 20.



**APRIL 22, 2000
SOLGLIMT LODGE CELEBRATES ITS
25TH ANNIVERSARY**

Happy 25th Anniversary



Past Presidents



Charter Members



Elsa and Arvid Waschek



**Ethel Hughes, Bev Haugen, Agnes Jacobson,
Geri Hanson**



Marian & Robert Weyhrauch



Bob Johnson & Clayton Hanson

Guest Speaker



REIDAR DITTMANN

Reidar Dittmann was born in Tonsberg, Norway, where he graduated from the gymnasium. He studied at Oslo University, Oslo Music Conservatory, St. Olaf College, and the University of Washington. He holds a Bachelor's of Music, a Master's Degree and a Doctor of Philosophy.

During World War II he was a member of the Norwegian Resistance movement (1940-1942) and was imprisoned in Norway and in Buchenwald concentration camp in Germany (1942-1945).

Dittmann has authored several books on Edvard Munch, Edvard Grieg, and the Holocaust.

He has been recognized by Phi Beta Kappa, the National Endowment for Humanities, the Jewish Community Relations Award, the St. Olav Medal awarded by the King of Norway, and is listed in Who is Who in America. His biography is included among Gentile Survivors in the National Holocaust Museum.

Besides his distinguished teaching career at St. Olaf College, he has lectured throughout the USA, Europe, and Asia on the Holocaust, as well as topics related to Europe, especially Scandinavian art.



An estimated 125 attended, including District 1 President, Ken Mjoen.

Kalender

Apr. All meetings cancelled

May(be)

May 5: Lodge Business Meeting

May 10: Mother's Day
(Definitely not Cancelled!)

May 18: Book Club

May 26: Lodge Meeting
Dawn Svenson-Holland and
Marsha Griesheimer
"History of Nordic Fest—Ten
Things to Know about Nordic Fest"

June 26-28: Sturgis Falls Days

Book Club

Book Club for April is cancelled, unless we learn differently. If it meets, the book for March will be discussed: Tradition of Deceit, by Kathleen Ernst. The next book (originally scheduled for April) is We Die Alone by David Howarth.

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Sons of Norway Benefits

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

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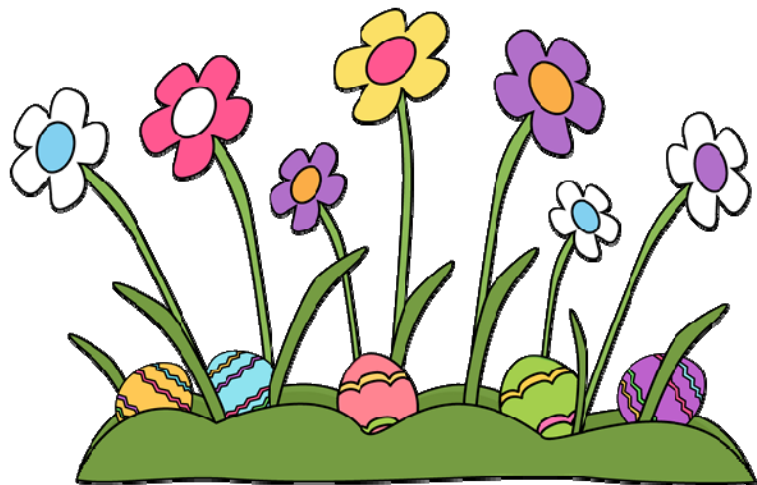
Sunshine

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

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Happy Easter!



Editor's Notes and a POSTEN Reader's Contest:

Contest: What are three C's that we Lodge members should keep in mind during this time of crisis?

May will be our last month for a contest. The prize will be a rosemaled item.

Send your answer, your Norwegian story, and any news or reports that you'd like to see in the May POSTEN by May 1st to **Gloria Tehven** at the address above, or contact me at

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