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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, August 28, 2018

Picnic: 6:30 pm

Cedar Falls Boat House

(Note: Go north on Franklin Street, cross the Cedar River, the Boathouse is on the west side, there is a driveway that takes you to the Boathouse. If coming from the north, turn right (west) before you cross the river.)

Menu

Bring one or two dishes to share (with serving utensils and also your own table service.)

Committee: Lodge Officers



“American- Norwegian Humor” Norm Carlson

Norm Carlson is from Des Moines, and is an active member of *Marsteinen* Lodge, where he has served in many capacities, including President. He has also served on the District One Board as Zone 7 Director. Norm will share with us examples of the various forms of American-Norwegian humor. Be prepared for some laughs! And probable an Ole and Lena joke---or two---or three-----.

We will also have an opportunity to play *Kubb*, a Norwegian yard game. Bring your kids, your grandchildren, your neighbor’s kids—they can play, you can play and/or watch others play.

And items for the Food Bank!

Fra Presidenten

Yes, it’s August! We all hate to see summer end. Hopefully, we all have had an opportunity to enjoy summer and recharge our batteries for the fall season of activities. And yes, it is the start of another Sons of Norway *Solglimt* Lodge year. Our first business meeting will be held August 2nd.

Our first lodge meeting will be our pot luck picnic gathering at the Cedar Falls Boat House on August 28th. We can all look forward to shared dishes of great food and a little Norwegian-American humor by Norm Carlson. Norm is a longtime Sons of Norway member and has held a number of offices, both in his own lodge in Des Moines and also in District One. So, mark your calendar, invite a friend, and join us for a good time.

It is also time to be looking at our future. The Strategic Planning group will be gathering once again and we hope to start producing some solid actions to bolster our lodge. More on that as we start to have information to share.

The lodge needs to thank those who participated and contributed to our Sturgis Falls Food Booth in June. It was another successful year! Special thanks go to **Joel** and **Chris Johnson** for all their work to make it all happen. We also want to thank our District One Convention delegate attendees: **Mardell Lindberg**, **Joel Johnson**, and myself. Also in attendance, of course, were **Jon** and **Gloria Tehven**.

If things work out as they may, this fall should present several opportunities for many of you to enjoy some day trips to area events with a Norwegian connection. (Cont. next page.)

(Fra Presidenten, continued)

There is a September event at the Norman Borlaug site in northeast Iowa, a location we visited last fall. The Old Creamery Theater has a "Church Basement Ladies" presentation of interest in November. And we are looking at some other opportunities as well. So, be ready for a fun fall!

As always, you are urged to attend the lodge meetings as you can, invite a friend to come along, offer suggestions for the betterment of our lodge, and participate in the many opportunities available.

Keith Jorgensen, President

**Sturgis Falls Report
Joel Johnson, Coordinator**

Thanks to you, Sturgis Falls was once again successful. Great weather and record crowds made for brisk sales.

Here are some statistics:

43 volunteers helped staff the booth and fill the hours needed for great customer service. Thank you!!

Sales included 640 bottles of water, 309 cans of pop, 800 slices of *lefse* (200 full rounds), 218 pulled pork sandwiches (60 pounds of pork), 266 sausages, 27 dozen cinnamon rolls (a new record), and countless pastries. A financial summary provided by **Jim Miller** is elsewhere in the POSTEN.

A special thanks to **Chris Johnson** for many hours of help in preparation and to co-chair **Keith Jorgensen** for extra help at the booth.

Preparations for the 2019 Celebration are already under way!



Casey and Christa - Soooo good!

**Sturgis Falls 2018
Financial Summary**

Customer sales Friday:	\$ 811.00
Customer Sales Saturday:	2019.00
Customer Sales Sunday:	1492.00
After and worker sales:	<u>330.00</u>
Total Sales:	\$4692.00
Donations of money:	\$1315.00
Expenses:	<u>\$3300.50</u>
Net Gain	\$2666.50

Plus, there were many delicious food items donated for the Booth! Thanks to everyone who helped and/or donated!!



Ready to serve!



Leif Hanson & son with Christa - Pulled Pork

Editor's Note: The 43 volunteers contributed an estimated 315 hours. In addition, the 23 who provided food contributed an estimated 75 hours. And, Mike and Vicky Christiasen drove to Minn to get the Lefse. Thanks to everyone!

District One Convention Report Keith Jorgensen, Delegate

The District One Convention began a day earlier for me than for our other two delegates. I had volunteered to serve on the finance Committee. We met early Thursday morning, reviewed the district financial statements and I was appointed to create and present our report at the regular session of the convention. All was found to be in order and I gave that report.

It is my intent to keep this report to a minimum. If anyone has questions, please feel free to contact me for additional information. Thursday, June 14th, was the President's Reception where one was able to meet new individuals and reacquaint with old friends.

Friday morning began with breakfast, followed by opening ceremonies. We soon moved on to our zone caucus, where we were accounted for as delegates and introduced to some of the upcoming activities.

The remainder of the day was spent between Business Sessions as a whole and more zone caucus meetings. At these caucus meetings the zone director was charged with finding individuals to serve in various zone leadership capacities. After some encouragement, I volunteered as Zone 7 Director for the coming term of two years.

At these caucus sessions, we reviewed the various Resolutions to be brought to the floor of the full business sessions and voted upon. There were eleven of them. (For a full accounting, please contact me.)

One resolution of interest was to divide Zone 7 into two zones, creating a new Zone 10. This was passed largely because of the large area to cover by a zone director and the unwillingness for anyone to take on the task. Thus, as noted earlier, I did volunteer as a director and will be covering what is generally the northern half of the old Zone 7 lodges, including our own *Solglimt* Lodge.

Due to previous commitments, I was unable to stay for Sunday Board Breakfast for the new and outgoing District officers. The convention was an opportunity to meet new folks and gain additional knowledge as to how the Sons of Norway organization operates. Thank you for allowing me to serve as a delegate!

District One Convention Report Joel Johnson, Delegate

The District 1 Convention was held June 14th through the 16th at the Mayo Civic Center in Rochester, MN, hosted by *Kristiana* Lodge 1-47 of Rochester. Representation included 118 District Delegates, 17 District Officers and 2 International Officers. Delegates from our Lodge were **Mardell Lindberg, Keith Jorgenson** and **Joel Johnson**. Also in attendance was International President **Jon Tehven** and alternate delegate **Gloria Tehven**.

The Arena in the Civic Center made the convention all self-contained with a large meeting area and a large and convenient area for breakfast, lunches, snacks, special evening meals and entertainment. Smaller rooms were made available for cultural programs and Zone Meetings where we discussed items of interest, concerns and the dozen resolutions presented for consideration during the Business Meeting portion of the event. A dozen vendors offered items for sale, including **Duane Lindberg**, selling his book, "The Kingdom of the Rings".

Of particular interest was a display featuring the history of the 99th Infantry Battalion (Separate), part of Patton's 3rd Army, by Bruce Bjorgum, the son of one of the members. He and a group of folks made up of children and interested parties have put together a history of the 99th to honor the Norwegians, both American citizens and immigrants, who made up the battalion. Known as the Viking Battalion, they fought in France, Holland, Belgium, the Netherlands, Battle of the Bulge and served as part of the Monuments Men program. You can Learn more online at www.99battalion.org.

Our business sessions consisted of discussions and votes on 12 various resolutions involving changes or improvements to programs at the District and International level, some housekeeping items to update policies and procedures as a result of internal changes, and improvements to the Sons of Norway website and information access.

Some discussions were quite spirited and resulted in 8 resolutions being approved. These will now go to the International Office for review, discussion and possible implementation. Of particular interest to our Lodge, Zone 7 will be split into two Zones to make visits by the Zone Director easier, less time consuming and less expensive. The new Zone

Director is our own Lodge President, **Keith Jorgensen**. Congratulations to **Keith** for his new position---and challenge!

On Saturday, the election of officers was held with only one contested seat, District Secretary, which was won by Diane Halvorson. Installation of Officers followed, presided over by **Jon Tehven**, International President. Shortly thereafter the convention was closed.

Congratulations to Solglimt Lodge!

Our Lodge received **four** awards at the District Convention!

- 1) President's Merit Award, 2016—Silver **Steve Norby**
- 2) Merit Award 2016—Silver **Solglimt Lodge**
- 3) President Merit Award, 2017---Silver **Keith Jorgensen**
- 4) Merit Award 2017—Silver **Solglimt Lodge**

(Ed. Note: Keith will share more information about these awards at our August 28th meeting.)



Keith Jorgensen installed as Zone 7 Director



International President Jon Tehven - Installation of District 1 Officer/Directors

Nordic Fest 2018



Joel, Duane, Mardell, Gloria, Jon, Keith



Norm Carlson, Gloria and Jon Tehven



Author Duane and Buyer Joel!

Our District 1 SON booth was busy on Friday and Saturday. 190 registered for Christmas ornament drawings and 125 received SON information and signed up one new member.

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Northeast Iowa Food Bank

Our donations to the Food Bank at our May meeting weighed 22 pounds. They included canned goods and personal care items.

You are encouraged to bring items to our picnic this month. The Food Bank is doing a "personal care" drive with the following suggestions:

- Soaps: bars or pumps—foamy
- Lotions: hand and body
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Floss
- Deodorants
- Combs
- Bubblebath
- (or anything else creative people can think of!)

Food items are also welcome!

**Treasurer's Report
For period ending July 31st**

1. Checking/Savings Accounts
Balance on 6/1/2018.....\$3363.46
Receipts.....(+)
6353.00
Interest.....(+)
18.31
Sub Total.....\$9734.26
Disbursements.....(-)
4224.26
Balance on 7/31/2018.....\$5510.51

2. Certificates of Deposit
4 \$1000 Certificates....\$4000.00

3. Savings Bonds (none)

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

Total Financial Assets 7/31/2018
\$9560.51

Jim Miller, Treasurer

Sons of Norway Benefits

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



Scott Johannsen, FIC
Riverland Insurance Group
1970 Spruce Hills Drive
Bettendorf, IA 52722
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Sunshine

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

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More Sturgis Falls Days

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Bring on the lefse!



Supervisors Mardell and Bev



Dave, Chris, Steve, Joel
Getting it done!



"Let me show you how it's done," according to Jerry!

For Sale

I have a limited number of Dave Swanson's CD - "Norsetalgia" for \$5.00. Will bring to the August meeting or you can pre-order: tehven@msn.com

Kalender

- Aug. 2: Lodge Business Meeting
- Aug. 12-18: International Sons of Norway Convention, Minneapolis
- Aug. 28: Lodge Potluck Picnic
"American/Norwegian Humor"
Norm Carlson, Presenter
- Sept. 4: Lodge Business Meeting
- Sept. 17: Book Club
- Sept. 25: Lodge Meeting
"North Seas to South Seas:
Norwegian Sugar Cane Story"

Marilyn Young

Marilyn Young, Solglimt member since 1991. Funeral services at Nazareth Lutheran Church on Thursday, August 2 at 11:00 a.m.



Editor's Note: Please send any items that you'd like in the September POSTEN to me by August 30th. Send the items to:

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Book Club

The *Solglimt* Book Club will not be meeting this month. The next meeting is September 17th.

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Kubb (Also Called "Viking Chess")

We are planning to have a Kubb (pronounced "koob") game for folks to play at our picnic on August 28th. Kubb is a Scandinavian yard game that is sweeping the country in popularity.

It is a combination of bowling, bocce, and horseshoes. There can be two teams of 2-6 players each. It is a fun family game for all ages. The game uses wooden batons that are thrown towards your opponents' wooden blocks, (called "kubbs"). The win occurs when the king block topples after all the other field kubbs have been knocked over.

Ed. Note: At Nordic Fest this year there was a Kubb tournament. I don't know if this had happened before, but it seems logical for the "Fest" to include Kubb!