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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 17, 2019

(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

Bring an hors d'oeuvre and/or Julefest cookies or pastries to share.

Dinner: 6:30 pm Cost: \$12.00

Menu

Apricot Glazed Pork Tenderloin Rice Pilaf
Root Vegetables Rice Pudding
Member's *Julefest* goodies

Bel Canto Cedar Valley



Bel Canto Cedar Valley is a premiere community chamber choir serving Cedar Falls, Waterloo, Waverly, and surrounding communities. Bel Canto Cedar Valley contributes to the cultural enrichment of the community by promoting quality choral music, exploring vast and varied choral repertoire, and encouraging music as a life-long passion.

Reservations by Thursday, December 12th. Cancellations by Saturday, Dec. 14th. 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 are asked to pay for your meal.

Keith Jorgensen will have the calendars that have been ordered at this meeting. Also, bring items for the food bank, and/or money donations.

Our Viking Ship Sponsor for December is **Steve Norby**. Send your gift of \$35 to provide a home for the ship to **Treasurer, Jim Miller**. The sponsors for January are **Duane** and **Mardell Lindberg**.

Fra Presidenten

Greetings All,

Have you finished your Christmas Shopping? There are only a few days to do so! And there are only a few days more until our December Lodge meeting. As you will notice elsewhere in this issue of the Posten, we will start our evening a little early with hors d'oeuvres supplied by members to share. And our evening will finish with great music by Bel Canto of Cedar Valley. So, bring a friend, it should be a great evening.

Our Nominating Committee is working hard to finish filling the few, but very important positions still open. We will be voting on this wonderful group of individuals at our December meeting. Installation will be in January. Again, if you are asked to help us for the coming year, please give it your most serious consideration. Remember, there are many of us willing to be very supportive of you. It is a "we" thing, not a "you" thing. Thanks.

We need to remember that 2020 is a District Convention year and our lodge will be sending delegates to the meeting at Cragun's Resort near Brainerd, MN, in the first week of June. If you have an interest in being a delegate, or an *(Fra presidenten continues on the next page)*

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alternate, let us know. Registration, travel and lodging will be covered by your lodge. Registration includes

several meals, as well. It is a beautiful location and should be an enjoyable time as you handle the business of District One.

May Santa Claus be just as good as you can afford this Christmas! So, a very Merry Christmas to each of you! Hopefully, it will be a time of family gatherings, good cheer and a renewal of your spirit. Just remember "the reason for the season," as the phrase goes. Merry Christmas, all!

Keith Jorgensen, President

Secretary's Notes, November 5, 2019 Business Meeting

Solglimt Lodge's monthly business meeting was called to order by **President Keith Jorgensen** on Tuesday, November 5, at his home in Cedar Falls. **Jon Tehven, Gloria Tehven, Dottie Roiseland, Jim Miller** and **Eunice Becker** attending.

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

Treasurer Jim Miller reported receipts of \$577.40 and disbursements of \$640.00 for a balance of \$5,500.87 in the Lodge operating account as of October 31. Treasurer's report accepted (**Gloria/Dottie**).

POSTEN editor, **Gloria Tehven** requested news items and reports for the next issue by Dec. 1.

Jon noted that the logo re-design project has been put on hold for the time being.

The Nominating Committee continues its work in filling open slots in next year's slate of officers. It was decided to have the election in December. New printing services have been obtained for the Lodge newsletter and yearbook.

Discussion followed on activities/events that could be implemented in conjunction with next year's 125th anniversary celebration of the founding of Sons of Norway.

Potential delegates to next year's District 1 Convention to be held near Brainerd, MN in June were reviewed.

Treasurer Miller shared an acknowledgement from the Northeast Iowa Food Bank for donations of food items and cash made by *Solglimt* members through September.

Announcements

Lodge Meeting – Nov. 19

Business Meeting – Dec. 5, 2 pm (note change—combined with Strategic Planning.)

Strategic Planning – Dec. 5

Lodge Meeting – Dec. 17, 5:30 pm

As there was no further business, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, **Eunice Becker, Secretary**

Waverly's Christmas Greetings on Main

Waverly's Christmas Greetings on Main will be held on Thursday, December 12, from 6 pm to 8 pm. *Solglimt* Lodge has sponsored a tree at the Carroll-Sheerer Law Offices at 201 E. Bremer Avenue, across from the Cobblestone Suites Inn.



We will be handing out samples of *lefse* and *kringle* in front of the office. Come join us for a fun evening of music, hot chocolate, live window displays and Santa arriving in a fire truck!

If you have questions, contact **Joel** or **Chris Johnson, 483-5071**

Ed. Note: You can also see a *Solglimt* tree on display at the Wartburg College Festival of Trees, in the Classroom Center Atrium, Dec. 4-17.

Secretary's Notes, November 19, 2019 Lodge Meeting

Solglimt Lodge's monthly meeting began with a Silent Auction in the parlor of the Cedar Falls Woman's Club on Tuesday, November 19, 2019. Bidding on items donated by member of the Lodge continued throughout the evening.

President Keith Jorgensen brought the meeting on order and **Duane Lindberg** and **Musician Kathy Schuhmacher** led the group in the anthems, Pledge of Allegiance, and table prayer.

Guests Kami Jorgensen of Clear Lake; Dean and Kate Boyce of Waterloo; Frank and Marie Reyner, West Union; Dr. Brett Olsen and son Sam, Cedar Falls; and father/son Jeff and Leif Hanson were introduced and welcomed.

As dinner was served, **Keith** noted that 2020 calendar orders were being accepted.

Robin Voster conducted a five-minute language class dealing with mealtime and food.



As **Silent Auction Coordinator, Robin** invited members to revisit the Auction to check on the status of their bids.

Those celebrating November birthdays were recognized.

Speaking for the nominating committee, **Keith** noted that the election for next year's officer nominees would take place in December as some slots remain open.

Food Bank volunteer opportunities are being relayed to members by **Jon Tehven** via email.

Clare Palmer spoke on behalf of the Book Club which meets on the 3rd Monday of the month and extended a welcome to new members. (Ed. Note: Check the book club announcement for December in this POSTEN.)

Jon reported that \$1,111 in donations had been collected for the Sons of Norway Foundation at last month's meeting. Donations materials were again available at each table for those not present last month.

As **Social Director, Clare Palmer** introduced **Dr. Duane Lindberg**, the evening's speaker. His program on "The Mysterious Disappearance of the Norse Settlements I Greenland" was accompanied by slides taken by him on his and **Mardell's** travels to both Greenland and Iceland this summer.



An ill-fated expedition to Greenland in the mid-1300s to check on the settlements did not solve the mystery of the disappearance, but may have led to another mystery, that of the Kensington Rune Stone discovered in Minnesota in the late 1890s and the possible link. While the disappearance of the Viking settlements on Greenland remains a mystery, **Dr. Lindberg** reports that research continues in the Papal Library at the Vatican for a book that may provide some answers.

Carol Schultz had *lefse* for purchase following the meeting.

Members were reminded to leave Food Bank items, order calendars, check on their Silent Auction bids and settle with **Treasurer Miller**.

Congratulations to **Vivian Miller**, winner of the drawing for a Lodge dinner.

President Jorgensen declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, **Eunice Becker, Secretary**

Lodge Member News

Thoughts and prayers go out to **Janice Olson** who remains hospitalized in Covenant's Cardiac Unit.

Thoughts and prayers also go out to **Kathy Schuhmacher** whose father passed away. Services were held on Friday, November 29th.

Festival of Trees 2019 Artist

Dianne Peterson was honored as the featured artist at this year's Gallagher Bluedorn Festival of Trees. Her paper collage entitled PEACE was on display at the Festival.

Dianne is a watercolor and paper collage artist. She loves to try lots of different art media and is often experimenting. She is a Thursday Painter and displays her art with others at the College Square Mall, the third floor of the Gallagher Bluedorn Performing Arts Center and the basement of the Hearst Center for the Arts.

Northeast Iowa Food Bank

Linda Slattenow delivered items from *Solglimt* members that were donated in October and November. In October 20 pounds were donated and in November, 22 pounds. Thank-you, folks, for your generosity. Gifts of money can also be given. Bring items to our December meeting!



As mentioned in the minutes of our November meeting, there are opportunities for folks to donate their time volunteering at the Food Bank. **Jon Tehven** receives notices of the opportunities and forwards them folks that have indicated an interest in volunteering. If you would like to receive these notices, but haven't told **Jon**, please do so.

If you do volunteer, it would be interesting to have that information for the POSTEN, so please share it with the editor!!!

A Little Sunshine

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

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A Little Humor

Lena took little Ole to visit Santa last week. After Ole told Santa what he wanted for Christmas, Santa pointed his finger at Ole and said, "Now be good, I'm watching you."

Little Ole asked, "Yew vatch me all duh time?"

Santa replied, "Yes, I do."

"Vell, den, yew must know Jesus," said Little Ole.

During the Christmas season when many Lutheran Churches in Minnesota were having *lutefisk* and *lefse* dinners, Ole and Lena decided to take their Argentinian exchange student from St. Olaf to one of them.

As they were waiting to be seated, Lena asked her, "Dew yew like fish?"

She replied, "Oh, yes, I eat lots of fish in Argentina, but I have never eaten Lutheran fish."

Book Club

The *Solglimt* Book Club will meet for lunch, Tuesday, December 10, at the Wild Carrot, 215 E. Bremer Avenue in Waverly at 11:30 AM. Anyone wanting to join the group and find out what they will be reading in 2020 can come!

Please call **Dottie Roiseland** at **352-3761** by Friday, December 6, so she can make reservations!

Note: The place and time for this December meeting is different from the usual time and place.

Editor's Notes: This month's riddle is: Name the two people who are heading up our *Soglimt* display in Waverly on Dec. 12th.

Your answer must be received by Dec. 17th in order for your name to be in the drawing for a rosemaled nativity picture at our December meeting.

Send news items for the January POSTEN to **Gloria Tehven** by January 1st. gtehven@life.com or **1507 Hickory Heights Drive, Waverly IA 50677** or **352-6094**.

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Nominated for 2020**

President: Open

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Publicity Director: JoAn Headington

Historian: Eunice Becker

Musicians: Kathy Schuhmacher
Open

Sports/Youth: Open

Auditors: Mike Butler, Dave Palmer

Lutefisk Lament

'Twas the night before Christmas
With things all abustle,
As Mama got set for the
Christmas Eve tussle.
Aunts, Uncles and Cousins
Would soon be arriving,
With stomachs all ready
For Christmas Eve dining.
While I sat alone, with a
Feeling of dread,
As visions of *Lutefisk* danced
In my head.
The thoughts of the smell made
My eyeballs start burning,
The thoughts of the taste
Set my stomach to churning,
For I'm one those who
Good Norwegian rebuff,
A Scandinavian boy
Who can't stand the stuff.

Each year, however,
I played at the game
To spare Mama and Papa
The undying shame.
I must bear up bravely,
I can't take the risk
Of relatives knowing
I hate *lutefisk*.
I know they would spurn me,
My parents withhold
If the unthinkable, unspeakable
Truth they were told.

Then out in the yard
I heard such a clatter,
I jumped up to see
What was the matter.
There in the snow
All in a jumble
Three of my uncles
Had taken a tumble.
My aunts, as usual, gave
Them what for.
And soon they were up and
Through the front door.
Then with talk and more cheer
An hour passed,
As Mama finished
The Christmas repast.

From out in the kitchen
An odor came stealing,
That fairly set

My senses reeling.
The smell of *lutefisk*
Crept down the hall,
And wilted a plant in a
Pot on the wall.
The others reacted as though
They were smitten,
While the aroma laid low my
Small helpless kitten.
Uncles Oscar and Lars said
"Oh, that smells yummy,"
And Kermit's eyes glittered
While he patted his tummy.
The scent hit the ceiling
And bounced on the floor,
The bird in the cuckoo clock
Fell on the floor.

Mama announced dinner
By ringing a bell.
They pushed to the table
With a yump and a yell.
I lifted my eyes to Heaven
And sighed,
And a rose on the wallpaper
Withered and died.
With leaden legs,
I found a chair,
And sat in silence
With an unseeing stare.
Most of the food was
Already in place;
There remained only to fill
The *lutefisk* space.
Then Mama came proudly
With a bowl on a trivet.
Who would have thought
The crown jewels were in it.

She placed it carefully down,
And took her seat,
And Papa said grace
Before we could eat.
It seemed to me
With my whirling head
The shortest prayer
He'd ever said.
Then Mama lifted the cover
On the steaming dish.
And I was face to face
With that quivering fish.

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Kalender

Dec. 4-17: Wartburg Festival of
Trees
Dec. 5: Lodge Business Meeting
and Strategic Planning
Dec. 10: Book Club

Dec. 12: Christmas on Main
Waverly
Dec. 13: St. Lucia's Day

Dec. 17: Lodge Meeting
Bel Canto Cedar Valley
Dec. 25: Merry Christmas!

Jan. 1: Happy New Year!

Jan.7: Lodge Business Meeting

Jan. 16: Book Club

Jan. 25: Lodge *Frokhost*
Dawn Ask Martin & Robin Voster
"Koselig"
Installation of Officers

Lutefisk Lament, continued

"Me first!" I heard
Uncle Kermit call,
While I watched the paint
Peel off the wall.
The plates were passed
For Papa to fill;
I waited in agony,
Between fever and chill.
He would dip in his spoon
And hold it up high.
It oozed onto the plates,
I thought I would die.
Then came the plate
And to my fevered brain
There seemed enough *lutefisk*
To derail a train.
It looked like a mountain
Of congealing glue;
Oddly transparent
Yet discolored in hue.

With butter and cream sauce
I tried to conceal it;
I salted and peppered, but
The smell would reveal it.
I drummed up my courage,
I tried to be bold.

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Mama reminded me to eat
Before it gets cold.
I decided to face it,
"Uff da," I sighed;
"Uff da, indeed,"
My stomach replied.

Then I summoned that resolve
For which our breed is known,
My hand took the fork,
As with a mind of its own.
And with reckless abandon
That *lutefisk* I ate.
Within twenty seconds
I'd cleaned up my plate.

Uncle Kermit flashed me
An ear-to-ear grin,
As butter and cream sauce
Dripped from his chin.
Then, to my great shock,
He whispered in my ear,
"I'm sure glad this is over
For another year!"

It was then I learned a
Great and wonderful truth,
That Swedes and Norwegians,
From old men to youth
Must each pay their dues
To have the great joy,
Of being known as a good
Scandihooovian boy.

And so to you all,
As you face the great test
Merry Christmas to you,
And to you all my best!

Written by H. J. "Tony" Anderson

