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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

No Lodge Meeting this April

Unfortunately, the Pandemic is still with us. We'll resume meetings eventually----

Our April Viking ship sponsor is **Liz Konig**. If you haven't already, please send \$35 to our treasurer, **Jim Miller**, at 1727 Four Winds Drive, Cedar Falls, IA 50613. The sponsor for May is **Keith Jorgensen**. We need sponsors for June, and for the months following. Let me, **Gloria Tehven**, and **Jim** know if you are willing to do this good deed for our boat and our Lodge!!!

Fra Presidenten



Spring Greetings! (Even though it may not be as green as we would like it to be!) April is not only the month that provides us hope for warmer weather and delightful outdoor activities, it is the first of the **A** months for me: **April** and **August**.

However, it also shares the first letter of words that should remind us, in my opinion, of the attitudes and actions we should hold as responsible *Solglimt* Lodge members: acknowledging, appreciative, being of one accord, accountable, affable ("being easy to approach and talk to; friendly, gentle, and kind").

It is apparent that these qualities are displayed in our Lodge, but it doesn't hurt to be reminded of them from time to time.

My dear mother frequently remarked, "Never take anyone (especially ones dear to you) for granted." Therefore, it is only appropriate that

we acknowledge all of you who have remained loyal and supportive members of *Solglimt* Lodge. We also need to acknowledge and show our appreciation to those who have held positions of leadership in the Lodge for many years with little desire for recognition and reward.

Eunice Becker (serving as our Lodge secretary for over 18 years), **Joel Johnson** (Sturgis Falls coordinator for 5+ years), **Keith Jorgensen** (Lodge president for 6 terms), **Jim Miller** (Lodge treasurer for 7+ years), **Jon** and **Gloria Tehven** (**Jon** – Lodge President for 2 terms and International President for 4 years, and currently Vice-President of the International Foundation Board; **Gloria** – Editor of the POSTEN 20+ years).

Such dedication, loyalty, efficiency, and service! **Duane Lindberg** deserves recognition as an outstanding recruiter and Lodge president for 2 terms. Our Social Directors, currently **Beebs Downing** and **Lori Devries**, have spent countless hours arranging for interesting, informative, and entertaining programs. **Rod Hamer** served as Sturgis Falls booth coordinator for 6 years.

Let us be grateful for all of the members who have served our Lodge faithfully through the years. We look forward to the time we can be together as a lodge – hopefully in a few months!

Tussen takk!

Clare Palmer, President



**Secretary's Notes, March 9, 2021
Business Meeting**

In the absence of **President Clare Palmer**, *Solglimt's* monthly business meeting was called to order by **Vice President Jon Tehven** on Tuesday, March 9, at New Aldaya in Cedar Falls. In attendance were **Jim Miller, Gloria Tehven** and **Eunice Becker**.

The Secretary's minutes of the February meeting were approved as written (**Gloria/Jim**).

Treasurer Jim Miller reported receipts of \$207.40 and disbursements of \$22, leaving a balance of \$3,845.22 in the Lodge operating account. Treasurer's report accepted (**Gloria/Jon**).

Jon Tehven shared copies of Lodge photos he has collected over the years on his computer and has now printed and organized to be available to the Lodge website and archives. We thank him for his time and effort on this project.

Jon also reviewed the February Lodge Activity Report. Membership remains at 86.

Connecting with members via phone calls and mail remains a priority.

In order to determine member interest in resuming Lodge meetings, it was suggested that the phone committee conduct a survey on member willingness to attend meetings in either April or May. Results will then be reviewed and considered. Proposal to be followed up on.

Editor Gloria Tehven requested reports and news items for the next issue of the POSTEN by April Fool's Day. She also welcomes articles of interest from members.

Next business meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 13th at New Aldaya. Lunch at 11:30, meeting at noon.

As there was no further business, meeting adjourned (**Jim/Jon**).

Respectfully submitted,

Eunice Becker, Secretary

Lodge Member News

From Lori DeVries

I'm doing OK and spending a lot of time gardening 'in the house'. I'm potting mostly flowers, but some tomatoes, green peppers, and green beans. Lots of fun! I'll be spending the Easter weekend visiting my mother and friends. And yes, I have had my Covid shots.



From Dorothy Frank

Since 1996 I've been a volunteer for Hospice; however, with the pandemic, I haven't been able to see my patients. I do miss them.



Our church is 'open' and I've been attending services and making calls on church members. I'll be spending Easter at church and then a brunch at a friend's house.

From Bev Haugen

I really enjoyed the March POSTEN, even in pandemic times you've found interesting news! **Takk! Elsa Waschek** has moved to Western Home Communities, Prairie Wind. I don't have her apartment number or cell number yet. We're all vaccinated in independent living here at Western Home. Things are beginning to open up around here—yippee!!! Miss my S/N friends a whole lot.



From Dianne Peterson

Bob Peterson has been going through chemo treatments for two rare diseases: a rare cancer of the blood and amyloidosis.

He began a 2nd cycle of chemo on March 22 which has a stronger formula than the first. **Bob** and **Diane** thank everyone for the cards and prayers they have received.



From Jennifer and Craig Ritland

are doing well and enjoy working in their business. They have both had the virus and recovered. They have also gotten the vaccine shots. They will likely attend if we start having meetings.



More Lodge Member News

Elsa Waschek has moved to Prairie Wind here at the Western Home Community. Her address is 5313 Caraway Lane, Apt. 113, phone is 319-830-9394.



Exploring Our Heritage

Sigrid Joanne Lane's name has been added to the list of those whose ancestry leads back to Denmark where her maternal grandmother's family immigrated from.

Her paternal line goes back to Ole Olsen, born in 1821 in the parish of *Leikanger* in *Nordre Bergenhaus* (renamed *Sogn og Fjordane* in 1919). After immigrating to the U.S. in 1854, he adopted **Borlaug** as his surname, his last place of residence before leaving Norway.



In addition to **Joanne** other descendants of this Ole Olsen include her cousins Dr. Norman Borlaug, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, and his sister, former Lodge member **Palma Borlaug Behrens**.

Joanne has presented Lodge programs on her Borlaug connections and she and her husband Roger have hosted *Solglimt* members at the Borlaug farmstead near Cresco, Iowa.



(Article contributed by **Eunice Becker**)

Highway Cleanup

The "Adopt A Highway" suspension has been lifted, so our Lodge can do this "fun" job this spring. We are assigned to "pick up trash" on the south side of a section of Highway 20 west of Cedar Falls.



If you are interested in helping **Dave Haugebak**, who has been organizing this activity for several years, you should call him. He has not picked a date yet. The number to call is: **319-277-2294**

If you have any questions about the task and the exact location, also call **Dave**. It's not a huge job, and it gets you outside getting a little exercise, as well as doing a service for the environment.

Sturgis Falls Update



Joel Johnson reports that the Sturgis Falls Celebration has been scheduled for June 25-27th! We have secured our regular spot for our booth at Overman Park and the final decision to go ahead will be made at the April 13th Lodge Business Meeting.



Jon Tehven has contacted almost all of those who helped staff the booth in 2019 and so far we have received overwhelming support. We have had no NO responses. Just a few more calls to make.



Nordic Fest - July 22 - 24, 2021



TV Worth Watching

Masterpiece Theatre is screening an eight-part series on Iowa PBS on Sunday evenings. It is called Atlantic Crossing and tells the story of Norway's Crown Princess Martha who, with her three children, flees occupied Norway during World War II.



The first episode was on Sunday, April 4th. In this episode, which takes place in 1939, the Germans are invading Norway, and Princess Martha and her children flee to Sweden. Later episodes will reveal more about the war and Martha's trip across the Atlantic to Washington D.C. There she and her children take up residence in the White House under the protection of President Franklin Roosevelt.

It's a story about Norway's history, (and world history) and is definitely worth watching, even if you missed the first "show".

(Thank-you, **Eunice Becker**, for sharing this info)

A Little Humor

Ole and Sven vur waiting at da bus stop ven a truck vent past loaded up wid rolls of turf.

Ole said, "I'm gonna do dat ven I vin da big lottery."

"Vat's dat den?" asked Sven.

"Send me lawn away to be mowed," said Ole.

Editor's note: This was contributed by **Ron Lance**. He and **Sharon** plan to return to Iowa at the end of April.

Some More Humor!

A year ago, Ole decided to take a correspondent course on weather. After finishing the course, the mayor made him the official city volunteer weatherman and even installed a phone for the position.

Last fall the chief of the Indian tribe on the other side of the lake died. The new chief was young and concerned about his responsibilities. It was time to store up firewood for the winter. The chief phoned the local weatherman. Ole excitedly answered the phone, "City vedderman here." The caller asked "What kind of winter does it look like we will have?"

"Yah, vell, it looks to be a normal vinter." "OK, thank you."

The chief told the tribe, and said that they should stock up some firewood. A month later the chief called Ole again and asked, "What does the winter look like that we will have?" "Yah, vell, it looks like it vill be a hard vinter," said Ole. "OK, thank you," and the chief told the tribe they better store up more firewood.

2 weeks later the chief called the weatherman again and asked, "What does the winter look like that we will have?" Ole said, "Vell, it looks like it vill be a very hard vinter." "OK, thank you," and the chief again told the tribe they better store up more firewood.

2 weeks later the chief called again. Ole said, "Vell, it looks like it vill be an extremely vicked vinter." The caller said, "I don't understand. First time I called you said it would be normal, second time it would be harder than normal, the third time a very hard winter, and now you say extremely hard." "Ya, vell," Ole explained, "dey taught us to vatch nature and I saw duh Indian tribe on duh udder side uff duh lake hass bin stocking up a lot uff vood. So it vill be an extremely bad vinter."

So that is how Ole helped the Indian tribe on the the other side of the lake. Even now they still have plenty of firewood for the rest of the spring.

(Thank-you, **Jim Miller**, for sharing this story! **Jim** thinks **Don Meyer** might have told it to the Lodge back when he was president----???)

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Treasurer's Report 3/1/2021 – 3/31/2021 Jim Miller

1. Checking/Savings Accounts
 Balance on 3/1/2021.....\$3845.22
 Receipts.....(+)133.20
 Interest.....(+)19.99
 Sub Total.....\$3998.41
 Disbursements.....(-)98.80
 Balance on 3/31/'21.....\$3899.61

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

3. Savings Bonds (none)

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

Total Assets 3/31/2021...\$7949.61

Happy Birthday

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|---------------------|-------------------|
| 1 Linda Slattenow | 16 Duane Lindberg |
| 2 Betty Butler | 17 Ron Lance |
| 8 Kathy Schuhmacher | 21 Lis Konig |
| 10 Lori Jo DeVries | 25 Jim Miller |
| 14 Dorothy Frank | |



Oslo Gets Creative to Save a Springtime Tradition

As Easter comes and winter prepares to melt away, Oslo residents usually bustle to the wooded hills surrounding the city, to enjoy one of Norway's favorite forms of recreation: cross-country skiing. This final pilgrimage of the season typically results in vacationers crowded together in commuter trains, enjoying the journey out to the wilderness.

But this year strict social distancing rules are in place, and crowded traveling is not allowed. Another problem is that you need snow to cross-country ski. Oslo and the surrounding area have had a nearly snowless winter—so what can be done? City officials decided it was time to get out the cannons---snow cannons.



Perched in the hills above the city, the snow cannons stream out arching plumes of artificially manufactured (but still very real) snow. Tons of the white stuff are loaded onto trucks, carried down into the city, and then dumped in great drifts on to urban parkland. This very welcome blizzard is tamed by grooming machines, which pack it into sledding hills, snowboarding venues, and most importantly cross-country ski trails.

Residents have taken full advantage of the winter wonderlands that have manifested in four Oslo parks. On any given day, you might see preschoolers on excursions with their daycare classes, office workers taking ski breaks from working from home, and retirees out enjoying what used to be taken for granted in Oslo: a snow-laden winter.

(This article was provided by the Sons of Norway newsletter resources)

Kalender

Apr. 4: Happy Easter!

Apr. 13: Lodge Business Meeting

Apr. 27: Lodge Meeting (cancelled)

May 9: Mother's Day

May 11: Lodge Business Meeting

May 17: *Syttende Mai*

May 25: Lodge Meeting (Hopefully!)

June 25, 26, 27: Sturgis Falls Celebration

A Little Sunshine

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

Beverly Haugen

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319-266-2269

Editor's Note

Thanks to everyone who contributed to this POSTEN! Please send news, reports, jokes, interesting items about your Norwegian heritage or other "information" to me for the May POSTEN by May 1. Send your items to the address above right, phone 319-352-6094, or email:

gtehven@live.com

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April 22 - Earth Day

The history of Earth Day began in 1970, created by Wisconsin senator Gaylord Nelson. It's celebrated every year on April 22 with the intention of raising awareness about pollution and taking care of the environment by reducing, reusing, and recycling resources.

What are some Earth Day activities? You can make Earth Day every day by making small lifestyle choices with a huge impact. This could include:

- Avoiding plastic water bottles in favor of reusable water bottles.
- Opting for second-hand instead of buying new, like clothes, furniture, and toys.
- Supporting organizations with sustainable manufacturing practices.



April 30 - Arbor Day

While Arbor Day and Earth Day are often mistaken for one another, they represent two different, but very important themes. Established in Nebraska in 1872, Arbor Day can be observed on the last Friday in April every year. Nebraska newspaper editor-turned-senator J. Sterling Morton proposed the holiday, when he, along with other settlers from the East Coast, noticed the territory's lacking tree population.

The idea quickly caught on and today it's celebrated simply by planting trees and showing appreciation for the environment. You can participate in Arbor Day activities by planting your own tree and supporting companies with tree-planting initiatives.

