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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.

Could not get to you sooner because the office where we print was closed.

Sturgis Falls Celebration

As you know, this year's Sturgis Falls Celebration has been cancelled. A discussion has been taking place about a possible late summer Cedar Falls Gathering in Gateway Park. The Sturgis Falls Board will make an announcement about this at a later date, and we have no information as to whether or not there will be an opportunity to have a booth. You'll be notified if and when we get some information.

Usually the June POSTEN contains the work schedule for the Sturgis Booth. This year you are scheduled to stay at home and do whatever you want to: Cook, bake, serve food and beverages, collect or donate money---!!!

Our Viking Ship sponsors for June are **Gloria and Jon Tehven**. We'll send our \$35 to treasurer **Jim Miller, 1727 Four Winds Drive, Cedar Falls IA 50613**. Our sponsor for July is **Keith Jorgensen** and for August, **Lisbeth Konig**. Hopefully we'll have a meeting in August and people can sign up for September through May!



Fra Presidenten

Greetings!

"Getting to Know You" appears to be a theme of the last and current issue of the POSTEN with photos and comments



from some of our lodge members. Thanks to **Jon and Gloria Tehven** we are learning about members activities and how they are coping with the coronavirus-related restrictions.

We missed our lodge meeting on May 26th when we would have learned about the history of Nordic Fest held each year in Decorah, Iowa. We missed seeing and greeting each other and sharing a meal at the Woman's Club. We missed hearing friends' stories of their travels, family activities and even trips to clinics or medical centers. We also missed some hilarious Norwegian/Scandinavian jokes told by **Keith Jorgensen**.

These thoughts reminded me to reflect on what we HAVE rather than our losses. The *Solglimt* Lodge roster includes 96 members in 2020. An unofficial count reveals the following: 14 with forty or more years of Sons of Norway membership, 6 with thirty or more years of membership, 14 with twenty or more years, and 26 with ten or more. WOW! That means 60% (63%) have been S.O.N. members for ten through forty+ years.

This is an indication of loyalty and service! **(We are equally grateful for the newer members who bring new ideas, energy and enthusiasm!)**

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Even though we won't be working at our Sturgis Falls Booth or meeting at the Woman's Club in June or July, we can possibly look forward to our Lodge potluck picnic scheduled for August 25th. (you will be notified if this event is canceled.)

Meanwhile, have a great summer, enjoy your time at home or outdoors, and joyously await the time when we can be together!

Adjø. Hadet så bra! (Farewell words provided by **Robin Voster.**)

Clare Palmer, President

Lodge Member News

Sincere condolences to the family and *Solglimt* friends of former member **Morris R. Kratz.** Morris, 93, died

May 5th at NewAldaya Lifescapes. A long time

2011

member, Morris was presented his Golden Member award at a Lodge meeting on November 17, 2009, exactly 30 years to the date when he first joined the Lodge in 1979. Private graveside services were held at Garden of Memories in Waterloo.



Congratulations!!

Congratulations to **Dorothy Haugebak**, one of eight recipients of the *Waterloo Courier's* Eight over Eighty Awards. **Dottie**, a former dietician, was recognized for developing Black Hawk County's Homemaker Home Health Aide program as well as for her community service and volunteerism. Due to the pandemic, the date of this year's award banquet has yet to be scheduled.

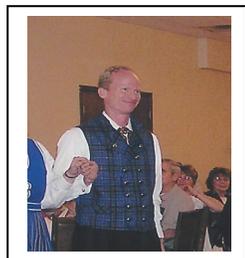


Messages from Members

From **John Sundet:**

Giving the last week of ZOOM lessons to beginning band students.

Then I'm RETIRED here after!



From **Beverly Haugen:**

We're still locked down at Windcove, probably for the whole month of June. Boo! (Bev also sent a family Norwegian story which is printed on another page of the POSTEN)



From **Joanne Lane:**

With the shut down all of my regular meetings have been held on Zoom. So, it has been an opportunity to learn a new technology.

Though not the same as being together in a meeting room, it does provide for face to face interaction.



From **David and Clare Palmer:**

We have been trying to stay at home as much as possible and this has caused some subtle changes in our activities. **Clare** finds herself

in the kitchen more than usual – preparing more meals and baked items at home rather than eating out. When the weather turned dark, cool and rainy, she quit for a while because it seemed she was “cooking up a storm”. Ha! **David** finds things to do outside and enjoys planting, raking and even mowing. We are grateful we still have the strength and energy for this. Our three R's on rainy days are Reading, Remembering and Reflecting.



From **Keith Jorgensen:**

Ok, so what have I been doing? I would guess about whatever most all of us have been doing. I've taken care of the normal household chores, pulled a few weeds where needed, done some reading, completed some jigsaw puzzles, and been generally a bit lazy.



I did attend a meeting in Missouri of the Home Owners Association where my lake house is located. That was just before Memorial Day and things were “opening up” somewhat in the area. I

was able to get a much needed haircut while there. It was enjoyable to actually “travel” a little.

Hopefully things will continue to “open” in Iowa, safely so. It has been unfortunate to see we have lost a few additional lodge members over the last several months. We’ll honor their memory when we once again can gather together.

From **Karolyn Haugebak**:

Highway 20 Clean-up by Solglimt Lodge

Dave was all set to clean the highway when he heard the news that they called off the cleanup this spring. We will be in contact with them during the summer. He drove down the highway and it looked pretty good.



Dave and I are looking for things to do. It’s good to have his mom across the street so we have 2 yards to pick up sticks. (HaHa!) We have organized a few things around the house! The big one – the garage – is just waiting for one of us to start. Hopefully it happens soon (HaHa!)

I’ve been reading and knitting/crocheting a lot. Trying to use up my collection of yarn. Unfortunately we’re getting used to this slow lifestyle. Sorry I can’t help you out with news. Our life is just really boring.

From **Ron Lance**:
(From the Rio Grande Valley)

We are still here, as our daughter Jan said all things were pretty much shut down in Iowa. We were in quarantine for part of the month and all of March. We have been able to go out, but nothing much down here was open either.



The places open have always had long lines of patrons waiting to get inside because only so many could be inside to assure their 6-foot distances and masks were required, which is a good thing.

We have been in good health. Had a pot luck dinner at our Rec Hall on Memorial Day with about 28 attending. They’re doing a major overhaul on our park’s swimming pool and have it up and running today, so Sharon and I will have to check it out. The spa part isn’t done yet. Back in 2008 I was on the Board of Directors and was in charge of seeing that all the pool codes were brought up to specs—many were out of code and it required a lot of money (\$80,000). Our pool is one of the largest pools in the RGV for an RV Park.

We are looking for a good “three-day window” for heading back to Iowa after the 1st of June. It’s really beautiful down here and we’ll miss it—especially the prices we pay for our fruits and vegetables as they are cheap and really good—garden fresh down here where they can grow stuff year around. This is the latest we’ve ever been down south as we usually head home at the end of April.

Sharon’s shoulder still needs a little therapy when we get back to Iowa. However, my right hip is doing very well and I haven’t needed a cane since the end of December!

Our family has all been down to visit us. Our oldest granddaughter Danielle is going to have a baby in September, so we’ll be “great grandparents” which will be good! Our family are in the “essential category” so none were without employment during this pandemic.

We hope to see you all if there is a meeting this summer! (Ed. Note: **Ron**, I did some editing, as you can probably tell—.)

From SON CEO Chris Pinkerton

I wanted to give you an update on the status of our building given the unrest in the Uptown area of Minneapolis. The SONS headquarters has not been damaged. This is in spite of the fact that the building is only a few blocks from some of the worst of the riots. While there was minor graffiti on some of our windows Wednesday night (May 27), there was no physical damage to the outside of the building or the contents inside the building. The graffiti has been removed. The US Post Office that handles our mail has been burned, and we are working with the central downtown post office in Minneapolis to re-route our mail. We are trying to ascertain whether any of our inbound mail was destroyed. If it was, it would only be for 1 or 2 days. The postal investigators will notify us. We are still scheduled to be working from the building on Monday, June 22. We are hoping and praying that peace will prevail.

Becoming a U.S. Citizen Ole Hakonson Hillestad

Ed. Note: This article was provided by **Beverly Haugen**. She received the information from her cousin Barbara last week.

I had done a bit of genealogy through the years but had never pursued when my grandparents became U.S. citizens. A cousin in Washington recently requested that information from the Minnesota History Center in St. Paul. They emailed extensive hand written documents of Declaration of Intention dated 1901. Then many years later, June 1920, there was the document of Naturalization showing two witness's (farm neighbors) signatures.

On separate sheets of paper were handwritten names of wife and all eight children and ages of each. With this information they automatically became citizens along with spouse/father. Then four months later another trip to the county seat at Red Wing, MN. On October 2, 1920, at age 47, Grandpa and family were granted the Document of Citizenship. A huge deal involving several trips, miles away.

How did he get there? Language, weather barriers? Tough times in rural Minnesota. I respect, admire and appreciate my forebearers endurance and hope in "their land of opportunity."



I learned my lesson of communication too late. I grew up with those dear grandparents just a few miles away. They never spoke of their life in Norway. Probably too painful having to leave loved ones behind, never to see again.

We are the fortunate and blessed descendants of those hardy pioneers. While we still have time, let's all communicate to our families our great Norwegian heritage.

Ed. Note: I encourage all of you to share your Norwegian stories with us!! It's interesting to learn about family histories, and you can also share your adventures in Norway or other Scandinavian countries!!

This and That Pandemic Information from the Manilla, IA Times

(contributed by **Keith Jorgensen**)

Never in my wildest dreams did I dream I'd go up to a bank teller with a mask on, asking for money!

Quarantine has turned us all into dogs. We roam the house looking for food. We are told "no" if we get too close to strangers. And we get really excited about car rides!

Tomorrow is the National Home/School Tornado Drill. Lock your kids in the basement until you give the "all clear".

The world has turned upside down. Old folks are sneaking out of the house, and their kids are yelling at them to stay indoors!

Dis wirus has dun vhat Lena has always vanted to doo—stop al duh sports, shut down duh bars, and keep Ole at home! (All doe Lena kind uff vishes Ole vould leaff for a vile!)"

Bergen International Festival

The Bergen International Festival runs for 12 days every year from late May to early June. It is the major cultural event in Norway, and features more than 100 events in music, drama, folklore, opera, ballet, and the visual arts.

Most of the musical events are held in Bergen's Viking Castle, Haakon's Hall (built in 1250), at the Grieg Concert Hall, at Edvard Grieg's home (known as "Troidhaugen"), and at Lysoen, the island home of composer and violinist Ole Bull. It was, in fact, Edvard Grieg—the composer and founder of the Norwegian nationalist school of music—who originated the idea for a musical festival and who first sponsored such a festival back in 1898.

But the Bergen International Festival as it exists today didn't really get started until 1952. Although the primary attraction is music—ranging from classical to jazz, new music from around the world, organ concerts, military band performances, ad folklore opera—children's programs, literary events, and art exhibits are featured as well.

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Treasurer's Report 5/1/2020 – 5/31/2020 Jim Miller

1. Checking/Savings Accounts
Balance on 5/1/2020.....\$4300.40
Receipts.....(+)\$419.40
Interest.....(+) 2.33
SubTotal..... ..\$4722.13
Disbursements.....(-)\$200.00
Balance on 5/31/2020.....\$4522.13

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

3. Savings Bonds (none)

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

Total Assets 5/31/2020....\$8572.13

Sons of Norway Matching Gift

Jim Miller reports that he received a check for \$200 from the SofN, matching the donations collected from our members for the North Eastern Iowa Foodbank. The check was passed on to the Foodbank.



In April our members donated \$857, so we were able to contribute a total of **\$1,057!**

Thank-you to all the folks who donated money for the Food Bank!

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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A Little Sunshine

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

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Book Club

If you have any questions about the *Solglimt* Book Club, contact:

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Editor's Note: There will not be a POSTEN in July. However, if you have a message about "how you have coped with the coronavirus pandemic" or your Norwegian story, and/or some humor, it would be great to have it for our August Newsletter. Send it to me by July 25th.

Anyone who has sent items for the POSTEN in March, April, May, June or August will have their name in the drawing for a rosemaled item at our August meeting—or our next meeting, if it isn't in August. You will be notified about the August potluck meeting, when it's determined whether or not it will be held.



I've really enjoyed hearing from folks—and I think you've enjoyed reading their messages also! We miss the gatherings, but that's the way it is right now.

A Little Humor

Ven duh lawn mower bwoke and vouldn't run, Lena kept naggin' me to get duh ting fixed. But, I had more impohtent tings to du: duh shed, duh boat, drinkin' beer—



But Lena tot uff a cleffer vay to show me vat I shud dew. Ven I came home vun day, I saw Lena sittin' in duh grass vit a sissers, cuttin' away. I vatched fer a vile, den vent into duh house.

I came out vid a tootbrush—gafe it tew her and said, "Ven yooer dun cuttin' duh grass, yoo kin sweep the dwive vay."

Duh doktor says I vill valk agin, but I vill always haff a limp.

Kalender

June 14: Flag Day

June 21: Father's Day

July 4: Independence Day
Queen Sonja's Birthday

July 24-26: Nordic Fest
(Cancelled)

July 29: St. Olaf's Day

Aug. 25: Pot Luck Picnic
CF Island Beach House
"Games from Near and Far"

Nordic Fest

District 1 has had a booth at Nordic Fest for over 25 years.

For the past 15+ years, Norm and an FBC or other volunteer have staffed on Friday, On Saturday **Gloria**, and **Jon** join Norm.

We register up to 150 people and each day have a drawing for two (2) SON Christmas ornaments. All who register receive a bag of SON information.

Names of those who registered are sorted by location and either sent to the local lodge or the District President.

A copy of all who register is also sent to SON HQ.

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Nordic Fest 2019



**District 1 Booth on Water Street, Decorah
Norm Carlson (Des Moines), Gloria, Jon**



Water Street