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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, October 23, 2018
Cedar Falls Woman's Club
3rd and Clay Street- Cedar Falls, Iowa
Dinner: 6:30 pm Cost: \$12.00

Menu

Beef Stroganoff
Roll and butter Broccoli Salad
Pumpkin Bar



Scott Johanssen, Sons of Norway Financial Benefits Counselor, will visit with us about his years as an insurance salesperson, how he conducts his business, and Sons of Norway financial products that our members might find beneficial.

October is Foundation Month, and we will also learn more about the Sons of Norway Foundation. A free will offering will be taken up to support the Foundation. You can read an article in the October *Viking*, p.24-27, to learn more about Foundation Scholarships.

Keith Jorgensen will share information about Strategic Planning, Also, he will be taking orders for the 2019 Norwegian calendar.

Bring items for the food bank!

Reservations by Thursday, October 18th, cancellations by Saturday, Oct. 20. If your caller misses you, or if you are not a member

and would like to attend, please call **Chris Johnson, 483-4071**. Also call **Chris** for cancellations. Remember, if you reserve and do not attend, you are asked to pay for your meal.

Fra Presidenten

Greetings All,

Have you noticed that nearly every consumable on the planet comes in pumpkin spice flavor these days? Well, it must be October! We finished up September in grand fashion. Our monthly meeting was very well attended. A huge *Tusen Takk* to all of you for making the effort to attend the meeting!

We had an informative program on Norwegians in Hawaii. In addition to our guest presenter from the Vesterheim Museum, we had the special treat of our own **Clare Palmer** adding her personal input on the topic. Thanks, **Clare!**

Backing up a couple of days, there were two other events several of our members participated in as well. It was a cool and breezy Friday that we had a foursome playing golf in the Valley Lutheran School fund raiser. No, we didn't win anything, other than **Jim Miller** winning the putting raffle and coming home with a new putter.

The following day the **Tehvens, Carol Pett** and I drove up to the Norman Borlaug birthplace farm near Cresco for a barn dedication. Member **Joanne Lane** and her husband Roger were present as well. **Joanne** is a relative of Dr. Borlaug and serves on the Foundation Board. It was a pleasant, sunny day and an interesting morning for all of us.

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Keith, Jon, Norma Jean (Borlaug's daughter), Carol, Gloria

Yes, more outings are planned for you—stay tuned!

In the Sons of Norway calendar year, October is where we place extra attention to membership. We wish to do that in our own lodge. **Please see the information in the next column about a new member recruitment meeting.** New members are an important way to insure the future of our lodge, so it is of utmost importance. Please give it your best shot!

Just so you are aware, we continue with our Strategic Planning sessions. These sessions are held with the goal of ensuring the future of our lodge. Membership is the focus of our efforts, both through retention and new members. How do we go about this? Well, we do so by the personal effort of each of you with support from the Lodge through promotion for name reconnection and involving ourselves in community events. We are currently exploring various ways we might achieve these goals. Stay tuned for more as we develop action plans.

Lastly, with heavy hearts we took a moment at our September meeting to recognize the passing of three long time members, **Marilyn Young, Opal Walther, and Helen Lippold.** They will be missed.

Enjoy October. We all hope for a colorful fall. See you at the October meeting, and remember, bring a friend!

Keith Jorgensen, President

Membership Recruitment Meeting Tuesday, October 9

You are invited to bring a potential member to a special meeting at 6:30 pm on October 9 at the Clarion Inn, 5826 University Avenue in Cedar Falls, across from College Square.

The purpose of the meeting is to share information about *Solglimt* Lodge and the Sons of Norway, who we are and what we do. The meeting will be informative but not too long!! You and your guest's meals will be paid for by Sons of Norway. The meals will be ordered off a short, select menu.



Anyone having a prospective member should email or call **Jon Tehven, tehven@msn.com or 352-6094 no later than Monday, Oct. 8.** It is necessary to know in advance how many are coming. If you have any dietary needs please inform **Jon** of that when you make your reservations.

This is an excellent opportunity to introduce your friend or family member to our Lodge, the fun activities we do, and how we learn and celebrate our Scandinavian heritage.

Secretary's Notes, Sept. 4, 2018 Lodge Business Meeting

President Keith Jorgensen called *Solglimt's* monthly business meeting to order on Tuesday, September 4, at his residence in Cedar Falls with **Jon Tehven, Gloria Tehven, Robin Voster, Dottie Roiseland and Eunice Becker** in attendance.

The secretary's Minutes of the August business meeting were approved as written (**Gloria/Jon.**)

Treasurer Jim Miller's report sent via e-mail showed receipts of \$56 and disbursements of \$175, leaving a balance of \$5,391.51 in the Lodge operating account as of 8/31/18. Treasurer's report accepted (**Jon/Robin.**)

Social Director Jon Tehven noted that arrangements were in place for the September presentation of the Norwegian Sugar Cane Story by Vesterheim's Kate Martinson.

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Assistant Social Director Robin Voster previewed some of the programs she and **Co-Director Clare Palmer** have lined up for 2019.

Jon suggested a membership dinner be scheduled to include those persons from the area who expressed interest in Sons of Norway while attending Nordic Fest. This will be looked into further.

Newsletter Editor Gloria Tehven requested news items and reports for the next issue by October 1. She also announced a new Reader's Contest with the winner to receive a rosemaled item by **Elsa Waschek**. Contest details may be found in last month's POSTEN. (Ed. Note: And this month!)

Food Coordinators Linda Slattenow and Christa Hanson had met with staff at the Cedar Falls Woman's Club and menus were selected for the upcoming meeting schedule.

The Lodge Book Club plans to continue meeting at New Aldaya in Cedar Falls and will be inventorying the Lodge library in the near future.

A couple of surveys/questionnaires were handed out and following reviews will be adapted for use at a later date.

Arrangements for participation in Valley Lutheran's Golf Outing and the trip to the Borlaug Barn Dedication this month were discussed. Possible trips to both the Amana Colonies and Algona are being considered.

The year-end Lodge Achievement Report will be discussed at a future meeting.

Announcements:

- Lodge meeting – Sept. 25 – CFWC, 6:30pm
- Strategic Planning -Sept. 27 – Jorgensen residence, 2pm
- Business meeting – Oct. 2 – Jorgensen Residence, 3 pm

Respectfully submitted, **Eunice Becker, Secretary**

Secretary's Notes, September 25, 2018 Lodge Meeting

Solglimt's monthly Lodge meeting was called to order by **President Keith Jorgensen** on Tuesday, September 25 at the Cedar Falls Woman's Club.

Following the anthems, Pledge of Allegiance and table prayer, a moment of silence was observed in memory of **Marilyn Young, Opal Walther, and Helen Lippold**.

As dinner was being served new member **Dwight Allbee** of Waverly was introduced and welcomed.



Guests Samantha Glaspie of Cedar Falls, granddaughter of the **Lances**; Debi Daters, **Dottie Haugebak's** daughter and her friend Sue Mohlis, also of Cedar Falls, were also introduced.

Carol Schultz reported that she would be participating in the 44th Annual Heritage Days event at the Osborne Nature Center near Elkader on Saturday, October 6. **Carol** had *lefse* for sale following the meeting.

Keith reported on the Valley Lutheran Golf Outing held Friday, September 20, at the Waverly Country Club. **Keith, Dottie Roiseland, Jon Tehven** and **Jim Miller** made up the foursome, and **Jim** was the winner of the putting contest.

On Saturday, September 21, another group attended the Barn Dedication at the Borlaug Farm near Cresco: **Keith, Carol Pett, Jon and Gloria Tehven** and guests from Self Help International in Waverly. Also attending were Borlaug's cousin, **Joanne Lane** and her husband Roger and Dr. Borlaug's daughter Norma Jean Borlaug Laube.

A Membership Dinner has been tentatively set for Tuesday, October 9, at the Clarion Inn in Cedar Falls. Contact **Keith** if you know of any prospective members who would enjoy a free dinner and information about Sons of Norway membership. (Ed. Note: Information about this is on a previous page)

Kubb, a Norwegian version of lawn chess, will be among the activities at New Hartford's Pumpkin Days on Saturday, October 6.

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Dinner was followed by the singing of *Hils fra meg der hjemme*, led by **Duane Lindberg** with **Kathy Schuhmacher**, pianist.

Social Director Jon Tehven introduced Vesterheim's Kate Martinson who presented a program titled "*North Sea to South Seas: Norwegian Sugar Cane Story.*" It told of the immigration of Norwegians to Hawaii in the late 1800s to work on the developing sugar cane plantations and, in some instances, to become owners, the Norwegians work and living conditions and housing.

Solglimt member, **Clare Palmer**, a descendent of Japanese immigrants to Hawaii around that same time, added her family's story from the Hawaiian perspective. An interesting discussion followed Martinson's program.



Those who celebrated birthdays during the summer and September were acknowledged. **Lori DeVries** was the winner of the drawing for a free dinner.



Congratulations also to **Deloris Laube**, winner of a wooden spoon hand carved and donated by Richard Anderson, cousin of **Jon Tehven**. He had demonstrated his craft at our April meeting.

In October, the Lodge's newly appointed FBC Scott Johannssen will present the program.

Gloria Tehven detailed the new Reader's Contest and encouraged POSTEN readers to submit their answers to the monthly riddles. The winner will receive an item rosemaled by **Elsa Waschek**.

Respectfully submitted, **Eunice Becker, Secretary**

Lodge Member News

Sincere condolences to the family of **Helen Lippold** who passed away September 17th. A Celebration of Life will be held at the Lippold home, 140 Faber Drive, Waterloo, on Saturday, October 6, hosted by the family.

Emily Reinertson was among 430 high school seniors from across Iowa honored by Governor Kim Reynolds for outstanding academic achievement at the annual Governor's Scholar Recognition Ceremony in Des Moines. Emily, a graduate of Water West, is the granddaughter of **Les** and **Arlene Reinertson**.

Best wishes to **Richard Young** who moved to Stanhope in July, back to where he was born and still has family.

Leif Erikson Day, October 9

Rasmus B. Anderson was the son of emigrants from Stavanger in the county of Rogaland, Norway, who were a part of a small band of Quaker sympathizers. His parents ended up in Wisconsin, where Rasmus was born in 1846.

As an adult Anderson was a professor at the University of Wisconsin, and was the founding head of the Department of Scandinavian Studies, the oldest such department in an American university.

He wrote a book, *America Not Discovered by Columbus*, that helped popularize the now familiar idea that Vikings were the first Europeans in the New World. He was the originator of the movement to honor Leif Erikson with a holiday in the United States. Through efforts he started and led, Leif Erikson Day became an official observance in his native Wisconsin and in other states.

In 1963, the U.S. Representative from Duluth, John Blatnik, introduced a bill to observe Leif Erikson Day nationwide. The following year Congress adopted this unanimously. In 1964 Lyndon Johnson (authorized by Congress) proclaimed the first official Leif Erikson Day on October 9th.

October 9th is not associated with any particular event in Leif Erikson's life. The date was chosen because the ship Restauration coming from Stavanger, Norway, arrived in New York Harbor on October 9, 1825. This was the start of immigration from Norway to the United States.

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Book Club

The *Solglimt* Book Club will meet on Monday, October 22 (note: this is one week later than usual), at new Aldaya, 7411 University Ave. in Cedar Falls, with lunch at 12 pm and discussion at 1 pm. The book for October is The Winter Fortress, by Neal Bascomb.

This book is a WWII story about the Norwegians working to destroy the German atomic bomb production.

**Sturgis Falls, 2019
Advance Notice!**

Reserve these dates: June 28-30. That's when the Sturgis Falls Celebration will be next year. The theme is "Happy Trails". We'll be having happy times serving good food in our Booth, and hopefully our "Boat" will be following the trail in the parade!

**Treasurer Jim Miller's Report
For period ending Sept. 30th**

1. Checking/Savings Accounts
Balance on 9/1/2018..... \$5391.51
Receipts.....(+)576.00
Interest.....(+)18.77
Sub total..... \$5986.28
Disbursements.....(-)1261.64
Balance on 9/30/2018.....\$4724.64

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

3. Savings Bonds (none)

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

Total Financial Assets 9/30/2019
\$8774.64

A Little Sunshine

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

Beverly Haugen
Western Home Communities
5300 Main Street #45
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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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Food Bank

18 pounds of food and personal items were contributed at our September meeting. Remember to bring donations to our October meeting—**Linda Slattenow** will make sure that the items get delivered!

A Posten Reader's Contest

Congratulations—8 people solved last month's riddle! Remember, you don't have to be the first person to respond. Anyone who notifies me of the riddle's answer will be entered in the drawing for a rosemaled item, made by **Elsa Waschek**. The drawing will take place at our December meeting.

(Note: Only *Solglimt* Lodge Members are eligible to win.)

Respond to this month's riddle by October 31st! And the riddle is----

What are two reasons (mentioned in this POSTEN) why October 9th is a special day?

You can telephone, email, or snail mail the answer. Send your answer and any news or reports that you'd like to see in the November POSTEN to me by October 31st.

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A Little Humor

Lena: "Ole, I have a bag full of used clothing I'd like to donate."

Ole: "Why not just throw it in the trash? That's much simpler."

Lena: "But there are poor starving people who can really use all these clothes."

Ole: "Lena, anyone who fits into your clothing is not starving."

(Ed. Note: Ole is recovering from a head injury now. **Beverly**, maybe you should send him a little sunshine---)

Kalendar

- Oct. 9: Membership Recruitment Meeting
Leif Erikson Day
- Oct. 22: Book Club
- Oct. 23: Lodge Meeting
SofN Foundation Month
- Oct. 31: Happy Halloween!
- Nov. 6: Lodge Business Meeting
- Nov. 19: Book Club
- Nov. 22: Happy Thanksgiving!
- Nov. 27: Lodge Meeting
Silent Auction
Marian Elmquist: "Ski for Light"

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