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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 our members.

Lodge Meeting

Tuesday, September 24, 2019
Cedar Falls Woman's Club
3rd and Clay Street – Cedar Falls, Iowa
Dinner: 6:30, Cost: \$12.00

Menu

Lasagna, Garlic Bread - Garden Tossed Salad
Apple Bar

Program

“Rocks and Hard Places:
Emigration through the Lens of Knud Knudsen.
Why do some people leave their homes in
search of a better life?”
Zach Row-Heyveld, presenter



Row-Heyveld is the Exhibition Manager at Vesterheim. He will share information about a current exhibit at the museum of Knud Knudsen's stunning black and white photography. The pictures wrestle with the question of why some people left Norway to settle in the United States. We will learn about some of the economic, social, and environmental factors that led to the above-average rates of emigration from Knudsen's hometown, the village of Tokheim on the Sorjord.

It's very possible that this presentation will bring up memories that you have of why your ancestors left Norway, (and other countries) to come to America!

Reservations by Thursday, September 19th.
Cancellations by Saturday, Sept. 21. If your caller misses you, or if you are not a member and would like to attend, please call **Karolyn Haugebak, 277-2294**. Also call **Karolyn** for cancellations. Remember, if you reserve and do not attend, you are asked to pay for your meal. If you do not plan to come for the dinner, you do not need a reservation, and you do not need to pay. Just come for the program @7pm.

Bring Items for the Food Bank!

Our Viking Ship Sponsors for September are **Judy Stevenson & Sharon Cornish**. Send your gift of \$35 to provide a home for the ship to **Treasurer, Jim Miller**. The sponsors for October are **Joel & Chris Johnson**.

Fra Presidenten

Greetings all!

Well, if the late August weather is any indication, we are in for a great fall this year. The weather was near perfect for our annual “beach house” picnic. We had a nice sized crowd in attendance for a great pot luck and interesting program by our own **Rod Hamer**. He brought an American Red Cross “ERV” for us to inspect. This is the vehicle he and other volunteers use to feed disaster victims anywhere in the United States when needed.

We salute **Rod** for his dedication to the Red Cross and serving in the Disaster Services for so many years. And we thank each of those attending the meeting for their tasty contributions for our meal.

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September is really the beginning of our Lodge year. Now is the time to mark your calendars for the upcoming meetings! What's ahead for us? Well, it gets busy. We will be having a full slate of programs for your enjoyment, of course.

Over the next several months a nominating committee will be contacting many of you asking you to serve in some capacity with our Lodge. Please give careful consideration to their request. Your Lodge only functions because you give a few hours of your time each month to meet our needs.



The Fall months also turn our attention to the Sons of Norway Foundation, which funds the many scholarships awarded each year.

We also pay a little extra attention to member recruitment, which should be a year around consideration for all of us. New members insure we continue as a lodge for years to come. So you see, the Lodge year starts with many activities and opportunities.

You will not want to miss our September Lodge meeting! The program presenter is a native Norwegian and will be speaking on the emigration of our Norwegian relatives. This would be a great program for any visitors you may have been thinking about inviting. So again, mark your calendars for our Lodge meetings. Come chat with old friends, make some new friends, enjoy a nice meal, and polish off the evening with an entertaining and informative program!

Keith Jorgensen, President

Secretary's Notes, August 6, 2019 Business Meeting

President Keith Jorgensen called *Solglimt's* monthly business meeting to order on Tuesday, August 6, at his residence in Cedar Falls. Present were **Clare Palmer, Jon Tehven, Gloria Tehven, Dottie Roiseland** and **Eunice Becker**.

The secretary's Minutes of the June meeting were approved as written. (**Jon/Dottie**)

No monthly treasurer's report was available; however, Sturgis Falls figures were reviewed.

Social Co-Director Clare Palmer shared a thank-you letter from Quentin Boyken, Honorary Consul for Norway in Iowa, for the warm reception given him and his wife Inez at the Lodge's *Syttende Mai* observance.

Preparations for the Pot Luck Picnic at the Beach House in Cedar Falls on Tuesday, August 27, were finalized. **Rod Hamer** will speak on his experiences as a disaster relief volunteer with the American Red Cross. Arrangements for the September meeting were also discussed.

Jon Tehven previewed some of the programs **2020 Social Directors Beebs Downing** and **Laurie Devries** have lined up so far.

Editor Gloria Tehven requested reports and news items for the next issue of the POSTEN by Sept. 1.

Strategic Planning resumes in September on the 5th at 2 pm.

Jon reported that work on the redesign of the Lodge logo is on-going and that Food Bank volunteer opportunities will be revisited next month.

As the Lodge's 45th anniversary in 2020 coincides with the 125th anniversary of the founding of the Sons of Norway, a local tie-in is planned.



This summer's Sturgis Falls food booth and Viking ship float participation were reviewed. (See the August POSTEN for **Coordinator Joel Johnson's** report.)

In advance of the election of next year's officers, **President Jorgensen** intends to appoint a chairperson to head the 2020 Nominating Committee.

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Information regarding his year's golf outing/fund raiser for Valley Lutheran School was shared. **Keith** will take care of the registration and assemble a 4-some (or two) for the event at the Waverly Golf Course on Friday, September 20th.

A change in management at the facility where the POSTEN is printed may have an effect on that process. **Keith** will continue to monitor the situation.

Keith will also check into accommodations for holding a Membership Luncheon as a result of sign-ups at both the Sturgis Falls and Nordic Fest booths this summer.

Announcements:

Lodge Meeting – Aug. 27, CF Beach House, 6:30 pm

Business Meeting – Sept. 3, 2 pm (note time)

Strategic Planning – Sept. 5, 2 pm

As there was no further business, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Eunice Becker, Secretary

Lodge Member News

Andy Meyer, son of **Don** and **Kris Meyer**, was featured in an interview published in the August 9th issue of **The Norwegian American**. Andy presented a Lodge program in January, 2017 about his experiences in Norway as a roving teacher on a Fulbright exchange program.

Beebs Downing was recently elected co-vice president for membership for the AAUW Cedar Falls-Waterloo organization.

Ron Lance recently sent a letter regarding his release from Pinnacle Specialty Care on Wednesday, August 21. He has recovered enough from his complete hip replacement so that he is now able to "take care" of himself. However, on Thursday, August 22, **Sharon** fell while working on her flowerbed, and broke her shoulder. So now **Ron** is "taking care of her"! We send healing thoughts to both of them!

Lodge Meeting, August 27, 2019

Solglimt Lodge members enjoyed a pot luck meal at the Cedar Falls Beach House in Island Park on Tuesday, August 27th.

Prior to introducing our program, **Social Director Clare Palmer** asked the members to make a donation to the American Red Cross, honoring the dedication of *Solglimt* Lodge member **Rod Hamer**.

Clare then introduced **Rod** to share with us his experiences as a Red Cross Disaster Relief Volunteer and how the volunteers are organized to maximize their work at a disaster, such as a hurricane or tornado.

He told the story about arriving at a church with meals in the van, but there was no one there. Then the pastor arrived. **Rod** told him about the meals and the pastor told him to get prepared. Soon there were over 100 people lined up for the meals.



Another story he shared was about a senior care center being evacuated prior to a storm. The local high school football team was helping. An elderly woman didn't have her walker, so she couldn't walk. A football player picked her up and carried her to the shelter. Then he called his grandmother and the elderly lady stayed with her during the storm.

Rod also shared that the Red Cross is supported by individual and corporate donations. It does not receive any state or federal financing. **Rod** was given the member's donation to take to the local Red Cross Office.

Guests for the evening with **Robin Voster** were her husband Phil Plourde and her son Erik, and with **Jim Walsh** was Tracy Lake. **Robin** and her son, along with other helpers, cleaned up the Boat House after our meeting. Tussen Takk!

(Ed. Note: As this POSTEN goes to "press", **Rod** is with the Red Cross helping folks who are in the path of Hurricane Dorian)

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**Treasurer Jim Miller's Report
For period ending Aug. 31.**

1. Checking/Savings Accounts

Balance on 7/1/2019.....\$2992.40
Receipts.....+5855.30
Interest.....+14.49
Sub Total.....\$8862.19
Disbursements.....- 3072.82
Balance on 8/31/2019.....\$5789.37

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

3. Savings Bonds (none)

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

Total financial assets 8/31/2019
\$9839.37

A Little Humor

Ole asked Lena to run downtown and find him a pair of loafers. Lena came back with two Swedes.

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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Book Club

The *Solglimt* Book Club will meet on Monday, September 16, at New Aldaya, 7411 University Avenue in Cedar Falls, with lunch at 12 pm and discussion at 1 pm. Participants will share about books that they have read over the summer.



If you have any questions, contact:
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Do Some "Good" Golfing

Valley Lutheran School is holding a special Golf Outing/fund raiser on September 20th at the Waverly Country Club. It will start with a lunch at 11 am, and golfing after lunch. The game is "best ball", so you don't have to hit a perfect shot every time---one of your team mates will do it!



If you want to be part of a *Solglimt* team, or if you have any questions about the event, contact

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The Meaning of "Uff Da" Is:

Trying to dance the polka to rock and roll music.

Having Swedish meatballs at a *lutefisk* supper.

Walking downtown and then wondering what you're there for.

Arriving late at a *lutefisk* supper and getting served minced ham.

Looking in the mirror and discovering that you're looking old.

Having a mouse crawl up your leg then you're on a hay load.

Eating hot soup when you've got a runny nose.

Getting swished in the face with a cow's wet tail.

Waking yourself up in church with your own snoring.

Noticing non-Norwegians at a church dinner using lefse for a napkin.

Sneezing so hard that your false teeth end up in the bread plate.

NOT being Norwegian.



Editor's Note

Send your reports and news for the October POSTEN by October 4. This is later than usual, because I'll be out of town the first few days of October.

Also, send your Norwegian story to me! A form with guiding questions is included with this POSTEN. It would be great to have your story in the POSTEN!

Send your information to me! Contact information is included at the bottom of the next page.

SHARE YOUR NORWEGIAN STORY IN THE *POSTEN*

Editor's Note: It would be interesting to read your story about your ancestor's and/or your own Norwegian experiences. (Other Scandinavian stories would be good, also!) I'd like to include your story in the *POSTEN*. So, send your stories to me--snail mail or email. (The addresses are below.) You can fill out this form or write your information in "story form" on another sheet of paper. You do not need to include all the information indicated below; you can just use the "questions" as guidelines. Include pictures if you can!

Name: _____

From where did your ancestors come?

How and when did they come and where did they settle?

Do you still have relatives in "the old country" and do you know any of them?

Share some aspect of your family history with us.

What of your Heritage interests you the most?

Have you been to Norway? Share a highlight or two about your trip.

Share some information about your membership in our Sons of Norway Lodge.

Editor's Note: Send your story to:

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Kalendar

Sept. 15: Book Club

Sept. 20: Golf Outing

Sept. 24: Lodge Meeting
Zach Row-Heyveld
"Rocks and Hard Places"

Oct. 8: Lodge Business Meeting
(This is a week later than usual)

Oct. 21: Book Club

Oct. 22: Lodge Meeting
Foundation Month
Program to be announced

Check out our web page at
www.solglimt.org

October 9 - Leif Eriksson Day



Restauration

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Oct 9th is fast approaching. All Norwegians are obligated to know the history. Here's all about the event that created the date Oct 9th as the Leif Eriksson Day throughout the USA. First Rasmus B. Anderson 1874 published a book claiming Leif Eriksson first discovered America, the Italians managed to get a holiday, Norwegians pushed for a Holiday and in 1925 at the Norse-American Centennial at the Minnesota State Fair in 1925, President Calvin Coolidge gave recognition to Leif Erikson as the discoverer of America due to research by Norwegian-American scholars such as Knut Gjerset and Ludvig Hektoen. In 1929, Wisconsin became the first U.S. state to officially adopt Leif Erikson Day as a state holiday, thanks in large part to efforts by Rasmus Anderson. In 1931, Minnesota did also. By 1956, Leif Erikson Day had been made an official observance in seven states (Wisconsin, Minnesota, South Dakota, Illinois, Colorado, Washington, and California) and one Canadian province (Saskatchewan).

In 1963, Senator Hubert Humphrey and Representative John Blatnik, both from Minnesota, introduced bills to observe Leif Erikson Day nationwide. On September 2, 1964, Congress unanimously authorized and requested the President to create the observance through an annual proclamation. Lyndon B. Johnson did so that year,[13] as has each president in the years since, often using the proclamation to praise the contributions of Americans of Nordic descent generally and the spirit of discovery. Bills have been introduced in the Parliament of Canada to observe Leif Eriksson Day.

October 9 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, beginning a wave of immigration from Norway to America aboard the ship to get to America. One lady even had a baby onboard 1825 is considered to be the first organized emigration party to leave from Norway. They sailed to New York on a ship called the Restorasjonen. Here is a picture of the sloop that entered New York on Oct 9th. The replica is in Norway if you want to visit. It's hard to believe 52 persons including the ship's crew sailed during the trip.

