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Next Social Meeting:

August 8, 2006

Meeting time: 7:00 P.M.

First Lutheran Church

Luther Fellowship Center

1000 3rd Avenue SE

Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52401

Program:

Film: *The Pathfinder*

The film takes place in Norway's isolated Lappland, and it includes action and adventure!

For security reasons, the doors in the drive-through entrance at First Lutheran Church will be locked while our Sons of Norway meeting is in progress. Therefore, if you arrive late, you will have to enter through the door to the Administrative area. It is the single door located to the left (as you face the rear of the building) of the drive through area.

The main doors will be locked at about 7:00 P.M. and the Administrative door will remain unlocked until about 7:45 P.M.

Address or Phone Number Changes

If you have a change of address or telephone number, please contact Mavis Lovik. She can be reached by phone, 393-6679; by U.S. mail, 2603 Falcon Drive, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402 or by email, maalovfalcon@msn.com. It is important we know of any changes of address (either traditional or email) or telephone numbers!

There will be no Kaffe tid in August. Coming again in September!

August Board Meeting

The August board meeting will be held at President Lois McCormick's home. The meeting date is August 15th at 7:00 PM.

The deadline for newsletter submissions for September is Wednesday, August 29th 2006. You may reach me by email at jonrwhite@hotmail.com.

PRESIDENT McCORMICK'S CORNER

Where has the time gone? It seems like a very long time has passed since our last social meeting. A big thank you to Jennifer Rand for her presentation on Hardanger Lace at the June meeting. I even think that I can now complete a sampler I started years ago at a workshop. However, I have to find it first!! I am looking forward to the August social meeting on the Lappland of Norway.

Well, District 1 convention is over. I want to thank the lodge for sending me as one of the delegates. Since it was my first convention, I was interested in everything. It was a benefit to learn more of the specifics about the Sons of Norway. It was also a great opportunity to meet members of other lodges in District 1. At the meeting we elected a new District Director for Zone 7. The new Director is Norm Carlson. He will be visiting our lodge eventually, so you will get to meet him.

The emphasis continues to be membership. We all need to help in finding new interested members for our lodges. You

will hear more about this in the near future. Put on your thinking caps now for new possible members for our lodge.

I also attended the Sangerfest 2006 at Decorah on June 29th and July 1. It was very enjoyable. It comes to Decorah about every ten years. It is held every two years. It was interesting to hear the years when some of the choirs had organized. I think 1868 was one of the earliest.

Well, don't forget to put the August social meeting on your calendar. See you then.

Notes from the Cultural Director

I hope you all are having an enjoyable summer. This fall we have more great programs on the agenda. Remember—guests are welcome at every meeting!

At the meeting on August 8th, we will be watching an interesting film called, *The Pathfinder*. The film takes place in Norway's isolated Lappland, and it includes action and adventure! The film is 88 minutes long, thus the business portion of the meeting may be shorter to accommodate the length of the film.

On September 12th, we have a guest speaker, Carol Colburn, who will be speaking about Norwegian and Norwegian-American Traditional Dress. Carol is professor of Costume History and Costume Design at the University of Northern Iowa.

On October 10th, we have another guest speaker, Kathleen Stokker, who is a professor at Luther College in Decorah, IA. Kathy will be speaking about a book she is currently researching and writing about medical practices and customs in pioneer America.

In November, Verl Lekwa will be presenting his story, "Growing Up Non-Norwegian." This is his amusing personal account of growing up in a community where his family were the only persons having Norwegian-American descent. Verl discusses

his personal search for his Norwegian-American identity.

*****New Membership Drive*****

This fall we would like to put an extra emphasis on inviting guests to our meetings in order to boost our membership! We will be calling it our "New Membership Drive." The meeting in October with Kathleen Stokker presenting will be a great time to invite someone to come and learn more about the Sons of Norway. The month of October will be the official "kick off" to our membership drive. That evening will be extra-special because we will also be celebrating Kathleen Stokker's birthday! This meeting will be a fun and festive event! I encourage all members to bring a guest!

June 20, 2006 Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by vice president Ann Gesme. In attendance were David and Ruth Christ, Ann and Dean Gesme, Mavis Lovik, Ding Saether, Jon White and Sarah Gunderson.

The May minutes were accepted as printed.

Treasurer Saether reported \$1680.14 in checking and \$8388.98 in savings with no outstanding bills.

Membership Secretary Lovik reported the current membership as 146. She will find out how many of these are juvenile members. All officers should have membership applications. President McCormick has a supply. Bob Torkildson is working on a new membership brochure.

Duties of the social directors were discussed. They are responsible for contacting the church each month with the meeting room setup, contacting the hosts/hostesses, making sure serving materials are available, and arriving early to help hosts/hostesses set up.

Cultural Director Gunderson reported there is no July meeting so the next program is the

film *The Pathfinder* in August. David Christ will send her some synopses for her to put in the newsletter. She will also be helping prepare new songsheets for use at social meetings.

Kaffee tid will meet at Ann Gesme June 21 but will not meet in July or August.

June social meeting attendance was 38.

Scholarship Chair Christ reported that we are providing scholarships to two campers this year.

Editor White stated that there will be no July newsletter. A combined July/August issue will be published at the end of July. David Christ will be out of town so Jon will arrange for printing and distribution.

As the projector model selected has been discontinued, the purchase has been deferred. David Christ will coordinate with the treasurer and purchase a similar unit when we can get the money from savings without penalty.

Sons of Norway web resources were discussed.

Dean Gesme reported that there were 199 delegates, 12 district officers, and 2-3 National officers at the convention. Many lodge banners were displayed. There were no controversial matters brought to the floor. It was voted to reduce the number of lodge officers who are elected, but it requires the approval of International for it to go into effect. Norm Carlson is our new Zone Director. Arlene Field is now district treasurer. Next convention is at Mankato, Minnesota.

Congratulations are due to Jennifer Rand for placing 2nd in Hardangersom at the district convention.

Sons of Norway will not be having a booth at the state fair this year. Plans are being made for one next year.

Membership events were discussed. Some possibilities are: inviting prospects who have connections to the Norwegians visiting October 4th to the dinner being held. Kathy Stokker is speaking October 10. It is her birthday so there is a possibility for making that evening a combined birthday party and membership event. Names of guests and prospects should be turned in in advance. The possibility of a November Saturday membership breakfast was discussed; possibly the 11th or 18th. We need to work hard on getting new members or the lodge will gradually wither away. Everyone should be identifying potential new members. Those names should be given to Ann Gesme. Her email address is still augdhg@mchsi.com.

The meeting was adjourned and refreshments were served.

David Christ,
Restauration Lodge Secretary



Hardanger by Jennifer Rand – see more photos from the June meeting and District Convention on our web site.

