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Next Social Meeting:

September 12, 2006

Meeting time: 7:00 P.M.

**First Lutheran Church
Luther Fellowship Center
1000 3rd Avenue SE
Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52401**

Program:

**Norwegian and
Norwegian-American
Traditional Dress
by Carol Colburn**

professor of Costume History and Costume
Design at the University of Northern Iowa

September Board Meeting

The September board meeting will be held at President Lois McCormick's home. The meeting date is September 19th at 7:00 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!

The deadline for newsletter submissions for October is Wednesday, September 27th 2006. You may reach me by email at jonrwhite@hotmail.com.

Kaffe tid will meet September 20th at Ellie Reeder's.

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.

Beginning Norwegian Language and Culture Class

Beginning Norwegian Language and Culture class will begin in mid-October. It will be for beginners and those who wish to reinforce what they have already learned. In addition to the Norwegian language, we will learn the appropriate vocabulary for Norwegian genealogical research. The textbook and workbook for the class is, *Norsk Nordmenn og Norge*, by Kathleen Stokker and Odd Haddal. The class is FREE to Sons of Norway members, but you must provide your own books.

This year we plan to meet on **MONDAY EVENINGS** from 6:30-8, -- however, the exact time is negotiable. For more information, or to register for the class, please contact Ann Gesme 319-362-6910 or augdhg@mchsi.com.

Restauration Lodge to Host Norwegians

A group of Norwegians led by Odd Harald Olsen, president of the Ryfylke Lodge, will be spending the night of October 4th at a motel in Cedar Rapids. They will visit Norway, Iowa, the morning of October 5, before continuing to Waterloo. They want to visit Norway, Iowa, since it was founded by Osman Tutland (Tuttle) who came from Hjelmeland, which is where Odd Harald lives. Some of our Lodge members will join the the group for dinner the evening of October 4, and Sandy VanAmburg has graciously agreed to host them on their visit to Norway, Iowa the morning of October 5. If you are interested in meeting with members of this group, please contact Ann for more information at 362-6910 augdhg@mchsi.com.

Now that fall's here it's time to get into a physical fitness regimen. SON prides itself on being one of the few social organizations which promotes physical fitness. You can use the gaining of a medal as an incentive, working your way into better condition and feeling better while getting a SON medal. For walkers, those 55 and older must simply walk 100 miles in a year's time; for those 70 and older, a mere 62 miles. We can craft a medal program for stretching exercises, golf, bowling, tennis, even dancing. Start an exercise program BEFORE the doctor orders it. Contact Verl Lekwa of the local lodge for particulars.

I will be stepping down as Lodge Newsletter Editor at the end of this calendar year, so we are looking for someone willing to take over the job. If someone would like some training, speak up now and I can work with you through the end of this year.

Jon White

PRESIDENT McCORMICK'S CORNER

Well, we had a spellbound experience watching the film *The Pathfinder*. It showed the experiences of the Lapplanders in the early years. Even though not a true story it gave us a feel of the things that may have happened.

This month we will have a presentation on the Norwegian and Norwegian-American Traditional Dress. The presenter is a professor from the University of Northern Iowa. I was privileged to hear her presentation at Convention in June.

I have received information from Jon Tehven, president of District 1.

Following are some happenings at the International Convention. Gene Brandvold was elected International Treasurer and Marge Grorud will be District 1 representative on the International Board. Jon Tehven was elected President of the District President's Council. Jon reported that we will be getting a new membership kit to use for recruiting new members.

Now, I realize that you may not know the above people, but I report it to you so that you know how District 1 is represented.

I will not see you at the September Social Meeting as I will be in Pennsylvania visiting my son and his family. I will see some of you at the board meeting September 19th at my house. I will see the rest of you at the November Social Meeting.

Enjoy September!

Notes from the Cultural Director

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!

August 15, 2006 Board Meeting Minutes

Present: Dean Gesme, Sara Knutson, Lois McCormick, Mary Durspek, Ding Saether, Verl Lekwa, Sarah Gunderson, Ann Gesme, Wally Sundet, Paula Schulte, David Christ, Jon White.

The meeting was called to order by President Lois McCormick at 7:00 PM

The June minutes were approved.

Ding Saether reported balances of \$1801.68 in checking and \$8465.12 in savings. All bills presented prior to the meeting were paid.

Mavis Lovick reported by email that current membership is 144 including 10 juveniles with active insurance.

In a change from that reported last time, the Social Director is now responsible for notifying social meeting setup requirements to both Will and Everett at First Lutheran the first of each month.

Sarah Gunderson reported plans for future speakers. September will be Carol Colburn speaking on Norwegian and Norwegian-American cultural dress.

The newsletter deadline is August 30.

Mary Durspek stated there is no August Kaffe Tid but they will meet September 20 at Ellie Reeder's.

Verl Lekwa is working on ways to promote the sports and fitness program.

Wally Sundet pointed out that October is Foundation Month.

Ann Gesme had three items. There are no current special membership events planned. Plans for the visitors from Rogaland are moving forward. If there is enough interest she will consider hosting a beginning Norwegian class this year.

The video projector will be purchased in September.

Lois McCormick presented the following items for discussion: Adopt a school program, Ibsen events in Davenport, posters from district convention, calendars, and Youngers promotions. She will be appointing a nominating committee.

Next social meeting is September 12 at First Lutheran Church, and next business meeting is September 19 at Lois McCormick's house.

David Christ, Restauration Lodge Secretary
