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Next Social Meeting:

October 10, 2006

Meeting time: 7:00 P.M.

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

Program:

Pioneer Medicine on the Prairie by Professor Kathleen Stokker

Professor Kathleen Stokker has been teaching in the Scandinavian Studies program at Luther College since 1978. During that time she has completed several books, including texts for learning the Norwegian language and Christmas customs in Norway. Recently, she has been researching and writing a book about medical practices for the pioneer settlers. Thus, Professor Stokker will be presenting about this topic at our next meeting. This will be an interesting and unique presentation---one you won't want to miss!

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!

October Board Meeting

The October board meeting will be held at Dean and Ann Gesme's home. The meeting date is October 17th at 7:00 P.M.

Bring A Guest

For the meeting on Tuesday, October 10th, we are encouraging everyone to bring a guest. This meeting will have a fun and festive atmosphere as we celebrate Kathleen Stokker's birthday! We feel fortunate that she has agreed to spend the evening speaking to our lodge on her birthday. This will be a truly enjoyable evening!

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.

Kaffe tid will meet October 18th at Ellie Reeder's.

The deadline for newsletter submissions for November is Wednesday, November 1st 2006. You may reach me by email at jonrwhite@hotmail.com.

2007 Norwegian Calendars for Sale

2007 Norwegian Calendars will again be for sale. Hopefully, I will receive them by the October meeting. The price is \$12.00. They make nice gifts and also are nice for your home. Please call Lois McCormick @ 377-2890 if you will not be at the social meeting and would like one saved for you.

Norwegian Language and Culture Class Begins Monday, 16 October 7 P.M.

Norwegian Class in 2006-7 will include beginning language, singing folk songs, and learning about Norway past and present. We will also focus on Norwegian terms used in genealogical research, and offer assistance in researching your family. Although the language portion will be geared to beginners, others interested in reviewing and/or honing their acquired skills are welcome. We will use *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. For more information, or to register for the class, please email augdhg@mchsi.com or phone 319-362-6910.

Sons of Norway Foundation Appeal

As usual, the month of October is when we make our annual appeal for donations to The Sons of Norway Foundation. In past years our local lodge has been able to send considerable amounts of money to this worthy cause. A collection will be taken at the October Social Meeting.

In the past we have benefited from the Foundation by having them help fund several Lodge activities. These funds have come under the Local Lodge Partnership Grants which provide cultural programming and promotion of lodge activities. The Foundation also provides several scholarship opportunities for young people to study in Norway.

Be sure to remember your checkbook when you come to our October Social meeting.

Notes from the Cultural Director

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.

PRESIDENT McCORMICK'S CORNER

Fall weather is all around us as we begin to complete the 2006 programs of our lodge. New officers will be elected in November, but in October we will have a report from our nomination committee. The committee members are Don Kvindlog, Dale Fitzgibbons and Jennifer Rand. At the latest board meeting we had a discussion on what officers should be elected and which ones could be appointed. We will share this information with you in October or November.

Our Zone director, Norm Carlson, has scheduled a meeting for officers in the lodge for October 22nd from 1:00 - 4:00 P.M. Three lodges will be involved and it will be held at Dean and Ann Gesme's house. I would like for as many officers as can to participate. Please let me or Ann know if you will be coming.

I am looking forward to our social meeting this month. Our guest speaker will be speaking on "Pioneer Medicine on the Prairie". Professor Kathleen Stokker from Luther College will be the presenter. Don't forget that you should try to bring a guest that will possibly be interested in joining our lodge.

The next board meeting will be at the Gesme's on October 17th.

See you at the social meeting.

September 26, 2006 Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting took place at the home of Lois McCormick. Attending were Ann and Dean Gesme, Don Kvindlog, Sara and Larry Knutson, Lois McCormick, Mary Durspek, Paula Schulte, Ding Saether, Wally Sundet,

Sarah Gunderson, Jon White, Ann Larson, and David Christ.

Lois McCormick opened the meeting with a welcome at 7:02 P.M.

No corrections to the August Business Meeting Report were required.

Ding Saether reported end of August balances of \$2152.23 in checking and \$7352.26 in savings.

Mavis Lovick reported (by e-mail) current active membership is 143 including Juvenile insurance members.

August social meeting attendance was 44.

Sara and Larry Knutson reported that the October servers are Bill and Mary Durspek, Ann and Dean Gesme, Jon White and Lois McCormick. November servers will be Arty Erickson, Jean Oxley, Don and Norma Kvindlog.

Sarah Gunderson reported that the October social meeting will be Kathy Stokker speaking on Pioneer medicine on the prairie. Honoraria for Carol Colburn and Kathy Stokker were set. She is preparing next years schedule of programs. Suggestions for topics or offers to present are needed. Also she needs help with ideas for Syttende Mai – program, site, etc.

Ann Larson reported she sent a Sympathy card to the Wall family and received a thank you note in return. She also sent a get-well card to Cheryl Zapf.

Wally Sundet led a discussion about October being Sons of Norway Foundation month. He hopes that everyone will remember to bring their checkbook to the October meeting.

Mary Durspek reported October Kaffe Tid is at Ellie Reeder's. November Kaffe Tid will be November 18 at Ann Gesme's.

As Kathy Stokker's birthday falls on the social meeting night she is speaking, the lodge will be helping her celebrate it.

Final arrangements for the dinner with the visitors from Rogaland were discussed.

At this year's District Convention, the number of officers required to be elected was reduced. This was approved at the International Convention. Accordingly this year we will be electing President, Counselor, Treasurer, and Social Director for two-year terms. Next year we will elect Vice President, Secretary, Membership Secretary, and Cultural Director also for two-year terms. All other officers will be appointed.

Don Kvindlog reported that the Nominating committee will present a slate of nominees at the October social meeting.

David Christ reported that the video projector has arrived. It will be kept at Ann and Dean Gesme's and will be available for Sons of Norway Functions. Training for officers will take place before the next business meeting.

Ann Gesme reported that beginning Norwegian classes will start Monday October 16th at 7 P.M. This is a change from last year. Nine students are currently signed up.

Lois McCormick passed around communications she had received during the previous month.

Next social meeting will be at First Lutheran on October 10 at 7 P.M.

Next business meeting will be at Ann and Dean Gesme's on October 17 at 7 P.M.

The meeting was adjourned.

David Christ, Restoration Lodge Secretary
