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The June social meeting will be
Tuesday, June 12, 2007 at 7:00 pm
at

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

Hosts: Sandra Van Amburg, Mary
Brubaker, Sharon Mow

The program for the June meeting will be a World War II movie titled the *Televåg Tragedy*. The poem *Aust Vågøy* about the tragedy is considered one of the greatest Norwegian poems of the 20th century and most Norwegians know the first two lines or can recite the whole poem.

Nazi occupiers burned the small town of *Televåg* almost down to the ground and killed men and livestock from the town as punishment for the killing of two Nazi Gestapo officers.

The main doors of the church will be locked at about 7:00 pm, for security reasons, but the Administrative door will remain unlocked until about 7:45

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who provided desserts for our Syttende Mai Banquet. Thanks also to those who helped with the clean-up after the banquet. It was greatly appreciated.

Ann Larson & Ardy Erickson.

PRESIDENT McCORMICK'S CORNER

First of all, I want to thank all those who were responsible for a very successful Syttende Mai. Our speaker, as usual was very interesting and informative. Now a reminder that this is the June/July newsletter. We will not have a meeting (social or board) in JULY.

We will have a visitor at our June meeting. The District 1 Zone Director. Norm Carlson will be visiting our social meeting.

I am looking forward to the Linn County Fair where we will be having a heritage booth on July 7th-9th. If anyone out there has a canopy that we could use instead of renting one that would be appreciated. Anyone who wants to come out and help me at any time, please let me know. We will have lots of handouts and hopefully an interesting exhibit for the fair goers. Who knows, we might find a Norwegian or two.

Have heard some talk about the Norsk Hostfest, October 9-13 in Minot North Dakota. Are you interested in attending any or all of it? Let Lois McCormick know and perhaps we can get a group going. See the advertisement in the June Viking.

Lastly - the next board meeting will be at my home on June 19th at 7:00 p.m. Would like to see as many board members as possible. We look for your input. See you in June.

MAY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Attending: Sarah Gunderson, Lois McCormick, Wally Sundet, Ann Larson, Ding Sather, Bob Thorkildson, Paula Schulte, Ann & Dean Gesme, Mary Durspek.

President McCormick opened the meeting with a welcome. Minutes of the April Board Meeting were approved as printed in the May Newsletter. Treasurer reported a balance of \$2286.25 (checking) and \$7575.70 (savings).

Membership Report: 144 members. 2 members were dropped as their dues were more than 45 days past due. One new member: Gary E. Lehtola, 2741 Old Center Road, Alburnett, IA 52202.

Social Director's Report: Things are ready for the Syttende Mai Banquet. 70 tickets have been sold. June servers: Sandra Von Amburg, Mary Brubaker, Sharon Mow. No Social meeting in July.

Cultural Director's Report: Blaine Hedburg will speak on "Immigrant Diaries" at the Syttende Mai Banquet. June Social Meeting will be a film on the Televåg Tragedy.

Sunshine Report: Cheryl Zaph has expressed an interest in this position. Board voted to name Cheryl as the new Sunshine person.

Kaffe Tid: No meeting in May. June meeting will be at the home of Ann Gesme on June 20.

Vice President: We have received 5 new members from the Language class. The last class was Apr. 30. Fall class is under consideration.

Old Business: Lois asked if the new informational brochures would be ready by July 7th so we could hand them out at the Linn Co. Fair. We will have a booth at the Fair July 7-9. If anyone has a canopy we could use, please contact Lois. Membership Growth Event in Sept.: Committee will be David & Ruth Christ, Bob & Nancy Thorkildson, Verle Lekwa, Ardy Erickson, Sarah Gunderson. Norm Carlson will visit at the June meeting. There is some confusion about our dues which are \$39.00. Dean will follow up with Minneapolis.

New Business: Membership Recruitment contest: win the Norwegian Experience of a Lifetime. Lois handed out job descriptions. Dean reported on the Genealogical Center Board of Directors meeting. There was discussion about attending the event in Minot, ND this fall.

Next Board meeting: June 19th at Lois McCormick's home.

Ann Larson, Acting Secretary

BEST OF RESTAURATION

DAD's NORWEGIAN CARMEL CORN

4 - 6 quarts of popped corn in a double grocery bag - set aside.

½ cup butter (1 stick)

1 cup brown sugar

¼ cup corn syrup

½ tsp. salt

Combine above 4 ingredients in glass bowl.

Cook for 2 minutes on high power in microwave. Stir and cook for another 2 minutes on high power. Take out and add:

½ tsp. baking soda

1 tsp. vanilla

Stir well, then pour contents over the popped corn and shake the bag well. Put the bag and contents into the microwave for 1 ½ minutes, shake again and cook for an additional 50 seconds, more or less.

Take out of microwave and open bag. Let cool and store in air tight container.

Dean Gesme

ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER

CHANGES If you have a change of address (either U.S. mail or e-mail) or telephone number, please contact Mavis Lovik. She can be reached by phone, 393-6679; or by mail at 2603 Falcon Drive, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402 or by email, maalovfalcon@msn.com. It is important if you want to continue to receive your newsletter.

JUNE BOARD MEETING will be held on Tuesday, June 19, at 7:00 pm at the home of our president, Lois McCormick, 2990 18th Avenue, Marion.

KAFFE TID will meet on Wednesday, June 20 at the home of Ann Gesme. Please call Ann at 362-6910 if you plan to attend.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE will be Wednesday, July 25.

NORWEGIAN CLASS The 2006-7 Norwegian class met on Monday evenings from October 16 to April 30. We had 24 sessions, with a total of fourteen members participating, four of them new lodge members this year. Although the class has been offered off and on since 1975, I have kept records for only the last 16 years, during which time 92 members have taken part. It is offered free to lodge members, the only cost being that of the text and workbook.

EVENTS OF INTEREST OF THE NORWEGIAN KIND

The Vestlandslag Stevne will be held at St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN, Thursday through Saturday, June 14-16, 2007. A former member of Restoration Lodge, Marilyn Cornell, is president of this organization. For more information, contact Marilyn at mcorn@sctatel.net

Valdres Samband will meet in Decorah June 21-23. For more information, contact Dean or Ann Gesme.

1st Norsky: What's in the sack?

2nd Norsky: Chickens

1st Norsky: How many?

2nd Norsky: If you can guess, I'll give you both of dem.

MATALYST MONTHLY

CUCUMBER SALAD

Ingredients:

1 European cucumber

2/3 cup vinegar, white

2/3 cup water

3 1/2 T. sugar

1/4 tsp. Salt

Dash of white pepper

Fresh parsley

English or European cucumbers are quite expensive, but there is no comparison in taste. Slice them thin for salads; a Norwegian cheese knife works well. This salad tastes good with either baked or fried foods.

Thinly slice a European cucumber. Mix dressing well and pour over cucumber slices in serving bowl. Make salad ready early enough to let dressing penetrate without making cucumbers soft (about one-half hour). Sprinkle with finely chopped fresh parsley.

Ekte Norske Mat--Authentic Norwegian Cooking is available for purchase through the Vesterheim bookstore.



PICTURES FROM RESTAURATION LODGE'S SYTTENDE MAI EVENT!

In case you missed the celebration, everyone had a wonderful time. The food was delicious and the speaker, Blaine Hedberg, provided a very interesting program on his subject, Immigrant Diaries.

On this page are some photographs taken by Paula Schulte.



WAS HEYERDAHL RIGHT?

The famous Norwegian scientist and ethnographer Thor Heyerdahl believed that Polynesia could have been populated from South America, and not Asia. In 1947, Heyerdahl sailed on the balsa raft Kon-Tiki from Peru to Polynesia to prove that the theory could be correct. Heyerdahl's fantastic trip proved that it was physically possible to reach Polynesia with that type of prehistoric sea craft.

Heyerdahl's theory has always been disputed by anthropologists. Late in the 1990's, DNA tests found that Polynesians have more in common with people from Southeast Asia, which seems to prove that their ancestors most likely came from Asia.

But new DNA analysis of the population of Easter Island in Polynesia show that Heyerdahl nonetheless could have been partially correct. Professor Erik Thorsby and his team at the University of Oslo have found two genes that show that there could have been early contact between Easter Island and South America.

"Our experiments show for the first time genes among the population of Easter Island that most likely come from South American Indians", Thorsby told the research magazine Apollon.

Thorsby thinks the findings indicate that Heyerdahl can have been right in that the culture on the island was influenced by South American culture.

Aftenposten

IMMIGRATION SETS NEW RECORD

Immigration to Norway was higher than it's ever been last year, with the biggest group of immigrants coming from Poland.

New figures from the state statistics bureau SSB counted 45,800 immigrants arriving in Norway, and 22,100 persons leaving the country. That resulted in net immigration of 23,700, nearly 30 percent higher than the number in 2005.

The vast majority of immigrants are coming to Norway from other European countries, followed by Asian countries. Since 2003, net immigration from Poland has risen by 6,700, and by 2,000 from Sweden.

Polish citizens accounted for 7,400 of Norway's new immigrants last year, and they made up the single largest group, followed by Swedes (3,400) and Germans (2,300). Many are moving to Norway in hopes of cashing in on the country's booming economy and demand for labour.

Net immigration from both Asia and Africa was slightly lower last year than it was between 2001 and 2005. Earlier years saw higher immigration from the Balkans, Iraq and other countries in Asia and Africa because of war and requests for asylum.

Aftenposten English Web Desk

First District Viking Youth Day

Now you can be a Viking for a day! August 18, 2007 Danebo Danish Center 3030 W. River Parkway, Minneapolis. Registration 9:00 am. Activities 10:00 am until 4:00 pm. Rain or Shine (we have cover) Children, grandchildren 5 to 15, and guests of Sons of Norway members, accompanied by an adult member of Sons Of Norway, are invited to a Viking Youth Day. Some of the activities planned are: Ax Throwing, Make your own Viking Money Pouch, Make your own Viking Necklace, Play real Viking Board Games, Test your skill on the Balance Beam, and more! Best of all be a Viking! Please RSVP by August 11 to:

garya@vikingage.com

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

June 12 Social Meeting
June 19 Board Meeting
June 20 Kaffe Tid

Elected Officers:

President-Lois McCormick 377-2890
 Vice President-Ann Gesme 362-6910
 Counselor-Dean Gesme 362-6910
 Secretary-David Christ 319-351-7717
 Treasurer-Ding Sather 393-7310
 Assistant Treasurer-Dean Gesme 362-6910
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 Ann Larson 373-1891

Sons of Norway representative:

David Tesdahl 319-286-9447

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Appointed Officers:

Auditors:
 Ruth Christ (1 year) 319-351-7717
 Jean Oxley (1 year) 364-5340
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 Foundation-Wally Sundet 393-6971
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