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The October social meeting will be
Tuesday, October 9, 2007

7:00 pm

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
3634 1st Avenue SE
Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52403

Hosts: Paula Schulte, Carolyn Rushton,
Mavis Hovden

The program in October is titled, "From Your Mother's Kitchen," and will be presented by Judy Fitzgibbons. She will be speaking about nutrition and Norwegian cooking. Judy is currently a dietician at the Hy-Vee on Johnson Avenue in Cedar Rapids. She will have lots of suggestions about eating healthy and still enjoying some of your favorite Norwegian goodies!

Everyone Welcome to Norwegian Language & Culture Class Monday evenings at 7 o'clock

The study of Norwegian language and culture begins Monday evening, October 15 at 2110 Lincolnshire Dr. SE, Cedar Rapids (the Gesme home). Focus will be on language, geography, history, folk tales, folk songs, genealogy, contemporary issues, or whatever aspect of our heritage that is of interest to the class participants. The class is offered FREE to members of Sons of Norway. We will use both the textbook and workbook, *Norsk, Nordmenn og Norge*, by Kathleen Stokker and Odd Haddal.

The class is for beginners and continuing students, offering an opportunity to expand our knowledge of, and appreciation for, our heritage and the language. Class begins promptly at 7 p.m. and ends at 8:30, followed by coffee and goodies.

To register for the class contact Ann Gesme at 362-6910 or augdhg@mchsi.com.

President McCormick's Corner

Wow, what a meeting! We had a great Social meeting on the Tokheim family with a great crowd. We had approximately 70 people present to hear this interesting topic of a Cedar Rapids family. About 30 of these people were visitors.

I want to thank the officers for setting up exhibits to show some of the activities in which Sons of Norway members may participate. A big thank you also to members who served and brought extra Norwegian goodies for us all to enjoy.

Looking forward to the October Social meeting. We will learn a bit about nutrition and Norwegian Cooking. Also, don't forget the Silent Auction. Look around for some unwanted items that you may bring for the auction or bring a favorite food item.

I thought I should explain why we are changing our meeting place to Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Because we were going to have some meetings in 2008 where we wouldn't be able to use the fellowship hall at 1st Lutheran we thought that maybe there may be other times that could possibly happen. They were willing to have us use another room for those meetings, but we realized after using other rooms this summer that they were not large enough and had no kitchen facilities. So, we asked to come back to Our Savior's because we were familiar with the facilities and met there some years ago. We have left in good graces with 1st Lutheran. We do appreciate having been able to meet there the past few years.

A nominating committee was elected at last month's Social meeting. They are, Jennifer Rand, Verl Lekwa and Jean Murray. They will have a report for us at the October meeting. Officers to be elected this year are: Vice President, Secretary, Membership Secretary and Cultural Chairman

2008 Norwegian Calendars will be available to purchase at the October, November and December Social meetings. The cost of the calendar is again \$12.00. If you would like to reserve a calendar and cannot attend these meetings, call me at 377-2890.

We are again selling the Younkers Community Day booklets as a fund raiser and they will also be available at the October, November and December Social meetings. The next board meeting will be at my home on October 16th. See you at the Social Meeting.

Kaffe Tid will meet Wednesday, October 17 at the home of Gladys Aakre, 1410 32nd St. NE, Cedar Rapids. If you plan to attend, please call Gladys at 369-0572.

Silent Auction at October Meeting

In addition to having our speaker, Judy Fitzgibbons, speaking about nutrition and Norwegian food, we are also having a silent auction during the social meeting as well. If you have an item(s) that you would like to donate for the silent auction, you may contact Sarah Gunderson by phone (cell # 319-330-3153) or email: sarah.gunderson@gmail.com. Persons donating an item need to arrive at Our Savior's Lutheran Church 30 minutes prior to the start of the meeting. In the past, people have donated items such as books, movies, posters, paintings, music records, CD's, or tapes—all of these relating to Norwegian heritage or Scandinavian heritage. In addition, others have donated Norwegian baked goods, Norwegian knick-knacks, and even furniture. If you have any questions, just contact Sarah.

October Board Meeting will be October 16, at 7:00 pm at the home of our president, Lois McCormick, 2990 18th Avenue, Marion.

Newsletter Deadline will be Tuesday, October 30.

September Social Meeting Minutes

The Sons of Norway Restauration Lodge September social meeting took place at Our Savior's Lutheran Church at 7:00 PM on September 11th. The meeting attendance was 71 with about 20 guests.

After singing America and Ja Vi Elsker, we learned the Norwegian folk song Gjeiterams. Guests were introduced, many of them associated with the Tokheim family. The treasurer reported the checking balance was \$1914.44 and savings was \$7642.73. No corrections or additions were needed to last month's minutes.

Next month's servers are Paula Schulte, Carolyn Rushton, and Mavis Hovden. October's program will be Judy Fitzgibbons speaking on the nutrition of Norwegian cooking. There will also be a silent auction. Plan to have your contributions there a half-hour before the meeting.

The current lodge membership is 142. Newsletter deadline is September 29. Kaffe Tid will be September 19 at Ellie Reeder's.

Ann Gesme reported about possible language classes again this fall. Dean Gesme gave a brief review of the history of Restauration Lodge.

Details about Younkers Community Day fund raiser were announced. Our Saviors will continue to be the meeting place for social meetings. Norwegian calendars are for sale at \$12.00 again this yea.

Jennifer Rand, Verl Lekwa, and Jean Murray were elected as this year's nominating committee. Dean Gesme was authorized to purchase a new bookcase and storage cabinet for use at Our Saviors. Insurance Advisor David Tesdahl spoke briefly on Sons of Norway financial products.

Cultural Director Sarah Gunderson introduced

the evening's program. Steve Johnson and Jim Hippen from Vesterheim spoke on John Tokheim, inventor of the direct delivery gas pump. After a very interesting and informative presentation, an extended discussion followed with participation of many of the guests associated with the Tokheim family. Tom Barnes of Barnes Manufacturing who purchased the product lines of the Tokheim Co. in 1991 gave a short talk on how they are still manufacturing some of John Tokheim's inventions.

Thanks to Lois McCormick, Verl Lekwa, Ann Larson, Sarah Gunderson, Ardy Erickson, and Ruth Christ for Norwegian treats after the program. David Christ, Secretary

September Business Mtg. Minutes

The September board meeting of Restauration Lodge took place at the home of Lois McCormick on September 18, 2007 with Ann and Dean Gesme, Ding Sather, Wally Sundet, Lois McCormick, Cheryl Zapf, and David Christ in attendance.

Mavis Lovick reported by e-mail that the lodge has 142 active members.

The October meeting will have a presentation on the nutrition of Norwegian cooking by Judy Fitzgibbons. There will also be a silent auction with people asked to bring their items a half-hour early.

Cheryl reported that that two couples are celebrating their 60th wedding anniversaries: Otis and Joyce Boyd; Waldo and Ruth Berger. Paula Schulte reported that as Historian she keeps two sets of records. One contains records of the lodge. The other is a scrapbook of items about lodge members.

Restauration Lodge will participate in the Younkers Community Day fund raiser. We will sell coupon books at \$5 each. The Lodge keeps the \$5. The book contains a coupon worth \$10 which doubles the buyer's money. There are also several 20% off coupons. The book of coupons are good November 10, 2007. Not limited to

Younkers, the coupons are good at any of the Bon-Ton group of stores: Younkers, Bon-Ton, Bergner's, Boston Store, Carson Pirie Scott, Elder-Beerman, Herberger's, and Parisian. Pre-shopping is allowed.

Kaffee Tid is at Ellie Reeder's on September 19. Newsletter deadline is September 26. Anne Gesme is facilitating Language classes again this fall. She would encourage anyone wishing to take this over to give her a call. She is also looking for a native speaker to assist the class.

Members are encouraged to bring prospective members as guests to the December Julebord.

A district leadership meeting will be held at Ann and Dean Gesme's on September 22, 10:00 - 3:00

A letter from John Tehven on membership growth and retention was read. Wally Sundet will prepare a newsletter article on Foundation Month. Dean Gesme reported on the proposed storage units for the lodge. He was authorized to complete the purchase.

Liability insurance has been paid.

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.

DON'T FORGET -- OCTOBER IS FOUNDATION MONTH!! WE WILL BE TAKING DONATIONS AS WE DO EVERY OCTOBER.

