

EVALUATION Results 2017 TRE LAG STEVNE

August 2-5, 2017

82 surveys turned in.

Changing things up .. let's look at comments first:

La Cross Radisson: More than 35 comments on ...

Beautiful location .. Excellent Banquet food & service .. Great Rooms .. Terrific Stevne layout with Registration, Vendors, Sessions, coffee/snacks and Genealogy all in same area .. Meals in restaurant speedy & good .. Attentive hotel staff .. Good coffee & snacks.

Stevne: [8] Excellent organization & planning .. [2] Much better than other Lag's Stevne in Decorah - hard for people with mobility issues to get around .. Superior programs over other Lag's Stevne .. Thanks for not scheduling more than one session at a time on Thursday - that was PERFECT .. missed several sessions catching up with friends from last year .. Enjoyed the Stevne booklet .. Looking forward to Austin .. Thanks to Joy & Dixie .. investigate mic-ing (Tele Coil?) for those with hearing aid issues .. a quick buffet style breakfast would be nice. [43 people responded that a free buffet breakfast was important, 34 said not important.]

Future Stevne Locations: Fergus Falls .. Arrowhead Resort & Conference in Alexandria MN .. Branson MO .. Rochester or Moorhead MN

Stevne Session Ideas: Workshop with hands-on Genealogy Site help .. Learn a simple Norwegian dance .. Using new Digital Archives .. Using bygdeboks 101 .. Traveling in Norway .. Current Norwegian culture .. How to use Facebook/ the cloud .. Bokmal & Nynorsk differences and why? .. Preserving original documents & photos .. Vikings .. Pros & cons of various DNA services / what you get from each / how useful is 14 pages of potential 4/5/6th cousins? .. enjoyed Lois Muellner's interactive workshop on rosemailing a few years ago, Again? .. Woodcarving workshop .. Workshop on how to find and use the books in Genealogy Lab.

Wednesday's Tour: Coon Prairie Church, area tour, and Norskedalen.

Not enough time at Norskedalen .. [6] Excellent, enjoyable tour .. Well organized .. Enjoyed seeing countryside .. Box lunch was good .. church was impressive .. need more organization at Norskedalen .. we left 20 minutes late - not fair to those on time and cut into time at Norskedalen .. appreciated commentary on the bus about the area ..

Ideas: Beer industry in La Crosse .. Norwegian Fjord Horse HSSR.org .. West Salem, Hamlin House, 2 octagon houses .. tour Mons Andersen 'The Merchant Prince of La Crosse' house.

[2] Great Opening remembering past members.

Sessions:

When	What	A	B	C	D	When	What	A	B	C
Wed PM	Gretchen Jacobson	21	8	2		Fri AM	Carol Abrahamzon	24	7	3
Wed PM	Anita Taylor Doering	15				Fri AM	Glenn Borreson	8	6	
Thu AM	Blaine Hedberg	62	6	1	1	Fri PM	Ron Howland	16	7	
Thu AM	Wanda Deifelt	43	8			Fri PM	Glenn Borreson	12	7	1
Thu PM	Laurann Gilbertson	41	1			Fri PM	Hal Cropp	16	1	
Thu PM	Jennifer Kovarik	37	11	2		Fri PM	Ken Domier	14	17	1
Fri AM	Ron Nowland	25	13	2		Sat AM	David Amdahl	37	3	1
Fri AM	Jon Lee	9	2			Sat AM	Larry Scheckel	27	2	

Specific comments about one or more of the sessions attended?

[9] First class speakers and programs .. [7] Good variety in seminars by practiced professional speakers .. Ken Domier's personal genealogy story was fascinating .. Dr. Deifelt had great command of subject and conveyed it in a most understandable manner .. Dr. Deifelt and Gretchen Jacobsen very dynamic speakers .. Driftless talk was heavy on

promotion and misleading .. I could listen to Blaine all day .. Larry Scheckel's talk was excellent .. So glad I stayed for Larry Scheckel's talk .. Blaine Hedberg - what a blowhard "I'm developing databases, which no one else will ever see," .. good AV setup and mic operation .. failure of video equipment distracting.

What would you like in future seminars?

General genealogy = 35 Photo Help = 16 Online Sites = 35 DNA research = 36 Emigration Stories = 33
State/County History = 22 Norwegian Culture = 36 Norwegian History = 40 Norwegian Language = 20

Wednesday Night's Movie:

[8] Excellent/Good/Great .. [3] Gretchen's analysis made it very enjoyable .. LOVED it .. continue movie night .. not relevant.

Thursday's Evening Concert of Nordic Music: 50 Attended. [23] Excellent/wonderful/very good/fun/nice informal evening .. loved learning about the fiddle & langeleik .. add a choral group .. Chris & Robin are great .. love Hardanger fiddle .. neat to have Lag members share their gifts .. enjoyed the sing along .. sing more songs but less verses (like 1-24B) .. Norwegian sing-along didn't happen .. recruit more musicians

Genealogy Lab: 47 Attended .. and most spent 3-5 hours researching. A few spent more than 10 hours. One - 20 minutes. One is done with it. [ed.- is that possible??!!] .. Excellent help .. Well organized .. Gudbrandsdal genealogist did not seem interested .. Gudbrandsdal, stay open until listed closing time.

Friday's Banquet, Program & Entertainment: 61 checked Attended

Did you enjoy entertainment by Rachel Storlie Yes = 51 .. No = 17 .. [yes - more votes than 'attended' checks.]

[9] don't like opera/too classical/I'm more Country .. [6]Excellent singer .. great accompanist .. odd choice but enjoyable .. [4] too long .. entire evening too long.

Ideas: Have bunad parade earlier .. shorter & lighter entertainment .. no Fellesrud or business - keep it light .. maybe after a full day & meal, we don't need entertainment, just a short sing-along and done .. Preview of next Stevne location like we used to have .. shorter/quicker bunad parade .. piano with Chris or Louise

Ideal entertainment: Comedy=28...Dance=24...Engaging Speaker=39...Vocal/Music=45...Storytelling=30...Magic=3

Ideas: Pati Kachel (Mpls) storytelling .. Storytelling group in La Crosse .. Norwegian game show .. Chris & piano music

Vendors: Buyers want: Clothing=20 .. Collectables=25 .. Books=31 .. Nordic House wares=22.

Always room for new/varied vendors .. Dregne's .. framed art/pictures .. Music .. Norwegian fiction .. woodworking .. Gift items .. rosemaling .. Hardanger .. Handycraft kits by Mary Koehler's sisters .. Norse food .. Travel planning .. Jewelry

Overall Stevne Grade: A=65 .. B=12 .. C=1

Why does the Norwegian Navy have bar codes on their ships? So when they return to port they Scandinavian 2=Uffda .. 1=haha .. 1=boo

Also .. 1=great survey

and I'm giving notice .. 2018 will be my last as survey volunteer. Maybe someone can create a survey that self counts .. or maybe online .. or ?? Time for someone with fresh ideas who loves to tally survey answers. :)

Have a good meeting ..
Trudy DeKeuster
