

# Restauration Lodge #548

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**The January social meeting will be  
Tuesday, January 9, 2007 at 7:00 pm at  
First Lutheran Church  
Luther Fellowship Center  
1000 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue SE  
Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52401**

Hosts: Sara and Larry Knutson, Ron and Ann Larson, Bill and Mary Durspek

The January program will be a documentary film titled, "Destination America." In the spring of 2004, the Norwegian-American Historical Association was asked to assist some producers from New York City who were working on this project. The documentary film is about immigrants and the various reasons why they immigrated to the United States. The documentary is a four part series that aired on public television during the fall of 2005. We will be watching the first episode titled, "The Golden Door." This part of the documentary discusses the Norwegians who left and settled in Koshkonong, Wisconsin; in addition to other nationalities as well.

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 pm.

**KAFFE TID** will meet Wednesday, January 17 at 1:00 pm at the home of Ann Gesme, 2119 Lincolnshire Dr. SE, Cedar Rapids. Call Ann at 362-6910 if you plan to attend.

## **PRESIDENT McCORMICK'S CORNER**

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! I hope that you all had a good holiday season. I also wish to all a good year in 2007.

We had a very successful Julebord with lots of food and fellowship. The program by Ann Gesme was very interesting and we got to try a little Norwegian as we sang some Christmas songs. Our attendance was in the 80's.

In January we will be installing our new slate of elected officers and introducing the appointed officers. We will be awarding the new "Tusen Takk" recipient.

I am looking forward to another year as your president. See you at the January social meeting.

## **A MESSAGE FROM THE CULTURAL DIRECTOR**

Our Sons of Norway lodge will be having a Silent Auction during the social meeting on Tuesday, March 13, 2007. Thus, if you have items that you are willing to donate, you may contact Sarah Gunderson by phone at 319-351-3566, or e-mail. In previous auctions, individuals have donated items such as books, baked goods, plants, nice clothing, pictures, and other Norwegian items. Call me if you have any questions.

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE** will be Wednesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>.

## **BAKING CLASS**

A baking class will be held on Saturday, January 20, 2007 at 1 pm. This baking class will focus on making lefse and Norwegian waffles. If you are interested in attending the class, please contact Lois McCormick at 319-377-2890. The class will be held at Lois McCormick's neighbor's home in Marion. Lois McCormick's address is 2990 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Marion.

## **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](mailto:maalovfalcon@msn.com). It is important if you want to continue receiving your newsletter.

## **TV FOR SALE**

Now that Restauration Lodge has a video projector, there is no longer a need for the TV set it owns. A motion passed at the last business meeting to offer it to lodge members for \$50.00. It is a 36 inch diagonal Sharp, model #36R850. If you are interested, please contact the Lodge President, Lois McCormick at 377-2890.

## **BUSINESS MEETING**

The meeting was held at the home of Ann and Dean Gesme. Present were Ann and Dean Gesme, Sarah Gunderson, Sara and Larry Knutson, Mary and Bill Durspek, Ardie Erickson, Ruth and David Christ, Wally Sundet, Mavis Lovik, Ding Sather, Elaine and Merle Kjonaas, Lois McCormick, Verl Lekwa, Nancy and Bob Thorkildson.

## **Business Meeting (cont.)**

The current checking balance is \$1600.58 and the savings balance is \$7428.85.

January servers will be Sara and Larry Knutson, Ron and Ann Larson, and Mary and Bill Durspek.

The January 9 social meeting will feature a PBS episode on emigration. There is a segment on Norwegian emigration and Koshkonong Prairie.

The December 11 Julebord attendance was 86. There was a \$106.64 surplus.

The next baking class will be January 20. Contact Lois McCormick in advance if you intend to come.

Deadline dates for the newsletter will be published in the newsletter.

Norwegian class is going well. One of the best ever.

Dues are going up \$2.00 to \$39.00 per year. Golden member dues will be \$23.00

One person is working on a Sports Medal.

Kaffee Tid will be on January 17 at Ann Gesme's. Lois McCormick will bring refreshments.

District has allocated us four weeks of scholarships to Skogfjorden language camp. Ruth Christ moved, Dean Gesme seconded, that we allocate \$510.00 from the Lodge for a maximum of 6 weeks of local scholarships. No student to be awarded more than two weeks. Motion passed.

### **Business Meeting** (cont.)

David Christ moved, Ann Gesme seconded, that as the lodge TV set is now surplus property, that it be offered to members for \$50.00. Motion passed. The TV base cabinet is to be offered to Vesterheim Education division.

Bob Thorkildson showed a concept version of the new membership brochure.

New officer installation will be at the January social meeting.

Next board meeting will be at Gesme's on January 16.

### **LANGUAGE CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS**

Skogfjorden and other Nordic Villages sponsored by Concordia College (for ages 7-18) and Masse Moro sponsored by Sons of Norway District 5 (for ages 9-15) are great opportunities for our children and grandchildren to learn about their heritage with an emphasis on language and cultural skills. Scholarships are available from District 1 and the local lodge. Contact Ruth Christ, Restauration Lodge Scholarship Chairman, for an application form and further information. She may be reached at: 1335 Emily Ct., Iowa City, IA 52246-4148; phone 319-351-7717 (be sure to leave a phone number so your call can be returned as Ruth will be checking voice mail when out of town); e-mail [ruth-christ@uiowa.edu](mailto:ruth-christ@uiowa.edu). Applications must be sent to Ruth for receipt by February 1, 2007.

**JANUARY BOARD MEETING** will be held on Tuesday, January 16, at 7:00 pm at Dean and Ann Gesme's , 2119 Lincolnshire Dr. SE, Cedar Rapids.

### **FYI**

An interesting movie is coming to Wynsong in Cedar Rapids starting January 19, 2007. It is titled, "Sweet Land." A brief synopsis from the internet:

"Olaf (Tim Guinee) is a Norwegian-American farmer looking for a wife to share his home on the Minnesota prairie, and with eligible women in short supply locally, he sends away for a mail-order bride. Inge Ottenberg (Elizabeth Reaser) soon arrives at Olaf's doorstep, but while she's pretty, smart, and amiable, he's taken aback to discover she's not Norwegian but German, which after several years of anti-German propaganda does not make her popular with her new neighbors. Inge isn't very good with English, making it even harder to keep her background a secret, and the local pastor, Rev. Sorrensen (John Heard), is so outraged at the presence of a presumed Hun he refuses to perform their wedding."

**For more about the movie and to view some short clips, see**

**<http://www.sweetlandmovie.com/>.**

*Count your garden by the flowers,*

*Never by the leaves that fall.*

*Count your days by golden hours,*

*Don't remember clouds at all.*

*Count your nights by stars, not shadows,*

*Count your years with smiles` not tears,*

*Count your blessings, not your troubles,*

*Count your age by friends, not years.*

***Happy New Year!***

