

Restauration Lodge #548

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The August social meeting will be
Tuesday, August 14, 2007, 7:00 pm,
First Lutheran Church
Luther Fellowship Center
1000 3rd Avenue SE
Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52401

Hosts: Jennifer Rand, Fred
Amundson, Sarah Gunderson

NOTICE: CHANGE IN PROGRAM SCHEDULE There has been a change in the program schedule for this August. Originally, Ann Gesme was going to give a presentation titled, "The Norwegian Immigrant Experience." This presentation will be rescheduled for a meeting in 2008. I would like to thank Ann for giving an interesting program in June on researching family histories. She gave a wonderful presentation on such short notice!

The August program will be a 25 minute film, "The Televåg Tragedy." The film tells the story of the Nazi invasion of this small community during WWII. 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 film discusses the details of the event and includes interviews with Norwegian survivors. The film is in Norwegian with English subtitles.

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

PRESIDENT McCORMICK'S CORNER

Well, you last heard from me in June as we did not have a July newsletter.

First, I will report on the booth that we had at the Linn County Fair. My thanks go to Cindy Monroe, Jean and Bob Murray, Sarah Gunderson, Mary Durspek and Ann Larson. We had the booth open from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, Sunday and Monday. It was fun visiting with people who were interested in their Norwegian heritage and of course we visited with many of other nationalities. Fifteen of those with Norwegian heritage that we talked to gave us name and phone numbers to call before our September Membership Growth Event. The program will be on the Tokheim family. I have been told that there is a Tokheim exhibit at Ushers Ferry Historic Village. I'm not sure how extensive it is as I haven't seen it.

Next, in conjunction with the above. Please be thinking and asking friends, neighbors, spouses who might be interested in joining Sons of Norway. Invite them to the September social meeting and even for the August meeting. We have a wonderful organization for the money.

Did you read the article by Garrison Kellior in the Gazette this week on "How the Norse stay on course"? I will bring my copy to the next social meeting.

Lastly - the next board meeting will be at my home on August 21st at 7:00 p.m. Looking forward to seeing you at the August meeting.

In Sympathy

Our hearts go out to David and Ruth Christ and Helen Moe on the untimely death of Daniel David Christ, 40, of Iowa City. He died Sunday, July 15 of injuries received in a motorcycle accident. His services were held Saturday, July 21. He was the son of David and Ruth and grandson of Helen.

JUNE SOCIAL MEETING MINUTES

Sons of Norway Restauration Lodge 1-548
June Social Meeting Report

The June 12, 2007 meeting at First Lutheran, Cedar Rapids, IA with an attendance of 38 was opened by President McCormick with a welcome. Guest this evening was Ray Charlson

Treasurer's report for end of May: Checking \$1965.38, Savings \$7573.70.

No corrections were made to the May business minutes. There was no social meeting report,

Social Directors' Report: Thank you to all helped with Syttende Mai. There will be no July meeting. August servers will be Jennifer Rand, Fred Amundson, Sarah Gunderson. Thanks to this evenings servers: Sandy Van Amberg, Mary Brubaker, Sharon Mow.

Cultural Director's Report: Tonight's movie has been moved to August. Ann Gesme will speak instead.

Membership Secretary's Report: Current membership stands at 145.

Newsletter editor's report: Deadline for July/August is July 25.

Kaffee Tid will be at Ann Gesme's June 20.

Cheryl Zapf will replace Ann Larson as Sunshine person.

Our Membership Growth Event will be at our September Social Meeting. The program will be on John Tokheim, a Cedar Rapids resident born in Norway. He is credited with inventing the gasoline pump. This will be an open meeting with the public invited. Everyone should find at least one person with Norwegian roots to invite to the meeting.

Our lodge will have an informational booth at the Linn county fair. More volunteers can be used.

We will be participating in the November 10 Younker's Community Day. Booklets will be \$5 again with a \$10 coupon. The lodge keeps the \$5.

The lodge was addressed by District 1 Zone 7 Director Norm Carlson and Insurance Representative Dave Tesdahl.

JUNE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The June Business meeting of Restauration Lodge 1-548, Sons of Norway, was held at the home of Lois McCormick June 19, 2007 with Cheryl Zapf, Sarah Gunderson, Bob Torkildson, Mary Durspek, Ann Larson, Ann and Dean Gesme, Ruth and David Christ, Lois McCormick, Paula Schulte, and Mavis Lovik in attendance.

The previous month's minutes has been accepted as published at the June Social meeting.

Membership Secretary's report: The current membership is 145.

Social Directors' Report: The Syttende Mai banquet broke even. As this event is not intended to be a fund raiser, having the tickets just covering the expenses is the desired result. August servers will be Jennifer Rand, Fred Amundson, and Sarah Gunderson.

Cultural Director's Report: There is no July meeting. The Televåg Tragedy film will be shown at the August meeting. The September meeting will be Steve Hippen and Steve Johnson presenting on John Tokheim, inventor of the gasoline pump. This will be a membership growth event so find someone with Norwegian roots to invite.

Scholarship Chair's Report: There are five grandchildren of members attending Skogfjorden language camp. Four have received scholarships.

Lois McCormick, Sarah Gunderson, Mary Durspek, Ann Larson, and Jean Murray will have a Sons of Norway booth at the Linn County Fair, July 7-9.

An issue of *Kvinden og Hjemmet* was received from Stephen and Mary Beck of Everett, WA. This was a Norwegian language magazine many years ago in Cedar Rapids. It will be passed on to Vesterheim for preservation.

The evening concluded by an evaluation of Norwegian desserts made by Lois as part of her cultural skills program.

SPORTS AND RECREATION

Our lodge has a goal of five members taking the recreation program. So far we have seven: one doing general exercise, one walking, one swimming, one playing squash, and three biking (two going across Iowa on Ragbrai). There are others who would benefit from a program that encourages good health. If interested, contact Verl Lekwa.

FALL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

I would like to encourage everyone to invite a guest to the September Sons of Norway meeting. We have guest speakers from the Vesterheim Norwegian-American Museum in Decorah, Iowa, giving a presentation for our group. Steve Johnson and Jim Hippen will be discussing the Tokheim family, who

were the inventors of the modern gas pump. Furthermore, the Tokheim family were also residents of Cedar Rapids. This will be a very interesting and educational program!

AUGUST BOARD MEETING will be held on Tuesday, August 21, at 7:00 pm at the home of our president, Lois McCormick, 2990 18th Avenue, 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. It is important if you want to continue to receive your newsletter.

KAFFE TID will not meet in August.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE will be Wednesday, August 29.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Grape Salad

2 lbs Grapes (green and/or red seedless)
8 oz. cream cheese
8 oz sour cream
1/2 cup white sugar
1/2 tsp. vanilla
Mix above ingredients together.
Layer grapes with the above mixture.
Mix together:
1 cup brown sugar
1 cup chopped pecans
Place the above mixture on top of the grapes.
Cover and refrigerate.

This is a recipe Bill and I had at a potluck and thought it was delicious. I need more recipes if we are to continue this part of the newsletter. Call me or e-mail me with your favorites. Thanks! Mary D

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

August 14 Social Meeting
August 21 Board Meeting

Elected Officers:

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