

Restauration Lodge #548

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The December social meeting will be
Tuesday, December 11, 2007

6:00 pm

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

Hosts: The Board

This year the Julebord will be a celebration with music. The program will consist of Christmas songs in both Norwegian and English. There will also be a special reading of the nativity story. The evening will be filled with holiday cheer!

The Julebord is on Tuesday, December 11, 2007. The meal is a potluck, so please bring a dish to share. Lutefisk will be available and provided by the lodge at a cost of \$4 per person (for those who enjoy this tradition). Remember to bring your own plates and utensils. The doors open at 6 pm, and the meal will begin at 6:30 pm. The program will follow the meal. Guests are welcome!

Kaffe Tid will meet December 19 at the home of Ann and Dean Gesme, 2119 Lincolnshire Drive SE. Some of the members will be going to Music in the Loft at 1st Lutheran Church at noon, so Kaffetid will meet after that. Music in the Loft will end at approximately 1:00, so if you aren't planning to attend that, you should arrive at Gesme's at 1:15. If you are planning to attend Kaffetid, please call Ann at 362-6910. Hope to see you there!



Helen Moe receiving her 30 year membership award and pin from Restauration Lodge president, Lois McCormick.



Ann and Dean Gesme receiving the Tusen Takk Award from the Vesterheim president, Bill Cary, for the many years of service and membership on the Vesterheim Board of Directors.

November Social Meeting Minutes

Sons of Norway Restauration Lodge held its monthly social meeting November 13, 2007 at Our Savior's Lutheran church, Cedar Rapids, IA with 48 in attendance.

The meeting started with the introduction of guests. Six new members were welcomed: Alan Erickson, Barbara Erickson, Muriel Logan, Barbara Ann Logan, Linda Nelson, and Marvel Titone.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance and patriotic songs. Sarah Gunderson led the group in learning a new Norwegian song.

No corrections were needed for the previous month's minutes.

At the end of October the treasury balances are: checking \$1805.74, savings \$7713.25.

Orders were taken for herring, lingonberries, and lutefisk.

Julebord is next month. We will begin eating at 6:30 so please be here enough ahead to have your food ready by then. Bring your own table service. Board members will be hosts and hostesses for the December Julebord. A few hosts/hostesses are still needed for next year.

The library has been weeded and is now in a new cabinet. Please let Judy Argo know if you have any books out that have not been recorded. If you take a book, please be sure to leave your name and remember to check it back in when returned.

A letter was received from Marlys Windus announcing their move to Duluth, MN

More collections were taken for Sons of Norway Foundation. All calendars have been sold. We received \$60.00 from Younkers Community Day.

Elected on a unanimous ballot were:
Dean Gesme - Vice President and Counselor
Jennifer Rand - Secretary and Membership Secretary
Ann Gesme - Cultural Director

Vesterheim's Norwegian Christmas weekend is December 1-2. Memberships to Vesterheim or the Norwegian American Genealogical Center

and Naseth Library were suggested as Christmas gifts.

Helen Moe was presented with her Golden Member certificate. Bill Cary presented Ann and Dean Gesme a Mange Takk award for service to Vesterheim.

Dave Tesdahl presented important information on Medicare choices that have to be made in November.

David Christ presented a program on Norwegian knives and how they are made. David Christ, Secretary

November Business Meeting Minutes

The Sons of Norway Restauration Lodge met November 20, 2007 at Ann and Dean Gesme's with Mavis Lovick, Ann and Dean Gesme, Wally Sundet, Verl Lekwa, Paula Schulte, David Christ, and Sarah Gunderson in attendance.

The treasurer's report was presented: Checking \$2279.16. Savings \$7713.25. Current membership is 148. New membership brochures and applications were passed around.

The tentative program list for 2008 was discussed. When the list is complete, copies will be made to insert into the lodge brochure.

Details for the December Julebord were discussed. Board members will serve. More volunteers for clean up are needed.

The Syttende Mai banquet will be held on our regular Tuesday May 13 meeting date.

Paula Schulte/Mavis Lovick moved that \$510.00 be allocated for 6 Skogfjorden/Mosso Moro scholarships.

Next Kaffe Tid will be at Gesme's December 19.

A few books are still missing from the library.

Merle and Elaine Kjonaas have earned cycling awards.

The 2008 District Convention will be June 12-14 in at the Alltel Center in Mankato, MN. The 2008 International Convention will be August 23-31 on San Diego, CA

Next board meeting is at Lois McCormick December 18. This is for all old and new board members and spouses. Everyone please bring Christmas goodies.

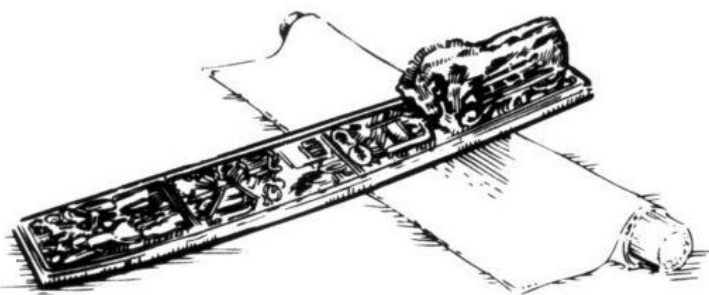
Mavis Lovick provided refreshments.

Received from Judy Fitzgibbons, Dietitian at Hy-Vee: "The Johnson Ave. Hy-Vee meat department is planning to carry lutefisk for the holidays. We expect to have it available after December 1st."

Mangle Board Have you ever stopped to wonder what life would be like without the convenience of electricity? For example, before the advent of electric irons did Norwegians simply go about in wrinkled *bunads*? Not at all, it seems, thanks to a unique pressing device known as a mangle board.

The mangle board and roller stick were used to iron linens of various types and have been in use in Norway since the 1600s. The sprinkled linen was wound around a roller stick of suitable length and by running the mangle board back and forth over the roller, the textile became smooth and fine.

Extant mangle boards are almost always richly decorated with carvings and paint. This was tied to the fact that traditionally the mangle board was a betrothal gift or a suitor's gift, and therefore had a special, personal status.



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.

The Windus' have moved. One of our long-time member families has moved. Bill and Marlis Windus have moved to be near family in Duluth, MN. Their new address is 4002 London Rd, Apt 1123, Duluth, 55804. Bill was a charter member of the lodge. They will be missed!

Norway to be Carbon Neutral by 2050-- Giving Carbon a Decent Burial The chief executive of Bellona, an Oslo-based environmental NGO, touts a new weapon to combat climate change: "carbon capture and storage." This entails reducing emissions by capturing CO₂ from energy production and depositing it deep underground (under the ocean floor), instead of releasing it into the atmosphere. Because, in Hauge's pragmatic view, we won't stop using oil and gas any time soon. "Eighty percent of global energy production is fossil fuel, and the demand for energy is increasing.

"The heat is on." he says, "A wealthy country like Norway has an obligation to combat climate change and using technology is the way to do it."

"Several industrial-scale storage projects are in operation in Norway, where carbon dioxide is stripped from natural gas with amine solvents and disposed of in a saline formation underground. According to Hauge, as much as 30 billion tons of CO₂ may be stored this way by 2050

Newsletter Deadline will be Tuesday, December 25.

December Board Meeting will be December 18 at 7:00 pm at the home of Lois McCormick, 2990 18th Avenue, Marion. Board members past and future and spouses are invited.



CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

December 11 Julebord
December 12 Kaffe Tid
December 19 Board Meeting

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
Membership Secretary-Mavis Lovik 393-6679
Cultural director-Sarah Eness Gunderson 319-330-3153
Social directors- Ardy Erickson 365-4926
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
Bob Thorkildson (2 year) 319-721-9902
Foundation-Wally Sundet 393-6971
Greeters-Sharon Mow 366-3202
Ruth Berger 365-4979
Historian-Paula Schulte 396-1076
Kaffe Tid-Mary Durspek 377-4480
Language Facilitator:
Ann Gesme 362-6910
Librarian-Judy Argo 319-247-2479
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David Johansen 319-338-0414
Musicians-Carolyn Rushton 319-351-8604
Jennifer Rand 366-6659
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Sunshine-Cheryl Zapf 363-5326
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