

Restauration Lodge #548

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The February social meeting will be
Tuesday, February 12, 2008

7:00 pm

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

Hosts: Cheryl Zapf, Sandra VanAmburg,
Paula Schulte

"*A Blending of Nationalities on the Dakota Prairie*," is the subject of the program which will be presented by Fred Amundson at our meeting February 12. Fred grew up near Roslyn SD, which is Myron Floren's home town as well as the home of the the International Vinegar Museum. He is a graduate of South Dakota State University, and a veteran of the United States Army Security Agency. Fred has been a member of our lodge since 1993, and participated in the Norwegian language and culture class for 10 years. He is an accomplished baker - especially bread and lefse, and lives with his wife, Judy, in Iowa City.

President McCormick's Corner Well, one day of Spring was nice and now as I write this the wind and snow are blowing. We had a wonderful late Julebord last month. I think that we probably had a record crowd. And the program given by Ann Gesme was very educational and interesting. Thanks Ann.

Last month I wrote about the April 22, 2008 concert of Sissel in Des Moines. Tickets are to go on sale in mid-March for around \$47.50. We will not be chartering a bus, but certainly those interested could go together by car pooling. Please call me by the end of February if you are interested in going

and I will order tickets and work on the car pooling. My number is 377-2890.

Via e-mail I received information on a Multi Adventure Trip to the Lofoten Islands this summer. A special price for Sons of Norway members. It promises lots of laughter, great food, new friends and great adventures. I will bring the information to the February Social meeting, but the following telephone number can answer any questions you may have. 1-800-572-8747. Lena and Tim Conlan are the organizers.

Please be thinking if you would like to be a delegate or alternate to the 1st District convention June 12,13,14 in Mankato, Mn. We will be electing three delegates and three alternates in February.

Hopefully, I'll see you all at the February Social meeting.

Please Note Due to a snow storm, we postponed our Lodge's *Julebord* until January. Many of us feared a small crowd; however, it was a roaring success! This led to a discussion at the last Board Meeting, and it is the consensus of the Board that we hold our next *Lutefisk-Lefse* potluck on the FIRST Tuesday in January - 6 January 2009. We will still have a Christmas program with Norwegian Christmas cookies, etc. at the usual meeting time (7 pm) in December 2008.

The traditional Christmas celebration among Norwegians begins on Christmas Eve and is continued for 13 days. The end of the Christmas celebration proper was Epiphany, 6 January - also called the Three Kings Day. Thus 6 January 2009 marks the end of the Christmas season and a most appropriate day for our Lutefisk-Lefse dinner. Watch for more information at the end of 2008.

January Social Meeting Minutes

Meeting started at 6:30 pm with the introduction of guests followed by the Julebord supper. There were approx. 22 guests with total attendance of about 100. President, Lois McCormick, called the business meeting to order at 7:50. Installation of officers: Dean Gesme, Vice President; Anne Gesme, Cultural Director; Jennifer Rand, Secretary & Membership Secretary

Treasurers Report: Checking balance of \$1,837.05 as of end of December. Savings balance of \$7,73.25 as of end of September. It was reported by a member and acknowledged that the newsletter needs to be changed to reflect the correct address of the church. Social Director Report: Herring and lingonberries are in, pick them up. Servers for Feb are Cheryl Zapf, Sandra VanAmburg, and Paula Schulte. Cultural Director Report: February's program will be about the Blending of Nationalities on the Dakota Prairies by Fred Amundson. The membership list was circulated for corrections. Scholarship: No information has been received yet so amounts have not been determined for scholarships. Applications and contact should be to Ruth Christ by February 1st. Sports and Rec: Children's Ski Outing in St Cloud, MN on Sunday Jan 26th. Contact Verl Lekwa for more info.

New Business Sissel will be performing in Des Moines on 4/22/08. There is a possibility of gathering a group to take a bus to attend the performance. Contact Lois for more info. Zone 7 Director, Norm Carlson, spoke for several minutes on the following topics: Selecting delegates for the District Convention in June in Mankato, MN; Theme for 2008 is Capture Your Culture; Restauration Lodge has been selected for a pilot program to contact non-member adult children of current lodge members. This program will be run for approximately 3 months. David Tesdahl will contact new members regarding insurance products. Board mtg will be held on January 15th at 7pm at Lois McCormick's house.

Program: The Norwegian Immigrant Experience 1825-1925 by Anne Gesme. Meeting closed at 9:00pm.

Newsletter Deadline: February 26, 2008

January Business Meeting Minutes

Meeting started at 7:00pm with Dean & Ann Gesme, Lois McCormick, Mary Durspek, Ding Sather, Cheryl Zapf, Ardie Erickson, Ann Larson, Paula Schulte, and Jennifer Rand in attendance. Treasurer reported current Checking balance of \$1,815.43 and Savings balance of \$7,784.50 as of 12/31/07. Lois turned in a bill for stamps. Membership Secretary reported 4 new members joined during the Julebord meeting. They are David Solberg, Jean Seery, and Stan & Judith Kittleson. After reviewing the guestbook we determined there were 23 guests at the social meeting. The membership list will be updated, distributed to the board members and published with the newsletter. Social Directors reported receipt of \$68.15 for the berries and herring sold. It was determined that Ann Larson will open the church and keep the keys. Anne Gesme will have library cabinet keys. Cultural Director reported that the 2008 program schedule is complete. Ann will give a copy to Bob Thorkildson so he can update the website. The February program will be Blending of Nationalities on the Dakota Prairies by Fred Amundson. Sunshine: A second card was sent to Norm Erickson. Discussed all appointed officer positions. Paula Schulte is the last appointed Trustee. When her term expires the Board will be the trustees. We need two auditors for next year to serve 1 yr term each. Newsletter deadline is Jan 29th. There will be no August social meeting. Board meeting will be held as planned. Agreed to order 70 copies of Norway.com magazine for \$10 postage fee. They will be available to pick up at social meetings. Tusen Tak award is given in the fall. The last three recipients will form the selection committee.

Old Business The program schedule will be printed in the new brochures. Lois will contact Bob to update the brochures. She will have them printed in Marion. Need 3 delegates and 3 alternates for the District Convention. Lois was nominated as one delegate. Ding reported that \$250 was paid for each delegate to attend the last district convention. Delegates are elected in February.

New Business Discussed grants and classes. A list will be passed at the next social meeting to determine interest in cultural skills programs. Reviewed the Revised Lodge of the Year forms including the membership committee and lodge goals. Reviewed MAP fund improvements. Dean Gesme and David Christ are collecting stamps for the Tubfrim program. Dean will submit an article for the newsletter. It was agreed that we will only participate in the Younkers Community Day event once a year in November. That way we hope to have a more successful event selling at least 50 booklets. The board agreed by consensus *not* to participate in the program outlined by the Zone Director to contact members' adult children, but will conduct its own Membership Challenge for 2008. Dean will email District 1 President and Vice President to let them know of our decision. Agreed there will be no group bus for the Sissel concert in DesMoines. Discussed 2008 goals and budget. Next board meeting will be held February 19th at Lois McCormick's house. Meeting closed.

TUBFRIM is an organization in Norway that resells cancelled stamps and donates the proceeds to help handicapped children and youth and to aid in tuberculosis research. Sons of Norway is proud to support the work of Tubfrim. Stamps from our lodge members will be collected in February, March and April. Leave at least a quarter of an inch around the edge. Please give your accumulations to Dean Gesme for subsequent transfer to Minneapolis and then on to Norway.

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Note from Sandy VanAmburg My photo is in the January Viking -- under district 8. It shows those of us who went to Ardal in Rogaland County, Norway for the church anniversary!! Unless you want to keep it, could I have your copy? It was submitted by Odd Harald Olsen -- who is also hoping to bring a group to the Midwest in October.



Officer Installation--Lois McCormick, Dean Gesme, Ann Gesme, Jennifer Rand



Julebord Food Table



Kransekake Desert at the Julebord



Lutfisk Cooks-Wil Michelson, Bob Zapf, Bob Thorkhildson.

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

February 12

February 19

Social Meeting

Board Meeting

Elected Officers:

President-Lois McCormick	377-2890
Vice President-Dean Gesme	362-6910
Counselor-Dean Gesme	362-6910
Secretary-Jennifer Rand	366-6659
Treasurer-Ding Sather	393-7310
Assistant Treasurer-Dean Gesme	362-6910
Membership Secretary-Jennifer Rand	366-6659
Cultural director-Ann Gesme	362-6910
Social directors- Ardy Erickson	365-4926
Ann Larson	373-1891

Sons of Norway representative:

David Tesdahl	319-286-9447
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Lodge web site:

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Appointed Officers:

Auditors:	
TBD	
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Bob Thorkildson	319-721-9902
Foundation-Wally Sundet	393-6971
Greeters-Sharon Mow	366-3202
Ruth Berger	365-4979
Historian-Paula Schulte	396-1076
Language Facilitator:	
Ann Gesme	362-6910
Librarian-Sarah Eness Gunderson	319-330-3153
Marshalls-Lloyd Holecek	377-4438
David Johansen	319-338-0414
Musicians-Carolyn Rushton	319-351-8604
Jennifer Rand	366-6659
Newsletter Editors-Bill/Mary Durspek	377-4480
Newsletter Mailer- Lois McCormick	377-2890
Publicity-Sandra Van Amburg	223-5331
Scholarship-Ruth Christ	319-351-7717
Sports/Recreation/Youth-Verl Lekwa	319-728-2847
Sunshine-Cheryl Zapf	363-5326
Trustee	
Paula Schulte	396-1076

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