

# Restauration Lodge #548

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The July social meeting will be  
Tuesday, July 8, 2008

7:00 pm

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

Hosts: Mary Neuhaus, Mavis Hovden, Bill  
and Von Cary

The July 8th program will be a film, *Norway! Savoring the Seasons*. The film is filled with authentic Norwegian music, art, and culture, and gives us a taste of the enjoyable Norwegian lifestyle in all four seasons --- summer, fall, winter and spring.

## President McCormick's Corner

First of all, I do hope that you were not affected by the flood waters just recently. My thoughts and prayers go out to those that have been affected. I helped at the St. James Methodist church last Sunday and needless to say it is a dirty mess, but not hopeless.

I must say thank you to our insurance representative, David Tesdahl for a very informative and interesting program at the June Social meeting. His historical prospective over 113 years of Sons of Norway was presented in a variety of ways. Again, thanks, David.

The Gesme's and I have been to District One Convention and you will find an article in the newsletter about this. We will also be reporting in more detail at the July Social meeting.

I will also mention again that we will have an ethnic information table at the Linn County Fair at Central City on July 14<sup>th</sup>, for

one day only. I am looking for volunteers for two to three hours during the day. If you enjoy talking about your roots, you would find this an enjoyable task. We will be inside a building. Please call me at 377-2890 if you can help with your time at the fair.

This is just a little reminder that we will not have a Social meeting in AUGUST. The next board meeting will be held on August 19th at my house. No board meeting in July. I will not see you at the July Social meeting because I will be in Waukon celebrating my mother's 99th birthday on that day.

## First District Sons of Norway

### Bi-Annual Convention

Lois McCormick, Ann and Dean Gesme were delegates to District One Convention in Mankato, MN on June 13-15, 2008 . There were approximately 200 voting members to act on the various officer elections as well the resolutions. The Mankato Civic Center/Holiday Inn was the site of the convention.

Robert Hoover from Detroit Lakes, MN was elected as the new District One president and Norman Carlson will continue as our Zone 7 Director.

Ann presented a one-hour pre-convention seminar on the subject of Genealogy and Lois was appointed as one of the session greeters.

John Tehven guided the delegation through the intricacies of convention procedures while the Mankato lodge handled the logistics of the events capably.

Lois was presented with several Lodge of the Year Certificates.

**Book Club – 1 p.m. August 20, 2008**  
**For Both Men and Women**

The organizational meeting of the Book Club will be held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, August 20 at Dean and Ann Gesme's, 2119 Lincolnshire Dr. SE. The first book we will read is *Giants in the Earth*, by Ole Rolvaag. It is a novel about Americans in America --- originally written in Norwegian and published in Norway, but later translated into English. It is the story of Per Hansa and his wife, Beret, Norwegian pioneers who settle in South Dakota in the last half of the 1800s. Per Hansa is a true adventurer, always seeking new adventures; while Beret longs for all she has left in Norway and is most concerned with the security and comfort of her family.

*Giants in the Earth*, is available in paper back at a very reasonable price. It is a true classic, and would be a wonderful addition to your personal library. For more information contact Dean or Ann at [augdhg@mchsi.com](mailto:augdhg@mchsi.com) or 362-6910. Please let us know if you will be coming to the first meeting. *Tusen Takk!*

**Norwegian Chip Carving** Joe Reed has graciously consented to teach a class in chip carving. Mary Durspek is in charge of logistics – when to begin, how often to meet, etc. Class will meet at Lois McCormick's, 2990 – 18<sup>th</sup> Ave. in Marion. Contact Mary at 319-377-4480 for more information.

**Lutefisk Golf Outing** There will be a lutefisk golf outing at Owatonna, MN, on Sunday, July 20. Members and friends of SON who want to golf or make it part of a larger vacation should contact Verl Lekwa for particulars

**Newsletter Deadline:** July 29, 2008



Lois, Ann and Dean voting at the convention



Dean, Ann, Norm Carlson, Lois at the convention



Lois McCormick as Greeter



Some District and International Officers



The Convention at Work

**Sara and Mathias Norway's Most Popular Names**

Every year Statistics Norway comes out with a list of the most popular first names in Norway. The results show that 2007 was not a year for big changes in the top names. The trend continues with short names for girls with -a or -ah endings and biblical names for boys. Sara was also the most popular name for girls in 2002 and Mathias topped the list in 2003 and 2004. Last year's winners, Thea and Jonas, are now at second place.

The popularity of names goes in waves. Many of today's names were almost unused 50 years ago, while 120 years ago they were quite popular. The name Mathias was little used for many years until about 1980 when things began to change. In 1999 Mathias placed on the top ten list, and in 2003 it became the most popular name for the first time. The name Sara has almost the same history to it as Mathias. It was an old name that was "out" for a long time. Beginning in about 1970 its popularity began to increase slowly, but surely, until it reached the top in 2002.

Here are both top lists:

**Boy Names**

1. Mathias
2. Jonas
3. Markus
4. Alexander
5. Lukus
6. Kristian
7. Magnus
8. Elias
9. Emil
10. Henrik

**Girl Names**

1. Sara
2. Thea
3. Emma
4. Julie
5. Nora
6. Ida
7. Emilie
8. Ingrid
9. Anna
10. Sofie

**CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS**

**July 8**  
**July 15**

**Social Meeting**  
**Board Meeting**

**Elected Officers:**

President-Lois McCormick	377-2890
Vice President-Dean Gesme	362-6910
Counselor-Dean Gesme	362-6910
Secretary -Cheryl Zapf	363-5326
Treasurer-Ding Sather	393-7310
Assistant Treasurer-Dean Gesme	362-6910
Membership Secretary-Alan and Barbara Erickson	377-1707
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:**

www.sofn-cedarrapids.org	
web master- Robert Thorkildson	319-721-9902

**Appointed Officers:**

Auditors:	
Verl Lekwa	319-728-2847
Ruth Christ	319-351-7717
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
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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