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The October social meeting will be
Tuesday, October 14, 2008

7:00 pm

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

Hosts: Barbara and Alan Erickson, Mavis
Lovick, Sharon Kay and Alan Stang

"20th Century Norwegian Immigrants
by
Ingrid and Tom Næsse

The Næsses were born and grew up in the south of Norway; Ingrid near Mandal, and Tom in Moss. Ingrid came to the United States in 1961, and Tom came in 1964, where they completed their education. Ingrid received her BS in Child Development, while Tom earned a BA in mathematics and a BS in Business Administration with emphasis on Information Systems.

In their presentation they will tell us about the differences as well the similarities for those who immigrated in the 1860's and the 1960's – including the mode of travel, reason for immigrating, assimilation and relation to the "old country". The Næsses have traveled to Norway to visit the family just about every year since 1968, so will also enlighten us with a bit about "Norway today." Don't miss this most interesting program!

President McCormick's Corner

A big thanks to Karen Gesme Brunssen for her program on "A Lifetime of Singing" at last month's social meeting. Approximately 85 people were in attendance. It was a very creative program enjoyed by all.

Two things that will take place at the October social meeting are a report from the nomination committee and a collection for SON Foundation. Remember that the Foundation assisted with members in this area who were flooded out.

The nomination committee members elected at the September meeting were Cindy Monroe, Bob Thorkildson and Wally Sundet. Please consider taking an office if you get a call from them. The jobs are not difficult when we all work together.

The next board meeting will be Oct. 21 at Lois McCormick's. See you at the October social meeting.

Luren Singing Society Concert
Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
3 p.m. Sunday, October 26, 2008
Sponsored by Restaruation Lodge 548

Our Lodge will sponsor the 70 member Luren Singing Society in concert, on Sunday, October 26, 3:00 PM. They trace their beginnings to 1868, when four young Norwegian immigrants started a quartet to preserve memories of music from their native land.

The Luren Singers are headquartered in Decorah, Iowa and have toured Norway four times, including a tour in 1993 when they had a private audience with His Majesty, King Harald V, in the Royal Palace in Oslo. Their repertoire includes classicals, spirituals, folk songs, hymn tunes, contemporary genre, and Scandinavian favorites.

The director, Dr. David Judisch, is Professor of Music and Head of Voice and Opera at Luther College. He has directed Luren for the last 33 years. The public is cordially invited!

Book Club

At 1 p.m. on Wednesday, 15 October, at 2119 Lincolnshire Dr. SE., we will be discussing *Peder Victorious* by Ole Rolvaag. Everyone welcome!

Norwegian Chip Carving

Contact Mary Durspek at 319-377-4480 to register for the chip carving class which will begin in October. Joe Reed will be the instructor and the class will be held at the home of Lois McCormick, 2990 – 18th Ave. in Marion.

Class in Making Rosettes

Learn to make rosettes Monday evening, October 20 at 6:30 p.m. at 2119 Lincolnshire Dr. SE. Phone or email me at 362-6910 or augdhg@mchsi.com if you plan to participate.

Norwegian Language Class

Norwegian class is underway with genuine Norwegian instructors. The beginning level is taught by Tom Næsse and a more advanced conversational Norwegian class by Tom's wife, Ingrid in their home at 5823 Muirfield Dr. SW #3. It will be a truly exceptional Norwegian Language experience!

RAND LETTER (This is a letter from Jennifer Rand, who was a very active member of our Restauration Lodge before moving to North Dakota. All three girls were born while she was a member here.)

Hi, Everyone! Sorry for the group email, but I wanted to give you all a taste of what we've been up to and it's nearly time to get Lena into bed. Last Friday we had a beautiful day for apple picking. We have 7 trees on the farm. Three are good for eating and pies, the others for sauce. We picked from the trees with pie apples. Elsa, was especially into the project and into sampling the harvest!

We enjoyed a good wheat harvest in August. In a few weeks it will be time for beans and then the corn and sunflowers. We hire the combining done so we have to wait until the people who own the machinery are done with their own crop. But when they come, they use 3 large combines, semis and a huge grain wagon and tractor. The combines never stop running all day so they make quick work of our fields. It's a pretty exciting time. Wish us luck and good prices!

Lena has been enjoying preschool for the most part. She still hangs around the perimeter quite a bit. I think after three weeks she's starting to get into the groove more and participate with the other kids. Yesterday I was one of the chaperones on her first class field trip. They had lunch at McDonalds (I think was possibly her first trip there - ever) and then went to Yunker Farm, a children's museum in Fargo. The museum is a lot like the Science Station in CR. They also have a nice playground and gardens.

Elsa is a regular walker and Iris is getting the hang of it too. They're both very mobile and getting around and into everything. They all love to be outside so apple picking was especially fun.

Tim and I are doing well and loving our new life here in North Dakota. It'll be good to get back to Iowa for a visit though. It's just been way too long.

Well, I can't procrastinate any longer. Time to get Lena to bed. I hope you're all well and we'd love to hear from you anytime.

Your Friend, Jennifer



Rand Twins, Elsa and Iris
on the apple picking tractor



Lena Rand in the Orchard

Newsletter Deadline: October 28

Just a reminder that October is Foundation Month!! We will take up a collection during the social meeting.

Sunshine

Cheryl Zapf reports sending a card to Gladys Aakre, who is living at Manor Care. Norm Erickson is also living there.

New Marshall Statue in Oslo

The Norwegian government unveiled a new statue in Oslo of US General George C. Marshall -- more than six decades after Marshall Plan aid helped Norway and the rest of Europe rebuild after World War II.

The statue, located alongside the inner harbor below the Akershus Fortress, was sculpted by Asbjorn Høglund and formally dedicated by Foreign Minister Johas Bahr Store, who said it honored "a man, a vision and a mission that changed Europe and Norway a half century ago."

Marshall was Chief of Staff of the US armed forces during the war years, but his greatest claim to fame came after the war. The recovery program for Europe which bears his name,

addressed the shortages suffered during the post-war years, and helped avert new conflicts.

The Norwegian Nobel Committee awarded Marshall the Nobel Peace Prize in 1953. Fifty-five years later, a statue of Marshall joins those of his fellow war year leaders Winston Churchill and Franklin D. Roosevelt in Oslo.

The statue was sculpted by Asbjorn Høglund.

Recipe of the Month

The following recipes were served at the September meeting. Enjoy!!

Raw Apple Cake

2 cups flour -
1 cup oatmeal (quick cooking) -
1 cup sugar -
1 cup brown sugar
1 1/4 cup cooking oil
3 cups peeled raw apple slices (3 large or 5 medium apples)
2 eggs
2 tsp. vanilla
1/2 tsp. almond extract
2 tsp. cinnamon -
1 tsp. salt -
1 tsp. soda
1 cup chopped nuts -

Mix sugar, oil, eggs and vanilla. Mix soda, salt, cinnamon, oatmeal and flour and add alternately with apples and nuts to sugar and egg mixture. Bake in a 9x13x2" pan at 350 degrees for 40 to 50 minutes.

Vanilla Sauce

1/4 cup butter
1 heaping tsp. cornstarch
1/2 cup sugar
1 tsp. vanilla
1 cup boiling water
Mix butter, sugar, 3/4 cup water and bring to a boil. Mix 1/4 cup water with cornstarch and slowly add to the boiling mixture. When thoroughly cooked, add vanilla.

Humor

Ole is so cheap that after his airplane landed safely he grumbled, "Vell, dere goes five dollars down da drain for dat flight insurance!"

