

Restauration Lodge #548

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The June social meeting will be Tuesday, July 14, 2009

7:00 pm

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

The program for July 14 at 7 p.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran church is a DVD titled, "**War, Imprisonment, and Liberation**" by Reidar Ditman. He tells about his experiences in Norway during World War II and while a prisoner of the Germans at Buchenwald Prison Camp. Reidar was a guest speaker at several of our lodge meetings over the years. He is a retired Professor of Art and Norwegian at St. Olaf College for nearly 50 years. Don't miss this excellent presentation.

Fra Presidenten

Wouldn't it be interesting to know why each of us is a member of Sons of Norway? By that, I mean not just where you heard about Sons of Norway or who invited you, but what keeps you coming back to social meetings year after year, looking forward to special events, or reading our newsletters. I suspect the quality of our Lodge (long set before I joined) is the major factor. Our meetings have interesting and educational programs – often presented by our own well-traveled/read/experienced members. Our leadership is deeply committed to the organization and welcoming to new members. Interest groups flourish and respond to current opportunities and curiosities. We cherish our ties to Vesterheim in Decorah and the Norwegian American Genealogical Center & Naeseth Library. Our authentic Norwegian cuisine satisfies the inborn yearning within our souls. On top of it all, Norwegians (and spouses) are simply great people to be around. In a short time, we will be seeking a few new officers and Board members for next year. If it's your time to step forward and give a couple of years, please let me or



one of the Board members know. Keep our strong tradition going!

Cindy Charlson Monroe

Board Meeting Date

The next S.O.N. Board meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month (August 25) at Vice-President Dean Gesme's home. Ann and Dean are gathering Lodge materials to redistribute and Board members will review and assist.

July 23, 24, 25 is the 43th Annual Nordic Fest in Decorah. Don't miss out on the fun.

Events of Interest or a Mini Vacation

-July 19 – 16th Lutefisk Golf Outing in Owatonna, MN. Cost is \$45. Call 507-451-5841 for more information.

-August 20 – Norsk Open Golf Tournament at Blueberry Pines Golf Club in Meahga MN. 18 holes-\$60. Lunch - \$15. (218)564-4653
November 14 – Folkdance Workshop in Morris, MN. (320)589-1228
-August 15 – Viking Youth Camp at Danish American Hall in Minneapolis. \$25/person. (612)789-2272

Vesterheim Needs Us

This email has been received by many of us and is important to share with our lodge membership.

“If you are a member of Vesterheim Norwegian-American Museum, you may already be aware that it is in serious financial trouble. There were more lay-offs and furloughs last week. The latest employees laid off are the head of Education, the Curator, the publications developer, and the gentleman who raises funds. Thus far, approximately 12 employees have been laid off, including the Executive Director and the Controller. Their financial situation is dire; they are in need of immediate funding.

Those of us who teach in their Folk Arts program and have spent so much time there, are heartsick about what is happening. While we are personally making significant contributions to try to help it to regain financial stability, any assistance Sons of Norway groups might be able to send them would be a big boost. As you can well imagine, with the economy as it is, donations to them have dwindled, leaving them without the resources needed to operate. I have approached my Storelva Lodge of Davenport asking if they might be able to make a contribution. We are so fortunate to have this premier museum and study center dedicated to Norwegian art and culture practically at our back door.

My mission is simply to make known to those who might be able to assist that there are great immediate financial needs at the Museum. I am not orchestrating a campaign nor contacting other Sons of Norway leadership; but I do feel that since

this is a facility so important to Norwegians, perhaps the Sons of Norway may be able to assist in some way.

Beste hilsen,
Joanne MacVey
Vesterheim Gold Medalist Rosemaler
Storelva Lodge 1-655
Sons of Norway”

2010 Programs

Cultural Director Ann Gesme is working on next year’s programs. She has developed a very interesting draft of programs, but additional ideas are welcomed. The person replacing Ann in this position next year will be VERY appreciative of her work. Please send suggestions to her at augdhq@mchsi.com.

News from District 1

In 2010, District 1 will be 100 years old. It covers ten states and has 88 lodges. Our District 1 president is Bob Hoover of Detroit Lakes, MN. A birthday celebration will take place in Rochester at the District Convention on June 19, 2010. What a party that will be! Within the District are eight zones and our lodge is in Zone 7.

Bok Forening

The Book Club will meet at the Gesme home (2119 Lincolnshire Dr. SE – Cedar Rapids) on Wednesday, July 15, 2009 at 1 p.m. Mary Durspek will provide refreshments. We will discuss Ingrid Semmingson's book, *Norway to America*. It is interesting to read about Norwegian immigration from the point of view of a Norwegian author and University of Oslo professor. If you have some lazy summer reading time before we meet, go online to find the book and join the group. The selection for August 19 will *The Shetland Bus*, by David Howarth.

We Have Room!

If you have a friend attend one of our Lodge meeting, call them to follow up to see if their lodge experience meets their

expectations. If there is a way we can make our organization stronger, share that information with one of the officers listed on our back page. Consider being a mentor to a new member. Help new members understand what we have to offer.

Lutefisk Lovers WANT to Know

There are three kinds of lutefisk – regular – intense – Mama, open the windows!

Lutefisk is NOT accepted as an offering at most churches.

S.O.N International Board Goals

Achieve a net increase in adult and juvenile membership --- Reduce voluntary leaving by 10% from previous period --- Issue life and annuity certificates to 750 new insurance members.

Cultural Skills Medals Program

Ask Lois McCormick for help in participating in the Sons of Norway Cultural Skills Program. You can explore Traditional Norwegian Cooking, Reading Norwegian and American-Norwegian Authors, Collecting Norwegian and North American Stamps, Norwegian Rosemaling, Genealogy- Family History, Hand Knitting, Norwegian Language and Culture, Hardanger Embroidery, Figure Carving, Weaving, Ornamental Carving, Chip Carving, Folk Dances, and/or Music and Musicians of Norway.

Nametags

Orders for nametags will be take at meetings. If unable to attend, please call Dean Gesme to get information.

Happy Birthday

July

- 2 Mavis Hovden (Cedar Rapids)
- 4 Sharon Kay Stang (Iowa City)
- 6 Laurie Johnson (Marengo)

- 7 Donald Kvindlog (Cedar Rapids)
- 15 Nancy Thorkildson (Shellsburg)
- 15 Delaine Sather (Cedar Rapids)
- 18 John Albertson (Cedar Rapids)
- 18 Jonathan White (Cedar Rapids)
- 20 Marian Lucken (Cedar Rapids)
- 25 Fred Amundson (Iowa City)
- 26 Nora Burgess (Marion)
- 27 Rachel Steffensen (Norway)
- 29 Ulla Wall (Cedar Rapids)

If you prefer to not have your name and birthday listed, or there is an error in the date, please let Cindy Charlson Monroe know (319-363-7420)

litt på norsk...

Kronprinsparet vil bli økobønder Kronprins Håkon og Kronprinsse Mette-Marit bor på gården Skaugum i Aker. Gården har vært offisiell residens for kronprinspar siden daværende Kronprins Olav V flyttet dit i 1929. Gården eies av kronprinsparet men drives av forpakter. Forpakteren Ola Aanonsen har drevet gården i 45 år, men nå skal pensjonere seg. Derfor har kronprinsen og kronprinsessen satt inn en annonse i norske aviser for ny forpakter, gjerne enn som er interessert i økovenlig jorddyrking. I annonsen for ny forpakter på Skaugum heter det følgende:

«Ved inngåelse av forpakterkontrakt er det ønskelig at forpakter etter en avtalt tidsplan legger om til en økologisk driftsform.»

- En fantastisk nyhet, sier Gjermund Stormoen, daglig leder i Debio - organisasjonen som godkjenner økologiske gardsbruk i Norge.
- Bygdø Kongsgården er jo allerede økologisk, men de arealene forvaltes jo av folkemuseet på Bygdøy. Så det er klart det vil ha en veldig positiv effekt når det som skal bli vår neste konge nå vil legge om til øko-drift, sier Reidar Andestad, daglig leder i Oikos -fellesorganisasjonen for økologisk produksjon og forbruk. Skaugum er en stor gård etter norske forhold. Den drives med produksjon av korn, fôr, melk og kjøtt. Andestad sier at

Skaugum vil bli en av de største økologiske gårdene i landet når omleggingen forhåpentligvis er i havn om noen år.

Articles Adapted from: www.nationen.no

a little in English...

Royal Couple Want to Become Eco-Farmers
Crown Prince Håkon and Crown Princess Mette-Marit live on a farm called Skaugum in Aker county, southwest of Oslo. The farm has been the official residence of the crown couple since the then-Crown Prince Olav V moved there in 1929. The farm is owned by the crown couple but is run day-to-day by a tenant farmer. The current tenant Ola Aanonsen has run the farm for 45 years, and is now retiring. Therefore the crown prince and princess have posted a wanted in Norwegian newspapers for a new farmer, preferably one who is interested in eco-friendly farming.

The advertisement for a new tenant farmer in Skaugum includes the following:

“Upon approval of a tenant contract it is desirable that the tenant, in accordance with an established timeline, converts to organic methods of production.”

“Fantastic news,” says Gjermund Stormoen, manager of Debio – the organization that certifies organic agriculture in Norway. “Bygdø Royal Farm is already organic, but that acreage is managed by the Folk Museum in Bygdøy. There will clearly be a positive effect when the man who’s going to be the next king wants to switch to organic farming,” says Reidar Andestad, head of Oikos, a trade organization for organic producers and consumers. Skaugum is a large farm by Norwegian standards. Grain, feed, milk and meat are produced there. Andestad says that Skaugum would be one of the largest organic farms in the country when the conversion hopefully takes place in a few years.

Proverbs and Literary Quotes

Den som leter, han finner (He who seeks, finds.) Matthew

Det en ikke vet, har en ikke vondt av. (What one doesn’t know, doesn’t hurt.) Grubb

Det er ikke gull alt som glimrer. (All that glitters is not gold.) Chaucer 1328

Peder Syv is a Danish author, who studied and wrote about Danish grammar.

2009 Lodge Kalender

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| July 4 | Flag Day – H.I.M. Queen Sonja, 1937 |
| July 10 | S.O.N. Table at Linn Co. Fair |
| July 14 | Lodge Social Meeting |
| July 15 | Book Club, <i>Norway to America</i> |
| July 20 | Flag Day – Crown Prince Haakon Magnus, 1973 |
| July 24, 25 | Nordic Fest, Decorah |
| July 29 | Flag Day – St. Olav’s Day |
| July 31 | Newsletter Deadline |

Address, Name, E-mail, Telephone

Change

Please let our membership secretaries know ASAP – Alan and Barbara Erickson at 377-1707. Thank you.

Elected Officers:

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| President – Cindy Monroe | 363-7420 |
| Vice President-Dean Gesme | 362-6910 |
| Secretary –Harold Williamson | 338-5658 |
| Treasurer-Ding Sather | 393-7310 |
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Sons of Norway representative:

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| David Tesdahl | 319-286-9447 |
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