

RESTAURATION LODGE #548



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**The next social meeting will be Tuesday, December 8, 2009
6:30 p.m.**

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

**Join us for our Julebord, annual Lutefisk Potluck Dinner. Invite a friend. \$1 for non-lutefisk eaters and \$4 for lutefisk eaters.
Pick up your lingonberry, herring and calendars orders.**

Fra President

At a women's luncheon this week, I had the pleasure of listening to a barbershop quartet sing "O Lutefisk" after dedicating the song to any Norwegians in the audience. The song was the inspiration for a discussion about one of my favorite foods. I hope you have invited someone to our next meeting. You may know of a member who hasn't been coming to our meetings because they prefer not to drive at night. Call and offer a ride.

Cindy Charlson Monroe

Congratulations to Gesmes

Members, Ann and Dean Gesme were recent recognized Norwegian American Genealogical Center and Naeseth Library in a salute to remarkable leaders. Ann was recognized as an accomplished

writer and historian. Dean's experience in management and finance served him well in his career and as a volunteer in many areas. The article in Norwegian Tracks (NAGC &NL newsletter) was extremely complimentary of Ann and Dean, sharing what we already know about their leadership and love of Norwegian heritage. Thank you, Ann and Dean.

November Silent Auction Successful

Thank you to all who provided items for our silent auction or opened their wallets to buy something. We had a lot of fun. Ding Sather will include information on our proceeds at our next meeting.

Post this 2010 Schedule on Refrigerator

One of the strengths of our Lodge is our programming. With the help of our outgoing Cultural Director, Ann Gesme, Paula Schulte and Lois McCormick present the following schedule for our meetings:

January 14 – All About Cookies – Bring your “leftovers” and learn about our favorite coffee mates!

February 9 – Recent Immigration to Norway

March 9 – The Bygdelag in America

April 13 – LUNCHEON MEETING at Cottage Grove Place – Comparison of Options for Elders in Norway and America

May 11 – Syttende Mai Banquet – Speaker from Vesterheim

June 8 – Travel to Alta/Stenje with Carolyn and Gerry Rushton

July 13 – Genealogy Surprises

August – NO MEETING

September 14 – Demonstration and Tasting of Open Face Sandwiches – a Norwegian Tradition

October 12 – Norwegian Folk Arts Night

November 9 – Saga in Steel and Concrete , Engineers Involved in Designing and Building Tunnels, Bridges, etc. ALSO Silent Auction.

December 14 – Julebord (Lutefisk Potluck)

Missing in Action

The section of our newsletter featuring an article in Norwegian and English was unavailable from the website at the time of this publication. December’s selection will be in the next newsletter.

Postcard Collection

Member Norm Erickson has shared several of his postcards with us and we will be featuring them in our newsletters. Enjoy.



December 16 Book Group will meet at 1:30 at Gesmes to allow attendance at organ, piano, and voice presentation by Bret and Marita Wolgast at First Lutheran from 12:05-12:45 – open to public – bring your lunch. Brett is former SoN member.

PLANNING A VACATION?

Check out some of these Midwest Norwegian events

- Torsk & Meatball Dinner & Bake Sale, Sioux Falls, SD 01/16/2010
- July - Nordic Fest in Decorah
- Midsummer Scandinavian Festival, Crookston, MN 06/14/2010

LOOK FORWARD TO THESE UPCOMING PROGRAMS!

- **January 12 – All About Cookies**
- **February 9 – Our own Tom Naesse will discuss recent immigration to Norway!**

Keep Sons of Norway Restauration Lodge 548 Strong

- ❖ Take our Norwegian language class.
- ❖ Provide suggestions for programs.
- ❖ Sign up to bring treats to meetings.
- ❖ Pick up a member who prefers not to drive at night.
- ❖ Say yes if nominating committee asks you to be an officer.
- ❖ Bring a potential member to a meeting to try us out.
- ❖ Encourage youth to attend language camps and to apply for our scholarships.
- ❖ Join one of our small groups.
- ❖ Earn an award by pursuing an area in Sons of Norway Cultural Program.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*** Norwegian Language Class Every Thursday**

Our Lodge is fortunate to have Norwegian born Tom Naesse teaching our language and culture class every Thursday evening. Call Tom (841-2311) to get information about joining.

*** Lingonberry and Herring Orders at December Meeting**

We order some extras and they will be available at the meeting. Yum, Yum.

***Lutefisk Dinner on December 8**

This potluck is what lutefisk lovers have been waiting for! Please bring

a main dish or dessert. The cost is \$1 for none-lutefisk eaters and \$4 for lutefisk eaters. Your president and vice-president feel the costs should be reversed, but were outvoted at the Board meeting. Invite your Scandinavian friends to this dinner. Can't you just smell that special aroma as you read this newsletter.

*** Officers Elected at November Meeting**

The following were elected:

Vice-President - David Johansen

Secretary - Harold Williamson

Membership - Alan and Barbara Erickson

Cultural Director - Lois McCormick and Paula Schulte

Thank you for serving.

Christmas Ornament - Sons of Norway is offering a limited-edition Christmas ornament to help you celebrate your Norwegian heritage this holiday season. Proudly displaying the Sons of Norway logo and colorful Telemark Rosemaling design, the ornament will display your Nordic pride as well as be a cherished, colorful addition to your Christmas tree this year. About the Design The ornament is styled with a Telemark Rosemaling design. Noted for its transparent and lyrical style, Telemark's use of organic shapes and scrolls create a dynamic feeling of movement, which carries the eye rhythmically through the design. Also, its color palettes have historically consisted of earth tones, mostly due to rural painters access to inorganic native elements. This year's ornament design preserves these styles and continues the traditions of Norway's earliest artisans.

Remember, this year's ornament is a special offer and quantities are limited. If you'd like to order an ornament for yourself or for someone special, contact Sons of Norway at (800) 945-8851. The cost is \$14.99 + tax and shipping per ornament. www.sonsofnorway.com

Elected Officers:

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