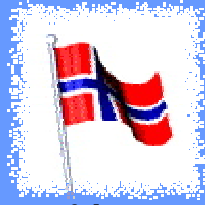


# RESTAURATION LODGE #548



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**The June social meeting will be Tuesday, June 12, 2012 at  
7:00 pm at Our Savior's Lutheran Church,  
3634 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue N.E., Cedar Rapids, Iowa**

The program for the June meeting will be **The King and Queen Came to Iowa and We Were There** by Cindy Monroe and Paula Schulte.

You will relive the visit of King Harald V and Queen Sonja and learn about the history of royalty in Norway. Don't miss this rare opportunity to hear this first hand account.

Hosts for the June meeting are Mavis Hovden and Cheryl Zapf .

**FRA PRESIDENT** There is nothing like a summer of Norwegian gatherings to make one feel like a true Norwegian. There is an instant sense of camaraderie as you explore your shared roots with others who attend for similar reasons. The first adventure for me will be at the District Meeting in St. Cloud, Minnesota. Barbara Erickson, Alan Erickson and I are your delegates and we will represent you admirably. We will get to know the lodge delegates sitting near us very well after spending hours with them in our assigned seats. Expect some great pictures from Alan in our next newsletter. On June 29 our lodge will have a table of information and activities at the Linn County Fair. In July I am taking my sister with me to the 7-Lag Stevne in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin. The theme is Jul in Juli (a Norwegian Christmas). The keynote speaker from Old World Wisconsin will talk about the folklore and stories created and inspired by Norwegian immigrants. A tour of Old World Wisconsin and a variety of classes are offered as well as genealogical help. On July 22, our lodge will be represented as trolls at Ushers Ferry in Cedar Rapids. The next day, I will give a presentation on trolls to the Norse Club in Iowa City. On July 27-28, the Nordic Fest takes place in Decorah. If anyone is interested in attending, but prefers to ride rather than drive, please let me know (981-8356). We are planning to coordinate a car pool for the Nordic Fest. On August 4, you may find us at the Hooverfest in West Branch sharing information about our lodge and leading a couple of activities. On August 11-12, I plan to attend the psalmodikon annual meeting in Hudson, Wisconsin. All in all, it promises to be a very Norwegian summer

**IT'S A RED, WHITE, AND BLUE WEDDING**  
**Lois McCormick & Arden Shindoll**  
**Invite you to their Wedding**  
**4:00 pm July 14 2012**  
**At First United Methodist Church Marion**  
**Reception at 6:00 pm IBEW, Wiley Blvd, CR**  
**RSVP IS A MUST By July 1st**  
**Call 319-377-2890 or 319-270-1871 or**  
**lmrncormick@mchsi.com**  
**No presents please, a card will do**  
**Just bring food for the Marion Food Bank**  
**& Wear your Red, White, and Blue**

**Minutes of the May 8, 2012, Social Meeting and Syttende Mai celebration, Restauration Lodge, 1-548, Sons of Norway at Our Savior's Lutheran Church**

- Meeting convened at 6:30 PM by President Cindy Charlson Monroe. About 70 in attendance.
- Norwegian table prayer sung led by Tom Næsse.
- Syttende Mai dinner
- Brief Business meeting at 7:45 PM
- Minutes as printed in Newsletter approved with spelling corrections.
- Treasurer's Report: Ding Sather – Checking \$2491.61, Savings \$8913.70. All bills paid.
- Awards:
  - Golden Membership Award to Dale Hovden
  - Certificates for obtaining new members to: Alan Erickson, Cheryl Zapf, Lois McCormick
- Insurance Representative: Dave Tesdahl – Covered history of SON. Established in 1895 in Minneapolis as a fraternal benefit organization.
- Noted that Anna Bosking is person in charge of the used stamp collection program.
- Announcements:
  - Next Social Meeting – June 12, 7 PM, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church.
  - Next Board Meeting – May 15, 7 PM, at Cindy Charlson Monroe's house.
- Program: Lois McCormick introduced Scandinavian Folklorist, John Berquist, whose program included stories and musical presentations.

**BOOK CLUB at Gesme's on June 20 at 1 p.m. *Ole Bull* by Einar Haugen and Camilla Cai (or another book about the famous Norwegian violinist). Ann will provide refreshments and lead the discussion. Please phone Ann at 362-6910 to let her know whether or not you will be there.**

**LIFE STORIES** Life Stories at Gesme's on June 11 at 4 p.m. Please let Ann know if you are coming.

**JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Birth Day</u></b>
Marilyn M Skaugstad	8
Donna J Trolliet	8
Wilmer A Mickelson	11
Barbara L Erickson	12
Zoe Berger	13
Sandra L Van Amburg	19
Jenny S Bosking	24
Barbara A Taylor	25
Alan R Erickson	29

**Sons of Norway Foundation General Fund** A thank you was received for our contribution of \$376 (tax deductible). This gift allows the Foundation to continue its work in educational and charitable programs and to establish higher goals. This fund also supports the Oslo International Summer School Scholarships and Outreach Programs.



**Cindy is now famous!  
Caught at the Minneapolis Antique  
Roadshow touting Lutefisk!**



**Our Syttende Mai entertainer John  
Berquist on his button accordion**



**John Berquist on his guitar**



**Lois, Cheryl and Alan –receiving awards for new member gathering**



**Barbara and Alan Erickson, Cheryl Zaph and Paula Schulte at the Rock Island Norsk fest**



**Dale Hovden receiving his Golden Member award  
Congratulations, Dale!!**



**Cindy in her Swedish bunad**





**Members in their Norsk sweaters and Bunads at the 8 May banquet  
David Christ, Tom Næsse, Lois McCormick, Arden Shindoll, Ruth Christ,  
Don Kvindlog, Cindy Monroe, Jean Murray, Harold Williamson**



**Dean Gesme and Tom Næsse at desserts**

**Elected Officers:**

President – Cindy Monroe 363-7420  
Vice President – Barbara Erickson 377-1707  
Secretary – Harold Williamson 338-5658  
Treasurer – Ding Sather 393-7310

Membership Secretary –  
Alan Erickson 377-1707  
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Lois McCormick 377-2890  
Social Directors – Mavis Hovden 393-3286  
Anna Marie Klein 373-9260

**Sons of Norway representatives:**

David Tesdahl 286-9447

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Web master: Robert Thorkildson 721-9902

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Historian-Paula Schulte 396-1076

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