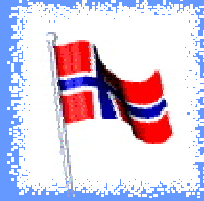


RESTAURATION LODGE #548



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The July social meeting will be Tuesday, July 10, 2012 at 7:00 pm at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 3634 1st Avenue N.E., Cedar Rapids, Iowa

The program for the July meeting will be a video on "The Falun - Roros Expedition. Termed the greatest cultural historical expedition in Sweden in 2003, the Falun to Røros Expedition is a historic journey with horse and sled. For thousands of years they trudged through the winter landscape, steam rising off the horses broad backs, fur clad men urging them on as they pulled the heavily loaded sleighs along the winter trail. Like today's truck drivers hauling goods across the country, these trail drivers transported goods from Dalarna in Sweden to the ice free port of Trondheim, Norway and back again. Paula Schulte will be presenting the program.

Hosts for the July meeting are Anna Marie Klein and Cindy Charlson Monroe

FRA PRESIDENT Barbara Erickson, Alan Erickson and I just returned from the District I Convention in St. Cloud and had a wonderful time. Our lodge was asked to host the District I Convention in 2016. Our Board unanimously supported this opportunity. I have done some preliminary footwork with the new District president, Barbara Olson, our Zone 7 director Mary Ann Johnson, and the Marriott Hotel (where we hosted the 2000 District Convention). At our social meeting on July 10, I would like to discuss with membership what this would entail and seek support. There is some discussion about whether Duluth will be ready to host the Convention in 2014. Our esteemed senior counselor, Dean Gesme, suggested we host in 2014 if they cannot pull it together.

Lois, Arden, Paula and I had a couple of tables at the Linn County Fair. We were a hit with our krumkake and heart shaped waffles. I suspect we will have some Norwegians try out in the next few months.

BOOK CLUB

Book Club at Gesme's on Wednesday, July 18th at 1 p.m. Carolyn Rushton will be leading the discussion of "Bernt Julius Muus, by Joseph M. Shaw. She will also provide refreshments. Please RSVP by phone or email.

LIFE STORIES Life Stories will be at 4 p.m. Monday, July 9 at Gesme's. Please RSVP by phone or email

**MINUTES- June 12, 2012 Social Meeting, Restauration Lodge, 1-548, Sons of Norway
Meeting convened at Our Savior's Lutheran Church at**

- **7:05 PM by President Cindy Charlson Monroe. 27 in attendance.**
- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Singing of Ja Vi Elsker and America accompanied by Anna Marie Klein on piano.**
- **Secretary's Report: Harold Williamson - Minutes approved as appeared in Newsletter.**
- **Treasurer's Report: Ding Sather – Checking: \$1386.16, Savings: \$8913.70. All bills paid.**
- **Social Directors' Report: Anna Marie Klein –**
 - **Servers today: Cheryl Zapf, Anna Marie Klein, baked goods from Mavis Hovden**
 - **Servers in July: Cindy Charlson Monroe, Anna Marie Klein**
- **Cultural Directors' Report: Lois McCormick –**
 - **July program, a movie on Aurora Expedition**
- **Membership Secretary's Report: Alan Erickson – 134 members**
- **Sunshine Report: Cheryl Zapf -**
 - **Bev Solberg died, card to family; Card to Carolyn Ruston for death of her sister, get well card to Candy Roberg**
- **Scholarship Report: Skogfiorden Language Camp Scholarships to Zach and Grace Williamson**
- **What's New in Norway: Tom Naesse – PSA strike over, Court Case on shooting still going on, Lutheran Church is no longer a State church.**
- **Language Course: Tom Naesse – Classes will resume in fall.**
- **Book Group: Will meet June 20. Members should read "Ole Bull" book**
- **Writing Group: Meets next on July 9, 4 PM, at Gesmes**
- **Insurance Representative: Dave Tesdahl – Indicated that interest rates on annuity products are very good.**
- **Foundation Report: Wally Sundet indicated that SON scholarships can be very good source of college funds. Granddaughter of Paula Schulte received \$15000 last year and will get \$16000 this year. She is a pharmacy student at Drake University.**
- **New Business:**
 - **Cheryl Zapf reported that the book "Mercy Train" by Ray Meadow, which is about the orphan trains, mentions SON.**
 - **Picture in Newsletter shows Cindy Charlson Monroe attending Antique Road Show wearing a T-shirt which says "Real Men Eat Lutefisk"**
 - **Cindy Charlson Monroe and Barbara and Alan Erickson will be going to district meeting and will be taking 39 pounds of stamps for Tubfrim.**
 - **Cindy Charlson Monroe indicated that name tags should be worn on the right side. The Secretary who has researched this extensively finds that there is equal support for wearing the name tag on the left.**

- Paula Schulte will have her garden on the Cedar Rapids Master Gardeners Walk, June 23. \$5 for 5 gardens.
- Books from lodge's collection are available in front of room for checkout by members.
- **Announcements:**
 - Next Board Meeting: June 19, 7 PM, at Cindy Charlson Monroe's house.
 - Next Social Meeting: July 10, 7 PM, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church
 - Host Fest, September 26-29, at Minot, ND.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birth Day</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Birth Day</u>
Mavis M Hovden	2	Jonathan R White	18
Sharon Kay Stang	4	Beverly B Robeck	19
Laurie K Johnson	6	Marian A Lucken	20
Donald H Kvindlog	7	Fred M Amundson	25
Delaine C Sather	15	Nora A Burgess	26
John Arthur Albertson	18	Ulla Wall	29

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birth Day</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Birth Day</u>
Charles L Holecek	1	Emma J Nielsen	18
Sara K Knutson	7	Taylor Lawrence	19
Harold E Williamson	8	Rod A Simonson	28
Tucker L Cornell	13	Dale D Hovden	29
Mary L Brubaker	15	Jennifer Sue Oatey	30
Diane Irene Ogann	15	Donald Livingston	31

OUTING

Golfers be aware: There is a golf tourney at Rochester, MN, on Saturday, Aug. 11. It's called the Uff Da Golf Event and features not only prizes to best golfers but a special prize for the "most creative Norwegian golfing outfit." Now doesn't that sound like a day of fun? Contact Verl Lekwa at vlakwa@louisacomm.net for prices, times, and contact info.

DEATH OF A PAST PRESIDENT OF 548

William A. Windus, 88, of Duluth, Minn., formerly of Cedar Rapids, passed away Monday, June 11, 2012, at Essentia-St. Mary's Medical Center in Duluth. Graveside service Wednesday at Park Hill Cemetery, Duluth, with military honors by the Duluth Combined Honor Guard

GLASSES left at the May Syttende Mai banquet. Are you missing a pair?

GREETINGS FROM NORWAY by Tom Næsse

We've now been here 17 days with 16 to go. We are at the Southern tip of Norway, the city of Mandal to be exact. The weather has been mixed. "St. Hans" (midsummer eve) rained out for us. We usually have a big bon fire on the top of a mountain near by. This year is sort of a "family reunion" as both our children and family are here. This is always a working vacation, as we are cleaning up around the property and doing light maintenance, but we still get time to relax and visit old friends. The week of July 1 we will

be in Moss, just an hour south of Oslo, where I grew up. This year is my 50th high school graduation anniversary but that reunion is in the fall and does not fit my schedule. Miss you all and see you later this month.



Paula Schulte & Arden Shindoll at the Linn County Fair - - Production line for Krumkake and Vafler



Ericksons and Cindy Monroe at the St. Cloud 1st District Convention



Banquet at the St. Cloud Convention



Auction of Spinning Wheel at St. Cloud



Crib for auction at St. Cloud

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
Cultural Directors – Jon White 393-9430
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

Appointed Officers:

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Ruth Christ 351-7717
Bob Thorkildson 721-9902
Foundation-Wally Sundet 393-6971
Greeters-

Historian-Paula Schulte 396-1076

Language Facilitators:
Tom & Ingrid Næsse 841-2311
Past President-Dean Gesme 362-6910
Librarian-Sherry Waite

Marshall-
Musician-Sharon Kay Stang 351-5133
Newsletter Editors-Mary/Bill Durspek 377-4480
Publicity-Ann Gesme 362-6910
Scholarship-Ruth Christ 351-7717
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