

# RESTAURATION LODGE #548



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**The April social meeting will be  
Tuesday, April 9, 2013  
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 April 9 meeting will be: "Bygdelags and Bygdebøker" by Marilyn Cornell, our former lodge president. Marilyn will explain what a bygdelag is, give some of its history, and provide a newsletter from Vestlandslag. The basis for the program is from Odd Lovoll's book, A FOLK EPIC: THE BYGDELAG IN AMERICA. It was published in 1975 for the Norwegian-American Historical Association (NAHA). Odd Sverre Lovoll was born in Norway (Sunnmøre) and taught at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota.

Hosts for the meeting will be Wally Sundet and Ding Sather.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Cindy Charlson Monroe indicated a need for volunteers for Nordic Fest, Linn County Fair and Hoover Days. Save time on your calendar for those events and help if you can.

## SUMMIT POINTE EVENT

About 25 residents of Summit Point enjoyed and learned about Norway, its Food and Folktales on March 13th. Cindy Monroe, Mary Durspek and Lois McCormick did the program. Cindy read a folktale and then proceeded to mix up and bake and serve Krumkake. Lois baked Norwegian waffles and served them with ligonberries. Mary made and served Rommegrot with cinnamon and sugar. During our time there we talked of other things Norwegian. We are ready to go on the road!

## BOOK CLUB

Book Club will meet at Gesme's apartment at 1 p.m., Wednesday, April 17. The book for April is a Knut Hasun novel of the reader's choice. Refreshments by Barbara Erickson.

## DAYTIME NORWEGIAN LANGUAGE CLASS

Beginning Norwegian Class will meet at Gesme's apartment Thursday April 11 and 25 at 9:30 a.m. The new class is Beginning Norwegian. We will be using Kathy Stokker's book, Norsk, Nordmenn og Norge, the same book we used in the past. Please let me know if you are interested. Call Ann Gesme at 319-362-6910 or [augdhq@mchsi.com](mailto:augdhq@mchsi.com).

Tom Næsse will continue to teach a more advanced level.

## SYTTENDE MAI BANQUET

Norway's Constitution Day celebration will be on May 14 at 6:00 p.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Our program will be an Ibsen play "Doll House" by the Carolyn Rushton players. You won't want to miss this. Tickets will be on sale at the April meeting and are \$10.00 a person. Our menu will be roast pork loin, potato encrusted cod, parsley buttered potatoes, vegetable of the day, salad, rolls and butter. **MEMBERS ARE TO BRING NORWEGIAN DESSERTS. WE NEED RESERVATIONS BY MAY 10TH**

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Name	Birth Day	Name	Birth Day
Quin M Cornell	4	Jennifer M Rand	20
Zachery E Williamson	7	Verna Jean Reed	21
Jeffery D Christ	9	Richard K Isaacson	25
Espen C H Anneling	10	Ann M Gesme	29
Patricia R Knutson	16	Isabelle McCormick	29

## NORDIC DANCERS

Treat yourself to a fun afternoon of traditional Norwegian dancing with a joint performance by the Decorah Nordic Dancers and the Stoughton Norwegian Dancers. This is the first time in over a decade the two groups have joined forces so you're in for double the entertainment. Enjoy colorful costumes and authentic and lively dancing.

WHEN: Sunday, April 28th

TIME: 4:30pm

WHERE: Decorah Middle School      Performance with the Decorah Nordic Dancers

## EXERCISE NOTE

"It's time to start a fitness program, or if you have one, to make a greater commitment. The Sons of Norway is one of the few groups that give medals for fitness activities. So let's take fitness seriously before the doctor says it's too late. As the cartoon has it, the doctor tells the patient, 'Would you rather exercise 1 hour a day or be dead 24 hours a day?'" Verl Lekwa

## ERRORS IN MEMBER LIST

If you have found any errors in the member listing for your address, telephone, or E-Mail address, please notify Bill and Mary Durspek or Lois McCormick.

Several errors have surfaced: Richard G. Stueland, Telephone- new area code: 479-986-0408. Sue and Gary Speicher and, both at 364-8607 or both at work at 286-9447

## MINUTES

Social Meeting, March 12, 2012, Restauration Lodge, Sons of Norway, 1-548

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

- Meeting convened at 7:01 PM by President Cindy Charlson Monroe. 34 in attendance + 1 guest.
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Singing of "America" and "Ja Vi Elsker" accompanied by Carolyn Rushton on piano.
- Secretary's Report: Harold Williamson – Minutes of February 12 approved as appeared in Newsletter.
- Treasurer's Report: Ding Sather – Checking \$2654.72, Savings \$8067.68
- Social Directors' Report: Lois McCormick-Shindoll
  - Servers tonight: Anna Marie Klein and Paula Schulte
  - Servers in April: Wally Sundet and Ding Sather
- Cultural Directors' Report: Jon White
  - Program next month will be given by Marilyn Cornell on bygdelags

- **Membership Director's Report:** Alan Erickson – 134 members
- **Sunshine Report:** Send names for cards to Cheryl Zapf
- **Scholarship Report:** Lois McCormick-Shindoll –A summer camp scholarship awarded to Grace Williamson.
- **Sports and Recreation:** Verl Lekwa – Keep up exercise
- **Book Club:** Meets at Ann Gesme's apartment on March 20. Book to be discussed is "Norwegian American Women, Migration, Communities and Identities" by Berry Bergland and Lori Ann Lahlum.
- **Language Class:**
  - Beginning Norwegian at 9:30 AM on March 14 and 28 at Ann Gesme's apartment.
  - Advanced Norwegian at 6 PM, Thursdays at Tom Naesse's house.
- **What's New in Norway:** Oil reserve estimates raised; President of Romania coming to Norway; Iranian diplomat defected; Power to Lofoton lost at 11 PM; In Oslo, surgeries are being cancelled due to electrical problems. MASH units asked to help; Sales of horse meat are up in Norway.
- **Names Tags** available from Lois McCormick-Shindoll for \$5 +
- **New Business - Tables** to be set up at various events.
  - On March 13, a program will be given at Summit Pointe Senior Living Community in Marion at 2 PM. Waffles, krumkake, and rommegrot will be served.
  - June 28, Sons of Norway table at Linn County Fair.
- **Announcements:**
  - Next Board Meeting, March 19, Tuesday, at 7 PM at President Cindy Charlson Monroe's house.
  - Next Social Meeting: April 9, 7 PM at Our Savior's Lutheran Church.
- **Program:** Dick Isaacson presented program on Norges Folkehogskoles.



**After the meeting dessert table-Yum!**



**Golden Member Awards to Mary Durspek and Beverly Robeck**



**David Christ giving his program on Split of Norway from Sweden**



**Installation of Officers by Ann Gesme. From left-Lois McCormick as Co-Social Director; Cindy Monroe, President; Barb Taylor, Co-Cultural Director; Delaine "Ding" Sather as Treasurer.**

**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  
Barbara Taylor 393-0844

Social Directors – Mavis Lovik 393-6679  
Lois McCormick-Shindoll 377-2890

**Sons of Norway representatives:**

David Tesdahl 286-9447

**Lodge web site:** [www.sofn-cedarrapids.org](http://www.sofn-cedarrapids.org)

Web master: Robert Thorkildson 721-9902

**Appointed Officers:**

Auditors:  
Verl Lekwa 738-2847  
Ruth Christ 351-7717  
Bob Thorkildson 721-9902  
Foundation-Wally Sundet 393-6971  
Historian-Paula Schulte 396-1076  
Language Facilitators  
Tom Næsse 841-2311  
Ann Gesme 362-6910  
Past President-Lois McCormick 377-2890  
Librarian- Lois McCormick 377-2890  
Musician-Sharon Kay Stang 351-5133  
Newsletter Editors-Mary/Bill Durspek 377-4480  
Scholarship-Lois McCormick 377-2890  
Sports/Recreation/Youth-Verl Lekwa 728-2847  
Sunshine-Cheryl Zapf 363-5326  
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