

RESTAURATION LODGE #548



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The May social meeting will be
Tuesday, May 14, 2013
At 6:00 pm at Our Savior's Lutheran Church,
3634 1st Avenue N.E., Cedar Rapids, Iowa

SYTTENDE MAI BANQUET

Norway's Constitution Day celebration will be at our next meeting on May 14 at 6:00 p.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Our menu will be roast pork loin, potato encrusted cod, parsley buttered potatoes, vegetable of the day, salad, rolls and butter. Members are asked to bring Norwegian desserts, if able. WE NEED RESERVATIONS BY MAY 10TH. Please call Mavis Lovik at 393-6679 to reserve a ticket. Ticket cost is \$10. Don't forget to wear your Bunads or Norsk sweaters to the celebration.

The program for the May 14 meeting will be an Ibsen play, "Doll House" by the Carolyn Rushton players. You won't want to miss this one!

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.

BOOK CLUB

Book Club on May 15 – *Return to the Future* by Sigrid Undset . (Lunch at 12 noon at Cottage Grove Place.) Discussion Leader: Cindy Monroe. Please let Ann know whether or not you will be able to join us for lunch. Phone 362-6910 or email augdhq@mchsi.com.

DAYTIME NORWEGIAN LANGUAGE CLASS

Beginning Norwegian class meets the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month at Gesme's apartment. In May we meet the 9th and 23rd at Cottage Grove place, apartment #3303. We are using Kathy Stokker's book, Norsk, Nordmenn og Norge, the same book we have used in the past. Please let me know if you are coming to the class. Call Ann Gesme at 319-362-6910 or augdhq@mchsi.com.

Tom Næsse will continue to teach at a more advanced level.

HUMOR

Ole and Lena got married and were on their honeymoon. Lena was bashful about the whole thing, so when they walked up to the hotel to get a room Lena said, "Ole, what can we do so dey von't know we is newlyveds?" Ole answered, "No problem. You can carry da luggage."

MAY BIRTHDAYS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Ruth W Berger	4	Carolyn A Rushton	21
Wendy L Christian	11	Miles Hsiao-ling Pei	5
Ardith B Erickson	1	David W Tesdahl	20
Phillip L Hanson	12	Marvel A Titone	10
Eileen M Kjonaas	13	Waldemar S Sundet	19
Anna M Klein	2	Cheryl L Zapf	28
Margot E Martens	27		

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. 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, April 9, 2013, Restauration Lodge, Sons of Norway, 1-548 Cedar Rapids, IA

- President Cindy Monroe called meeting to order; 44 members in attendance (one guest – our speaker)
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Singing of “America” and “Ja Vi Elsker” accompanied by Sharon Kay Stang on piano (welcome back after injury).
- Reports:
 - Treasurer: Ding Sather reports checking \$2861.71 savings \$8106.25
 - Secretary: Harold Williamson absent; Alan Erickson is taking minutes tonight. Minutes printed in newsletter were approved as written.
 - Membership: Alan reports 133 current members
 - Social directors: Lois McCormick Shindoll has tickets for 17 May catered dinner (held on May 14) \$10 – members to bring “goodies” for dessert. Members are requested to wear Bunads.
 - Servers tonight are Ding Sather and Wally Sundet
 - Programs: Barbara Taylor announced that next month is the Doll House skit.
 - Sonshine: Cheryl sent one card to Paula Schulte who lost her brother
 - Scholarship: one scholarship sent to Grace Williamson (Harold's granddaughter)
 - Book group: meeting next Wed. Readers are to choose a Knut Hamsun book of their choice
 - Language: beginning class 2nd and 4th Thursday's at Ann Gesme's; advanced class with Tom Naesse: taking a break in April, and May.
 - News from Norway: Tom reports labor negotiations broken down with a walkout at buses, airports. Spring is slowly coming
 - Sons of Norway Representative: Dave Tesdahl reported a new tax law enabling transfers directly from an IRA to a charity (in lieu of RMD). No deduction, but no tax (good if don't itemize).
- Upcoming events we are supporting – need volunteers

- Linn county fair
- Hoover Days
- Fairy tale day at Ushers Ferry
- Old business –
 - Hosting Sons of Norway District 1 2016 convention:
 - The lodge board had previously approved hosting the convention and requested membership approval. Membership vote had been postponed pending further information from the district, which has recently been received.
 - At the last convention (St. Cloud) attendance was <200 (smaller than what Cedar Rapids did in 2000). This lodge had 192 members in 2000; 133 now. Attendance would probably be similar.
 - If we have a raffle we need a tax license.
 - Motion: Dave Tesdahl moved, seconded by Lois McCormick Shindoll to offer to host the Sons of Norway 2016 District 1 Convention (June 9 to 11, 2016)
 - Vote via show of hands: approved: 34 With no objections and 44 in attendance, that is more than half (77%) so the motion is sent to District 1 board for approval.
- Announcements
 - Next board meeting: April 16 7:00 at Cindy Monroe's home
 - Next social meeting: May 14, 6 pm for dinner; 7 pm for program at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Cedar Rapids, IA
- New business: none
- Program: "Bygdelags and Bygdebøker" by Marilyn Cornell, our former lodge president.
- Refreshments

Latest New Food Item
(courtesy Darrel Larson)



Marilyn Cornell, our April guest speaker and a past President here.



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

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
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