

RESTAURATION LODGE #548



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**The October social meeting will be
Tuesday, October 8, 2013
7:00 pm at Our Savior's Lutheran Church,
3634 1st Avenue N.E., Cedar Rapids, Iowa**

The program for the October meeting will be presented by Tom Næsse on the Norwegian Justice System. The events of June 22, 2011 when over 70 people were massacred and the ensuing court case of Anders Breivik placed an international focus on how the Norwegian system works, especially since there is no death penalty in Norway.

Hosts for the meeting will be Lois and Arden Shindoll, Bill and Mary Durspek.

FRA PRESIDENT

Our president Cindy Monroe is on a long visit to Okinawa where her son is serving in the Military and a new grandchild is expected.

BOOK CLUB

Book club this month will be Wednesday, October 16 at Ann Gesme's apartment. Book for discussion will be any Norwegian cookbook of your choice. Mary Durspek will serve.

DAYTIME NORWEGIAN LANGUAGE CLASS

No basic Norwegian class in October.

Advanced level by Tom Næsse - Will resume in October. A new day is under consideration to foster more attendance.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BIRTHDAY</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>BIRTHDAY</u>
David L Johansen	3	Norma L Kvindlog	19
Gary D Speicher	13	Verl L Lekwa	24
Paula J Schulte	15	Astrid Anderton	27
Sydney M Stapley	16	Richard G Stueland	30

NEWS FROM NORWAY

The winners of the election is in the process of putting together the new administration. The Labor Party lost and the current Prime minister, Jens Stoltenberg, returns to the legislative branch (Storting). The new administration from the conservative (Høyre) party

has joined with the progressive party (Fremskrittets Partiet) to establish the new administration though an agreement among the Left (Venstre, Christian Party, the Progressive Party and the conservative Høyre had been reached. This was listed as a historic event in Norwegian politics. It will be a minority administration in as much as the other parties in total have more representatives than the two that are forming the new administration. There are seven parties with representatives in the Storting. Erna Solberg from Høyre will be the new prime minister.

EXERCISE NOTE

If you are doing anything to stay in condition, from walking in a mall, to swimming, to stretching, to lifting small weights, see Verl Lekwa and get started on the SON exercise medal ladder. It acts as an incentive to stay healthy. Verl

MINUTES

September 10, 2013 Social Meeting, Restauration Lodge 1-548, Sons of Norway Our Savior's Lutheran Church

- Meeting convened at 7:00 PM by President Cindy Charlson Monroe. 28 in attendance.
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Singing of "America" and "Ja Vi Elsker" accompanied by Sharon Kay Stang on piano.
- David Christ showed video on Bardu
- Treasurer's Report: Ding Sather – Checking \$2339.26, Savings \$8138.07
- Membership Report: Alan Erickson – 132 members.
- Social Directors Report: Lois McCormick-Shindoll
 - Servers tonight are Jon White, Barbara Taylor and Verl Lekwa
- Cultural Directors' Report: Jon White and Barbara Taylor
 - October Program: Norwegian Justice System
 - November Program: Norwegian Weddings
- Sunshine Report: Cheryl Zapf –Cards to Ruth Berger (husband died), David Johansen (brother died); get well cards to Ann Gesme, Anna Marie Klein, Verl Lekwa.
- Sports and Recreation: Verl Lekwa –
 - Bowling tournament in Minnesota, Oct. 26.
- Book Club: September meeting canceled.
- News from Norway
 - Government shifting to right after recent elections.
 - Woman prime minister, Erna Solberg
 - Happiness survey shows Norway to be first.
- Insurance Representative: David Tesdahl – September is Life Insurance Awareness month.
- Old Business: Reports given on:
 - Fairy Tale Festival at Usher's Ferry on July 14
 - Nordic Fest in Decorah on July 26
 - Hoover Days in West Branch on Aug. 3. Made heart baskets
- Trunk has been painted. Needs to have rosemaling. Robecks volunteered.
- Announcements:

- September board meeting canceled
- Next Social Meeting is Oct. 8, 7 PM, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church.
- Program: Games Norwegians Play presented by Lois McCormick-Shindoll

Games were found to be played by the Vikings to sharpen their physical skills as well as to sharpen their minds.



Lois McCormick-Shindoll giving her Norsk Games program. The hatchet is real!



Barb Taylor and Verl Lekwa playing a Norsk Tossing Game



Tossing target used by Verl and Barb



Arden Shindoll and Jon White playing a Norsk Board Game

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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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:
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Ruth Christ 351-7717
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