

RESTAURATION LODGE #548



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**The December social meeting will be
Tuesday, December 10, 2013
6:00 pm at Our Savior's Lutheran Church,
3634 1st Avenue N.E., Cedar Rapids, Iowa**

The program for December will be Ann Gesme presenting *The Wonderful World of Christmas Trees*.

We are having a light supper of pea soup (Cindy), rye bread and vafler for dessert. Hosts for the meeting will be the Restauration 548 board. Board members will set up at 5:00, serve and cleanup, but need not provide Norsk goodies as in the past, since we are having vafler for dessert.

A big Tusen Takk goes out to those members who provided food for the November social meeting wedding reception. A special thank you to Ardy Erickson and family and Wil Mickelson and family for the special Norwegian sandwiches they made.

FRA PRESIDENT

A big thank you to Marvin Robeck for rosemaling the immigrant trunk we will be sharing with school children and at our community events. Marvin presented the trunk to us at the last meeting and everyone was in awe of his talents. He made many of us think seriously about pursuing some classes. We have several items to put in our trunk and are in the process of developing a script. This spring we will pilot our presentation, make improvements and offer it to schools. Our first community engagement will be May 17, 2014 at the Cedar Rapids Public Library. We have a great opportunity to share our heritage on Syttende Mai in a beautiful new facility. The trunk will be the star of the show.

My grandchildren have a visitor called Elf on a Shelf that visits them in December. Elf is a bit of a prankster and is there to report to Santa on their behavior. My spin-off is a nisse (as it is called in Norway and far southern Sweden) who is at my house and will be featured each day on my Facebook page. In addition to pictures, I will share a fact or two about why a nisse is important to a family. My grandchildren are in Okinawa, Japan, and this is a way of entertaining and educating them. While visiting them for several weeks this fall, we made krumkake and took it to school on an in-service day when teachers had meetings and needed refreshments.

Please take time to study the list our book group will be reading this year. Select a month and join us.

TUSEN TAK AWARD Nominations are due the end of December.

BOOK CLUB

Book club this month will be Wednesday, December 18 at Ann Gesme's apartment. Books for discussion will be any book by Roald Dahl.

Please join our Restauration Lodge 2014 book group. Our book club reads works of Scandinavian- related authors and topics and strives to have variety in our choices. We meet the third Wednesday of the month at the home of Dean and Ann Gesme, Cottage Grove Place (2115 1st Ave SE). Please call Ann and Dean (319-362-6910) to let them know if you are coming, so we have enough chairs and dessert. Our monthly selections are listed below:

January 15 NAHA (Norwegian American Historical Association) article of choice from one of thirty- three journals published by NAHA since 1926. Available in our library or on-line. (Change in time - 12:00 eat lunch at Cottage Grove, 12:45 discussion)

February 19 *Heritage of Darkness* by Kathleen Ernst. In this mystery, Chloe Ellefson, a curator visiting Vesterheim Norwegian Museum in Decorah, Iowa, finds a body in one of the antique immigrant trunks. Barb Erickson (dessert and discussion)

March 19 *Kon-Tiki* by Thor Heyerdahl. The inspiring tale of daring and courage, a record of biologist Heyerdahl's adventure across the Pacific Ocean in a boat built of balsa wood, bamboo, and hemp. Ruth Christ (dessert and discussion)

April 16 Any book by children's author Jan Brett. The discussion will focus on her illustrations. Cindy Monroe (dessert and discussion) Ms. Brett's books are well-known for their colorful and detailed depictions of Scandinavia. After a trip to Norway, she was inspired to write three books!

May 21 *Escape from the Third Reich* by Sune Persson. The Swedish Red Cross expedition to the German concentration camps from March to April 1945 was the largest rescue effort inside Germany during WWII. Lois McCormick (dessert and discussion)

June, July, August -- NO MEETINGS

September 17 *Of Norwegian Ways* by Bengt Vanberg. A lighthearted, irreverent history and description of Norway. Ann Gesme (dessert and discussion)

October 15 *Stolen Genes, Stolen Children* by G.R. Revelle Two nursing students, one German and one Swedish-Norwegian, become friends before World War II and are reunited in 1965, each with a difficult war history to share. Mary Durspek (dessert and discussion) Available for \$3 on Kindle.

November 19 Charles or Anne Morrow Lindbergh book of your choice. The Lindberghs are American icons. We will go beyond "hero worship" in our discussion. Carolyn Rushton (dessert and discussion)

December 17 *Taste and Tales of Norway* by Siri Lise Doub. In addition to over 100 recipes of classic Norwegian dishes, readers will be enchanted with the historical accounts, local customs, and excerpts from Norwegian folk songs, traditional blessings, poetry, and mythology that are also included in this treasure of Norwegian cuisine. Ann Gesme (dessert and discussion)

NORWEGIAN LANGUAGE CLASS

Beginning Norwegian class – Not enough interest to hold the class at this time.

Advanced level by Tom Næsse has resumed. A new day is under consideration to foster more attendance.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BIRTHDAY</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>BIRTHDAY</u>
Mavis I Lovik	2	Joyce A Munson	26
Gerald A Erickson	17	Joan E Bredeson	27
Thorleif Næsse	22	Clarence J Sampson	28
Arden R Shindoll	22	Dean H Gesme	31
Robert J Thorkildson	25	Eldon W Wohlleben	31

FYI

Calendars are still available but limited so if you are interested in a calendar call Lois McCormick @ 377-2890. Cost is \$12.00.

See Barbara Erickson for Lingonberries. Cost is \$7.00.

NEWS FROM NORWAY

Winter storm headed for Northern Norway. Heavy snow, flooding and avalanches expected. Results on education among OECD countries released. Norway drops back in mathematics and science. The Norwegian housing market could be heading for trouble. Prices have dropped three months in a row. Last week in India, Magnus Carlsen, the son of a Norwegian engineer, became the new world chess champion, missing out by a few weeks on the distinction of being the youngest player ever to hold the title, but racking up the highest rating in the history of the game.

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 Veri Lekwa and get started on the SON exercise medal ladder. It acts as an incentive to stay healthy. Veri

OLE and LENA

On their honeymoon trip they were nearing Minneapolis when Ole put his hand on Lena's knee. Giggling, Lena said, "Ole, you can go farther than that if you want to". So Ole drove to Dulute.

RECIPE

Microwave Rommegrot (From Concordia Language Camp Cookbook)

1/2 C. butter

1/4 C. sugar

1/4 C. all-purpose flour

Dash of salt

3 C. milk

1 C. cream

Melt butter in microwave, cool slightly. Stir in sugar, flour and salt. In separate bowl, combine milk and cream. Cover and microwave to almost scalding. Mix a little of milk mixture with butter mixture, making sure there are no lumps. Microwave on HIGH for 3 to 4 minutes. Stir once each minute until thick. Serve warm with a little melted butter and cinnamon.

INSURANCE

Dave Tesdahl shared with us that he may be leaving as our Sons of Norway Financial Benefits Counselor. Our Lodge has appreciated his service on behalf of Sons of Norway and their products and his fellowship at meetings. If you have time, please email Len Carlson (lcarslson@sofn.com) to express our appreciation of Dave.

FOUNDATION

Wally Sundet will be collecting for the Foundation from those who were previously missed.

MINUTES

November 12, 2013 Social Meeting, Restauration Lodge 1-548, Sons of Norway Our Savior's Lutheran Church

- Meeting convened at 7:10 PM by President Cindy Charlson Monroe. 60 in attendance including 6 guests.
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Singing of "Star Spangled Banner" and "Ja Vi Elsker" accompanied by Sharon Kay Stang on piano.
- Insurance Representative: David Tesdahl –
 - Spoke about product for grandchildren
 - Medicaid part B decision date
 - Indicated that he may be replaced.
- Mary Ann Johnson, Zone Director, spoke on
 - ○ Scholarships for summer camp at Concordia
 - Convention in Duluth on June 12-14, 2014
 - Convention in Cedar Rapids in 2016
 - Tubfrim – Mentioned putting containers in post offices and churches.
- Immigrant Trunk: The trunk (which is a west coast trunk) has been decorated with Telemark Rosemaling by Marv Robeck
- Calendars available from Lois McCormick-Shindoll for \$12
- Social Directors' Report: Lois McCormick-Shindoll
 - Servers needed for next year. Signup sheet circulated.
 - December meeting will include serving of pea soup and rye bread. Members asked to bring Norwegian desserts.
- Lingonberries available from Barbara Erickson for \$7
- Book Club: Will discuss your favorite Norwegian Cook Book. To be held at Ann Gesmes
- Program: Barbara Taylor introduced Linda and Reg Shoesmith who presented a slide program on traditional Norwegian marriages. A renewal of marriage vows was taken by Joe and Jean Reed. Tom Naesse served as pastor, David and Ruth Christ served as attendants and Dale Fitzgibbons served as a fiddler.
- Norwegian food was served following the program.



Wedding party at the last Lodge meeting: Dale Fitzgibbons(Fiddler), Tom Næsse(Minister), Joe-Jean Reed mg couple, David and Ruth Christ (Wittnesses), Wedding presenters from the Davenport Lodge Linda and Reg Shoesmith



Cindy's Nisse



Cindy's Nisse in action



Our Immigrant trunk freshly rosemaled



Wedding couple Joe and Jean Reed and Witnesses David and Ruth Christ



Cindy and rosemaller Marvin Robeck



Sandwich makers at the wedding: Ardy-Jerry Erickson and daughters, Wil and Karen Mickelson and Anna Marie Klein.

Elected Officers:

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