

RESTAURATION LODGE #548



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**The February social meeting will be
Tuesday, February 11, 2014
7:00 pm at Our Savior's Lutheran Church,
3634 1st Avenue N.E., Cedar Rapids, Iowa**

The program for February will be Carolyn Rushton telling us about Marcus Thrane and Norwegian Theatre in America using the "SON Players" with a performance of "An American Servant Girl".

Hosts for the meeting will be Barbara Erickson and Jean Murray.

Fra Editors

Computer problems and an internet failure will limit this newsletter in certain aspects. We hope repairs will happen soon.

BOOK CLUB

The Book Club will meet at Cottage Grove Place at 1 P.M. on Wednesday, February 19, 2014. We will be discussing readings from *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. Barbara Erickson will serve dessert and lead the discussion.

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 can have enough chairs and dessert available.

Next month, 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)

NORWEGIAN LANGUAGE CLASS

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

Advanced level by Tom Næsse - - on recess. Will resume in February.

MESSAGE FROM DAVE TESDAHL

At the time of the New Year it is appropriate to look with gratitude to our past and with anticipation of new directions in our life. I am very appreciative of the opportunity to work with your Lodge over the past 10 years. I formed wonderful friendships and am grateful for the good times we have had together.

Early in 2014 I will be leaving the Sons of Norway as a Financial Benefits Counselor. Thanks for being so open to me and the Sons of Norway financial products. Hopefully, we have been able to accomplish some positive strides in assisting you in reaching towards your own financial security.

Keep up the great work- Restauration Lodge has demonstrated true leadership in maintaining membership, providing relevant programming, and being proactive in expanding the visibility of our organization in the community. It is important that we continue to make the effort to grow the Sons of Norway in a way that is sure to keep the organization strong for us and our succeeding generations.

While I am leaving my position as a FBC, I will continue to be an active member of the Lodge. I look forward to seeing you at upcoming Lodge activities.

Thanks again! Dave Tesdahl.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birth Day</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Birth Day</u>
Carson McCormick	1	Dean Slyter	4
Oliine Stigers	1	Sarah Gunderson	5
Terry Brende	2	Nicole Harrison	17
Lorie Meyer	4	Ron Larson	22
Candy Roberg	4		

Birthdays Correction from January list: Bev Reinertson - September 14

FYI

Calendars are all sold out but please save your old obsolete Norsk calendars and give to Lois to recycle for a project of hers.

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

NEWS FROM NORWAY

Storm and snow in southern Norway.

Heavy snowfall is expected along the southern coast of Norway. People are warned to clear the roofs so they won't collapse.



Dry and fire danger in middle part of Norway. Last week a heavy brush/grass fire wiped out a large part of the community of Flatanger, not far from Trondheim. Earlier, the community of Lærdal on the west coast of Norway lost several historical homes to a major fire. See below for picture.

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.

OLE and LENA

Lena was giving the operator on a long-distance call her phone number, but the operator was having a hard time understanding. Finally the operator said, "Do you have an area code?" Lena replied: "No, just a lit sinus trouble."

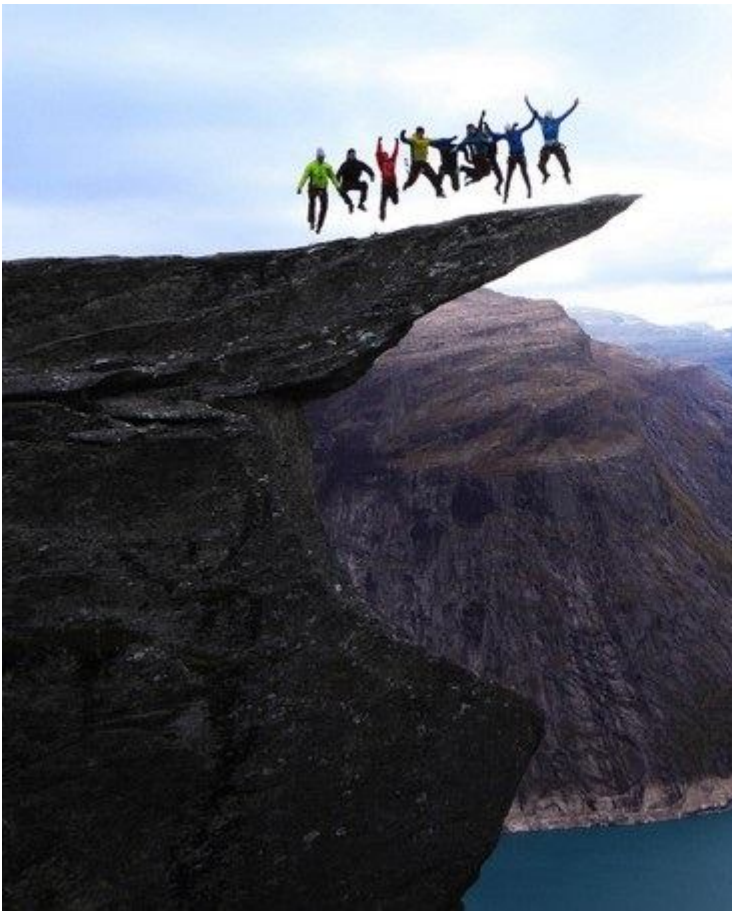
MINUTES

January 14, 2014, Social Meeting, Restauration Lodge 1-548, Sons of Norway
Our Savior's Lutheran Church

- Lutfisk Potluck convened at 6 PM by President Cindy Charlson Monroe. 45 in attendance including 6 guests.
- Table Prayer sung accompanied by Sharon Kay Stang on piano.
- Business meeting convened at 7:09 PM.
- Lutfisk cooks thanked (Verl Lekwa, Wilmer Mickelson, Nathan Tjelmeland)
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Singing of "America" and "Ja Vi Elsker" accompanied by Sharon Kay Stang on piano.
- Secretary's Report: Harold Williamson - Minutes as appeared in Newsletter approved.
- Treasurer's Report: Ding Sather – Checking \$2332.64, Savings \$8202.75
- Cultural Directors' Report: Barbara Taylor – Next month, a play "American Servant Girl" will be presented by Carolyn Rushton.
- Sunshine Report: Cheryl Zapf – Card to David Tesdahl for his contributions to lodge.
- Sports and Recreation: Verl Lekwa – Gave knitting award to Cindy Charlson Monroe.
- Book Club meets tomorrow, 11:30 AM at Ann Gesme's home. An article of choice from Norwegian American Historic Association journals will be discussed. On Feb. 19, "Heritage of Darkness" by Kathleen Ernst will be discussed.

- Membership lists can be picked up from table in front of room.
- Golden Member award to Joanne Oftedahl.
- News from Norway: Tom Naesse –
 - Lots of snow, many traffic jams.
 - Cod recommended as healthy food, high in omega 3
- Lutfisk article read by Tom Naesse.
- Norwegian Class: Will meet on Thursday, 6 PM
- Officers given their charge: Vice President - Barbara Erickson; Membership Secretary – Alan Erickson; Secretary – Harold Williamson; CoCultural Director – Beverly Robeck

- **Volunteers needed at community events:**
 - **April 19 – Lodge is co-sponsoring a family orienteering class with Indian Creek Nature Center.**
 - **May 17 – Lodge is celebrating the 200th anniversary of Norway’s constitution at Cedar Rapids Public Library**
- **Announcements:**
 - **Next Board Meeting is January 21, 7 PM, at Cindy Charlson Monroe’s house.**
 - **Next Social Meeting is February 11, 7 PM, at Our Savior’s Lutheran Church**
- **Program: Barbara Taylor presented program on Nobel Peace Prize**



Crazies jumping on the ledge at Trolltunga



Raging Fire at Flatanger



For those of you who missed it before-our marvelous immigrant trunk done by rosemalar Marvin Robeck and shown to President Cindy Monroe

Elected Officers:

President – Cindy Monroe 363-7420
Vice President – Barbara Erickson 377-1707
Secretary – Harold Williamson 338-5658
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Alan Erickson 377-1707
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