

RESTAURATION LODGE #548



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**The April social meeting will be
Tuesday, April 8, 2014
7:00 pm at Our Savior's Lutheran Church,
3634 1st Avenue N.E., Cedar Rapids, Iowa**

The program for April will be "Strong Norwegian Women" presented by Cindy Monroe.

Hosts for the meeting will be Anna Marie Klein, and Dale and Mavis Hovden.

FRA PRESEDENT

Spring is finally here. I know because I found my first fly in the house this morning after opening the doors and windows yesterday. With this fresh season upon us it is time to look at how we tell our community that Restauration exists and would like more members. We have worked hard to give human interaction to this goal by representing ourselves at the Linn County Fair, Ushers Ferry, Nordic Fest and the Herbert Hoover library in West Branch. This year we are adding our presence to a day (May 17) at Cedar Rapids' new public library. We feel our Immigrant Trunk presentation will reach many families. The best method will always be your willingness to one-on-one ask neighbors, friends, acquaintances and even strangers to attend one of our meetings. Please remember that, even as we engage in new opportunities to gain members. Going back to those new opportunities, what would you suggest? What can we do in smaller communities around Cedar Rapids and Iowa City? After taking several classes in the computer lab in the public library, is it time for us to offer a Norwegian genealogy class for the community? How can we use the 2016 District Convention to our advantage? Please share your thoughts with our board members.

SYTTENDE MAI BANQUET

Our celebration of Norway's Constitution Day will be on May 13th, 6:00 p.m. when we will have a catered meal for \$10.00 per ticket and a program "Rites of Passage" by Kathleen Stokker of Decorah. You don't want to miss this! She a Professor Emeritus of Scandinavian studies at Luther College.

Tickets will be on sale at the April meeting. Our dinner menu will be roast pork loin, potato encrusted cod, parsley buttered potatoes, vegetable of the day, salad, rolls and butter. Table service by the caterer. **MEMBERS ARE TO BRING NORWEGIAN DESSERTS. WE NEED RESERVATIONS BY MAY 9th.** If unable to get tickets at the next meeting and you are interested in attending, call Lois McCormick Shindoll at 377-2890. If a reservation is made, it must be paid for even if you are unable to attend.

TRAVEL- TRIP TO NORWAY

Busta Tour & Travel of Onalaska, WI is conducting a tour of Norway, visiting Bergen, Stalheim, Geiranger, Lillehammer, Oslo and points in between from July 14 to July 22 for \$3640 double occupancy. Reservation deadline is April 11 so contact them soon at 608-779-0175 or jimbustaband@yahoo.com.

BOOK CLUB

The Book Club will meet at Ann Gesme's at Cottage Grove Place at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, April 16, 2014. Books for discussion are any books by children's author Jan Brett with focus on her illustrations. 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! Cindy Monroe will lead the discussion and will also provide refreshments. Please let Ann and Dean know at (319-362-6910) or at augdhq@mchsi.com if you are coming, so enough chairs and dessert are available.

On May 21, we will read *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 will lead discussion and furnish dessert.

SYTTENDE MAI AT THE LIBRARY

Our lodge will be at the Cedar Rapids library on 17 May to present our Norwegian trunk, foods and crafts for patrons from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birth Day</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Birth Day</u>
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

NORWEGIAN LANGUAGE CLASS

Advanced level with Tom Næsse is on Thursday evenings at his home at 5823 Muirfield Dr SW Apt 3. Contact Tom at 319-841-2311.

NEWS FROM NORWAY

Previous Norwegian Prime Minister Jens Stoltenberg will become the next Secretary General for NATO. EU orders Norway to reverse tax on imported cheese.

Wages are predicted to be lower says Professor Lars Sørsgard at the Norwegian School of Economics. The professor thinks that a lower wage level is almost impossible to avoid when Norwegian companies establish new departments abroad.

A weaker Krone makes Norway more affordable for tourists, yet tourism from the Netherlands and Germany has fallen off due to local economic conditions.

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

Ole bought Lena a piano for her birthday. A few weeks later, Lars inquired how she was doing with it.

'Oh,' said Ole, 'I persvaded her to svitch to a clarinet. 'How come?' asked Lars.

'Vell,' Ole answered, 'because vith a clarinet, she can't sing.

MINUTES

March 11, 2014 Social Meeting, Restauration Lodge 1-548, Sons of Norway Our Savior's Lutheran Church

- Meeting convened at 7:05 PM by President Cindy Charlson Monroe. 27 in attendance.
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Sing of "America" and "Ja Vi Elsker" accompanied by Anna Marie Klein on piano.
- Treasurer's Report: Ding Sather – Checking \$1830.80, Savings \$8202.75 All bills paid.
- Secretary's Report: Minutes of February 14, as appeared in Newsletter, approved.
- Social Directors' Report: Lois McCormick-Shindoll –
 - Servers for tonight are: Cheryl Zapf, Sandy Van Amburg, Mary Brubaker
 - Servers for April are: Anna Marie Klein, Dale and Mavis Hovden
 - Need servers for July and November
- Membership Report: Alan Erickson – 131 members.
- Sunshine Report: Cheryl Zapf – Card to Oline Stigers, injury
- Sports and Recreation: Verl Lekwa – Award to be given to Carey Trantham for bicycling
- Book Club meets on March 19, Wednesday, 1 PM, and will discuss "Kon Tiki"
 - On April 16, any book of children's author, Jan Brett, will be discussed.
- Library: Lois McCormick-Shindoll gave a report on books checked out.
- Feel free to check out books from the table (mostly Scandinavian mystery or from cabinet (academic and of 'more historical value')
- News from Norway: David Christ reported that:
 - Controversy over schools banning brown cheese because contains too much sugar.
 - Billboard erected by Sweden on border showing that prices at McDonalds are higher in Norway than in Sweden.
 - A non native raccoon spotted in Norway. Concern for damage that they cause.
 - Spring is coming to Norway – The sun is reappearing.
 - Celebration of Bicentennial of Constitution, Syttende Mai, beginning.
- Election of Delegates to District Convention on June 12-14.
 - Cindy, Charlson Monroe, Barbara and Alan Erickson elected.
 - Bev and Marvin Robeck selected as alternates.
- Announcements:
 - Next Board Meeting, March 18, 7 PM at Cindy Charlson Monroe's home.
 - Next Social Meeting, April 8, 7 PM. Program is about Strong Norwegian Women.
 - Volunteers needed at community events:
- April 19 – Our Lodge is co-sponsoring a family orienteering class with Indian Creek Nature Center
- May 17 – Our Lodge is celebrating the 200th anniversary of Norway's constitution (Syttende Mai) at Cedar Rapids Public Library
- June 27 – Staff table at Linn County Fair
- Program: David Christ presented a talk on "Men of Stone and Steel: Norwegian Engineers who Helped Build America"



900 yr old Borglund Stave Church- Lærdal



Our Lutefisk cooks at work Jan 2013
Joe Reed, Verl Lekwa, and Will Mickelson



Pictures from Norway – The Geiranger Fjord. There is a 10-turn switchback road from the bottom to the top. [Confirmed- we have been there- Ed] . Again, a person can be seen on a ledge above it all!



Viking ship at sail



Elected Officers:

President – Cindy Monroe 363-7420
Vice President – Barbara Erickson 377-1707
Secretary – Harold Williamson 338-5658
Treasurer – Ding Sather 393-7310

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Sons of Norway representatives:

Nathan Tjelmeland 319-826-5366
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Web master: Robert Thorkildson 721-9902

Appointed Officers:

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Foundation-Wally Sundet 393-6971
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Tom Næsse 841-2311

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