

RESTAURATION LODGE #548



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The May social meeting at Our Savior's Lutheran church in Cedar Rapids on Tuesday, 13 May, will be the SYTTENDE MAI BANQUET, our celebration of Norway's Constitution Day. The meal will be catered by LJ's. Tickets are \$10.00 for the dinner. We will eat at 6:00 p.m. 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. A program will follow the meal. Bring plastic containers for possible leftovers.

If you do not have a ticket and are interested in attending you must let Lois McCormick Shindoll know by May 9th. She will be calling in reservations to LJ's on that date. Call 319-377-2890 and leave a message if she doesn't answer. If a reservation is made, it must be paid for even if you are unable to attend.

Members are to bring Norwegian desserts as you are able. Those attending are encouraged to wear bunads and or Norwegian sweaters. It will be a festive evening you won't want to miss. Hosts for the meeting will be board members who should arrive by 5:00 pm to help set up.

The program following the meal will be "Rites of Passage" presented by Kathleen Stokker of Decorah. She is a Professor Emeritus of Scandinavian studies at Luther College. Kathleen Stokker has been at Luther College since 1978. She retired in Spring 2012. During her time at Luther, she has completed a beginning textbook in Norwegian (with Odd Haddal) and an anthology of readings for intermediate students. She has also written books about the way Norwegians used humor to survive their occupation by Hitler's forces during World War 2, and on the development and meaning of Norwegian Christmas customs. Her most recent book, *Remedies and Rituals*, focuses on folk medicine in Norway and the New Land.

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.

BOOK CLUB

The Book Club will meet at Ann Gesme's at Cottage Grove Place at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, May 21, 2014. 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 Shindoll will lead discussion and furnish dessert.

No meetings in June, July and August.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birth Day</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Birth Day</u>
Ardith B Erickson	1	Phillip L Hanson	12
Anna M Klein	2	Eileen M Kjonaas	13
Ruth W Berger	4	Waldemar S Sundet	19
Miles Hsiao-ling Pei	5	W David Tesdahl	20
Nathan Tjelmeland	6	Carolyn A Rushton	21
Marvel A Titone	10	Cheryl L Zapf	28
Wendy L Christian	11		

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. No class in June, July, and August.

NEWS FROM NORWAY

The Oslo FrP (Progressive party) voted to not support Oslo's OL-application for the 2022 Winter Olympics, even though the general Oslo population is for it. The issue is financial guarantee from the national government.. Petter Northug, one of Norway's noted cross country athletes admits to DUI after a serious accident.



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.

OLE and LENA

Ole and Sven grabbed their poles and headed out to do some ice fishing. As they were augering a hole in the ice they heard a loud voice from above say, "There are no fish under the ice."

Ole and Sven moved about 25 feet over and started to make another hole. The voice said a little stronger, " There are no fish under the ice."

They both looked around and then looked up. Ole said in a humble voice, "Are you God?" The voice spoke back, "No ya idiots! I'm the ice rink attendant."

MINUTES

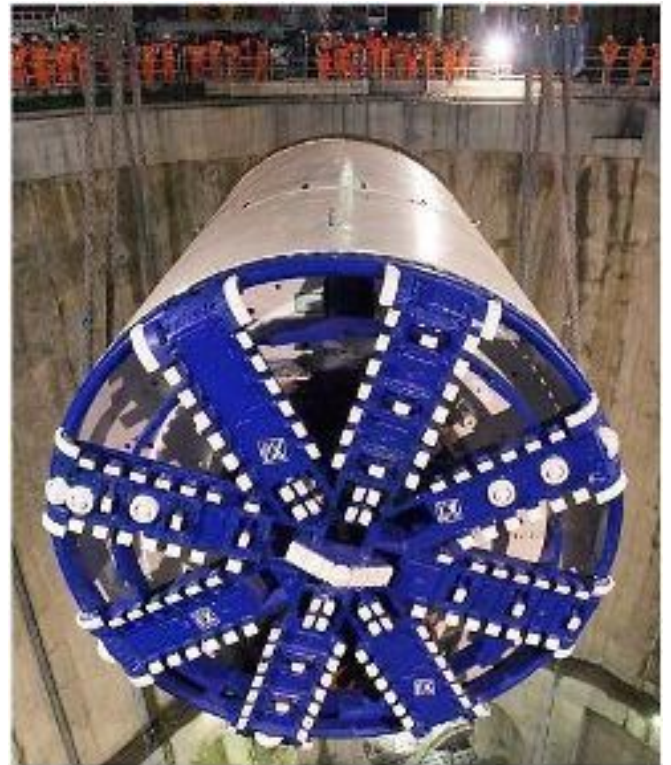
April 8, 2014 Social Meeting, Restauration Lodge 1-548, Sons of Norway

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

- Meeting convened at 7:07 PM by President Cindy Charlson Monroe. 36 in attendance including one guest.
- Pledge of Allegiance and 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 \$1709.34, Savings \$8434.60
- Social Secretaries' Report: Lois McCormick Shindoll –
 - Syttende Mai Banquet on May 13, 6 PM. Members should bring desserts. Tickets should be purchased by May 9.
- Cultural Directors' Report: Barbara Taylor – Kathleen Stokker, Professor Emeritus of Scandinavian Studies at Luther College, will give a talk entitled "Rites of Passage" at Syttende Mai Banquet.
- Membership Director's Report: Alan Erickson – 130 members
- Sunshine Report: Cheryl Zapf – Thelma Hottel died, card to family; Mother of Bob Thorkildson died. She was 102 years old.
- Sports and Recreation Director: Verl Lekwa – Indicated a couple of medals in the works.
- Book Club: Next Wednesday, 12:30 PM. Book of choice by Jan Brett.
- What's New in Norway: Tom Naesse –
 - Tesla is number one selling car in Norway
 - SAS beginning Houston, Texas to Norway route.
 - There is Tesla taxi now in Norway
 - For a movie "King's Choice" being made in Norway, cannon in harbor fired for first time since World War II.
 - Stavanger University reported that students learn better with regular books than with electronic books.
- Norwegian Class: Tom Naesse – Indicated that classes will be suspended in summer.
- President Cindy Charlson Monroe reported that the lodge had received a \$250 grant from the SON Foundation for the traveling trunk.
- David Christ indicated that the Stavanger Brass Band will be playing at the Coralville Center for Performance Arts on April 17, Thursday, at 7:30 PM.
- Son of Norway Representative: Nathan Tjelmeland mentioned insurance products.
- Orienteering Class: Cindy Charlson Monroe and Nathan Tjelmeland met with Indian Creek Nature Center
- Program entitled "Strong Norwegian Women" presented by Cindy Charlson Monroe



Tom Næsse and Stavanger Brass Band member at the recent concert in IA City.



New tunnel boring machine- 33 ft in diameter. It will be used on a new tunnel for the railroad through the Ulrikken mountain in Bergen. It is being lowered down to start work. Note men in the background in orange suits. It is huge!!!



Cindy lecturing at the April meeting on Strong Norwegian Women.



7 Sisters Falls in More og Romsdal



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