

RESTAURATION LODGE #548



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**The March social meeting will be Tuesday, March 10, 2015
at 7:00 PM at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Cedar Rapids**

The program for the March 10 meeting will be provided by the Education staff at the University of Iowa with respect to ESL-English as a Second Language. Assistant Professors Pamela Wesely and Lia Plakens and counterparts from Norway will tell of the efforts to connect American and Norwegian ESL teachers.

Hosts for the meeting will be Bill and Mary Durspek and Ron and Ann Larson.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following were elected as officers at the February meeting:

President: Barbara Erickson Vice President: Cindy Monroe
Secretary: Harold Williamson Treasurer: Delaine "Ding" Sather
Membership Secretary: Alan Erickson
Social Directors: Barbara Taylor and Lois Shindoll
Cultural Directors: Beverly Robeck with a second to be determined

BOOK CLUB

Book club will meet Wednesday, March 18th at 12 noon at the Grill at Cottage Grove Place. Ann Gesme will furnish lunch and Barbara Erickson will lead the discussion of any book about the Norwegian painter, Edvard Munch. Please let Ann know if you will be with us Wednesday, March 18.

NORWEGIAN LANGUAGE CLASS

Every Thursday at 6PM at Tom Næsse's house

MARCH BIRTHDAYS:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birth Day</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Birth Day</u>
Gerard Rushton	3	Karl M Knutson	18
Robert J Erlandson	5	Grace L Williamson	19
Russell M Hansen	6	Dan M Legrand	23
Kerith Lucille St Louis	6	Travis E Cleveland	25
Mary M Durspek	11	Eldon L Neighbor	26
Madison Stonewall	14	Susan M Johansen	27
Morgan Stonewall	14	Ingrid Naesse	28
Merle K Kjonaas	15		

SKIING UFFDA

Our friend and SON website expediter, Bob Thorkildson, has had a skiing mishap while on vacation in Montana. He is, thankfully, home now after surgeries to repair broken bones in his leg. I am sure that he and Nancy would love to have any cheery messages from us as he continues his recovery.

VIDEOS FOR STREAMING [David Christ]

This may be of interest to Restauration members:

While searching for some information on the NRK (Norwegian TV) site I discovered a page that lists all the videos that are available for streaming to people outside of Norway. The range of subjects is considerable. The audio, of course, tends to be in Norwegian but much is there even for those who do not speak the language. The site is

<http://tv.nrk.no/programmer/utland>

NEWS FROM NORWAY

A Sharp drop has been experienced in exports from Norway. Export of goods from Norway amounted to NOK 71.6 billion in the first month of 2015. This is a decline of 20.9 per cent compared with the corresponding month last year. Fish worth NOK 5.5 billion were exported in January. This is a decrease of 4.6 per cent compared with January 2014. Exports of fresh whole salmon decreased by nearly NOK 120 million, but also fewer exports of frozen cod and herring contributed to the decline in fish exports. Cod fishing is delayed this year and is reflected in the export figures.

Strike: Norway is at a stand-still, protests are against the Government's proposed changes in the Health and Safety at Work Act. The unions claim the proposed changes will lead to increased use of temporary employment, longer shifts, more compulsory overtime and more frequent work on weekends. The strike, between 14:00 and 16:00 hours local time will affect kindergarten and schools, public transport, including air travel and train services. However, planes in the air will be allowed to land at Norwegian airports. Hospitals will also be affected, but emergency clinics will be open.

And for the first time ever: Pastors of the Norwegian Lutheran Church (Den norske Kirke) will also participate in a strike.

RECIPE (Ann Gesme)

Rice Porridge (*Risengrøt*)

1-1/2 c. rice

3 c. water

1 tsp. salt

Cook together for 10 minutes

Add 5 cups milk, one cup at a time.

Cover and simmer for 30 minutes

Add 2 Tbsp sugar, 1 tsp. vanilla

Serve with a dollop of butter and sprinkle with cinnamon and sugar

EXERCISE NOTE

If you are doing anything to stay in condition, from walking in a mall, to biking, 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 SVEN

Sven and Ole worked together in a Minnesota factory.....and both were laid off. So...dey vent to der Unemployment Office togedder.

Asked his occupation, Ole said, "Panty Stitcher. I sew da elastic onto da ladies cotton panties." The clerk looked up Panty Stitcher. Finding it classified as unskilled labor, she gave Ole \$300 a week in unemployment compensation.

Sven, when asked his occupation replied, "Diesel Fitter". The clerk looked up Diesel Fitter...and it was classified as skilled. So, the clerk gave Sven \$600 a week in unemployment compensation.

When Ole found this out, he was just furious! He stormed back into the office to find out why his friend and co-worker was collecting double his benefits.

The clerk explained, "Panty Stitchers are unskilled labor and Diesel Fitters are skilled labor."

"Vat skill ? yelled Ole. "I sew da elastic on da panties. Sven puts dem over his head and says, "Yah,----- DIESEL FITTER

MINUTES

**February 10, 2015 Social Meeting, Restauration Lodge 1-548,
Sons of Norway, Our Savior's Lutheran Church**

- **Convened at 7:10 PM by President Cindy Charlson Monroe. 39 in attendance, including 6 guests.**
- **Pledge of Alliance**
- **Singing of "America" and "Ja Vi Elsker" led by Tom Naesse**
- **Short discussion of DNA analyses**
- **Treasurer's Report: Ding Sather – Checking \$2155.24 Savings \$7833.11 Bills all paid.**
- **Secretary's Report: Harold Williamson – Minutes approved as appeared in Newsletter**
- **Cultural Directors' Report: Barbara Taylor -**
 - **Cultural skills for knitting medal awarded to Thea O'Grady**
 - **Cooking cultural skills discussed**
- **Membership Secretary: Alan Erickson – 129 members**
- **Sunshine Report: Cheryl Zapf – Cards to Joe Reed (illness), Mavis Lovik (loss of son), Nancy Hansen (illness)**
- **Book Club – Meets Wednesday February 18 at Gesmes. Will discuss books on Norman Borlaug**
- **Nominating Committee submitted the following:**
 - **For President: Barbara Erickson**
 - **For Vice President: Cindy Charlson Monroe**
 - **For Treasurer: Ding Sather**
 - **For Social Director: Barbara Taylor**
 - **For Cultural Director: Dale Fitzgibbons**
- **It was moved by Harold Williamson and seconded that the rules be suspended and that the election take place tonight rather than next meeting. Passed. Above nominees then elected.**
- **Presidents Report: Cindy Charlson Monroe -**
 - **Lodge will participate in following events: Syttende Mai program at Cedar Rapids Library, Hoover Fest, Linn County Fair (to be held in a new air conditioned building)**

- Signup sheets requesting volunteers for activities at 2016 District Convention are on each table. Dates for convention are: June 9, 10, 11, 2016 (Thursday, Friday, Saturday)
- New book by Jo Nesbo - “Head Hunter”
- Kudos to Alan Erickson for installing a door bell entitled “yahoodie” on church for SON Social meeting attendees.
- **Announcements:**
 - Next Board Meeting will be February 24, 7 PM, at Cindy Charlson Monroe’s house.
 - Next Social Meeting will be March 10, 7 PM. Exchange students at the University of Iowa from Norway will present the program.
- **Program:**
Mette-Gro Kelley presented program entitled “A Pickled Herring out of Water” on her experiences as an immigrant from Norway to USA



Thea O'Grady receiving a knitting medal from Barbara Taylor



Mette-Gro Kelley Lecturing on her immigration experiences



Sample of Knitting Medal



First bananas to Norway in 1905

Elected Officers:

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

Membership Secretary –
Alan Erickson 377-1707
Cultural Directors – TBD
Beverly Robeck 319-512-0331

Social Directors --Barbara Taylor 393-0844
Lois Shindoll 377-2890

Sons of Norway representatives:

Eldon Neighbor 319-350-9101

Appointed Officers:

Auditors:
Verl Lekwa 738-2847
Ruth Christ 351-7717
Bob Thorkildson 721-9902
Foundation-Wally Sundet 393-6971
Historian-Paula Schulte 396-1076
Language Facilitator
Tom Næsse 841-2311

Past President- Cindy Monroe 363-7420
Librarian- Lois Shindoll 377-2890
Musician-Sharon Kay Stang 351-5133
Newsletter Editors-Mary/Bill Durspek 377-4480
Scholarship-Lois Shindoll 377-2890
Sports/Recreation/Youth-Verl Lekwa 728-2847
Sunshine-Cheryl Zapf 363-5326
Publicity-

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