

RESTAURATION LODGE #548



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**The April social meeting will be Tuesday, April 14, 2015
at 7:00 PM at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Cedar Rapids**

The program for the April 14 meeting will be on The Resistance Movement in Norway during World War II by Dave Amdahl.

Hosts for the meeting will be Cheryl Zaph, Mary Brubaker and Sandra Van Amburg.

FRA PRESIDENT

April is a time for new beginnings and planning for the next months. As newly elected president, I am excited about the programs for 2015. A very big thank you to Cindy Charlson Monroe for her leadership as president the past several years. The board welcomes Dale Fitzgibbons to the co-cultural director's position with Beverly Robeck. I thank the returning board members for their continued involvement and look forward to working with them.

May's social meeting is the Syttende Mai banquet on May 12. This meeting is a wonderful time to invite a friend and introduce them to Sons of Norway. Later that week on Saturday May 16th our lodge will present our Norwegian trunk, foods and crafts at the Cedar Rapids library.

Vice-president Cindy Charlson Monroe and I will be attending District 1 Zone 7 meetings with other lodges. The officers from District 1 will be in Cedar Rapids in May to visit and discuss the 2016 convention. Hosting a convention is a large venture, so please consider how you would like to be involved.

SYTTENDE MAI

We will celebrate Norway's Constitution Day on May 12th at 6:00 p.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. We will have a catered meal of roast pork loin, potato encrusted cod, parsley buttered potatoes, vegetable medley, salad, rolls and butter. **MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO BRING DESSERTS.** Cost per person is \$10.00. Tickets will be available at the April meeting. **WE NEED RESERVATIONS BY MAY 8th.** Call Lois Shindoll at 377-2890 if you will not be at the April meeting and will need a reservation.

The program is Jean Reed on Bunads. Board members are asked to come at 5:00 to set up tables.

BOOK CLUB

Book club will meet Wednesday, April 15th at 1:00 pm at our house. Since we didn't have it last month we will be discussing the Munch book as well as My Struggle - the April book. Please let Ann know if you will be with us Wednesday, April 15.

NORWEGIAN LANGUAGE CLASS

Every Thursday at 6PM at Tom Nässe's house

NOTE ON BROCHURE MAILING

2015 Program Brochure: Attention to members receiving the new program brochure in the mail. You need to open it totally up as the membership list is on the inside of the brochure. Also if you find we have made an error about your information, please call Lois Shindoll at 377-2890.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birth Day</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Birth Day</u>
Quin M Cornell	4	V. Jean Reed	21
Zachery E Williamson	7	Richard K Isaacson	25
Jeffery D Christ	9	Ann M Gesme	29
Espen C H Anneling	10	Isabelle McCormick	29
Patricia R Knutson	16	Owen Hanson	30
Jennifer M Rand	20	Ryal Hanson	30

INVESTMENT NOTE

From your SON insurance representatives: Are you tired of the CD rates banks and credit unions are offering? Frustrated that your savings are earning so little? Why not contact Eldon Neighbor and check out what Sons of Norway can do for you? Your Fraternal is paying 4.85% interest on your money. This offer may be perfect for you so give Eldon a call at 319-350-9101 for more details.

NEWS FROM NORWAY

Jihadists from terror groups like ISIL (IS) in Syria, Boko Haram in Nigeria and Al-Shabaab in Somalia have been among persons who have sought asylum in Norway, according to the newspaper Dagsavisen. During questioning, the police have confiscated mobile phones with photos of torture and executions. This has been confirmed by the police to the newspaper. Asylum seekers who have participated in criminal activities, will not be given refugee status in Norway

OLE and LENA

Ole was talking with his brother Sven, who lived next door, when Sven said, "Ya know Ole, you and Lena should really get some new curtains." "Vy's dat?" Ole asked. "Vel last night I saw you and Lena, vel you know..." Ole thought for awhile, then said, "Ha-ha Sven, da yokes on you! I vasn't even home last night!"

EXERCISE See Veri Lekwa for information and available medals

MINUTES

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

- Convened about 7 PM by President Cindy Charlson Monroe. 33 in attendance with one guest.
- Pledge of Allegiance and singing of "America" and "Ja Vi Elsker" accompanied by Sharon Kay Stang on piano.
- Treasurer's report: Ding Sather – Checking \$2152.49 Savings \$7832.11 All bills paid.
- Secretary's report: Harold Williamson – Minutes of February 10 as appeared in Newsletter approved.
- Social Directors' report: Lois Shindoll – LJ caterers will do Syttende Mai dinner.
- Membership Director's report: Alan Erickson – 128 members

- **Sunshine report: Mother-in-law of Cheryl Zapf died. Bob Thorkildson had skiing accident.**
- **Scholarship committee report: Cindy Charlson Monroe indicated that three youngsters had received scholarships for the summer Norwegian language camp at Skogfjorden.**
- **Book Club: Will meet March 18 at Gesmes. Any book on Edvard Munch may be read.**
- **News from Norway: Tom Naesse –**
 - **Strike by pilots on Norwegian air shuttle settled.**
 - **Norwegian Kroner now 8.11 to the dollar. Travel to Norway will be cheaper.**
- **Sons of Norway insurance representative: Jacob Scroggin representing Eldon Neighbor spoke about a life insurance policy that pays 4.2% on savings.**
- **President’s report: Cindy Charlson Monroe**
 - **Mentioned a knitting gadget that can be used to make braid.**
- **Installation of new officer: Lois Shindoll gave charge to newly elected officers.**
 - **President – Barbara Erickson**
 - **Vice President – Cindy Charlson Monroe**
 - **Treasurer – Ding Sather**
 - **Social Director – Barbara Taylor (joins Lois Shindoll as co-director)**
 - **Cultural Director – Dale Fitzgibbons (joins Beverly Robeck as co-director)**
- **Barbara Erickson then chaired the meeting**
- **President Barbara Erickson’s report:**
 - **Indicated that there would be a talk “Looking in and out of Elisabeth Koren’s Pantry” by David Faldet on March 12, 6:30 PM, at Old Capitol in Iowa City.**
 - **Introduced John Hanson, a teacher at Linn-Mar, who indicated he had received a Fulbright scholarship for a year in Norway as a “Roving American Scholar”.**
 - **Introduced Thea O’Grady, who said she had been elected as President of the “Prairie Yarn Over Knitting Guild” She indicated that Prairie Yarn Kitting Guild and Home Ec Workshop are hosting a colorwork workshop on March 23 (cost \$40) which will be given by Arnhild Hillesland of Arnhild’s Knitting Studio. Contact Thea O’Grady (401-617-0332) to enroll.**
 - **Presented flowers to Cindy Charlson Monroe from the lodge in appreciation of Cindy’s performance as president.**
- **Announcements:**
 - **Next Board Meeting, March 17, 7 PM, at Cindy Charlson Monroe’s house.**
 - **Next Social Meeting, April 14, 7 PM, at Our Savior’s Lutheran Church. Program will be presented by Dave Amdahl on Norwegian Resistance Movement.**
- **Program: Beverly Robeck introduced Lia Plakans and Pam Wesely, professors of Foreign Language in the College of Education at the University of Iowa, who gave presentation on the Iowa-Norway Teacher Education Exchange program.**



New Officers for 2015, Ding Sather, Dale Fitzgibbons, Barb Taylor, Barbara Erickson, Cindy Monroe



Thea O'Grady telling of new knitting class in Ames on 23 May



Flowers from New President Barbara Erickson to past President Cindy Monroe



Lecturers on Teacher Exchange-U of IA Profs Wesely and Plakens



Member John Hanson who received a Fulbright scholarship to Norway to be a Roving Scholar

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 –
Beverly Robeck 319-512-0331
Dale Fitzgibbons 365-7704
Social Directors --Barbara Taylor 393-0844
Lois Shindoll 377-2890

Sons of Norway representatives:

Eldon Neighbor 319-350-9101
Jacob Scroggin 319-842-2340

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

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