

RESTAURATION LODGE #548



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**The May social meeting will be Tuesday, May 12, 2015
at 6:00 PM at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Cedar Rapids**

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. **WE NEED RESERVATIONS BY MAY 8th.** Call Lois Shindoll at 377-2890 if you were not at the April meeting and need a reservation. Board members are asked to come at 5:00 to set up tables.

The program for the May 12 meeting will be The Resistance Movement in Norway during World War II in the Trøndelag area by David Amdahl from Decorah. This was rescheduled from April.

Hosts for the meeting will be the board.

FRA PRESIDENT

May is turning out to be a busy month. Our annual Syttende Mai dinner will be held Tuesday, May 12 starting at 6 pm.. A big thank you to Cindy Charlson Monroe for presenting our Norwegian Immigrant Trunk at the April meeting. The trunk will be shared at Cottage Grove and at the Norsk club in Iowa City in May. The presentation of the trunk and stories associated with its contents was very interesting and is an excellent means of education and outreach. Our lodge will again be sharing all things Norwegian on Saturday May 16 at the Cedar Rapids Public Library. Finally a sad farewell to Jean and Joe Reed who have moved to South Dakota. I hope to see you at the Syttende Mai dinner.

BOOK CLUB

Book Club will meet Wednesday, May 20th at Gesme's. Lois will lead the discussion of *The Bridal Wreath*, the first book of the *Kristin Lavransdatter* Trilogy by Sigrid Undset

NORWEGIAN LANGUAGE CLASS

Every Thursday at 6 PM at Tom Næsse's home.

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.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Name	Birth Day	Name	Birth Day
Ardith B Erickson	1	Phillip L Hanson	12
Anna M Klein	2	Eileen M Kjonaas	13
Miles Hsiao-ling Pei	5	Waldemar S Sundet	19
John L Hanson	8	David W Tesdahl	20
Marvel A Titone	10	Carolyn A Rushton	21
Wendy L Christian	11	Cheryl L Zapf	28

NEW BOOK ON NORWAY

American author John A. Yilek has written a new book called *History of Norway*, which clearly describes Norway's history from the Stone Age to the present day. It is unique in that it is one of the few comprehensive histories of Norway by an author from an English-speaking country in recent times. The book is filled with stories of Vikings, the Sami, kings and queens, farmers and fishermen, the Black Death, the Reformation, Norwegian independence, emigration from Norway to America, polar explorers, World War II in Norway, and much more.

NEWS FROM NORWAY

The falling Kroner value has boosted Norwegian tourism. "It has recently become much cheaper to travel to Norway." This will have an effect for us in 2015, says Market Strategist John Linløyken in Northern Norway Tourist Board. Whereas 2013 was a slow year for Norwegian tourism, the number of overnight stays in Norwegian hotels, camping sites and hostels has increased by 960,000 during the first three quarters of 2014 compared to the same period last year.

RECIPE - Skalade Daddel Kake.

(Chocolate-Chip Date Cake)

1C. Chopped dates

1 t. baking soda

Pour 1-1/2 C. boiling water over dates; stir and cool.

Cream the following: 1/2 C. shortening, 1 C. sugar, 2 eggs, well beaten

Add: cooled date mixture

Sift and add:

1-1/4 C. plus 3 full T. flour plus 1/2 t. salt plus 3/4 t. baking soda

Spread batter in a greased and floured 9x13 inch pan and sprinkle with topping

Topping

One 8 oz pkg choco-chips (mini may be best) and 1/2 C. sugar and 1/2 C. chopped nuts

Bake at 350 deg for 30 Minutes .

EXERCISE See Verl Lekwa for information and available medals

MINUTES

April 14, 2015 Social Meeting, Restauration Lodge 1-548, Sons of Norway, Our Savior's Lutheran Church

- Convened at 7:15 PM by President Barbara Erickson, 38 in attendance, including two guests
- Constance Rogers, Director of Zone 7 was introduced. She spoke of her goal to increase membership in District 1 to 10,000.
- Pledge of Allegiance and singing of "America" and "Ja Vi Elsker" accompanied by Sharon Kay Stang on piano.
- Treasurer's Report: Ding Sather – Checking \$1664.08 Savings \$7864.26 All bills paid.
- Secretary's Report: Harold Williamson – minutes of March 10 approved with corrections.

- **Social Directors' Report: Lois Shindoll –**
 - Syttende Mai dinner discussed. Members asked to bring desserts. Board members asked to come at 5 PM to help set up. Dinner will be served at 6 PM. Cost \$10. Payment due by May 8. Program changed. Jean Reed moving to South Dakota. Dave Amdahl will present program on Norwegian Resistance Movement in World War II.
 - Need another server for July 14
- **Cultural Directors' Report: Beverly Robeck – Syttende Mai Banquet on May 12 at 6 PM.**
- **Membership Director's report: Alan Erickson – 128 members**
- **Sunshine report: Cheryl Zapf –**
 - Noted that Clarence Sampson died. Funeral on April 16 at Murdoch Funeral home.
 - Card to Bob Thorkildson, skiing accident
 - Card to Merill Ludvigson, loss of son
 - Bev Reinertson died
 - Bon voyage card to Jean Reed
 - Card to Pat Bjorseth, surgery
 - Card to Sara Knutson, surgery
- **Sports and Recreation – Jean Murray showed her medals for cross country skiing and bicycling.**
- **Book Club – Meets tomorrow at Gesmes. The Books on Munch and “My Struggle” will be discussed.**
- **Vice President's report: Cindy Charlson Monroe spoke about District Convention in 2016.**
 - She and Barbara Erickson to meet with District 1 board in regard to District Convention.
 - They also meet weekly with Anna Marie Klein.
 - Bags with wooden hearts. These need to be sanded and painted. Members asked to volunteer.
 - Asked members to note what flowers are blooming June 9-16. Want this information, so can get donated flowers next year for the district convention.
 - Small wooden trunks. These also need to be painted. Volunteers needed.
 - Will use paddles to vote.
 - Need vendors.
- **News from Norway: Ton Naesse –**
 - April 9 was 75th anniversary of German invasion of Norway
 - May 8 will be 70 anniversary of freedom from German rule.
 - Fall in oil prices hurting state funding
 - 8.09 Kroner to Dollar now. Thus great time to visit Norway
 - Dave Christ indicated that “Out Stealing Horses” now available in England. Also indicated that drunk driving penalties in Norway are very high. 1st offence, 1 month in jail, 2 year loss of license and fine. 2nd offence, one month in jail, 5 year loss of license plus fine. Fines are \$6000 minimum and higher based on income.
- **Lois Shindoll**
 - Mentioned brochure of lodge distributed last meeting.
 - Name tags available for \$8 from Solbergs. Contact Lois.
 - Help needed to trim donated stamps for Tubfrim.
 - Norwegian Female Choir performing in Minneapolis and also in Decorah on May 23. Lois arranging rides.
- **Announcements:**
 - District one meeting in Austin, MN

- Still have openings in colorworks class which is May 23. Call Thea O'Grady at 402-617-0332 to enroll
- Next Board Meeting, April 20, 7 PM, at Cindy Charlson Monroe's house.
- Next Social Meeting, May 12, 6 PM, Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Syttende Mai banquet.
- Program – Dave Amdahl had to cancel due to illness in family. Cindy Charlson Monroe substituted. She gave program on the Norwegian Immigrant Trunk that she and lodge have put together.



Cindy Monroe Lecturing on our Immigrant Trunk



Our Immigrant Trunk Contents



Poster showing American immigration sights with a trunk purchased in Norway by the Robecks on a trip there.



Table decorations at the April meeting.

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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