

RESTAURATION LODGE #548



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

The program for July is a one-act comedy, "Who Grinds the Coffee?" by Marcus Thrane. This play was written in 1867 for a Norwegian-American audience, who often were struggling to adapt to immigrant life in America while remembering the life they left behind in Norway.

The cast: Lois McCormick Schindoll, Beverly Robeck, Marvin Robeck and Dale Fitzgibbons.

Hosts for the meeting will be Mette Kelley and Lois Shindoll.

FRA PRESIDENT

What a busy summertime for our lodge. We participated in the Iowa City Global Village June 7. Lots of children and their parents stopped by to take a picture with Olaf from Frozen, design and cut out paper snowflakes, and visit our booth. We were at the Cedar Rapids City Market June 20 where our bubble machine was a hit and we visited with families. Cindy took the Immigrant trunk to the Norse club in Iowa city June 22. Take some time this summer to read some great Nordic books; the Viking magazine had a long article of book selections. Check out our library which has many of the books and authors listed. Please consider working on your cultural skills - awards are available. Many thanks to Anna Marie Klein for her very interesting program on Elizabeth Fedde. And please spread the word about our lodge and invite your friends. Coming up July 24, 25 is Nordic Fest in Decorah. Aug 8 is Hoover Fest @ West Branch with Cindy Charleson Monroe hosting our booth. See you at the July 14 meeting! Barbara

BOOK CLUB

No Book Club in June, July and August. Begin again in September

LANGUAGE CLASS

Tom Næsse is in Norway, no class until he returns.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Name	Birth Day	Name	Birth Day
Mavis M Hovden	2	John Arthur Albertson	18
Sharon Kay Stang	4	Jonathan R White	18
Laurie K Johnson	6	Beverly Robeck	19
Donald H Kvindlog	7	Fred M Amundson	25
Delaine C Sather	15	Ulla Wall	29

NEWS FROM NORWAY

We just got home from the St. Hans celebration on top of the mountain nearby. This is an endeavor with a long tradition among the local people here. There were a lot of people gathered and meal while here and back to Moss, they brought food. Some used the grill and had a real others just brought snacks. Our daughter, Anne, was managed to catch the bonfire before she had to drive about four hours. --Tom --



Fewer living resided on 2006 to 2014, this figure fell by 45 000.

A total of 185, 700 agricultural and forestry properties are registered, of which 149, 700 have dwellings. In 2014, one in five of these properties with a dwelling were uninhabited, Statistics Norway (SSB) reports.

The Israeli Navy has intercepted a Gaza-bound vessel with activists from Norway and Sweden and forced it to sail to an Israeli port, the Navy says.

It says it acted in international waters to prevent what it calls "the "intended breach of the maritime blockade of the Gaza Strip". There was no violence as the navy searched the boat, Israel says. The Norwegian and Swedish activists earlier said they were not armed and were carrying only humanitarian aid, including medicine and solar panels for Gaza.

EXERCISE See Veri Lekwa for information and available medals

FACEBOOK LINK

Link to our Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/SonsOfNorwayRestaurationLodge1548>

OLE and SVEN

Sven and Ole buy a mule. But when they get it home, they can't get it into the barn. It just won't go. Sven says, "I know just the problem. He won't fit through the door. His ears are too long." Ole sees that Sven is right, thinks a bit, and then says, "I know what we can do. We should raise the barn by a foot, so he'll fit."

Sven asks, "Wouldn't it be easier to dig a ditch for him to walk in?"

Ole says, "Sven, don't be such a dummy! It's his ears that are too long, not his legs!"

MINUTES

June 9, 2015 Social Meeting, Restauration Lodge, 1-548, Sons of Norway, Our Savior's Lutheran Church

- Convened at 7:04 PM by President Barbara Erickson. 33 in attendance including 4 guests.
- Pledge of Allegiance and singing of "America" and "Ja Vi Elsker" accompanied by Sharon Kay Stang on piano.
- Treasurer's Report: Ding Sather – Checking \$1871.21 Savings \$7864.36 All bills paid.
- Secretary's Report: Harold Williamson – Minutes of May 12 as appeared in Newsletter approved.
- Membership Secretary's Report: 129 members
- Social Directors' Report: Lois Shindoll
 - Servers tonight are Anna Marie Klein, Ardith and Gerald Erickson (Thanked by President Barbara Erickson)
 - Volunteers needed for next month.

- **Cultural Directors' Report: Beverly Robeck**
 - Carolyn Rushton will direct a play at next Social Meeting (July 14)
- **Sunshine Report: Cheryl Zapf – Cards to Livingston family, to Wally Sundet (illness)**
- **Sports and Recreation: Verl Lekwa – Presented awards to:**
 - Carey Trantham – bronze and silver for weight lifting
 - Donald Kvindlog –bronze and silver for bicycling
- **Book club – no meetings in summer**
- **Vice President's Report: Cindy Charlson Monroe –**
 - Presented a bronze recruitment pin to Alan and Barbara Erickson
 - Presented chapter's Restauration Picture/Model including figures to current president Barbara Erickson for use during her term.
- **President's Report: Barbara Erickson**
 - Viking Magazine has a picture of John Hanson (awarded a year of study in Norway). Also a picture of President Barbara Erickson presenting flowers to outgoing President Cindy Charlson Monroe.
 - Met with District 1 Board about convention in 2016. It went well.
 - Presentation on June 7 at Global Village/Iowa City Arts Festival (Pictures shown on screen of this event
 - There will be a trunk presentation at Nordic Club in Iowa City.
- **Ann Gesme noted than Donald and Wilma Olsen of Decorah were killed in a car accident last week.**



Anna Marie Klein Lecturing on a Norsk woman of note, Elizabeth Fedde



Alan and Barbara Erickson receiving awards from Cindy Monroe for new member sign-ups



Carey Trantham receiving an award for weight training from Verl Lekwa



Cindy Monroe handing off the Lodge's framed rendition of the Restauration to president Barbara Erickson to be displayed at the current president's house



Don Kvindlog receiving an award for bicycling from Verl Lekwa



SON table at the IA City Arts Fair



Cindy and Barbara at our SON table at the Cedar Rapids Farmers Market



Cindy and a child doing a SON project at the IA City Arts Fair

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
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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

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