

RESTAURATION LODGE #548



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The December social meeting will be Tuesday, December 8, 2015 at 6:00 PM at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Cedar Rapids

The meeting will be our annual Julebord. We will have yellow pea soup made by Cindy Monroe and rye bread made by Anna Marie Klein. Board members please arrive at 5:00 PM to help set up. Members please wear Norwegian items of clothing, if possible.

The program for December will be a *Musical program* by Alan & Sharon Kay Stang.

Hosts for the meeting will be Board members who are asked to make desserts.

FRA PRESIDENT

Reviewing 2015 shows this has been a good year for our lodge. We have had great programs, increased attendance at social meetings, new members, and good community exposure and outreach events. Please see the article in Viking magazine about John Hanson. Preparations are underway for our hosting of the District 1 convention June 9-11, 2016. As the Christmas season approaches we look forward to the special foods, music, and traditions of the holidays. Be sure to join us December 8 at 6 pm for our meal and musical program. God Jul, Barbara

BOOK CLUB

Book Club will have lunch at noon at The Class Act at the Hotel at Kirkwood on December 16th. Please rsvp to Barbara Erickson 377-1707. After this meeting, the book club will take a hiatus until after the convention in June.

LANGUAGE CLASS

Tom Nässe's will start again after he returns from Christmas vacation in January.

PROGRAMS FOR 2015 AND EARLY 2016

December 8, Julebord, *Musical program* by Alan & Sharon Kay Stang
January 12, 2016 *Grandfather in Civil War* by Dale and Mavis Hovden
February 9, 2016 *Reflections of Our International President* by Jon Tehven
March 8, 2016 *Women's Publication* by Ann Gesme

CALENDARS

2016 Norway Calendars will be available in December and later at Sons of Norway social meetings. They will again be \$12.00. If you will not be at this meeting and want a calendar please let Lois Shindoll know and she will reserve them for you. Phone 377-2890

CONVENTION PLANNING

Please save as much of June 8 (set up day) and June 9, 10 and 11, 2016 on your calendars for volunteering during the convention. There are several ways we need your help.

OUR SCHOLAR-MEMBER JOHN HANSON IN NORWAY

Our lodge member, John Hanson, who received a Fulbright Scholarship to teach in Norway during this coming school year, can be followed at his blog at

<https://johnlhanson.wordpress.com/> .

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

| Name | Birth Day | Name | Birth Day |
|-----------------|-----------|--------------------|-----------|
| Mavis Lovik | 2 | Robert Thorkildson | 25 |
| Gerald Erickson | 17 | Rebecca Cleveland | 26 |
| Jason Gambach | 19 | Joan Bredeson | 27 |
| Torleif Næsse | 22 | Dean Gesme | 31 |
| Arden Shindoll | 22 | Eldon Wohlleben | 31 |

NEWS FROM NORWAY

Norway tightens border control. As of Thursday morning 08:00, Norway introduces increased control of travellers on all ferries from abroad. The control includes all the major border crossings as well, also at Svinesund. Year to date, over 21,000 asylum seekers arrived in Norway. 4500 have come from Russia to Storskog in Finnmark.

The stricter control of the borders with Denmark, Sweden and Germany have broad support among the coalition parties. During last week only, 10,000 refugees arrived in Sweden. The capacity of the Swedish authorities is completely blasted, and the Swedish government also introduces temporary border controls as of Thursday at 12:00. The measure will last for ten days.

Plans are being made for a new Viking Age Museum in Oslo. Minister of Education and Research Torbjørn Røe Isaksen has decided to announce an open architectural competition for a new Viking Age Museum at Bygdøy in Oslo. The vision behind a new Viking Age Museum at Bygdøy is to create a globally leading centre for the dissemination of knowledge about the Viking Age. It is hoped that both Norwegian and foreign architectural firms throw themselves into this work and the opportunity to find the best solution for the world's most important Viking collection, says Minister Torbjørn Røe Isaksen.

FACEBOOK LINK

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

RECIPE Fra THEA

Butterfingert Dessert

Ingredients

1. Eight Butterfingert candy bars
2. Angelfood loaf cut into 1/2 in cubes. Place in a 9x13 pan
3. Cream together
 - 1/4 c butter
 - 2 c confectioners sugar
 - 3 egg yolks
 - 2 t vanilla

Beat 1 pint(2 c) whipping cream. Fold into the creamed mixture. Pour 1/2 of cream mixture over cake cubes. Sprinkle 4 crushed butterfingers on top. Spread rest of cream mixture over candy. Sprinkle 4 more crushed Butterfingers over top. Refrigerate overnight. Do not freeze Serves 15

EXERCISE

See Verl Lekwa for information and available medals

OLE & LENA

Outhouse Problems - When Ole accidentally lost 50 cents in the outhouse, he immediately threw in his watch and billfold. He told Lena, "I'm not going down dere yust for 50 cents."

MINUTES

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

- **Meeting convened at 7:06 PM by President Barbara Erickson. 57 in attendance.**
- **Introductions:**
 - **Zone 7 Director Coni Rogers and husband Earl Rogers, Secretary of Elveby Lodge in Omaha**
 - **New members: Tom and Marilyn Olson**
- **Pledge of Allegiance and singing of "America" and "Ja, Vi Elsker" accompanied by Sharon Kay Stang on piano.**
- **Treasurer's Report: Ding Sather – Checking \$1776.64 Savings \$5096.89 All bills paid.**
- **Secretary's Report: Harold Williamson – Minutes approved as appeared in Newsletter.**
- **Membership Secretary's Report: 132 members**
- **Social Directors' Report : Barbara Taylor and Lois Shindoll –**
 - **Need servers next year for July and November**
 - **December meeting will be Julebord (soup and rye bread). Board members will bring deserts.**
 - **Calendars available for \$12.00 T-shirts for sale.**
 - **Hosts for tonight are: Arden and Lois Shindoll and Bill and Mary Durspek**
- **Cultural Directors' Report: Beverly Robeck and Dale Fitzgibbons –**
 - **Working on next year's programs**
 - **December meeting will be a musical presentation by Alan and Sharon Kay Stang**
 - **Members encouraged to work on cultural skills**
- **Sunshine Report: Cheryl Zapf – No cards sent out this past month**
- **Sports and Recreation: Verl Lekwa –**
 - **Bronze medal presented to Dale Fitzgibbons for general exercise**
- **Tusen Takk award: Ruth Christ asked that nominations be submitted by December meeting**
- **Book club: Wednesday, 1 PM, at Gesme's apartment. "When the Devil Holds the Candle" by Karin Fossum. Mary Durspek will lead the discussion.**
- **Convention: Vice President Cindy Charlson Monroe met with District 1 Board on October 24. Summary sheets of status circulated.**
- **President's Report: Barbara Erickson**
 - **Awards: A golden member award presented to Jean Murray**
 - **Indicated that Soren Wicker had thanked lodge for his camp experience**

- Read card from John Hanson, who is in Norway this year on a Fulbright scholarship.
- Hardanger Som class met Oct 15 at Cindy Charlson Monroe's home.
- Gary Dobbe showed a family bible printed in Cedar Rapids
- **Announcements:**
 - Next Board Meeting, Nov. 17, 7 PM at Cindy Charlson Monroe's home
 - Next Social Meeting, Dec. 8, 6 PM, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Julebord. Program will be a musical program presents by Alan and Sharon Kay Stang
 - Scandinavian knitting on Mondays, 9:30 AM to noon at Thea O'Grady's house
 - Crocheted, beaded bracelet class on Thursday, 7 PM to 9 PM and Friday 10 AM to noon at Diane Organn's house
- **Program tonight: Knut Rockne presented by Barbara Taylor**



Barb Taylor lecturing on Notre Dame football player and coach Knute Rockne



President Barbara Erickson presenting Jean Murray her Golden member award



Verl Lekwa presenting Dale Fitzgibbons a Sports medal for Tai Chi



President Barbara Erickson and visiting Zone 7 Director Coni Rogers

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 President- 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
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