

# RESTAURATION LODGE #548



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**The December social meeting will be Tuesday, December 13, 2016  
at 6:00 pm at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Cedar Rapids**

The program will be on Christmas traditions past and present. The co-hosts for the December 15 meeting are the Board members, who are asked to bring Norwegian cookies[example-Spritz, Krumkaker, fattigmann, rosettes]. Board members set up early at 5:15, other members please help in cleanup efforts. The meal at the meeting will be pea soup, Norsk meatballs, sauerkraut, and Norsk rice pudding.

## **FRA PRESIDENT**

Gud Jul to all of you. Please come at 6pm to enjoy our special Christmas meal and program on Christmas traditions past and present. Ten lodge members participated in our November Lekeklass in painting nisse on barnboards - this is a good start for Christmas preparation. Please remember to save your undamaged stamps from Christmas mail for the Tufbrim project, leaving 1/2 inch margin to protect the stamps (leave old mail intact).

December, we will have a special Christmas meal at 6:00 pm and the program will highlight Christmas traditions from several of our members. In January we will have our annual lutefisk and lefse dinner.

Barbara

## **LANGUAGE CLASS**

Tom Næsse's language class is suspended until 2017.

## **BOOK CLUB**

Book Club meets at the Gesme's apartment the 3rd Wednesday of every month. This month it will be Wednesday, December 21 at 1 p.m. at Cottage Grove place, 2115 First Ave. SE., Apt. 3303. The book to be reviewed is Shelterbelts by Candace Simar. Call Ann at 362-6910 or e-mail her at [augdhg@mchsi.com](mailto:augdhg@mchsi.com) if you are coming or not. Discussion leader and dessert provider is Barbara Erickson.

## **PROGRAMS FOR LATE 2016**

December - A Special Christmas Meal and Christmas Traditions

January - Annual Lutefisk and Lefse dinner

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Name	Birth Day	Name	Birth Day
Mavis I Lovik	2	Arden R Shindoll	22
Martha D. Ellingson	17	Robert J Thorkildson	25
Gerald A Erickson	17	Rebecca M Cleveland	26
Jason A. Gambach	19	Joan E Bredeson	27
Thorleif Næsse	22	Dean H Gesme	31

## SCANDINAVIAN KNITTING

All who are interested in knitting are invited to the Scandinavian Knitters which meet Mondays 9:30 - noon at Thea O'Grady's home 5870 Stags Leap Lane, Marion, IA 52302 tel 402-617-0332

## FACEBOOK LINK

Link to our Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/SonsOfNorwayRestaurationLodge1548>

District One now has a facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/Sons-of-Norway-District-1-148130308566588/>

## EXERCISE

Cooler weather is here. No more excuses not to get out and walk, bicycle, tour the malls. Start a SON exercise program soon.. DO SOMETHING! Ver!

CALENDARS Lois Shindoll has a few calendars left and they will be available at the December meeting.

## NEWS FROM NORWAY

Norway's right-wing government narrowly avoided collapse Saturday after a last-minute deal was agreed in negotiations for the 2017 budget, which had threatened to bring down the ruling coalition. Prime Minister Erna Solberg's minority government had until Monday to secure majority support from its centrist allies in parliament, the Christian Democrats and Liberals, to pass its 2017 finance bill.

A stolen Dachau concentration camp gate from southern Germany was found in Ytre Arna, north of Bergen. It was stolen several years ago and appears to have been in Norway for some time but no evidence was found as to who stole the gate. It has the cynical slogan "Arbeit mact frei"- "Work sets you free" which was certainly not true for the some 40,000 who perished at the concentration camp.

## MINUTES

Restauration Lodge 1-548, Sons of Norway Social Meeting November 15, 2016 Our Savior's Lutheran Church

- Welcome and introduction of guests: President Barbara Erickson. 51 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 \$2184.60, Savings \$5809.55, Convention \$8925.31
- Secretary's Report: Harold Williamson – Minutes as printed in Newsletter approved with one correction (Lisa Kenyon was also a hostess)

- **Membership Secretary's Report: Alan Erickson – 140 members**
- **Social Directors' Report: Barbara Taylor and Lois Shindoll –**
  - Hostesses tonight are: Mavis Hovden and Sara Knutson
  - Signup sheet for hostesses passed around. Need July and November volunteers
- **Lois Shindoll**
  - Calendars still available for \$12
  - Library has been revamped
- **Cultural Directors' Report: Beverly Robeck and Dale Fitzgibbons**
  - December program will be about Christmas Traditions
- **Book Club: Ann Gesme – Meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday each month. Currently reading “War and Innocence”**
- **Sunshine Report: Cheryl Zapf – Sympathy card to Eldon Wohlleben, death of wife**
- **Sports and Recreation: Verl Lekwa – Silver Award to Richard Isaacson for general exercise.**
- **President's Report: Barbara Erickson –**
  - Thanked Cindy Charlson Monroe for leading Lekeplass group painting troll boards
  - Thanked hosts, Mavis Hovden and Sara Knutson
- **New Business**
  - Sent \$400 to Sons of Norway Foundation
- **Old Business**
  - Up for election: President (Barbara Erickson, incumbent); Treasurer (Ding Sather, incumbent); Membership Secretary (Alan Erickson, incumbent); one of two Social Directors (Barbara Taylor, incumbent); one of two Cultural Directors (Dale Fitzgibbons, incumbent). Any volunteers?
- **Announcements:**
  - View Boutique items tonight. Includes calendars and t-shirts
  - Knitting: Newsletter has incorrect phone for Thea O'Grady. Should be 319-536-4979.
  - Next Board Meeting is Tuesday, Nov. 22, 7 PM at Cindy Charlson Monroe's house.
  - Next Social Meeting is Tuesday, Dec. 13, 6 PM. Christmas traditions and pea soup meal.
- **Program tonight: “the Scream” presented by Thea O'Grady**



**Lekeplass artists and their projects at the November meeting**



**Cindy instructing at the Lekeclass session at the November meeting --- Board Painting of Nisse**



**Sandra VanAmburg and Mary Brubaker at work on a board pattern at the November Lekeclass**



**Verl Lekwa Awarding Richard Isaacson a silver medal for general exercise**



**Marv Robeck painting on his board project at Lekeclass at the Nov 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

**Lodge web site:** [www.sofn-cedarrapids.org](http://www.sofn-cedarrapids.org)

Web master: Robert Thorkildson 721-9902

**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  
Publicity-