

RESTAURATION LODGE #1-548



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The January social meeting will be Tuesday, January 10, 2017
at 6:00 pm at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Cedar Rapids

The January meeting will be our annual potluck with lutefisk and lefsa. Members are asked to bring a dish to pass and Norsk goodies for dessert.

The co-hosts for the January 10 meeting are the Board members.

Board members set up early at 5:15, other members please help in cleanup efforts.

FRA PRESIDENT

Godt Nytt År! 2016 was a spectacular year; with the help of the entire lodge and others we hosted the District 1 Sons of Norway Convention. We look forward to a 2017 that will be exciting, but probably not as busy. Those agreeing to serve as officers for election are: President Barbara Erickson, Treasurer Ding Sather, Membership Secretary Alan Erickson, Social Director Barb Taylor (one of two social directors), and Cultural Director Dale Fitzgibbons (one of two cultural directors). Please join us January 10 at 6 pm for our annual potluck dinner with Lutefisk and lefse. If you know someone who might be interested in Sons of Norway, please offer to bring them to this or another meeting. Personal invitations are the best way to grow our membership. Barbara

LEKEPLASS

We hear the name lekeplass at our lodge meetings, the time before the regular meetings when people gather to do crafts, etc. The name lekeplass means playground, and lek in Norsk means playing. The farm name which gave me my last name was apparently a play ground near a church or pre-Christian temple where people gathered to play. I imagine Vikings throwing axes, wrestling, etc. The neighboring farm is Hovland, a place with a religious building on it, so that adds to the authenticity. Anyone else have stories about how they got their family names? Verl Lekwa

LANGUAGE CLASS

Tom Nässe's language class is suspended until into 2017.

BOOK CLUB

Book Club meets at the Gesme's apartment the 3rd Wednesday of every month.

This month it will be Wednesday, January 18th at 1 p.m. at Cottage Grove place, 2115 First Ave. SE., Apt. 3303. The book to be reviewed is *Col. Heg and His Boys* by Waldemar Ager.. Call Ann at 319-362-6910 or e-mail her at augdhg@mchsi.com if you are coming or not. Discussion leader and dessert provider is Thea O'Grady.

PROGRAMS

January: Annual Lutefisk and Lefse dinner

February: Marilee Torres -- *Scandinavian Books*

March: David Christ -- *Does Norway have a National Anthem?*

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Name	Birth Day	Name	Birth Day
M Jean Murray	3	Lois M Shindoll	17
Signe Hovet	4	Larry D Knutson	18
M David Solberg	4	Catherine R Fejfar	21
Carol Ann Kurth	6	Susan R Speicher	21
Harlan E Ahlgren	7	David E Christ	24
William S Jacobson	10	Dianne F Garber	24
Shannon Waring	10	Nancy L Hansen	24
Marvin Robeck	13	Gloria A Larson	24
Samantha L Holub	14	Frank D Klemetson	25
David A Aanonson	17	Alan V Stang	28
Iver Hovet	17		

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 319-536-4979

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 sold all 2017 calendars

NEWS FROM NORWAY

The Gulating Court of Appeal on Tuesday heard the appeal of a Norwegian hairdresser who was convicted of discrimination for denying service to a Muslim client wearing a headscarf. Merete Hodne was hit with a 10,000 kroner fine in September for turning Malika Bayan away from her hair salon in Bryne, a small town in southwestern Norway, in October 2015. The 47-year-old hairdresser avoided a prison-sentence, but filed an immediate appeal.

After new tax rules came into force on New Year's Day, petrol and diesel prices in Norway reached their highest level ever. The recommended price at Circle K (previously Statoil) stations on Monday was 16.29 kroner per litre (about \$7.50 per US gallon) of petrol. Ouch!

MINUTES

Restauration Lodge 1-548, Sons of Norway, Social Meeting
December 13, 2016 Our Savior's Lutheran Church

- Meeting convened at 6:09 PM by Vice President Cindy Charlson Monroe. 45 in attendance.
- Pea soup supper served following table prayer.
- Business meeting convened after supper.
- Treasurer's Report: Ding Sather – Checking \$2356.52, Savings \$5809.55, Business \$8925.31

- Secretary's Report: Harold Williamson – Minutes as appeared in the Newsletter approved.
- Banner to be used in St. Patrick's day parade shown by Thea O'Grady
- Sunshine report: Cheryl Zapf – Get Well card sent to Anna Marie Klein.
- New people introduced.
- Social Directors' report: Barbara Taylor:
 - Lutefisk dinner next month. Members should bring desserts.
 - Need servers for July next year.
- Book club: Meets next week, 1PM at Ann Gesme's place. "Shelterbelt" to be discussed.
- Cultural Director's report: Dale Fitzgibbons – Discussed future
- Program tonight: Christmas Traditions of Lodge Members



Thea O'Grady and Lisa Kenyon holding the banner for the SON entry in the up-coming St. Parick's day parade in March



Cindy tending to her soup at the December soup supper



Soup line at the December soup Supper



John Hanson telling of his Christmas traditions



Mary Jane Barlow telling of her Christmas traditions and childrens books



Folks hard at work consuming soup and bread at the December soup supper

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

Lodge web site: 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
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