

Restauration Lodge #1-548



March 17 www.sofn-cedarrapids.org

The March meeting will be Tuesday, March 14, 2017
at 7:00 pm at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Cedar Rapids

The program will be by David Christ — *Does Norway have a national anthem?*
Hosts for the March meeting will be Ruth and David Christ and Cheryl Zapf..

FRA PRESIDENT

Each month I look forward to reading the Viking magazine. What a pleasant surprise to see our beautiful artwork from last November's Lekeplass activity on page 28. Be sure to read Jon Tehven's column which talks about Tubfrim, the project that collects stamps. Our lodge takes part in this project so bring stamps to the next meeting. Please leave 1/2 inch border around each stamp when you cut them out. You may be interested in the March issue of National Geographic which has an article about Vikings - it's easy to find with a fierce Viking warrior on the cover. Other reading opportunities were presented by Marilee Torres at the February meeting. I'll be adding some of these books to my personal reading list and look forward to seeing you at 5:30 for the Lekepass and 7:00 at the March meeting.
Barbara

LEKEPLASS

This month's lekeplass will take place just before our social meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Mar. 14th at Our Savior Lutheran Church. This month David Christ will lead us through the craft of woven hearts that are often seen on Norwegian Christmas trees. This is a hands-on class and by the end of the class everyone should have been able to make one or more woven hearts. Materials will be provided as well as information on where to find additional patterns as well as ideas for related paper crafts. You will be provided with patterns and material to take home to complete additional hearts. A limited number of tools will be provided but bringing your own will make things go faster. Basic tools are:
<>Cutting board<>metal or metal edged ruler<>fine point Xacto craft knife or razor bladed box cutter<>tweezer<>medium sized scissor able to cut tissue thin paper. There will be a \$3 charge for supplies. In order to assure enough supplies are available it is recommended (but not required) to notify David at gammelgeit@mchsi.com of your intent to come. Any questions, contact Lisa Kenyon at #319-360-2310 or kenyon7936@yahoo.com.

LANGUAGE CLASS

Every Tuesday at 6PM at Tom Næsse's house.

BOOK CLUB

Book Club meets at the Gesme's apartment the 3rd Wednesday of every month. This month it will be Wednesday, March 15th at 1 p.m. at Cottage Grove place, 2115 First Ave. SE., Apt. 3303. The book to be reviewed is Vidar Sundstol's book, *The Land of Dreams*. Call Ann at 319-362-6910 or e-mail her at augdhg@gmail.com if you are coming or not. Carolyn Rushton will lead the discussion and provide refreshments.

PROGRAMS

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

April 11 Cooking / baking demonstration - TBD

May 9 Syttende Mai

SYTTENDE MAI

Syttende Mai is coming up on May 9 We will have a catered dinner menu similar to last year. Arden and Lois Shindoll will have tickets at the March meeting for the annual 17th of May celebration. \$10.00, bring your checkbooks.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Name	Birth Day	Name	Birth Day
Gerard Rushton	3	Karl M Knutson	18
Robert J Erlandson	5	Grace L Williamson	19
Russell M Hansen	6	Dan M Legrand	23
Kerith Lucille St Louis	6	Travis E Cleveland	25
Mary M Durspek	11	Eldon L Neighbor	26
Madison Stonewall	14	Susan M Johansen	27
Morgan Stonewall	14	Ingrid Næsse	28
Merle K Kjonaas	15		

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!

INSURANCE

We are in a unprecedented era of low interest rates. Local banks or credit unions have certificates of deposit but those rates are very poor. In addition to that you pay taxes every year on your interest. A good safe, sound, secure solution is utilizing the Sons of Norway 4.6% interest on some of our products. And many of these products can give you additional benefits on top of the excellent interest rate such as coverage for the cost of long-term care. It would be wise for you to learn more. You can simply call and talk on the phone at [319-350-9101](tel:319-350-9101). No pushy salesmen. M.E. Levsen at Neighbor Insurance

NEWS FROM NORWAY

Half of new cars in Norway are now electric or hybrid. Norway, which already boasts the world's highest number of electric cars per capita, said Monday that electric or hybrid cars represented half of new registrations in the country so far this year. "This is a milestone on Norway's road to an electric car fleet," Climate and Environment Minister Vidar Helgesen told AFP.

Norwegian theme park wants to be 'Viking capital of the world.'

Theme park *Thors Rike* (Thor's Kingdom) wants to attract Viking enthusiasts from all over the world. The theme park, in the western Norwegian county of Hordaland, aims to become a traditional theme park with a difference – the carousels and rollercoasters will be supplemented by "infotainment" to educate visitors about Vikings and Viking history

OLE AND SVEN

'Hello, is dis the Redwood Falls Sheriff's Office?' 'Yes. *What can I do for you?*'

'I'm calling to report 'bout my neighbor Ole Johnson...He's a hidin' marijuana inside his firewood! Don't know how he gets it inside dem logs, but he's hidin' it dere.'

'*Thank you very much for the call, sir.*' The next day, twelve of Redwood Falls finest Sheriff's Deputies descend on Ole's house. They search the shed where the firewood is kept. Using axes, they hack open every piece of wood, but find no marijuana. They sneer at Ole and leave. Shortly, the phone rings at Ole's house. 'Hey, Ole! Dis here's Sven....*Did the Sheriff come?*' 'Yah!' 'Did they chop your firewood?' 'Yah!' 'Happy Birtday, buddy !!!!'

MINUTES

Restauration Lodge 1-548 Sons of Norway Social Meeting February 14, 2017

Welcome and Introduction of Guests – President Barbara Erickson, 36 in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance and singing of *America* and *Ja Vi Elsker* accompanied by Sharon Kay Stang on piano.

Treasurer: (Ding Sather) checking: \$2147.63; Savings: \$5838.21; Business (Convention): \$8926.06

Secretary: (Harold Williamson) minutes as printed in the newsletter approved.

Membership Secretary: (Alan Erickson) 140 members as of Feb 1, 2017.

Long time member Jerry Erickson passed away. Our sympathies to Ardy

Social Directors: (Barbara Taylor, Lois Shindoll) – Servers are Thea O'Grady, Verl Lekwa, Barbara Erickson

- Servers in March will be: Ruth and David Christ and Cheryl Zapf.
- Syttende Mai celebration on May 9.

Cultural Director: (Beverly Robeck, Dale Fitzgibbons)

- March program: David Christ on Norway's National Anthem
- April program: To be announced.

Book Club: Ann Gesme – Meets on Feb. 22 this month; currently reading *Abercrombie Trail*

Sunshine: (Cheryl Zapf): Card to Ericksons on death of Jerry, get well card to Anna Marie Klein, card to Tom Olson (death of mother).

Sports and Recreation: (Verl Lekwa) Gold award to Richard Isaacson for exercise.

Lekeplass (Lisa Kenyon): in March. David Christ will show how to make woven hearts and other items.

- Participants should bring a cutting board, metal edge ruler, X-Acto knife, and scissors capable of cutting tissue paper.

Scandinavian Knitting (Thea O'Grady): Meets on Mondays

What's New in Norway (Tom Naesse): Norway trying to phase out diesel and gasoline powered cars. Still lots of snow in mountains.

Jean Murray told a Norwegian joke.

Library: Lois Shindoll indicated that books are out on tables and please check them out to read.

Business

- Election of officers: President (Barbara incumbent), Treasurer (Ding incumbent/), Membership Secretary (Alan Erickson, incumbent), Social Director(Barb Taylor incumbent), Cultural Director (Dale Fitzgibbons, Incumbent) were all re-elected and then invested by Vice President Cindy Charlson Monroe.

Announcements

- Cultural Event at Cedar Rapids Library on March 18, 10 AM-2 PM.
- St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 17. Lodge has entered. Will display banners.
- 10 members have signed up to march.

Next board meeting: Tue Feb 21, 7:00 pm at Cindy Charlson Monroe's house

Next social meeting: Tuesday March 14, 7pm; David Christ. (Cheryl and Ruth Christ are hosts)

Program tonight: Marilee Torres on *Scandinavian Books*. She was introduced by Beverly Robeck.



Newly elected officers, Barb Taylor,-
Social Director, Alan Erickson-
Membership Secretary, Ding Sather-
Treasurer, President-Barbara Erickson,
Dale Fitzgibbons-Cultural Director



Marilee Torres lecturing on Norsk books



Richard Isaacson getting a Gold exercise
award from Verl Lekwa



Cindy Monroe's knit sox creation - "I've
Taken A Real Viking to You"

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 377-1707

Alan Erickson
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
M.E. Levsen 319-538-5933

Appointed Officers:

Auditors:

Verl Lekwa 738-2847
Ruth Christ 351-7717
Bob Thorkildson 721-9902
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

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Web master: Robert Thorkildson 721-9902