

# Restauration Lodge #1-548



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The April meeting will be Tuesday, April 11, 2017  
at 7:00 pm at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Cedar Rapids

The program will be by lodge members Arnold and Helen Anderson on *Flor og Fjære Tropical Gardens* located near Stavanger.

Hosts for the April meeting will be Mavis Lovik and Jean Murray.

## FRA PRESIDENT

March has been a busy month. Did you see our Restauration Lodge on TV (KCRG) marching in the SaPaDaPaSo St. Patrick's day parade? Seven of us held up the Viking heritage of what is now Ireland. And the following Saturday Lodge members shared Norwegian heritage at the Cultural/ Diversity fair held at the Cedar Rapids Library with a booth, woven hearts demonstration, and handcrafted Nisse. A number of Lodge members showed up to hear the Nordic Fiddlers Bloc at CSPA. Finally, the newest member of the Linn County Conservation Board is our own John Hanson, and his bio highlights Sons of Norway prominently. Be sure to attend the April meeting with our Lekeplass open faced sandwich activity and the program on the beautiful gardens in Norway. Barbara

## LEKEPLASS

This month's lekeplass will take place just before our social meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 11th at Our Savior Lutheran Church. This month we will be making open-faced sandwiches, which will be served after the program that night. Those who signed up to bring ingredients, please don't forget to bring them to the lekeplass. Any questions, contact Lisa Kenyon at #319-360-2310 or [kenyon7936@yahoo.com](mailto:kenyon7936@yahoo.com).

## LANGUAGE CLASS

Every Monday(except second Monday) 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, April 19th at 1 p.m. at Cottage Grove place, 2115 First Ave. SE., Apt. 3303. The book to be reviewed is Hans Anderson Foss' *The Cotter's Son*. Call Ann at 319-362-6910 or e-mail her at [augdhg@gmail.com](mailto:augdhg@gmail.com) if you are coming or not. Lois Shindoll will lead the discussion and provide refreshments.

## PROGRAMS

May 9 Syttende Mai

June 13 Karen Brunssen — Norwegian Tales and Tunes

July 11 Kris Rowley — Trolls (tentative)

## 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 April meeting for the annual 17th of May celebration. \$10.00 a ticket, bring your checkbooks.

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Name	Birth Day	Name	Birth Day
Quin M Cornell	4	Ann M Gesme	29
Zachery E Williamson	7	Isabelle McCormick	29
Espen C H Anneling	10	Owen Hanson	30
Patricia R Knutson	16	Ryal Hanson	30
Richard K Isaacson	25	Larry George Kurth	30

## 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

Snow is gone, 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. A good safe, sound, secure solution to low present-day rates is utilizing the Sons of Norway 4.6% interest on some of our products. Check on this by calling M.E. Levsen at Neighbor Insurance at [319-350-9101](tel:319-350-9101).

## NEW CONSERVATION BOARD MEMBER

Our lodge member John Hanson, Ed.D, has been appointed to a 5 yr position on the Linn County Conservation Board. John has long appreciated the environment from his early days in the cranberry bog area in central Wisconsin. His plans are to be a steward of our park system for all users, maximize our park's wildlife for hunters and nature lovers, and to assist in managing the Land and Water Conservation Bond. John also co-founded the Ursus IOWA to affect a change in the laws to protect Black Bears in Iowa, which currently are unprotected.

## NEWS FROM NORWAY

Norway moves up on the English speaking ranks. Norwegians are the fourth best non-native English speakers in the world according to a late 2016 study. The English Proficiency index(EPI) from global language training company Education First(EF) put Norway behind only the Netherlands, Denmark, and Sweden.

Viking King's church found. Archaeologists find remains they believe to be the resting place of Saint Olav II. Klemenskirken in Sør-Trøndelag County's Trondheim originates from the Middle Ages, from about 1015. Olaf Trygvason (King Olav I of Norway), whose reign was between 995 and 1000 A.D. constructed it after Trondheim was founded in 997, historians have said.

## OLE AND LARS

Ole had a car with 250,000 miles so when he tried to sell it no one wanted it. Friend Lars suggested an illegal way, which Ole agreed to do: Have a mechanic Lars knew turn back the odometer. That done, one day Lars met Ole and asked if he had been able to sell the old clunker. "Vy shud I," said Ole. "It's only got 40,000 miles on it." Lekwa

## MINUTES

Restauration Lodge 1-548 Sons of Norway Social Meeting March 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: \$2845.40; Savings: \$13,843.21; Business funds (convention) have been moved into Savings which now include new CDs

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

Membership Secretary: (Alan Erickson) 141 members as of March 3, 2017.

Social Directors: (Barbara Taylor, Lois Shindoll) – Servers are Ruth and David Christ, Cheryl Zapf

Servers next month are: Mavis Lovik and Jean Murray. Open faced sandwiches to be served.

Syttende Mai Banquet on May 9. Will be catered.

Library: Lois Shindoll – Take home some books.

Cultural Director: (Beverly Robeck, Dale Fitzgibbons): Programs:

April: Arnold and Helen Andersen, Flora og Fjaere

May: Hardanger Fiddler

June: Norwegian Tales and Tunes

July: Something with Vesterheim

Book Club: Ann Gesme – Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed of every month; currently reading "The Land of Dreams"

Sunshine: (Cheryl Zapf): Card to Jonathan and Karen White, 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Card to Arden Shindoll, death of brother.

V.P & Scholarship (Cindy):

Cultural Fair at Cedar Rapids Library. Will exhibit: knitting, woven hearts, Viking game, make nisse. Signup sheet circulated.

Scholarships for Skogfjorden: Soren Wicker; Norwegian Folkeskolen: Grace Williamson Copy of National Geographic circulated: article on Vikings.

Lekeklass (Lisa Kenyon): Tonight, David Christ showed how to make woven hearts.

Next month, there will be a class on open face sandwiches.

Scandinavian Knitting: Becky Cleveland will host Monday 3/20

What's New in Norway (Tom Næsse): Military exercises in Finnmark; salaries increased; \$45,000 average.

Norwegian class now meets on Mondays (except second Monday), 6 PM, Tom's house.

Announcements

Parade on Friday (Lisa Kenyon): March 17, Friday, 1 PM. Meet at staging area at 12:30 PM. Green Hats for sale \$6.

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

Next social meeting: Tuesday April 11, 7 PM. Arnold and Helen Andersen will present

Program tonight: David Christ, "Does Norway have a National Anthem"



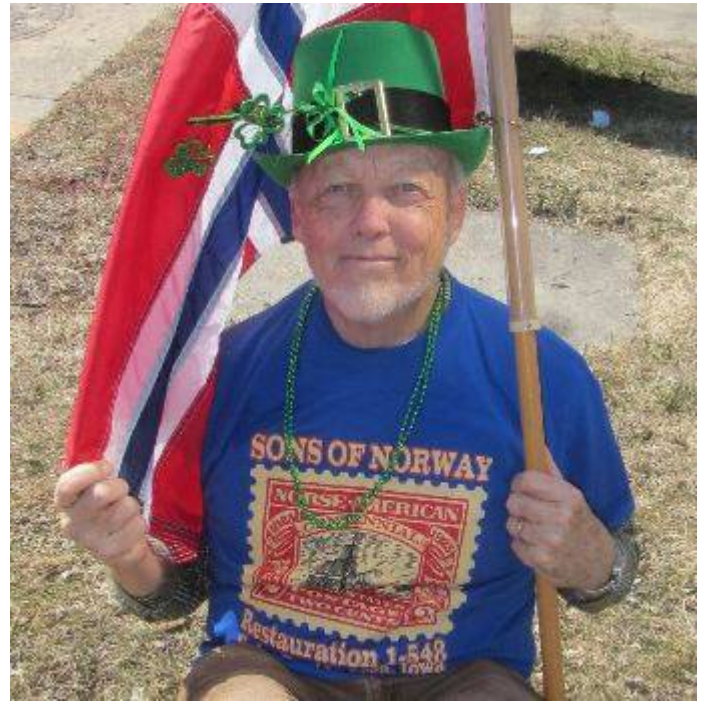
**SaPaDaPaSo St. Patricks Day Parade Cedar Rapids, SON Lodge 1-548 Marchers  
Lisa Kenyon, Alan Erickson, Verl Lekwa, Babara Erickson, Bev Robeck,  
Marv Robeck, Cindy Monroe**



**The SON crew marching down the street in the SaPaDaPaSo St. Patrick's Day Parade  
Good publicity for the Norwegians and our SON lodge as the Vikings mingled with  
the Irish so long ago.**



Queuing up for the parade



Flag carrier Verl Lekwa and his marching outfit



Ericksons and their marching outfits



Cindy Monroe and Lisa Kenyon in their marching outfits



Robecks and their marching outfits"

David Christ lecturing on the Norwegian->National Anthem at the March 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 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:**

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**Appointed Officers:**

Auditors:  
Verl Lekwa 738-2847  
Ruth Christ 351-7717  
Bob Thorkildson 721-9902  
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Tom Næsse 841-2311

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