

Restauration Lodge #1-548



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The May meeting will be Tuesday, May 9, 2017
at 6:00 pm for the annual Syttende Mai celebration and dinner at Our
Savior's Lutheran Church in Cedar Rapids

After the meal, the program will be a presentation of music on the Hardanger Fiddle by
Andrea Een of Northfield, MN.

Hosts for the May meeting will be board members who are asked to arrive early and help
set up. Lodge members are asked to bring Norsk desserts.

FRA PRESIDENT

Everybody please join us for our annual Syttende Mai dinner Tuesday May 9 at 6:00 pm
with a catered meal. Please sign up a friend as well by contacting Lois!! Special program
on the Hardanger Fiddle will be presented by Andrea Een from Northfield Minnesota.
Thanks to those who attended April's Lekeplass and created the beautiful and delicious
open face sandwiches. Looking to the summer months, our lodge will have a display at
the Linn County Fair Friday June 30. The 51st Nordic Fest is July 27-29 in Decorah.
Barbara

SYTTENDE MAI

Syttende Mai is coming shortly on May 9. We have a deadline of 5 May for banquet tickets
so call your orders to Lois Shindoll. at 377-2890 to reserve your tickets. We will have a
catered dinner menu similar to last year.

WHY SYTTENDE MAI? A shortened Norwegian Independence Timeline

Up to the Napoleonic wars (the War of 1812 was a side issue) Norway had been reduced to
a province of Denmark. With the defeat of Napoleon, Norway began to emerge from the
shadows and just 202 years ago finally took her rightful place among the sovereign
nations of the world.

January 14, 1814 Treaty of Kiel signed forcing Denmark to cede Norway to Sweden.

May 17, 1814 Norwegian Constitution signed at Eidsvold.

August 1814 War with Sweden.

August 14, 1814 Convention of Moss signed acknowledging defeat by Sweden.

November 4, 1814 Constitution revised and Carl XIII of Sweden accepted as King of
Norway.

August 6, 1815 Act of Union established official nature of union to be personal under the
king who controls foreign affairs, but Norway to remain a separate country. Swedes feel
they have conquered Norway, but Norway while accepting the union often interprets it
differently.

LEKEPLASS

Starting this month, Lekeplass will be suspended until September.

LANGUAGE CLASS

Next Monday will be the last class, then vacation for the summer.

BOOK CLUB

Book Club meets at the Gesme's apartment the 3rd Wednesday of every month. This month it will be Wednesday, May 17th at 1 p.m. at Cottage Grove place, 2115 First Ave. SE., Apt. 3303. The book to be reviewed is *Prillar-Guri* by Magne. Call Ann at 319-362-6910 or e-mail her at augdhg@gmail.com if you are coming or not. Ann Gesme will lead the discussion and provide refreshments.

PROGRAMS

May 9 Syttende Mai banquet and Andrea Een on the Hardanger Fiddle

June 13 Karen Brunssen — Norwegian Tales and Tunes

July 11 Kris Rowley — Trolls (tentative)

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Name	Birth Day	Name	Birth Day
Ardith B Erickson	1	Wendy L Christian	11
Anna M Klein	2	Waldemar S Sundet	19
Dean E Ekstrom	3	David W Tesdahl	20
Miles Hsiao-ling Pei	5	Carolyn A Rushton	21
John L Hanson	8	Cheryl L Zapf	28

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. 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. Call 319-350-9101, M.E. Levsen at Neighbor Insurance

NEWS FROM NORWAY

Norway reached an agreement to construct an interconnector between UK and Norway. The 1400 MW subsea electricity cable will connect the two countries' electricity markets directly for the first time. Statnett and National Grid this week signed the ownership agreement which signals the start of the construction phase for the 730 kilometre interconnector between UK and Norway.

The NSN Link would be the first electricity interconnector between the two countries and has a planned capacity of 1400 Megawatts. It will be the world's longest sub-sea power cable.

OLE

The Preacher conversed with Little Ole one sunny day:

"So your mother says your prayers for you each night? Very commendable.

What does she say?"

Ole answered, "Thank God he's in bed!"

MINUTES

Restauration Lodge 1-548 Sons of Norway Social Meeting April 11, 2017 Our Savior's Lutheran Church

- Convened 7:02 PM by Lois Shindoll. 45 in attendance.
- Pledge of Allegiance and singing of "America" and "Ja Vi Elsker" accompanied by Sharon Kay Stang on piano.
- Secretary's Report: Harold Williamson – Minutes of March 14 Social Meeting as printed in Newsletter accepted.
- Treasurer's Report: Ding Sather – Savings \$13843.12, Checking \$2794.18 Ding wants to be replaced.
- Membership Report: 142 as of last month including youths
- Social Directors' Report: Lois Shindoll –
 - Servers tonight are: Mavis Hovden and Jean Murray
 - Syttende Mai dinner in May. Catered. Officers set up. Members bring desserts.
- Cultural Directors' Report: Dale Fitzgibbons –
 - May program, Andrea Een on Hardanger Fiddle
 - June program will be Norwegian Tales
- Book Club: Next week, book to be discussed is "Cotter's Son".
- Sunshine report: Cheryl Zapf – Cards for Ding Sather's wife and Wally Sundet to be sent.
- Lekaplass: Lisa Kenyon – None next month. None in June, July and August.
- Scandinavian Knitting: Thea O'Grady – Will have Martha Booth as guest
- News from Norway: Tom Naesse – Spring vacation. Norway tense over truck killings in Sweden.
- Jean Murray told several Sven and Ole jokes. She asked more people to use microphone.
- Program: Helen Andersen – "Flor and Fjaere" a park near Stavanger, Norway
- Acknowledgement of Lekaplass members for making open face sandwiches.



Helen Anderson lecturing on Flor og Fjære Tropical Gardens at the April meeting



Array of open face sandwiches made at Lekeklass last month



Hubie Ellingson and Cheryl Zaph on the Lekeklass open face sandwich assembly line at the April meeting



More sandwiches with pickle & asparagus



Sandwich assemblers Marv Robeck, Mary Durspek and others

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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