

Restauration Lodge #1-548



June 2017 www.sofn-cedarrapids.org

The June meeting will be Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at 7:00 pm at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Cedar Rapids

After the business meeting, the program will be a musical presentation, *NORWEGIAN TALES AND TUNES*, by singer Karen Gesme Brunssen of Chicago. Karen is a music professor at Northwestern University, and has performed many places in the US and Europe. Hosts for the June meeting will be Carolyn Rushton, Marilyn Brubaker and Sandra Van Amberg.

FRA PRESIDENT

Summer is here with lots of opportunities for cultural enrichment. One of these is our June program by Karen Brunssen on Norwegian Tales and Tunes. Karen was our featured program at last year's District Convention dinner and we are looking forward to hearing from her again. On June 30 our lodge will be at the Linn County Fair (Friday, Community Day). July's social meeting will be provided by Vesterheim and promises to be exciting. For your summer reading pleasure, Cindy will have a bookmark with the book club schedule for the coming year. July 27-29 is Nordic Fest in Decorah. Barbara

RECIPE - RHUBARB CREAM CAKE

Barbara Erickson

1 package yellow cake mix
4-5 c. chopped rhubarb
1 c sugar
2 c whipping cream (not whipped)

Preheat oven to 350° F Grease and flour 9x13 inch pan
Mix cake batter according to package directions. Pour batter into pan. Top with rhubarb. Sprinkle the sugar over rhubarb. Pour the whipping cream over sugar.
Bake 350° for 50 to 60 minutes until top springs back and nicely brown, or when a toothpick in the center tests clean.

LEKEPLASS

Lekeplass is suspended until September.

LANGUAGE CLASS

On vacation for the summer.

BOOK CLUB

Summer vacation for Book Club. We will resume again on the 20th of September, when we will be discussing the book *THE ALMOST NEARLY PERFECT PEOPLE: THE TRUTH ABOUT THE NORDIC MYTH*, by Michael Booth.

PROGRAMS

June 13 Karen Gesme Brunssen — "Norwegian Tales and Tunes"

July 11 Kate Martinson of Vesterheim -- "Vikings in Hawaii"

August No meeting

September 12 Arnold Anderson — Karl Holm's "Mission to the City"

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Name	Birth Day	Name	Birth Day
Marilyn M Skaugstad	8	Sandra L Van Amburg	19
Donna J Trolliet	8	Mette G Kelley	23
Carolyn K Munson	10	Barbara A Taylor	25
Wilmer A Mickelson	11	Ashton Galstad	28
Arnold E Andersen	12	Alan R Erickson	29
Barbara L Erickson	12	Evelyn Galstad	29
Gary Allen Dobbe	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

We assume you've put away the skis and ice skates by now. So it's time to get in the summer mode and walk, swim, bike, anything other than making a bee-line for the recliner. Check on the SON programs for medals that can give you an incentive to stay in condition. Lekwa

INSURANCE

You just inherited money from a loved one's retirement plan and now you have a tax bill!!!! Before that happens to your beneficiaries, why not look at your SON tax free financial options over a free lunch. And don't forget you also earn 4.4% interest at SON as well. Please call Eldon at 319-350-9101 or M.E. at 319-538-5933 to set up a day and time that works for you.

NEWS FROM NORWAY



An error in Google Maps has sent hundreds of tourists looking for the famous Preikestolen cliff formation on a narrow, winding detour that ends in the village of Fossmork.

Although the famous cliff formation in the Lysefjord can be seen from the village, it is 30 kilometres away from the path that leads to the photo opportunity-perfect summit.

"We have sent hundreds of tourists away in no uncertainty that they're on the wrong side of the fjord.

In the summer season up to 10-15 cars show up each day,” Helge Fossmark told newspaper *Stavanger Aftenblad*, adding that there can be queues of minibuses lining up outside the village on summer days. The country road leading to the village is described as “terrible” by *Stavanger Aftenblad*.

MINUTES

Restauration Lodge, 1-548, Sons of Norway Social Meeting, May 9, 2017, Our Savior’s Lutheran Church

- Convened at 6:15 by President Barbara Erickson. 82 in attendance.
- Pledge of allegiance and singing of “America”, “Ja Vi Elsker” and Norwegian table prayer accompanied by Sharon Kay Stang on piano.
- Syttende Mai banquet. Desserts supplied by members.
- Business meeting convened at 7:15 PM by President Barbara Erickson. 25 guests were introduced.
- Slides of pictures of Syttende Mai in Norway shown by Mette Kelley.
- Secretary’s Report: Harold Williamson – Minutes of April 11, 2017, Social Meeting as appeared in the newsletter approved.
- Treasurer’s Report: given by Barbara Erickson – Checking \$2794.29, Savings \$13,886.31
- Membership Report: Alan Erickson – 140 members.
- Social Directors’ Report: Barbara Taylor, Lois Shindoll –
 - Servers for June will be: Mary Brubaker, Sandra Van Amburg and Carolyn Rushton.
 - Servers for July needed.
- Cultural Directors’ Report: Dale Fitzgibbons and Beverly Robeck –
 - June program: Tales of Norway
 - July program: Vesterheim program
- Norwegian classes and Lekeklass will not meet during the summer.
- Book club: Ann Gesme – currently reading “Prillar-Guri” by Magne
- Scandinavian knitting: Thea O’Grady – Meets at her home on Monday mornings.
- Thea noted that there is a Norwegian tennis player, Casper Ruud, on world tour.
- Sunshine report: Cheryl Zapf – cards to:
 - Pat Bjorseth, surgery; and to Cindy Charlson Monroe, death of father.
- Sons of Norway insurance: M.E. Levsen spoke about several products.
- Announcements:
 - Linn County Fair, June 30.
 - Zone workshop in Waverly this coming Saturday.
 - Nordic Fest, July 29
 - Board Meeting: May 23, 2017, 7 PM at Our Savior’s Lutheran Church.
 - Social Meeting, June 13, 7 PM, at Our Savior’s Lutheran Church.
 - Social Meeting, July 11, 7 PM, at Our Savior’s Lutheran Church
- Program: Beverly Robeck introduced Andrea Een who presented program on Hardanger Fiddle.
- Drawings for geraniums on tables by Lois Shindoll.



Andrea Een playing one of her Hardanger fiddles at the May meeting



Andrea Een with her two Hardanger fiddles



Closeup of the string area showing the lower sympathetic vibrating strings of the Hardanger fiddle



Carved string tightening ends of the Fiddles

Elected Officers:

President – Barbara Erickson 377-1707
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