

# Restauration Lodge #1-548



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The October meeting will be Tuesday, October 10, 2017 at 7:00 pm at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Cedar Rapids

The program at the meeting will be a dramatic production of "De Nygifte" ("The Newly Married Couple") written by Bjørstjæne Bjørnson presented by the Restauration Lodge Radio Theatre Players and produced and directed by Carolyn Rushton.

Hosts for the meeting will be Ann and Ron Larsen, Mary and Bill Durspek.

## FRA PRESIDENT

October is the month that we promote the Sons of Norway Foundation. The Foundation grants scholarships as well as supporting members in need. Scholarship recipients for 2017 are listed in the October Viking magazine. And please read SofN International president Jon Tehven's message about the Foundation on page 4 of the Viking. We only ask for donations for the Foundation once a year so please be generous. Please think of yourself, your children, or grandchildren for learning grants (travel to Oslo?) or scholarships. There are deadlines for applications so please see me if interested. As we near the end of the year and elections for 2018, if someone on the nominating committee approaches you, please consider their request. We need delegates to the 2018 district convention in Rochester, Minnesota, as well as new faces on our board. Barbara

## NEW UNIFIED DUES STRUCTURE

Simplified Dues Structure for United States. See discussion on page 4 of the August Viking magazine by International President Jon Tehven. Uniform dues rates for all US lodges will be effective January 1, 2018. Have questions? Email: [2018dues@sofn.com](mailto:2018dues@sofn.com)

## LEKEPLASS

For our October Lekeplass, we will be taking a look at YouTube and other Internet offerings of Norwegians doing funny things. Not as much of an oxymoron as you might think! I'll bring some, why don't you bring some too, and we'll have Alan Erickson run them for us! Come to the basement of the church where our social meeting is held at 5:30 PM, October 10. Bring a sack supper or take out to eat so you'll be ready to go for our regular meeting at 7:00 PM. Questions? Contact Lisa Kenyon at 319-360-2310

## LANGUAGE CLASS

Language class will resume after October 8.

## FOUNDATION MONTH

Bring your checkbooks so you can donate to the annual Foundation Fund Drive --See Fra President by Barbara about the Foundation and the good work they do.

## BOOK CLUB

Book Club, Wednesday, October 18 at 1 p.m. at Ann Gesme's home, 2115 First Ave SE, Apt 3303. Ann will provide refreshments and also lead the discussion of Sigrid Undset's book, HAPPY TIMES IN NORWAY. Please let her know if you are planning to come at 319-362-6910 or e-mail her at [augdhg@gmail.com](mailto:augdhg@gmail.com).

## CALENDARS

Bring your personal scheduling calendars so you can see when you can volunteer to be hosts at a future meeting. Looking to fill the list for the future, as the after-meeting goodie time is so important to the folks!!

Lois Shindoll will have the new 2018 calendars for sale at the October meeting.

## NORWEGIAN NATIONAL ANTHEM - FYI

Ja, vi elsker dette landet	Yes, we love this country,
som det stiger frem,	as it rises forth.
furet, vaerbitt, over vannet,	Rugged, weathered, above the sea,
med de tusen hjem.	with the thousands of homes.
Elsker, elsker det og tenker	Love, love it and think
pa var far og mor	of our father and mother.
og den saganatt som senker	And the saga night that sends
dromme pa varjord.	dreams to our earth.
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## PROGRAMS

October 10 A drama "De Nygifte" produced and directed by Carolyn Rushton.

November 14 Arnold Anderson, Karl Holm's "Mission to the City"

December 12 Bob Erlandson, "Epic Mission to Sabotage Hitler's Atomic Bomb"

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Name	Birth Day	Name	Birth Day
David L Johansen	3	Norma L Kvindlog	19
Gary D Speicher	13	Marilyn E Olson	23
Tom C Olson	14	Verl L Lekwa	24
Paula J Schulte	15	Astrid Anderton	27
Sydney M Stapley	16	Richard G Stueland	30
Laurence B Munson	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/>

## BLOG BY OUR JOHN HANSON

Don't forget to check out John's recently written essay about Iowa and Norway in a literary journal. It may be seen at: <https://rootstalk.grinnell.edu/article/obedience-and-resistance>

## EXERCISE

Still 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. Recent awards to Rick Isasacson, Dale Fitzgibbons and Barbara Erickson.  
Verl Lekwa

## SONS OF NORWAY MISSION STATEMENT

*FYI A review of the Sons of Norway mission statement::*

*The mission of Sons of Norway is to promote and to preserve the heritage and culture of Norway, to celebrate our relationship with other Nordic Countries, and provide quality insurance and financial products to our members.*

## INSURANCE

In the September "Advisor", Leonard Carlson refers to the three D's when planning for you and your family's future needs and/or wants. The three D's that Len mentioned are death, disability, and desire. In all three cases, money is the key factor to the quality of life that either you or your family will have in the future. I am sure you can come up with some D's of your own but folks, let's sit down and review what you have and if nothing else, you will find out you planned well and are in good shape for the future. And you just may get a free lunch!!!! SON has great products and there is no better time to get started on securing your loved ones' future than now. There is a free lunch in this deal as well.

## NEWS FROM NORWAY

A new multi-million tunnel and bridge connecting the E105 road between Norway and Russia was opened in a ceremony involving priests from both countries.

In addition to the blessings, which were given in Norwegian, Russian and Sami, Transport Minister Ketil Solvik-Olsen and Russian Deputy Transport Minister Sergey Aristov tied a ribbon together, preferring the symbolism of this to the traditional cutting, reports broadcaster NRK. "What is special here is that we have collaborated with Russian transport authorities for a long time and built on both sides. That's why we now have a better connection between Kirkenes and Murmansk", Solvik-Olsen told the broadcaster. The partnership from both sides over the project demonstrates mutual respect and recognition of the need to improve ties between the countries, Solvik-Olsen said.

## MINUTES

Restauration Lodge, 1-548, Sons of Norway, Social Meeting, September 12, 2017  
Our Savior's Lutheran Church.

- Convened at 7:03 PM by President Barbara Erickson. Introduction of guests.
- Pledge of Allegiance and singing of "America" and "Ja, Vi Elsker" accompanied by Ann Gesme on piano.
- Treasurer's Report: Arden Shindoll – Checking \$1813.74, Savings \$13,952.00. Liability premium to be paid at end of month.
- Secretary's Report: Minutes as printed in newsletter approved.
- Membership Secretary's Report: Alan Erickson – 139 members as of July 1, 2017.
- Social Directors' Report: Barbara Taylor, Lois Shindoll – Servers tonight are: Beverly and Marvin Robeck and Lois and Arden Shindoll. Desert made by Lois's granddaughter.
- Cultural Directors' Report: Beverly Robeck and Dale Fitzgibbons
  - October program: Carolyn Rushton play "Newly Married Couples"
  - November program: Arnold Anderson presentation.

- **Book Club reconvenes in fall**
- **Sunshine Report: Cheryl Zapf – Card to Cindy Charlson Monroe. Her mother had stroke.**
- **Sports and Recreation: Very Lekwa – Awards given to:**
  - Rick Isasacson
  - Dale Fitzgibbons
  - Barbara Erickson
- **Lekeplass: Lisa Kenyon: Tonight at 5:30 PM, “A Man Called Ove”**
- **Scandinavian Knitting: Meets Mondays at Thea O’Grady’s house.**
- **Business: Nominating committee needs volunteers.**
- **Announcements:**
  - Calendars available for \$12
  - News dues structure. Can be paid monthly.
  - SON sold its building, which will be rebuilt and SON will return to site.
  - Next business meeting: Tuesday, Sept. 19, 7 PM at Cindy Charlson Monroe’s house.
  - Next Social Meeting, October 10, 7 PM, at Our Savior’s Lutheran Church.
- **Program tonight:**
  - Lisa Kenyon – “Draken Harald Harfagre: the Viking ship in Detroit”



**Lisa Kenyon presenting her program on the Viking Ship in Detroit**



**Verl Lekwa presenting a Silver Bicycling award to Barbara Erickson and an award to Dale Fitzgibbons for Tai Chi**

**Elected Officers:**

President – Barbara Erickson	377-1707
Vice President – Cindy Monroe	363-7420
Secretary – Harold Williamson	338-5658
Treasurer – Arden Shindoll	377 2890
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
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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