

Restauration Lodge #1-548



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

The program at the meeting is a presentation by Restauration Lodge member Arnold Andersen, titled "*Mission to the City*" by Karl Holm. Hosts for the meeting will be Helen and Arnold Anderson and Barb Taylor.

FRA PRESIDENT

I want to share a great experience about the Folk School at Vesterheim. Yours truly along with 4 other lodge members (Cindy Monroe, Thea O'Grady, Marilyn Olson, Lisa Kenyon spent 4 days in Decorah learning the technique of twined knitting. The instructor was Arnhild Hillesland, a gifted Norwegian designer and teacher from Ames. Twined knitting uses both strands from a ball of yarn, twisting and alternating the strands while knitting, thereby producing a very tightly knitted garment; very warm. It is an old technique having a revival and is especially useful for hats, mittens, scarves. Other classmates were from across the U.S.A. We had time to see the new exhibits at Vesterheim and marveled at the permanent exhibits - something that is recommended for all lodge members. As we approach the end of the year, I look forward to seeing you at our November meeting for Arnold Andersen's presentation. If you have an interest in being on the board or being a delegate to the convention in Rochester in June, please let me know. If you are approached by someone on the nominating committee, please seriously consider the request. Barbara

LEKEPLASS

Our November Lekeplass is cancelled due to a lack of a suitable and entertaining subject matter. We will be looking for a new coordinator as Lisa Kenyon can no longer carry on due to business pressure. Any ideas for future Lekeplass sessions would be welcomed. Contact any board member if you have a good idea.

FOUNDATION

Foundation donations at the October meeting totaled \$278 -- CONGRATULATIONS MEMBERS !!! The lodge board has decided to add an additional amount to bring it to a total of \$325 for our lodge contribution to the SON Foundation.

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

LANGUAGE CLASS

Language class meets at 6PM Wednesdays at Tom Næsse's house.

BOOK CLUB

Book Club, Wednesday, November 22 at 1 p.m. at Ann Gesme's home, 2115 First Ave SE, Apt 3303. Lois Shindoll is providing refreshments and leading the discussion of Gracia Grindal's book, *UNSTOPPABLE*. Please let Ann know if you are planning to come at 319-362-6910 or e-mail her at 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 November meeting.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Name	Birth Day	Name	Birth Day
Leslie Ellis Stokke	10	Bonnie L Campbell	16
Linda M Tellberg	11	Patricia Bjorseth	18
Anna Bosking	12	Thea Dawn O'Grady	22
Marcus Zhong-ling Pei	13	Milt L Knutson	23

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 fall mode and walk, 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. Verl Lekwa

NORSK TRIVIA

As Norwegians we feel akin to the north (except in winter). But did you know we are so far north at our lodge in Cedar Rapids that some of Canada is south of us? look at your maps/mapping and find that the south edge of Canada, south of Detroit, is south of us, and a Canadian island, Pelee Island, is further south yet. So when you're cold this winter, you'll remember why: you're south of a part of Canada! 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

With the holidays approaching, money is still the “popular” gift with the kids and grandkids. Money is great but it tends to disappear in short order. On the other hand, a Sons of Norway life policy is extremely affordable, tax free, has an interest bearing cash value with a rate of 4.4%, and lasts a lifetime!! If those reasons aren’t enough, the great features of a SON life policy provides for a receiving family member, it also has funds built into it that supplies money for the organization and your lodge. Specifically, it helps fund their operation and keeps them financially sound to continue their good works. What other gift is there that gives in so many ways? As you make out your Christmas list this year, please consider adding a SoN life product or two on for your loved ones. It is, after all, the gift that lasts a lifetime.

NEWS FROM NORWAY

Norwegian banks are solid, but the financial system is vulnerable to high household debt and elevated property prices. “High debt increases the risk of a tightening of household consumption in response to a substantial fall in house prices and a pronounced rise in the interest rate level. This is a source of financial vulnerability and could amplify an economic downturn. This could in turn lead to increased corporate loan losses for banks,” says Deputy Governor Jon Nicolaisen

A Norwegian bank near the Swedish border has been robbed this morning, according to Aftonbladet. The robbery took place in Rendalen municipality in Hedmark, which is on the Swedish border. The robbers left the scene in a Swedish-registered car, probably a red Opel, driving to Sweden.

MINUTES

Restauration Lodge 1-548 Sons of Norway Social Meeting October 10, 2017

- Welcome and Introduction of Guests – President Barbara Erickson
- Pledge of Allegiance and singing of *America* and *Ja, Vi Elsker* accompanied by Sharon Kay Stang on piano.
- Treasurer: (Arden Shindoll) checking: \$1706.49; Savings: \$13,952.90
- Secretary: (Harold Williamson) minutes are printed in the newsletter.
 - Accepted.
- Membership Secretary: (Alan Erickson) 140 members as of Oct 1, 2017.
- Social Directors: (Barb Taylor, Lois Shindoll) – Hosts: Ann and Ron Larsen, Mary and Bill Durspek
- Cultural Director: (Bev Robeck, Dale Fitzgibbons):
 - Future programs discussed.
- Book Club: (Ann Gesme): Reading “Happy Times in Norway”
- Sunshine: (Cheryl Zapf): Card to Thea O’Grady, surgery.
- V.P & Scholarship (Cindy): {nominating committee?} {Tusen Takk?}
- Lekeclass (Lisa): Tonight “Norwegians doing funny things” (YouTube and Internet)
- Scandinavian Knitting (Thea): Meets Mondays at Thea’s house
- Norway Class (Tom Naesse): Meets on Wednesday at 6PM at his house.
- Sons of Norway Representative: (M. E. Levsen)
- Business
 - Foundation (pass the pig)
- Announcements
 - Next board meeting: Tue Oct 17, 7:00 pm at TBD
 - Next social meeting: Tuesday November 14
- Program tonight: dramatic production of *De Nygifte* ("The Newly Married Couple") written by Bjørstjene Bjørnson presented by the Restauration Lodge

Radio Theatre Players and produced and directed by Carolyn Rushton



The Restauration Lodge Players, the Fitzgibbons, Barbara Erickson, Cindy Monroe, Lois Shindoll and Al Stang and director Carolyn Rushton who presented *The Newly Married Couple* play.



Dale Fitzbibbons, Barbara Erickson and Cindy Monroe in a scene in the play



Cindy Monroe and her Tablet Weaving Machine

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 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 President- 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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