

Restauration Lodge #1-548



December 2017 www.sofn-cedarrapids.org

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, December 12, 2017 at 6:00 PM at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Cedar Rapids

We are having a soup supper at the meeting provided by Cindy Monroe and Tom Næsse. On the menu will be pea soup, Elk stew, Venison meat balls, potatoes, rye bread and Lapskaus by Tom. Suggested donations to defray costs will be at least \$2.00.

For this festive Jule occasion, wear your Norwegian sweaters. We will have a **SILENT AUCTION** at the meeting, please bring Scandinavian treasures that need a new home.

Lodge officers are to bring desserts and help set up at 5PM.
Hosts for the meeting will be the board members.

For the program at the meeting, Bob Erlandson reviews the book *"The Winter Fortress: The Epic Mission to Sabotage Hitler's Atomic Bomb"*.

HOSTS

December- The Board members
January, 2018 - Potluck - Board members help set up
February, 2018 - Cindy Monroe and Verl Lekwa

FRA PRESIDENT

God Jul to all Restauration lodge members! Remember our special meal starting at 6pm Tuesday, December 12 with program by Bob Erlandson. Be sure to wear your Norwegian sweaters. We'll also have a **SILENT AUCTION** - please bring Scandinavian treasures that need a new home. We'll have our annual Lutefisk dinner in January. Enjoy the holiday season.

Barbara

LEKEPLASS

Our December Lekeplass is cancelled. Any ideas for future Lekeplass sessions would be welcomed. Contact any board member if you have a good idea.

PROGRAMS

December - Bob Erlandson reviews the book *"The Winter Fortress: Hitler's A-bomb"*
January, 2018 - Lutefisk and Lefse potluck dinner.

NAME TAGS

If you want the magnet-backed version of nametags, they are \$8.25 and are ordered by Lois Shindoll. See her at the meetings or call her at 377-2890.

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

No Book Club in December.

CALENDARS and T-SHIRTS

Lois Shindoll will have the new 2018 calendars for sale at the December meeting. Cost is \$12. Lois also has SON T-shirts for sale for \$12.

SUBSCRIPTION OFFER [NEW FOR VESTERHEIM MEMBERS]

An introductory six-month subscription to *The Norwegian American* for only \$17.50—a 50% savings! *The Norwegian American* is America's only Norwegian newspaper in existence, and it has been published continuously since 1889. Sign up [here](#), call (206) 784-4617, email subscribe@na-weekly.com, or write to 17713 15th Ave NE, #205, Shoreline, WA 98155 to set up your subscription. Offer valid on new subscriptions only. Limit one per Vesterheim membership

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Name	Birth Day	Name	Birth Day
Mavis Lovik	2	Robert Thorkildson	25
Leif Galstad	4	Rebecca Cleveland	26
Martha Ellingson	17	Joan Bredeson	27
Jason Gambach	19	Dean Gesme	31
Arden Shindoll	22	Eldon Wohlleben	31
Thorleif Næsse	22		

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

Without ruining your holiday season, remember to eat moderately, especially sweets. Then in January get down to really toning up, taking off a few pounds, and feeling great when spring rolls around. And along the way, earn some Sons of Norway sports medals.
Dr. 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

Fellow lodge members, Last month I appealed to your need to shop for your loved ones and get them something that won't be returned or broken or need batteries. Insurance is the gift that will never stop giving and WILL be used by everyone on your list at some point in the future. The SON life products have the option of creating a cash value that can be borrowed against for new home buyers or college students, or for the trip of a lifetime. So I will put it out there again, to please consider a lasting quality gift that everyone can use and has the added feature of gifting to your lodge and the overall organization with every financial product that you or your loved ones purchase through SON. We, at Neighbor Insurance, wish each and every one of you the very merriest of Christmas seasons.....

NEWS FROM NORWAY

The government proposes double citizenship right in Norway. Immigration and Integration Minister Sylvi Listhaug (Frp) wants to introduce dual citizenship, to make it possible to deprive persons convicted of terrorist acts of their Norwegian citizenship. Persons taken and convicted of terrorist acts may lose their Norwegian citizenship. We can not make people stateless, but we can take their Norwegian citizenship if they have another citizenship, "said Listhaug.

In four years, the proportion of poor in Norway increased from 7.7 per cent to 9.3 per cent. The share of low income increases over time, while we see that income gap widens, and the rich are getting richer, says knowledge director of NAV, Yngvar Åsholt to the newspaper. Around 17.5 per cent of all children in Oslo live in households that have low income, and people with immigrant background account for 43 per cent of all the poor. This proportion has increased steadily, especially the 18-34 age group. They are the most vulnerable group, 14 percent of which are poor.

SVEN AND OLE

Sven and Ole were walking through a field and saw a big hole. They wondered how deep it was, so they threw a rock in but didn't hear it hit the bottom. So they looked around and found a big plank which they dragged over and threw in the hole. Again, they didn't hear a thing, but all of a sudden a goat came running by at incredible speed and plunged down the hole. Still they didn't hear a sound. A bit later a farmer came by looking for his goat. Sven said, "It might be da goat who yust ran past and yumped in da hole" "Oh no," said the farmer, that can't be.....my goat is tied to a big heavy plank.....

MINUTES

Restauration Lodge 1-548 Sons of Norway Social Meeting November 14, 2017

- Welcome and Introduction of Guests by President Barbara Erickson
- Pledge of Allegiance and singing of *America* and *Ja, Vi Elsker*.
- Treasurer: (Arden Shindoll) checking: \$2124.27; Savings: \$14013.93
- Secretary: October's minutes approved as printed in the newsletter. Alan is filling in tonight for Harold.
- Membership Secretary: (Alan Erickson) 140 members as of Nov 1, 2017.
- Social Directors: (Barb Taylor, Lois Shindoll) – Hosts: Barb Taylor & Arnold and Helen Andersen
- Cultural Director: (Bev Robeck, Dale Fitzgibbons): soup meal in December (6pm) followed by presentation by Bob Erlandson.
- Scandinavian Knitting (Thea): Meets Mondays at Thea's house.
- Book Club: (Ann): Reading "Unstoppable Norwegian Pioneers Educate Their Women", call Ann for meeting on Wed Nov 15
- Sports and Recreation: (Verl): recipient is not present
- Business

- Foundation donation collected at October meeting plus Lodge contribution totaled \$325.
- Golden Member – Frank Klemetson (absent, will send him certificate)
- Ski for Light: organization with Norwegian ties to teach blind participants to ski; defer to board for donation amount. See website <http://www.sfl.org/>
- **Announcements**
 - 2018 dues structure is changing
 - Lois has calendars for \$12, T-shirts for \$12, nametags for \$8, and looking for a small child bunad to borrow.
 - Next board meeting: Tue Nov 21, 7:00 pm at Cindy's house
 - Next social meeting: Tuesday December 12 6pm with Pea Soup (board brings dessert). Program: Bob Erlandson. Wear Norwegian sweaters. Silent auction will be held.
 - Program tonight: Arnold Andersen: Mission to the City by Karl Holm, who was Arnold's grandfather.



The Andersons, Arnold and Helen, Lecturers on Karl Holm

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 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

Lodge web site: www.sofn-cedarrapids.org

Web master: Robert Thorkildson 721-9902