

Restauration Lodge #1-548



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Our next meeting will be Tuesday, May 8 2018 at 6:00 PM at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Cedar Rapids for the annual Syttende Mai dinner

PROGRAM The program for this month is the WWII Invasion of Norway by the Nazis and the Escape of the Royal Family by David Christ.
Hosts for the meeting are the lodge board members.

FRA PRESIDENT

I look forward to seeing all of you at the Syttende Mai dinner on May 8, 6:00 pm. This is a day of celebration, Norwegian National Day, marking the signing of Norway's Constitution in 1814. The Internet reports that this is the best day for ice cream sellers in Norway, if the weather permits. The SofN district 1 convention will be June 14-16, 2018 in Rochester, MN. Our delegates are Cindy Monroe, Alan and Barbara Erickson. Lisa Kenyon is a vendor at the Norwegian Market. There's a Nordic folk art exhibit and competition; let us know if you have any items to enter. Barbara

SYTTENDE MAI

Our 17th of May celebration will be held at our May 8 meeting, a few days early. Cost for the catered meal by LJ's is \$10. Call Lois Shindoll at 377-2890 for dinner reservations this week up to Thursday, 3 May. Members are asked to bring Norwegian desserts. Officers are to help set up. .

LEKEPLASS

June 12 at 5:00, Lois Shindoll and Marilyn Olson will give a demonstration on making Kransekaka, the Norwegian wedding cake.

PROGRAMS

May, 2018 "Germany's Invasion of Norway and Escape of the Royals " by David Christ
June, 2018 "Churning Butter" by Mette Gro Kelley
July, 2018 "American Humor: Ole and Lena in America" by Norm Carlson
August - No Meeting
September, 2018 "About the Artist Herbjorn Gausta" by Dr. Kate Elliot of Luther

NAME TAGS

If you want the magnet-backed version of nametags, they are \$8.25 and are ordered by our Vice President, 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 is every Wednesday at 6PM at Tom Næsse's home.

BOOK CLUB

Book Club Wednesday, 16 May, 2018, Gesme's apartment at Cottage Grove Place, 1:00 pm. Mary Durspek will furnish refreshments and lead the discussion of "The Caller" by Karen Fossum. Please let Ann know if you are planning to come at 319-362-6910 or e-mail her at augdhg@gmail.com.

MAY BIRTHDAYS:

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

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION FOR HAROLD

The family of Harold Williamson would like to make you aware of a very special milestone! On August 8, 2018 (8/8/18) Harold (Harry) turns 88 years old!

The Chinese consider 8 to be a very lucky number! A double 8, as in 88, is said to bring double joy! When Harold attended the summer Olympics in Beijing in 2008 (the opening ceremony began on 08/08/08 at 8 minutes and 8 seconds past 8 pm) he was 78 and received special treatment everywhere. Imagine if he had been 88 then?!

Ten years later at 88, we thought it important that we should mark this occasion and to do so, we are hosting a party starting in the afternoon on 11 August 2018 (the Saturday following his birthday) in Iowa City. Further details on venue and timings to come but please can you let Harold's family know by May 31, 2018 if you will attend.

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PASSING

One of our lodge members, Russ Hanson passed away on Sunday April 8 at age 85. His obituary can be found on-line here:

<http://www.murdochfuneralhome.com/obituaries/Russell-Hansen-2/#!/Obituary>

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 routine, remember to eat moderately, especially sweets. Then in this new year 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.

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

For insurance and other financial matters, consult Sons of Norway Headquarters, lcarlson@sofn.com or call (800) 945-8851

NEWS FROM NORWAY



Russia's 'nuclear titanic' sets off for Norway coast.

A Russian power plant dubbed a “nuclear Titanic” by environmental campaigners set off on Saturday at the start of journey that will take it up Norway's coast.

Akademik Lomonosov, the world's first floating nuclear power plant, left the Baltic Shipyard in St Petersburg on Saturday morning.

It is expected to reach the Swedish coast next week, before making its way through the narrow Öresund straits, across the Kattegat and then into the North and Norwegian Seas.

Russia's development of a floating nuclear

power plant has generated alarm among its Nordic neighbours, with Norway's foreign minister Børge Brende last June warning that the plan to transport it fully fuelled raised “serious questions”.

OLE AND LARS

Ole & Lena went to a lawyer to see about getting a divorce. "How old are you folks?" asked the lawyer. "Vell, I'm 96 and Lena is 92," said Ole. "How come you are getting a divorce now?" asked the lawyer. Said Ole: "Ve wanted to vait till all da kids vere dead."

MINUTES

Restauration Lodge 1-548 Sons of Norway Social Meeting Minutes April 10. 2018

The meeting was opened by President Barbara Erickson.

There were 42 attendees

Members said the Pledge of Allegiance and sang *America* and *Ja, vi elsker*.

Treasurer's (Arden Shindoll) report shared and approved

Secretary's (Cindy Monroe) - minutes were published newsletter and approved, as corrected.

Membership (Alan Erickson) – 131 active members.

Social Directors (Barbara Taylor and Sue Speicher) – Servers tonight are Barbara Erickson and Cheryl Zaph. May 8 is our Syttende Mai Banquet, catered by L.J.'s and members bringing desserts. See Lois Shindoll for tickets (\$10). She will call members who have not purchased tickets. Dinner at 6 pm and program at 7 pm (Dave Christ will talk about the invasion of Norway during the Second World War.) June hosts are Judy and Dale Fitzgibbons and Sue Speicher.

Cultural Director (Marilyn Olson): Program is complete for the year.

Sunshine (Cheryl Zaph)- No cards sent last month. Announcements were made regarding the death of member Russ Hanson and hospitalization of Anne Gesme (who assured us she will be hosting Book Club next week and celebrating her birthday on April 28)

Sports and Recreation (Verl Lekwa) – Arden Shindoll received the bronze medal for exercise. Members are encouraged to get active.

Book Club (Ann Gesme) – Next meeting is April 18 at 1:00 at Ann’s home. A discussion of *How to Hygge – The Nordic Secrets to a Happy Life* will be led by Barbara Erickson. At the May 16 meeting, Mary Durspek will lead a discussion of *The Caller* by Karen Fossum.

What’s New in Norway and **Language Class** (Tom Naesse) – Language class meets at 6 pm, Wednesday, at Tom’s home. Tom shared news of Norway’s annual salary dispute, \$128 billion earned from oil investments (owned by Norway, not oil companies), SAS ordered 50 busses, and Cedar Rapids’ Art Collins is pictured on the tail of a Norwegian plane.

Sons of Norway Representative – No report.

Additional Business (President Barbara Erickson)

Membership Awards to Alan Erickson and Lois Shindoll for recruiting and signing up new members.

Summer Community Events – Members are encouraged to volunteer at the Linn County Fair on Friday, June 29, 2018, Nordic Fest in Decorah on July 27 and 28, 2018, and Hometown Days at West Branch on August 4, 2018.

Members are invited to knit together every Monday morning at Thea O’Grady’s home. The Sunday Nordic organ concert at St. Mark’s Lutheran Church featured a Norwegian musician and beautiful snowfall outside.

Milt Knutson received a trophy for winning the Most Original Male Costume award in the Cedar Rapids Saint Patrick’s Day Parade on March 17, 2018.

3:00 Monday, April 16, 2018 – Lodge Board Meeting at Cindy Monroe’s home.

Tuesday, May 8, 2018 – Social meeting. 5:00 = officer set up, 6:00 = meal, 7:00 = program.

Program – Darrel Morf - “Norm Borlaug: A New Face in the Capital”



Darrel Morf presenting all about Norman Borlaug



Milt Knutson's special award from the lodge for his best parade male costume



Alan Erickson and Lois Shindoll receiving awards for new member gathering from President Barbara Erickson



Arden Shindoll receiving a sports medal from Verl Lekwa



Barbara Erickson showing new books for the lodge library



Stanley Steamer seen in downtown Marion-runs on kerosine to make steam.

Elected Officers:

President – Barbara Erickson	377-1707
Vice President – Lois Shindoll	377-2890
Secretary – Cindy Monroe	363-7420
Treasurer – Arden Shindoll	377 2890
Membership Secretary Alan Erickson	377-1707
Cultural Director – Marilyn Olson	393-5531
Social Directors --Barbara Taylor	393-0844
Sue Speicher	364-8607

SON Financial Benefits Counselor

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Web master: Robert Thorkildson 721-9902

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
Scholarships- Cindy Monroe	363-7420
Sports/Recreation/Youth- Verl Lekwa	319 728-2847
Sunshine- Cheryl Zapf	363-5326