

Restauration Lodge #1-548



July 2019 www.sofn-cedarrapids.org

**Our next meeting will be Tuesday, July 9, 2019 at 7:00 pm
at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Cedar Rapids**

PROGRAM The program for this month is *My Gap Year in Norway* by Grace Williamson.

Hostesses for the July meeting are Helen Anderson and Cheryl Zapf.

FRA PRESIDENT

This year I will be enjoying summer solstice and Midsummer in Norway along with others of our lodge. What a great time of year to be with friends and family enjoying outdoor activities. I hope you will be able to include local events (Linn County Fair, Nordic Days, Hoover's Hometown Days, and working on a sports medal.) If you get to Minneapolis you can see the exhibit "The Viking Begins" at the American Swedish Institute - the first time it has been out of Scandinavia. Don't forget July's meeting with Grace Williamson talking about her Gap Year in Norway. Remember there is no social meeting in August and I'll see you in September.

Barbara

LEKEPLASS

Nothing scheduled this month.

PROGRAMS

July 2019: *My Gap Year in Norway* by Grace Williamson.

August-No meeting

September: *Voyage on the Restauration* by Kathleen Almelien

October: *Textile Tour to Copenhagen and Norway* by Lisa Kenyon

November: *Video—The Black Death in Scandinavia*

December: *Selbu Mittens* by Ellen Susanne

EVENTS

Nordic Fest in Decorah IA is July 25-28.

Home Town Days in West Branch will be August 3; Our lodge plans to have a booth.

BOOK CLUB

Book Club for July is Wednesday, July 17 at 1pm at Ann Gesme's apartment, 3303 Cottage Grove Place. The book, *Culture and Customs of Norway* by Margaret Hayford O'Leary will be led by Carolyn Rushton.

LANGUAGE CLASS

Language class is cancelled this month.

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

NAME TAGS & CALENDARS

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.

JULY BIRTHDAYS:

Name	Birth Day	Name	Birth Day
Mavis M Hovden	2	John Arthur Albertson	18
Sharon Kay Stang	4	Jonathan R White	18
Laurie K Stonewall	6	Beverly B Robeck	18
Donald H Kvindlog	7	Jonathan R O'Neill	21
Nancy S Thorkildson	15	Ulla Wall	29

THE NORWEGIAN AMERICAN WEEKLY

Don't forget to pick up a copy of the Weekly to practice your Norwegian reading skills! You will find back issues available to borrow at our meetings.

FACEBOOK LINK

Link to our Facebook

District One now has a facebook at

<https://www.facebook.com/Sons-of-Norway-District-1-148130308566588/>

EXERCISE

Do we have sports fans in our lodge who can tell us major sports figures with Norsk lineage? We all know Knute Rockne, but what about players and coaches of today? Anyone who knows of any, please send the info to the newsletter editors.

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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

A new insurance representative is now on board, Scott Johannsen of Davenport. He has been in the business for some 20 years. he has a mail address at sjohannsen@riverlandinsurancegroup.com and Tel 563-343-5167.

NEWS FROM NORWAY

- *Norway Looks to Strip 1,600 Migrants of Refugee Status, Send Them Back to Somalia*
The Norwegian government has come under fire from pro-migrant groups after announcing it would be removing refugee status from some 1,600 Somalians and sending them back to Somalia, noting the situation in the country had improved. The Norwegian government has said that Somalia now has a more stable government and the refugees no longer need the protection of the Norwegian state, Nettavisen reports. Several pro-asylum seeker groups have spoken out against the move accusing the government of breaking international asylum rules, such as the Norwegian Organization

for Asylum Seekers (NOAS) which argued that the conditions in Somali have not changed enough to justify stripping the migrants of refugee status.

“The whole basis of the refugee convention is that there are only people with real protection needs that are entitled to stay. Neither the Constitution nor our international obligations mean that a foreign national is entitled to a particular type of permit in Norway,” Åmland added.

Migrants in Norway have become a strain on the country’s generous welfare system with individuals from migrant backgrounds making up half of the welfare recipients in the country.

• *ACI calls Norway’s Air Tax “ill-advised, damaging and counterproductive”*

Airports Council International Europe (ACI) has criticised the introduction of Norway’s new aviation tax, calling it “short-sighted”, and warning that it “ignores the economic and wider strategic benefits of air transport”.

The tax – which comes into effect this week – sees a NOK80 (€5.59) charge made to passengers departing on domestic and international flights from Norway.

In a statement ACI said: “ACI Europe views the introduction of this new tax as a worrying development. It is short-sighted, as it ignores the economic and wider strategic benefits of air transport – the loss of which will significantly outweigh any short-term gains for the Treasury.”



Dave Tesdahl, Mary Durspek and Lois Shindoll at the Linn County Fair making Vaffler



Lois Shindoll telling of her trip to Norway at the June meeting

Elected Officers:

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