

OCTOBER 2019

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District 1 Norwegian  
Culture and Heritage



Language Class at

Tom's home

Wednesdays at 6  
No Quizzes Ever!



RESTAURATION  
LODGE I-548

**NEXT MEETING — Tuesday, October 8, 2019 at 7:00 pm at  
Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Cedar Rapids.**

*Fra Presidenten*



Sons of Norway Foundation was founded in 1966 to support Norwegian heritage and culture. October is the month we ask our lodge members to donate to the Foundation. These moneys provide many scholarships and grants. Our very own Grace Williamson, granddaughter of Harold Williamson has received a Nancy Lorraine Jensen memorial scholarship to the University of Iowa in Chemical Engineering (see the Viking Magazine page 25). 2020 will be the 125th anniversary of Sons of Norway in the USA. Stay tuned to your emails from SofN HQ and possible events our lodge may also hold. Eight of our lodge members were in Denmark and Norway on a Vesterheim - organized Textile Tour in June. Hear our stories at the October 8 meeting.

Barbara

**Upcoming Programs:**

Nov: Video—Viking Women

Dec: Selbu Mittens by Ellen Holstein

Events

**Oct 9 Leif Erickson  
Day - see page 5**

**October 14 Mitten**

**Refreshments:**

Oct: Cindy Monroe and Verl Lekwa

Nov: Cindy Monroe and Thea O'Grady

Dec: Julebord



October's Program  
Highlights from a Textile Tour of  
Norway and Denmark



Who went there? These ladies did!  
L to R: Cindy Monroe, Marilyn Olson, Helen Anderson,  
Barbara Erickson, designer Vivian Høxbro, Lisa Kenyon,  
Amy Berry, and Sue Speicher.

Past programs from Lois ...



...and Kathleen.





Pssss....up to NO GOOD are Verl and David.

**Kan du glemme gamle Norge?** 41  
*Old Norway*  
 NORWEGIAN-AMERICAN FOLK SONG

*Andante*

1. Kan du glem-me gam-le Nor - ge? Al - dri jeg det glem-me kan,  
 1. How can you for-get old Nor - way, Land of rock and nar-row fjord,

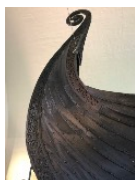
som med stol - te klip - pe - bor - ge er og blir mitt fø - de - land.  
 Where the moun-tains are like cas - tles Stand like sen - ti - nels on guard?

**Elected Officers:**

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# OUR ACTIVITIES

## Exercise

Friluftsliv – /free-loofts-liv/  
Outdoor life and recreation

Verl asked us if we were watching too much TV? Be prepared to answer him!



Board members meet at 5:30  
before the social meeting, October 8th.

Happy Birthday to our October members:

James Edward Almelien	1
David L Johanwen	3
Gary Speicher	13
Marsha Bergan	14
Tom Olson	14
Paula Schulte	15
Sydney Stapley	16
Marilyn Olson	23
Very Lekwa	24
Astrid Anderton	27



BOOK CLUB,  
Wednesday, Oct 16 at  
1pm at Ann Gesme's  
apartment. *The  
Wizard and the  
Prophet* (member's  
choice chapter) by  
Charles C. Mann.



## SKANDINAVIAN KNITTERS

Interested in knitting?  
You are invited to meet  
Mondays 9:30 - 12 at Thea  
O'Grady's home.  
Phone or text 319-536-4979



## Leif Eriksson Day

All Norwegians are obligated to know the history. Here's all about the event that created the date Oct 9th as the Leif Eriksson Day throughout the USA. First Rasmus B. Anderson 1874 published a book claiming Leif Eriksson first discovered America, the Italians managed to get a holiday, Norwegians pushed for a Holiday and in 1925 at the Norse-American Centennial at the Minnesota State Fair in 1925, President Calvin Coolidge gave recognition to Leif Erikson as the discoverer of America due to research by Norwegian-American scholars such as Knut Gjerset and Ludvig Hektoen. In 1929, Wisconsin became the first U.S. state to officially adopt Leif Erikson Day as a state holiday, thanks in large part to efforts by Rasmus Anderson. In 1931, Minnesota did also. By 1956, Leif Erikson Day had been made an official observance in seven states (Wisconsin, Minnesota, South Dakota, Illinois, Colorado, Washington, and California) and one Canadian province (Saskatchewan).

In 1963, Senator Hubert Humphrey and Representative John Blatnik, both from Minnesota, introduced bills to observe Leif Erikson Day nationwide. On September 2, 1964, Congress unanimously authorized and requested the President to create the observance through an annual proclamation. Lyndon B. Johnson did so that year, as has each president in the years since, often using the proclamation to praise the contributions of Americans of Nordic descent generally and the spirit of discovery. Bills have been introduced in the Parliament of Canada to observe Leif Eriksson Day.

October 9 is not associated with any particular event in Leif Erikson's life.

To see drawings and read the full article, [click here](#)

Takk to Edward Wick, editor of SON District 1 Facebook.