

# RESTAURATION LODGE #548



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**The next social meeting will be Tuesday, June 8, 2010  
7:00 PM**

**To maximize the time for our program we will shorten our  
business meeting and eat during the program.**

**Longtime member Dave Christ will share his Great Great Grandfather's Valley, Tlemark by Boat and Bicycle. Dave and his wife, Ruth, have traveled often to Norway to visit their daughter and her family. Dave has contributed many interesting programs in the past and we are sure your friends would like an invitation to this one.**

## **Plan Ahead**

**Our July meeting is a catered picnic (\$10 per person) and we need to give our caterer numbers the week before. Please register at the June meeting or call our social directors to make a reservation (Mavis 393-3286 or Anna Marie 373-9260). Or reply to this newsletter by email and I will send it to Mavis and Anna Marie.**

## **Fra President**

The materials arrived for the Sons of Norway District Convention on June 17-19 in Rochester, Minnesota. The printed schedule gives little detail, but it looks like more work than fun. Oh well, Barbara and Alan Erickson and I will give you a report when we return. There are several changes we will be discussing.

The first affects our district. The recommendation is to increase the number of representatives to district meeting by allowing two delegates from each lodge and an additional delegate for every 50 members. This would increase our delegate number from three to four. The reasons to do this is to increase the number of participants in District business, perhaps get cheaper hotel

rates and we may be more likely to send a full delegation to the International Lodge meeting.

The second, if passed, would go to International. The resolution is to establish a committee to review a name change for the organization. The reasons are the current name is not gender neutral, does not encourage broad Nordic participation.

The third is a resolution have any increase in dues voted on by lodge members in attendance at the Lodge convention, not just by the International Board. Reason is that some membership drop is due to increased dues.

The fourth is a resolution to adjust the formula for lodge growth, taking into account death and transfers out, which lodges have no control over.

The fifth is to include "modern" Norway in our mission statement. "to promote and preserve the heritage and culture of Norway, encourage learning about modern Norwegian society, to celebrate our relationship with other Nordic countries and provide quality insurance and financial products to its members."

If you wish to give Barbara, Alan and I input into these items, please email or call one of us.

Cindy Charlson Monroe

## **2010 Schedule**

June 8 – 6 p.m. Great Grandfather's Valley, Telemark by Boat and Bicycle, by David Christ.

July 13 – Christmas in July, by Lois McCormick

July is also a catered picnic. Must register and pay ahead - \$10/person.

August – NO MEETING

September 14 – 7 p.m. Demonstration and Tasting of Open Face Sandwiches – a Norwegian Tradition by several of our members.

October 12 – 6 p.m. Norwegian Folk Arts Night by Paula Schulte. Also catered meal for \$10. Reservations ahead of time, please.

November 9 – 7 p.m. Saga in Steel and Concrete , Engineers Involved in Designing and Building Tunnels, Bridges, etc. by Alan Erickson. ALSO Silent Auction.

December 14 – 6 p.m. Julebord (Lutefisk Potluck)

## **News from Swedes to the South**

The Swedish Heritage Society of Swedesburg, Iowa invites the public to enjoy their pancake and lingonberry breakfasts on July 3 and August 7 from 8-11 a.m. In addition to the Swedish pancakes with lingonberries, the menu includes potatis korv, homemade pastries, juice and coffee. Ticket price is \$6. Their Midsummer Fest will be held June 25 at 7:00 p.m. After music entertainment of an accordion and string bass, there will be an ice cream social. Bring you own lawn chair. If interested in learning more about the Society go to [Swedish@iowatelecom.net](mailto:Swedish@iowatelecom.net).

### **Book Group**

June 16 - SNOW TREASURE by Marie Mcswigan. - Lois McCormick, discussant and treats.

July 21 IN COD WE TRUST by David Laskin

August 18 A mystery

September 15 CHILDREN OF WORLD WAR TWO by Kjersti Ericson and Eva Simonson

### **PLANNING A VACATION?**

**Check out some of these Midwest Norwegian events**

- July 22-24- Nordic Fest in Decorah
- Midsummer Scandinavian Festival, Crookston, MN  
06/14/2010

### **LOOK FORWARD TO THESE UPCOMING PROGRAMS!**

- **June – Biking and Boating in Telemark**
- **July – Christmas in Norway**
- **August NO MEETING**

### **Keep Sons of Norway Restauration Lodge 548 Strong**

- ❖ Take our Norwegian language class.
- ❖ Provide suggestions for programs.
- ❖ Sign up to bring treats to meetings.
- ❖ Pick up a member who prefers not to drive at night.
- ❖ Say yes if nominating committee asks you to be an officer.
- ❖ Bring a potential member to a meeting to try us out.
- ❖ Encourage youth to attend language camps and to apply for our scholarships.
- ❖ Join one of our small groups.
- ❖ Earn an award by pursuing an area in Sons of Norway Cultural Program.

**Elected Officers:**

President – Cindy Monroe	363-7420
Vice President – Dave Johansen	319-338-7034
738-2847	
Secretary – Harold Williamson	338-5658
Treasurer – Ding Sather	393-7310
Membership Secretary –	
Alan & Barbara Erickson	377-1707
Cultural Directors – Paula Schulte	396-1076
Lois McCormick	377-2890
Historian-Paula Schulte	396-1076
Social Directors – Mavis Hovden	393-3286
Anna Marie Klein	373-9260

**Sons of Norway representatives:**

Davis Tesdahl	286-9447
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Web master: Robert Thorkildson	721-9902
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**Appointed Officers:**

Auditors:	
Veri Lekwa	
Ruth Christ	351-7717
Bob Thorkildson	721-9902
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