

RESTAURATION LODGE #548



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The January social meeting will be Tuesday, January 13, 2015 at 6:00 PM at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Cedar Rapids

Our January social meeting on Tuesday the 13th is at 6:00 PM and will be our ANNUAL LUTEFISK and LEFSE potluck. Please bring a dish or dishes to share and your own table service. Don't forget Norwegian desserts. Cost of the meal is \$4.00 for Lutefisk eaters and \$1.00 for all others. Hosts for the meeting will be the SON Board members. Board members will set up at 5:00, serve and cleanup. Come and enjoy!

The program for the January 13 meeting will be Evelyn Galstead, a City High junior who will speak about her nine summers at the Norwegian Language Camp, Skogfjorden. She will update us with current activities at Skogfjorden, with photos and her impressions. Ms. Galstead is also an accomplished vocalist.

BOOK CLUB

Book Club will be Wednesday, January 21st at 1 p.m. at Gesme's. Ann will have refreshments and lead the discussion of December's scheduled book, Tastes and Tales of Norway by Siri Lise Doub, since we did not meet last month.

NORWEGIAN LANGUAGE CLASS

No class, Tom Næsse is on vacation.

CALENDARS

2015 Norwegian calendars are still available - four left.
Call or see Lois M. Shindoll (377-2890)

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Name	Day	Name	Day
M Jean Murray	3	Larry D Knutson	18
M David Solberg	4	Susan R Speicher	21
Signe Hovet	4	Catherine R Fejfar	21
Harlan E Ahlgren	7	Nancy L Hansen	24
William S Jacobson	10	Gloria A Larson	24
Marvin Robeck	13	David E Christ	24
Alexandra Mickelson	14	Dianne F Garber	24
Lois M Mc Cormick	17	Frank D Klemetson	25
David A Aanonson	17	Alan V Stang	28
Iver Hovet	17		

WOMENS SUFFRAGE IN IOWA by Verl Lekwa

The fire marshal of the State of Iowa in 1916 was Ole Roe, a Norwegian immigrant. He used his important position to issue a strong appeal that year for Iowa women to get the right to vote. He noted that in 1909 the women of Norway were given the vote, and now it was time for the U.S. to follow suit. Ideas often originate in the large and populous countries, Roe said, but “they blossom and bear their earliest fruit in the small countries” such as Norway.

“I believe the men of Iowa will be as generous and just to the splendid womanhood of the state as the men of Norway,” Roe wrote in a letter sent to newspapers around the state. “Thirty-six years ago a talented young woman, Miss Gina Krog, organized the successful women’s suffrage movement in Norway,” he wrote. He goes on to say it gives a family two votes instead of one, recognizes female talents and productivity, does not “interfere with her duties as wife and mother,” and it is a simple act of justice to give them this equality.

My grandfather was not swayed by fellow Norskie Ole Roe. He told everyone, including those of his nine sons who were old enough to vote, to vote No and keep women in the home.

The Iowa legislature in 1916 did agree with Herr Roe and approved women’s right to vote, but Iowa male voters such as my grandfather voted it down. A couple of years later the U.S. government approved women’s suffrage and when enough states approved of its constitutional change, women won the voting right in 1920.

NEWS FROM NORWAY Treasurer Ding Sather take note!

Berkeley’s Gold Rush – from News of Norway magazine.

Generous donations from a Norwegian farmer’s son who immigrated to the United States helped make one of America’s finest universities. Karin Sveen’s book "The Immigrant and the University" tells the fascinating tale of a Norwegian farmer's son who traveled to America and became one of the most important financial figures in the U.S. in mid-nineteenth century America. The book was recently published in English by the University California Press, translated from the original Norwegian and is a historical biography about Peder Sather (1810—1886) who arrived in New York City 1832, where he started out as a servant. After 18 years there, he went to San Francisco during the gold rush as head of the banking house of Drexel, Sather & Church. Sather contributed to the founding of what is now widely considered one of the greatest public universities in the world, the University of California, Berkeley. Two of the best-known landmarks of the UC Berkeley Campus, the Sather Gate and the Sather Tower, are named after him.

“To accomplish such a feat as Peder Sather’s, you really need an astonishing talent, not only intellectually, but also in terms of social skills. Norwegian immigrants in the U.S. were known for their ability to adapt to American society, symbolized by their prompt willingness to anglicize their names. They wanted to live here, and they wanted to be a part of this world,” Sveen says.

EXERCISE NOTE

If you are doing anything to stay in condition, from walking in a mall, to biking, to swimming, to stretching, to lifting small weights, see Verl Lekwa and get started on the SON exercise medal ladder. It acts as an incentive to stay healthy.

OLE and LENA

Ole and Sven decided to exchange Christmas presents this year and Sven happened to give Ole a new weed whip. Ole was so excited that he just couldn't wait until next summer to try it out, so he started it in his front room and just then Lena's cat ran through the room under the weed whip and off went its tail.

Sven excitedly said, "Oh, Ole, now what should we do. Dat was Lena's cat".

Ole said, "Quick Sven, grab da cat and I will get da tail and ve vill go to Walmart.
And Sven said, "Vhy not da veterinarian Ole?"
And Ole told Sven, "Vhy, haven't you heard Sven. On TV they say Walmart is da nation's largest retailer!"

MINUTES

December 9, 2014 Social Meeting, Restauration Lodge 1-548, Sons of Norway
Our Savior' Lutheran Church

- Convened at 6 PM.
- Singing of table prayer
- Serving of pea soup supper
- Business Meeting convened at 7:15 PM by President Cindy Charlson Monroe. 50 in attendance.
- Pledge of Allegiance and singing of "America" and "Ja Vi Elsker" accompanied by Sharon Kay Stang on piano.
- Guests:
 - o Mette Kelley. She will present a program in February
 - o Travis Cleveland and wife Becky. Moved to Cedar Rapids in October.
- Secretaries Report: Minutes of November 11, 2014, prepared by Cindy Charlson Monroe, as appeared in Newsletter, approved.
- Treasurer's Report- Ding Sather- Checking \$1366.79 Savings \$7799.41
- Social Directors' Report: Lois McCormick-Shindoll
 - o Calendars available for \$12
 - o Lutefisk ordered for January potluck dinner.
- Membership Secretary's Report: 127 members
- Sunshine Report: Card to Tom Naesse for 50 years at Transamerica
- Scholarship: Information circulated on summer language programs in US and on Folk High School in Norway.
- Sports and Recreation: Verl Lekwa- Biking award to Bob Erlander.
- Book Club: Meets Dec. 17. "Taste and Tales of Norway" will be discussed.
- Thanks given to Cindy Charlson Monroe for making the pea soups, to Anna Marie Klein for the rye bread, to Bev Robeck for center pieces, to board members for desserts.
- David Christ indicated that there is an online ap to apply to University of Oslo summer school. He will put more information in Newsletter.
- David Johansen has books by Olive Nordby on her art (wood prints) available for \$40
- News from Norway: Peace prizes to be awarded tomorrow.
- Announcements:
 - o Next Social Meeting, January 13, 2015, 6 PM, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Lutefisk Potluck.
 - o Next Board Meeting, January 20, 2015, 7PM, at Monroe's home (unless snow is a problem)
- Program: Barbara Taylor introduced Dale Fitzgibbon who presented program entitled "The Dangers of Christmas".



Dale Fitzgibbons lecturing on The Dangers of Christmas



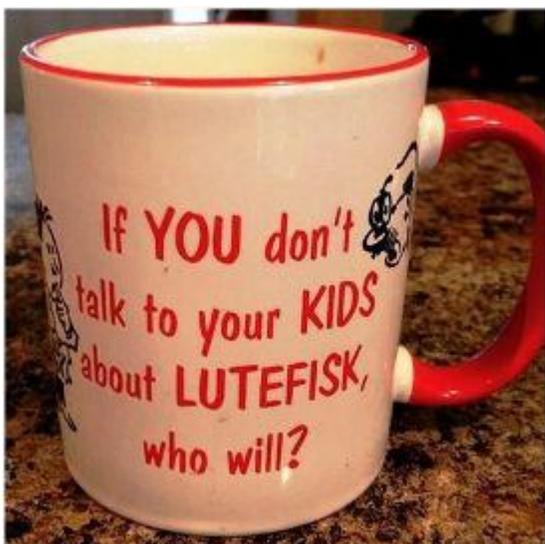
One of Bev Robeck's neat wheat table centerpieces



Verl Lekwa presenting another biking medal to Bob Erlandson



One of Cindy's soup pots-Yum!



Amazing what is on Facebook!!



Dessert table at the December meeting guarded by several trolls



Cindy's fancy tiles used for trivets at the food table in December

Elected Officers:

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