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The May social meeting will be Tuesday, May 12, 2009

6:30 pm

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
3634 1st Avenue NE
Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52403

May 12 Syttende Mai Banquet

Catered dinner – tickets are \$20 each. Great evening to invite potential members. Current members are asked to bring Norwegian desserts. For tickets, call Mavis Hovden (393-3286), Anna Marie Klein (373-9260) or Jean Murray (393-9560).

This year's program will be presented by Bob Thorkildson, former president of our lodge. The topic of his presentation is "The *Restauration..*" The *Restauration*, also called the "Norwegian Mayflower," was a small Norwegian sloop that carried the first organized boatload of Norwegian emigrants to America in 1825. It is also the ship after which our lodge was named when we were organized 150 years later. Come and hear Bob's engaging story of the ship and the "Sloopers" of 150 years ago.

Fra Presidenten – Cindy Charlson Monroe

Over the last several days, our family has prepared for our end with my ninety-year-old father-in-law. He and I have been close for over forty years – longer than many marriages last today. His name was Bob Monroe and his roots were in Charles City. After owning a sporting goods store he served as county supervisor and later mayor. He would have been a great S.O.N. member. He was always eager to learn and ready to jump into new experiences. I am sure he was descended from the Vikings who settled in Scotland.

Board Meeting Date

The next S.O.N. Board meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month (May 26) at President Cindy Charlson Monroe's home – 449 Dows Rd. SE (363-7420).

-July 19 – 16th Lutefisk Golf Outing in Owatonna, MN. Cost is \$45. Call 507-451-5841 for more information.

Events of Interest

- May 11 – Ellis Island exhibit opens at Vesterheim.
- May 16 – Sami exhibit opens at Vesterheim.
- May 12-13 – "Writing Your Family History" seminar at Genealogical Center. Email gpaulson@ngcni.org for more information.
- May 16-17 – Syttende Mai Celebration at Vesterheim.

Bok Forening

The Book Club will meet at the Gesme home (2119 Lincolnshire Dr. SE – Cedar Rapids) on Wednesday, May 20, 2009 at 1 p.m. Carolyn Rushton will lead our discussion of *Out Stealing Horses* by Per Petterson. Mary Durspek will provide dessert. June's selection is *The Diary of Elisabeth Koren*.

Membership Recruitment & Retention

If Sons of Norway retains a member for three years, we will likely retain them for life! Membership retention starts the first moment we have contact with a potential member. First impressions last and will shape how that person views and interacts with our lodge. Make a point of greeting new visitors and introducing them to others. If you know of members who now prefer not to drive at night, ask them to ride with you to meetings.

Congratulations to Marsteinen Lodge in Des Moines on its 25th anniversary.

Foundation News

Twenty-five grants were given through the Helping Hands to Children Grant Awards. Among the projects supported were providing lefse grills and krumkake irons to schools, supplies for authentic Norwegian bunads, a garden project, and providing Norwegian-themed books to school libraries. Our support for the S.O.N. Foundation reaches many audiences.

Cultural Skills Medals Program

Ask Lois McCormick for help in participating in the Sons of Norway Cultural Skills Program. You can explore Traditional Norwegian Cooking, Reading Norwegian and American-Norwegian Authors, Collecting Norwegian and North American Stamps, Norwegian Rosemaling, Genealogy- Family History, Hand Knitting, Norwegian Language and Culture, Hardanger Embroidery, Figure Carving, Weaving, Ornamental Carving, Chip Carving, Folk Dances, and/or Music and Musicians of Norway.

Save July 10, 2009 to represent S.O.N. at Linn County Fair



Our Lodge's Namesake

Cleng Peerson, one of the first Norwegian immigrants to come to America in 1821, was one of two Quakers seeking a location for a congregation. In 1824, he returned to Norway and told church members about the opportunities in America. In 1825, he brought about fifty Norwegians on a sloop called the *Restauration* to settle in America. The trip took ninety-eight days. Cleng Peerson became known as the father of Norwegian immigration.

Homestead Act of 1862

In 1862, the U.S. Congress passed the Homestead Act. This law allowed anyone to file for a free parcel of land. Each parcel was 160 acres. Homesteaders had to build a house, dig a well, plow at least 10 acres and live on the land. Many Scandinavians took advantage of this opportunity and became landowners.

The Forgotten Ibsen

“Did you know Nicolai Ibsen, a brother of Henrik is buried in the Norwegian Cemetery in Emmet County, Iowa.

Nicolai came to Iowa in the 1880's – a poor, depressed hunchback from a well-to-do family. He actually left Norway around 1863, after wasting most of his father's money in unsuccessful business ventures. He ended up in Estherville in 1886, where he worked as a herder for Ole Myhre. Nicolai was a math genius, could recite long Bible passages, and do scientific tricks. But he ended up a pauper.”

Solglimt Posten

Danish Immigrant Museum

Learn the story of Danish Immigration to America as you tour the self-guided exhibits in the Danish Immigrant Museum in Elk Horn, Iowa. The site includes a

homesteader's cabin and a charming Victorian home.

Happy Birthday May

- 1 Ardith Erickson - Marion
- 2 Anna Klein - Marion
- 4 Ruth Berger – Cedar Rapids
- 6 Allie Ludvigson -
- 10 Marvel Titone - Oxford
- 11 Wendy Christian – Cedar Rapids
- 12 Phillip Hanson – Cedar Rapids
- 13 Eileen Kjonaas – Iowa City
- 19 Wally Sundet – Cedar Rapids
- 20 David Tesdahl – Cedar Rapids
- 21 Carolyn Rushton – Iowa City
- 27 Margot Martens - Robins
- 28 Cheryl Zapf – Cedar Rapids
- 28 Elise Kvindlog – Cedar Rapids

If you prefer to not have your name and birthday listed, or there is an error in the date, please let Cindy Charlson Monroe know (319-363-7420)

Syttende Mai During the War

For more than 150 years Syttende Mai has been celebrated as a salute to tolerance and national unity. The day is truly a declaration of love to Norway's most important values of peace, freedom and equality. But how was the day celebrated during the German occupation? The German authorities were quite clear over what this democracy-oriented national holiday meant for Norwegian loyalists, and put in place measures to fight and punish any rabble-rousers. On the first Syttende Mai after the German invasion, all celebration or display of the flag was banned by the Germans. The flag was used as a visual protest against the occupation, so the Germans kept issuing new orders to solve the problem. Singing the national song was forbidden and any flags had to be

Orders for nametags will be take at meetings. If unable to attend, please call Dean Gesme to get information.

hidden away. In 1941 Syttende Mai was declared to be a normal workday in Norway, but it was nonetheless decided to allow flags to be flown from poles...but not at half mast, as many Norwegians decided to do as an expression of the country's tragic situation under German rule. Afterwards the Germans instituted dozens of new restrictions on the flag. In effect, it became forbidden to carry or wear the flag or its colors. In larger cities this meant that Syttende Mai was most commonly commemorated indoors. And so the situation persisted through the war. Next to the king's monogram the flag was among the most important symbols of a free Norway, and the Germans fought an endless war against the obstinacy of the Norwegians. As the Germans enacted more and more restrictions, people started using more subtle symbols, like paper clips and nisse hats. It comes as no surprise then that the Syttende Mai celebration of 1945 – just a few days after the German surrender – became a an explosion of joy in the national colors in those feverish spring days.

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http://www.nrk.no/magasin/17_mai/1.231782
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Most Popular in 2008 – Linnea and Lucas

Every year Statistics Norway releases a report on the most popular boys' and girls' names chosen by Norwegian parents in the previous year. Linnea and Lucas/Lukas were the new leading first names in 2008, continuing the trend of biblical boys' and girls' names ending in "a." Linnea, the most popular girls' name in Norway in 2008, moved up from 12th place in 2007. The name originates from Sweden and refers to the "linnaea" flower, which is named after the Swedish botanist Carl von Linné. Linnea has been extremely popular in

Sweden for a while, peaking in 5th place in 2002. Otherwise, the list of most popular girls' names has not changed very much. Emma is in 2nd place and the most popular name in 2007, Sara, is number three. Leah has jumped five places and is now in 9th place. The most popular boys' name, Lukas/Lucas is taken from Lucanos, which is Latin and means "Light" or "Man from Lucania". The origin is the author of the Gospel according to Luke and the Acts of the Apostles. Lucas has also been the most popular boys' name in Sweden in both 2006 and 2008. The previous most popular name, Mathias, is now in 2nd place and Markus remains at number three. Also, Emil has grown in popularity and is now in 4th place. Kristian/Christian, which is currently in 5th place, has been in the top ten since 1974 and Oliver has jumped 10 places to number eight, just before Tobias.

Proverbs and Literary Quotes

The differences between cultures are not expressed through what proverbs reveal about human nature, but through the way proverbs are formulated within each group and their referral to specific things, events and characters. Practice your Norsk.

-Den drukner ei som henges skal. (He will not drown who is destined to be hanged.) - Ludvig Holberg

-Den som ler sist, ler best. (He who laughs last, laughs best.) – Sir John Vanbrugh

-Den som tier, samtykker. (He who keeps quiet, agrees.) – Bonifacius VIII

Condolences to the Aakre, Sunde, and Lidvall Families

We are saddened to report the death of two of our charter members: Gladys Aakre, 98, who died March 27, 2009, and Ellen Sunde, 88, who died April 23, 2009.

We also wish to extend our condolences to Darlene Lidvall, whose husband, Jack, 84, died April 19, 2009.

Mange Tusen Takk!

-To volunteers who helped with a mailing for Vesterheim.



Cream Cake (Bløtkake)

From Authentic Norwegian Cooking by Astrid Kalsen Scott

No food reminds us more of Syttende Mai than a slice of Bløtekake, or Cream Cake. As you prepare your festivities to celebrate Norwegian independence, consider adding this tasty treat to your table.

Ingredients:

- 6 eggs
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 tbsp. water
- 1 cup flour
- 1 1/2 tsp. baking powder
- 1 tbsp. potato starch flour or cornstarch

Filling:

- 1 cup whipping cream
- 6 oz. raspberry jam*
- 2 bananas, sliced
- 1 orange

Frosting:

- 1 1/2 cups whipping cream
- Preheat oven to 325° (F). Beat eggs and sugar until light and fluffy. Add the water. Sift dry ingredients together and fold into the egg mixture, mixing well. Pour into a 10-inch, greased spring-form pan. Bake 40 minutes. Cool on cake rack.

When completely cool, divide horizontally into 2 layers. Sprinkle layers with freshly squeezed orange juice. Place the bottom layer on a platter, baked side down. Whip 1 cup cream until thick and glossy, and fold in raspberry jam and chopped bananas. Spread evenly over the bottom layer. Top with second layer backed side up. Whip 1 1/2 cups cream and sweeten to taste. Spread over cake and decorate as desired. Serves 10 to 12.

* You can easily alter the filling to your tastes with another fruit. Apricots or apricot jam, for example, is an excellent choice.

2009 Lodge Kalendar

May 12	Syttende Mai Banquet \$20
May 17	Flag Day – Syntende Mai
May 20	Book Club
May 21	Flag Day – H.M. King Harald 1937
May 26	Board Meeting

Vesterheim’s Lifelong Learning

-May 17 or June 14 – Viking Knit Bracelet – fine silver centuries-old looping technique taught by Liz Bucheit and Kary Kilmer. \$85 and \$95 materials fee.

May 29	Newsletter Deadline
May 31	Flag Day – Pentecost
June 7	Flag Day – Nor./Swed. Dissolved
June 9	Lodge Social Meeting
June 17	Book Club
June 19	Midsummer Eve
June 23	Board Meeting
June 26	Newsletter Deadline

Address, Name, E-mail, Telephone

Change

Please let our membership secretaries know ASAP – Alan and Barbara Erickson at 377-1707. Thank you.

-May 17 – Thor’s Velvet Hammer Bracelet – forge silve cuff style bracelet – taught by Liz Bucheit and Kary Kilmer. \$185 and \$95 materials fee.

Call Vesteheim Norwegian-American Museum in Decorah for more details. 563-382-9681

Do You Descend from a Sloop - or Know Someone Who Does?

Below is a list of 50 names out of the traditional list of 53 passengers who were on the Restauration in 1825.

- 1.Lars Larsen Jeilane [Lars Larson]
- 2.Martha Jorgensdatter [Martha Larson]
- 3.Margaret Allen Larsdatter [Margaret Larson Atwater]
- 4.Cornelius Nilsen Hersdal [Cornelius Nelson]
- 5.Kari Pedersdatter [Carrie Nelson]
- 6.Anne Corneliusdatter [Susan Anne Nelson Lake Lightfoot]
- 7.Nils Corneliusen [Nels Houen] [Nels Nelson Jr.]
- 8.Inger Corneliusdatter [Inger M. Nelson Mitchell]
- 9.Martha Karine Corneliusdatter [Martha Nelson Fellows]
- 10.Johannes Jacobsen Steine [Soedal or Suldal] [Johannes Steen]
- 11.Martha Svendsdatter [Martha Steen]
- 12.Martha Helene Johannesdatter [Martha Helen Steen Heffron]
- 13.Aanen Toresen Brastad [Oyen Thompson]
- 14.Bertha Karine Aadnesdatter [Bertha Caroline Thompson]
- 15.Sara Aanensdatter [Sarah Thompson Olmstead Richey]
- 16.Anne Marie Kristine Aanensdatter [Anna Marie Thompson Richey]
- 17.Berta Karine Aanensdatter [Caroline Thompson]
- 18.Daniel Stensen Rossedal [Daniel Rosdail]
- 19.Britha Johanne Ovesdatter [Bertha or Betsy Rosdail]
- 20.Elen Danielsdatter [Ellen Rosdail Cothrien]
- 21.Ove Danielsen [Ovee Rosdail]
- 22.John Danielsen [John Rosdail]
- 23.Lars Danielsen [Lars Rosdail]
- 24.Helga Huldah Danielsdatter [Hulda Rosdail Olson]
- 25.Tormod Jensen Madland [Tormod Hole] [Thormod or Thomas Madland]
- 26.Siri Iversdatter [Siri Madland]
- 27.Rakel Tormodsdatter [Rachel Madland Olson or Helland]
- 28.Guri Tormodsdatter [Gurine or Julia Madland Hougas]
- 29.Serine Tormodsdatter [Serena Madland Anderson]
- 30.Simon Pedersen Lihme [Simon Lima]
- 31.Maren Karine Storchersdatter [Maren Lima]
- 32.Greta Bergithe Simonsdatter
- 33.Severine Marie Simonsdatter
- 34.Simon Simonsen
- 35.Nils Nilsen Hersdal [Nels Nelson]
- 36.Britha Christophersdatter [Bertha or Betsy Nelson]
- 37.Jacob Andersen Slogvik [Jacob Anderson]
- 38.Siri Larsdatter Jeilane [Sara Larson]
- 39.Henrik Christophersen Hervik [Henry Harwick]
- 40.Bertha ____sdatter [Bertha Harwick]
- 41.Ole Jonsen Eide [Ole Johnson]
- 42.Gudmund Danielsen Haukaas [Gudmund Hougas]
- 43.Torstein Olsen Bjorland [Bjaadland] [Thorstein Olson]
- 44.Jorgen Johnsen Hesja [George Johnson]
- 45.Endre Salvesen Dahl [Andrew Dahl] [Andrew S. Anderson]
- 46.Halvor Iversen Reveim [Revheim] [Halvor Iverson]
- 47.Niels Toresen Brastad [Nels Thompson]
- 48.Ole Olsen Hetletveit [Hetletvedt] [Ole Olson]
- 49.Lars Olsen Helland [Lars Olson or Lars Helland]
- 50.Peder Eriksen Meland

Elected Officers:

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