

# Sons of Norway



Kristiania Lodge #1-47, Rochester, MN

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## APRIL 2013

*God Påske! (Happy Easter!)*

### APRIL and MAY EVENTS

(All events are held at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 2124 Viola Road NE, unless otherwise indicated.)

April 4, 5, 6 Rosemaling class with Ken Magnuson 9 a.m. –4 p.m.

April 11 Board meeting 6:00 p.m.

April 11 Lodge meeting 7:00 p.m.

Speaker: Norwegian Consulate representative: "Relations between Norway and USA"

April 27 Potluck 6:00 p.m.

Speaker: Scott Moon, manager., Sargent's on 2<sup>nd</sup>: "Gardening, coming of age"

April 28 Norwegian Service at Our Savior's 8:00 a.m.

April 28 Kristiania Lodge will serve the evening meal at Ronald McDonald House.

May 9 Board meeting 6:00 p.m.

May 9 Lodge meeting 7:00 p.m.

Speaker: Dennis Rusinko: "Vikings Legends and Myths"

May 18 Syttende Mai Celebration and Steak Fry (Reservations: 288-1409) 6:00 p.m.

Cost: TBA

Speaker: Tom Ryan, Director, Olmsted County Parks

#### **HILSEN FRA PRESIDENTEN:** (Greetings from the President)

I had an idea that it would be good to share our wonderful group of Kristiania Norwegians with Our Savior's Lutheran Church members. The board agreed this could be a fun time. So this is the plan: on April 28 we would like to have as many as possible come to the Our Savior's 8:00 a.m. worship service in Norwegian dress, if available. Following the service there will be coffee, treats, and conversation in the Fellowship Hall. This would be our "thank-you" to the congregation for sharing facilities and an opportunity for having a good time. Please consider being at the worship service and baking a few good Norwegian treats. *Ha det bra, Byron Stadvold*



## KRISTIANIA SOCIAL MEETING—March 14, 2013

Eighty-three members and guests attended the Chili and Pie Supper. Following the meal a short meeting for announcements was held.

The **rosemaling class** will be April 4, 5, and 6 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Contact **Bob Rosedahl** (289-86211, [rer1558@msn.com](mailto:rer1558@msn.com)) to register. Members completing the class can apply for a 20% reimbursement.

**Gary Olson** announced that all **scholarship applications** must be mailed by March 31, 2013. He also announced an invitation to members to attend a special **Norwegian service** at French Creek Lutheran Church, 8 miles north of Galesville, WI, on Wednesday, March 27 at 1:30. This is the church that provided our lunch last year on our trip to Trempealeau County.

Members are invited to a **Norwegian-themed worship service** at Our Savior's Lutheran Church on April 28 at 8:00 p.m. Dress in your *bunad* or Norwegian sweater. Following the service Kristiania members will host a coffee for all in the Fellowship Hall and are asked to bring homemade Norwegian/Scandinavian treats to serve.

Scott Dixon, a company member of the Commonweal Theatre, Lanesboro, highlighted the April 12-14 Ibsenfest and spoke about the influence of Ibsen on the world of theater.

**Barbara Chase** reminded members to sign up for the German Dinner on March 23. Following the announcements we enjoyed some stories by Lars and Lars and the program on the Norwegian 99<sup>th</sup> Battalion presented by **Bruce Bjorgum** and his father, Robert Bjorgum, SON member in Faribault..

Respectfully submitted, **Darlene Stadvold**, Sec.

### TUSEN TAKK!

Great thanks to all the board members for furnishing pie, cooking coffee, decorating, serving, and cleaning up for the March 14 annual Chili and Pie Supper.

---**Kathy Rosedahl**, Hospitality Director

### KULTURHJØRNET (Culture Corner)

*The following poem won the Critic's Choice award at the recent "Poets at the Plummer" competition sponsored by the Friends of the Rochester Public Library. It is printed here with permission from the author, Doris Stengel of Brainerd.*

#### "Looking Back on Norway"

The plane crescendos  
lifting us above this land  
of trolls and stave churches.  
Inside us a fjord sings  
green glacial notes  
and Trollstigen's sharp  
sharp switch-backs trill  
a high C of hair-raising memory.  
Folksongs echo  
across snug valleys hung  
with grass-roofed grace notes.  
A fugue of roads,  
skinny as fish bone,  
twists through mountains.  
We nose into clouds  
thick as curdled cream,  
satisfied as barn cats  
purring a Grieg melody.

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**99th INFANTRY BATTALION SEPARATE DOCUMENTARY FILM**

At the March 14 program **Bruce Bjorgum** forgot to mention that a two-hour HD documentary film by Norwegian filmmaker Steinar Hybertsen will be completed this month and should be available by the end of March. This film contains interviews with 99<sup>th</sup> Battalion veterans and some current military personnel. We do not know where this film may be available commercially, but our 99<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion Separate WWII Educational Foundation will send out copies in exchange for a donation to the Foundation. For additional information, please visit [www.99battalion.org](http://www.99battalion.org). Thank you.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** On April 28<sup>th</sup> our lodge will be providing the evening meal at the Ronald McDonald House, and we need people to help prepare the meal. Please call Jan Heusinkveld (507-285-9483) and let her know you are willing to help.



**MANGE TAKK!** Thanks to **Roger Olson** for correcting the text to the Norwegian national anthem in our SON songbook. We all knew something was missing, and Roger solved the mystery!

Thanks to Kristiania chapter members who have contributed their expertise and backgrounds as recent speakers on our programs: **Byron Stadvold, Gary Olson, Bruce Bjorgum, and Kathy Mellem.**

**FRA BIBLIOTEKET (from the library):**

Are you traveling to Norway this year? You might want to check out our new book [Eat Smart in Norway](#) by Joan Peterson (600 on the shelf). This is a new travel guide for food lovers.

---**Sharon Barsness**, Librarian

**FROM THE SOCIAL DIRECTOR:**

Hei, members, Happy Spring! *Jeg liker å stelle i hagen.*



On February 23 Gary Olson gave an interesting and informative talk about the former Gale College in Galesville, WI, including its Norwegian ties. On March 14 we had a very large attendance at the Chili and Pie Supper. Approximately 88 members and guests attended. **Bruce Bjorgum** and his father Robert presented an informative talk and slide show about the Norwegian Battalion in World War II.

On April 20, 2013, the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Nordic Celebration and Marketplace (formerly Nordic Brunch) will be held from 3:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. at the Minneapolis Marriott Southwest, 5801 Opus Parkway, Minnetonka. There will be lectures, vendors, silent and live auctions, dinner at 6:30 p.m. and dancing to the Foot-Notes from Decorah from 8:00-9:00 p.m. Gary Ganrud, Honorary Norwegian Consul in Minneapolis will speak. The cost is \$60 (\$20 tax-deductible). Further information is available at the Vesterheim website, or contact Stephanie Johnson at 563-382-9681 or [snjohnson@vesterheim.org](mailto:snjohnson@vesterheim.org). I have attended this event the past three years. It is fun and educational.

Please read about future events in your program booklet. *Ha det bra!*—**Barbara Chase**, Social Director

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**NORWEGIAN AUTHOR HONORED**

Jo Nesbø, considered one of Europe’s best authors of crime novels, has won the 2013 Peer Gynt Prize, awarded by the Norwegian Parliament. Many of his novels are available in English translation at the Rochester Public Library.

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