



Sons of Norway

Kristiania Lodge #1-47, Rochester, MN

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APRIL 2014

God P aske!



APRIL and MAY EVENTS

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

April 10	Board meeting, board room	6:00 p.m.
April 10	Chapter meeting Speakers: Darlene Voeltz and Jean Marconett, retired, RCTC: “Teaching in Developing Countries”	7:00 p.m.
April 20	<i>God P�aske! Happy Easter!</i>	
April 26	Social meeting: Potluck Speaker from Saint Marys ER Communications Center on “What happens when you call 911”	6:00 p.m.
April 27	Kristiania hosts Our Savior’s members to treats and coffee between services.	9:10 a.m.
May 8	Board meeting, board room	6:00 p.m.
May 8	Chapter meeting and <i>Syttende Mai</i> celebration Speaker: Prof. Marv Slind, Luther College: “Norway in 1814: A Moderate Constitution in an Age of Revolution” Plus: Norwegian desserts! Wear your <i>bunad</i> !	7:00 p.m.
May 17	Steak Fry and Potluck (\$5 members, \$7 non-members) Entertainment: John Berquist , musician and storyteller	5:00 p.m.

HILSEN FRA PRESIDENTEN—

As you probably already know, 2014 is a big year for Norway. This year marks the 200th anniversary of the Norwegian Constitution and the country’s independence from Denmark. Across Norway, the occasion will be marked by parades, commemorations, and celebrations. It’s a good year to visit Norway to help them celebrate.

Our District One Convention will be in Duluth from June 12-14. Delegates from Kristiania who have agreed to attend are **Ann Romo, Don Olson, Mike Jones** and **VJ Anderson**, with **Dave Anderson** as an alternate.

I am looking forward to hearing some interesting talks in April: “Teaching in Developing Countries: Tanzania, Guatemala, Peru” and “What happens when you call 911.” Hope you can all come out.

--Ann Romo, president of Kristiania

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINE IS NEAR!

The deadline for applications for the Kristiania college scholarship is March 31, 2014. See our website or the March newsletter for information. This is a firm deadline. --**Gary Olson** and **Steve Norvet**, Scholarship Co-Chairs



FROM OUR HOSPITALITY DIRECTOR

Tusen Takk to **Vern and Sue Foss, Darlene and Byron Stadsvold, and Mike Jones** for helping with the February

potluck! And *mange takk* to the board members for furnishing the pies for the chili supper. --**Kathy Rosedahl**

Invitation

The French Creek Lutheran Church in rural Ettrick, Wisconsin, has extended an invitation to our lodge to join them in their Easter Service on Wednesday, April 16, at 1:30 p.m. The service will be conducted in Norwegian and will include communion. This is the 149th Easter service in Norwegian to be held at the church. Coffee with Norwegian pastries will be served following the service.

This is the Lutheran Church we visited on our lodge bus tour of southern Trempealeau County in 2012. (---**Gary Olson**)

START PLANNING FOR OUR 2014 BUS TOUR

Sigmund Aarseth of Valdres, Norway, who was a master painter (*malermeister*), painted the murals of Norway in the Ballard House "Giants of the Earth Heritage Center" in Spring Grove, MN. He also did the *rosemaling* at Skogfjorden, the Norwegian language camp at Bemidji, MN. We are very fortunate to be able to appreciate his talent. The Ballard House is part of our tour on June 28. Sigmund Aarseth passed away a year ago in December, so this is very important for us to be able to view his work.

-----**Jan Heusinkveld**, tour planner

CULTURAL EVENTS OF INTEREST IN OUR AREA

---**Hedda Gabler** by Henrik Ibsen, adapted by C. Shinn, at RCTC's Hill Theatre, April 10-12, 17-19. Tickets \$10 (\$8 seniors); box office: 1- 507-285-7200.

---17th annual **Ibsenfest** at Commonweal Theatre in Lanesboro, April 11-13, including the play **Brand** by Ibsen, adapted by Jeffrey Hatcher (world premiere), running until June 13. 1-800-657-7025; www.commonwealtheatre.org

---41st Anniversary **Nordic Celebration and Marketplace**, a benefit for Vesterheim Norwegian-American Museum, April 12, Minneapolis Marriott Southwest, Minnetonka; luncheon, dinner; www.vesterheim.org or snjohnson@vesterheim.org.



BICENTENARY
NORWEGIAN CONSTITUTION
1814-2014

---**Norwegian Constitution Bicentennial events** and concerts in the Twin Cities during April and May. Many take place at Mindekirken. See the schedule at <https://www.>

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--Worship service at **Old Muskego Church**, Luther Seminary campus, St. Paul, May 17, 3:00 p.m. Service is partly in Norwegian, led by Prof. Gracia Grindal. Refreshments served afterwards. Church was built near Racine, WI, in 1844, the first Norwegian church in the US; it was moved to St. Paul in 1907.

---**Sangerfest concerts**, June 12 and June 14, 7:00 p.m., Ted Mann Concert Hall, U of MN. Sponsored by the Norwegian Glee Club of Minneapolis and the Norwegian Singers Association of America; 200-voice massed chorus of 10 Norwegian men's choruses, including *Mandskoret "Bislett Bad & Rundkjøring"* from Oslo. 1-612-624-2345, www.tickets.umn.edu

INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL ADVISOR—Our Financial Benefits Counselor is Chuck Holland, PO Box 366, Mabel, MN 55954; phone 507-493-5866; email: Hollandc@mabeltel.coop

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

Our librarian **Michele Evjen** reports that more new books are on their way. Check next month's newsletter for more information about them. Several members are starting to work on the literature unit in the Cultural Skills Program.

REPORT FROM YOUTH AND SPORTS DIRECTOR



Pinewood Elementary School has accepted our sponsorship of Box Tops for Education, so please bring in all the General Mills box tops

you can to meet our June deadline; help a school with some needs.

Keep working on your sports medals!

My new phone number is 707-316-5058.

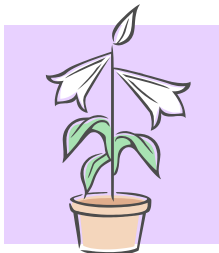
-----**Mike Jones**, Youth / Sports Director

WELCOME , NEW MEMBERS!

We welcome recent new members **Sarabeth Watson, Elmo Lien, and Bob Ronningen**. We look forward to seeing you at our activities and programs.

DON'T MISS THE APRIL PROGRAM!

The speakers at our April 10 meeting are Jean Marconett and Darlene Voeltz, retired instructors from Rochester Community and Technical College. They have spent time recently teaching women's health and micro-finance in such developing countries as Peru and Tanzania. They have also had some exciting experiences traveling in those countries, descriptions of which will be part of their presentation to our lodge.



FROM THE SOCIAL DIRECTOR—

Thanks to all who attended the chili and pie supper on March 13. The chili and pies were excellent. The music by Larry J was very enjoyable. Larry plays the keyboard, concertina and button accordion and sings, while Jason plays the bass horn. Les Fields played with them and entertained us on his trumpet and with singing and a few jokes. Their website is www.LarryJ.net



Thank you to all who attended the Ethnic Dinner. The menu was bison, venison, squash, wild rice, corn bread and berry pies. Nakoma Volkman spoke about Native American culture, sang two songs, and

displayed his art.

June 28 is the date of our lodge road trip to Houston County. We will travel to the Giants of the Earth Heritage Center in Spring Grove, where we will have lunch and tour the center. Later we will visit some Norwegian churches. Put this on your calendar and feel free to invite your family and friends. I hope you can attend this interesting event. More details will come later.

The April *Viking* magazine has an excellent article about *Påske* (Easter) which includes some excellent recipes, a craft, Norwegian traditions, and a discussion of Holy Week—then and now. A fun social event might be to invite some family and friends to make the craft on page 17: birch branches embellished with colored feathers.

Glad vår og God Påske! Ha det bra!

-----**Barbara Chase**, Social Director