



Sons of Norway

Kristiania Lodge #1-5-47, Rochester, MN

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AUGUST 2014

AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER EVENTS

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

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| August 9 | Uff Da District One Golf Event, Eastwood Golf Course, Rochester
Entry deadline: August 1. See www.kristiania1-47.org or call Byron Stadvold, 507-288-1409. | 8:00 a.m. |
| August 14 | Picnic at Florence Park shelter, Stewartville. Bring a dish to pass and your own tableware. Park is on Lakeshore Drive, first right after the bridge, when coming from Rochester. After the picnic we'll visit Travis Jorde's tractor collection (directions on page 2) | 6:00 p.m. |
| September 11 | Board meeting, Board room | 6:00 p.m. |
| September 11 | Chapter meeting. Speaker: Christina Carlson, Norwegian Consulate "Consulate Functions and Norway in 2014" | 7:00 p.m. |
| September 27 | Potluck. Speaker: Tom Spindler from the Norman Borlaug Heritage Foundation | 6:00 p.m. |

HILSEN FRA PRESIDENTEN

The summer is passing by very fast. We four delegates, **VJ, Don, Mike**, and I, had a good time at the District One convention in Duluth, MN, June 12-14. There were several cultural sessions that we could attend, which were very interesting and informative. Besides the elections, there were several resolutions to be considered.

Of the eleven resolutions that were brought before the convention, one that passed concerns the numerical coding system for the lodges. They are identified by district number, e.g. 1-047. An additional number is recommended to identify the zone, which in our case is 5. This would help save time in organizing the district convention and help us all know where the lodges are located. Two of the resolutions are for nominating committees for International Director as well as for district officers and directors. Nominating committees are to identify, review, and recommend qualified candidates to serve in leadership positions. State insurance regulators may soon introduce legislation mandating new corporate governance requirements for fraternal organizations. These resolutions would help bring us into compliance with those requirements.

Another resolution that was passed would change the abbreviation of Sons of Norway from SON to SofN. District dues will be increased from \$5.50 to \$6.50. They hadn't been increased for 10 years.

--**Ann Romo**, Kristiania President

Directions to **Travis Jorde's** Tractor Collection

Follow the crowd after the picnic, or...

Drive to the stoplight at the north edge of Stewartville (20th St. NW), turn west towards the water tower, pass the industrial area and 2 houses on the left, turn left (south) into a long driveway, and you'll see a white building with a yellow roof at the end. That's it. If you reach the water tower, you've gone too far!

DELEGATES REPORT ON DISTRICT CONVENTION

The District One Sons of Norway Convention, held June 12-14 in Duluth, MN, was a tremendous mixture of business



Prospective immigrants discuss the trip to America: dinner theater at the convention

meetings, zone caucus meetings, cultural sessions, folk art displays, a *bunad* show, entertainment, vendors' displays, good food, and the premier of a recently-discovered short play about Cleng Peerson and the "Sloopers," the first group of Norwegian immigrants to the US. The keynote speaker was Thomas Mannes from Tysvær, Norway, who has purchased the farm in Texas where Cleng Peerson ultimately settled. Delegates from Zone 5, which includes Kristiania, elected Ann Bryson of Albert Lea as our new Zone Director. An enjoyable, however chilly, outing was a cruise out on Lake Superior on the "*Sundew*," an old icebreaker, now owned by a Duluth SofN member. **Dave Anderson**, our alternate, even got to take a turn steering the ship! The 2016 convention will be held in Cedar Rapids, IA. ---**VJ Anderson**, delegate



Folk Arts Exhibit at District Convention

Sons of Norway was fortunate to elect as their Cultural Director a young lady from Omaha, NE, now living in the Twin Cities. Kelsey Patton has been interested in traditional folk arts since her youth, sewing historical costumes and now *bunader*. She also has her own business, selling Scandinavian

art supplies and textiles as well as finished costumes. Kelsey and her husband are very active in the Scandinavian community and are in a good position to promote and grow the Sons of Norway membership. ---**Don Olson**, delegate

Invitation: Ice Cream Social

The St. Olaf Heritage Association is holding its 4th annual Ice Cream Social on August 17 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Members of Kristiania are invited to attend. It will be held at the Tverberg Cabin, 6200 County Rd. 3 SW, Byron, MN. In the event of rain, it will be moved into the church across the road. A guest speaker, music by KC and the Good Timers, old cars and (this year) old tractors will be on display.

KRISTIANIA AT "WALK AROUND THE WORLD"



FESTIVAL, JUNE 21, PEACE PLAZA, ROCHESTER

Spreading the word about Sons of Norway at the Walk Around the World Festival were: Mike Jones, Renee Thoreson, and Curt and Jean Mortenson. Also taking a turn were: Lawrence and Eileen Hamre, Dave and VJ Anderson, Byron and Darlene Stadvold, and Wayne Rogelstad.

HILSEN FRA HANNE

Hallo fra Norge!

Sending greetings from Norway. We arrived to beautiful summer weather, and it appears to be sticking around! We've spent some time catching up with family and friends, eating our favorite foods, and visiting museums. Time will go by quickly, and all too soon we will be returning to the US and work. In anticipation of fall classes, it would be helpful to know what type of classes or cultural activities you might be interested in. I am planning a beginner class and an intermediate class in Norwegian starting in the middle of September. For more information, please email me at hannelucier@gmail.com *Ha en fin sommer! Hilsen Hanne*

PLEASE NOTE-----

Continue to save Boxtops and Labels for Education. Continue to cut out stamps for Tubfrim—no less than ¼" around. Bring to the September 11 meeting.

FROM THE SOCIAL DIRECTOR—Thanks to all who attended the June 12 meeting when Gary Legwold gave a humorous talk titled “Lefse, Lutefisk and the Importance of Humor.”--- As you know, the Mindekirken (Norwegian Lutheran Memorial Church) is located at 924 East 21st St. in Minneapolis. The church website is www.mindekirken.org. In addition to church services, the church offers many classes, dinners, luncheons, lectures and much more. If you are in the Twin Cities, stop by and enjoy an activity. You can also request to be on their mailing list and receive the monthly newsletter, COMMUNICATOR.---If anyone has ideas for programs for next year, please contact me at 282-1477 or kcc2@aol.com.--Barbara Chase

KRISTIANIA BUS TRIP TO HOUSTON COUNTY

Thirty members enjoyed a bus trip on June 28 to sites in Houston County with a Norwegian connection. Beautiful weather, interesting visits, and Sons of Norway friends added up to a wonderful day. Special *mange tusen takk* goes to Jan Heusinkveld for coordinating a fine trip.



At the Ballard House in Spring Grove members heard about the Sons of the Earth Heritage Center programs and the murals depicting Norway and immigration by Sigmund Aarseth. We were also served coffee and lunch here by the Spring Grove Sons of Norway lodge.



Kristiania members tour the Stone Church near Houston, built in 1855



Sharon and Lawrence Barsness met cartoon characters Han Ola and Han Per at the Spring Grove Park

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FESTIVAL OF TREES—Members are asked to make ornaments that are 75-80% white, with a dash, swirl, stripe, etc. of bright color for our Winter White-themed tree this year. Contact **Darlene Stadvold** with ideas or questions.

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