



Sons of Norway



Kristiania Lodge #1-47, Rochester, MN

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**** December 2013 *** Glad Jul! ****



DECEMBER AND JANUARY EVENTS



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

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| Dec. 7 | <i>Julefest</i> and Potluck | Speaker: Laurann Gilbertson, Vesterheim, Decorah, IA: "Norwegian Antiques" Bring an antique Norwegian Item to show or to have identified. | 12:00 p.m. |
| Dec. 12 | Board meeting | (No business meeting this month) | 6:00 p.m. |
| Dec. 24 | <i>Julaften</i> | Dec. 25 <i>1. Juledag</i> | |
| Jan. 9 | Board meeting | | 6:00 p.m. |
| Jan. 9 | Lodge meeting | Speaker: Dr. Timothy Nelson, Mayo Clinic
Topic: Stem Cell Research | 7:00 p.m. |
| Jan. 11 | Honk, Squeak, Scratch and Boom--- | Mayo Civic Center, volunteer opportunity | |
| Jan. 25 | Potluck | Entertainment: Norwegian Folk Music: Sarah Myhro and Kathy Gustafson, violinists. Bring a dish to pass and tableware. | 12:00 p.m. |

HILSEN FRA PRESIDENTEN (Greetings from the President): Over the past few weeks I have made an interesting observation while finding locations to display the "New Land, New Life" exhibit. Before showing the display I have gotten the reaction, "What is so important about that?" but then while walking people through, they develop a very keen interest. They take a lot of time reading and studying, remarking that this is very interesting history and includes some important facts that affect our culture in Minnesota, especially in southeastern Minnesota. The result: showing this exhibit was important, and the hosts were proud to be accommodating. Often I got the question "Do you have to be Norwegian to join Sons of Norway?" and I remarked that anyone can join us. This kind of exposure in our community is one of our best membership builders.—Recently we have added new members who indicate they may be willing to be Cultural Director and Sports / Youth Director. That is very good news for our chapter! *Ha det bra, Byron*



Julefest and Potluck

Saturday, December 7, 2013

12 noon

Bring a dish to pass and your own dishes and flatware. The program, "Norwegian Antiques," will be a mini-Antiques Roadshow. Laurann Gilbertson, Chief Curator at Vesterheim in Decorah, will identify and discuss the family antiques (or a photo) that you bring and display. She will not appraise the items. This should be a fun interactive and educational program! --**Barbara Chase**, Social Director

KRISTIANIA GENERAL MEETING—Nov. 11, 2013

President Stadvold called the meeting to order. We sang the national anthems of Canada, Norway, and the US, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. **VJ Anderson** was the pianist. Guests were asked to stand and introduce themselves, were welcomed with a round of applause, and reminded to sign our guest book. **Barbara Chase** announced the December 7 program and will have a reminder in the newsletter about the evening's format.

Dave Kaehler remarked that 13 crafters or vendors have signed up for the Nov. 23 sale, and **Bob Rosedahl** encouraged members to bring a "generous" amount of Norwegian baked goods for the bake sale. This is our only fundraiser.

Darlene Stadvold reminded those bringing items for the Soup'n Sandwich Lunch to drop them off at the same hours as the bake sale items. She also urged members to finish and deliver decorations of the Festival of Trees; the tree will be set up Nov. 25 at the Civic Center.

Kathy Rosedahl thanked the evening's servers, and they were recognized with a round of applause. **President Stadvold** noted that the "New Land, New Life" display is at the History Center of Olmsted County until Dec. 22, along with a few items made by Kristiania members. It will be at Charter House through December.

Michelle Evjen, Librarian, brought members up to date on the re-organization of the library, explained the check-out and waiting list procedures, and announced some new purchases. **Lars and Lars** entertained us briefly, and the meeting was adjourned, followed by the program.

---**Darlene Stadvold**, Secretary

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SNOWBIRDS: Keep the editor advised of your winter address and the effective dates!

TUSEN TAKK.....

...to the Nov. 14 servers: **Kathy and Harold Mellem, Carol Volstad, and John and Lois Rink.**

...to the generous people who gave of their time to help make another bake sale happen.

...to **Joan Olson** who has for many years recruited callers for baked goods or monetary donations.

...to **Jan and Dave Kaehler (and Bob and Kathy Rosedahl—ed.)** who have packaged the lefse.

...to **Ed Schuck** and **David Anderson** who have been our cashiers for many years.

..to all who help price the goodies and to all who bake! We appreciate each and every one of you!

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

A big "*tusen takk*" to all the helpers in Soup 'n Sandwich preparation, serving and clean up. Give yourselves a big pat on the back, and I will personally thank you when I see you! -- from **Darlene Stadvold**, luncheon chair.

A "*mange takk*" to the members whose works of art are on display with the "New Land, New Life" exhibit: **Dean Vigeland's** rosemaling, **Don Olson's** and **Renee Thoreson's** hardanger, and carving by the late **DeLos Olson**. A sølje brooch owned by **Darlene Stadvold** is also on display. Let's not forget to thank **Byron Stadvold** for securing the locations, transporting and setting up the display.

FROM OUR HISTORIAN—Barry M. Dahl

I would appreciate any historical items that may be in the local newspapers that concern our lodge and its members, i.e. obituaries, event announcements, etc.

Also the lodge has an ongoing genealogical project. We would like as many of your pedigrees as possible. There have been many submitted already. This could be part of your SON Genealogy Project (Cultural Skills). If anyone needs help getting started, I can be reached at bs2000@Juno.com

FRA BIBLIOTHEKET (From the library)

Et ord fra bibliotekaren: We have a new check-out routine for the library:

1. Place the card (print your name and date) in the box labeled "Check-out"
2. You have a month to keep the book. Then check on the Waiting List inside the binder.. If it is not on the Waiting List, you can re-check out the book.
3. Return book by pulling your card from the box and placing back in book. Leave book on counter, and librarian will reshelve it.
4. Reference books are not to be checked out.

Nye bøker:

1. Abercrombie Trail Series, a new 4-book series by Candace Simar, about the settling of northwestern Minnesota. (800 section)
2. *Farm Girls: Reflections and Impressions* by Candace Simar and Angela Foster (900)
3. *So Ole says to Lena* by James Leary (300)
4. *Oleana: The Ole Bull Colony* by Paul Heimel (900)

Nye musikk:

We have 14 sheets of piano and voice/piano music by Theodora Cormontan also available for check-out. (She was the subject of the Jorgensens' presentation at the October potluck.) Please talk to me if you are interested in checking out some of them. ---**Michelle Evjen**, *Bibliotekar*, superfastreader@hotmail.com

VELKOMMEN!

Welcome to the following new members: **Sylvia**

Alberts, Janet Hunder, Susan Hanson and

Hanne Lucier

We're glad you joined us. See you at our events!

FROM THE SOCIAL DIRECTOR

Thanks to all who attended our recent events. We have had excellent attendance. On October 26 Dr. Michael Jorgensen, vocalist, and his wife Bonnie, pianist, from Gustavus Adolphus College, performed music by Theodora Cormontan, a recently-discovered Norwegian-American composer, who immigrated to Minnesota and eventually died in Iowa. They also presented a PowerPoint program on Theodora's life and family. The lodge purchased some of her music, and it may be checked out in the library.

On November 14, Jon Pederson, capital campaign chair of the Norway House in Minneapolis, presented a program on that project. The Norway House will include a gathering place, event center, gift shop, restaurant, museum, and much more. It is located on the same block as the Norwegian Memorial Church (*Mindekirken*) on Franklin Avenue. Our lodge has supported the Norwegian House this year with a donation. The website is www.norwayhouse.net.

I recently attended a program at the Rochester Art Center that featured Lisa Anne Auerback of Los Angeles, CA, titled: "Knitting and Self-Publishing." The topic was art and how we understand our world. This program interested me because knitting is a major craft and art form in Norwegian culture. The sweater that Lisa Anne wore was one she knitted from wool from a Norwegian Spælsau sheep. Many consider the Spælsau sheep to be the original breed of sheep in Norway that dates back to the time of the Vikings.

The program planning committee has met twice, and the programs for 2013 are nearly all planned. Thanks to the committee: **Darlene** and **Byron Stadvold**, **Ann Romo**, **Gary Olson**, **VJ Anderson**, and **Jan Heusinkveld** for their hard work and great ideas.

Ha det bra! ---**Barbara Chase**, Social Director

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