



Sons of Norway

Kristiania Lodge #1-47, Rochester, MN

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FEBRUARY 2014

FEBRUARY and MARCH EVENTS

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

Feb. 13	Board meeting		6:00 p.m.
Feb. 13	Lodge meeting	Speaker: Pam Captain, Kristiania member Topic: "Scotland: What is the Connection?"	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 22	Social meeting	Potluck: Bring a dish to pass and your own tableware. Speaker: Byron Stadvold: "Norway Top to Bottom"	12:00 p.m.
March 13	Board meeting		6:00 p.m.
March 13	Lodge meeting	Chili and Pie Supper \$5 members, \$7 non-members Music by Larry J	7:00 p.m.
March 22	Ethnic Dinner	Native American Evening--\$12 members, \$20 non-members Speaker: Nakoma Volkman: "Native American Traditions" Reservations: Call 507-288-1409	6:00 p.m.

HILSEN FRA PRESIDENTEN—

I am looking forward to serving you as president of the Rochester Sons of Norway. With the help of everyone on the board and all of you, I hope to continue the Sons of Norway organization as well as our past presidents have done. We have a great lodge here in Rochester with interesting and entertaining speakers and programs scheduled for the coming year.

We still need a vice-president, a volunteer organizer (a new position this year,) and volunteers to set up for potlucks and special events. Please consider helping us out. Call me at 990-6397 (cell) or **Darlene Stadvold** at 288-1409. *Ha det bra, Ann Romo*

2014 DISTRICT ONE CONVENTION---June 12-14---Duluth Entertainment & Convention Center

Theme: Great Waters Connect Us, Sons of Norway: Keeping the Connection Flowing

Traveling from the coast of Norway just to make an appearance on our shore is Thomas Mannes, an expert on Cleng Peerson. Mannes will share with us his new venture of creating a National Historic Site (within our district) to honor the "father of Norwegian immigration." Other convention features planned are a *bunad* parade and fashion show with the waves of Lake Superior as a backdrop as well as a cruise on a privately-owned vintage icebreaker. The convention committee invites us all to visit the "San Francisco of the Midwest," also known as the "Norwegian Riviera!"



STAMPS FOR TUBFRIM

I appreciate that Kristiania members are willing to save stamps for Tubfrim. These stamps are sorted, separated, and sold to stamp collectors to raise funds for disadvantaged youth in Norway.

The envelope around the stamp must be **cut at least ¼" and no more than ½"**, so pull out a ruler and get a good idea of that size. The stamp must have a border all around it so the stamp can be easily lifted off the envelope. Please drop off stamps on only a single layer of envelope. (We open our envelopes from the bottom so that we can cut a border all around.) All stamps **except metered stamps** are accepted. Postcards are preferred uncut—so just throw the whole postcard in. **Stamps torn from the envelope are not accepted** because there is either no margin or the stamp is damaged. Thanks!

—Darlene Stadsvold

SPORTS and YOUTH

Hello! My name is **Michael Jones**, and my family and I just moved here from Siskiyou County in far northern California. **Jessica**, my wife; Damien, our 3-year-old; and Astrid, our 6-month-old, are very excited to be in MN. Although my wife and I were born and raised in California, Minnesota has always felt like home to us. I am a seasonal firefighter, and my wife was laid off from Bank of America this summer, so as my work season ended, we took the opportunity to move to Rochester for a new start. My family originally comes from the Mille Lacs Lake area and Williston, ND. It's nice to be back near so many relatives and amazing people.

Mange takk for electing me to the board for youth and sports. My goals for this year are to build a youth program and play group for the children. I'd also like to form a hiking group and an event or two to encourage health and fun for the lodge. Please contact me if you'd like to earn sports pins or would like to learn more about being active. Keep track of your hour—it's going to be a great year. --Sincerely, **Mike**, mikejones138@gmail.com
530-262-0418

ANNOUNCEMENTS

--Please remember to send **Darlene Stadsvold** your **volunteer hours for 2013**. This would include any time you have spent working for Kristiania—bake sale, serving, cutting stamps—or representing Kristiania in the community—ringing bells, serving at Ronald McDonald House, etc.

--2014 College Scholarship Program

Information on our lodge's college scholarship program will be distributed on Feb. 1 to public high schools in Olmsted County and will also be posted on our web site (www.kristiania1-47.org). This year we will be granting up to six- \$500 scholarships. If you have a son/daughter, grandchild or great-grand-child who is graduating from high school this year and planning to attend college next year, please encourage them to apply. If you have any questions on the program, please email either of the two co-chairs: **Steve Norvet** (norvet@charter.net) or **Gary Olson** (golson6638@aol.com).

---**Sons of Norway District V Heritage Camp Masse Moro**, a Norwegian heritage camp focused on sharing the rich culture of Norway with our youth is now accepting applications for 2014.

Who: Youth ages 9-15 (must be 9 by July 20th)

When: July 20-August 2, 2014

Where: Beaver Creek Reserve, Fall Creek, WI

Tuition: \$650 (scholarships available—contact your lodge as soon as possible)

Visit our website for forms and more information.

---**Boxtops for Education**

District 2 has challenged District 1 to collect 5,000

Boxtops for Education before Syttende Mai. They are found on many of the products you daily buy. Bring them to a meeting and **Mike Jones**, our Youth Director, will collect them to be donated to a local school. For a list of products, go to: labelsforeducation.com.



INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL

ADVISOR—Our Field Staff

Representative is Chuck Holland, PO Box 355, Mabel, MN 55954; phone 507-493-5866; email: Hollandc@mabeltel.coop

Follow the Norwegian Olympic Team on TV starting Feb. 6. There are 134 competitors in 12 events such as Nordic and alpine skiing, biathlon, hockey, speed skating, curling, etc. GO NORWAY!

FROM THE CULTURAL DIRECTOR

---I am looking for someone who might help me kick off a **knitting group** and encourage members to earn pins. We would meet in my home once a month (2nd Friday evening, possibly) and work together to earn cultural awards in knitting.

---I am hoping to start up **Norwegian language classes** again on Wednesdays, starting Wed., Jan. 29th. My hope is to have a beginner's class from 6-7:30 pm, and then intermediate from 7:30-9:00. We will continue using the *Sett I Gang* curriculum.

Contact me at hannelucier@gmail.com or phone 507-533-5442.

---My hope is to have a **children's class** (3-5/6) as well as an **elementary class** once a month starting in February (preferably 2nd Saturdays from 10-11:15 or 11:30). My idea is to introduce the younger group to Norwegian songs, the alphabet and counting, and do so via games and fun activities. Both groups would meet in the same room at the same time, but be split for the activities. Contact me for more information. Cell: 507-216-8423.

---**Hanne Lucier**, Cultural Director



FROM THE HOSPITALITY DIRECTOR

Tusen takk to the January 9 servers: **Clarence and Marilyn Engwall, I.J. and Gloria Lewison and Dean and Carol Vigeland**, and to all the servers

who so willingly do this task and provide such awesome refreshments. A visitor at our last meeting made the comment, "You Norwegians certainly know how to have a meeting!"

If there is anyone who has never had an opportunity to serve at a business meeting and would like to, please call me at **507-289-8621**. It is fun and a great way to be involved and meet new members. Or please consider signing up to help with a Saturday potluck. Thank you.—**Kathy Rosedahl**

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE KRISTIANIA GENERAL MEETING—Jan. 9, 2014

Guests attending were Steve and Lois Swenson and Tom Hosier. Mr. Hosier spoke about the Feb. 22 Veteran's Roundtable, which will feature Al Quie speaking on Norwegian participation in World War II. Mr. Quie and Sen. Senjem will be invited to our potluck that day.

Servers were thanked by **Kathy Rosedahl**, and **Lars and Lars** entertained briefly. Reminders of various upcoming events were read. **Darlene Stadvold** asked members to send her their volunteer hours. **President Byron Stadvold** presented the nominated 2014 officers, who were approved by a voice vote. See the new yearbook for a list of names. **Barb Chase** introduced the evening's speaker, Dr. Timothy Nelson.—**Darlene Stadvold**, Secretary

FRA BIBLIOTHEKAREN (Librarian)

Since I challenged everyone to work towards a Literature Cultural Skills award, I wanted to provide information on what is needed. Go to www.sofn.com for the full brochure. Part 1, A Survey of Norwegian Literature, requires reading 3 books by Norwegian or Norwegian-North American authors from different genres, completing a Reader Response Form, and completing one elective activity. I will be getting some new books that will meet these requirements in the near future. If anyone is interested in starting a book club to work towards these awards, send me an email at superfastreader@hotmail.com, and I'll see if we have enough to get a group started. If you have suggestions of good books, please let me know, and I'll share in the newsletter. Good luck and happy reading!—**Michelle Evjen**, Librarian

FROM OUR SOCIAL DIRECTOR

Thank you to all who attended the Jan. 9 meeting. Dr. Timothy Nelson gave an excellent presentation on regenerative stem cell research at the Mayo Clinic.

On February 13 **Pam Captain**, a chapter member, will present a program on "Scotland: What is the Connection?"

Our next potluck is Feb. 22 at noon. Bring a dish to pass and hear **Byron Stadvold's** program "Norway Top to Bottom" about their recent Norwegian trip. Remember to invite friends and family, including children, to the meetings.

----**Barbara Chase**



Dr. Nelson (photo by Roger Olson)