



Sons of Norway



Kristiania Lodge #1-47, Rochester, MN

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March 2014

MARCH AND APRIL EVENTS

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

March 13	Chapter Meeting Chili and Pie Supper Music by Larry J \$5 members, \$7 non-members	6:00 p.m.
March 22	Ethnic Dinner: Native American cuisine: bison roast, wild rice, squash, corn bread, berry pie square. <u>Reservations</u> by March 18 to 282-1477, or email Barb Chase at kcc2@aol.com \$12 members, \$15 non-members Speaker: Nakoma Volkman, "Native American Traditions"	6:00 p.m.
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: Tanzania, Guatemala, Peru"	7:00 p.m.
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.

HILSEN FRA PRESIDENTEN— Lars and I attended the District One event at Concordia University in St. Paul, featuring the Stoughton High School Norwegian Dancers of Stoughton, WI. Their director is Staci Heimsoth, who is an alumna of the dance class of 1985. They were all dressed in *bunads* from different areas of Norway, which were all shown and explained during a style show towards the end of the performance. The Stoughton Dancers began in 1953, and are in their 61st year as performers. The students practice daily before school. Annually they travel to over 60 performances throughout the United States. They have toured Norway four times and will return there in 2015. **Ann Romo**, Kristiania president



BICENTENARY
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BICENTENNIAL OF NORWEGIAN CONSTITUTION—*"Ja vi elsker"*

A letter from Honorary Consul General Gary Gandrud reminds Sons of Norway members that 2014 marks the bicentennial of the Norwegian constitution, signed at Eidsvoll on May 17, 1814. It laid the foundation for democratic development in Norway. Many Norwegian-American organizations have been meeting to coordinate celebrations throughout the year. A Facebook page has been established and named "Norwegian Bicentennial Celebration" at <https://www.facebook.com/MNNorske>, where organizations can post their events. Members are encouraged to "like" the page to be able to read all sorts of information relating to the constitution and to the celebration during 2014.

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINES

- **Sons of Norway Foundation Scholarship** applications are due March 1, 2014, and can be found online.
- **Kristiania Scholarships**, awarded by our chapter, have a March 31, 2014, deadline. Children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren of Kristiania members, as well as Olmsted County public school 2014 graduates are eligible to apply. Applications are available from local high school counselors or online at our Kristiania website. If you have questions, contact Steve Norvet (norvets@charter.net) or Gary Olson (golson6636@aol.com), our Scholarship Co-chairs.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Please mail your membership renewals directly to the international office in Minneapolis.

TUSEN TAKK to...

the potluck helpers in December: **Andrea and Dale Phillipson, Eileen and Larry Hamre**; the potluck helpers in January: **Dorothy and Roy Satre, Dorothy and Phillip Haukom**; and the servers at the February business meeting: **Larry and Sharon Barsness, Gen and Paul Lutzke, Karen Olson, and Jean Carlson**. You are all so appreciated!--- **Kathy Rosedahl**, Hospitality Director.

FESTIVAL OF TREES

The annual Festival of Trees comes around sooner than you think! The theme for 2014 will be based on "Winter White," so most ornaments should be 85-90% white, with the rest being a color. Just look outside and notice the color! Contact **Darlene Stadvold** (bdstadvold@msn.com, 288-1409) with questions.

FRA BIBLIOTHEKAREN—We have the following new books in our library:

The Bat, The Redbreast, and Cockroaches, crime novels by Jo Nesbø.

The Dream We Carry: Selected and Last Poems of Olav Haute

These can all be used for the Literature Cultural Skills Program.--**Michelle Evjen**, Librarian

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FROM OUR SOCIAL DIRECTOR



Mike Jones bravely models the kilt Pam Captain included in her talk.

Hei hei members,
Thank you to all who attended the Feb. 13 meeting. **Pam Captain** gave an interesting presentation titled "Scotland: What is the Connection?" Pam referred us to the August 2012 *Viking* magazine to learn more about Scotland and Norway.

March 13 is the Chili and Pie Supper. (See details on page 1.) The start time is 6:00 p.m., not 7:00 as noted in the program booklet. Entertainment will be by Larry J, a group recommended by Les Fields.

March 22 is the Ethnic Dinner. (See details on page 1.) **Reservations required!**

April 5 is the 41st annual Nordic Celebration and Marketplace at the Minneapolis Marriott Southwest. You may attend the lunch and/or dinner. Contact Stephanie Johnson at snjohnson@vesterheim.org, call 563-382-9681, or see the Vesterheim website. The event is fun, festive, and educational. I have attended this event on several occasions. *Ha det!*--- **Barbara Chase**, Social Director

KRISTIANIA GENERAL MEETING—February 13, 2014

President Ann Romo called the meeting to order. We opened by singing the national anthems of Canada, Norway, and the US and by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Guests present were Dale Norell, Elmo Lien, and Tom Hosier. Mr. Hosier extended an invitation to the Veterans' Roundtable on Feb. 22. The speaker, former Rep. Al Quie, as well as Sen. David Senjem, have been invited to our noon potluck and program that day.

An update on Kristiania's finances was presented by **Ed Schuck, David Anderson, and Byron Stadsvold**. President Romo presented recruitment awards to **Wayne Rogelstad, Paul Lutzke, Jan Heusinkveld, David Anderson, Barbara Chase, Mary and Ray Beard, Dennis and Judy Stevens, and Ed Schuck**. She also presented a President's award to **Gary Olson**. **Jan Heusinkveld** announced that the Sons of Norway Foundation Scholarship applications are due March 1 and can be found online. **Gary Olson** remarked that the revised Kristiania Scholarship forms are available online and from Olmsted County high school counselors. They are due March 31. Social Director Barbara Chase announced the upcoming American Indian dinner and program on March 22. Reservations are to be made with her: 282-1477. **Michael Jones**, Sports/Youth Director, is working on several projects and will help distribute cookies at the Nordic ski event. The District One Convention is in Duluth June 12-14. Contact **Ann Romo** if you will be a delegate or alternate. We have three delegates and are entitled to have four delegates and four alternates (annromo04@gmail.com, or 507-824-2297).

Kathy Rosedahl introduced the servers, who were thanked with a round of applause. Thank you notes and other information were on display. **Lars and Lars** entertained briefly. The meeting was adjourned, and the speaker, **Pam Captain**, was introduced.---**Darlene Stadsvold**, Secretary

FROM THE SPORTS DIRECTOR

If anyone is working on a sports pin, please let me know, and keep track of your hours. If you don't have a sports pin (as I do not yet), do as I am and keep track of your walking miles. I will have a few pedometers at the next meeting for you to borrow as an easy way to add up those miles. Sorry, I can't change the weather, but spring will be here someday. If you'd like help planning your next sports pin or your first, call or text me at 530-262-0418 or mikejones138@gmail.com. Go have fun! Thanks, **Mike Jones**, Sports Director



FROM THE YOUTH DIRECTOR

At Sons of Norway we welcome members of all ages. Heritage membership is free. If you have family, friends, and children who would join our youth program, please call or text me at 530-262-0418 or email mikejones138@gmail.com. We can arrange a class or event. Hopefully as the weather gets better, there is more we can do. I need to know who's interested.--- **Mike Jones**, Youth Director

Norwegian National Anthem. "Ja, vi elsker"

The words for the national anthem, written by Bjørnstjerne Bjørnson, one of Norway's great dramatists and poets, were first published in 1859. The original poem had six verses; in 1863 one of the original verses was deleted and three more were added, giving a total of eight verses.....Nowadays, the first verse and last two verses are most commonly sung.

The music was composed by Rikard Nordraak, cousin of Bjørnson and a friend of the famed Norwegian composer Edvard Grieg, in 1864. It was first performed later that year for the 50th anniversary of their constitution and caught on quickly, overtaking "Sønner af Norge" in popularity. It became a part of the reading books in schools all over the country and was sung by the children in the children's parades organized by Bjørnson every 17th of May.

-----Norwegian Bicentennial Celebration
Facebook article

