



Sons of Norway

Kristiania Lodge #1-47, Rochester, MN

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MAY 2014

MAY and JUNE EVENTS

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

May 8	Board meeting, board room	6:00 p.m.
May 8	Chapter meeting and Syttende Mai celebration Speaker: Professor Marv Slind, Luther College: "Norway in 1814: A Moderate Constitution in an Age of Revolution." Guest: Kaia Ellis from Masse Moro District V Heritage Camp Plus: Norwegian desserts! Wear your <i>bunad</i> or sweater!	7:00 p.m.
May 17	Syttende Mai: Gratulerer med dagen! (Happy Constitution Day!)	
May 17	Steak Fry: Cost--\$5 members, \$7 non-members. Baked potatoes and salad provided by lodge. (This is not a potluck.) Reservations: Call 288-1409. Entertainment: John Berquist , Musician and Storyteller	
June 12	Board meeting, board room	6:00 p.m.
June 12	Chapter meeting Speaker: Gary Legwold: "Lefsa, Lutefisk and the Importance of Humor"	7:00 p.m.
June 12-14	District One Convention, Duluth Entertainment & Convention Center, Duluth, MN	
June 28	Chapter Bus Trip to Houston County, MN See details and registration in separate article inside	8:00 a.m.

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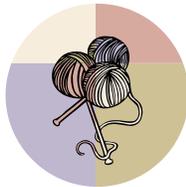
In May we have two occasions when we can find out more about Norway and enjoy our Norwegian heritage. At our meeting on May 8, we have Marv Slind, a professor at Luther College, speaking about "Norway in 1814: A Moderate Constitution in an Age of Revolution," and on May 17 **John Berquist**, a musician and storyteller, will entertain us.

If you want to travel out of town, we have received notices about a couple of events. Norway Day will be held on July 13 at Minnehaha Park in Minneapolis. It's a day-long event starting with worship services at 11 a.m. The Norwegian Glee Club will lead the national anthems. The Norwegian Glee Club will have their annual SANGERFEST from June 12 to 14 at Ted Mann Concert Hall at the University of Minnesota.
-----**Ann Romo**, Kristiania President

FROM THE CULTURAL CORNER:

Norwegian language—We have two small Norwegian language classes going this spring, one beginners and one intermediate. We are hopeful that we can build upon that in the fall. If you have any interest in learning the Norwegian language, please contact me at my address below

Knitting—We have a small group of knitters who will be working on earning cultural pins. If you are interested in being invited, please email me and I will add you to the mailing list.



We currently do not have a set schedule. This is for any age and any level of knitters. We would love to have you join us! Please contact me (address below) if

you have any questions or would like to be added to the mailing list.

Children's classes/meetings—We are hoping to have some gatherings for children. Currently the plans are not solidified but are being worked on. If you have any interest or know of anyone who might be interested in either helping out or participating, please have them contact me.

Suggestions—If you have any suggestions or ideas for cultural groups, please let me know. I would be more than happy to try to arrange events and activities. Please send your ideas to me.

----**Hanne Lucier**, Cultural Director
hannelucier@gmail.com

TUSEN TAKK! HJELP!

Tusen takk to our April Servers: **Wayne and Carol Rogelstad, Barry and Susan Dahl, Arnie Fredricksen, and Ardis Christen**. You are so appreciated.

Help is needed at the May 17 Steak Fry (5:00 p.m.). If you are willing, please contact **Kathy Rosedahl** at 289-8621. Thanks!

--**Kathy Rosedahl**, Hospitality Director

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

KRISTIANIA BUS TOUR—June 28, 2014



We will leave Our Savior's Lutheran at 8:00 a.m. (Park in the south parking lot away from the office entrance.)

Our first stop will be in Spring Grove at the Ballard House "**Giants of the Earth Heritage Center**," where we will learn about the murals painted by Norwegian artist Sigmund Aarseth. We will have our lunch there. Then it's on to the **Viking Park** to see the statues of Ola and Per. We will then bus to **Elstad Lutheran Church** to see the altar painting by another Norwegian painter, Herbjorn Gausta, who taught at Luther College and at the University of Minnesota and is buried at Harmony. From there we will travel to the **Stone Church** south of Houston that was built in 1864 of stone quarried from a hill just east of the church. We will complete our day visiting a **winery** at LaCrescent. For reservations, please call **Jan Heusinkveld** at 507-285-9483. The cost will be determined later, depending upon the number of travelers, approximately \$28-30.

----**Jan Heusinkveld**, tour organizer

TAKE NOTE: SPRING AND SUMMER EVENTS

May 17----Worship service at **Old Muskego Church**,

Luther Seminary campus, St. Paul, 3:00 p.m.

June 12 and 14--**Sangerfest concerts**, 7:00 p.m., Ted Mann Concert Hall, U of M. Norwegian Glee Club of Minneapolis and the Norwegian Singers Association of America 1-612-624-2345, www.tickets.umn.edu

June 21—**Walk Around the World Festival**, 11 a.m.-8 p.m., Peace Plaza, Rochester. Kristiania will have a booth on the plaza. Contact **Mike Jones**, 507-316-5058 to volunteer for a 3-hour shift.

June 28—Kristiania Bus Tour (see above article)

July 13—Norway Day at Minnehaha Park in Minneapolis

August 9—District One Uff Da Golf Event, Eastwood Golf Course, Rochester. Sign-up forms at upcoming meetings and via a Flash News message.

August 14—Kristiania Picnic, Florence Park, Stewartville

August 20-23—International Sons of Norway Convention, Jacksonville, FL.

Welcome, new member! We welcome new member **Kurt Boyum**. We look forward to seeing you at our activities and programs.

TUBFRIM—Please bring your stamps to the May meetings as we would like to fill our box to the brim to send to the district convention in June.

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REPORT FROM YOUTH AND SPORTS DIRECTOR



Pinewood Elementary School has accepted our sponsorship of Box Tops for Education, so please bring in all the Boxtops for Education to our next

meeting so I can turn them in by our June deadline. Call me to volunteer for a 3-hour shift at the Walk Around the World Festival at the Peace Plaza on June 21 to represent our lodge. Or sign up at the May meetings.
-- **Mike Jones**, Youth and Sports Director
(mikejones138@gmail.com; corrected phone number: 507-316-5058)

FROM THE SOCIAL DIRECTOR

Thank you to all who attended our April 10 meeting when speakers Darlene Voeltz and Jean Marconett presented a program on teaching microfinance and women's health in Tanzania and Peru. They also told of their experiences traveling in Rwanda. The program was excellent. See the newsletter calendars for upcoming May events.

On April 12 a friend and I attended the Vesterheim benefit at the Marriott Hotel in Minnetonka. Gary Gandrud, the Norwegian Honorary Consul General, spoke, and Laurann Gilbertson gave a program on Norwegian sweaters. On April 13, Palm Sunday, three of my friends and I attended the 9 a.m. service at the Norwegian Memorial Church (*Mindekirken*). This was our first visit there, and we hope to attend again. Then we traveled to the Swedish Institute, where we had lunch in the new addition. Just off the restaurant area we viewed a display of psaligraphy (papercut art) by Danish-Norwegian artist Karen Bit Vejle. If you go to the Swedish Institute website, you can see the art online.

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

NORWEGIAN TEXT MESSAGE:

OLE TEXTS LENA:

"Lena, I'm having 1 more beer with Sven. If I'm not home in 1 hour....read this message again."

(Submitted by **Elva Steffenson**)

KRISTIANIA GENERAL MEETING—April 10, 2014

President Romo called the meeting to order. We sang the national anthems of Canada, Norway and the US and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Guests were asked to stand and introduce themselves. We had several guests from the Women Helping Other Women group with us.

Mike Jones, Sports Director, presented the cycling gold and enamel pins to **Darlene Stadvold**. Social Director **Barbara Chase** announced upcoming events. (Check the newsletter.) An opportunity to participate in the Intercultural Mutual Assistance Association cultural event at the Peace Plaza was announced. See separate article below.

Jan Heusinkveld reported on the monies collected for victims of Hurricane Sandy. Five SoN families were helped, and the Foundation gave an additional \$5,000 to the Red Cross. Ann listed the names of recently deceased members or family members: **Jerry Reising**, **Jan Navratil**, **Norma Dison**, and **Louise Hanson's** mother, Mrs. Lysne. Ann read a memorial verse.

Darlene Stadvold asked members to bring their Tubfrim stamps in May so she can pack the box to send to the convention. She also announced the Uff Da Golf Tournament on August 9. The sign-up flyer will be sent out. She asked all members to track hours for the year-end report; sheets will be available at the meetings.

Servers were asked to stand and were recognized with a round of applause. We sang #17, *La oss leve for hverandre* in Norwegian. **Beth Haaland** translated the words and read them in English. The meeting was adjourned.

---- Respectfully submitted, **Darlene Stadvold**, Secretary

Boxtops for Education are on Betty Crocker mixes, Gold Medal Flour, Nestle juices, General Mills cereals, Green Giant vegetables, Pillsbury, Old El Paso, Hamburger Helper, Land O'Lakes, Ziploc bags, Kleenex, Brita, Hanes clothing, Boise Paper, Progresso, Yoplait, Hefty, etc. Labels for Education on Campbell's Bic, Dannon, Pace, Pepperidge Farms, Post Cereals, Pregos, Spaghettios, Swanson, VN, Franco-American, etc.—**Marilyn Syverson**, District Youth Director

WALK AROUND THE WORLD FESTIVAL

The board approved joining this festival at the Peace Plaza on Saturday, June 21, from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. This is an invitation to heritage groups in Rochester. **Mike Jones** has agreed to coordinate volunteers. We will need a minimum of 2, or preferably 3 at each shift. Kristiania must furnish all needs for our space including a 10'x10' canopy or pop-up shelter in case of rain or for shade. Does anyone have one? An estimated 9,000 visitors may pass through during the event, and this would certainly provide an opportunity to display our heritage. Sponsored by Intercultural Mutual Assistance Association, Rochester Downtown Alliance, and Broadway Residence and Suites.---**D. S.**