



# Sons of Norway

Kristiania Lodge #1-47, Rochester, MN

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## NOVEMBER 2013

### NOVEMBER and DECEMBER EVENTS

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

Nov. 14	Board meeting		6:00 p.m.
Nov. 14	Lodge meeting	Speaker: Rebecca Sundquist, Director of Development, Norway House, Minneapolis	7:00 p.m.
		NORWEGIAN SWEATER NIGHT	
Nov. 23	Bake and Craft Sale, Soup'n'Sandwich Luncheon		10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
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Dec. 7	<i>Julefest</i> and Potluck	Speaker: Laurann Gilbertson, Vesterheim, Decorah, IA: "Norwegian Antiques" Bring an antique Norwegian piece 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    1. <i>Juledag</i>	

### **HILSEN FRA PRESIDENTEN** (Greetings from the President)

I have been very fortunate to serve you as president of Kristiania, and we have done many good things together. It is time to thank all of you for your good work: serving on the board, doing special tasks, participating in the classes, helping at our community endeavors, preparing and serving food for hungry "Norwegians," and just enjoying fellowship together! The willingness of each of you makes our group enjoyable and vibrant, which should be shared with many others in our community. *Ha det bra,*  
**Byron Stadvold**

### ***Craft & Bake Sale and Soup & Sandwich Luncheon***

Saturday, November 23      10 a.m.—1 p.m.

**\* Kringla \* Rosettes \* Krumkaka \* Lefse \* Sandbakkels \* Spritz \* Fancy Cookies \* Breads \***

Soon you will receive a call requesting baked goods. Please respond to this call and bake some of those Norwegian delicacies. Bring your goodies to Our Savior's Friday, Nov. 22 from 4-6 p.m. or Saturday, Nov. 23 from 8-10 a.m. These are also the hours for you crafters to set up your tables.

Packaging tips: Pack your treats in clear containers, or on plates covered with plain Saran wrap or baggies. Please package them in ½ dozen or 1 dozen amounts for ease in pricing.

**KRISTIANIA GENERAL MEETING—October 10, 2013**

**President Stadsvold** called the meeting to order, and we opened by singing the national anthems of Canada, Norway and the US, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. **Beth Haaland** was at the piano. Guests were asked to introduce themselves and reminded to sign our guest book. Members stood for a moment of silence in memory of **Gracia Fredriksen** (3-11-1935—10-3-2013). **President Stadsvold** read a remembrance verse.

**James Isaacson** rang the Salvation Army Red Kettle Bell and asked members to sign up to ring the bell Nov. 18-20 at the JCPenney north door in 2-hour shifts from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**Ann Romo** announced the New Member Dinner on October 15. **Darlene Stadsvold** urged members to finish the tree ornaments they are working on. A date will be announced for assembly.

**Barbara Chase** announced the upcoming programs and the Bake and Craft Sale. **Jan Heusinkveld** talked about the Sons of Norway Foundation and put out the “Piggy” for donations. The evening’s servers were thanked with a round of applause. We sang “Happy Birthday” to our speaker, **Kathleen Stokker**, followed by “*Nidelven*” in Norwegian.

The meeting was adjourned, and after a brief set-up, the program was announced.

Respectfully submitted, **Darlene Stadsvold**, Sec.

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

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There will be an opportunity to sign up to work at the Soup ‘n’ Sandwich part of the Bake and Craft Sale at the November 9 meeting. Please help!

**FESTIVAL OF TREES SET-UP**

Set-up for the Festival of Trees will be Nov. 25 at the Civic Center. This involves assembling the tree, “fluffing” the branches, adding the ornaments and power strip. **Byron** and I will be there at 8:30 to unload and locate our space. Helpers are needed, welcomed and appreciated! Coffee, water, treats and sometimes juice are available. The theme this year is “Nordic Yule.”

**Darlene Stadsvold**

**PROSPECTIVE MEMBER DINNER** We had a wonderful turnout for the prospective membership dinner on October 15. There were 40-45 people attending, including 18 prospective members coming to hear about our Sons of Norway organization. I want to thank the committee members: **Bob Rosedahl, Don Olson, and Dean Vigeland**, who helped me plan and carry out the program. Also thank you to **Kathy Rosedahl, Gary Olson, Michelle Evjen, Barb Chase and Lars Romo** for helping make the dinner and program go smoothly.-- **Ann Romo**, committee chair

**“NEW LAND, NEW LIFE” EXHIBIT AT BETHEL**



Congregation members view the posters at Bethel Lutheran Church. The exhibit is now at Our Savior's and will move to the Rochester Art Center later.

**FRA BIBLIOTHEKET** (From the library)



Hei, hei, My name is **Michelle Evjen**, and I'm the new librarian here at Kristiania Lodge. I'm from North Carolina and married **Steve** 16 years ago in December. I have always loved books and worked in the library all through high school and college. I work full time at the Mayo Clinic as a claims examiner. With the help of my husband I have re-organized the books by arranging them in main categories and then by author and title within each category. I'll have a new book list printed out so you will be able to search by category, author, or title.

I would like to update our library with some new items but would like to hear from you about what you would like me to add. Please email me any suggestions you have. I'm researching new cookbooks, books by Norwegian authors, and some travel picture books. You can email me at [superfastreader@Hotmai.com](mailto:superfastreader@Hotmai.com) with any suggestions or comments.-- Thanks, **Michelle Evjen**, librarian

**FROM THE HOSPITALITY DIRECTOR—**

*Tusen takk* to our October 10 servers: **Lars** and **Ann Romo**, **Gary** and **Lynn Olson**, and **Harold** and **Norma Dison**.—**Kathy Rosedahl**

**Norwegian Quiz: Forstår du norsk?**

Match the phrases!

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|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Ha en god tur _____           | a. Thanks for today      |
| 2. Hvordan står<br>det til _____ | b. Happy Birthday        |
| 3. Takk for idag _____           | c. Have a good trip.     |
| 4. Gratulerer med<br>dagen _____ | d. How are you           |
| 5. Takk for sist _____           | e. Thanks for last time. |

**FROM THE SOCIAL DIRECTOR---**

On Sept. 16 I attended a concert in Anoka given by the *Sarpsborg Frimurer Sangforening* (Norwegian Masonic Choir) and the Sarpsborg trumpeter, Kai Robert Johansen. The musicians and spouses spent ten days in the USA and performed in Grand Forks, Duluth, Bemidji, Anoka, and at the *Mindekirken* and the Mall of America. The choir was formed in Sarpsborg, Ostfold, in 1934. Their performance was excellent. The trumpeter was outstanding. After the concert, dinner was served by the Anoka Masons. I had the opportunity to visit with many members of the choir, the trumpeter, and their spouses.

On October 10 Kathleen Stokker, professor *emerita* of Luther College, gave an excellent talk titled "Humor in Norway during World War II." Her presentation was interesting, humorous and upbeat. We had excellent attendance.

November 14 is NORWEGIAN SWEATER NIGHT !

Our speaker, Rebecca Sundquist, will speak about the development of the Norway House project in Minneapolis. The non-profit organization has purchased a former insurance office building at 913 E. Franklin Ave. next to the *Mindekirken* (Norwegian Memorial Church). A 15,000 sq. ft. conference center will be built on the same block. The center will serve as an event center, a home for other Norwegian-American organizations, a place to conduct Norwegian-American activities, and much more. The focus of Norway House is to promote understanding and appreciation between Norwegian-Americans and modern Norway.

See the calendar and other newsletter articles for information on the Bake and Craft Sale (Nov. 23) as well as the *Julefest* and Potluck (Dec. 7). Hope to see all of you at these events! *Ha det! Takk.*

---**Barbara Chase**, Social Director

