



Sons of Norway

Kristiania Lodge #1-47, Rochester, MN

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OCTOBER 2013

OCTOBER and NOVEMBER EVENTS

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

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| Oct. 9 | Leif Erickson Day | | |
| Oct. 10 | Board meeting | | 6:00 p.m. |
| Oct. 10 | Lodge meeting | Speaker: Kathleen Stokker, retired professor, Luther College: "Humor in Norway during World War II" | 7:00 p.m. |
| Oct. 15 | New Member Dinner | Reservations required (289-3794) Invite a prospective new member! | 5:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 26 | Potluck | Speakers: Dr. Michael and Bonnie Jorgensen "The Life and Music of Theodora Cormonton" | 6:00 p.m. |
| Nov. 14 | Board meeting | | 6:00 p.m. |
| Nov. 14 | Lodge meeting | Speaker: Rebecca Sundquist, Director of Development, Norway House in Minneapolis | 7:00 p.m. |
| Nov. 23 | Bake and Craft Sale | | 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. |
| Nov. 28 | Thanksgiving | | |

HILSEN FRA PRESIDENTEN (Greetings from the President, **Byron Stadsvold**)

Hi to all members of Kristiania. This last spring and summer we had several people spend quality time in Norway. I thought about writing a little about our trip, but that would take volumes. So, I think everyone just coming to our fellowship and visiting about these special times is the best approach. See you at Kristiania! *Ha det bra,, Byron*

Annual Membership Dinner

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Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Tuesday, October 15, 2013

5:30 p.m. Reception 6:00 p.m. Dinner and Program

Reservations required to 289-3794 by October 11

Bring a prospective member and receive a free meal. A great way for your friends to learn about their Scandinavian culture and heritage.

KRISTIANIA GENERAL MEETING— September 12, 2013

The meeting was called to order by President **Stadsvold**. The national anthems of Canada, Norway and the US were sung, accompanied by The meeting was called to order by **President Stadsvold**. The national anthems of Canada, Norway, and the US were sung accompanied by **Beth Haaland**, and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. . The members remained standing for a memorial time for the following member deaths: **Denny Anderson**, **Gregg Orvoll**, past member **Vinal Severeid**, and Robert “Bob” Bjorgum, father of member **Bruce Bjorgum** and a recent program speaker. Visitor Susan Hanson and speaker Kari Tauring were asked to stand.

Bob Rosedahl, speaking as temporary Cultural Director, reported that Lois Rink is interested in starting a sewing/ hardanger/ knitting group to be held at her residence. Date and time will be determined. Contact her at 288-6732 or jrink@charter.net. Bob also remarked on the enjoyable time at the June gathering at the **Romo** farm. A highlight was watching **Lars** operate his sawmill, and Bob had a burr oak piece cut into slices for several projects.

Social Director **Kathy Rosedahl** introduced and thanked the servers and also asked for volunteers to help at the Sept. 28, Oct. 26, and Nov. 23 potlucks. **Ann Romo** presented a member recruitment certificate for 2012 to Ed **Schuck** for recruiting three new members. Ann also mentioned a Brekke Tour to N.D. and the Høstfest in October and had brochures available.

Our new librarian, **Michelle Evjen**, was asked to stand and be recognized. Thank you, Michelle, for volunteering! **Lars** and **Lars** entertained briefly, and the members sang the “Battle Hymn of the Republic.” President Stadsvold noted the upcoming programs, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, **Darlene Stadsvold**,
Secretary

SNOWBIRDS: Keep the editor advised of your winter address!

FRA BIBLIOTHEKET (from the library)

Garrison Keillor is a well-known author and entertainer who uses Minnesota and Lake Wobegon for his stories. Check out his books in our library. ---
--**Sharon Barsness**, retiring librarian

FROM THE HOSPITALITY DIRECTOR



“Thank you” to all those who so willingly consent to serving at the monthly business meeting and who help with the monthly potlucks. It takes a lot of people, and I thank you for your cheerful “Sure, I can do that,” answer when you get a request via telephone. One more couple is still needed to help with the December 7 noon Yule Fest potluck. If you can help with his event, please call **Kathy Rosedahl** at 289-8621 or email to rer1558@msn.com. Thanks!—**Kathy Rosedahl**,
Hospitality Director

INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL ADVISOR—Our Field Staff Representative is Chuck Holland, PO Box 366, Mabel, MN 55954; phone 507-493-5866; email: Hollandc@mabeltel.coop

OLD NORWEGIAN BOOKS AND BIBLES

The Kristiania Board has voted to no longer accept donations of old Norwegian books and Bibles for the library. Shelf space is limited in the library. We already have two very large Gothic-print Bibles and a number of old books in Norwegian. We prefer to use our library space for publications of current interest to our members .

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KULTURHØRNET (Culture Corner)

ANOTHER OUTSTANDING KRISTIANIA PROGRAM

Kari Tauring, who has taught classes at Ingebretsen's in Minneapolis for eight years, entertained us at our September meeting by telling about her experiences as a contestant on the reality show "*Alt for Norge*." Kari uses runes, rhythm and breath to tell the stories of the northlands. She is *vølvakona* (Old Norse), the staff-carrying woman who maintains cultural knowledge, values, and spiritual practice. Kari has written two books on the runes and an iPhone app.

Kari's roots are from the Sognefjord in Norway, from the Nedberge and Gudvangen farms. She has also made a CD called "Nykken & Bear," which has traditional songs and original poems from Minnesota, Norway, and Sweden about water sprites and shape-shifting bears. Quoting the Minneapolis Star Tribune, Kari is a "champion of Nordic-roots music and any tradition that connects people with nature in a spiritual way." We enjoyed hearing her sing many song of Old Norse tradition. You can visit her website at <karitauring.com>.

-----by **Ann Romo**, Vice- President

HARDANGER / SEWING GROUP

Lois Rink has volunteered to begin a hardanger and sewing group in her home. If you are interested, please contact Lois directly:
Phone: 288-6732 Email: jrrink@charter.net

Bake and Craft Sale

Nov. 23 10 a.m. -1:00 p.m.

Think about what you would like to bake or contribute to the sale. If you know any crafter who would like to sell at this event, provide his/her name and phone number to **Dave Kaehler**, 289-7989.

"NEW LAND, NEW LIFE: Norwegian Immigration in Minnesota 1825-1925

Kristiania Lodge is sponsoring showings of this poster exhibit in Rochester this fall. Developed by the Synnøve-Nordkapp Lodge in St. Paul, the 20 panels highlight the settlement of the many Norwegian immigrants to Minnesota. Topics on the panels include: reasons for immigration, farming, churches, education, occupations, Norwegian language, folk arts, etc. The panels can be seen at:

Bethel Lutheran Church—Oct. 5-19

Our Savior's Lutheran Church—last 2 weeks in Oct.

Rochester Art Center—Watch the *PB* for details.

FROM THE SOCIAL DIRECTOR—Barbara Chase
Hei, hei, members, best wishes for a pleasant fall season
October events coming up:

- On October 10 Kathleen Stokker, Professor Emerita of Scandinavian Studies at Luther College, will present a program titled "Humor in Norway during World War II." Professor Stokker has written many books and is known for her lively presentations. Don't miss this one!
- October 15 is the date of the New Member Dinner. Reservations are required (289-3794). Bring prospective members!
- Our next potluck is October 26 at 6:00 p.m. Bring your own dishes and flatware plus a dish to serve. Our speakers are Dr. Michael and Bonnie Jorgensen, who will present a program titled "The Life and Music of Theodora Cormonton." Ms. Cormonton (1840-1922) is a recently-discovered Norwegian composer. Michael Jorgensen is a professor of music at Gustavus Adolphus College. Bonnie is a pianist and professional accompanist at Gustavus and at MSU-Mankato and works with various other musical groups. Fellow SON members from Kenyon have recommended this program highly.

