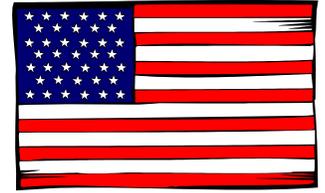




KRISTIANIA POSTEN

SONS OF NORWAY



Kristiania Lodge #1-5-47, Rochester, MN

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JUNE and JULY 2015

KRISTIANIA SUMMER EVENTS

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

May 30	Steak Fry	\$5 members, \$7 non-members. Salad, potatoes and dessert furnished. Bring your own tableware, including steak knives! <u>To reserve a steak, call Barb Chase at 282-1477 (kcc2@aol.com)</u> Speaker: Rep. Dean Urdahl— The Dakota War of 1862	6:00 p.m.
June 11	Board meeting		6:00 p.m.
June 11	Chapter meeting	Speaker: Melissa Brandt "District 535 Students in Transition" (Homeless students in Rochester)	7:00 p.m.
June 13	Walk Around the World Festival,	Peace Plaza, downtown Rochester Contact Darlene Stadsvold to volunteer— bdstadsvold@msn.com or 288-1409	
June 27	Chapter Bus Trip to Minneapolis	(See details on page 3.)	8:00 a.m.
July 23-25	Nordic Fest, Decorah, IA .	Opening ceremonies, July 23 at 6:45 p.m.	
August 13	Kristiania Picnic Meeting at the Nature Center at Oxbow Park, Byron	Bring a dish or two for the potluck and your own tableware. The Nature Center is a short walk to the new playscape and into the zoo.	6:00 p.m.

HILSEN FRA PRESIDENTEN—

We had a wonderful celebration for *Syttende Mai* at our last meeting with tasty open-face Norwegian sandwiches and lots of Norwegian sweet treats. The serving group did a wonderful job. Our speaker, Jeff Sauve, from St. Olaf College and the Norwegian American Historical Association, was so interesting to listen to also.

In June the Norwegians celebrate Summer Solstice, the first day of summer, with parades for the children in their Norwegian *bunads* in several towns, and then with a bonfire in the evening. We can celebrate the beginning of summer with our tour to Minneapolis on June 27 to see Norway House, *Mindekirken*, the Swedish Institute, and Ingebretsen's. Hope to see you there. —**Ann Romo**, Kristiania President

The mission of Sons of Norway is to promote and preserve the heritage and culture of Norway, to celebrate our relationship with other Nordic countries, and to provide quality insurance and financial products to members.

TUSEN TAKK ...

to **Barb Chase, Lucy Phelps** and all others who lent a hand at the May 2 potluck. The *Syttende Mai* celebration on Thursday, May 14, was hosted by **Andrea and Dale Phillipson, Sarabeth Watson, Joan and Roger Olson, and Harold and Kathy Mellem**. Thanks to them and to all those who provided the wonderful Norwegian desserts! Happy *Syttende Mai* 2015!—**Kathy Rosedahl, 289-8621**, Hospitality Director

LOST BOOKS—A year or so ago I loaned two Scandinavian cookbooks and would really like to have them back. They are approximately 9" x 12" and might have Lois Voegelé or Wilkes' name in them. Thanks! —**Darlene Stadsvold**

WALK AROUND THE WORLD



Date: June 13

Time: 11-2

Place: Peace Plaza,
downtown Rochester

Volunteers are needed to hand out Viking magazines, pens, and notepads, but especially to visit with passers-by and to generate interest in Sons of Norway. To volunteer, contact:

**Darlene Stadsvold, 288-1409, or
bdstadsvold@msn.com**

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KRISTIANIA GENERAL MEETING—MAY 14, 2015

At the May 14 meeting the winners of Kristiania college scholarships for 2015 were introduced by **Gary Olson**, Scholarship Chair, and presented with a certificate from President **Ann Romo**. Students present were:

Adam James Barsness (grandson of **Larry and Sharon Barsness**)

Marissa Kate Breider

Madisen Christina Hart

Devin Oliver Pewowaruk (grandson of **Marilyn Pewowaruk**)

Lily Catherine Schimke

Megan Marie Schmitz

Winners unable to attend were:

Emily Ann Billingsley (granddaughter of **Jeff Hoag**)

Kaylee Ann Muller

Congratulations and good luck in the future to the winners! —**Gary Olson**

CULTURAL DIRECTOR NEEDED

Kristiania is in need of a Cultural Director, who will seek out classes or skills that members wish to learn, find instructors, and work to coordinate meeting times and places, usually at our room at Our Savior's. The Cultural Director sits on the Board of Directors and attends board and business meetings. Contact an officer if you're interested!

MIDSUMMER IN NORWAY

St. John's Day or *Jonsok* is celebrated on June 24 and is a religious holiday commemorating the birth of St. John the Baptist. Prior to the introduction of Christianity to Norway, the date was used to celebrate the summer solstice, the longest and brightest day of the year. Because of the dual history surrounding the date, the remaining Midsummer traditions are an amalgamation of both Pagan and Christian customs.

The practice of lighting bonfires comes from the belief that fire "awakens" the ground for the next growing season and gives renewed strength to the sun. It was also believed to scare away evil supernatural spirits and witches who were thought to roam more freely this time of year.

In the 19th century it was popular in western Norway for children to dress in bride and groom outfits and to participate in mock weddings as a symbol of new life.

The most popular foods consumed on Midsummer's Eve are fire-roasted items like hot dogs or *pølse* and picnic fare such as pickled herring, smoked salmon or open-faced sandwiches. Norwegian strawberries and *rømmegrøt* are also common treats. —from the Sons of Norway Newsletter Service



KRISTANIA BUS TRIP TO MINNEAPOLIS

Mark your calendars for June 27. We will take a bus trip to tour the new Norway House on Franklin Avenue. This is becoming a complex with meeting rooms, an area for Vesterheim, a coffee shop, and an area for displays of Norwegian artifacts. Norway House is next to Mindekirken, the Norwegian church where we will have our lunch. From there we will go to the Swedish Institute, the old mansion on Park Avenue with wood-carved interior and displays from all the Scandinavian countries. Then we will go to Ingebretsen's on East Lake Street to do some shopping in their meat market, gift shop, and handi-craft store. We will leave at 8:00 a.m. from Our Savior's and plan to be back in Rochester by 5:30 p.m. The cost is \$40 per person, including lunch. For reservations, call **Jan Heusinkveld**, 507-285-9483. **RESERVATION DEADLINE: June 15.** Guests are invited at the same price. **Please park in the south lot at Our Savior's.**

FRA BIBLIOTHEKET (From the Library)

The following two books are recent additions to the library which recount two different proud stories of the Norwegian Resistance during World War II. The first is a biography of a clergyman. The second is a story both children and adults can appreciate

Bishop of the Resistance, The life of Eivind Berggrav, Bishop of Oslo, Norway. Edwin Robertson. Concordia Publishing House, 2000. This is a 222-page paperback donated by VJ Anderson. This is a fascinating account of a key European Christian leader, Eivind Berggrav, during World War II. Dr. Robertson's moving biography portrays the tumultuous world in which the Bishop of Oslo lived. He worked tirelessly for peace and played a crucial role in resisting fascism. His insights into the real meaning of life—the faith and love which are in Christ—remain timely today.

Snow Treasure. Marie McSwigan, Puffin Books, 2004. (First published by Dutton, 1942) This 196-page paperback of historical fiction was donated by Sarabeth Watson. In June 1940 the Norwegian freighter *Bomma* reached Baltimore with a very precious cargo. Based on an account by the captain, this story tells of the time Nazi troops had parachuted into a tiny Norwegian village and held it captive during the Second World War. A young boy and his friends slipped past the Nazi guards with nine million dollars in gold bullion hidden on their sleds. This amazing story of how the children helped to keep the treasure out of Nazi hands will appeal to both children and adults. —**Sarabeth Watson**, Librarian, 282-9565, rosawatson@q.com

FROM THE SOCIAL DIRECTOR—*Hei hei* members,

2014 and 2015 have been great years for Kristiania Lodge. Thank you to all of you for your support and attendance at meetings. I am writing to you on *Syttende Mai*. I hope all of you had a happy *Syttende Mai*. My plan is to celebrate at the Minnesota Valley Country Club in Bloomington, MN. There will be a dinner, and The Honorable Lorie Skjerven Gildea, Chief Justice of the Minnesota Supreme Court, will be the speaker. This event is sponsored by the Honorary Norwegian Consulate General.

Thanks to all who attended the May 2 potluck and heard Chris Schad give an informative talk about honeybees, and to those who heard Jeff Sauve at the May 14 meeting expand on his Viking magazine articles ("Looking Back") about Norwegian-American experiences. Thanks to those who brought Norwegian desserts.

Upcoming events:

—May 30— **Steak Fry** at 6:00 p.m. \$5 for members and \$7 for non-members. Call me (**282-1477**) to reserve your steak. Bring your own tableware. The speaker is Dean Urdahl of the MN House of Representatives, speaking on the Dakota Indian Uprising in 1862. He is a former history teacher, is knowledgeable about the Civil War, and has written several books.

—June 11— **Chapter meeting**. Speaker will be Melissa Brandt: "District 535 Students in Transition," talking about the homeless children in the Rochester area. This should be a very informative program.

—June 27— **Trip to Minneapolis**. We will tour the new Norway House; Mindekirken (Norwegian Lutheran Memorial Church), where we'll have lunch; and the Swedish Institute. We'll stop at Ingebretsen's on Lake Street for some shopping. The bus will depart from the south lot at Our Savior's in Rochester at **8:00 a.m.** We will arrive back in Rochester at approximately 5:30 p.m. A reservation is required for this event. Contact Jan Heusinkveld at 285-9483 by June 15. Feel free to invite your friends and family. Please note a change in the charge for this event: **\$40**, not \$30. This includes lunch at Mindekirken.

—July—No meetings.

—August 13—**Picnic** at Oxbow at 6:00 pm. Please note the change in location in Oxbow Park. We will meet at the Nature Center, not at 3rd Bridge Shelter. Come prepared to enjoy the new "playspace."

Family and friends are welcome at our meetings and events. Try to recruit new members. —**Barb Chase**, Social Director