

Sons of Norway
Kristiania Lodge #47, Rochester, MN
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October, 2012

October and November Events

(All events are at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 2124 Viola Road N.E., unless listed otherwise).

October 9, 16, & 23	Genealogy classes by Barry Dahl in Boardroom	7:00 p.m.
October 11	Board Meeting	6:00 p.m.
October 11	Lodge Meeting: Speaker: Doug Ohman, MN Historical Society: "Barns of Minnesota"	7:00 p.m.
October 18	New Member Dinner (Reception at 5:30	6:00 p.m.
October 27	Potluck (Bring a dish to pass, plus your own dishes and silverware) Mankato's Elvesvingen Lodge Nordic Dancers	6:00 p.m.
November 8	Board Meeting	6:00 p.m.
November 8	Lodge Meeting: Speaker: Marvin Slind, History Professor, Luther College: "Luther College Goes to War" Norwegian Sweater Evening	7:00 p.m.
November 17	Bake and Craft Sale (See page 3)	10 a.m.-2 p.m.
November 19	Festival of Trees Decorating at Mayo Civic Center	

HILSEN FRA PRESIDENTEN: (From our President), Byron Stadsvold:

For many years we have had the good fortune of having very good programs at our meetings. It is my opinion that programs and the fellowship are the most important draw for the general membership and the biggest sell for getting new members. Thus, we come to that time of year when we set the programs for next year. I ask each of you to think about what would be a good program and send that suggestion to me or any board member to be considered. Several programs have come from your suggestions and that makes the work load for the committee much lighter.

NAME THE TREE:

The theme this year for the Festival of Trees is "Nisse, Trolls, and all the other folk 'little people' in Norwegian Folklore". Any ideas would be appreciated. Call or email **Darlene Stadsvold** at bdstadsvold@msn.com or 288-1409. Meanwhile, all who offered to make something please start to bring in finished items or let me know how many items you will have. I like to get nervous early rather than at the last second!
 Tree set-up is November 19 at the Mayo Civic Center.

- *Darlene Stadsvold*

Velkommen to *Sandra Dean*, who recently became a member of our Lodge.

CULTURE CORNER:

You will have opportunities to participate in the following unique classes in the near future.

Genealogy:

Thank you for your tremendous interest in our Genealogy class taught by **Barry Dahl!** Currently, this class is full. Our Genealogy class will meet for three Tuesday sessions on October 9, 16, and 23. We will meet in our Lodge classroom from 7-8 p.m. The first session will be a Genealogy introduction/update. The second session will cover Norwegian Genealogy, and the third session will be a question and answer workshop. You are encouraged to bring something to take notes and your portable computer, especially to the third session. I'm sorry for anyone who would have liked to have taken the class but didn't get in. Please contact me. Maybe we could offer another class in the future depending on the interest level.

Norsk Matlaging (Norwegian Baking and Cooking).

Hanne Lucier will be presenting a Norwegian Baking and Cooking class this coming November and December. The food will be home kitchen prepared and shared with class members. You will be given a recipe and a demonstration with suggestions and helpful hints on its preparation. There will be five total class sessions on Saturdays. The dates are: November 3, 10 and 17, and December 1, 8 and 15. The classes are designed to be flexible and on a weekly basis. The cost will be \$10 for each lesson plus the cost of the ingredients. Each class will have a minimum of two and a maximum of ten participants. The deadline is seven days (the Saturday) before the next session. To sign up today for some or all of the sessions please call Hanne at (507)533-5442 or email at hannelucier@gmail.com

Norwegian Language Class Update:

Hanne Lucier plans to continue teaching

Norwegian Language lessons after Christmas. There will be two classes. The first class will be for new students and those who would like to review *Sett i Gang* from the beginning. The second class will be for those students who want to continue with the present class. Please contact Hanne Lucier if you have further questions or if you would like to sign up for one of the classes. *Mange hjertelige takk,*
Leslie (Vatnås) Demmer, Culture Director

FROM OUR SOCIAL DIRECTOR:

Hei Hei Members, I hope you are enjoying the beautiful Fall weather. On September 13, Eric Dregni gave a humorous presentation of his book Vikings in the Attic, In Search of Nordic America. He also presented a power point slide show of various Norwegian places, objects and sights in the Upper Midwest. Please see page 1 of this Newsletter for details of upcoming programs and events. I hope to see you at all of them! **Barbara Mae Chase**

TUSEN TAKK:

Thank You to the following for serving at the September 13 meeting: **Jan & Ted Thorson, Eileen & Lawrence Hamre, and Norma & James Isaacson.** Thanks also to **Faye & Ted Waldo, Ed & Avis Hagen, and Don Olson** for being our October 11 servers.

LIBRARY NEWS:

Several new books have been added to the library for those of you who are following your ancestors' history. We have a set of 3 volumes of Norwegians in America: Their History and Record, a translated version of the 1907 and 1913 records in Norwegian written by Martin Ulvestad. We also have Norwegians in America: Some Records of the Norwegian Emigration to America from 1888 by Knud Langeland. We have also purchased Vikings in the Attic: In Search of Nordic America by our September speaker, Eric Dregni. Come enjoy our library! - **Sharon Barsness,** Librarian

BAKE & CRAFT SALE:

Please start thinking about what you would like to contribute to our Bake and Craft Sale on November 17. Tables will be available to

INSURANCE & FINANCIAL ADVISOR:

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SEPTEMBER 13 MINUTES:

President **Byron Stadsvold** called the meeting to order. We opened by singing the National Anthems of Canada, Norway and the U.S., and saying the Pledge of Allegiance. **Beth Holland** on piano. Guests were asked to stand. Sandy Dean, a new member was welcomed with a round of applause. Treasurer and Financial Secretary reports available on table in back of hall.

Darlene Stadsvold read a thank you note from the St. Olaf Heritage Assn. and placed it on the side table with pictures and other items from the dedication. She also wondered how quickly November 19 will come – the day we set up the tree for the Festival of Trees. A gentle reminder to folks to work on trolls.

Leslie Demmer announced the upcoming classes in Genealogy, Rosemaling, Norwegian Language and Cooking. Call him at 289-2319.

Dean Vigeland spoke briefly on the Bell Dedication at the Tverberg Cabin/St. Olaf Heritage Assn. Dean noted that DeLos Olson had started this process. About 30 members from Kristiania attended, and under the direction of **John Berquist** sang the Norwegian National Anthem.

Ann Romo reported on the District 1 Convention in St. Cloud. Ann highlighted the workshop on attracting and retaining members. The three resolutions passed: 1) Travel reimbursement for each car of 4 attending workshops, 2) Cultural skills programs now on line, and 3) The Viking Magazine for Kids will be reinstated with a recipient paid fee.

vendors for the Craft portion of the sale. Please contact Dave Kaehler at 289-7989 for details.

Ann noted that Kristiania received 4 merit awards for Fraternal Excellence.

Barbara Chase thanked **Gary Olson** for his work in planning and guiding the Wisconsin tour. She also reminded members of the upcoming programs and encouraged everyone to come!

The servers were announced and thanked with a round of applause.

Deb Nelson-Gurley gave a brief description of the newly translated books available. She provided charts of the counties in Norway to the members. This will be an excellent resource for the Genealogists.

We sang *Nidelven* in Norwegian.

The meeting was adjourned, and after a brief set-up our program was introduced.

- **Darlene Stadsvold**, Secretary

ELECTION PROMISES:

We've been hearing a lot lately about election promises. Here is Ole's: "Vun of my first actions as President would be to pass a law dat makes it possible to make gasoline out of manure. It may not make great gasoline, but it vill sure cut down on da siphoning problem!"

(From *Ole & Lena: Live Via Satellite* by Bruce Danielson & Ann Berg)

HALLOWEEN IN NORWAY:

"*Knask eller knep*", means "trick or treat".

As recently as the 1990s Halloween was almost unheard of in Norway. But the Norwegian translation of "It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown", as well as candy, card and comic book promotions, helped it gain in popularity.

However, the "tricks" were sometimes getting out of hand, so the newspaper *Aftenposten* printed a few tips on how to celebrate properly; among them: Only October 31 is Halloween (evidently there has been a problem with people extending the fun!); adults should accompany the smallest children; and only visit neighbors and friends to avoid making other people angry!

