

Kristiania Lodge No. 47
Sons of Norway
Rochester, Minnesota
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JANUARY, 2010
***God Nytt ar* (Happy New Year!)**

January Events

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

January 9	Honk, Squeak, Scratch Boom (Mayo Civic Center) (See next page)	9-11:15 am and/or 1-3:15 pm
January 14	Board Meeting Lodge Meeting Program: Officer Tim Lutzke of the Rochester Police Department: "Training and Tasers"	6:00 pm 7:00 pm
January 30	Spaghetti Supper	4:30-7 pm
January 30	Trygt Ski Adventure (Hyland Hills) (See Page 3)	4-10 pm

HILSEN FRA PRESIDENTEN (From Our President):

I trust that everyone had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. And, that you are ready to begin a new year of Lodge activities.

We begin the new year with our Lodge Meeting on Thursday, January 14 at 7:00 p.m. At this meeting we will be electing and installing new officers, directors, and trustees for 2010. Needless to say, this is a very important meeting. We are fortunate to have a slate of candidates for all elected positions, with the exception of vice president. This is a problem that will need to be addressed. I ask everyone to consider possible candidates for this important position.

Be sure to review our Scholarship Program Guidelines listed on the next page. Further information and application forms will be available on our Lodge web site (<http://www.kristiania1-47.org>) by February 1, 2010. The deadline for applying for a college scholarship is March 31.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our January meeting.
Fraternally, *Gary M. Olson*

LUTEFISK AVAILABLE:

There are still quite a few quart bags filled with trimmed Lutefisk, ready to thaw and cook. Just \$5 a bag – a really good deal!!!! Just let *Byron Stadvold* know at 288-1409 or bdstadvold@msn.com and he will make arrangements with you.

KRISTIANIA LODGE #47 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – 2010

OUR MISSION: *To support the education of our youth and to promote an understanding of, and an appreciation for, the history and culture of Norway and Norwegian-Americans.*

TYPES OF SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2010:

Norwegian Language Camps:

Two, two hundred and fifty dollar (\$250) scholarships will be available for students (K-12) to attend a Norwegian Language Camp. Information on language camps can be obtained from our Lodge Skogfjorden Coordinator, ***Dale Phillipson***.

College Scholarships:

Four, five hundred dollar (\$500) scholarships for graduating high school seniors to attend a post high school institution (four-year college, community college, or technical school). Eligibility:

1. All sons, daughters, grandchildren, and/or great grandchildren of a current Kristiania Lodge member who are graduating high school seniors, regardless of where they live or type of high school attending.
2. All graduating high school seniors from public high schools in Olmsted County.
3. Past recipients of a Kristiania Scholarship

Cultural Skills:

Scholarships for current Kristiania Lodge members to promote the Sons of Norway Cultural Skills Program. Upon successful completion of a cultural skills class, members may apply for reimbursement of class expenses, up to one hundred dollars (\$100). To be eligible, applicants must submit a certificate of completion from a class instructor. Note: Five hundred dollars (\$500) has been allocated for this program.

FROM OUR SOCIAL DIRECTOR:

I hope you all have a wonderful, happy and joyous new year. Thanks to all who attended the Julefest and potluck on December 5.

Recently the Program Planning Committee finalized the programs for 2010. Thanks to all who contributed for their hard work. Special thanks to ***Jan Heusinkveld*** for preparing the program information for publication.

If you know any inactive members, encourage them to attend our meetings and events. If possible, offer to give them a ride.

Best wishes for a very happy new year!
Barbara Mae Chase



HONK, SQUEAK, BOOM, SCRATCH:

Help Rochester youth discover the joy of playing a musical instrument! This event will be held at the Mayo Civic Center (ground level) on Saturday, January 9. The morning shift is from 9:00-11:15, and the afternoon one is from 1:00-3:15. Usually lunch is provided for all day helpers. This is an opportunity to wear the "I Volunteer for Sons of Norway" pins and give us some publicity. Tasks include welcoming and directing traffic, registration, cleaning mouthpieces of instruments, etc. Please let ***Darlene Stadsvold***, (bdstadsvold@msn.com or 288-1409), know if you can help.

FROM OUR SPORTS DIRECTOR:

The Norsota Lodge invites Kristiania Lodge members and our relatives to participate in a downhill ski instructional event at Hyland Hills Ski area in Bloomington, MN on Saturday, January 30, from 4-approximately 10 pm. Each one hour experience will be led by a knowledgeable ski instructor. Special rates and rental equipment are available. Participants must be at least 25 years old, and be able to ride a chairlift.

- *Rich Peterson*

CONTACT CHANGES:

If your email or phone number has changed, please let *Darlene Stadsvold* know at 288-1409 or bdstadsvold@msn.com. If you are not on the Kristiania Flash News list and would like to be, also send an email to Darlene.

Tusen takk

In addition to those already acknowledged in the December Newsletter, we also want to thank *Ruth Fiek* and *Arona Schuck* for calling members to remind them to bring items to the Bake and Craft Sale.

Thanks to the January servers: *Clarence and Marilyn Engwall, Carol Volstad, Dean and Carol Vigeland, and I.J. and Gloria Lewison.*

SCANDINAVIANS WHO WERE "FIRST":

George Washington was not actually the first President of the United States! Instead, on November 3, 1781, by unanimous vote of the Continental Congress, John Hanson, A Swedish American, was elected the first president under the Articles of Confederation.

The first United Nations Secretary-General, Trygve Halvdan Lie, was Norwegian.

NORWEGIAN NEW YEARS FESTIVITIES

Now days, Norwegians celebrate the coming year much as we do in America, with parties and delicious food. However, in olden times, New Year's Day was an important time for the whole country to look for signs of how the coming year would be, such as crop success and fishing probabilities. The weather on New Year's Day was taken as a sign of how the weather would be for the rest of the year.

The thirteenth day of Christmas (January 6th) is called *Helligtrekongersdag* (Three Holy Kings' Day) in honor of the three kings who came to Jerusalem to honor Jesus. In the Catholic era a pageant was performed on this day, a living demonstration of the three kings' journey, but today it is more of a symbol that Christmas has come to an end.

- Adapted from the book "*Merkedager*"
by Ann Helene Bolstad Skjelbred

LEARN TO SPEAK NORWEGIAN:

If you're making a New Years' Resolution to start or improve your Norwegian language skills, the Sons of Norway website (www.sonsofnorway.com) can help. It provides a beginner level program entitled "Norwegian in 5 Minutes a Month" that consists of 37 audio lessons of simple phrases, written in Norwegian with English translations and pronounced by native speakers. A second program, "Norwegian for Reading Comprehension," focuses on reading for general understanding. It shows how the Norwegian language works, and strategies for breaking down sentences, paragraphs and passages. To hear more Norwegian spoken, the Media Lending Library features several video titles in Norwegian. For a complete list, go to www.sonsofnorway.com/MemberResources/LendingLibrary.

INSURANCE & FINANCIAL ADVISOR:

Our local Field Staff Representative is *Chuck Holland*, 121 S. Main Street, Mabel, MN 55954; Phone: (507-493-5866; email: Holland@mabeltel.coop

