

**Kristiania Lodge #47
Sons of Norway
Rochester, Minnesota**

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JANUARY, 2011

God Nytt år (Happy New Year!)

January Events

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

January 13	Board Meeting	6:00 pm
January 13	Lodge Meeting: "The Norwegian Genealogical Center" Speaker: Blaine Hedburg	7:00 pm
January 18	Festival of Trees Preparation at Stadsvold's (see below)	9:30 am
January 18	Stitchers' Group (see article below)	1:00 pm
January 22	Honk, Squeak, Scratch, Boom at Mayo Civic Center (see below)	8:45-11 am or 12:45-3 pm, or all day
January 29	Cod Luncheon , and talk by a Norwegian student about Norway (Cost: \$10.00)	Noon

HILSEN FRA PRESIDENTEN (From our President)

I am writing this a week before Christmas, and you will receive it after. I hope the *Nisse* did not give you any trouble! You may be reading this around New Year's, so Happy New Year to all. The snow is deep and beautiful and a lot of fun to spend time in (Maybe not shoveling!). The programs for the coming year are in place and it looks like a good time can be had by all. I again encourage you to bring some guests to share these good programs with and maybe develop new members that we desperately need. (*Editor's Note: See "enticement" below*). It always gives me pleasure to spend time with all of you when we get together. See you soon! - *Byron Stadvsold*

NORWEGIAN EXPERIENCE 2011:

Sons of Norway is partnering with Borton Overseas to offer one lucky recruiter and his/her guest an amazing ten day travel experience in Norway. From January 1-December 31, 2011, every member who recruits a new, dues-paying member will be entered into the 2011 Norwegian Experience Recruitment Contest. The trip, which will be awarded in January, 2012, includes airfare, meals, exclusive travel opportunities and upscale accommodations. To enter, be sure your name is listed in the "Referred By" field of the new member's application.

HONK, SQUEAK, SCRATCH, BOOM

This fun event on Saturday, **January 22** provides an opportunity for area children to try out a variety of musical instruments. Sons of Norway volunteers help by taking tickets, registering participants, cleaning mouthpieces for instruments, monitoring entrances, etc. Three shifts are available: 9:00-11:00 am; 1:00-3:00 pm; or all day. Come at least 15 minutes early for all shifts. Lunch is provided to those who work all day. Dress casually. Contact *Darlene Stadsvold* at 288-1409, or bdstadsvold@msn.com if you can help.

FROM OUR SOCIAL DIRECTOR:

Happy New Year! Thank you to all 48 people who attended our Julefest and potluck. Gary Froiland entertained us with singing, jokes and wonderful guitar and banjo music.

We hope you will be able to attend our **January 13** meeting, when Blaine Hedburg will speak about the Norwegian American Genealogical Center in Madison WI. On **January 29** we will have a Cod luncheon at noon. The cost is \$10, which includes all food, beverages and dinnerware. A Norwegian exchange student will speak about Norway. Please send me an email at kcc2@aol.com or call me at 282-1477 with your reservation. You may pay at the luncheon.
- *Barbara Mae Chase*

FESTIVAL OF TREES PREPARATION:

Even though the holidays have just ended, it is already time to start preparing for the tree we will decorate for 2011's Festival of Trees. On Tuesday, **January 18th**, there will be a meeting to plan, hand out patterns, set timelines, decide on further 'work' meetings, etc. It will be at the *Stadsvold's* home, 3732 Valleyridge Court NE, starting at 9:30 am. Please come! The theme will be based on "birds." The plan is to have carved birds, rosemaled birds, hardanger, quilted, felted, and knit birds, and even *Dompas* wired to the tree. Festival guidelines stipulate that all ornaments must be of the quality that would be sold at craft sales. All items need to be completed by the end of October. If you cannot make this meeting, but want to participate, contact *Darlene Stadsvold* at 288-1409, or bdstadsvold@msn.com.

FUN FACT:

There are more Norwegian descendants living in the United States than there are Norwegians in Norway (6 million vs. 4.8 million)

STITCHERS' GROUP:

All Lodge members who already enjoy "stitching", or would like to learn, are invited to attend our monthly meetings at the Lodge meeting room. Besides stitching, we also talk (a little!) and show and share. For more information, contact *Judy Stevens* at juirst@q.com or 281-4418.

VOLUNTEER REPORTS:

All members who have helped in any way: worked on the convention, Festival of Trees, serving, etc. need to turn in their hours spent to *Darlene Stadsvold* ASAP! You can use a tracking sheet, or just email, mail, or hand deliver your report of hours. Couples can use the same sheet. Darlene needs to know by category: ie. school, meeting, community, etc.
Tusen takk!

FROM OUR CULTURAL DIRECTOR:

Did you know that Sons of Norway has many different Cultural Skills programs available as a benefit to you as a member? You may participate as an individual, join a class, or form a group. There are a large variety of areas to enrich your life and to develop new skills. Program areas include: Cooking, Figure Carving, Genealogy, Hardanger Embroidery, Language, Music, Rosemaling, and seven more. For each skill level attained you can be awarded with a pin and recognition by your Lodge, if you like. You may specialize in one area, mastering all three levels, or you may become a generalist and learn the basics of several skill areas. You may even earn the distinction of becoming a Mentor (instructor in an area), or a Master (completing nine levels).

Currently we have two ongoing language classes. Next year we are looking to expand our class offerings with another language class level, and introduce a new class in a new cultural skills area this coming Fall. Stay tuned! Also, we are developing a scholarship program that will begin to benefit members. What a wonderful way to start the new year with a plan to enrich and broaden your cultural heritage! For more information, you may visit with me after a meeting, or contact me via e-mail at: demmer.leslie@mayo.edu or demmerlg@hotmail.com. *Ha det bra!*
Lykke til! - *Leslie Demmer*

INSURANCE AND 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.

SPORTS DIRECTOR CHANGE:

Many thanks to **Rich Peterson**, who has ably served as our Lodge's Sports Director for the past several years. He has recently resigned. We are pleased that **Heidi Crabtree** will now assume this position. Be sure to record your exercise and report your time to her. It may qualify you for a pin, plus give you added incentive to get out and enjoy our crisp Winter days!

TUSEN TAKK!

A big Thank You to the following members who called people for the Sons of Norway Bake and Craft Sale: **Ruth Fick, Maxine Thorson, Lois Graif, Genevieve Lutzke, Lois Rink** and **Anna Schuck**. Your calling helped to make our fund raiser a great success.

- Fraternally, **Joan Olson**

Tusen Takk to our January 13 servers. They are: **Roy** and **Dorothy Satre, Beth** and **Dale Haaland**, and **Meredith Ellertson**.

- **Kathy Rosedahl**, Hospitality Director

PROGRAM BOOKLETS.

Watch for the 2011 Program booklets. They will arrive in your mail soon. Thanks to **Jan Heusinkveld, V.J. Anderson, Barbara Chase, Byron** and **Darlene Stadsvold, Gary Olson** and **Leslie Demmer** for developing excellent programs for each month!

SNOWBIRDS:

If you plan to be gone for a few weeks or more during the Winter, please contact Newsletter Editor **Arlouene Bothun** at 282-1594 or albothun@hotmail.com, so that we can send your Newsletter to your temporary address, and not be billed for it being "undeliverable".

SKOGFJORDEN:

If you are interested in having your grandchildren attend the Norwegian Language Village at Concordia Language Villages this year, please contact **Dale Phillipson** at (507)356-8919 or daphil@pitel.net, or go to www.ConcordiaLanguageVillages.org and click on the Norwegian Villages schedule. There you will find all of the information on the dates, times, and costs of the programs. There are two \$250.00 scholarships available for students (K-12) to attend a Norwegian Language Camp. Scholarship application deadline is **February 25**.

-**Dale Phillipson**, Lodge Skogfjorden
Coordinator

FROM OUR LIBRARIAN:

Do you want to curl up with an intriguing page-turner on a cold Winter evening? I recommend **Defiant Courage: Norway's Longest WWII Escape, A True Story** by Melvin McCabe Scott Jr. and Wenche Haug. It tells the story of Jan Baalsrud's escape from the Gestapo in 1943. The story reconstructs the dramatic events in minute detail, using Jan's own report and information from German archives. It is the most detailed report of his escape. Thanks to members who donate books to our library. There are many new good books to read in our Library, which is located in the Lodge Meeting room.

- **Sharon Barsness**

UFF DA!

Here are a few "Uff da's" for a cold Winter day:

- * Eating hot soup when you have a runny nose!
- * Having more miles on your snow blower than on your car!
- * Saying there's no such thing as bad weather, only bad clothing!
- * Knowing somewhere there is a piece of frozen metal with part of your tongue still attached!

