

Kristiania Lodge No. 47

Sons of Norway

Rochester, Minnesota

Phone: (507)206-6262; Web Page: www.kristiania1-47.org

FEBRUARY, 2010

January, February and March Events

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

January 30	Spaghetti Dinner	(Note Date Change) Cost: \$7.00 Public is invited; bring your friends and enjoy! <i>Ole and Lena say it is the best!</i>	4:30-7 pm
February 11	Board Meeting		6:00 pm
February 11	Lodge Meeting	Speakers: David and Susan Susag: "Their Wedding in Norway"	7:00 pm
February 16	Stitchers' Group	(See article on page 2)	7:00 pm
February 25	Skogfjorden Scholarship Deadline	(see page 2)	
February 27	Potluck	Program: Elinor Niemisto, Harpist St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN; Principal Harpist for the Rochester Symphony	Noon
March 11	Chili and Pie Supper	\$5.00 Speaker: James Russell, Retired RCTC History Professor	6:00 pm
March 18	Membership Meeting	Dinner is free if you bring a prospective member Call Jan Heusinkveld (285-9483) by March 15 with your guests	6:00 pm
March 27	Dinner	Finnish Cuisine Speaker: Ulla Ahtaja, "Life in Finland"	6:00 pm
March 31	College Scholarship Application Deadline	(Forms available at our website. See January, 2010 Newsletter for details.)	

PASSING OF THE GAVEL:

A huge TUSEN TAKK to *Gary Olson* for giving of his time and expertise to serve as our President. He has been a conscientious and capable leader. Now we welcome *Byron Stadsvold*, who has accepted the Presidency for the coming year. Please give him your support as he assumes this essential position.

HILSEN FRA PRESIDENTEN (From Our President):

Greetings to all in this New Year, new Decade---now a challenge. I intend to emphasize new members to our wonderful organization. We have great fellowship, very good programs and a chance to expand our learning. We need to share this with more people. I am going to offer some ideas and challenges during this next year and I am open to any suggestions you may have; just let me know.

The first one is to bring someone to our meetings and social events that is **not** a member to show off what good fun we have. These people can be a friend, relative or just someone you know. They do not have to be Norwegian or even a hot possibility to become a member in the sort term. Please just bring a guest with you. I will have another idea and challenge next month. *Byron Stadsvold*

FROM OUR SOCIAL DIRECTOR:

I hope to see all of you at the Spaghetti Dinner on January 30. *DeLos Olson* prepares the meal and it is always great. Please read the 2010 Program Booklet, and plan to come to all of the meetings. The February 11 program by David and Susan Susag about their Norwegian wedding will be unique and special, as will be the noon Potluck on February 27. Remember our inactive members. Contact those that you know and offer a ride. Best wishes for a pleasant Winter!

Barbara Mae Chase

NEEDED: OFFICERS!

We still need three members to serve in the following positions for the coming year:

Vice President: Provide leadership assistance, with the support of a great group.

Cultural Director: This is what the Sons of Norway is all about, keeping up with the cultural experience of Norway.

Publicity Director: Help keep members informed of the activities. *Laurie Trogstad-Briggs* has done this job for over 10 years and has very good procedures in place. If you are good with email, this position is for you!

To paraphrase *Gary Olson's* comments at our last meeting: "Keeping our organization viable requires members who are willing to commit to providing strong leadership." Please call *Gary Olson* (288-1090), *Roger Olson* (288-8780) or *Jan Heusinkveld* (285-9483) with your decision.

FROM OUR LIBRARIAN:

Memorials and donations have been received which are to be used to purchase good books for our Sons of Norway Library. Please call *Sharon Barsness* at 282-0565 with suggestions for books you would like to have in our Lodge Library.
- *Sharon Barsness*

GET-WELL WISHES:

Maxine Thoreson is recovering at home following a heart attack. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

2010 PROGRAM BOOKLETS:

A huge TUSEN TAKK goes to *Jan Heusinkveld* for preparing our 2010 Program booklets. If you did not receive your copy in the mail, please contact her at 285-9483. There is one addition to the booklet. At the August picnic, Merle Peterson will speak on construction and management of the Memorial, and Scott Nelson, life figures sculptor.

STITCHERS GROUP:

All members are invited to bring any projects they are working on to our monthly Stitchers' Group. We meet the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. It is a drop-in group so no sign-up is necessary and no fees are charged. Anyone is welcome, and you do not necessarily need to do Hardanger.

TUSEN TAKK:

Thanks to the following members who assisted youngsters with trying out musical instruments at the Honk, Squeak, Scratch, Boom event on January 9: *Judy Stevens, DeLos Olson, Sharon Barsness, V.J. Anderson, Barbara Chase, Jan Heusinkveld, Gary Olson, Darlene Stadsvold, and Arlouene Bothun.*

SKOGFJORDEN:

If you are interested in having your child or grandchild attend the Norwegian Language Village at Concordia Language Villages this year please contact *Dale Phillipson*, Lodge Skogfjorden Coordinator, at (507)356-8919 or daphil@pitel.net, or go to the website www.ConcordiaLanguageVillages.org, and click on the Norwegian Villages schedule for information on dates, times and cost. The application deadline for a \$250.00 scholarship for K-12 students is February 25. Contact *Dale* for the form. You may also apply for the Masse Mora Norwegian Heritage Camp in Fall Creek, WI. Contact Don Hermanson at (715)698-2502 or HermansonDJ@worldnet.att.net

JANUARY 14, 2010 LODGE MINUTES:

President **Gary Olson** called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. We sang the national anthems of Canada, Norway and the U.S., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. **Gen Lutzke** accompanied on the piano. There were 68 members present, plus the speaker, **Tim Lutzke** of the Rochester Police Department.

There was a call for visitors to be recognized and reports of illness. None. There was a moment of silence for **Grace B. Martin**, long-time member.

DeLos Olson spoke briefly about the January 30 Spaghetti Dinner. He passed around a sign-up sheet for helpers, and announced that this will be his last year, and would help his successor!!!

Treasurer and Financial Secretary Reports were available on the Information Table.

Social Director **Barbara Chase** announced that the Vecchione/Erdahl Duo will present An Askelad Tale set to music on January 19 at the Hill Theatre at R.C.T.C. at 7:00 pm. It is free and open to the public.

Nominating Committee member **Jan Heusinkveld** announced that the Handbooks are in the mail.

Sports Director **Rich Pederson** presented the following awards: **Arlouene Bothun**: Gold/Walking; **Ed Schuck**: Silver/Cycling; **David AND V.J. Anderson**: Bronze/Cycling; **Darlene Stadsvold**: Gold AND Enamel/Sports & Fitness; **Larry Barsness**: Enamel/Cycling. Rich urged members to talk with him about getting starting on a Fitness Program.

Kathy Rosedahl introduced the evening's servers: **Clarence** and **Marilyn Engwall**, **Carol Volstad**, **Dean** and **Carol Vigeland**, and **I.J.** and **Gloria Lewison**. They received a warm round of applause.

President Olson reminded members of the Skogfjorden Language Village and Masse Moro District 5 Heritage Camps.

Jan Heusinkveld read the list of Lodge Officers for 2010: President: **Byron Stadsvold**; Vice President: **Open**; Secretary: **Darlene Stadsvold**; Treasurer: **David Anderson**; Financial Secretary: **Ed Schuck**; Newsletter Editor: **Arlouene Bothun**; Social Director: **Barbara Chase**; Hospitality: **Kathy Rosedahl**; Cultural Director: **Open**; Counselor: **Gary Olson**; Librarian: **Sharon Barsness**; Trustees: **Dean Vigeland**, **DeLos Olson** and **Leslie Demmer**. **Dennis Stevens** moved to accept the slate; second by **I.J. Lewison**.

John Lynaugh moved to cast a unanimous ballot. Carried. **Roger Olson** presided over the Installation Ceremony, highlighting duties of each office. He presented the King Olav V Medallion to incoming President **Stadsvold**.

Darlene Stadsvold announced that the Hardanger/Knitting/etc. classes were starting Tuesday, January 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the Lodge Room. Bring your handwork and join in!

Darlene also reminded members that their hours are due in the Lodge for the Year Report. New 2010 green sheets for tracking hours are available on the Information Table, along with a few pink 2009 sheets. Check at the next meeting if you did not get one.

Lars and Ole entertained us with a few good stories. The membership sang #162, Auld Lang Syne, accompanied by **Gen Lutzke**.

Respectfully submitted, **Darlene Stadsvold**, Secretary.

CANCELLED STAMPS:

We are collecting stamps for the TUBFRIM Program. Cut cancelled stamps no less than 3/8" all around and bring to Lodge meetings. These go to Norway via Delta Airlines and are sorted for sale to collectors to support handicapped youth.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

Norwegians celebrate Mother's Day the second Sunday of February, which coincidentally this year falls on the same day as Valentine's Day! So give your mother **TWO** hugs on February 14!

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

In Norway there is a saying: "There is no such thing as bad weather...only bad clothing!"

