

Kristiania Lodge No. 47

Sons of Norway

Rochester, Minnesota

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MARCH, 2010

March and April Events

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

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| March 11 | Board Meeting AND | 6:00 pm |
| | Chili and Pie Supper (Provided by the Board) Cost: \$5.00 | 6:00 p.m. |
| | Speaker: Retired RCTC Professor Jim Russell (See page 2) | |
| March 16 | Stitchers' Group (See page 3) | 7:00 p.m. |
| March 18 | Membership Dinner (Free with guest; otherwise \$8.00) (See page 2) | 6:00 pm |
| | Make reservations by contacting <i>Jan Heusinkveld</i> : 285-9483; heusinkveld@yahoo.com or <i>Byron & Darlene Stadsvold</i> : 288-1409; bdstadsvold@msn.com by <u>March 15</u> | |
| March 27 | Dinner: Finnish Cuisine (Cost: \$10.50) | 6:00 p.m. |
| | Speaker: Ulla Ahtaja "Life in Finland" (See page 2) | |
| | For reservations, contact Barbara Chase : 282-1477; KCC2@aol.com | |
| April 1 | Scholarship Deadline (See Page 3) | |
| April 8 | Board Meeting | 6:00 p.m. |
| | Lodge Meeting - Speaker: Tom Hanson | 7:00 p.m. |
| | "Norway, Common Traditions and Present Realities" | |
| April 20 | Stitchers' Group (See Page 3) | 7:00 p.m. |
| April 24 | Pancake Supper Cost: \$5.00 | 4:00 p.m. |

HILSEN FRA PRESIDENTEN (From the President)

Greetings to the best group of people! MEMBERSHIP is my theme for this month. The idea last month to bring guests to the meetings and social events is still part of our emphasis. Now for another idea: Darlene & I belong to several organizations and membership is always an important issue. We gave three gift memberships to three acquaintances to expose them to this organization. They produce a good and interesting newsletter, just as we have for Kristiania. They have expressed appreciation and a greater interest in the organization since the gift and are becoming involved. We think this idea would work well at Kristiania. Maybe you have a friend or relative to whom you would like to give a small, meaningful gift. A membership to Sons of Norway, Kristiania Lodge may be a good idea. After all, they get a great newsletter, the Viking magazine and many chances for fellowship and interesting programs. They may start slow realizing the greatness of the gift – but I'm sure they will end up very involved. It may be worth a try.

–Byron Stadsvold

KEEP US UPDATED:

Help! Each time one of our communications (Handbook, Newsletter, etc.) is returned, it costs the Lodge money. If you're a "Snowbird" who goes to the same location each year, please send your alternate address to the Sons of Norway International Headquarters, 1455 W. Lake Street, Minneapolis, MN 55408, since they have a mechanism for making the temporary change. If you go to a different location each year, you can let Newsletter Editor *Arlouene Bothun* know by calling her at (507)282-1594, or emailing her at albothun@hotmail.com

MORE ON OUR MARCH EVENTS:

In addition to a delicious meal, we are in for a real treat at our **March 11** meeting, when our speaker will be retired RCTC History professor **Jim Russell**.

He will begin by talking about his early years in the cobble-stoned city of Glasgow, Scotland in the midst of World War II. These were hard times for a young Catholic boy growing up in stern Presbyterian Scotland in the midst of war, rationing, bombing and evacuations. All that changed when, at the age of 14, he and his family moved to Stockholm, Sweden in 1946. He says, "I felt like I had entered Shangri-La. Sweden hadn't experienced war since the Napoleonic era, and religious differences had been settled many years earlier. Green grass, beautiful lakes and wonderful people! That is the Sweden I grew up in and love".

Please invite friends and family to attend the **New Member Dinner** on **March 18**. It will be catered by Ye Olde Butcher Shoppe. The reception begins at 5:30, with dinner at 6:00. It is free if you bring at least one guest; otherwise the cost is \$8.00. Presentations will be given by Board members. There will even be door prizes!

The Lodge is honoring Finland on **March 27**, starting with a dinner that is enjoyed by the Finns: salmon, boiled potatoes, and carrots. The speaker, Ulla Ahtaja, grew up in Finland. Her father was a diplomat for the Finnish government. This gave her the opportunity to live in Moscow and New York City, and travel to other countries.

FROM OUR SOCIAL DIRECTOR:

Thank you to **DeLos Olson** for preparing another wonderful Spaghetti Supper, and to **Lynn** and **David Susag** for an interesting program about their wedding in Norway.

Check our website: www.kristiania1-47.org for information about the District I Convention that will be held here in Rochester in June, as well as details about upcoming meetings.

I hope to see all of you at the March meetings.

- **Barbara Mae Chase**

FROM OUR LIBRARIAN:

Take advantage of the DVDs called "*Welcome to Norway-A Video Magazine*". There are 10-12 different tapes. Each tape has 10 or more different shorts on happenings in Norway. The index is on the back of each tape.

Arlene Schlake has donated the book *Ungdom/Youth* by Sigrid Undset. It is a collection of poems and stories. The left side is in Norwegian and the right side is in English.

- **Sharon Barsness**

There was a great turn-out again this year for our Spaghetti Supper. It was a time for socializing while enjoying a good meal. Thank you all for coming. Many volunteers signed up, which is great. We do have an enjoyable time making this event part of our Lodge's yearly activities. Without your help this and other events at the Lodge would not be possible. The volunteers who signed up to help this year included; **Wayne & Carol Rogelstad, Roger Olson, Gary Olson, Kathy & Bob Rosedahl, Larry & Sharon Barsness, Donald Olson, Guy Hostetter, John Lutzke, John & Lois Rink, Pat & John Lynaugh, Harold & Norma Dison, Clarence & Marilyn Engwall, Arlouene Bothun, Dave & VJ Anderson, Darlene & Byron Stadvold, Doris Sneve, Susan Starkson, and Ed Schuck**. There may have been some walk-in's who pinched in, whose names I do not have. Mange Tusen Takk for your help! To the volunteers who have been helping with the Spaghetti Supper year after year, a very special Mange Tusen Takk for your exceptional help.

- **DeLos Olson**

Thanks to our February servers: **Larry & Sharon Barsness, Sue & Vern Foss**, and **Barbara Chase**. April servers will be **Gen & Paul Lutzke, John & Lois Rink, Wayne & Carol Rogelstad**.

- **Kathy Rosedahl**

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES:

Language Lessons:

At each meeting we hope to have a short Norwegian language lesson. We could use some volunteers. The Sons of Norway log site: www.sonsofnorway.com has lessons available with Norwegian, Pronunciation and English. The first lessons are greetings, small talk, counting, numbers, days, months, weather and more. If you would like to help present a short lesson, contact **Sharon Barsness** at 282-0565.

Stitchers' Group:

All Lodge members are invited to bring any projects they are working on to our monthly gathering. We meet the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. 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. For more information, contact Judy Stevens at jurist@q.com

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS:

Parents and grandparents! Please remember to remind your son/daughter and/or grandson/granddaughter that applications for 2010 College Scholarships are due by April 1. Application forms and information can be downloaded from your website:

www.kristiania1-47.org

-Gary Olson, Counselor

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

FEBRUARY 11 LODGE MINUTES:

President **Byron Stadsvold** called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. We sang the National anthems of Canada, Norway and the U.S., (Editor's note: Hasn't it been fun hearing all three being played during the Olympics!?!). The Pledge of Allegiance was spoken. **Beth Haaland** accompanied on piano. There were 67 members present, plus the speakers, David and Lynn Susag. There was a call for visitors to be recognized and reports of illness. **Carl Deobald** is in the hospital. **Maxine Thoreson** is undergoing tests.

DeLos Olson announced that pint jars of spaghetti sauce are available at \$3.00, and frozen noodles for a donation. Lutefisk and some rommegrot are for sale after the meeting.

Treasurer's and Financial Secretary's reports are on the information table. Minutes were in the Newsletter.

Barry Dahl, Historian, asked members who have genealogy records to print out a pedigree sheet (6 generations) or pick up a form from him. He is assembling a three-ring binder of members' heritage origin in Norway. It will be in the Library for members to check. Do you wonder who else is from your area in Norway?

Social Director **Barbara Chase** announced the Potluck on February 27, with Elinor Niemiesto on harp. The New Member Dinner is March 18 – bring a potential member or two!

Hospitality Director **Kathy Rosedahl** introduced the servers, who received a round of applause.

Sharon Barsness, Librarian, announced that **Arlene Schlake** has donated a book. She also asked for volunteers to “teach a phrase of Norwegian” at a meeting and challenged the members to use that phrase during our social time.

Lars and Ole briefly entertained us with stories. We sang #177 *La oss leve for hverandre*.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, **Darlene Stadsvold**,
Secretary

