

SONS OF NORWAY

Kristiania Lodge #47

Rochester, Minnesota

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APRIL, 2011

April and May Events

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

April 1	Kristiania Scholarship Applications due.		
	See www.kristiania1-47.org for details.		
April 14	Board Meeting		6:00 p.m.
April 14	Lodge Meeting	Speaker: Sasha Aslanian, MPR:	7:00 p.m.
		"Biking in Norway WWII Trail"	
April 15-17	Ibsen Festival	Lanesboro, MN (See www.commonwealththeatre.org)	
April 30	Pancake Supper	(Cost: \$5.00)	4:00 p.m.
April 30	Dist. 1 Bowling Tour.	Treasure Island, Red Wing (See page 2)	9:30 am
May 12	Board Meeting		6:00 p.m.
May 12	Business Meeting	Potluck and Syttende Mai Celebration	6:00 p.m.
		<i>Wear your bunad!</i> Norwegian desserts	
		Speaker: Laurie Arness-Lee and her mother :	
		"Braided Norwegian Jewelry"	
May 28	Steak Fry and Potluck	(Cost: \$5.00-members; \$7.00 non-members)	5:00 p.m.
		Bring your own dishes, and bring children	
		Speaker: Mary Klockeman; "Fjord Horses"	

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

The Recruitment Membership meeting went very well and we had several people sign up as new members (See below). Be sure to introduce yourself to these new members and visit with them. You will find them very interesting. I mentioned to them that we have great membership with a lot of interesting stories to share. Remember, this is not the only time to bring potential new members to visit our meetings and possibly join us. Continue to talk to your friends and acquaintances about our interesting meetings and the fellowship we have together. It is very important to increase membership and share Kristiania Lodge. Thanks to all that brought in the friendly group that joined!

VELKOMMEN! (From *Ed* and *Arona Schuck*)

We are so happy to welcome the following people to Kristiania Lodge:
Herb Erickson (referred by *Roger Olson*); *Jerine Jones* (referred by *Joan Olson*); *Barbara Jean Jansen* (referred by *Darlene Stadsvold*); *Kathleen Gustafson* (referred by *V.J. Anderson*); *Roger Gustafson* (referred by *Dave Anderson*); *Kathleen Nerlien* (referred by *Jan Huesinkveld*); *Laurie Hanson* (referred by *Jan Huesinkveld*); and *Bruce Bjorgum* (referred by *John Berquist*).

FROM OUR CULTURAL DIRECTOR,

Leslie Demmer

You will have exciting possibilities to enrich your heritage this coming Fall at our Lodge. We hope to offer two new Norwegian Cultural Skills classes, led by two excellent teachers, Hanne Lucier and Ken Magnuson.

Hanne Lucier would like to start a new **Beginning Norwegian** class this coming September. Hanne is a native of Norway. She was born and raised on Karmøy, an island south of Haugesund. She is an experienced teacher who has taught Norwegian in Community Education since 2004, and she began a class last year at our Lodge which filled to capacity. You can meet Hanne on Thursday, May 12th at our Lodge meeting. She will introduce herself and will be free to answer your questions afterwards. We will also have a table with a display of the textbooks, information and sign-up sheets.

Ken Magnuson plans to start a one week **Rosemaling** class. He is a Vesterheim Gold Medal winner. He is an experienced teacher who has taught Rosemaling through the Crossings at Zumbrota since 2003. The dates are Monday through Friday from Septmeber 19th thru the 23rd, with both an afternoon and an evening session. You can meet Ken on Thursday, June 9th at our Lodge meeting, when he will be the main speaker, with a presentation on Rosemalings. We will have a display table with information and sign-up sheets afterwards.

Please help to make these exciting new classes possible by considering taking them and by telling your friends and neighbors about them. They can serve as a wonderful way to introduce our Lodge and to share our Norwegian cultural heritage.

TUSEN TAKK

from Hospitality Director *Kathy Rosedahl*
Thank you to the following for being servers for the April 14 Lodge meeting: *Jan and Dave Kaehler, Kathy and Bob Rosedahl, and Heidi and Brian Crabtree.*

FROM OUR SOCIAL DIRECTOR,

Barbara Chase

Hei Hei members,

Thank you to all who attended the March 10 Chili and Pie Supper, where we heard Reverand Steve Timm tell about the Minnesota National Guard Soldier Exchange Program with Norway. We gained several new members at our annual membership meeting and dinner, which was catered by Ye Olde Butcher Shoppe. I hope to see all of you at the April 10 meeting, when Sasha Aslanian from MN Public Radio will speak about biking on Norway's WW II Trail.

FESTIVAL OF TREES PREP

There will be no further meetings of "Whimsical Yule Bird" makers until further notice.

Anyone who is carving, stitching, and/or painting birds for the

Festival of Trees is asked to bring them to a meeting as soon as they are finished. They will need wires attached for hanging (required). We are hoping to have everything boxed and ready to hang by the end of October. Any items donated must be of craft sale standards.

LIBRARY NEWS

by *Sharon Barsness*, Librarian

We have the following new books in the Sons of Norway Library: First We Have Coffee, by Margaret Jensen; Linka's Diary, by Marvin Slinder and Gracia Grindell; "Per" Immigrant and Pioneer, by E. Palmer Rockswold; and List of Online Resources, from the Norwegian American Genealogical Center and Naeseth Library. *Come check them out!*

BOWLING JAMBOREE

Vonheim Lodge #108 has invited all 1st Dist. Lodges to participate in a Bowling Jamboree on April 30. It will be held at Treasure Island Resort & Casino's Extreme Bowl. Cost is \$20 for 6 games (\$10 for singles). Registration begins at 9:30 am, and Singles Bowling at 10. The Awards Dinner is at 4:00 pm. (Cost: \$20). For information contact Dennis Sorheim at (651)451-7313.

INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL ADVISOR:

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MINUTES of March 10 LODGE MEETING

President Stadsvold called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.. The national anthem of the U.S. was sung, followed by Pledge of Allegiance; *Beth Haaland* on piano. Following a few brief announcements, a reminder of the upcoming Italian Dinner and introductions of five guests, we sang the Norwegian and English table prayers.

Members were dismissed by table to the chili line and were also directed to the table filled with pies and ice cream. Seventy-four were in attendance.

- *Darlene Stadsvold*, Secretary

A LITTLE NORSKE HUMOR:

Government surveyors came to the Olson's Minnesota farm last Spring and asked if they could do some surveying. Ole agreed, and Lena even served them a nice dinner. After their work was done, the surveyors told Ole and Lena, "You were so kind to us, so we wanted to give you the bad news in person, instead of by letter." "Vat's da bad news?" asked Ole. "Well, your farm is right on the state line," the surveyors said, "And after our work was completed, we discovered your farm is not in Minnesota. It's actually in Iowa." "Dat's da best news I've had in a long time," said Ole. "I vas yust telling Lena dis morning dat I don't tink I can take another Vinter in Minnesota!"

"I'm Glad to be NORWEGIAN"

When you mention nationality and think of "what you are", it often brings up references to foreign lands afar. Of course, we know "American" is our nationality, but all of us have ethnic roots that denote our family tree. For my part, I claim Norwegian as my ancestral tie, and I believe that Viking look still lingers in my eye.

A thousand years ago, they say, the Vikings ruled the seas, and conquered many kingdoms in long boats made from trees.

Leif Ericson went sailing, with Viking ships and crew, and they discovered Vinland around one thousand two. The land's now called America, history tells us that, discovered by a Norseman back when the world was "flat." Rocky Norway's climate, and meager farming land, made our ancestors emigrate, as we can understand.

And so here in America we have so many "sons", like Olson, Nelson, Hanson, and Johnsons by the tons. We have Gunsmoke's own Matt Dillon, who's a Norwegian boy; Knute Rockne and Sonja Henie were America's pride and joy.

Many thousand others have brought their Nordic skill, and made us proud of heritage that lingers with us still. It's OK to be German, or Pole or Dane or Swede, and even being English would make me proud indeed. But somehow there's a special feeling that fills me deep inside, and that is being NORWEGIAN, for it is my ethnic pride.

So all you sons of Norway, and all you daughters too, remember Norwegian heritage and what it means to you. With Lutefisk and Lefse and other Norsky food, we keep that special feeling, that real Norwegian mood. I'm glad to be Norwegian and all that it implies, of honest working people, with good, strong family ties. We love our land, America, in everything we do, and glad are we to say, that we do love Norway too.

-From *Norse Press*

