

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

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## APRIL, 2012

### April and May Events

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

March 31	<b>Scholarship Application Deadline</b> (See February or March Newsletter, or our website, for details)	
April 8	Happy Easter! <i>God Paaske</i> (Pronounced God Poske)	
April 12	<b>Board Meeting</b>	6:00 p.m.
April 12	<b>Lodge Meeting:</b> Speaker: Joe Deden, "Eagle Bluff Learning Center"	7:00 p.m.
April 28	<b>Potluck</b> , followed by " <b>Hutenanny</b> ": Mary Klockeman* A musical group consisting of vocal & instrumental members from Northfield, MN *She is the same person who brought us Fjord horses last year)	6:00 p.m.
May 10	<b>Board Meeting</b>	6:00 p.m.
May 10	<b>Lodge Meeting: Syttende Mai Celebration</b> Norwegian desserts! Wear your Bunad and Norwegian jewelry! Speaker: Paul Hasvold, Decorah, Iowa "Ale Bowls and Festive Events in Traditional Norway"	7:00 p.m.
May 17	<b>Happy Syttende Mai!</b> Celebration at Vesterheim, Decorah Iowa	
May 19	<b>Steak Fry &amp; Potluck</b> (\$5.00 members; \$7.00 non-members) Music: Kahler Sisters	5:00 p.m.

#### **HILSEN FRA PRESIDENTEN: (From Our President)**

It is very interesting that Minnesota seems to be the land of 2 seasons, Summer and Fall; Winter didn't happen and Summer arrived! Summer must be slipping away fast because "Festival of the Trees" decorations are already arriving at our house. Let us not forget that we have some very interesting events coming up, as well as the District Convention in St. Cloud. Besides the good programs planned, we have a bus tour to interesting places in Wisconsin on June 23, and the picnic in August. Please invite a friend, neighbor or anyone you meet to join us at our normal meetings and special events. The more the merrier!

*Ha det bra, Byron Stadsvold*

#### **A NORWEGIAN EASTER TRADITION by Hanne Lucier, Norwegian Instructor**

During Easter, it is customary for the people in Norway to read *påskekrim* – Easter crime series.

It is believed that this national trait goes back as far as 1923, when Nordahl Grieg and Nils Lie published their newest crime book and had an ad out for it during Easter. It was a hit! Since then, Easter has been the peak season for the crime genre in Norway.

**FROM OUR SOCIAL DIRECTOR:**

**Barbara Chase**

*Hei Hei Members,*

Happy Spring! I hope you are enjoying the beautiful weather. A SUGGESTION: Read your Program Booklet and familiarize yourself with future meetings and programs, especially our Syttende Mai Celebration on May 10.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS! June 23:  
Bus Tour of Trempeleau County, Wisconsin.**

We plan to visit the lefse factory in Blair, WI., have lunch at a Lutheran Church, visit the War Memorial in Arcadia, and much more. More details to follow. Please call Barbara Chase at (507)282-1477 by June 1 to reserve your spot on the bus. *Ha Det!*

**CULTURE COLUMN** By **Leslie Demmer**,

Cultural Director *Velkommen all sammen.*

*Mange takk til alle som...*

I had a dream that one of our members would write this article in Norwegian and all could understand. Currently, thank you everyone who is learning Norwegian in our Lodge. You are building connections with your classmates, heritage and our Norwegian-American community. You are becoming richer in keeping your mind active and young, and in your greater appreciation of Norwegian culture. You are enriching our Lodge with your new connections, appreciations and the fun that you share in becoming more Norwegian. *Mange mange takk!* And thanks for your pioneering role in this dream.

If you are interested in learning Norwegian, Hanne Lucier will be offering a new class at our Lodge for those who would like to start as beginners this coming September.

Thank you to all who are building a Rosemaling community here in our Lodge. You have

completed a second session this last March with Dr. Ken Magnuson, our Vesterheim Gold Medalist teacher. As you know, Dr. Magnuson emphasizes the basics and building on the basics with practice. In attending the first session, I was amazed with what we could do after just one week. Now, you, our newest and developing artists, are enriching your Rosemaling appreciation, knowledge and skills through these classes. You are also likely finding others in your class who share your interests and feeling more connected with past and present artists. In the future, all of you are encouraged to share your stories and artwork with our Lodge. Thank you in advance for sharing and enriching us all. *Mange mange takk!* If you are interested in learning Rosemaling, Dr. Magnuson has been asked to keep teaching us twice a year in the Spring and in the Fall. And you as a beginner can start anytime as his classes are structured to begin with or review the basics and to develop students at all levels.

What about you? Are you interested in or experienced in traditional Norwegian baking and cooking? In Hardanger? In genealogy? In woodcarving? Or in another Norwegian cultural skill? Come let us join together to build more communities through shared cultural classes. Please share your ideas, your willingness to mentor or your enthusiastic interest in participating. When you do, it enriches us all with a Lodge that is more creative, more connected and even more fun. So from all of us, *Mange, mange takk!* **Leslie Demmer**

**LIBRARY NEWS:**

**By Librarian Sharon Barsness**

Two new books are in the Library.

Each is very different from the other.

One is **Norwegians in America, Their History and Record: 1907-1913**, written by Martin

Ulvestad. This is the third volume. The other

book is **Vikings in the Attic, In Search of**

**Nordic America**, by Eric Dregni, who will be

our speaker in the Fall. He wrote **In Cod We**

**Trust**, and spoke to our group when he authored that book.

Once again Sons of Norway is partnering with Borton Overseas to offer one lucky recruiter and his/her guest an amazing travel experience in Norway! All year, every Sons of Norway member who recruits a new, dues-paying member will be entered into the 2012 Norwegian Experience Recruitment Contest.

The trip, which will be awarded in January of 2013, will include airfare, meals, exclusive travel opportunities and upscale housing. Just imagine taking a 10 day land-tour of Norway, enjoying some of the most beautiful scenery that Scandinavia has to offer! The best part is that the winner gets to choose his/her own adventure! Whether you prefer an active trip full of sightseeing and touring, or a more laid-back vacation, it's up to you!

To enter this year's Norwegian Experience Recruitment Contest all you have to do is recruit one new-dues-paying member and make sure your name is listed in the "Referred By" field. It's as easy as that! Entries are taken from members recruited between January 1<sup>st</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012. Also, remember that you can enter as many times as you recruit throughout the year, which increases your chances of winning!

*From March, 2012 Viking E-Post*

#### **A SCANDINAVIAN PROVERB:**

Something to keep in mind if you're traveling this Summer:

***"Better to ask for directions twice than to get lost once!"***

#### **NORWEGIAN TRAVEL REASSURANCE:**

In early January, SpareBank 1 Oslo crafted a plan to test the honesty of area residents by leaving ten wallets containing cash, credit cards and personal and financial items in locations across the city. In the event that a wallet was returned, the bank would then reward the finder with ten times the amount of cash contained in the wallet – an amount significantly higher than the standard 10% typically given for returned wallets. The plan is part of a larger initiative titled "We Care About Oslo", which has a goal of encouraging and inspiring a positive attitude. To the surprise of project organizers, all ten wallets were returned with all their contents intact. While the bank's project results were impressive, studies suggest that people may feel quite differently about returning found money that isn't accompanied by identification. Whatever the reason, the leaders of the "We care about the Oslo" project are delighted with the results. *From SoN Newsletter Service 3/12.*

#### **A LITTLE NORWEGIAN (TRAVEL!) HUMOR**

Ole and Lars were on their very first train ride. They had brought along bananas for lunch. Just as they began to peel them, the train entered a long, dark tunnel. "Have you eaten your banana yet?" whispered Ole. "No," replied Lars. "Vell, don't touch it den," Ole exclaimed. "I jyst took vun bite and vent blind!"

Thanks from Hospitality Chair ***Kathy Rosedahl*** to our April meeting servers: ***Wayne and Carol Rogelstad, Paul and Genevieve Lutske, and Barry and Susan Dahl.***

#### **INSURANCE & FINANCIAL ADVISOR:**

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