

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

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MAY, 2012

May and June Events

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

May 10	Board Meeting	6:00 p.m.
May 10	Lodge Meeting: <i>Syttende Mai</i> Celebration	7:00 p.m.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Wear your Norwegian Bunad, sweater, and/or jewelry;▪ Norwegian desserts provided;▪ Speaker: Paul Hasvold, Decorah, IA: "Ale Bowls and Festive Events in Traditional Norway"	
May 19	Steak Fry & Potluck (\$5.00 members; \$7.00 non-members*) Music: Kahler Sisters *Steak purchase optional	5:00 p.m.
June 14	Board & Lodge Meeting Speaker: Sister Ramona Miller: "History of Rochester Mayo with the Sisters of St. Francis"	7:00 p.m.
June 23	Bus Tour of Trempealeau County, Wisconsin Meet at Lodge; Call Barbara Chase at 282-1477 by June 1 For reservations	8:00 a.m.

HILSEN FRA PRESIDENTEN: (From our President)

I renewed my membership in Sons of Norway at short time ago and took time to reflect on what it has meant to me. I have been a member for 13 years, and wish I would have been a member for at least double that. As I reflect, the fellowship and friends are the most important event of our group, and I thank all of your for that. The second is the programs we have at each event that educate, inform and entertain us. The variation in the content opportunities are available and add to the value of Kristiania. Visit with me on what is important for you with your membership.
- *Byron Stadvold*

Many thanks to the servers at the Icelandic Dinner: *Judy & Denny Stevens, Gloria & Ed Rosencrants, Lois & Dean Wilkes, Marilyn Pewowaruk, and Darlene & Byron Stadvold*. Thanks also to the May meeting servers: *Dick & Jeanette Navratil, Ray & Mary Beard, and Dean & Lois Wilkes*.
- *Kathy Rosendahl*, Hospitality Chair

VELKOMMEN:

Be sure to say hello to new member *Kari Lynn Toft*.

CULTURE CORNER:

Culture is a sharing of activities, values and vision by a group of people. Not only does it enrich individuals; it also forms the foundation of shared national aspirations and ideals. Let me illustrate this point with a *Syttende Mai* story.

17.Mai 2004 is a day I shall never forget. The weather was warm enough for shirt sleeves, and it was mostly sunny. My son and I were in Oslo to begin a first time vacation, at home in Norway. The best part of that day, the 17th of May, in Norway was the people. Thousands and thousands of us wore red, white and blue decorations and/or carried small Norwegian flags. The clothes we wore were often the very best that we had. Festive Bunads were seen everywhere as well as some tuxedos and even some ballroom dresses. Never in my life had I ever experienced so many smartly groomed, beautifully dressed people in one place for one purpose. Elation and good will seemed to spread easily with the many greetings and a robust sense of solidarity that could be felt.

But perhaps the most important shared emotion seemed to be pride – pride both in what Norway had so far achieved and what Norway’s Constitution stands for. The parade which flowed up Karl Johan Gate toward the palace was steady like a river. There was not a single float in sight. Rather, the parade consisted of miles and miles of happy, eager and jubilant children. The children were organized by school with banners. Most had small Norwegian flags, and many schools had a music corps. They led the parade in wave after wave past the front of the palace and Royal Family, then continued their journey. Hurrah for Norge! I wish you a happy *Syttende Mai*! May you be very proud of and happy to share your Norwegian cultural heritage.

- *Leslie Demmer*, Culture Chair

CONVENTION TRAVEL ADVICE: (Uff da)

Lena called the airlines information desk and inquired, “How long does it take to fly from Rochester to Fargo?” “Just a minute,” said the busy clerk.” “Vell”, said Lena, “If it goes dat fast, I tink I’ll yst take da bus.”

FROM OUR SOCIAL DIRECTOR:

Hei Hei Members,

Thanks to all who attended the April 12 meeting. Joe Deden of the Eagle Bluff Learning Center in Lanesboro, MN gave an excellent and interesting talk. Our Potluck at 6 pm on April 28 will feature a “Hutenanny” by Mary Klockeman. This musical group from Northfield, MN includes both vocal and instrumental selections. We’re looking forward to celebrating Syttende Mai at our May 10 meeting. Wear your Norwegian attire and jewelry. The speaker is Paul Hasvold. His topic is “Ale Bowls and Festive Events in Traditional Norway. Lunch and Norwegian desserts will be served. You may participate in the Potluck on May 19 without purchasing steak if you prefer. Be sure to contact me by June 1 at 282-1477 or kcc2@aol.com if you plan to go on our Trempeleau County WI bus tour on June 13. *Ha Det Bra! Taak!* - *Barbara Mae Chase*

PLEASE HELP!

Kristiania Members- Please sign up to help at the Saturday Socials when the clipboard comes around! It involves making coffee, putting out trivets for hot dishes, placemats, centerpieces, serving spoons, several pitchers of cold water and uncovering food just prior to eating. Then grab your plate and go through the line and enjoy the meal with your spouse and friends. Clean-up is to clear the tables, wash a few spoons, and clean the coffee pots. Many hands make light work!

INNOVATIVE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

A new component of the 2012 International Convention in Fargo, ND this coming August is the Innovative Leadership Conference. All members are eligible to attend. The cost is \$100. If interested, call (800)945-8851 or go to www.sonsofnorway2012.com.

APRIL 12 LODGE MINUTES

President **Byron Stadsvold** called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. The National Anthems of Canada, Norway, and the U.S. were sung, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. **Beth Haaland**, pianist.

Members were asked to remain standing and members **Cora Norstrom**, **Aasta Hodne** and past member **George Hawley** were remembered. President Stadsvold read a memorial verse.

President Stadsvold asked for visitors to be recognized. Welcome, Karen Gray!

The sign-up clipboard for helping with the Saturday social events was circulated. **Darlene Stadsvold** talked about the Festival of Trees and asked members to take a few cut-out ornaments to paint. Thanks to **Don Olson** for cutting them out.

Heidi Crabtree, Sports Director, asked **I.J. Lewison**, **Mary Beard**, **Arlouene Bothun** and **Darlene Stadsvold** to come forward and receive their awards. **Darlene Stadsvold** received the Bronze and Silver medals for *Sykkelmerke* (Bike).

Barbara Chase, Social Director, announced that the potluck on the 28th is at 6 p.m. Details of the bus tour in Wisconsin will be in the June Newsletter.

Karen Gray spoke briefly about the Language Camp that Spring Grove is planning for June 18-22. This will be conversational Norwegian, games, crafts, etc. A Midsummer's Eve Celebration is being planned. She left brochures at the Lodge for those interested.

Dean Vigeland, **Jim Pederson** and **Heidi Crabtree** will present the 'Immigrant Trunk' at Plainview High School's International Day on May 4.

Kathy Rosedahl thanked the servers and a round of applause for them followed. She also thanked the servers for the Icelandic Dinner, expressing how nice it was to be served!

We sang #153, "America the Beautiful."

Respectfully submitted,
Darlene Stadsvold, Secretary

LIBRARY NEWS:

We have a new DVD donated by **Nancy Ellingson** titled Loom Weaving. It is very well done and you will enjoy it.

Merle and **Betty Peterson** donated the book More Han ola og Han Per by Peter J. Rosendahl. Ola and Per are some of the most famous Norwegian characters.

Thank you for your donations. The books are available in the library.

- **Sharon Barsness**, Librarian

ANOTHER NORWEGIAN CELEBRATION:

Most of us look forward to celebrating Norway's *Syttende Mai* on May 17. But did you know Norwegians celebrate their freedom on May 8 as well? On that date in 1945, five long years of Nazi occupation ended. Although it took time after that for their economy to recover, the habits of frugality that had been established, and the aid sent by the United States as part of the Marshall Plan, led to strengthened national pride, increased industrialization and greater economic strength.

- From *Sons of Norway Viking E-Post*

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