

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

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SUMMER, 2011

June, July, and August Events

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

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| June 9 | Board Meeting | 6:00 p.m. |
| June 9 | Lodge Meeting Speaker: Ken Magnuson: "History of Rosemaling" (See Culture Corner on page 2 for more details) | 7:00 p.m. |
| June 18 & 19 | Midsummer Festival, Norskedalen, Coon Valley, WI See www.norskedalen.org for details | |
| June 25-26 | Vesterheim at the Hjemkomst Festival, Moorhead, MN See www.scandinavianhjemkomstfestival.org for details | |
| July 10 | Norway Day, Minnehaha Park, Minneapolis Meet at Lodge at 8:00 am for carpooling; contact Social Director Barbara Chase at 282-1477 for details | |
| July 29-30 | Nordic Festival, Decorah, IA See www.vesterheim.org | |
| August 11 | Potluck Picnic at Oxbow Park: Bring a dish to pass and your own dishes | 6:00 p.m. |
| August 28 | Ice Cream Social at Skumrud Farm, Norskedalen, Coon Valley, WI | |

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

This Spring has been like the meaning of 'UFF DA' arriving late at the Lutefisk Supper and getting served minced ham instead! But today when I am writing this message, it is a perfect day (lutefisk??). It reminds me of our meetings - no matter how difficult a day you are having, the joy of fellowship together makes things right. I wish all of you a fun-filled summer. Keep your eyes open for a lot of Nordic events taking place around our area during the summer, and especially our picnic on **August 11** at Oxbow Park. Bring children, grandchildren or friends as guests. We will have a private tour of the zoo. Our fellowship is alive and well!!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to the six high school seniors who received our 2011 Kristiania Lodge Scholarships. See enclosed insert for specific information about each of these outstanding scholars. Thank you to the Scholarship Selection Committee for their hard work in deciding the winners from among the many excellent candidates who submitted applications.

- **Gary Olson**, Scholarship Committee Chair

CULTURE CORNER

(By Culture Director *Leslie Demmer*)

Hei hei alle sammen (Hi everyone!)

A very special treat is in store for us at our June 9 Lodge meeting. Ken Magnuson will be speaking to us about the “**History of Rosemaling**”. Ken, who is a retired veterinarian, taught himself this beautiful and unique form of Norwegian painting. He has become a distinguished master of this type of artistry, as validated by his being selected as a Vesterheim Gold Medal Winner. Even more exciting, he will be teaching an **Introduction to Rosemaling** class right here at our Kristiania Lodge during the week of September 9-23.

Afternoon and/or evening sessions may be offered. See last month’s insert for more details. After his June 9 presentation, he will be available to answer questions. You will be able to sign up for his class at that time.

We are also pleased to have Hanne Lucier return to once again teach **Norwegian Language** classes at our Lodge this Fall. (See May flyer for details.) First year classes will be taught on Wednesday evenings, and second year classes on Monday evenings. The cost per quarter is \$95.00, + materials. If you have questions, you can contact her at hannelucier@gmail.com or (507)533-5442.

Registration for any of these classes can be done at our June 9 Lodge meeting, or by contacting **Leslie Demmer** at 990-3902.

We would appreciate it if you could post the flyers in places where interested people might see them. If you need additional copies, please contact Leslie.

INSURANCE & FINANCIAL

ADVISOR:

Our local Field Representative is Chuck Holland, 121 S. Main Street, Mabel, MN 55954; Phone (507)493-5866; email: Holland@mabeltel.coop

A special Thank You to **Jim Pederson, Arlouene Bothun, Gen Lutzke** and **Sharon Barsness** for going to the Plainview International Day on May 6 with our Immigrant Trunk Display. Both elementary and high school students enjoyed learning about artifacts related to our Norwegian heritage.

Thank you also to our May servers, **Darlene** and **Byron Stadsvold, Doris Sneve**, and **Delos Olson**, and to those who provided special Syttende Mai desserts: **Kathy Rosedahl, Judith Stevens, Darlene Stadsvold, Doris Sneve**, and **Larry and Sharon Barsness**. The servers for June are **Lois Graif, Norma and Harold Dison**, and **Leslie and Vicki Demmer**. I do appreciate the willingness of our members to say “yes” cheerfully when they hear my voice. It makes my job so enjoyable, and we Norwegians really appreciate the treats at our meetings.

- **Kathy Rosedahl**, Hospitality Chair

LIBRARY NEWS

We have two new books donated by **Joan** and **Roger Olson**. They are The Northern Path by Douglas “Dag” Rossman, with Norse myths and legends. He has been a speaker at our Sons of Norway. The other is Astri my Astri by Deb Nelson Gourley, who has also been a speaker at our Lodge. Thank you for the additions to the library!

Sharon Barsness, Librarian

FESTIVAL OF TREES PREP

We hope to have the Birds in Hand ready in October. – **Darlene Stadsvold**

MAY 12 LODGE MINUTES

President **Byron Stadsvold** called the meeting to order. The national anthems of Canada, Norway and the U.S. were sung, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

JoAnne Larson on piano.

President Stadsvold asked for visitors to stand and be recognized. He noted that the Lodge minutes were in the Newsletter and the Financial Report and Treasurer's Report were on the information table.

Gary Olson and **Byron Stadsvold** presented Scholarship Certificates to the six scholarship recipients or their parents/grandparents. (See insert).

Those members wearing Bunads were asked to stand and be recognized.

Leslie Demmer, Cultural Director, introduced Hanne Lucier, the Norwegian language teacher. She spoke on the continuing class and the new one to start.

Kathy Rosedahl announced the evening's servers. They received a round of applause. Most of the desserts were Norwegian/Scandinavian recipes.

Next meeting at the Steak Fry the program will be on Fjord Horses. The POTLUCK will start at 5:00 p.m. (Bring your own eating utensils.). Following the meal we will move outdoors to visit the horses, and will then continue the meeting indoors with further information provided. The Board has decided that this year there will be no charge to members for the steak. Non-members will be asked to pay \$5.00.

#42, *A Sailor's Greeting* and #40, *Hils fra mig der Hjemme* were sung.

The meeting was adjourned.

- **Darlene Stadsvold**, Secretary

NORWEGIANS ARE HAPPY!

A recent study by a London-based think tank, the Legatum Institute, ranked Norway #1 on their Prosperity Index. (The U.S. was the only large country making the top 10, and was #10). The study weighed a variety of both subjective and objective criteria in determining happiness/prosperity. For instance, factors such as health, education and the economy are all measured by both the statistical data supporting them and the perceived quality and confidence of the public. Norway has the world's highest per capita GDP of \$53,000 a year. They have the second-highest satisfaction with their standard of living, with 95% saying they are satisfied with the freedom to choose the direction of their lives. 74% of Norwegians believe other people can be trusted, more than any other country. (*Editor's note: Or maybe it's just because they're so good at laughing at themselves – see below*)

From the Sons of Norway Newsletter Service
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After a torrential rain, floodwaters forced Olga and her neighbor Lena to wait on Lena's roof for help to come. Olga noticed a baseball cap floating near the house. Then she saw it float far out into the front yard, then back to the house. It kept floating away from the house, then back toward it. Her curiosity got the best of her, so she asked Lena, "Do you see dat der baseball cap a floatin' away from da house, den back again?" Lena answered, "Oh yeah, dat's my husband Ole. I tole dat lazy such and such he vas gonna cut da grass today, come hell or high water"!!!

