

Sons of Norway

Kristiania Lodge #47, Rochester, MN

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SEPTEMBER, 2012

September and October Events

September 4	Deadline for contacting <i>Leslie Demmer</i> at 289-2319 or <i>Hanne Lucier</i> at hannelucier@gmail.com about Norwegian Cooking and Language classes	
September 13	Board Meeting	6:00 p.m.
September 13	Lodge Meeting: Speakers: Eric Dregni: <u>Vikings in the Attic, In Search of Nordic America</u> and Deb Nelson Gurley: <u>Astri My Astri</u>	7:00 p.m.
September 13	Deadline for contacting <i>Leslie Demmer</i> at 289-2319 about Norwegian Rosemaling and Genealogy classes	
September 22	Potluck* Music: Dr. Alan Bishop, Oboe (Rochester Symphony)	6:00 p.m.
October 11	Board Meeting	6:00 p.m.
October 11	Lodge Meeting: Speaker: Doug Ohman, Minnesota Historical Society, "Barns in Minnesota"	7:00 p.m.
October 27	Potluck* Mankato Nordic Dancers, Elvesvingen Lodge 1-582	6:00 p.m.

* Bring a dish to share, plus your own plates and dinnerware.

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

The second half of great programs of 2012 has begun. We had over 35 at the annual picnic, including some guests. The weather was perfect, just after a quick downpour. Most went on a private viewing of the Zoo before leaving for home.

On Saturday, August 11, we sponsored the annual District 1 Golf Event with 25 golfers. Again the weather was the best of 2012, which helped make it a great time. Thanks to *Ray & Mary Beard, Heidi Crabtree, Wayne & Carol Rogelstad, Ed & Gloria Rosencrants, Lois & Dean Wilker* and *Bryon & Darlene Stadsvold* for serving on the Planning Committee.

Also *tusen takk* to *Sharon Barsness, Lois Wilkes* and *Darlene Stadsvold* for donating door prizes.

Thirty Kristiania members attended the Bell Dedication at East St. Olaf Lutheran Church on August 19. *Dean Vigeland* made the official presentation of the bell, which concluded with a handshake and the ringing of the bell. Kristiania members 'formed a choir' led by *John Berquist* and sang the Norwegian National Anthem. Following the program pie, ice cream and beverages were served. The Tverberg Cabin was open for touring and many old cars were on display. The band 'Casey and the Good Timers' played and sang many 'old tunes'. It would be appreciated if any members who took pictures could bring them to the September 13 meeting for members to look at. If you have a significant one, it would be appreciated if you would donate it to our Historian.

Starting in September, we have two very good programs that will be worth inviting your friends to share with you. First, both Eric Dregni and Deb Nelson Gurley are intriguing; and then the great oboist Dr. Alan Bishop will knock your socks off! Welcome to all of you **and** your invited friends.

CULTURAL CORNER

By Culture Director *Leslie Demmer*

Our Norwegian culture and history are dynamic and always both old and new. It grows like a tree, adding new leaves and branches each Spring, a stronger trunk each Summer, and deeper roots each Fall. And more importantly, when you study and participate in your cultural heritage, you grow. You add new experiences and times shared with friends. You strengthen your appreciation and connection with your heritage and you deepen your knowledge, skills and pride as well as your ability to mentor.

There are lots of options and opportunities to study Norwegian culture. A good place to begin is to check the Sons of Norway website at www.sofn.com. There you can log in as a member, then check resources and click on cultural skills. There are fourteen different cultural skills which you may participate in and qualify for recognition. Each cultural skill area contains three levels: basic, intermediate and advanced. If you don't have access to a computer you may call them at 1-800-945-8851. Another option, especially if you have a question, is to email them at culturalskills@sofn.com.

The main advantage to Sons of Norway's approach is that it is flexible. You can pick and choose what interests you most, and then you decide what level you would like to advance to. So if you want to become a generalist and choose from a wide variety of interests to gain an appreciation of each, then you can. I would encourage most of you to complete level one of the Norwegian language. This will give you a nice foundation for many of the others. Another option is to specialize in one or more areas that appeal to you the most. An advantage of specializing in an area is that you can become a mentor in that area.

Opportunities for completing these skills can be found by teaching yourself or by attending classes. However, cultural skills, by their nature for stemming from shared experiences, tend to be best learned in a class with a good teacher. Some classes are offered by Mindekirken and Ingebretsen's in Minneapolis, Vesterheim in Decorah, and Giants in the Earth in Spring Grove. We are also offering cultural classes here at our Lodge. We have recruited experienced teachers with mastery level knowledge to share with you. Our classes are close at hand and often less costly to attend.

This Fall, in our Lodge we are offering several opportunities for Norwegian cultural classes.

- Are you interested in traditional and contemporary **Norwegian Cooking**? Please contact Hanne Lucier at hannelucier@gmail.com, or call **Leslie Demmer** at 289-2319 **by Tuesday, September 4th**.
- Are you interested in **Beginning Norwegian Language**? Hanne will also be teaching this class. Please email Hanne or Leslie **by Sept. 4th**.
- Are you interested in **Rosemaling**? Ken Magnuson will be offering a Rosemaling class for all levels of experience here at our Lodge October 18-20th. If you would like to sign up, please call **Leslie** at 289-2319 **by Thursday, September 13th**.
- Lastly, are you interested in **Genealogy**? We have an experienced master of Norwegian genealogy who is willing to teach three introductory and/or refresher genealogy classes at our lodge this coming Fall. Please call **Leslie** at 289-2319 **by Thursday, September 13** if you would like to take these classes. *Mange takk!*

Velkommen to *Brooke McCann*, who recently became a member of our Lodge.

FROM OUR SOCIAL DIRECTOR,

Barbara Mae Chase

Hei hei Members,

I hope you had a fun summer.

Over 35 members and friends attended the picnic at Oxbow Park and Zoo on August 9. We enjoyed excellent food, fun, conversation and hospitality. Approximately 30 members of our Lodge attended the dedication of the school bell that was saved from the school house where the Lodge met for many years. It was held on Sunday, August 19 across from East St. Olaf Lutheran Church. We toured the Tverberg cabin, enjoyed music, pie and ice cream. Our Lodge sang the Norwegian National Anthem, led by *John Berquist*. Approximately 200 attended this event.

Be sure to plan to attend our September 13 Lodge meeting, where Eric Dregni, author, will discuss his book **Vikings in the Attic, In Search of Nordic America**. Eric has spoken to us previously, when he presented his book **In Cod We Trust**. Also mark your calendars for our September 22 Potluck, which starts at 6 pm. *Ha det bra!*

LIBRARY NEWS

Sharon Barsness, Librarian

We have some fun reading from Janet Martin, who has musicals being presented based on her books. Enjoy her light-hearted offerings of Cream and Bread, and Second Helpings of Cream and Bread, as well as First We Have Coffee by Margaret Jenson. All three are in our library.

Those of you who still have some library books might want to **check them back in**. We are missing some of our cookbooks which people enjoy using, so please check your stash of cookbooks. We especially need them to use in our upcoming Cooking Class. Our Library is open any time we have a meeting at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, or contact *Sharon Barsness* at 282-0565.

***En God Bok
er en God Ven***
(A good book
is a good friend!)

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NORWEGIAN COMPUTER TERMS

Last month we provided a "glossary" of Norwegian Medical Terms. Here's another list, this time to help us be able to better communicate with all our Norwegian "Techie" friends!

Log On: Makin' da vood stove hotter!

Monitor: Keepin' an eye on da vood!

Ram: Dat ting dat splits da vood!

Prompt: Vot da mail ain't in da vinter time!

Screen: Vot yew shut ven it's black fly season!

Chip: Munchies fer da TV!

Microchip: Vot's at da bottom of da munchies bag!

Keyboard: Where yew hang da keys!

Mouse: Vat eats da grain in da barn!

Log Off: Don't add no more vood!

Download: Gettin' da vood off da truck!

Hard Drive: Gettin' home in da vinter time!

Windows: Vot yew shut ven it's cold outside!

Byte: Vot dem dang black flies do!

Modem: Vot yew did tew da hay fields!

Mainframe: Holds up da barn roof!

Software: Dem dang plastic forks & knives!

Laptop: Where da kitty sleeps!

