

Sons of Norway

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DECEMBER, 2012

December, 2012 and January, 2013 Events

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

December 1	Julefest and Potluck (Bring your own plates, flatware & dish to share) Music will be provided by: Kevin Kleist, vocal & guitar, Dianna Parks, vocal & guitar, & Bob Sanborn, mandolin	12:00 noon
December 13	Board Meeting (NO Lodge meeting this month)	6:00 p.m.
December 31	Norwegian Language class sign-up deadline (See Culture Corner)	
January 9	1st Beginning Norwegian Language class	6:30 p.m.
January 10	Board Meeting	6:00 p.m.
January 10	Lodge Meeting	7:00 p.m.
January 26	Social Meeting	

HILSEN FRA PRESIDENTEN: From our President):

We are close to having the program set for next year due to the good work of the committee. The Bake and Craft Sale event went very well, with a good sized crowd that had a great source of baked goods and a nice variety of crafts to choose from. The sales were good. The members that planned and helped to make it happen did a fantastic job and deserve a big thanks. This participation, the fellowship and our good programs make our chapter the very best. I wish all of you a great holiday season. *Ha Det bra. Byron Stadsvold.*

CULTURE CORNER:

Beginning Norwegian Language classes will start this January at our Sons of Norway Lodge in our classroom. *Hanne Lucier* will be the teacher. Hanne is a native of Norway and has several years experience teaching Norwegian through Community Education and here at our Lodge. The first day of class will be on **Wednesday January 9, 2013**. The Winter Semester classes will meet each Wednesday from 6:30-8:30 p.m., and will last for ten sessions. Tuition is \$95 for the ten lessons, and will be due by the end of the first evening of class. **Members of our Lodge are eligible for a 20% reimbursement of tuition expenses for cultural skill classes which they complete.** The textbook and workbook will be *Sett i Gang*, which is a contemporary series written by two well known Norwegian Language teachers at St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN. Audio sessions and supplemental exercises are available online. If you would like to participate in this class, please contact **Leslie Demmer** by **December 31th** at (507)289-2319 (you may leave a message if he is not home), or at his email address: demmer.leslie@mavo.edu. If you need to order books, please let Leslie know when you contact him, since if all orders are sent in together we may be eligible for a discount and will save on shipping. If you have any questions about the class, please call Hanne at (507)533-5442, or email her at hannelucier@gmail.com

Hanne is also working on a **Norwegian Cooking** class and a **Continuing Norwegian** class for later dates. Call or email Hanne if you have questions. *Tusen Takk. - Leslie Demmer, Culture Chair*

TUSEN TAKK!

BAKE SALE:

What a great response to the requests for baked goods! The tables were filled, the buyers were ready, and the rosettes, almond cakes, kringla, kromkakke, lefse, etc. etc. all quickly vanished from sight. *Tussen takk* to all of you who donated food and money. A big thanks also to **Joan Olson** for being in charge of the callers. To **Jean Carlson, Gloria Rosencrants, V.J. Anderson, Arona Shuck, Ruth Fiek, Arlouene Bothun, Dorothy Satre, Lois Graif, Faye Waldo** and **Mary Beard** for doing the calling. Another big thanks to the cashiers, **Ed Shuck** and **Dave Anderson, Wayne Rogelstad**, who calculated totals, and **V.J. Anderson** and **Dave Kaehler**, who bagged the items. Thanks to **Sharon Barsness, Karen Olson, Joan Olson, V.J. Anderson,** and **Carol Rogelstad**, who worked at the tables, did the pricing, and kept the baked goods coming. Thanks to **Jan & Dave Kaehler** and **Kathy & Bob Rosendahl** made the trip to Rushford to pick up the lefse and repackaged it into smaller units. Thanks to EVERYONE for a successful sale! - **Kathy Rosedahl**

FESTIVAL OF TREES:

A big Thank You to **Jan & Ted Thoreson, Mildred Lilleskov, Carol Rogelstad, Carol Volstad, Gloria Rosencrants, Judy Stevens** and **Kathy Mellum** for helping prepare the ornaments for the Festival tree. Also a big thanks to **Carl & Jennifer Deobold, Jan Thorson, Barbara Chase,** and **Carol Volstad** for helping to serve the soup and sandwiches, and to **Paul Lutzke, Jan Thorson, Barbara Chase, Jan Heusinkveld, Gloria Rosencrants, Eileen Hamre, Carol Rogelstad, Ruth Fiek, Carl Debold, Darlene Stadsvold,** and **Addie Muri** for bringing the baked goods, soup, turkey, egg salad and potato salad for the lunch, and to **Carol Volstad** for cashiering. Many hands make the job easier! - **Darlene Stadsvold**

HURRICANE SANDY RELIEF:

Thank you for the generous donations you gave for "Hurricane Sandy Relief" at the Lodge meeting for our fellow members in District 5. This included New Jersey, Brooklyn, and Staten Island. We need to help our Lodge members in their need. If you would like to make a donation, please send it to Sons of Norway, Foundation, Hurricane Sandy Relief, 1455 West Lake Street, Minneapolis, MN 55408-2666. *Mange takk!* - **Jan Heusinkveld**, Foundation Director

SERVERS:

Thank you (in advance) to the January 10 servers: **Judith & Dennis Stevens, Ed & Gloria Rosencrants,** and **Marilyn Pewowaruk**. We appreciate and thank all the servers from 2102. When you get called every other year, it seems like I have just asked for your help. Two years go fast, and our members always respond and agree cheerfully. It makes my job much easier – **Kathy Rosedahl**, Hospitality Chair

LIBRARY NEWS:

Christmas is coming! The library has some great books for your holiday reading. If you are "cooking Scandinavian" try Astrid Scott's **Traditional Norwegian Christmas Foods**, or any of the other cookbooks. Kathleen Stokker has a great book: **Yuletide Traditions in Norway and the New Land**. There are books to read to children and grandchildren, fiction for yourself, history, biography, and lots more. Come check out the library!
- **Sharon Barsness**, Librarian

ATTENTION "SNOWBIRDS":

Please send your Winter Address to our new Newsletter Editor, **V.J. Anderson**, 44 County Road 16 SE, Rochester, MN 55904, or phone her at 289-3794, or send her an email at verlajana@aol.com

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FROM OUR SOCIAL DIRECTOR:

Hei Hei members and friends. Best wishes for a very happy holiday season. The Lodge had excellent attendance at the last three meetings. On November 8, Marvin Slind, History Professor at Luther College, gave an excellent program titled "Luther College Goes to War" That evening was also "Sweater Night", and many wore their gorgeous sweaters. November 17 was the Bake and Craft Sale and lunch. Thanks to all who contributed baked goods, provided crafts, made donations, worked in the kitchen, and/or helped to set up and clean. The lunch was excellent. Prepare one of your favorite dishes and join us for *Julefest*. See the calendar for our performers. This should be a very fun and festive event.

– **Barbara Mae Chase**, Social Director

CHRISTMAS IN NORWAY:

Christmas time is a cozy celebration full of food, gifts and many traditions. Here are a few:

On Christmas Eve lutefisk and Christmas ribs or *pinnekjøtt* are eaten. Rice cream and caramel pudding are served for dessert. On Christmas day there are sweet treats like *pepperkaker* (ginger snaps), syrup *snipper* (crisp diamond cookies), *knekk* (flat bread), *krumkaker* (cardamom cone-shaper wafers) and marzipan.

Decorating a Christmas tree with candles, which symbolize life and happiness, has been a tradition since the 1600's.

Among the most popular Christmas songs are "I Am So Glad Each Christmas Night", "A Child is Born in Bethlehem", and "In the Barn Sits the Nisse with his Christmas Porridge." The Nisse was found in most farmers' barns in the old days. They are small and wear red hats. In return for their work they require Christmas porridge. One must not forget to leave the porridge, because otherwise something always goes wrong on the farm!

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NOVEMBER 8, 2012 LODGE MINUTES:

President **Byron Stadsvold** called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. We opened by singing the National Anthems of Canada, Norway and the U.S., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Beth Holland on piano. Guests and new members were asked to stand. Welcome **Helen! James Isaacson** passed the Bell Ringer sign-up for Salvation Army around. He needs two more volunteers.

Announcements:

Darlene Stadsvold: A date for wiring the ornaments for the Festival of Trees will be emailed Friday. Tree set-up is November 19, starting at 8:15. A Sign-up sheet for the lunch for the Bake & Craft Sale was circulated.

Bob Rosedahl announced that we have nine crafters and more are welcome.

Jan Heuskinveld, Foundation Chair, passed a basket for donations to the SoN Foundation for those members affected by Hurricane Sandy.

Kathy Rosedahl, Hospitality Chair, announced the evening's servers and they were thanked with a round of applause.

Barbara Chase, Social Director, reminded members of the Julefest Potluck at noon on December 1. A great musical program is planned.

Ed Schuck, Financial Secretary, announced a dues increase for 2013:

Member dues increase \$1; spouse: \$1, Golden Member: .50.

Lars and Lars briefly entertained us. We sang #160, 'Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean'.

After a brief set-up the evening's speaker, Marvin Slind, was introduced.

Respectfully submitted,

- **Darlene Stadsvold**, Secretary

ADJØ (Good Bye)

I have appreciated the opportunity to be your Newsletter Editor for the past four years, and hope you have enjoyed reading the articles and getting some chuckles from the extra pictures, poems, jokes, and stories. Special thanks to all our wonderful contributors. I feel very confident leaving this responsibility in the capable hands of our new editor, **V.J. Anderson**.

– **Arlouene Bothun**, Newsletter Editor

