

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

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## **MAY, 2011**

### **May and June Events**

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

May 12	<b>Board Meeting</b>		<b>6:00 p.m.*</b>
May 12	<b>Lodge Meeting</b>	<i>Syttende Mai</i> Celebration <i>Wear your Bunad!</i> Speaker: Laurie Arness-Lee "Braided Norwegian Jewelry"	<b>7:00 p.m.*</b>
May 28	<b>Steak Fry &amp; Potluck: \$5.00</b>	"Fjord Horses" <i>Bring children!</i>	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>
June 9	<b>Board Meeting</b>		<b>6:00 p.m.*</b>
	<b>Lodge Meeting</b>	Speaker: Ken Magnuson "History of Rosemaling"	<b>7:00 p.m.*</b>

**\*NOTE TIME CHANGE FROM WHAT WAS LISTED IN THE HANDBOOK!**

#### **HILSEN FRA PRESIDENTEN (From our President, *Byron Stadsvold*)**

We went on an eleven day road trip to the east coast of North Carolina the end of March and early April. When sites are not too much out of the way we tend to investigate art, architecture, history and genealogy (family). On this trip we uncovered some very interesting subjects that made the trip an adventure.

This prompted an idea for a future program. I am sure many of you have had similar experiences in genealogy research and would be willing to share those adventures. You could prepare a short 5 to 10 minute vignette (a surprise; how I finally found information; etc.) and learn from each other. Undoubtedly a few laughs would happen! If you think this might be of interest, please take the time to visit with me.

#### **PARTICIPATE IN "MIDSUMMER MADNESS"**

This summer Sons of Norway members can grow their Lodges and win prizes. From May until the end of August, for every three new members you recruit you'll receive a newly designed 2011 Sons of Norway coffee mug. Members are eligible to win up to 4 mugs. Then, for your thirteenth member recruited, you'll receive a pound of coffee! (*Editor's note: What Norwegian can resist THAT?!*) Keep in mind, each **new** dues paying member you recruit also automatically enters you in the Norwegian Experience contest, where one lucky member, and a guest, will receive a free trip of a lifetime to Norway. This includes airfare, meals, exclusive travel opportunities and upscale accommodations. (See March Newsletter, or visit [www.sonsofnorway.com](http://www.sonsofnorway.com) for more details.

### **FROM OUR SOCIAL DIRECTOR**

*Hei Hei* Members and Friends,  
Thank you to all who attended the April 14 meeting, where Sasha Aslanian of MN Public Radio gave an interesting presentation on “Biking in Norway WWII Trail.” If you have a bunad, be sure to wear it to the May 12 *Syttende Mai* celebration. Looking ahead, we will have **real live Fjord Horses** at our Steak Fry/Potluck on May 28, so be sure to bring children, and don’t forget your camera! Happy Spring!  
- *Barbara Mae Chase*

### **NAMETAGS:**

If you have asked for a name tag and it has not been done, or if you want a name tag, please print your name in the small spiral notebook on the name tag table. The price is \$3.00 to cover costs.  
Thanks, *Darlene Stadsvold*

### **FROM OUR LIBRARIAN:**

There have been many requests for books from World War II and the Resistance, so four new books have been purchased on this topic. They are: Reckless Courage; The True Story of a Norwegian Boy Under Nazi Rule, by William F. Fuller and Jack Haines; Report from #24, by Gunnar Sonstebj; Assault in Norway: Sabataging the Nazi Nuclear Program, by Thomas Gallagher; and The Real Heros of Telemark, by Ray Mears.

We also have a new folktale book: Norwegian Folktales, by Peter Christen Asbjornsen.  
- *Sharon Barsness*, Librarian

### **CULTURAL CORNER**

*Hei hei alle sammen* (Hi everyone),  
Enclosed is a flyer that announces two opportunities to enrich your Norwegian heritage this coming September. Ken Magnuson, a Vesterheim Gold Medal Winner, will offer a class in **Rosemaling**, and Hanne Lucier will offer a new **Norwegian Language** beginner class. Please check the flyer for details. Please consider two “class assignments”. First, consider taking one or both of the classes yourself. On May 12<sup>th</sup>, after our business meeting, you will have an opportunity to meet Hanne and sign up for her class. And on June 9<sup>th</sup>, you will have an opportunity to hear Ken Magnuson give a presentation on Rosemaling, as well as have an opportunity to ask him questions and sign up for his class. Second, please consider sharing these opportunities with your neighbors and friends, and posting your flyer in areas that can be seen by the members of your community. These classes are a wonderful opportunity to increase community awareness of our Lodge and our mission, and to recruit potential new members.  
*Tusen takk,*  
*Leslie Demmer*, Culture Director

### **ADDRESS CHANGES:**

If your email address has changed, be sure to notify *Darlene Stadsvold* at 288-1409 [bdstadvold@msn.com](mailto:bdstadvold@msn.com). If your summer “snail mail” address is different from your winter one, please notify *Arlouene Bothun* at [albothun@hotmail.com](mailto:albothun@hotmail.com) or 282-1594.

### **A LITTLE NORWEGIAN HUMOR:**

Q: How do you sink a Norwegian submarine?

A: Scuba dive down and knock on the door!

**WE'RE SPECIAL AT COUNTRY INN!**

Country Inns and Suites are offering Sons of Norway members 13% off their regular room rates. See [sofn.com](http://sofn.com) for details.

**TUSEN TAKK:**

Thanks to all who remembered my mother **Bea Hawley**. She so enjoyed the Sons of Norway. - **Jan Heusinkveld**

**SPELLING BEE CHAMPION**

Fourteen-year old Jenny Solheim of the Elveby Lodge in Omaha, NE will be competing in the National Spelling Bee in Washington D.C. Final rounds will be on ESPN on June 2. In addition to being Nebraska's top speller, she is also an accomplished Hardanger fiddle player, and she taught herself Norwegian, mostly by reading liner notes on Norwegian folk-music CDs. Her father is the author of the children's books *Born Yesterday* and *It's Disgusting-and We Ate it!*

**INSURANCE & FINANCIAL  
ADVISOR:**

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**APRIL 14 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. **Beth Haaland** on piano. **President Stadsvold** asked for visitors and new members to stand. **President Stadsvold** announced the death of **Jan Heusinkveld's** mother **Bea Hawley**, a former long-time member. We will note her passing at the next meeting. Secretary **Darlene Stadsvold** announced the receipt of a Thank You from Personal Energy Transportation (P.E.T.) for the gift

given them in December. **Darlene** has several of the hand books returned to us as undeliverable/temporarily away. **Vicker, Mortenson, Carol Carlson**-your handbooks will be in the Kristiania meeting room. Social Director **Barbara Chase** announced up-coming programs. On May 12 wear your bunads to celebrate Syttende Mai.. Hospitality Director **Kathy Rosedahl** introduced the servers, who were all thanked with a round of applause. Cultural Director **Leslie Demmer** announced that a new Beginning Norwegian Language class will start in September, along with the continuing class. Sign-up starts at the May 12 meeting. He also announced that a Rosemaling class will be held in September, with sign-up on June 9. Sports Director **Heidi Crabtree** announced the Bowling Jamboree and Golf Outing. Contact her if interested. She presented Silver Cycling Medals to **David** and **V.J. Anderson**. **Heidi** has received new sports record cards and information. Swimming medals will be introduced this summer. **Sharon Barsness**, Librarian, announced that many new books have been donated to the Library. A notebook has been placed in the library with youth ideas-*Barne Norske*. **Sharon** is looking for help at Plainview's International Day on May 6. The President called for questions or announcements. We sang #52, "Old Norway." Meeting adjourned. After equipment set-up, Sasha Aslanian presented a program on "Biking in Norway WWII Trail".  
- **Darlene Stadsvold**, Secretary

Happy Syttende Mai